'Winnie the Pooh,' Make a Shaker Foot Stool and more

Weekender Feb. 26 To March 4

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It's not too late to catch "Winnie the Pooh" for it's last weekend at Ragged Edge. Shaker Village is hosting a foot stool taping class and you get to take your completed stool home! Visit their website to sign up for the class.

Have a great weekend, Mercer County!

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.

• **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 Von Sutherland at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by The Sandwich Shop 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. 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.

• **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. 28

• **Baby Tumble Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). For children ages 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. 859-734-3680 or mercerpublic.org.

.• **Geologic Walk through Town at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Walk through millions of years of geologic time as you descend along the river road into the Kentucky River Palisades. Our guides will show how the geology of the region has shaped what we see above ground today. Cost: $25, 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 walk will take place outdoors, rain or shine. Participants will traverse approximately 3 miles. All minors must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Tickets required for all hike attendees. 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

• **Shaker Foot Stool Taping at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). The Shakers used a distinctive material for crafting seats on chairs, footstools and settees, colorful, woven strips of cotton or wool known as "tape" or "listing." In this workshop, is a hands-on introduction to the art of chair taping and by the end of the afternoon you'll walk away with a completed footstool. No experience necessary and all materials provided. Participants will be proved with different colors of tape to choose. 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.) 859-734-5411 or shakervillageky.org.

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• **Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Food by Bishops Smash Burger. 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

• **Live music by Corey O'Donnell at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Music starts 8-11 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

• **4-H Outdoor Explorers Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Open to youth nine years and older. 3:30-5 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

Tuesday, March 3

• **Teen Craft Corner 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 After School 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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Wednesday, March 4

• **4-H Teen Club at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Free club open to middle school and high school students. 3:30-5 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension or dana.anderson@uky.edu.

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

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

Fiscal court accepts bid for roof repair to courthouse

April Ellis
Herald Staff

The Mercer County Fiscal Court held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. at the courthouse.

Employees at the Mercer County Courthouse will be glad to know that a roofing bid was accepted from Roof Linx of Indiana for $129,724 to put on a new roofing system. Currently, the vault in the county clerk's office and the PVA offices have substantial leaks.

Magistrate Tim Darland asked if a robot would be used in the process. Roof Linx representative Tevin Wolf said they have a robot to meld the seams and that the roof will have a 20-year warranty when finished.

Under departmental reports, Brad Cox, director of Emergency Management, handed information detailing the protocol changes for the storm siren. Cox said that after meeting with several other groups and hearing citizens' concerns, the siren will no longer be used for severe thunderstorm warnings but only for tornado warnings or severe thunderstorms capable of producing destructive straight-line winds or strong rotation. Cox said storm warning notices will continue to be sent through Hyper Reach. Judge Executive Sarah Steele reminded the court that the Hyper Reach link is available on the Fiscal Court's website at mercercounty.ky.gov or by texting "alerts" to 859-350-6655. Cox will also release the information on Emergency Management's Facebook page.

The Fiscal Court was also joined by Burgin and Mercer's FFA groups. The court proclaimed Feb. 21-28 as FFA Week in Mercer County.

In other business:

• In magistrate reports, Magistrate Susan Barrington presented numbers from the Kentucky Farm Bureau on the number of farm acres lost in Kentucky and the United States.

• Approved the purchase of a GMC C7500/Snow Plow for the road department, surplus by the state, for $17,000.

• Approved the purchase of a GMC C6500 Flat Bed for the solid waste water department for $13,5000. Magistrates Pete Elliott and Darland voted against the purchase, citing concerns that the truck was a gas engine rather than a diesel.

• Accepted a bid from the local cleaning company, C2 Facility Services, for $6,489 for monthly cleaning of the judicial center, pending vetting and approval from the AOC.

• Judge Steele reported that the installation of the broadband had been delayed due to the ice storm, but trucks belonging to the contractor Congruence should be in the community soon to start installation. Darland questioned the depth of the lines being installed and reminded the court that the contract requires installation to be completed by the end of December 2026.

• Judge Steele gave the quarterly report of inmates transported that fall within the Mercer County Fiscal Court budget. Sheriff Kelty also added the transport information for what his office is responsible for. The state reimburses his transportation expenses for his office. Darland commended Steele for the work she has done for the jailer's office, while Mercer County Jailer Brett Chamberlain is out due to health issues.

• Agreed for Steele to sign a statement of work agreement with the state to update the fiscal court website platform.

• Approved paying an insurance reimbursement for storm damage to Anderson Dean Community Park.

• Approved second reading and adoption of ordinance 2026-02 for budget amendment related to insurance proceeds and a Bluegrass Area Development grant.

• Approved Steele to sign a grant application for $19 million dollars from the BUILD program.

