

# PASTA WITH A PURPOSE



## Harrodsburg Lions Club Host Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund raiser

On Thursday, March 20, members of the Harrodsburg Lions Club served up spaghetti with all the fixings to community member to raise funds for the projects including eye glasses and optical procedures for children in need.

**Below right:** Tim Sheehan was ready to dish out the best spaghetti in town.

**Bottom right:** Mike Sanford manned the kitchen to make sure the spaghetti was hot and ready to serve.

**Bottom left:** Linda and Pam Mobley served up garlic bread and salads with a smile.

**Below left:** Judge Whitney Johns, Suni Ashton Hernandez and Jessica Merrick took a break to enjoy lunch.

**Left:** Mary Beth Lyons and Mary Kaye Mayo supported the Lions Club while enjoying their spaghetti dinner.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

• The City of Burgin will host a community yard sale from April 3-5 at 308 E Main Street. It is free to set up and all are welcome.

• The Mercer County Elementary School Family Resource Center will host Advisory Council Meetings on the following dates:

May 14, 2025

The Meetings are held at the MCES Media Center and are open to the public.

• Heritage Hospice is

offering volunteer training on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at their office located at 120 Enterprise Dr. in Danville. Volunteer opportunities include: patient visits, Veteran to Veteran Support, administrative/ office tasks, hair styling/barbering, graphic design and photography.

Registration deadline is March 21. To register call 859-236-2425 or email rbibler@heritagehospice.com

## Fiscal

from 6A

Lane to Champions East. The estate of William Champion owns the property.

“I have real concerns about this,” said Magistrate Susan Barrington. Barrington said the road, which serves a subdivision that will have up to five houses, is too narrow.

“It’s the worst road in Mercer County,” Barrington said. “When is this going to open up?”

County officials explained that the road will remain a privately owned driveway.

“This is just to solve their immediate problem,” Milburn said, with 911 mapping. “This way, it will appear on a Google map,” he said.

Judge Steele stressed that the county was not adopting the road.

“There will be no maintenance,” Steele said.

Streets that serve residential developments and other infrastructure, such as light posts and utility connections, are usually built by contractors under an arrangement called “final inch.” When the developer lays the final inch of asphalt on a road, the city or county will adopt it and take over maintenance.

However, governments are reluctant to adopt roads

that are not already up to government standards, which include road width, among other considerations. Steele said she gets calls from residents who live on privately owned roadways asking for county maintenance.

“Sometimes they get mad at me,” Steele said.

• Agreed to apply for a \$58,425 crumb rubber grant available through the Kentucky Division of Water Management for Anderson-Dean Community Park. The match is \$14,000. Judge Steele said it will be in-kind, with both the City of Harrodsburg and Mercer County contributing. The park has also applied for a \$25,000 grant to purchase crumb rubber benches for the walking trail.

• Approved advertising for bids for asphalt and paving, hauling and laying of asphalt, crushed stone and rock, crushed stone base and cold mix as well as the landfill hay contract. The sealed bids will be opened at the next regular meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court on Tuesday, April 8, at 10 a.m.

The fiscal court will also hold a public hearing on using Local Government Economic Assistance and County Road Aid funds.

## Grand

from 1A

### FLEEING POLICE

• Gregory Morton, 33, of 3478 Elkhorn Road, Campbellsville, was indicted for 1st degree fleeing or evading police, a class C felony; 2nd degree fleeing or evading police, a class D felony; and driving under the influence fourth or greater offense, a class D felony. In addition the defendant was indicted for three class A misdemeanors—driving on a DUI-suspended license second offense, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest—and 2nd degree disorderly conduct, a class B misdemeanor. On or about Jan. 12, 2025 in Mercer County, Kentucky, the defendant is alleged to have knowingly disobeyed a police officer’s order to stop, first while driving a motor vehicle and second while as a pedestrian. On that same date, the defendant is alleged to have been driving while under the influence of a controlled substance after having previously been convicted of driving under the influence on three prior occasions within the last 10 years in Scott, Anderson and Nelson counties. The defendant is also alleged to have been driving while his license was suspended after being convicted of the same offense in Anderson County, and to have been found to be in possession of a marijuana storage container and rolling papers, according to the indictment. Finally, the defendant is accused of intentionally attempting to prevent the officer from effecting an arrest and causing annoyance and alarm to residence in the area, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$10,000 on the condition the defendant remain in substance abuse treatment. Trooper S. Owens (Kentucky State Police) testified.

