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The Sedalia Class of 1957 had a reunion at The Sedalia Cafe recently Clockwise from top left: Donald Jones, Johnny Key, Gerald Lamb, Wayne Simpson, and Lowell Reed.

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## Graves County Tractor Drive Set for July 26, 2025:

*Honoring Tradition and Cultivating Community*

By **Laurna Todd**  
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The 6th Annual Graves County Tractor Drive, officially known as the “Dan Dan the Farmall Man Tractor Drive,” is set for Saturday, July 26, 2025, beginning at 9:00 AM at the historic Old Ford Richardson dealership, located at 2104 State Route 121 South in Mayfield, KY. A cherished summer tradition, this event draws tractor enthusiasts, farmers, and families from across the region to celebrate the community’s deep agricultural roots.

What began as a small gathering of local farmers has grown into a major event highlighting both vintage and modern tractors. Hosted by Independence Bank, the drive includes a scenic route through Graves County farmland, a mid-morning stop at H&R Agri Power for lunch, and a return to the dealership by noon.

But the Tractor Drive is more than just a parade. It was created to strengthen community ties and

support meaningful causes. Proceeds from the event benefit the Graves County Sheriff’s “Shop with a Deputy” program, the Mayfield-Graves County Community Christmas Connection, and the Danny Flood Scholarship—raised through a live auction held during the event.

The drive also promotes agricultural education by supporting 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and leadership initiatives for local youth. It serves as a living tribute to the farming way of life and offers an opportunity for generations to connect—whether it’s grandparents teaching grandchildren about tractors or neighbors sharing stories from the field.

In a fast-paced world, the Graves County Tractor Drive reminds us of the value of community, history, and tradition. Whether you’re riding, spectating, or simply supporting the cause, this event remains a meaningful celebration of the people and practices that help Kentucky thrive.



## City of Mayfield holds first public hearing for city-wide trash service

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The City of Mayfield held an interactive public hearing with local trash services and community members relating to city-wide trash services, as the City of Mayfield is currently evaluating whether to provide a city-wide trash service or not. Doing so would eliminate private waste management businesses within its bounds and award the duties to one provider. The city held the interactive public hearing to gather input before taking action on the idea.

Mayor Kathy O’Nan said the city will hold at least two more public forums before solidifying its decision in order to provide a very transparent process to the community

members. The decision on whether to provide a local trash service or not, could take up to nine months or even a year. O’Nan stated that previous mayoral administrations have considered implementing a city-wide trash service and that there have been multiple benefits but also several drawbacks that come with it. She also stated that there have been reports of trash being over-accumulated which then leads to excessive litter.

Mayor O’Nan stated during the public hearing, “As we move forward in the process of this possibility, I urge you, as voting people within the city limits of Mayfield, to contact your city council member with your thoughts

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## Mayfield High School SBDM announces new policies

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The Mayfield High School (MHS) Site-Based Decision Making Council held a meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. During the meeting, they highlighted new state legislation which pertains to a daily moment of silence and student cell phone use. Matt McMain, the MHS principal, said a new policy upholds the recently passed Kentucky Senate Bill 19. This bill mandates a brief period lasting between one to two minutes at the beginning of each school day for quiet reflection. McMain told the council, “When I do the announcements every morning between

7:55 and 8:00, my plan is to add that in and it’ll probably just be in the middle of announcements so it’s factored in.” He continued on, “We’ll do the intro, go over some stuff, do a moment of silence, do the Pledge of Allegiance and then start the day.” Not only is the moment of silence for those with religious beliefs, but it also encourages personal peace, fosters a positive atmosphere, and helps to promote focus by allowing students a short bout of calmness before the hustle and bustle of school gets started. It was stated that teachers will not say anything beyond administering the moment of silence and that this kind of practice does not

impose any specific beliefs on students. It enables them to silently explore their own for a minute or so, contributing to the development of individual identity. McMain mentioned that this is for all grades, kindergarten through twelfth grade and that information will be sent out to parents in order to prepare them for it.

The next discussion was about an amendment in the student handbook that enforces Kentucky House Bill 208. This bill prohibits student use of electronic communications devices like cell phones during class time and aims to reduce distractions and potentially boost test scores. During the meeting, a parent

at the meeting raised a concern if the new rule applies to teachers. McMain did respond stating that teachers are advised to model the behavior and refrain from unnecessary phone use so they are not setting the wrong example. McMain also stated that the bill includes exceptions for emergencies and authorized use from teachers for instructional purposes, among others. McMain said, “Students are allowed to still have them during class changes and lunch and there are some other scenarios, obviously, if they have some type of iPad or device as part of their Individualized

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## Daniel Howard:

*Expert breast surgeon with compassion and precision*

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Dr. Daniel Howard, a leading surgeon based in Mayfield, KY, is widely recognized for his expertise in breast surgery, including life-saving mastectomies and advanced breast reconstruction. With over 105 positive reviews and a 5-star rating on U.S. News & World Report, Dr. Howard stands out not only for his surgical skill but for his compassionate, patient-centered approach.

For women facing breast cancer, Dr.

Howard offers more than just medical treatment—he provides hope, healing, and support. His work plays a vital role in both physical recovery and emotional restoration. Whether performing a mastectomy or guiding a patient through reconstruction, his goal is to help women reclaim their sense of self and confidence.

Breast reconstruction isn’t just for cosmetic reasons. It’s also part of the recovery that

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