

# DAR Dedicates a Liberty Tree in Hart County

Captain Jacob Van Meter Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a Liberty Tree in Hart County on Saturday, May 9. Horse Cave Mayor Randall Curry spoke at the ceremony where a group had assembled to dedicate the tulip poplar, Kentucky's state tree.

The Liberty Tree, located in Sunset Dome Park, will serve as a living symbol of the deep roots of our democracy and of the noble sacrifices made to advance independence and secure freedom in America.

The state-wide initiative is a cooperation between the Kentucky DAR, Kentucky Historical Society, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and local officials to plant a Liberty Tree in each of the 120 counties in Kentucky to commemorate the 250th Birthday of America.

Leading up to the American Revolution there were many Liberty Trees throughout the thirteen colonies in towns and cities where



local patriots, called the Sons of Liberty, gathered. Probably the most famous Liberty Tree was an elm in Boston that remained a powerful site of protest and patriot unity until August 1775 when the British troops cut it down to destroy the symbol it had become.

Kentucky DAR State Regent Julia Hood and Kentucky Historical Society America 250 Commission Administrator Ashley Spenneberg-Perkins were in attendance. Captain Jacob Van Meter Chapter Regent Sharon Williams and Hart County resident Linda King conducted the

formal dedication ceremony. Thanks to Patrick Wesolosky, Past President of Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution and the Kentucky SAR Color Guard.

Also, special thanks to Mayor Randall Curry and his staff who planted the Liberty Tree.

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so freely gave to others.

Todd was funny, caring, dependable, and the kind of man who could make people feel seen and valued. He looked for the good in folks when others were too busy looking for faults.

Saturday morning when my middle sister called to tell me Todd had passed, I walked outside afterward to feed and take care of the animals. Of course, sadness came.

But as the wind moved through the trees and the sunlight broke across the sky, one thought came into my

mind immediately: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Those words from Matthew 25 weren't just a verse in that moment. They felt like a promise - because I have no doubt Todd heard those exact words as he was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not because of wealth. Not because of status. Not because of anything this world tells us matters.

But because of his salvation. Because of his acceptance of Jesus into his heart. Because of the quiet,

steady way he lived his life. Because of the love he poured into his family. Because of the kindness he showed others.

Because Todd's faith wasn't performative. It was genuine.

At the end of our lives, the Lord won't be asking how expensive our vehicles were, how many vacations we took, or whether we managed to impress the world around us. Not at all.

Instead, it will be about if we surrendered ourselves to Him. He's going to look at our hearts. How we loved.

How we served. How we treated people. How we lived when nobody else was

watching. And maybe - just maybe - we, too, can

hear those same words one day: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Hart County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 26-27 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 9:00 am

### BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Hart County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Hart County Fiscal Court on the 28 day of April, 2026, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Thursday, May 07, 2026.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 26-27 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,801,460.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$137,945.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	\$14,000.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$10,000.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	\$46,950.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$705,500.00
		<b>Total GENERAL Fund \$2,716,055.00</b>
ROAD Fund		
6100	ROADS	\$2,284,150.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$324,150.00
		<b>Total ROAD Fund \$2,608,300.00</b>
JAIL Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$2,145,817.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$781,000.00
		<b>Total JAIL Fund \$2,926,817.00</b>
LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$73,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$70,000.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$318,500.00
		<b>Total LGEA Fund \$461,500.00</b>
GRANTS Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,165,000.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$40,000.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS \$411,312.03	
		<b>Total GRANTS Fund \$2,616,312.033</b>
OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$362,000.00
		<b>Total OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund \$362,000.00</b>
911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$296,250.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$50,000.00
		<b>Total 911 Fund \$346,250.00</b>
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,448,500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$586,500.00
		<b>Total SHERIFF DEPARTMENT Fund \$2,035,350.00</b>
COUNTY CLERK Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$681,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$205,860.00
		<b>Total COUNTY CLERK Fund \$887,660.00</b>
ANIMAL SHELTER Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH & SANITATION	\$233,200.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	\$57,200.00
		<b>Total ANIMAL SHELTER Fund \$290,400.00</b>
COUNTY CLERK-STORAGE Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$81,000.00
		<b>Total COUNTY CLERK-STORAGE Fund \$81,000.00</b>
TOURISM Fund		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	\$200,000.00
		<b>Total TOURISM Fund \$200,000.00</b>

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget is full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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