

Local students honored for work in college

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY
Ashton Keehn of Brooks was recently selected to the Dean's List at Cedarville University for the Spring 2026 semester. To earn the Dean's List, a student must obtain at least a 3.5 grade-point average and carry at least 12 credit hours.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CUMBERLANDS
The University of the Cumberlands recently named its honors list for students from Bullitt County. Those selected to the President's List for the Spring 2026 semester by earning at least a 4.0 grade point average included:
*Molly Higginbotham, Mount Washington
*Lindsay Hobbs, Shepherdsville
*Celesta Cleaver, Brooks

*Payton Halbrook, Mount Washington
*Katie Haas, Shepherdsville
*Johnathon Coy, Shepherdsville
*Taylor Yates, Shepherdsville
*Jacob Hughes, Mount Washington
*Klara Puckett, Shepherdsville
*Jennifer Carrier, Shepherdsville
*Ariel Fitterer, Shepherdsville
*Haileigh Riley, Lebanon Junction
*Sarah Stallings, Brooks
*Anthony Stallings, Brooks
*Sarah Bush, Shepherdsville
*Samuel Ervi, Shepherdsville
*Ariyana Greenwell, Shepherdsville
*Parvin Zabih, Shepherdsville
*Deborah Duckett, Shepherdsville
*Jade Horn, Shepherdsville

*Dalton Leshner, Mount Washington

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIV.
A local student has been honored as a member of the Dean's List for the 2026 spring semester at Middle Tennessee State University. Desmond Reed of Shepherdsville earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average to achieve the Dean's List.

LEE UNIVERSITY
Jenna Loudermilk, of Mount Washington, has been selected to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester at Lee University. In order to be honored, a full-time student must have at least a 3.7 grade-point average.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIV.
Several Mount Washington students have earned honors during the 2026 spring semester. The following have been named to the Dean's List:
*Michael Francis
*Ian Broughton
*Dawn Watkins
To earn the recognition, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade-point average. Also, a number of students were also named to the SMHU President's List for the spring term. The following earned at least a 3.7 grade-point average:
*Leslie Carmickle of Shepherdsville
*Cameron Clark of Shepherdsville

*Elizabeth Miller of Shepherdsville
*Staci Emberts of Shepherdsville
*Christina Judd of Shepherdsville
*Kenneth Vance of Shepherdsville
*Devin McBride of Shepherdsville
*Erika Sanders of Mount Washington
*Anna DeHart of Mount Washington

MIDWAY UNIVERSITY
The following local students were recognized by Midway University for earning the Dean's List during with 2026 Spring Semester by achieving at least a 3.6 grade-point average:
*Allie Bischoff, Shepherdsville
*McKenzie Blanc, Shepherdsville

EDA relocates; getting new organization in place

THOMAS J. BARR
THE PIONEER NEWS

SHEPHERDSVILLE — The pieces are slowly falling into place for the Bullitt County Economic Development Authority.

In taking the agency into another direction, the first step was to relocate its offices.

Director Keith Griffie and deputy director April Smallwood are now located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

This will save the agency lease fees and associated costs of having its own office in the Porter Building.

The EDA, which has been funded primarily by fiscal court the past few years, will see its budget go from \$200,000 down to \$150,000 in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

At its first meeting in the new digs, Griffie said county attorney Tammy Baker is currently working on an ordinance to reshape the agency.

That would include having

a representative from the four major cities, as well as three other members from various agencies.

In terms of activity, Griffie said it goes in cycles.

He pointed to the major announcement that Averitt Express is moving its trucking terminal and training facility to Hillview. The relocation will allow the company to save 108 jobs and to create others.

It will be located at the I-65/Brooks Road interchange.

He told members that there are several other projects in the works.

In other business:
*Griffie reported that fiscal court had no interest in recruiting data centers to the community.

But he said the office has not gotten any calls from anyone inquiring about the development of a data center in the county.

"We don't have the infrastructure to handle this," said Griffie.

*Grant opportunities

continue to be sought. While denied last year, he said grants are being sought for the county fairgrounds and the Main Street program in Lebanon Junction.

*Cortney Burden, the Shepherdsville representative on the board, said that the 502 Commute program is still moving forward.

The pilot program was to assist in providing transportation for workers but the progress is slow. She said a success story would help the program.

*Burden said the After the Tassel program through Kentuckiana Works has been successful in trying to get high school students prepared for the workplace. Once again, she said getting the word out is important.

The next meeting of the Bullitt County Economic Development Authority is planned for Thursday, June 18, at 8 a.m. in the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Kennedy Center drops 'Trump' branding for Bill Maher event

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — John Mellencamp, Jay Leno and Whitney Cummings will be among the guest speakers when Bill Maher receives the Mark Twain Award for American Humor during a June 28 ceremony at the Kennedy Center.

The center disclosed the list Monday in an email sent to members, who were offered packages ranging from \$99 for a seat reservation to \$1,500 and more for seating and admission to pre- and post-show receptions. The announcement also marks a notable change in how the center is identifying itself: The news came from the Kennedy Center, not the "Trump Kennedy Center," a switch that also appears on the center's home page.

Last month, a federal judge ruled that President Donald Trump's handpicked board of trustees had acted illegally when they voted to add Trump's name to the venue, which Congress in 1964 named for the recently assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

"The Kennedy Center's organic statute makes crystal clear that the Center is to be named for President Kennedy, and it cannot bear any other formal name or public memorial based on the Board's unilateral say-so. Congress gave the Kennedy Center its name, and only Congress can change it," wrote U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper.

