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popular Friday night concert series will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in downtown Beaver Dam. The events feature live music, local vendors, food, activities and family-friendly entertainment, while encouraging visitors to explore downtown businesses and restaurants.

Tourism Director Jeff Renfrow said the series has become one of the community's signature summer attractions.

"Sounds on 2nd continues to be one of our community's most anticipated annual traditions," Renfrow said. "These concerts create opportunities for people to gather, enjoy great music, support local businesses and experience the hospitality that makes Beaver Dam such a special place."

The June lineup begins June 5 with Dan Hall & Blackford Creek, bringing traditional country music and Kentucky-grown talent to the stage. On June 12, local favorite Derailed will perform a selection of classic rock

hits. The series continues June 19 with Kentucky country music artist Marty Brown, known nationally for his songwriting, recording career and memorable appearances on America's Got Talent. The month concludes June 26 with regional country performer Scott Lindsey, who will deliver a mix of modern country songs and classic favorites.

Renfrow said the concerts help strengthen Beaver Dam's reputation as a regional entertainment destination while generating additional traffic for local businesses.

Organizers encourage attendees to arrive early, shop downtown and enjoy a meal at one of Beaver Dam's restaurants before the music begins.

Admission to all Sounds on 2nd concerts is free. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music, food and community in downtown Beaver Dam.

Woodland Owners Short Course Begins June 2; CAIP Applications Due June 5

By Greg Comer

HARTFORD — Ohio County landowners and agricultural producers have two important deadlines approaching, with registration underway for the 2026 Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course and the application period closing soon for the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP).

The Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course, hosted by the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is designed to help woodland owners better understand and manage their forest resources. The program features seven online webinars during June, followed by optional field sessions later this summer.

Woodlands cover nearly half of Ohio County and provide valuable benefits including wildlife habitat, water quality protection, recreation opportunities and economic contributions. Organizers say the course is intended for woodland owners, families, farmers and anyone interested in improving the health and productivity of Kentucky forests.

The webinar series will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. CDT on June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 and 23. Topics include woodland management, tree identification, white oak management, wildlife management, water quality, woodland health and programs available to woodland owners.

Participants may also attend one of two optional field sessions scheduled for July 18 in Fleming County or Aug. 8 in Caldwell County. The field sessions will include woodland tours, demonstrations of management practices and a Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza featuring agencies and organizations that assist landowners with forestry, wildlife, conservation and timber-related questions.

Registration for the webinar-only option is \$10 per person. Registration for the webinar series and one field session is \$30 for an individual or \$45 for a couple.

Meanwhile, Ohio County producers are reminded that applications for the 2026 County Agricultural Investment Program must be submitted to the Ohio County Extension Office by noon on Friday, June 5.

Information about eligible cost-share project areas is available through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Producers are encouraged to review the 2026 program guidelines carefully, especially the Producer Guidelines and Responsibilities section, which outlines several updates and changes.

One notable change for 2026 is that reimbursements for repairs, routine maintenance, beautification or cosmetic improvements, and renewal of annual subscriptions are not eligible for cost-share assistance.

Extension officials encourage interested producers and landowners to take advantage of both opportunities, which are designed to support conservation, stewardship and long-term agricultural success across the county.

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Bro. Shane Tucker, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, speaks during Fordsville's annual Memorial Day service.

Cub Scout Pack 273, presented the flag ceremony.

The guest speaker was Bro. Shane Tucker, pastor of Providence Baptist Church. Tucker reminded those gathered that freedom comes with a cost.

"The words 'freedom

isn't free' will hit you like a freight train," Tucker said. "Freedom has a price. These men and women we honor today paid it in full on our behalf. A name spoken is a life remembered, and a life remembered is never truly lost. Let's teach our children and grandchildren that



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Annabelle Lynn sings "Travelin' Soldier," with music by Dennis and Brian Tierney.

freedom is a gift." Music was provided by Dennis and Brian Tierney. Annabelle Lynn sang "Travelin' Soldier," Dennis Tierney performed "Silver Medals and Sweet Memories," Brian Tierney sang "Some Gave All," and Cindy Wedding

performed the National Anthem.

More than 150 names of veterans buried in Fordsville Cemetery were read by veteran Leonard Adkins.

