

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### CYNTHIANA-HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Library Hours**  
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
All library programs are free unless otherwise noted. Call (859) 234-4881, visit the website or visit the library to reserve your spot at any activity requiring pre-registration.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Lego Club**  
Wednesday, May 27 at 5 p.m. All youth ages are invited to let their creativity shine with this building program! Complete a challenge and receive a small prize!

### Story Times

Thursday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**Gaming Unplugged**  
Friday, May 29, 3:45 p.m. Teens are invited to play a game with Jaelyn the last Friday of the month. Snacks will be provided.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Chair Yoga**  
Wednesday, May 27; Fridays, May 22, 29 at 10 a.m. Relax, rejuvenate, and revitalize! Designed for all ages and abilities, chair yoga offers a gentle yet effective way to experience the benefits of yoga without ever leaving your seat.

### Evening Book Group

Tuesday, May 26, at 5 p.m. "One For the Money" by Janet Evanovich. Pick up a copy from the front desk.

### Book Group

Thursday, May 28, at 11:30 a.m. "Thing You Save in a Fire" by Katherine Center. Pick up a copy at the front desk.

### Gary Philpott Memorial Softball Tournament

HMH Foundation will be hosting the May 30 tournament at River Road Park. Proceeds benefit the HMH Cardiology Program. Entry fee is \$200 for 8U and 9U; \$225 for 10U; and \$300 for HSD. Contact Ashley Gaunce at 859-588-7017 or Adam Wainscott at 859-953-1700.

### Harrison County Health Fair

The Health Fair will be at the Harrison County Middle School (back entrance) on Thursday, June 4, from 7-11 a.m. The event features free testings and screenings, including balance risk assessment, blood pressure, blood tests for triglycerides, blood sugar and thyroid-stimulating hormones, body fat analysis, colorectal cancer kits and education, diabetes risk screening, height and weight, lung cancer screening education and questionnaire, pulse oximetry, stroke risk assessment, vision screening, cardiac risk assessment and more. The event is free and open to anyone, not just residents of Harrison County.

### Longest Day of Play

This free annual event, hosted by HMH, takes place Thursday, June 18, at Flat Run Veterans Park from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come celebrate the official beginning of summer! The first 100 children age 2-12 will receive a gift. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not arrive before 6:15.

### Special Needs

### Parents of Cynthiana

The next meeting of Special Needs Moms of Cynthiana will be Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at the Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library.

This is a support group for mothers with special needs children. Parents are invited to vent, talk about how we advocate for our kids, or just listen to other parents.

### TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS meets every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at Elmarsh Methodist Church, corner of S. Elmarsh & Lair. Call or Text Trudy Kelly for more information, (859) 954-0344.

### Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum is open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### The 1949 Red Cookbook

Stop by the Harrison County Extension Office and pick up your copy featuring some of Harrison County's finest Homemakers' most delicious recipes. Cost is \$5.

### Kiwanis Club

The Cynthiana Kiwanis Club is looking for new members to help develop a plan to serve and impact the future with ideas and initiatives. Contact [kiwanisclubofcynthiana@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubofcynthiana@gmail.com) or Robbie Morris at (859) 420-2307. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Biancke's Restaurant.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

In-person meetings will be held Wednesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. at 118 North Walnut Street, Cynthiana. For more information call (859) 559-5368.

### Pop Cans for Humane Society

The Harrison County Humane Society is collecting pop cans to help cover the cost of the spaying and neutering of animals in Harrison County. The trailer is located in the Save a Lot parking lot.

### Pop Cans:

**Cynthiana Baptist Church**  
The church is collecting pop cans and aluminum for service ministry. There is a bin in the parking lot at 212 E. Pleasant St., Cynthiana.

### Free Exercise Oncology Class

Harrison Memorial Hospital offers a free exercise oncology class every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at HMH The Cottages. The class is designed for cancer patient and survivors to aid in recovery.

The class is eligible for HMH Care-A-Van services. If you would like a free ride call 859-298-2700.

Participants must have physician's clearance prior to starting the class.

