

Taylorsville Main Street celebrates National Girlfriend's Day

BY JEFF SOPLAND
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The Spencer County-Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce building in downtown Taylorsville was bustling at the seams Friday night as local citizens embarked on Main Street to celebrate National Girlfriend's Day with Bunco, dinner, prizes, and fun.

For more information on future Taylorsville Main Street events, visit their Facebook page.

All photos submitted.



GET THE FACTS

Kentucky law requiring cursive goes into effect this upcoming school year

BY WLKY NEWS

Inside the classroom, a new Kentucky law requires students to learn cursive.

Senate Bill 167, which passed in 2024, goes into effect this upcoming school year, 2025-2026.

It says, "cursive writing shall be included as a course of study in all elementary schools and shall be designed to ensure proficiency in cursive writing by the end of grade five."

With the implementation of the Common Core in 2010 in Kentucky, cursive writing stopped being mandatory.

In 2019, the most recent version of the Kentucky Academic Standards for Reading and Writing was adopted.

These contain the minimum required standards

for all Kentucky students, which include cursive writing to be taught in elementary school.

And local districts, like JCPS and Hardin County, tell us they follow these standards.

But, Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, who sponsored SB 167, says the law makes sure these standards are followed and improved.

"So although we've had some level of cursive in our Kentucky standards, it's not been a consistent building upon and really solidifying those skills to a level of proficiency," she said. "So this is really going to just get kids picking up a pencil or a pen and writing on a piece of paper again to, to build those skills of cursive writing."

It's something Iris Hat-

field, a handwriting specialist for more than 55 years and author of the New American Cursive workbooks, says is important.

Hatfield testified for this bill while it was going through the legislative process.

"It's not just to make the writing more beautiful," said Hatfield. "It is what they learn in the process."

"It helps them to learn," she continued. "Focus, precision, determination, persistence. It helps them, and it builds their brain in the process. So it is an educational bargain."

The Kentucky Academic Standards are evaluated on a six-year rotation.

The Writing and Reading Standards are set to be heard by the Kentucky Board of Education this October.

Historical presentation at SCHGS meeting

BY TERRI COOPER

Joyce Chowning Best was the featured speaker at the Spencer County Historical & Genealogical Society's monthly meeting. She was joined by four of her siblings, numerous cousins, and other family members.

The event offered a unique perspective on Spencer County's past through personal anecdotes about school, church, and farm life. The family also displayed various artifacts, including photographs, a panoramic view of the old family homestead, and handmade woodwork items created by Bill and Emma Chowning.

Stories were shared about



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The Chowning family is shown.

piling into an old Model T to visit Charlie Ashby's store weekly, as well as a video of the Chowning homestead being auctioned to make way for Taylorsville Lake.

The community is grateful to the Chowning descendants for their generosity in sharing their stories, history, and keepsakes.



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Effie Stevens Chowning and Jake Matthews Snider Chowning in front of the family homestead which was taken in order to make way for Taylorsville Lake. The area in which they lived was later named Chowning Lane and Chowning Boat Ramp in honor of their sacrifice.

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Kaileigh Prather, Summer Yearling

Jersey Cows:

3-Year-Old: 1st Open – Hayden Likins, 2nd Open – Mason Way, Kinsley Largen

4-Year-Old: 1st Open Hayden Likins

5-Years-Old and Older: 1st Open – Hayden Likins Grand Senior Champion

Open Jersey: Hayden Linkins, 3YO

Reserve Senior Champion Open Jersey: Hayden Likins, 5YO

Milking Shorthorn Heifers:

Junior Calf: 1st Open - Ruthann Tucker

Intermediate Calf – 1st Open – Stella Franklin, 2nd Open and 1st Spencer – Kaileigh Prather.

Senior Calf – 1st Open –

Ryan Tucker

Summer Yearling – 1st Open – Addyson Largen

Junior Yearling – 1st Open – Raylon Tucker

Grand Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn: Stella Franklin, Intermediate Calf.

Reserve Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn: Raylon Tucker, Senior Calf.

Milking Shorthorn Cows:

Senior 2-Year-Old: 1st Open – Raylon Tucker

Grand Senior Champion Milking Shorthorn: Raylon Tucker, Senior 2YO.

Red & White Heifers:

Senior Calf: 1st Open – Mark Jones

Summer Yearling: 1st Open – Mark Jones

Intermediate Yearling: 1st Open – Mark Jones

Grand Junior Champion Open: Mark Jones, Senior Calf

Reserve Junior Champion Open Jersey: Mark Jones, Summer Yearling

The Grand Junior

Champion Open was awarded to Stella Franklin with her Milking Shorthorn.

The Spencer County Grand Junior Champion was Kaileigh Prather. The Grand Senior Champion Open was awarded to Hayden Likins with his Jersey. The Supreme Champion Overall Open was awarded to Hayden Likins with his Jersey. The Spencer County Supreme Champion Overall was Kaileigh Prather.

Congratulations to Addyson Largen for winning the costume class.

Congratulations to all that participated this year at the Spencer County Fair Dairy Show! Thank you again to Spencer County Farm Bureau and the Taylor's for your continued support and sponsorship for the Spencer County Youth Dairy Show.

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