• Brandon C. Bretz, 30,

of 4099 Myres Road, Carlisle, was indicted for 1st degree fleeing or evading police, a class C felony, and 4th degree assault, a class A misdemeanor. On or about Jan. 8, 2025, in Mercer County, the defendant is alleged to have knowingly disobeyed a police officer’s order to stop. On that same date, the defendant hit and stomped the victim, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$5,000 with the condition the defendant have no contact with the victim and remain off the location of the offense. Chief Dep. Sean Brown (Mercer County Sheriff’s Office) testified.

### POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN

• Christopher L. Tucker, 51, of 450 Rosary Road, Springfield, was indicted for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, a class C felony, and driving on a suspended license, a class B misdemeanor. The offenses occurred Dec. 16, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. The defendants remains on the district court bond. Patrolman Austin Price (HPD) testified.

### THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING

• Michael Daniels, 56, of 257 Hycliff Street, was indicted for two class D felonies: theft by unlawful taking less than \$10,000 and theft by unlawful taking of a firearm. On or about Jan. 28, 2025, in Mercer County, the defendant is alleged to have unlawfully taken money and other items from multiple vehicles belonging to customers at a local mechanic and to have taken a firearm from one vehicle. Bail was set at \$10,000 with the condition the defendant remain off the victim’s premises. Sgt. Richard Reilly (HPD) testified.

### DRUG CHARGES

• Kelton James Klemes, 28, and Keith James Klemes, 55, of 1444 Bellows Mill Road, were indicted for aggravated trafficking in fentanyl, a class B felony; 1st degree trafficking methadone, a class C felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. On or about the Jan. 28, 2025, in Mercer County, the defendants are alleged to have knowingly and unlawfully possessed more than 28 grams of fentanyl with the intent to traffick. On that same date, the defendants are alleged to have knowingly and unlawfully possessed with the intent to traffick methadone and were found to be in possession of digital scales, baggies and syringes. In addition, Keith James Klemes, a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of a handgun, according to the indictment. Bail for both defendants was set at \$50,000 with drug conditions: report to pretrial services, submit to random drug testing and no new arrests involving alcohol, illegal substances or pain medications with or without a prescription. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

• Jesse Alan Gregory, 43, of 321 Hummingbird Lane, Lexington, was indicted for 1st degree trafficking in methamphetamine second or greater offense, a class A felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have happened on or about Dec. 31, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. The first offense is a class A felony due to the defendant having been previously convicted of said offense in Lincoln, Marion and Taylor counties. The defendant is also being charged as a 1st degree persistent felony offender due

to felony charges in Lincoln (three counts), Marion and Taylor counties. Bail for both defendants was set at \$30,000 with drug conditions. Patrolman Austin Price (HPD) testified.

• Carl B. Helton, 44, and Samantha J. Turner, 42, both of 2203 Oakland Lane, were indicted for 1st degree trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have happened on or about Oct. 13, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. The first offense is a class C felony charge for Turner and a class B felony charge for Helton, who has a previous conviction. Bail was set at \$20,000 for Helton and \$10,000 for Turner, both with drug conditions. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

• Howard J. Craddock Jr., 64, of 214 North Greenville Street, was indicted for three class B felonies—trafficking in fentanyl, trafficking in methamphetamine and trafficking in oxycodone—and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. All offenses are alleged to have occurred on or about Dec. 21, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$20,000 with drug conditions. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

• Mary Caruso Saunders, 45, of 8941 Buckeye Road, Lancaster, was indicted for 1st degree trafficking in methamphetamine, a class B felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have occurred on or about Dec. 1, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$20,000 with drug conditions. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

• Joshua R. Shaw, 32, of 591 Abby Leigh Lane,

Albany; Kaitlynn B. Riddle, 24, of 10481 Smith Grove Road, Burkesville; and Tierra L. Clark, 36, of 444 Gaither Avenue, Harrodsburg, were indicted for 1st degree trafficking in methamphetamine, a class C felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have occurred on or about Dec. 2, 2024, in Mercer County, according to the indictments. Bail for all three defendants was set at \$10,000 with drug conditions. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

• Michaels. Downs, 55, of 4226 Tatum Springs Road, Willisburg, was indicted for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, a class C felony; 1st degree possession of methamphetamine, a class D felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor. The offenses are alleged to have happened on or about Feb. 2, 2025, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. The defendants remains on the district court bond. Patrolman Hunter Kelly (HPD) testified.

### BAIL JUMPING

• James Avery Hurst, 28, of 1534 Alton Road, Lawrenceburg, was indicted for 1st degree bail jumping, a class D felony. On or about March 5, 2025 in Mercer County, the defendant failed to appear for a sentencing in the Mercer Circuit Court, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$5,000. Commonwealth Attorney Detective Ashley Curtis testified.

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