

Shaker Village celebrates spring with 'Farmily' events

Every spring Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill expands its "farmily" with the arrival of new baby animals. This year the Village is celebrating these new arrivals with special Saturday events. These events are designed for families to get outside, have fun and make memories.

This year, the fun begins with an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by LG&E and KU on Saturday, April 4, for kids aged 12 and under. Egg hunters will search for the golden prize egg while collecting candy along the way. In addition to the hunt, guests will meet baby farm animals, make crafts and take a pony ride. Food trucks will be on hand, and the Shaker Village Bar will be open for adults. Purchase tickets online in advance at the early bird rate for \$8-\$16, ages two and under can participate for free.

Make your Easter weekend complete by joining us for your Easter Sunday meal at the Trustees' Table on April 5, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. You'll have an entrée choice and a selection of homemade desserts. A children's menu is also available. Reservations are required and may be made online or by calling 859-734-5411.

Family Farm Days and Brunch with the Babies sponsored by LG&E and KU will be held on Saturday April 11, 18 and 25. The Family Farm Days portion of the event runs from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. with the pur-

chase of a daily admission ticket, free-\$20, onsite at the welcome center. Guests will meet lambs, kids, chicks, calves and many more baby animals. The event will also include activity stations, sheep shearing, hay wagon rides, pony rides, story time and other surprises.

Guests looking to include food with their experience won't be disappointed. Tickets for Brunch with the Babies at the Trustees' Table restaurant are available ranging from free for ages five and under to \$33. This popular kid-friendly brunch buffet or continental breakfast includes admission to Family Farm Days. Additional food options will be available onsite at a grab-and-go breakfast stand and takeaway sandwiches, salads, chips and sweets will be on offer at the Post Office Shop.

Shaker Village
Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. With 34 original Shaker structures, the site is home to the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Onsite services at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill include overnight accommodations, dining and catering services, three craft shops, exhibitions, a farm and gar-

den area and 1,200 acres of restored native prairie. For more information, please visit shakervillageky.org.



Photo Submitted
Above families enjoy meeting the farm animals and their babies. Below several children grabbed their baskets and hunted Easter eggs.



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Mackville Boosters

Maria Wheeler & Barbara Best
Guest Columnist

Just when everything seems perfect and nothing could go wrong, then you are tossed onto your bottom, wondering what happened - Winter hasn't left us yet. There are windy times ahead. The Boosters enjoyed another delicious meal. We visit, share and eat every Wednesday at noon. Hope to see you there.

The next Drive-Thru din-

ner will be Saturday, April 18. The meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger.

We have Mackville Cookbooks for \$8 each. The books are full of excellent recipes.

The Washington County Public Library Bookmobile will be here every other Wednesday at noon.

Mackville Community sympathy for the family of Donald Weakley and the family of Mary Reves.

Prayers for Dot Carey, Perry White, Bobby Brady, Diana Wohner, Brenda Carrico, Justin Reynolds, Carolyn and Clifton Weakley, Linda Anderson, June Green, Freddie Stumph, and Leon Chance.

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Despite constant complaints about city streets on social media, no one showed up for a special-called public meeting on March 9 to discuss the use of Municipal Aid Funds for street paving. At Monday's meeting, Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard asked if the commissioner had anything to add to the list. Commissioner Marvin "Bubby" Isham suggested Sleepy Hollow, which is partially a county road. Mayor Bob Williams said there are holes on the street capable of swallowing a dog or a small child. Williams moved to approve the list of five LARP streets and the seven streets suggested by the city's public works department.

"We're getting bids to see what we can afford," the mayor said. He said the city may be able to work on other streets if funds remain after the list is addressed. The commission voted unanimously to approve the street paving list.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Received their annual report from the Harrodsburg Tree Board. Board members Ruth Webb and Jessica Bessin handed out a booklet to the commissioners. The tree board is requesting \$5,000 from the city for the upcoming budget.

"Most of our budget is for purchasing trees," said Webb, who said the board has an ambitious planting schedule for 2026. The board's goal is to plant 60 trees over the year. The board has planted 15 flowering cherry trees along the walking path at Anderson-Dean Community Park. The board will host an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18, at West Lane Park (345 West Lane).

"We have a very full agenda," Webb said.

