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for opening meetings and making sure students are “where they’re supposed to be.”

“We took a bunch of kids out to Louisville for the Skills USA state competition and it was well planned out. They did well,” said Arthur of the Skills USA team. “They were frugal with the money that they had raised, which I was really proud of, and it was all on-task and dressed and where it was supposed to be, and they represented our community very well when they were out there.”

Arthur then introduced Jacob Biddle, who had been focused on work-based learning and did school-to-work with Stober this school year. Arthur expressed that Stober does a great job making sure the students have the tools that they need to be successful.

Student Hunter Coffee, who had worked at the Mason County Landfill doing mechanic work through the Career Magnet school was also present at the meeting, as was Cameron Miller, who announced that he had received a post-graduate welding position at Toyota through its Advanced Manufacturing Technician (ANT) program.



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Top: Several students from the Career Magnet School were recognized by Skills USA Advisor Corey Arthur. **Bottom:** Mini Smile Club students and their club leaders talked to the school board about their inclusive dance.

“If it wasn’t for this school, I would have never been able to get there,” said Miller.

Matheny thanked the Mason County School Board again for its support this year, stating, “We just wanted to highlight some of our students and the amazing things that are going on here in our building.”

Afterward, members of the Straub Mini Smile Club and its leaders — Jennifer Kidd, Brandis Cox and Rhonda Whisman — discussed what they did during 2025-2026.

Representatives stated that the Mini Smile Club focused on kindness and community service projects this year, in accor-

dance with its theme, Keeping a Character Strong.

Second grader Anna Clay Cox told board members that the club had sent Christmas cards to military servicemembers, passed out stickers at football games and gave the school Easter eggs.

“I just love being in the Smile Club because I love to make people smile,” Anna expressed.

The Mini Smile Club stated that its goal is to collaborate and identify ways to enhance the community and the emotional well-being of both the club members and the community.

Club members finished the school year with one

final project: an inclusive dance.

“We cheered them on when they got off the trolley, the red carpet. And then we did tattoos and stuff,” said second grader Janessa Harris. “We crowned them king and queen to show them how special they are and how important they are to this world.”

Mini Smile Club representatives noted that community members — including local churches, the YMCA cheer team and the MCHS cheerleaders — had gone out of their way to help make the event memorable.

Second grader Eliza Graves then challenged board members to make somebody smile that week, giving each of them bracelets as a reminder.

Afterward, Mason County Schools Treasurer Lisa Moreland gave a financial report, noting that there had been a small water leak at the baseball field and tennis courts, resulting in a larger water bill than usual. The leak was identified and fixed.

Additionally, Moreland explained that because the cost of custodial supplies has increased from 20 to 40 percent, a large volume of items has been bought with the goal of lasting through the fall and saving money.

Finally, Ross requested approval of the 2026-2027 salary schedules.



Submitted by Warrior Ridge

Jonathan Buss.

Warrior of the Week

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Every Wednesday, the Warrior Ridge non-profit organization selects one veteran to celebrate and honor for their services.

Jonathan Buss was selected to be Warrior of the Week for May 13-19.

Buss is one of Warrior Ridge’s warriors and retreat attendees from the 3rd LAR team. He is currently serving our country and will be deploying very soon.

“We were thankful he was able to come out

this past weekend for their annual team reconnection retreat before he has to go,” said Warrior Ridge representatives. “We are incredibly thankful for his courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our great nation. Please join us in praying for Buss and his unit as they deploy and continue their mission. We wish them safety, strength, and a safe return home.”

To nominate someone for Warrior of the Week, submit them at <https://www.warriorridge.org/warrior-of-the-week/>.

Ordinances

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track residences’ locations and occupational licenses, and that they would have a local contact to help address any issues.

Boone asked whether the City is regulating short-term rentals more than long-term rentals, to which Larger responded that it was not.

