

COMMUNITY



Photos by Cecil Lawson

Pride of Morehead hosted its 2nd Annual Pride of Morehead Festival this past Saturday on First Street. With over 100 vendors and non-profit organizations, day-long entertainment, including the Drag Stage, and readings by Willie Carver, Ky. poet and 2022 Teacher of the Year, Drag Queen Story Time, and local singer-songwriter Liz Bowman at the Moonlight State, the event celebrates LGBTQ+ people, family, and community. Conservative Christian protesters showed up again this year in larger numbers to condemn the event, but crowd numbers remained strong with good weather.

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Park and Rec Board discusses many ongoing recreation projects in community

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City of Morehead Park and Rec Director Matt Hamilton updated board members on activities in the city. He said participation numbers are now back to pre-COVID levels, with 570 kids signing up for Little League Baseball this year. He also noted that female participation in youth league sports has also been trending upward, with the city’s volleyball, basketball, and softball programs, and participation of high school age kids is up.

The Little League Opening Day Parade is scheduled for this Thursday, on Main Street, starting at 6 p.m., followed by a Youth Baseball and Softball Cookout at the City Park. Hamilton discussed the recent opening of Wylie Wilson Playground at the City Park. He said this was funded through grants, including a \$130,000 Crumb Rubber Grant, and its ongoing construction is taking place in phases, in order to allow the public to use the playground as they get each subsequent phase completed. Future phases include a concrete cornhole board and concrete bench for adults as well as other renovations.

He also said plans are in place to renovate the skate park and use half of it for a tennis/pickleball court. This will add another area to play pickleball in the city.

Hamilton also discussed the renovation of the Carl Perkins Community Center to include a basketball court. He said bids will be advertised soon for renovation, and the city has already had three bids submitted. Once the renovation is completed, he said, the Center will be reopened for rental for public events. The gymnasium style will be that of Hoosier Gym, with a double center stripe. He added that they are looking at plans to build on or near the Center for an additional court. “The city has never previously had its own facility,” Hamilton said. He said the courts at the former Laughlin Health Buildings were the best, but it had been easier over the past year to have better facility security using the school gyms for league basketball.

Board members Skip Holley provided an update on the County Park. He said engineers are currently conducting core samples on proposed baseball fields at the park, opened last year just off of KY 801 near Dogwood Estates on property previously owned by AppHarvest. Plans are to construct three Little League baseball fields, a full-sized baseball field, and basketball courts.

Holley said the developer for the new Burger King in Morehead will allow the athletic lights at the old Zane Collins Community Park to be used at the County Park, and he said Fleming-Mason has as program to help move the poles and get the appropriate lighting installed. Newly-appointed board member Edna Schack asked if the lighting would affect residents in Dogwood Estates, and Holley said they will work to make sure that they don’t. Hamilton added that athletic lights are directed toward fields, so there should not be any additional glare toward the residential area.

Rowan County Judge/Executive Harry Clark was present at the meeting and said contractors would be submitting cost estimates for the athletic fields, to allow the county to ask for contributions toward the cost from those willing to donate.

Clark also said that crews will begin to pave the road into the park, “Community Way,” beginning next week. The road will be 24 feet wide and will include a 4 foot wide walking path, which will connect to inside the park.

Board chairman Chuck Mraz said he had heard that officials from the University of Kentucky had been touring the old Rowan County Middle School with UK/St. Claire President and CEO Donald Lloyd for a potential hospital expansion, but the gym at the middle school would stay in place.

Hamilton also noted that the old City Police Station was sold and that the proceeds from that sale may be used for a new indoor recreation facility.

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Good Friday Fish Fry

Amity Lodge No. 40 F. & A.M. will have its “Good Friday” fish fry at the Lodge hall located at 102 E. Seventh Street in Millersburg, KY on April 18, 2025.

The "all you can eat meal " (dine in only) will be served from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, or until the fish is gone. The menu will consist of fish, baked beans, cole slaw and hush puppies. Cost this year will be \$10.00 including drink. Carry out will also be available. Thanks in advance.



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Lakeview Community Church would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to celebrate the Easter Season with us.

Plans for the Easter Season

There are several services and activities planned for this special season of the year.

Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00. There will be special music, Dr. Rob Poca, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College will bring the message, followed by a good breakfast. Everyone is invited to start their Easter Sunday off in this special service.

The Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service is April 20 and will begin at 11:00. This service is always a wonderful time to celebrate our Risen Lord. During this service the Church Choir will be singing, there will be several other special parts planned for this service and an Easter message by Pastor Eddie.

There will be a huge Easter Egg Hunt for all the children following the Morning Worship Service.

Ascension Sunday will be celebrated June 1 with a special service and a huge church picnic. There will be lots of good food and fun.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to invite you to come and celebrate this wonderful season of the year at Lakeview Community Church. We are located at 581 Cave Run Road, at Farmers.

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