The City of Fordsville thanked everyone who participated in and attended the service.

Weedman Fund Awards First Grant to Hope For Life

Staff Report

BEAVER DAM — The Weedman Family Charitable Giving Fund has awarded its inaugural charitable grant, giving \$10,000 to Hope For Life Women's Resource Center in Hartford.

Hope For Life was selected for its work providing support, education and compassionate care to women and families in Ohio County. The funding will help expand services and provide practical resources and education for those in need.

"Hope for Life is most honored and appreciative to receive this grant support," founder Stacy Boyd said. "This funding will help us advance our mission, expand our impact and continue serving our community to build stronger families."

Mischelle Weedman-Davis, founder and principal financial supporter of the fund, said supporting Hope For Life was especially meaningful.

"Supporting an organization that provides such a vital safety net for families in my hometown is deeply personal to me," Weedman-Davis said. "It is a



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Chuck Weedman, Kallie Hart, and Stacy Boyd.

privilege to partner with Stacy as our first grant recipient to help ensure women in Ohio County have the support and resources they deserve."

Chuck Weedman, local representative for the fund, said Hope For Life reflects the organization's mission of strengthening family stability.

The inaugural grant was dedicated in memory of Mischelle and Chuck's late grandmother, Alma Westerfield Weedman-Taylor.

The Weedman Family Charitable Giving Fund was created to support Ohio County through four pillars: family stability, educational excellence, economic vitality and cultural enrichment.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Volunteering at a Stand Down

The summer and fall of 2026 could well be the most rewarding you've had in a long time, especially if you want to step up and help other veterans at a Stand Down.

Many of the homeless veterans don't have a ride to the event. You might volunteer to drive the van and pick up a half dozen veterans to get them to the Stand Down in your area. Maybe you'll want to work in the food area and feed the hundreds of people who show up.

If you have special skills and training, such as dental assistant, attorney or barber, speak up when you call to volunteer. If you're not sure what you can contribute, ask what they need. Even if it's sorting the clothing that's been donated, dashing to the store to pick up another 50 lbs. of ground beef to grill another 200 hamburgers or standing at the entrance and directing veterans to the various areas, your help will be most appreciated.

The best place to look for Stand Downs in your area is online at www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp. You'll find a long list with contact names, phone numbers and email addresses. Also search online for Stand Downs in your state.

Whether you want to volunteer or you are a veteran in need of the services at a Stand Down, make the call. You'll be most welcome no matter your status.

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OHIO COUNTY FISCAL COURT

INVITATION TO BID FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The Ohio County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the following categories of materials and supplies, until: **Friday, June 19, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (CST) - 1:00 p.m. (EST)** All bids must be properly labeled, and sealed. Bids may be mailed, or hand-delivered to the Judge Executive's Office at the Ohio County Community and Judicial Center, 130 E. Washington Street, Suite 209, Hartford, KY. Bids will be opened at 4:00 p.m. (CST) - 5:00 p.m. (EST) prior to the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting at **5:00 p.m. (CST) - 6:00 p.m. (EST), Tuesday, June 23, 2026.**

Bids will be taken for the following:

1. Contract Haul
2. Stone
3. Concrete Mix and Concrete in Place
4. Steel Pipe and Pipe Bands
5. Primer, Tack and RS-2 Oils
6. Diesel Fuel and Gasoline
7. Blacktop
8. Equipment/Vehicle (Lease/Rental including Operators)
9. Plastic Pipe (Used for Culverts)
10. Electrical/HVAC Service Agreement
11. Trash Service
12. Road Salt Procurement

All bids must be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope.

"SEALED BID and ITEM NUMBER AS FOLLOWS (#?)"

Bid prices are to be effective **July 1, 2026** through **June 30, 2027; NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Each bid must be submitted on approved bid forms available at the office of the Judge Executive; however, additional information regarding equivalents or for clarification may be submitted with each bid form. A vendor may bid on one or more of the above categories; however, **a Non-Collusive Bid Statement MUST be completed, and submitted with each bid.** Multiple vendors may be awarded bids for categories offered at the same rate UNLESS the bidder signifies that its bid is proffered only on the condition that it is the sole successful bidder.

The Ohio County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any, or all bids, and may determine, based on all criteria that the best bid may not always be the lowest bid.

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