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Movies Are Medicine Matinee

The next movie in the Medicine Matinee Series at Rohs Opera House will be Wednesday, Oct. 7 Showtime for "Father of the Bride" is 1:30 p.m. The movie is free to all seniors 60 and older. Free popcorn and a drink are included.

The individual sponsor of the movie is Leesburg Christian Church. The series is co-sponsored by Rohs Opera House and Bluegrass Care Navigators. Thanks also to producing sponsors WEDCO District Health Department, Cynthiana Lions Club, Cedar Ridge Health Campus and Harrison County Senior Citizens & Adult Day.

Next up in the series on Oct. 21 will be "The Ghost & Mr. Chicken."

South Fork Artists Collective Open Mic

The South Fork Artists Collective will be hosting their first-ever event, Open Mic Night, Friday, Oct. 9, from 5-9 p.m. at Maiden City Brewing. The mic opens at 6 p.m. for anyone with something to share, whether it's poetry, vocal or instrumental music, a dramatic performance or a stand up comedy routine.

That Big Guys BBQ will be donating 10% of their proceeds that night to South Fork Artists Collective, so bring your appetite!

Final weekend for play at Rohs

This is the final weekend for the Rohs Theatre Company's latest stage production, the suspenseful spine-tingler "I'll Be Back Before Midnight," by playwright Peter Colley. Be prepared to go home and sleep with the lights on!

The final two showtimes are Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 27 at 3 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door of the Rohs Opera House and on their website.

Food Pantry Evening Hours

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Food Pantry will be offering evening hours Monday, Sept. 28, from 5:30-7 p.m. The food pantry is located at 304 Locust Street, Cynthiana. For more information call (859) 234-6817 or email deeannrup@gmail.com.



City receives tied high bids for 139 East Pike Street

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

On the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 15, the City of Cynthiana Board of Commissioners gathered at the Board of Education Office for their second meeting of the month.

After the standard call to order and quick invocation, Mayor Isaac Dailey made a motion to approve minutes from the Sept. 1, 2026 meeting, which carried.

LEGALS

The meeting began with a discussion of bids on the 139 East Pike Street property.

Bids were opened Sept. 4, with two high bids of \$60,000 and a third bid at \$17,400 and a fourth at \$5,051.51.

Dailey noted previously discussing what to do with two tied high bids with City Attorney John Lair, and they looked closely at KRS to see how to move forward.

Options include rejecting all bids and having people bid again; rejecting bids and having an auction for the property or asking the high-bidders to break the tie with another bid.

After some lengthy discussion, a motion was made to give the two high-bidders a chance to break the tie with a bid by 11 a.m. on Sept. 30, 2026, with bids to be opened that same day at 11:30 a.m. at the City Office. The motion carried.

Discussions were had on the prior day's opening of bids regarding sanitation.

Dailey reminded the board of a meeting between himself and Republic Services in July during

which he'd been informed of a rate increase on a new contract with them. As a result, it was decided to re-bid.

Rumpke bid in at \$29.50 for a three-year term. Republic Services bid in at \$24.50 with stipulation of a 5% increase per year.

"Both of those bids are very much along with the industry and today's time, they're right inside the ballpark," noted Dailey.

With the current contract ending Oct. 31, Dailey pushed for a decision to be made. After some discussion, the matter was tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

The first of two visitors at the Sept. 15 meeting was Garnett Furnish, who gave an annual update on the Cynthiana-Harrison County Economic Development Association.

"We've been very fortunate, and we are down now to 30 acres available at the Business Park," explained Furnish. The Business Park began in 1995 with approximately 200 acres.

They have purchased an additional 60 acres at the corner of the bypass. "We are one of six communities that secured a \$2,000,000 grant with a 15% match with the city and the county," noted Furnish.

With that grant, Furnish noted that they've already excavated both sides of the road and will work on turning lanes on both sides of the road with plans to go for bid on the work.

Nicole Roth from the Kentucky Heritage Counsel also spoke before the board about a certified local government program (CLG). This was a program Dailey had brought

up in a previous meeting, one connected to the Main Street Program and intended to help small town downtown areas.

Roth identified herself as the Site Identification Program Administrator for the Kentucky Heritage Counsel. She clarified for the crowd that their purpose has historically been to aid in economic development and to maintain and protect historic downtowns.

Dailey asked if being a certified local government and having the downtown commercial district already on the national registry open up those properties to any tax credits or benefits.

