



Photos by Melissa Muse

A Little Free Library, donated by the Captain John Lillard Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, stands in front of the Williamstown City Building. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held July 31. From left: Joe Montgomery, Mayor Dave Henson, Robin Menefee, chapter regent; and Jessica Sager, chair of the chapter's Literacy Promotion Committee.

DAR installs Little Free Library at Williamstown City Building

Last Friday, July 31, the Captain John Lillard Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Little Free Library at the Williamstown City Building. The patriotically-themed library was created with assistance from veterans at the woodworking shop at Patriots Landing. With the goal of helping promote literacy for all ages, the library contains books for both adults and children. If you're in downtown Williamstown, swing by and check it out! New books will be rotated in on a quarterly basis.

The clever design of the new Little Free Library at the Williamstown City Building has two sections: the bottom holds books for children; the top contains books for adults.



Betsy Smith

United States of America's Miss, Karrington True, center, abandoned the judge's table to join the impromptu party at the Miss Grant County Fair Pageant on Monday. Here, she dances with "Big E." Thompson as 2025 Miss Grant County Fair Trinity Crow watches.

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into the fun-loving teens most of them still are. When scores were tabbed and the money in the People's Choice boxes counted, the 2025 Miss Grant County,

Sophia Dziech took her last walk ... and then the storm reached its height. Rain blew onstage and the sound system had to be shut down. 2025 Miss Grant County Fair, Trinity Crow, competed with the raging storm as she read her farewell to the audience. Spirits remained high as everyone crowded closer to the back wall of the amphitheater to get away from the

rain. It was hard to Stall announced the winners over the rain and thunder. As the final winners were announced the evening dissolved into the usual round of tears and hugs, backlit by lightning. As pageants go, this one will likely linger in participants' memories as unforgettable.

CASEY'S

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manufactured home on the parcel. Note: R zones are "stick built" homes; RR are "manufactured homes" as well as also including short term rental (STR) homes. It was noted these manufactured homes are "new" homes instead of traditional mobile homes. Leach said the landowner, Ronald Dotson, wants to use the property as "part of his retirement" and is "not planning on doing anything other than selling one or two of these residential lots just to pay his house off and live a little bit more comfortably. That's the whole intent." Leach said originally it was to be amending zoning to "RR Zone" but that was taking up too much property and "getting too close to his house." So the

request was adjusted to R1 to only sell an acre at a time instead of 1.5 acres. Grant County Planning Administrator Rebecca Ruholl explained R1 must be one acre (two of the lots) and RR must be three acres, as it is for a manufactured home. Leach said the owners did not intend to have STRs and would cite condition of no STR on the application. Landowner Paul Herbst spoke during the public hearing portion of the application and indicated he owns property adjacent to Dotson's property. He said there has been an "AirBnB" at the location "for several years." He said he is afraid the owners will have the zoning changed and then will put in more STRs. As well he indicated he "doesn't want to have a subdivision next door" to his home after 36 years. Ruholl said should there be the condition of no STRs on the amendment, this would prohibit such. How-

ever, Ruholl noted while the fiscal court usually approves the planning commission's recommendations; final approval/disapproval as well as additions/deletions of conditions are dependent on the will of the fiscal court. It was stated, should a future owner want to add an STR to any of the properties, they would have to refile a completely new application and go through the whole process from the beginning. Commission unanimously approved the amendments with the condition of no STRs to be on either Tract One or Tract Two. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24, or at the call of the chair. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse, 101 North Main Street Williamstown. For information contact County Planning Administrator Becky Ruholl at (859) 250-3753.



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