

**Hickman County Historical Society Opening on Wednesdays 1-4. Open by Appointment Contacts:**

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**The Mission House**  
in Clinton is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays 8 a.m. - 2:30 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9-12.  
**270-653-3271**

**School Board**

Hickman County Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Board of Education office located at 416 Waterfield Drive, Clinton, KY, to transact routine business.

**Hickman Co. Museum open on Wednesdays**

The Hickman County Museum is now open on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. Tours can also be arranged by calling 1-270-654-9008. If no one answers please leave a message and the call will be returned.

**Hickman County Memorial Library**

The Hickman County Memorial Library is open Tuesday - Friday from 2-5 and on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 12:30. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

**River Stages Ohio at Cairo April 15 52.30**

AA meets every Monday at 8 pm at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

**Ambulance Board**

The Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Board meets the first Tuesday of each quarter at 6 p.m. at the EMS building on James Phillips Drive, Clinton, Ky. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

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**Fiscal Court-** The next regular meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court will be April 28 at 8 a.m. in the Hickman County Judge/Executive's Office.

**April 17 Chamber Legislative Breakfast**

Hickman County Chamber of Commerce will host a Legislative Breakfast at the Beehive in Clinton April 17. Among the speakers are Senator Jason Howell and Representative Steven Rudy. The breakfast buffet will be served at 7:00 a.m. and the cost will be \$18.00 at the door. Please RSVP to Chamber President Deena Pittman by texting to 270-254-0582 by April 8.

**April 19 Town Clean-up Day**

Volunteers needed to help clean-up the town in preparation for the upcoming Spring Chicken Fest. Dumpsters will be set up. Starts at 8 a.m.

**Spring Chicken Fest is April 25-26 Court Square, Clinton**

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**Columbus Council**

Columbus City Council normally meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Columbus City Hall. Kay Ferguson is mayor.

**Clinton City Council**

Clinton City Council normally meets in regular session the first Monday of the month at Clinton City Hall. (City Hall has relocated to the South Jefferson St. building) at 5 p.m. John Kelly is mayor. City Hall: 270-653-6419.

**Storm shelters continued from front**

10th tornado, we had been wanting to purchase a tornado shelter. A couple of weeks ago when they were predicting several days of severe weather and a high probability of tornadoes, we pulled the trigger and bought the shelter.”  
Trent’s uncle is Terry Stairs. As Wendy said, he and wife Linda lost their Hickman County Home in the Dec. 10, 2021 tornado.  
I remember interviewing Linda following the event, and she advised something that stayed with me. She said it’s important when severe weather/tornado watches are issued, to put items in your purse like your keys, your phone, medicines, toiletries, etc., then be sure to zip the purse closed and keep it with you at all times. Terry and Linda have since rebuilt a beautiful home.  
Kay and Michael Wiley also had a walk-in shelter delivered from a company in Mayfield. They made the decision because of the increase of tornadoes in the area.  
Two weeks ago, Terry Powell, who resides on Hwy. 51 S, and I had an appointment to get a photo of his storm shelter, but flood water on 51 created a gulf that kept us apart, so we rescheduled for this past Friday.  
Terry and Wanda have had their storm shelter for the past two or three years and purchased one for their daughter and family.  
Prior to this, in 2021, the December tornado that demolished much of Mayfield, Ky., came within less than a mile of their house when it ripped a destructive path along the area of Hwy. 1529.  
That night they got in the bathroom for safety. Thankfully, their house was spared, but the deadly storm was a little too close for comfort.  
The Powells purchased their shelter from a business in Mayfield. The six-ton structure has benches, and Terry Powell has added a 12-volt marine battery to run a fan to keep air circulated during the hot weather months. He plans to add string lights. They also keep bottled water in there. He said he notified the Hickman County Sheriff’s office that they have a shelter and advises others to let the sheriff’s office and others know that a shelter is on your property and may be obstructed by debris should a tornado come through.

I asked if they had phone service while inside the structure, and Terry said as long as the Wi-Fi is on in the house, they have it in the structure.  
“I pray we never need it,” he said of the structure, but if they do, it’s just steps away from the house.  
Jerry and Brittany Byassee have an inground shelter at their home. They purchased it in 2022 and it holds up to 12 people.  
Tornadoes, some frighteningly large and deadly, have come through this area in the past and are documented in old *Hickman County Gazettes*. But for many years, prior to 2021, it seems straight lines winds were about as bad as it would get. So what is happening?  
Christine Wielgos, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Paducah, Ky., said, “There are some studies that suggest that the environment needed to produce tornadoes seems to be shifting more to the east at times.  
“The number of tornadoes has increased in our area specifically since 1995, but there may be additional reasons for this increase.”  
She continued, “For instance, we now have thousands of trained storm spotters who are trained to spot and report tornadoes to the NWS, so we are receiving more reports of them. More and more photos are being taken of tornadoes than ever before as well, either through cell phones or security cameras. We have radar data to help us determine whether a tornado might have been possible in an area as well due to the advancements in technology. Back 25 -30 years ago, there were likely tornadoes that either never got recorded or perhaps were incorrectly recorded as straight line wind events.  
“Whether tornado alley is moving or not, we will always have a threat for tornadoes in this part of the country.  
“So, the main point to focus on is that folks need to be aware that tornadoes can occur year-round in this area and setting aside time to make up a severe weather plan for you and your family is paramount. Paying attention to the weather and planning accordingly is what people should strike for to protect themselves from all aspects of severe weather.”

