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## Kendra Smith named Citizen of the Year

BY DEVON WILLIAMS  
NEWS REPORTER

On Thursday, Jan. 9, the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Community Impact Awards for 2026 at the Baptist Life Center.

The grand gala was presented by the chamber to honor and celebrate some of Cynthiana's best and brightest with varying awards and public recognition. One of the most coveted awards of the evening was the "Citizen of the Year Award" which was given to Kendra Smith.

Reflecting on the purpose of the Chamber Awards, board President Mollie Smith noted the evening as an "opportunity to reflect on the impact of local businesses and individuals who invest their time

and resources in strengthening our community.

From small businesses and entrepreneurs to civic leaders and volunteers. Each honoree represents the best of what it means to serve the public."

Presenting the Citizen of the Year award to Kendra Smith was Trish Jenkins, realtor associate for Palmer Hampton Realty.

"The Citizen of the Year award honors someone who's impacting those in everyday life," opened Jenkins. "Someone who sees needs that others might miss."

Jenkins described Smith as a person who strengthens the fabric of Harrison County with "compassion, consistency and an extraordinary need to help others."

Referencing her nomination letter,

Jenkins read aloud that, "Kendra does not seek recognition for her efforts; she simply sees a need and steps in to help."

In a video featuring Smith following the ceremony, she thanked the chamber and those around her.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to receive this award and grateful for this opportunity," opened Smith. "While I accept it with gratitude, I do so on behalf of a community that continues to inspire me."

Like any good award winner, Smith's acceptance speech nodded toward everyone else who just as easily could have walked away with the award.

"This recognition belongs to many

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Kendra Smith is all smiles after being named Citizen of the Year at the Community Impact Awards.



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Judge Executive Jason Marshall and James Wolfe unveil Veterans of the American Revolution 250th Anniversary bench.



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Harrison County High School student Harrison Hatter reads aloud names of local patriots who served in the Revolutionary War.

## Bench dedication honors Revolutionary War patriots

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On the afternoon of Saturday, March 28, a large crowd gathered on the hill overlooking Flat Run Veterans Park for the Sons of the American Revolution 250th Anniversary Bench Dedication - a bench honoring the 114 local patriots who fought in Revolution.

Among the crowd were members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Blue Licks Chapter, Ensign William Bates Chapter and Cynthiana Chapter, as well as local officials and citizens.

It was a day bright, cool and sunny day atop the old hill where remembrance was the word. Whether it was through Invocation and Benediction from Father Joe

Rielage of St. Edwards Catholic Church...whether it was the pledge of allegiance led by Louis Carmichael, Blue Licks Chapter 2nd Vice President (KYGSSR)...a 21-gun salute performed by the American Legion Harding Browning, Post 209...or even a reading of the story of the Revolutionary War by Donna Moore, Regent of the City of Cynthiana Chapter (NSDAR)...those who fought were remembered.

Several students from both the Harrison County Middle and High Schools, led by Will Lucky, took to the podium to read aloud the names of the 114 soldiers and patriots from the area who fought. The students who read were Peyton Simpson, Sophia Cabrera, Camille Clay, Ivy Thornton, Harrison Hatter, Kevin Jones and Ferris Torres.

Jane Evelyn Adams Whitehead of the Cynthiana Chapter (NSDAR) made a point of noting these soldiers as America's first veterans and that they don't get the



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Judge Executive Jason Marshall gathers and mixes with the crowd before the unveiling ceremony.

recognition earned.

"Don't forget your first veterans," stated Whitehead. "The revolutionary war! That's who your first veterans are! So they deserve honor that they do not get."

Former President of the Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Guzelowski, showed up in Revolutionary War era attire to speak on the event.

"We're in a beautiful place and we're doing a beautiful thing," opened Guzelowski.

"One of the most important things that's gonna happen today is we're going to hear some names. There are gonna be some names on that bench. Ernest Hemingway said 'A man dies two times: once when he dies physically and once when his name is never said again.' So today the names are gonna be said again and we are going to make these patriots immortal."

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## Good Friday and Easter services planned

The following Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services have been planned by local churches:

The final Lenten morning prayer service at Cynthiana Presbyterian Church will be at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1. The short, contemplative service is in the chapel. At the conclusion, all are invited to the Main Cup for coffee, pastry (on the church), and a time of fellowship.

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, there will be a simple service in the chapel with readings focusing on John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved

you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Readings, hymns, the Lord's Supper, and a promise the story will continue...

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Greg Kupar (interim pastor Cynthiana Presbyterian Church), 859-312-0437. The church is located at 103 North Main Street.

Calvary Assembly of God will be holding a Good Friday service at noon on April 3. The church is located at 325 Webster Avenue.

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## Fiscal court OKs mutual aid agreement

BY DEVON WILLIAMS  
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On the evening of Tuesday, March 24, the Harrison County Fiscal Court gathered at the old courthouse for its final meeting of the month.

Things started off with the usual call to order, prayer and pledge before a vote to approve minutes from the previous meeting was had and passed.

With no old business to discuss, the meeting went straight to the new business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Judge-Executive Jason Marshall made a motion to consider approval to pay a training incentive to Christy Barnes, Sheriff, in the amount of \$1,361.32. The motion passed.

Next on the agenda was a motion to consider approval to Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. EMA Director Joey Nelson was in attendance to discuss the matter prior to a vote.

"The way things work right now if there's a disaster outside of Harrison County there has to be mutual aid

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