

# 'Winnie the Pooh,' Beginning Gardening and more

WEEKENDER FEB. 19 To 27

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The ice is melted and its time to leave the house and participate in all the events going on in Mercer County.

If you have a green thumb, or maybe you just wish you did, the Mercer County Extension office, located at 1007 Lexington Road, is hosting a beginning gardening basics on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn about seed starting, composting, common plant diseases and how to repel insects and pests. Spring will be here before you know it so get ready to plant!

Have a great weekend, Mercer County!

## Thursday, Feb. 19

• **Baby Tumble Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). For children aged 6 months to 18 months to develop their large motor skills, gain social interactions and enhance their cognitive development. Kid friendly climbing mats, sensory pads, a tunnel and more. A free play, come and go as you can program. No registration is required. Starts 10 a.m. in the Children's Activity Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **2026 Writer's Workshop at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Four-day workshop will include two paths: Prose or Poetry, led by former Kentucky Poet Laureate Silas House and current Kentucky Poet Laureate. Kathleen Driskell, Explore and develop their prose or poetry during workshops, readings, craft lectures and more. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Price: \$978. Prose is sold out, still four tickets available for poetry. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Stay Crafty: DIY Sugar Scrub at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Create your own DIY sugar scrub using simple ingredients, perfect for self-care or gifting. Hands-on program for teens and adults. Starts 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Indoor Recreational Pickleball League at Harrodsburg Community Center** (130 North College Street). Open to adults 18 and up. Round robin format. Ideal for beginners to intermediate. Starts 6 p.m. Fee: \$60, includes T-shirt and end of season medals. 859-734-9622 or harrodsburgcentermafew@gmail.com or Facebook @ Harrodsburg Community Center.

• **Karaoke with DJ Jay Iacona at Nan's Olde Town Grill and Game Room** (110 West Broadway). Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m. each Thursday. 859-605-2234 or Facebook @Olde Town Grill.

• **Live music by Ella Franklin at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by Miss Steaks Music starts 7 p.m. 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

• **Karaoke at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @ the Vault.

## Friday, Feb. 20

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• **PreSchool Storytime at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays and other activities for preschoolers aged 3-5 years. Starts 11 a.m. in the Children's Activity Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Winter Tree ID Workshop at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Preserve technician Judson Collins leads a workshop on how to identify trees without their leaves. Hours: 2 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$25 general admission, annual passholders receive a 20 percent discount. Walk will take place outdoors, rain or shine. Participants will traverse approximately one mile. All minors must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Tickets required for all hike attendees. Dogs not permitted. Registered attendees who book an overnight stay receive a 30 percent discount applied at checkout. Overnight stay must be for the date immediately preceding or succeeding the program. Discount applies to one night. Cannot be combined with other offers. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Friday Family Flicks: "Elio" at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). 2025 Pixar animated feature about Elio, a creative and imaginative kid who unexpectedly finds himself representing Earth at a galactic gathering. Snacks provided. Starts 6 p.m. in the Meeting Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Live drama: "Winnie-The-Pooh" at Ragged Edge Community Theatre** (111 South Main Street). Runs for two weeks, Friday through Sundays, starting Friday, Feb. 20. Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$15. raggededgetheatre.org or 859-734-2389.

• **Trivia at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 8 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @ the Vault.

## Saturday, Feb. 21

• **Beginner Gardening Basics at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Join the Boyle and Mercer County Horticulture Agents as they share information on gardening 101, seed starting, composting, common diseases and insect pests. Each

participant will go home with a new gardener kit. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

• **Stewardship Saturday at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Help battle erosion, clear invasive species and protect one of Central Kentucky's most popular outdoor spaces. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age. Volunteers will use hand tools including shovels and loppers, and should wear leather work gloves and sturdy, closed-toe shoes or work boots. All volunteers are eligible to receive 20 percent off an overnight stay (available the Thursday through Sunday nights of the stewardship weekend). Use promo



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## Sweet as honey and full of heart, the Hundred Acre Wood comes to life

PIGLET: "Pooh, what's the first thing you think of when you wake up in the morning?" POOH: ... "What's for breakfast?" Winnie the Pooh (Lincoln Wilson) and Piglet (Sadie Alvey) contemplate life's simple pleasures in RECT's production of Winnie the Pooh, opening this Friday, Feb. 20. The show runs through March 1. Tickets are \$15 each and can be reserved by visiting raggededgetheatre.org or by calling 859-734-2389.

code SSSAN when reserving your room. Volunteers will also receive a voucher for 20 percent off one meal at the Trustees' Table. Reservations recommended. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Cross Stitch Shaker Samplers at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Delve into needlework with a Shaker cross stitch sampler. All participants will receive a kit with all necessary materials (including embroidery hoop, needle, fabric, floss, and sampler chart). Participants should have a basic understanding of cross stitch. 1 - 5 p.m. Cost: \$90, annual passholders receive 20 percent discount. Registered attendees who book an overnight stay receive a 30 percent discount applied at checkout. (Overnight stay must be for the date immediately preceding or succeeding the program. Discount applies to one night. Cannot be combined with other offers.) This workshop is intended for participants aged 16+, although younger participants may be admitted on a case by case basis. All minors must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. 859-734-5411

