

Pleas from the pound



Meet Betsy! This beautiful 5-year-old Border Collie mix is looking for a family to call her own. At 63 pounds, she’s the perfect size for adventures or relaxing at home. Betsy is ready to leave shelter life behind and start her next chapter with someone who will love her forever. Come meet this sweet girl, you just might find your new best friend!



Lincoln
Meet Lincoln! This handsome 4-year-old Heeler mix weighs 55 pounds and is ready to find a home of his own. Lincoln is a fun-loving guy with plenty of personality, but he has one very important request: absolutely no cats! He says they’re suspicious little creatures, and he’d prefer to keep them off his guest list. If you’re looking for a loyal companion in a cat-free home, Lincoln is ready to be your new best friend!



Thunder
Meet Thunder! At just 6 months old and 45 pounds, this handsome pup is still growing into the amazing dog he’s meant to be. Thunder can be a little nervous when meeting new people, but give him a little patience and kindness, and you’ll quickly see his sweet personality shine through. He’s looking for a family who will help build his confidence and show him just how great life can be. If you’re willing to give him a chance, Thunder will reward you with a lifetime of loyalty and love.



Kia
Meet Kia! This sweet 8-year-old girl weighs 64 pounds and has been in and out of the shelter since November 5, 2025—through absolutely no fault of her own. She deserves so much more than a life of uncertainty. Kia is hoping someone will finally give her the forever home she’s been waiting for, where she’ll never have to wonder where she belongs again. Could you be the one to give this deserving girl the happy ending she’s been waiting for?

More Zooms, fewer prisoner transports save county money

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

On the evening of Tuesday, July 14, the Harrison County Fiscal Court gathered for their first meeting of the month. After the standard call to order, prayer, pledge and roll call by the court, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Jason Marshall to approve minutes from the previous meeting, which carried. With no old business on the agenda to discuss, the meeting moved straight to the new. New Business -The first item of new business to discuss was a

matter of record, being the second quarter of 2026 Jailer’s Report. Marshall read that 57 arrestees were transported in the second quarter, 14 of which were transported to district court while 37 Zoom conference calls took the place of in-person court appearances. “That’s something we’ve been talking about for the past three years,” noted Marshall. “Pushing more Zoom and less transportation. So with the good work of the current jailer and the new judges in the courtroom, we are successful with getting more Zoom.” The number of inmates transported to circuit court

was 89 in the second quarter, with 26 inmates Zooming into court. There were 29 inmates transferred to other facilities. “I’m real happy with the progress we’re seeing with the Zoom,” reiterated Marshall. “I feel like that’s saving the county tax payers money and less liability on the county transporting prisoners up and down the road. So real happy with this report.” -Marshall made a motion to hire Jeff Delong as the assistant parks and recreation director with a salary of \$40,000 per year. “We held interviews this last week with the Person-

nel Committee,” noted Marshall. “We had four excellent interviews. We had a good discussion, a tough decision, but looks like coming out of the personnel committee Jeff Delong is the candidate we’ll be voting on tonight.” Delong’s hiring was approved, with Lourena Judy and Brad Yearsley casting “no” votes. Committee Reports -The Road Committee reported that most of the county spraying has been done, and that they’re still working on trees and low-hanging limbs. Marshall noted that the

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Planned restaurant at Ashford Acres jumps two hurdles Monday

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

A planned restaurant at Ashford Acres is two steps closer to becoming a reality after a pair of back-to-back meetings Monday, July 20. The Cynthiana Board of Adjustment held a special meeting at 4:30 p.m. to consider the request by Sonia Kirkman/Ashford Acres Inn for conditional use for a restaurant at 1801 KY Highway 36 East. The property is zoned Agricultural One. Anastasia Hicks, executive director of Ashford Acres, came before the board to voice the request. The inn has been in operation for 10 years on the nearly 64-acre property, she said. The proposed 4,900-square-foot restaurant would be built in the field adjacent to the existing parking lot. Hicks referred to the restaurant as a "daytime café" open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with special event hours from 5 to 11 p.m., the same hours as Ashford Acres. The restaurant will be open to the public. The structure will match the style of Ashford Acres' existing buildings, with white board and batten siding. Pine trees planted when the property was developed have matured, she said, and will provide a buffer for neighboring properties. Hicks expressed confidence that the existing parking should be adequate. The board recommended the approval of the conditional use request on the condition

the restaurant would not have a significant impact on adjoining properties. Following the board of adjustment meeting, the Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Joint Planning Commission held their regular monthly meeting. After Brian Cannup announced that the board of adjustments had approved the conditional use request, Hicks again read her description of the planned restaurant. A discussion about water and sewer lines ensued. Planning and Zoning Administrator Bonnie Skinner said Thoroughbred Engineering had submitted a letter assuring the site would be evaluated and steps taken to make sure solutions for stormwater runoff would be provided, if necessary. The property is already on county water. Their plan is to run a sewer extension for the restaurant to the city sewer on Cherry Lane. Cynthiana Mayor Isaac Dailey confirmed in an email that Ashford Acres will be responsible for installing and maintaining the part of the sewer line on their property. "The City Commission has voted to work on an easement in Woodland Terrace to extend our line to their property line," he said. The commission approved the final development plan (FDP) with the addition of appropriate signature blocks, showing the area for stormwater drainage and noting on FDP of conditional use approval and removal of the manhole on the current plan.

Berry representative sought to fill planning commission seat

At Monday's Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Joint Planning Commission meeting, Attorney Brian Canupp pointed out that for a couple of months the board had been missing a critical component: an actual member from Berry. Regular meetings are the third Monday of each

month. Any Berry resident interested in stepping into this role to serve the community may contact Charlene Fuller at office@harrisonplanning.com or Bonnie Skinner at director@harrisonplanning.com or call (859) 234-7165.

Suspect caught in local robbery

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According to Cynthiana Police, a July 14 robbery at Gasser's Landscaping at 457 Oddville Avenue ended in an arrest by the Kentucky State Police. Jonathan Moore, 51, allegedly broke into the building to steal from the business' cash register. What helped lead to an arrest, according to Assis-

tant Chief of Police Robert Peak, was security camera footage showing the masked intruder pulling down their mask for a quick smoke break. Kentucky State Police Post 6 confirmed Moore is being charged with alleged third-degree burglary and alleged first-degree criminal mischief. The incident is still under investigation.

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