Last year, the board planted 40 native fruit trees—including pawpaw and hazelnut—and replaced 22 dead maple trees at Anderson-Dean, replacing them with willow oak, Shumard oak, Sinkapin oak, Kentucky coffee tree and bald cypress. In November, they planted 30

shade trees along the soccer complex at Anderson Dean in partnership with Friends of Anderson Dean.

The Harrodsburg Tree Board was established by Mayor Charles W. Carr and the Harrodsburg City Commission by ordinance in June 1993 with a mission to plant, promote and protect trees on public property. In addition to Webb and Bessin, Suni Hernandez, Laura Baird, Allen Bush and interim Chair Sarah Shewmaker serve on the board. Webb said there was an opening for a new board member, if anyone was interested.

On Monday, Webb said the board has received grant funds from KU and the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission, among other organizations. They also gave a call out for volunteers.

"We love volunteers," Webb said.

Mayor Williams asked about the old Harrodsburg Cemetery, also known as the Magoffin Cemetery, which is located in downtown Harrodsburg at the corner of Magoffin and Marimon Streets. According to kentuckykindredgenealogy.com, the Magoffin Cemetery was in use for about 20 years, before being abandoned in 1860. Most of the graves were moved to Spring Hill Cemetery.

"It's a great place for us to think about a few shade trees," Webb said. "It might make it more inviting."

Webb suggested partnering with the Harrodsburg Historical Society.

"It's a nice area," Williams said. "It could use some attention."

"We're always open to suggestions," Webb said.

- Proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Tami Wilson, executive director of CASA of the Bluegrass, an agency that recruits and trains Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children in Anderson, Boyle, Franklin and Mercer counties. In 2025, CASA of the Bluegrass served 31 children in Mercer County, Wilson said.

"We are always in need of volunteers and we are always in need for the board of volunteers," Wilson said. She called it an organization

that is "definitely worth your while."

Wilson said the agency's mission is to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves, citing Proverbs 31:8-9.

- Made personnel moves. The commission accepted the resignations of Public Service Worker 1 Sean Votaw from the Water and Sewer Maintenance Department and Firefighter Zakary Smith from the Harrodsburg Fire Department, effective March 27.

The commissioners voted to hire Tristan Ellis as a Public Service Worker I for the Streets and Parks Department at grade 16, effective March 30, pending background check, drug test and alcohol test.

They also voted to hire Josh Yeager as a police officer with the Harrodsburg Police Department at grade 21, effective March 30, pending drug test and alcohol testing. Yeager told the commissioners he currently lives in Lexington and has four years of experience. He said he's excited to get started.

The commission voted to hire Jiei Imaide as a police officer at grade 21, effective April 6, pending drug test and alcohol testing. Imaide said he was born in Tokyo, but lives locally. He said he began his law enforcement career at the University of Kentucky, focusing on mental health.

Finally, the commissioners voted to hire John Blades as a part-time firefighter grade 15, effective March 30, pending background check and drug and alcohol testing.

- Held off on giving the first reading to ordinance 2026-05, establishing a no parking zone on a portion of East Street, to make sure they had the wording right.

- Gave a communication franchise bid update. The city has received two bids from Spectrum and Windstream. They will do a resolution at an upcoming meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, April 13, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information is available online at harrodsburgky.gov.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- MARCH 29** 10 am | Palm Sunday
- APRIL 2** 6:30pm | Maundy Thursday
- APRIL 3** Noon | Stations of the Cross
6:30pm | Good Friday
- APRIL 5** 10 am | Easter Sunday

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MERCER COUNTY FAIR & HORSE SHOW INC.

We, the Mercer County Fair Board, would like to thank all who attended and/or contributed to our 2026 "Denim and Diamonds" Fundraiser. Special thank you goes out to Frankie and Robin Reed, for preparing the wonderful food which was served. And finally I want to thank my Fair Board, who donate their time and effort continually to make the Mercer County Fair & Horse Show one of the best venues in Central Kentucky.

We had a great crowd and it seemed like most got into the theme of the night by wearing their denim and "diamond" type clothing. We are trying to figure out a theme for next year, so if anyone has an idea please feel free to contact us.

Also I would like to thank the many donors who are listed below who donated their time or supported our silent auction.

Below is a list of the people or groups who donated toward the Gala:

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| Harrodsburg Eye Center, Dr. Tami Hoskins | |
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