### Harrison County Clothing Closet

Now taking phone orders with curbside delivery at this time. Phone is (859) 943-9325. Hours are Monday and Wednesday

from noon to 4 p.m. No vouchers are required.

Monetary donations may be mailed to HCCC at P.O. Box 124, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

### Harrison County Food Pantry

The food pantry is open on Wednesdays, from noon-3 p.m. It is located at 304 North Locust Street.

### Hope's Helping Hands Food Bank

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-4 p.m. at 120 S. Walnut St.

For more information call 859-235-HOPE. Hope's Helping Hands is an agency member of God's Pantry.

### Flora Shropshire Animal Shelter

Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Any day except Tuesday, there's an open invitation to come have Coffee with Cats. Hang out with the felines in the renovated cat room and enjoy a cuppa.

The shelter also offers a Borrow-a-Buddy program every day except Tuesday. "Check out" a dog from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and give him or her a chance to get out of the shelter and spend a day having new experiences.

To learn more or to reserve a dog, call 859-234-7138. Participants must be at least 18 and have a valid I.D.

### Narconon

Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with heroin and other opiates being the largest contributor. If your loved one is struggling with drug abuse, now is the time to get them the help they need.

To learn more about the signs and dangers of heroin addiction by visiting [www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drugrehab](http://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drugrehab). Addiction Screenings: Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals at 1-800-431-1754.

# Graduates are booing pep talks on AI at college commencements

BY HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH AND JOCELYN GECKER  
AP EDUCATION WRITERS

As artificial intelligence casts a shadow over career prospects, it is becoming an unwelcome subject at this season's college commencements. At several campuses, graduates have interrupted speakers with stadium-wide boos when the topic turned to AI.

Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt faced repeated jeers over the weekend during his keynote address to about 10,000 University of Arizona graduates on the rise of AI.

"It will touch every profession, every classroom, every hospital, every laboratory, every person and every relationship you have," Schmidt said, as booing began to build in the audience.

"I know what many of you are feeling about that. I can hear you," Schmidt responded as the boos continued. "There is a fear in your generation that the future has already been written, that the machines are coming, that the jobs are evaporating ... and I understand that fear."

To students the topic felt tone deaf, said Olivia Malone, a 22-year-old University of Arizona graduate bound for law school.

"His speech was incredibly disrespectful to students," said Malone. "We as students are discouraged from using it and penalized for using it. And then to have our speaker be the champion of AI is just like, OK? Why?"

Similar responses to keynote speakers who touched on AI at other universities highlight a pervasive sense of anxiety among today's college



Jonathan Brady/Pool Photo via AP

**Former CEO of Google, Eric Schmidt speaks during the International Investment Summit in London, Oct. 14, 2024.**

students.

### POLLS SHOW GROWING CONCERN THAT AI WILL DOOM CAREER PLANS

Across campuses and in a multitude of recent surveys, students say they are trying to figure out which skills, majors and jobs won't be rendered useless by AI.

About 70% of college students see AI as a threat to their job prospects, according to a 2025 poll by the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School.

A recent Gallup poll of Generation Z youth and adults, between ages 14 and 29, found increasingly negative attitudes toward AI. About half of Gen Z teens and adults say they use AI daily or weekly. But anger about the technology has increased since a year ago, while excitement and hopefulness about AI is declining.

Another speaker, real

estate executive Gloria Caulfield, also faced boos when she highlighted the advent of artificial intelligence during a keynote this month at the University of Central Florida.

"The rise of artificial intelligence is the next industrial revolution," Caulfield said, as boos erupted, to her surprise. She turned around to ask those behind her, "What happened?"

"OK, I struck a chord. May I finish?" said Caulfield, who is vice president of strategic alliances at the Tavistock Development Company in Orlando.

## EMPLOYMENT

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Harrison County Fiscal Court is now accepting applications for the full-time position of Cynthiana-Harrison County Parks & Recreation Assistant Director. Applications may be obtained online at [www.harrisoncounty-fiscalcourt.com/news&info](http://www.harrisoncounty-fiscalcourt.com/news&info). Applications can also be obtained at or mailed to: Harrison County Fiscal Court, 111 S. Main St., Ste 201, Cynthiana, KY 41031. Applications will be accepted until 4:00p.m. on June 18, 2026. An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D.



