

DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
MAY'S LICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY — 4 to 7 p.m.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY — 5-7 p.m., 210 East Third Street. Open to everyone.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH BINGO SOCIAL — 1 to 5 p.m., on the church grounds at the new parish hall, bingo, pull tabs, split the pot raffle, snacks and drinks provided, entry fee \$10, additional bingo cards optional, must be 18 and over to participate, meal provided after bingo social for players, proceeds to benefit the St. Augustine Church benevolent fund and weather permitting.
YOUTH RALLY — 6 p.m., Tilton Christian Church. Music by Walker and Carrie Jo Karrich. Message will be given by Jimmy Roberts. For more info, contact Bill Teegarden at (606) 748-8456 or email wtteegarden@yahoo.com.
SEDDON CHURCH CELEBRATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY — 10:30 a.m., Seddon Glob-

al Methodist Church, 1317 Forest Ave. Lunch served following worship service.

MONDAY, MARCH 16
ADAMS COUNTY OHIO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING — 5:30 p.m., Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center, located at 175 Lloyd Rd., West Union, Ohio.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CASH RAFFLE — For tickets or more details, contact Victor McKay at 606-584-0449.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
MASON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS — 6 p.m., District Office at 1925 Old Main Street, Maysville.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY — 5-7 p.m., 210 East Third Street. Open to everyone.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION — Flemingsburg Church of the Nazarene, supper at 5 p.m., auction at 6 p.m., 96 Secret Crossing, Flemingsburg, KY 41041, 606-849-3712.
DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT EASTER EGG HUNT — Noon, Dover Volunteer Fire Department located at 2584, Mary Ingles Highway. Free food and door prizes.
SPAGHETTI DINNER AT SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL GYM — 5:30 to 8 p.m. cake auction at 6:30 p.m., price for adult is \$10 and price for children is \$5, tickets can be purchased in advance by calling the school at 606-564-5949 or tickets can be bought at the door.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY — 5-7 p.m., 210 East Third Street. Open to everyone.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
LEWSIBURG VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — all you can eat, 6:30

a.m. to 10 a.m., dine-in or takeout, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fried bologna, sausage patties, sausage links, hash-browns, coffee, juice, milk and more, \$15 each, cash, cards and check accepted and donations appreciated, 6045 KY Highway Maysville, KY 41056.
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
MASON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS SOUP SUPPER/AUCTION — from 5 to 8 p.m., held at the Mason County Extension Office, proceeds to benefit their scholarship program and ovarian cancer research.
BOOKS AND BRUNCH MAYSVILLE BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite.com and at Merle Norman. Five authors will discuss their work and have them available for purchase.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
TRI-COUNTY DEM-

OCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
OWL CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
BIRDS! AMANDA CLOUGH, KY F@W — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
ARBOR DAY/IP TREE GIVEAWAY — 8 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, MAY 12
GROUP HIKE ACORN TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

SATURDAY, MAY 16
INSECTS! UNIVERSITY OF KY — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

SATURDAY, MAY 23
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30 p.m. at the Mason County Public Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9
GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m.,

City

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he was there on behalf of the Fire Department and asked if members of the Fire Department could receive a \$5 raise on their calls when they are called out. He further expressed that members have not received a raise since 2008.

Councilperson Angie Patton asked the man how much they currently receive per call, to which he stated that they receive \$25, while officers receive \$50.

Billman asked if the man had spoken to the budget maker at the Department, to which he stated that he had not.

Upon reviewing the Fire Department's budget, Billman claimed that the Department still had over \$14,000 in its budget. He then asked what a call entails, to which the man stated they consist of issues such as carbon monoxide calls and trig-

gered smoke detectors, noting that the Department receives a monthly average of between 30 to 35 calls.

Grabill asked if it was possible to obtain a report displaying the exact number of runs so that they could determine how much it would cost and how many people are sent out per call.

Billman stated that the Department was budgeted \$15,000 for runs. In the first half of the year, it used \$9,850.

Patton then asked if they still rent out the fire hall community run, as well as what happens to the money collected from it. Vanceburg City Clerk Gretta May answered that the money goes to the general fund. Patton asked if that money should go to the firefighters' fund instead, to which May responded that, officially, the city owns the building.

"I don't think it should go in the firefighters' fund," said Billman. "I mean, we own the build-

ing. It should go in our general fund because we pay the utility bill. We pay everything."

Patton expressed that she felt that money collected from community room rentals should go to the Fire Department's fund instead of the general fund.

Billman stated that he did not have a problem with allotting an extra \$5 per firefighter per call as long as they can fit it into their budget.

He then stated his opinion that they should reference fire reports to see who responds to each call, suggesting that the amount per call be raised from \$25 to \$30 per run for firefighters and \$50 to \$55 for the chief and assistant chief.

City Attorney Stephen McGinnis made a note to change the current ordinance. When it came to a vote, all council members voted yes except for Grabill.