**Bostick continued from front page**

who have made meaningful contributions to their professions on a local, state and national level. It is the highest honor an alum can earn from the Murray State University Alumni Association and recognizes those who have excelled both professionally and personally.  
The Distinguished Alumni honorees for 2025 are: John "Bosco" Bostick ('72), Summer T-Oni Carney ('04), Tripp Gibson ('05), Kathy Harris ('80), Kelli Burkeen Parsons ('90, '91) and Dale Wilson ('70). The 2025 Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient is Jonathan Andrew Lemon ('08).  
Bostick:  
• Retired Pilot, USAF Thunderbirds  
• Test Pilot, USAF and Sunshine Aero Industries  
• John R. "Bosco" Bostick - B.S. in Economics, 1972  
John R. "Bosco" Bostick, '72, is an experienced test

pilot and flight test engineer with over 15,000 flight hours. A Hickman County, Ky. native, he holds a B.S. in Economics from Murray State University and an M.A. in Public Administration from Troy State University. With a decades-long career in both military and civilian aviation, specializing in advanced fighter aircraft and missile systems, he continues to serve well into his 70s as a test pilot for Sunshine Aero Industries, and on numerous defense contract flight tests for the US Air Force (USAF) and the US Navy (USN). From 1983-1984, he flew as part of the famed USAF Thunderbirds Air Combat Command demonstration unit as part of its first F-16 team. He holds numerous commendations, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

**Beekeepers continued from front page**

day Otis was in Paducah, Ky., and Melinda has been teaching dual credit MUS105 at Carlisle County Schools.  
For some reason, the Hickman County Courthouse is a honeybee magnet of sorts, and swarms of bees this time of year are pretty much a regular happening on and around the historic structure.  
Melinda and Otis made a trip there last week to get one swarm of bees. On Monday, with Otis out of pocket in Paducah, Melinda came to Clinton, donned the X-Large Tall size beekeeping suit that belongs to her former basketball playing husband, and headed to the Hickman County Courthouse across the street where a new swarm of bees had gathered on the “H” of the Hickman County Courthouse sign facing Hwy. 51.  
Using a spray of water to calm them, she then began gently using a brush to brush them into a box. If the queen bee was still there and now in the box, the others would follow.  
After a wait, Melinda determined Monday that the Hickman County courthouse sign queen bee had already gone, as

the number of bees on the sign were way less than the day prior, and they did not fall into the pattern of following a queen bee into the box. She checked around other locations on the courthouse lawn since they sometimes do not travel very far.  
Beekeeping is tricky. They recently had five hives at their home in Murray, and all but one have died. Beekeepers across the nation were reporting similar losses, and one large-scale beekeeper in Texas reportedly lost an estimated 25,000 bees.  
Melinda and Otis have slowly built their hives back up and are now at nine.  
While the swarm appeared to have moved on Monday, if it shows up again, Melinda and Otis will be ready to come and get them. They will continue to add to their collection of beehives and have more delicious honey!  
\* Update: Rick Bond has also recently removed bees from the courthouse and lawn area. He sells honey under the Mr. Bob's (Samples) honey label.

**Upcoming events**

- April 17- Legislative Breakfast at the Beehive 7 a.m. (Chamber)
- April 17 - Laugh and Learn at 10 a.m. Hickman County Library
- Good Friday Meditation Noon at First Baptist Church. See related article in this edition.
- April 19- Town Clean-up Day in City of Clinton.
- April 19 - Herb Appeal at Heirloom Acres. For more information call Heirloom Acres at 270-254-6140 (Hickman Co. Extension program)
- Easter Sunday, April 20- Sunrise Service at Wesley Church. See related info on page 3.
- Easter Sunday, April 20- Spring Hill Baptist Church having breakfast at 8 a.m., praise and worship at 9 a.m., morning worship at 10 a.m. See related article on page 3.
- April 21- 4-H Cooking Club 3-4:30 p.m. at Hickman County Extension office, call 270-653-2231 to sign up (space limited to first 12 to sign up)
- April 21 & 22. Hunter Education. See related article.
- April 21- Chicken Dumpling scholarship fundraiser at senior center. See All About Community article on page 5 for details.
- April 29 - Healthy Eating Around the World Homemaker Lesson at 10 a.m. at Hickman County Extension office, call 270-653-2231 to sign up
- April 25 - 26- Spring Chicken Fest
- April 26- Cruise-In Car Show - Hickman County Museum 10-2. Please contact the Times if you have an upcoming area event. We no longer scan Facebook to see what is happening and where it is happening to be sure it gets in. If you want it in the paper, call 270-653-4040 or email [gaye@thehctimes.com](mailto:gaye@thehctimes.com)

**Conservation District Board to meet**

The Hickman County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will have their regular monthly meeting on Thursday morning, April 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, 205 State Route 123 West, Clinton Ky. The public is invited to attend.



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