“The only thing I can see that we’re asking them to do differently is that we need a registration number and list it in their AirBnB description,” Maysville Tourism Director Katelyn Bailey explained, “so that when we’re looking to see what houses are being listed for rent, that we could easily see they have a registration number with the city and check it. Because they don’t list their AirBnBs with the address, because of safety reasons, so we need to be

able to easily locate that with a business number or registration number within that AirBnB list. And hotels do not have to do that.”

Wallingford suggested that the commission discuss the ordinance further before its next reading.

The commission then held a discussion regarding the current noise ordinance. Boone stated that he had heard concerns about the ordinance and requested that the commission evaluate it and consider possible improvements.

MPD Chief Patrick Boggs expressed that the ordinance is difficult to enforce because an officer must be present with a decibel reader when the offense is committed; otherwise, it can be hard to prove the identity of the offender.

According to Larger, the decibel limit is “anywhere between 80 and 94. And it’s depending upon how fast they’re going and what kind of

vehicle it is.”

Maysville Mayor Debra Cotterill stated her belief that the issue has become worse since the MPD became short on police officers and suggested increasing officers’ visibility in the area. Boone and Wallingford agreed to look into the matter further.

Utility Manager Darin Spence then stated that a presettling basin wall has damage under its foundation and requires repairs, which will cost more than what was previously listed in the budget. The commission approved a motion to declare the matter an emergency so that repairs could move forward without them having to bid out.

Afterward, the commission held a first reading of an ordinance amending the definition of “vicious dog” found in Code of Ordinances, Section 199 — Vicious Dogs. Boggs expressed his belief that the ordinance’s current wording is misleading. Boone added

that he believes the new definition is “much more proactive” than the current one.

“I think the current vicious dog definition is only vicious if there is an attack; whereas this is more propensity to be vicious,” Boone explained.

The commission voted to approve the motion.

The commission then held a first reading of an ordinance to amend Code of Ordinances, Chapter 262 — Golf Carts to update inspection fees as required by recent state legislation. A motion to accept the reading was approved.

Finally, the commission voted to approve a second reading of an ordinance that creates a definition and land use chart of “manufactured accessory structures” and allows their display for sale purposes. These structures may include sheds or unattached garages.

The meeting adjourned shortly afterward.

Wayback Wednesday



Photo courtesy of Ron Bailey

Aerial photo of McDonald's from 1979. Notice the direction of the restaurant.

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21

WORMALD TRIVIA NIGHT AT OPE — 5:30 p.m., The Old Pogue Experience.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

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

LEWISBURG-MILL-CREEK LIONS CLUB FUN SHOW — 3 p.m., Lions Memorial Park (Old Lewisburg Gym), 6047 KY HWY 3170 Maysville. For more information contact Mike Merrill at 606-301-3616 or 606-763-6407.

QUILT SEMINAR — 10:30 a.m., Research Library at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

MAYSVILLE AAUW MEETING — 6 p.m., DeSha’s Restaurant, guest speaker Lisa Yearly.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

FLEMINGSBURG-FLEMING COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING — 8:30 a.m., Fleming County Public Library, Flemingsburg, KY.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

MASON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY REGULAR MEETING — Mason County Public Library at 7 p.m.

FRAUD & SCAM PREVENTION WORKSHOP

— 4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 21 W. Third Street, Maysville. Presented by Gary Adkins, KY Volunteer State President, AARP Kentucky. Free event.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

SUMMER READING KICKOFF — Fleming County Public Library, 5 to 7 p.m., all ages welcome.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

ELEVATE AND CELEBRATE — free community event, the event is sponsored by the Shep-

herd’s House Church and the Shepherd’s House Ignite Youth, at the Rotary Park from noon to 6 p.m., food, music, fellowship and free giveaways.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

OWL CLUB MEETING — 6 p.m., Caproni’s. Scholarship recipients and family are cordially invited to attend.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

MAYSVILLE MUTT STRUTT — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 6009 Ford Acres Farm Rd., Maysville, KY 41056. Tickets purchased

through the website \$20 per dog, \$5 per family/group without a dog. Tickets purchased at the door \$25 per dog, \$10 per family/group without dog.

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