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• **Naughty at Night at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Share stories about the naughtier side of Shaker life on this stroll through our historic buildings, which ends with some forbidden foods—including a cocktail. Tours at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Cost: \$30, annual passholders receive 20 percent discount. Registered attendees who book an overnight stay receive a 30 percent discount applied at checkout. (Overnight stay must be for the date immediately preceding or succeeding the program. Discount applies to one night. Cannot be combined with other offers.) Program covers approximately half a mile of graveled, level terrain and will climb and descend

## Sunday, Feb. 22

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• **Trivia at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Trivia starts 5 p.m. Food by Wake 'n' Bake. 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

## Monday, Feb. 23

• **4-H Art Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Open to youth nine years and older. RSVP required. Starts 5 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

## Tuesday, Feb. 24

• **Tween Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Tweens aged 8 to 12 can choose from a variety of fun activities to share with friends after school. Drop in for a snack, craft, game and more. Starts 3:30 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Teen Game Zone at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Teens aged 13 to 18 can choose from a variety of board games, card games, video games—pick your favorite and challenge your friends! Snacks available. Starts 3:30 p.m. in the Teen Area 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Cloverbud Cooking Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Free club open to youth 6-8 years old. 5:30-6:30 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

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• **Dart League at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Competition starts 6:30 p.m. (doors open 1 p.m.) 859-734-7791 or Facebook @ Lemons Mill.

## Wednesday, Feb. 25

• **Sing-O at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @ the Vault.

## Thursday, Feb. 26

• **Build a Better Bowl at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Hands-on adult program focused on creating delicious and nutritious one-bowl meals with guidance from Tara from the Mercer County Extension Office. Participants will learn simple tips for building balanced bowls using wholesome ingredients

that are easy to customize at home. RSVP required. Starts 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **Lunch Bunch Book Club at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Take a break, grab a snack (or bring your lunch) and dive into a good book. New members are welcome and copies are available to check out. This month's pick is "The Bullet that Missed" by Richard Osman. Starts 12 p.m. in the Meeting Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

• **4-H Natural Resources Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Youth will focus on forestry project. Leaf prints, leaf collections, compass and pacing, etc. 6-7 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

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## Friday, Feb. 27

• **Precision Dance Story Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Join us for a special February Dance Story Time with Precision Dance. Children will enjoy fun dance and movement activities along with stories, songs, and interactive play during our regular story time sessions. Toddler Tales 9:30 a.m. is for ages 18 months to 3 years old, and Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. is for ages 3-5, in the Children's Activity Room. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

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*Have any events planned? Let everyone know by posting it on the Weekend. Email events to rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com.*

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## Tourism

and whether it is a one-time event up to an annual event held 10 or more years;

• Budget points will be determined from the completeness of revenue and expenses provided, all required application information is submitted, and the percentage of the budget the tourism funding amounts to;

• Event/organization owns/operates year-round is based on whether the event/organization manages property and the amount of time over a year it operates. Connor Souder, sports

marketing director for the commission, said it was "time for a reset," explaining it would make funding more equitable over the organizations that request annual funding.

Gray reported that the request for qualifications for a hotel feasibility study had been advertised and that multiple firms had responded. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 27. The study would provide a market analysis of the types of accommodations Mercer County needs, along with demographics of who is staying in Mercer

County versus those choosing to stay in surrounding areas.

The study will provide information needed by hotel/motel chains to evaluate the potential of Mercer County. There are currently three firms requesting the information. The cost of the study is estimated between \$20,000 to \$40,000.

In other business:

• **Billy Rankin, CEO of Shaker Village**, presented how HMCTC's funding was used to market its six signature events held from March through December. Rankin

reported that the \$20,000 spent on marketing generated \$292,000 in profit for Shaker Village. Rankin also reported that in the spring, Shaker Village will begin its largest preservation project since the 1970s.

• **Mercer County Senior High student Sadie Peavler** was hired as the student intern.

• **Approved a revision to the bylaws to remove specific committees.**

• **Events Coordinator Kaitlyn Harder** reported Oktoberfest dates will be Sept. 18, 19 and 20. Quotes

for the festival's stage and lighting have been requested. Information requests for bands and vendors have been sent out, and meetings were held with the Harrodsburg Rotary Club for them to continue beer sales.

• **Tabled a vote on purchasing flowers, flags and wreaths for downtown** until business owners were asked for their input on adding flower pots in front of their storefronts. Board Member Leigh Lopez also asked that visuals be submitted to the board on what the pots and flags would look like.

• **Discussed how to proceed with restaurants** behind in submitting restaurant tax. The board agreed that procedures and a timeline needed to be established, and legal counsel should be questioned on when the past-due amounts could be submitted for collection or prosecution.

The next regular meeting of the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 9 a.m. at the Diamond Point Welcome Center (488 Price Avenue).