Stacy Cooper, auctioneer for the George Morgan Thomas House, then

stood and addressed the council. He stated that he had recently sold the House, which was a bigger job than he expected.

"The idea was that I was going to do the auction and Richard [Walje] was going to assist me on just some odds and ends, you know, looking through the papers. It turned into a huge ordeal," Cooper explained.

He stated that after the House was sold and he received a check, he discovered Walje could not be paid because he is a member of the council. He further expressed that he would like to donate 50 percent of the commissions collected, minus expenses, back to the council.

Billman thanked him and shook his hand.

"I really want to tell you guys that I really appreciated working with you. It's really been a joy," said Cooper. "Everyone's been very helpful and any questions I've had, everybody's answered them and helped out. So

I really do appreciate you guys."

Billman noted that the check was for \$4,594, which will go into the city's restoration fund.

There were no items listed under Old Business, so the Vanceburg City Council moved on to New Business.

Billman stated that Bill Tom Stone is retiring from the Industrial Authority Board on April 30, and that Levi Clark has been appointed to take that position. He asked the council for approval to appoint Clark to the Industrial Authority Board.

All council members voted yes and the motion carried.

Billman then noted that he had accidentally skimmed over the Electric Plant Board report.

Patton stated that she had a report with her but that there were few changes. She noted that, in April, American Electric Power (AEP) plans to conduct maintenance on its station, requir-

ing the city to transfer to another company in the meantime. When the switch takes place, they will be out of power for a short amount of time.

Patton further stated that they are still looking into battery backups being put behind meters.

Billman then asked for a motion to reappoint Kenny Ruckel to the Recreational Board with a term expiry date of 2030.

Grabill made a motion and Pugh seconded. The Council voted yes and the motion carried.

The Council then held a first reading of Ordinance 200.00D-2026, Budget Amendment.

Billman noted that they would have to increase the budget by \$4,594 to reflect the amount that had just been donated by Cooper.

The ordinance would amend the budget for 2025-2026 by including in the budget proceeds of sale of real estate the amount of \$99,750.

As it was a first reading, no voting was required.

Creek

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Development District to apply for a \$750,000 FEMA grant for stream restoration behind the library and adjacent to the Limestone Creek pump station. This attempt was unsuccessful, necessitating another solution.

The Mason County Public Library and the City of Maysville had initially considered pooling \$75,000 every year for five years, but ultimately decided against it after the two began conversations with Brian Storz of the Kentucky Division of Water in 2023. Storz suggested applying for a Super Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) for Green Sinks — since renamed Sponge Sinks — as well as a 319 grant for a water management plan, which would "provide funding for efforts to reduce non-point source pollution."

The City applied for an amount of \$125,000 through the 319 grant, but received \$75,000. It also applied to match funds through the state's

grant program, which granted them \$48,500, leaving the City to put out just \$1,500 for the project.

Thus began the watershed management plan for Limestone and Kennedy Creeks.

Wallingford stated that the OSG funds were awarded to the city to "engage a contractor for the production of engineering and design work for two infiltration basins, or green sinks, which will alleviate flooding during inclement weather."

"The design will create an area that absorbs flood waters and infiltrates runoff into the soil, increasing groundwater recharge, and removing pollutants. Final deliverables will include engineering plans for the green sinks, and a final report, including maps, anticipated stormwater benefits, and planning level opinions of probable construction costs," he concluded.

However, Hord explained, the retention problem developed.

"The main thing is, with this, the original, of course, the flood wall and everything was constructed and put in in 1956. But

after 1956, along about 1964, is when Meldahl Dam went in. So, at that time, there was a set of culverts under the road, and going out to, basically, the Ohio River from Limestone Creek, that were all changed. They were all raised about 12-and-a-half feet," he expressed.

Hord further stated that there are two sets of culverts — one underneath and one on top.

Because of this, he said, "The whole direction to the river was changed."

Hord explained that a recommendation was then made to add a fourth pump to Limestone Creek to prevent sedimentation, while the Mason County Public Library conducted a sediment tracing program through the University of Louisville, which was led by Dr. Tyler Mahoney. It was determined that the sediment was not coming from the river, but from the watershed.

Originally, they planned to place basins in four areas: east of the Rotary clubhouse, behind the library, near Wald Park and behind the Detention Center.

According to Hord,

they discovered that the basin behind the Detention Center would prove insignificant, and that the Wald Park location was made of wetland, which would not be able to be used unless it was moved, which would cost millions of dollars. Discussions are ongoing on the potential location behind the library.

He further stated that the only potential basin location they are confident in is the one near the Rotary Club.

Many years ago, the Maysville Rotary Club was deeded three parcels of land from the railroad. Hord concluded by proposing a partnership between the City and the Rotary Club to use one of those parcels, just east of the Rotary's clubhouse.

During a question-and-answer session following

the presentation, several questions were raised, including whether the City wants the Rotary Club to deed the land over to it, whether a land swap could be done instead and whether the Rotary Club could sell the City the land instead.

No decisions have been made as of yet.

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