"Yes, being on the national register, it does," responded Roth. "Those buildings, those property owners, they're already eligible for those historic tax credits ... if Cynthiana is interested in becoming a CLG, it is a bit of a process but I will be there every step of the way and help you all get over the finish line if you so choose."

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Dailey made a motion to authorize to offer employment to an individual as a water distribution trainee, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements. The motion carried.

Dailey made another motion to authorize to sign construction contract with Devere Construction, Inc. for Fire Station #1 addition, which also passed.

Commissioner Mark Mattmiller of Public Property and Finance made a motion to pay the following bills: \$150,903 in the general fund and

\$63,564 in the water and sewer fund. The motion carried.

Mattmiller updated the board on cash in the bank: \$178,197 in the general fund, \$592,441 in the water and sewer fund and \$200,058 in the municipal road aid fund.

Commissioner Taylor Peoples of Police Safety made a motion to authorize to offer employment to an individual as a full-time certified police officer, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

Peoples also made a motion to authorize to offer employment to an individual as a full-time non-certified police officer recruit, contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements, which also carried.

Finally, Peoples made a motion to authorize to use DEA Asset Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Funds in the amount of \$540 to purchase a vehicle inverter utilized by Detective Jett for duties with the

DEA task force, which carried.

Commissioner Roger Slade made a motion to authorize to hire Julie McCord as a part-time non-certified telecommunicator, salary to commensurate with position. The motion carried.

Commissioner David Conner of Public Utilities and Works gave an update that with all of the downtown events going on as of late, they're behind on some things but have been catching up. They've hit some spots where draining systems have been stopped up, but otherwise Conner noted that things are really "running smooth."

Safety Day leaves an impression on fourth graders

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

Fourth graders from across Harrison County spent Friday, Sept. 18, at the fairgrounds for Safety Day. Organized by the Family Resource Youth Service Center, the annual event began back in the 1990s to teach students about how to stay safe in a variety of settings and situations.

Students traveled through a series of stations presented by a range of community partners, including Bullard, Blue Grass Energy, WEDCO, Kentucky State Police and local first responders.

High school FFA students also played a key role, shepherding the many small groups and leading tractor safety and fire safety.

Instead of just listening to lectures, students watched demonstrations and took part in hands on activities, leaving a real impression that could one day be life-saving.

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Betsy Smith

Fourth graders from Eastside examine the underside of a piece of farm equipment during Safety Day.

Witches Day Out is Saturday

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the annual Witches Day Out returns to Cynthiana. The free, family-friendly event takes places between the hours of noon and 7 p.m., with a Trunk or Treat, sponsored by the Central KY Mustang Association, occurring between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

There will be plenty of games, bouncy houses and attractions in general for the kids to partake in with a wide variety of food trucks populating the area as well (not to mention the fabulous, permanent eater-

ies scattered throughout).

A plethora of eclectic and not-so-eclectic vendors will be set up offering handcrafted goods, stones, crystals, clothing, metaphysical services and, of course, great quantities of amazing and unhealthy foods.

Costumes are encouraged—and for the first time there will be a contest this year.

South Main Street, North Main Street, East Pike Street, Court Street and a portion of South Walnut Street will be closed for the event.

EDA hosts forum on Workforce Solutions, HMH

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Economic Development Authority hosted an industry forum on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Harrison County Extension Office.

After enjoying a meal prepared by the Harrison County High School culinary students, attendees heard from business owner Anne Arnold-Ratliff, who recently opened Maime's Fine Wine and Gifts at 203 East Pike Street.

In addition to her retail offerings, she has begun offering cocktail classes. She also announced the eminent arrival of a cocktail slushee machine.

Sierra Cull, Workforce Solutions director for Maysville Community and Technical College, and Jennifer Owen, Workforce Solutions director at the Licking Valley Campus, addressed the audience on available programs.

Owen underscored the program's flexi-

bility to work with individuals and companies of all sizes and the ability to customize classes to meet needs. The program includes options like continuing education classes for licensing and technical training classes.

Workforce Solutions is all about flexibility, building specialty classes and taking classes on the road in addition to providing courses at LVC. Classes can be scheduled to fit a business's needs rather than the other way around.

Owen stressed the unique relational aspect of workforce development. "We want to be your continuing partner."

Lastly, Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) provided an update. CEO Kathy Tussey stated HMH remains one of the few independent hospitals in the state, which gives them the freedom to tailor programs to fit community needs rather

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