

Festivities set for Stephen Foster Story celebration

The Stephen Foster Drama Association in Bardstown has announced they will host their 25th annual 4th of July celebration, which will coincide with the evening's performance of "The Stephen Foster Story." Guests will have the best seats to the fireworks display presented by the Stephen Foster Drama Association through the generous support of FiveStar-Marathon.

"For 25 years, this presentation of 'The Stephen Foster Story' on Stephen Foster's birthday has captivated audiences with a night of celebration, outstanding outdoor theater, fun and games and, of course, fireworks," said Johnny Warren, Executive Artistic Director for The Stephen Foster Story and the Stephen Foster Drama Association. "We are grateful for Fivestar-Marathon, and the 25 years of support they have provided to support this event."

July 4 is a notable day for the Stephen Foster Drama Association, celebrating both the nation's



birth and the birthday of its namesake, Stephen Foster. Born on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the Declaration of Independence was ratified, Foster is commonly known as the "father of American music."

To honor both occasions, a variety of family-friendly festivities sponsored by FiveStar-Marathon will take place outside the J. Dan Talbott Amphitheatre at My Old Kentucky Home State Park before the 8 p.m. performance of "The Stephen Foster Story." The celebration will include bouncy houses, temporary tattoos, hula hoop and water balloon games and a cast meet-and-greet. During intermission, the

audience will be treated to cupcakes. After the performance, audience members can stay in their seats to enjoy the closest access to the fireworks show, an audience countdown and a custom music track to each explosion.

"Our 4th of July celebration is one of our key-note events of the season and is essential to the ongoing success of 'The Stephen Foster Story,'" Warren said. "Our community and guests love this special performance and we plan to continue this celebration for years to come."

Tickets can be purchased at stephenfoster.com/tickets or by calling 502-348-5971 or 800-626-1563. Because of the event's popularity, attendees are encouraged to purchase their tickets early.

To learn more about "The Stephen Foster Story" and other productions and events hosted by the Stephen Foster Drama Association this season, visit www.stephenfoster.com.

FATAL

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The affected portion of KY-210 was closed for several hours to allow troop-

ers to reconstruct the collision. KSP Post 4 was assisted at the scene by the LaRue County Sheriff's Office, LaRue County EMS and the LaRue County Coroner's Office. The collision remains under investigation by reconstructionist Trooper Jesse Harp.

HEART

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With different types of jewelry and other craft items already under her belt, the decision to start her own business stemmed from her purchase of a laser. The machine expanded her creation abilities, allowing her to not only customize colors and sizes but also add more items to her portfolio. As Johnson's business grew, so too did her laser needs, compelling her to purchase two additional machines. These both increase her output ability and allow her to add more jewelry engravings.

Between her craft experience and the lasers, Johnson has exponentially increased her portfolio. With items ranging from earrings to bookmarks to magnets to ornaments to keychains and everything in between — all of which can be customized or personalized, as requested — the business has something for everyone.

"Basically, if it's wood or metal and it's safe to engrave or cut, I can do it."

Johnson is currently awaiting the arrival of a UV printer. The machine, which she said can print "on just about any solid surface," will give her the opportunity to create her own supplies. She hopes to have the equipment by the end of summer, and especially before holiday season.

"If I'm cutting earrings out of a sheet of acrylic, I could design my own and print it instead of buying it from a supplier," she said. "It also allows me to offer a wider range, because if [an item] is not laser safe to engrave, I'm [currently] limited ... Also with engraving, you're limited to whatever color the material engravings. But, if I print on the UV printer, it will be able to be multicolor — the options are kind of endless at that point."

Another goal of Johnson's is to always keep customers engaged and coming back with new items.

"I don't want to just keep remaking the same pair of earrings, because then everybody that shops from me have already seen everything I have," she said. "So, I'm always looking for something new and something cool that I

can offer. I try to partner with small businesses, I do a lot with Claudette [Rateau, Adult Services Librarian] at [The LaRue County Public Library], I have some things in the Lincoln Museum, so I'm always looking for opportunities to do more."

As a craft business, Johnson has found most of her success through vendor and craft events; however, being in a small town has also helped.

"I've had more success here by word of mouth and just being in a small town," she said. "I sell to people now that I've never met before, which is so cool to me, or I'll just get a random Facebook message that says, 'Hey, I heard about you. Can you do this?' and I love that."

As Artist of the Month, an exhibit featuring artwork by Maisie Mae Creations will be on display throughout the month of June at the LaRue County Public Library, located at 215 Lincoln Dr., Hodgenville. For more information about the business, visit Maisie Mae Creations on social media; Johnson is in the process of creating a website, and she will announce its launch on her social media when applicable.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

LaRue County Farmers Market

The LaRue County Farmers Market will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday through July 31 in the LaRue County High School back parking lot, 925 S. Lincoln Blvd. in Hodgenville.

Upton Farmers Market

The Upton Farmers Market will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday at 1070 S. Walnut St., Upton. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact Al Rider at 502-377-0066.

Extension Office Closed

The LaRue County Extension Office will be closed on Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Goodtime Cruisers

The Goodtime Cruisers Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. in downtown Hodgenville.

