

# Celebrate spring May 17 with BloomFest at Bernheim

## Family-friendly event returns along with the Spring Plant Sale

**BY THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE**  
Celebrate spring and delight in the splendor of blooms at Bernheim Forest and Arboretum. The annual BloomFest returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 17 at the Visitor Center in Clermont. This festival is one of Bernheim's longest-running events and organizers say it offers activities for all ages. Highlights of BloomFest include story time, hands-on nature discovery stations, musical entertainment with Mr. Dan the Green Giant, and arts and craft activities — like making

faerie crowns and wands and constructing garden faerie houses for the faerie village. "BloomFest is a day of fun, fantasy, and flowers for the young and young at heart," Wren Smith, interpretive programs manager at Bernheim Forest and Arboretum, said in a news release. "Our youngest attendees always enjoy dressing up as faeries and gnomes and participating in the Faerie and Gnome Parade." Guests are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite costumes, and Bernheim will have a costume loaning tent available for borrowing faerie wings and gnome hats. Bernheim's Spring Plant Sale is being held outside the Visitor Center in conjunction with

BloomFest. Bernheim's horticulture team will be offering a mix of vegetable plants and herbs ready to take home and plant in gardens, raised beds or pots. A selection of early blooming perennials will be offered as well. These native pollinator plants will provide early season color and habitat support through the season for butterflies, bees and birds for years to come. Members of the horticulture team at Bernheim will be on-hand to answer questions and offer advice on installing and maintaining your selections. For more information on BloomFest or the Spring Plant Sale, go to [Bernheim.org/](http://Bernheim.org/) events.



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Mr. Dan the Green Giant provides musical entertainment to gnomes and faeries last year during BloomFest at Bernheim Forest and Arboretum in Clermont. The festival returns May 17.

## JAIL LOGS

Mary Elizabeth Fleener, 34, contempt of court libel/slander resistance to order.	Joshua West Haydon, 35, probation violation (for felony offense).	less than \$10,000, possession of controlled substance first-degree (meth), fugitive from another state — warrant required.
Justin Miles Fox, 38, non-payment of court costs, fees or fines (2 counts).	Justin Tyler Leonard, 37, assault fourth-degree (domestic violence) minor injury, failure to appear (3 counts), non-payment of court costs, fees or fines (hold for another county).	<b>Note:</b> The information above is a compiled list of daily booking logs from the Nelson County Jail. These are only a record of arrests. All individuals arrested are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise in a court of law. The bookings state the persons arrested and the charges against them. This information is public record.
Michael Edward Gaylor, 51, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, first-degree (meth) 2 counts, possession of marijuana (2 counts).	Michael James Murphy, 47, probation violation (for felony offense), non-payment of court costs, fees or fines.	
Joseph Michael Hagan, 31, assault fourth-degree (domestic violence) minor injury.	Tony Ray Thompson, 37, receiving stolen property \$1,000 but	

## SERVICE

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during the moment. After Monday's awards, well-wishers flocked to the winners with dozens of pictures taken and proclamations of congratulations. Barton with Oak and Grape was called "the best bartender" as friends and peers celebrated with him after the awards. Barton said he was feeling really good after receiving the award that night. In his eyes, Bardstown is one of the best communities he's ever been involved in. After living all around the country, Kentucky and Bardstown have truly embraced him — he felt honored to awarded by such a community. "My whole goal has been to create a "Cheers" style bar," Barton said. "A place where locals can hang out and tourists can hang out, and then we can get everyone chatting. ... Bardstown has this community of coming in as a tourist, and then leaving as a local." McIntyre Smith of McIntyre Winery is following in her father's footsteps — taking over the family business after previously work-



KATELYN NORRIS/The Kentucky Standard  
Carlos Gutierrez (center) reacts to winning a Stave Award for his work at Froggie's in Bloomfield as those around him celebrate the win.

ing in healthcare. She said it meant the world to her to get a nomination for the Stave Awards, but winning the award was just as special. "It feels beyond amazing to get even nominated," she said. "It means the world to me that I even got seen for all the hard work that I put in, considering that I've not always been in hospitality. ... To get recognized for that hard work and time that I put in means the freaking world to me." Clements with My Old Kentucky Home State Park puts countless hours of work into bringing the park to life for visitors. The Maintenance Supervisor keeps the park looking pretty

and running smooth, stating he busts his butt every day to make others shine. After winning the award, Clements said he didn't expect to be so emotional, shedding a few tears during the ceremony and following when receiving multiple congratulations. He said it was very satisfying that people believe in him and that he does a good job. "I always say, I do it to make you shine," he said. "I don't do it to make me shine. And if I know you're shining, I know that I've done my good job. That's what I always work for. If I could put you up here and make you shine, I know I've done a good job."

## FEST

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organizations dedicated to outdoor conservation, recreation and shooting sports. Dozens of groups from across the state use the funding to fuel programming for kids and teens statewide. Hayden said the three-year total amounts to more than \$800,000. "When we pull it all off and we've done our job, we've made the people happy," he said. "We made our vendors happy. We made (Kentucky) Fish and Wildlife happy. It's a win-win. The crowning achievement, again, is unveiling the tags, but our secondary pinnacle we have is raising money for youth organizations in the state." Another charitable aspect of Saturday event included the raffle of four barrels of bourbon with the help of local distilleries. The "Bourbon Unobtainium" ticket offered an opportunity to win a barrel and a VIP experience at the participating distilleries. All of the proceeds for this package went back to The City of Bardstown to help fund the new Bardstown Aquatics and Recreation Center. "We like to thank The City of Bardstown too," Hayden said. "They've supported us and providing the proper permits and licenses. We had a 'Bourbon Unobtainium' package, this is the second year that we have done that. All the funds raised ... (by) the package for the past two years was \$100,000." Each year thousands apply for one of the coveted elk tags, with only 500 given for the 2025 season across four categories: Bull (antlered) Firearm, Cow (antlerless) Firearm, Either sex Archery/Crossbow and Youth. One applicant was Cecil Jackson from Pineville in Bell County, who has applied for a tag every year without



KATELYN NORRIS/The Kentucky Standard  
Hundreds gathered Saturday at KYGUNCO for an afternoon filled with music, vendors and more during the Third Annual Ky Elk and Outdoor Festival.

fail. Unfortunately, he had never before been selected. Jackson said his daughter received a tag in 2014, but has not had any luck of his own. Jackson spent the afternoon enjoying the vendors, the music and the early May sun. He gave a hearty chuckle after being told that maybe 2025 was his year to be selected for a tag. "That's what my buddy says," Jackson said prior to the draw. Luckily for him, 2025 was his year. Nearly 30 minutes into the draw announcement, Jackson approached to share the good news of his selection. He received archery/crossbow tag for the season, jokingly asking "Did you tell them to draw my name?" Despite the draw announcement bringing in many for Saturday's event, several came for an afternoon of good times. There were several dozen big-name vendors at KYGunCo including numerous firearms, equipment and apparel — there were also many food and beverage vendors from across the region represented. Todd Howell and Greg Wall from Irvington were two friends getting their fill of the outdoors at the festival. Howell it was "everything" that brought them to Bard-

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