• Approved hiring Nicholas Wilson as a part-time solid waste position at $15 per hour, dependent on passing the pre-employment screening.

The next regular meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, at 10 a.m.

Park board takes first look at its annual budget

April Ellis
Herald Staff

The Anderson Dean Park Board held its regularly called meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The board reviewed its over $831,600 budget.

Park Board executive director Stephen Ransdell continues to work on park improvements that have been neglected in past years. The board made budget adjustments to fund a $37,800 irrigation pump system for the soccer and baseball fields. The cost does not include replacing sprinkler heads and there are approximately 200 heads. Judge Executive Sarah Steele suggested that Ransdell reach out to the City of Harrodsburg CAO, Stacy Maynard, about matching-fund park grants that include watering uses. Other adjustments included increasing the monthly equipment lease payment from $1000 to $1300.

Additional maintenance projects include installing and inspecting the lighting panel for the softball field and wiring the external switch. Ransdell estimated the cost to be no more than $7500. A safety barrier will be installed around the panel, and Ransdell reported it would cost no more than $3,000.

Work is also being done to improve the Hitachi/Astemo shelter house, and Astemo is funding part of the improvements. They did request an automated locking and security system for the restroom doors that will lock when the park is closed. The cost is approximately $8,000.

Steele said $30,000 was also included in the new budget for road and parking lot maintenance. She said it was important to repair what they could each year.

In other business:

• Approved a storyboard project with the Mercer County Public Library. The project would include 20 boards with story pages, so families could walk a portion of the track and read the story as they went. The story would be changed seasonally and would cost approximately $1000.

• Eight soccer goals had been delivered and Ransdell is working with the Mercer Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) to build the goals.

• Approved improvements to the pitching mounds on the baseball fields used by Little League, with partial funding coming from Little League.

• Learned that two of the bathrooms had not been winterized properly and the contractor would cover the cost of the sinks and urinals that were damaged.

• Their audit was expected to be done on time. Park secretary Robin Reed said copies of invoices, equipment leases, meeting minutes, etc. had been requested and provided.

• Steele reminded the board of funding deadlines for the City of Harrodsburg, Fiscal Court and the Tourist Commission.

The next meeting of the Anderson-Dean Community Park board will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at noon, in the Lions' Club Shelter.

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From 1A

The commission heard from Tharan Green, president of Mercer Transformation, and Cherie Chamberlain, secretary of Mercer Transformation, about loading zone issues in front of Mercer Transformation, located at 132 N. Main Street. Chamberlain said neighbors had complained to police officers about vehicles parking in the yellow zone in front of the office. She explained that the vehicles were there only long enough to unload and asked whether a loading zone sign could be installed.

"We don't use the spots frivolously," said Chamberlain.

Mayor Bob Williams said Street Department Supervisor Frank Lukitsch would inspect the site and report back to the commission and Commissioner Marvin "Bubby" Isham said they could continue to use the zone to unload.

In other business:

•Heard from Emergency Management Director Brad Cox that protocols for the early warning siren are going to change to no longer include severe storms but only tornadoes and storms predicted to have straight-line winds up to 60 or 70 miles per hour or potential for strong rotation. The siren is tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon.

• Approved March 9, at 5:30 p.m., for the public hearing for citizens to voice suggestions on what streets will be repaved. Citizens will have until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 6, to email City Clerk Shavonna Huffman at shuffman@harrodsburgky.gov or call 859-734-2383 ext 103 to speak at the hearing.

CAO Stacy Maynard noted that, as part of the agreement with the water project, Linden Avenue will have to be one of the streets milled and repaved and could take up to half of what is budgeted for paving.

• Maynard praised the work of Shelby Lewis for using multiple applications to post job openings in City Hall, noting they had several diverse applicants for multiple openings. "Those are big wins for the City," said Maynard.

Also praised the efforts of Kimberly McGrath in collecting delinquent net profit, business license fees and occupational license fees. City Attorney Norrie Currens noted that city ordinances needed to be reviewed to "put some teeth" into the language and assist in collecting the fees.

• Approved road closures for: trick or treating on Main Street on Oct. 31; Friday Nights on Main on April 17, May 8, June 12, July 10 and Aug. 7; ATOM Fest on May, 16; Oktoberfest on Sept. 18-20, Jazz Festival Kick-off on Oct. 2; Christmas on Main on Dec. 4 and Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.

• Gave first reading of ordinance 2026-04 to update the City of Harrodsburg pay scale and repeal ordinance 2012-13 amending appendix C personnel policies and procedures other, compensation-classification plan.

• Accepted the resignation of Police Officer Zachary Carrico effective Feb. 11, or his last day worked.

The next scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, March 9, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information can be found online at harrodsburgky.gov.

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