Wellness on Wheels

Baptist Health Hardin's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile health unit will at Hodgenville Methodist Church on June 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. located at 825 Tonieville Rd, Hodgenville. Wellness on Wheels will offer basic healthcare screenings. Some services include height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index measurements, as well as screenings for thyroid function, cholesterol, glucose levels and anemia. For questions, call 270-706-5540.

Green River Gospels

Wesley Meadows United Methodist Church, 4341 Campbellsville Rd, Hodgenville, will be hosting the Green River Gospels in concert at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 29. A love offering will be taken and a meal will be served following the service. The community is invited. For more information call 270-358-3065.

LOCAL SUPPORT

LaRue County Community Action has a giveaway one Wednesday each month from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the LaRue County Parks & Recreation building in Hodgenville. The next giveaway will be held Wed, June 18.

Clothing Closet — South Fork Baptist Church located at 4915 New Jackson Hwy in Hodgenville offers a FREE Clothing Closet option for the public from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Machelie McDowell for more information at 270-325-3626.

The Shepherd's Pie Food Pantry, hosted by the Magnolia Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has a giveaway at 3 p.m. every Tuesday.

The Hope Food Pantry at Hodgenville United Methodist Church has a monthly food giveaway on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Each eligible person can attend one session, either in the morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or during the afternoon session from 5 to 6 p.m. FMI call Susan Phelps at 270-735-6334.

PUBLIC LIBRARY — 270-358-3851

Wednesday, June 18

Book Club — 3:30 p.m. For adults. Fourth of July craft — 3:30 p.m. Family event, no registration needed.

Thursday, June 19

Closed in celebration of Juneteenth

Friday, June 20

Rag Flags — 3 p.m. Teens and adults call to register.

Monday, June 23

Stretch and Shine — 10 a.m. For adults. Community Games — 2 p.m. Grilling Class — 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, June 24

Storytime — 11 a.m. For children under 5. Painting it Pink — 3 p.m. Teen event, no registration required.

Wednesday, June 25

Offsite Book Club — 6 p.m. @ Kayla's Fill-Up Station. Adults only.

Thursday, June 26

Coffee for Veterans — 10 a.m. Spouses



and partners welcome.

Storytime — 1:30 p.m. For children under 5.

No Bake Recipe: Protein Balls — 3:30 p.m. Family event, call to register.

Tails & Tatas Breast Cancer Awareness — 5:30 p.m.

Friday, June 27

Magic the Gathering — 2 p.m. For grade school through high school students.

Rose Message Boards — 3 p.m. Teens and adults call to register.

MEETINGS

Parkinson's Support Group

The next meeting of the Bardstown Parkinson's Support Group will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18 at Family Barbeque, 317 Kentucky Home Square, Bardstown. Those affected by Parkinson's are welcome including patient, caregiver, family and friends. Call Jane Swarts for more information at 502-350-4458.

LaRue County Fiscal Court

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LaRue County Fiscal Court is Tuesday, June 24 at 9 a.m.

LaRue County Fiscal Court Public Hearing

The LaRue County Fiscal Court will host a public meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 26 at the LaRue County Courthouse, located at 209 W. High St., Hodgenville. The trial-type meeting is concerning the request to rezone over 230 acres of land along Tonieville Road from A1, agriculture, to I2, heavy industry. The court will accept evidence from any individual in attendance, whether in support or opposition of the matter, before the final rezoning vote is conducted.

Hodgenville City Council

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Hodgenville City Council will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 14.

LaRue County Board of Education

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LaRue County Board of Education will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 21.

Celebrate Recovery

Held every Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Ovesen Heights Baptist Church located at 1604 Bardstown Road in Hodgenville. FMI call 270-735-5005.

Lions Club

The Hodgenville Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at El Acapulco, 195 Lee Oak Drive, Hodgenville. Come out and learn more about the Lions Club or call Linda Henry at 502-888-9256 or email lionlindahenry@yahoo.com for more information.

RECYCLING

Glass Recycling

Drop off location is the LaRue County Road Department (across from the LC High School). Accepting clear, green, brown, blue, broken china and ceramics; no window glass is accepted. The next date is July 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI call Jill Gray at 270-234-6619.

Recycling trailers are in the following locations for the community's use. In Hodgenville — LaRue County Courthouse lower parking lot, 209 West High Street Hodgenville; in Buffalo — Buffalo Fire Department — 2619 Greensburg Rd.; and in Magnolia — Old School Market — 9050 New Jackson Hwy. Contact Jill Gray at 270-234-6619 with any questions.

If you have an event you would like to share, bring it to our office located at 40 Shawnee Drive in Hodgenville, leave it in our outside drop box, or email editor@laruecountyherald.com.

The family of Donald Davenport



would like to send thanks for the many acts of kindness shown during his illness and following his death.

Thanks to those who sent cards, food, flowers, gifts or donations to the Gideons or The Methodist Men. They are all greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to the Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home staff for their love and care during this difficult time; to the ladies of the United Methodist Church for their wonderful mean; to Pastor Cameron Rash for his visits and words of comfort at the service; and to Don and Rosemary Peace for their beautiful music.

We are comforted in knowing Donald was loved by so many.

Thanks to you all. The Donald Davenport family



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