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## Farm to Table, Italian style

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MOUNT WASHINGTON — Guests will enjoy themselves as the intersection of fine dining and community benevolence. The 2025 Farm to Table Harvest Festival will take place Sept. 13 in downtown Mount Washington, hosted by the city along with Bullitt County Young Farmers and in association with

Bullitt County Farm Bureau.

The annual event includes dinner served in the center of North Bardstown Road, served by Bullitt East High School Future Farmers of America students and prepared by chef Arielle Duncan. City economic and community development director Jessica Thornton said this year's meal will feature a multi-course Italian-themed dinner. Each dinner ticket includes two free adults beverages, provided by Forest Edge

Winery and Gallant Fox Brewing Company.

Thornton said a long dinner table will be placed along North Bardstown Road, near the city pavilion. A canopy will cover the table, with everything decorated from special lighting to tablecloths and centerpieces. Proceeds from the event will benefit Bullitt County Young Farmers, Bullitt East FFA, and Raising Hope, a program promoting physical and mental health

safety for Kentucky farmers and their families.

Also benefitting is Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) River Region, which provides adult mentors and advocates for children involved in family court.

Farm to Table 2025 will take place Saturday, Sept. 13, from 6 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and seating is limited. Please note that North Bardstown Rd. will be closed to thru traffic for the duration

of the event.

To purchase and secure advance tickets, mail your name, phone number, email, and amount of requested tickets, along with a check, to Bullitt County Young Farmers, attn: Debi Bass, 184 Shadowmeade Lane, Mount Washington, KY 40047.

For more event information contact Jessica Thornton, jthornton@mtwky.org, or Debi Bass, debi.bass@kyfbcom.



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## Social event with a lot of popularity

Several years ago, the summer picnic at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Shepherdsville changed its structure. A Summer Social arose

in its place but many of the favorites remained. They just went inside the church gym. Recently, the 2025 version of the Summer Social

was held. There were booths, face painting and raffle items. And there was the ever-popular chicken dinner. The gym was full for the annual event.

## Shepherdsville tax rate lowered

BY THOMAS J. BARR  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE — Like so many governmental agencies in Bullitt County, one thing has become common — lower tax rates.

And, based on the state formula, property owners in the city of Shepherdsville will once again benefit from the growth in the community.

At a special meeting, the Shepherdsville City Council voted to lower the real property tax rate.

Last year's tax rate was 12.04 cents per \$100 of assessed real estate. The council approved the new rate of 11.61 cents.

For a person with a \$100,000 home, the tax rate would drop from \$120.40 to \$116.10.

This is the compensating tax rate, which brings in roughly the same amount of revenue as the prior year. If the city had set the rate above the 12.07-cent mark, it could have been subject to a voter recall on the ballot.

The total evaluation of real property in the city limits grew from \$2.4 billion to \$2.6 billion in 2025.

Tax bills will be sent by the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office later in September.

Bills paid by Nov. 1 would be allowed a 2 percent credit.

Those paid from Jan. 1-31 would be delinquent and subject to a 5 percent penalty. If they are paid between Feb. 1 and April 15, the tax bill will see a 10 percent fee and 10 percent interest.

Tax rates for motor vehicles will be the same at 12.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property.

The county clerk collects these funds as part of the vehicle registration process.

This also applies to watercraft.

Bills paid 60 days after the due date would be subject to a 10 percent surcharge plus .5 percent interest for each month.

The final tax rate set is for tangible personal property and public service companies.

The rate will be set for 11.61 cents per \$100 of assessed property.

There is also a 2 percent discount for bills paid prior to Nov. 1.

The deadline to turn in tax rates to the sheriff's office will be Sept. 15.

## Families having fun together at Family Fest

BY STEPHEN THOMAS  
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SHEPHERDSVILLE — Nothing beats a fun family outing at the park on a nice day. The only thing better is having someone provide even more fun.

Family Fest will return this year to the Shepherdsville City Park on Sept. 13, presented by the Bullitt County Health Department's Coalition for Recreation, Education and Wellness (CREW).

Health educator Jamie Vest said the event, which has been hosted in various parts of the county over the past decade, will return to the same location in Shepherdsville, taking place alongside the city's Farmers Market.

The event focuses on fun and creating healthy activities for the entire family, from grandparents to grandkids. Vest said the event was funded in part by a Maternal Child Health (MCH) grant through Healthy People Active Communities. "The grant is designated for focusing on healthy family activities and funding events which are partnered with CREW," she said.

Vest mentioned two bouncy houses will be available, one specifically designated for ages 0-3. Bullitt Blends will participate with healthy-choice breakfast beverages, while Bernheim Forest will feature craft activities.

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Each booth will donate a door prize, Vest said, which will be distributed throughout the event from 9:30 through 11:30.

Vest recognized this year's event sponsors, Abound Credit Union and the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC). She said OVEC will host a bubble dance party, while Abound will assist visitors in creating their own parfait/yogurt cups and smoothies.

"The goal is to incorporate food and to teach the kids healthy eating and a way to create a nutritious breakfast," Vest said.

BCHD's mobile unit will assist Abound with the yogurt station. The health department will also feature a booth offering information on Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services, along with vaccines available to the community.

BCHD will also feature a booth

hosted by representatives of the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS), a free voluntary home visitation program for new and expecting parents.

According to Vest, Family Fest was created as a way to provide fun, free outdoor activities for families as an incentive to keep active and healthy together. She said this year's event continued that focus, with an effort to provide something to do for the entire family.

"It's also a great place to make connections with community partners in Shepherdsville and the Bullitt County area," she said. "From kid-friendly activities to parental support, it'll be a really good time."

Family Fest, a free community event, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, at Shepherdsville City Park. Vest reminded that the event will take place near the Shepherdsville Farmers Market, adding another level of experience for visitors.

For more information about the event, or for information regarding CREW, call (502)955-5355.

## Fiscal Court lowers tax rate

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SHEPHERDSVILLE — There was no public comment at a special meeting to consider tax rates set by Bullitt County Fiscal Court for 2025.

Of course, who would argue against a tax decrease?

After a real estate property tax of 9.1 cents per \$100 of assessed property for 2024, Bullitt Fiscal Court approved the new rate of 9.0 cents.

For a \$100,000 home, the taxes to be paid to the county would be \$90, a savings of \$1.

There is also a discount if the bill is paid by Nov. 1, 2025.

Despite the lower rate, county officials will have some additional revenue to spend on services.

The 2024 rate produced

revenue of \$7.9 million in real estate. With the new rate, next year the county should receive \$8.3 million, an increase of around \$400,000.

If the county wished to take the compensating rate of 8.8 percent, it would have generated \$8.1 million.

By accepting the lower rate, the county would remain within the 4 percent revenue increase allowed and would avoid a voter recall on the ballot.

Showing the growth in the county, new property alone from the past year amounted to \$456,000.

Bullitt County Chief Finance Officer Keith Griffie pointed out that seven years ago, the tax rate on real property was 9.7 cents per \$100 of assessed property.

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