New Phased Harrison County High School Phase 2  
Cynthiana, KY  
BG 22-392

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### INVITATION TO BID

**Project:**  
New Phased Harrison County High School Phase 2  
Cynthiana, KY

**Owner:**  
Harrison County Board of Education  
308 Webster Avenue  
Cynthiana, KY 41031

### Project Description:

The New Phased Harrison County High School Phase 2 project will be for the construction of a new 216,300 SF two story building constructed of Insulated Concrete Form (ICF), Structural Steel, Reinforced Concrete Block, Aluminum Storefront and Curtain-wall Systems. The exterior envelope materials consist of a combination of utility size brick veneer, calcium silicate full bed building stone, cast stone, glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC) and an EPDM Roof System. Interior materials consist of a combination of Terrazzo, Wood Sports Flooring, Luxury Vinyl Tile Plank, Ceramic Tile and Resinous Flooring. Ceiling systems will include Suspended Acoustical Baffles, Suspended Acoustical Ceiling Tiles with the primary system being exposed painted structure. The Harrison County High School will have a 3000 seat Gymnasium and an Auditorium that will serve as an ICC-500 Rated Tornado Shelter.

### Bid Date:

Trace Creek Construction, Inc. will receive bids for the New Phased Harrison County High School Phase 2 project on **Thursday May 21, 2026 by 2:00 PM ET for the Re-Bid of Bid Package #05 Aluminum Entrances, Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Glazing.** Bid opening will be held at the Harrison County Board of Education located at 308 Webster Avenue, Cynthiana, KY 41031. If a bidder wishes to mail a bid, it should be mailed to the Harrison County Board of Education, 308 Webster Avenue, Cynthiana, KY 41031 to the attention of Trace Creek Construction, Inc. Mailed bids must be received prior to the above-mentioned time and date. All bids received prior to the closing time will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late bids shall not be acknowledged and will be returned unopened to the contractor. The bids shall be guaranteed for a period of sixty days and no bid may be withdrawn prior to the sixty-day period.

There will be no pre-bid meeting.



**INVITATION TO BID**  
The Harrison County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for:

Gasoline, Diesel, and Off Road Diesel

Sealed bids will be opened on:

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. EDST**  
Specifications may be obtained at the Administration Building, 308 Webster Avenue, Cynthiana, KY 41031 From 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily.  
Contact: Bill Blackburn  
859-234-7110, ext 3226 or 859-954-1127

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Mr. Ed Taylor, Chairperson  
Dr. Harry Burchett, Superintendent



**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Unincorporated Areas of Harrison County, Kentucky, Case No. 25-04-5682P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp), or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

# Upcoming Auctions!

Saturday June 6th

2 Auctions - 1 Day!! 10:00am & 12:00pm

10:00AM

42 Ky Hwy 982

Attention Investors and Flippers!

On Location

12:00PM

248 N. Church St.

Excellent location just off of US 27S on Edgewater Pike. 1988 14x68 single-wide mobile home on a 0.48+/- acre lot

Brick home with 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath, living room, kitchen, dining room, laundry room and full basement. Gas furnace.

**Preview: Both properties on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-4:00PM**

## MORE UPCOMING AUCTIONS!!

**Auction dates to be announced soon!**  
*Watch for ads coming soon and visit our website for details and photos!!!*

- 303 Gunnell Road, Georgetown KY** 4BR-2BA house on a 5+/- acre lot
- 405 Chestnut Street, Georgetown KY** 2 story home with basement
- 111 Sheppard Court, Georgetown KY** Moonlake Subdivision
- 115 Second Street, Cynthiana KY** 2 bedroom, 1 bath home

Please visit these websites for up to date information:  
[www.switzerassoc.com](http://www.switzerassoc.com) & [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com)

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