

LOCAL NEWS

Living Bread Soup Kitchen hosts Silent Auction and Vendor Show

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While there's rain in the forecast for this Saturday, there's at least one event happening rain or shine: The Living Bread Soup Kitchen's 17th annual Silent Auction and Vendor Show.

The fundraiser event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development. More than 120 crafters and vendors are expected, and around 100 items will be available through the silent auction.

And if that isn't enough, the event will also feature a Jail 'N Bail, a 50/50 raffle, cake walks, door prizes, and more.

Gina Gaylor, the Living Bread Soup Kitchen's director, said that all proceeds will go towards the soup kitchen's general fund.

The kitchen provides hot meals for those in need every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 3 p.m.

Those meals are given out at the kitchen's home base, 321 S. Maple Street.



Gina Gaylor, second from right, and volunteers at the Living Bread Soup Kitchen prepare a hot meal to give out to those in need.

Every third Tuesday, the organization also gives out food boxes, and once a month it gives out a meal from the Nancy Fire Department.

Gaylor said that the silent auction/vendor show is the non-profit's largest fund-

raiser of the year.

Vendors will include crafters, jewelry and woodworkers, while the silent auction will feature gift certificates from local businesses as well as tickets to regional attractions, such as Kings Island, the Island

at Pigeon Forge, Perfect North Slopes in Indiana and the Cincinnati Reds.

There will also be door prizes "at least every 30 minutes," Gaylor said. Winners must be present to receive prizes from the door prizes and the silent

auction.

There will also be food vendors on hand, she said, including Mexican food, Slim Chickens, and Diamondz and Divaz.

Other attractions feature a Jail 'N Bail, where Gaylor said, "We charge like \$1 to

get arrested, \$1 to get out."

There will also be "a real photo booth," she said, meaning that the booth will print out a strip of three photos, taken a few seconds apart. Folks can pay to get physical copies of the photos, or download them to a phone for free, she said.

The silent auction will end at 2:30 p.m., and while people wait to receive their items, they can watch the conclusion to the day-long 'Pie in the Face' contest.

"That is between me and another lady named Sam Combs," Gaylor said. "She is a member of the Somerset Junior Woman's Club. All the money raised will go to the soup kitchen, but she's trying to raise more money than me so she can give me a pie in the face, and, of course, I want to make more money than her."

For more information, visit the organization's website at <https://livingbreadsoupkitchen.com/>, or their Facebook page, Living Bread Soup Kitchen Inc.

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Citizens Bank announces team updates in Somerset

SPECIAL TO CJ

Paige Taheny has been named Branch Manager of the Somerset market.

In this role, Taheny leads branch operations including lending and growth initiatives, supports team development, and works to strengthen customer relationships across the Somerset community.

Taheny brings a strong operational and lending background to the position. Her experience in loan processing and cross-functional branch roles provides a clear understanding of both customer needs and day-to-day operations.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to see the team and the Somerset branch continue to grow," said Taheny. "Working at Citizens Bank means building strong community relationships and providing personal service where people can grow and make a meaningful impact."

"Paige understands our customers, our team, and our expectations for service," said Doug Parkey, Lake Cumberland Regional President. "We look forward to her leadership as we continue to build relationships in the Somerset market."

Kaleb Adams has stepped into the role of Loan Of-



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Kaleb Adams

ficer.

In this position, Kaleb will support the bank's commitment to strong operations and excellent customer service. He brings a fresh perspective and a strong focus on delivering results for both customers and the team.

"I am genuinely excited to take on this new challenge," said Kaleb Adams. "Joining Citizens Bank means being part of a community that values innovation, collaboration, and making a real difference for our customers. I look forward to contributing my experience in lending and working alongside such a dedicated group of professionals."

"Citizens Bank has already shown me what it means to be part of a supportive and forward-think-

ing organization," Kaleb added. "I am excited to continue learning and to help drive our mission forward."

Kaleb brings years of experience, and his addition reflects Citizens Bank's continued focus on building a strong team and investing in people who support its long-term goals.

"Kaleb is exactly the kind of person we look for," said

Lake Cumberland Regional President Doug Parkey. "He's motivated, relationship-focused, and a great fit for our team and our market."

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The flushing is required to enhance the quality of the water as well as to insure the operational condition of the fire hydrants.
Thank you for your cooperation.
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PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID
Pulaski County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for tires, road tile, silt fence/ road fabric, concrete, lubricants, gasoline, diesel, (Environmental Services for fuel systems) fuel pump inspection, service and maintenance, sign supplies, rock, asphalt, cold mix and tack oil, professional contractor's services, and janitorial/cleaning of the Pulaski County Judicial Center, etc.
Beginning on Friday, April 24, 2026, bid specs can be picked up at the Pulaski County Courthouse located at 100 North Main Street, Suite 202, (between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday) Bid specs will also be available at pulaskigov.com.
All bids must be time and date stamped at the Pulaski County Clerk's Office and turned into the Pulaski County Judge Executive's Office located at 100 North Main Street, Suite 202 no later than 4:30 pm (EST) on Thursday, May 14, 2026.
Bids will be opened publicly at the Fiscal Court Meeting on May 26, 2024 at 10 a.m.
If you have any questions, please contact Cloyd J. Bumgardner or John Alexander at 606-678-4853.
Pulaski County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Marshall Todd
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