Although a Kennedy spokesperson suggested the venue might appeal the decision, the center received an email last week from its general counsel that laid out steps for cooperation, including the removal of Trump's name. After mostly ignoring the Kennedy Center during his first term, Trump soon made the center a key part of his overall mission to purge federal cultural institutions of so-called "woke" influences. He ousted the leadership, filled the board of trustees with supporters and presided over such signature events as the Kennedy Honors ceremony.

In response, numerous performers cancelled planned appearances at the center, including Issa Rae, Bela Fleck

and Renée Fleming.

Maher is the 27th recipient of the Twain Award, which has previously been given to Leno, Steve Martin and Tina Fey among others. Trump and Maher have publicly feuded in recent years, but the HBO host is otherwise the kind of comedian that many Republicans have found palatable — a self-styled independent who regularly attacks Hollywood as "woke" and has interviewed everyone from liberal stalwarts like Jane Fonda to conservative commentators like Ben Shapiro and Charlie Kirk to such "cancelled" cultural figures as Woody Allen.

Other guests expected at the Twain ceremony include the comedian Louis C.K., who has been touring regularly since allegations of sexual misconduct briefly upended his career after they were reported in 2017, and the controversial ESPN personality Stephen A. Smith, whose blunt comments on sports and beyond have led to fierce exchanges with NBA star Jaylen Brown and commentator Keith Olbermann among others.

EVENTS

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Bring something with your address and a photo ID to receive assistance.

This is for the 40165 and 40177 zip codes only. Bring boxes, bags or other containers to carry your food.

The drive-thru pickup is located on North Maple Street off Highway 44 East in Shepherdsville.

HANDS PROGRAM HELPS EXPECTANT PARENTS

Having a baby or have a new baby?

Check out the HANDS program. It is free and voluntary.

A highly-skilled HANDS worker will provide fun, interactive activities to teach you and your baby to be the best you can be.

For more information, call the Bullitt County Health Department at 955-5355.

MW LIONS CLUB FISH FRY FRIDAYS

The Mount Washington

Lions Club will host a fish fry on the second Friday of each month.

Fish will start frying at 4 p.m. and goes until everything is sold, which is normally 5:30-6 p.m.

Everyone is invited. The fish fry will be at 810 N. Bardstown Road in Mount Washington. Proceeds help to benefit projects in the community.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC IN HILLVIEW

The Hillview Government Center is again hosting Bluegrass Music and fish fry each Thursday. Fryers are open from 5-7 p.m. and the music is from 6-8 p.m.

The public is invited to the free singing and the chance to purchase fish dinners.

The government center is located on Crestwood Lane in Hillview.

MASONIC LODGE BREAKFAST JULY 4

Bullitt Masonic Lodge 155 all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 4.

From 7-10 a.m., the public is invited to breakfast. The buffet cost is \$11 a person. The breakfast will be held

the first Saturday of each month. The next will be on Saturday, July 4.

The lodge is located on High School Drive next to Bullitt Central High School. Everyone is invited to attend. Dine-in or carryout available.

BULLITT GOP MEETS JULY 2

The Bullitt County GOP will meet on Thursday, July 2, at 7 p.m. at the Shepherdsville Government Center.

The Republican Party normally meets on the first Thursday of each month. Everyone is invited.

BCHS YOUTH SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

The Bullitt Central Youth Services Center has a food pantry available to families in all Bullitt Central feeder schools. It will not be open while school is out.

For more information or to make a donation, call Christy Hardin at 869-6013 or christy.hardin@bullitt.kyschool.s.us

NB LIONS CLUB TO MEET

The North Bullitt Lions Club

will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The Jack Taylor Lions Building is at 200 Cathy Way in Hillview. Guests are always invited.


MCNEIL LODGE HOSTS BREAKFAST

McNeil Lodge 586 hosts its all-you-can-eat breakfast on the second Saturday of each month.

The next breakfast will be on

June 13. It will be held from 7-10 a.m. Donation is \$9.

The lodge is located at 145 Ash Street in Lebanon Junction. Everyone is invited.



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE, ADOPTING THE CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared by the Mayor and delivered to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget proposal and made modifications as required:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HEBRON ESTATES, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GENERAL FUND	MUNICIPAL AID FUND & LGEA FUND	BUILDING RENTAL ESCROW	CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD FROM FY 2025-2026	\$858,951.00	\$43,083.00	\$1,253.00	\$911,999.00
ESTIMATED REVENUE:				
Public Service Co. Property Tax	\$ 1,000.00			
Real Property Tax	\$70,000.00			
Insurance Premium Tax	\$150,000.00			
Occupational Tax	\$200,000.00			
Intergovernmental Revenue (MARF \$17,200.00; LGEA \$1,800.00)		\$19,000.00		
Public Protection Reimbursement	\$5,500.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$36,820.00	\$1,800.00	\$5.00	\$29,300.00
Transfer from General Fund				\$100,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$463,320.00	\$2,800.00	\$5.00	\$129,300.00
TOTAL RESOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION:	\$1,322,271.00	\$63,883.00	\$1,258.00	\$1,041,299.00
APPROPRIATION:				
Capital Construction Projects Paving	\$400,000.00			
Transfer to Capital Improvement	\$100,000.00			
Donations	\$2,400.00			
City Administration	\$187,506.00			
Emergency/Discretionary	\$10,000.00			
Hall Escrow Return			\$5.00	
Mayor Contingency Fund	\$10,000.00			
MRAF/LGEA Expenses		\$63,883.00		
Public Protection	\$200,000.00			
Public Safety - Mosquito Spraying	\$1,000.00			
Storm Water Engineer	\$7,500.00			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$918,406.00	\$63,883.00	\$5.00	-0-
EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER APPROPRIATIONS	\$403,865.00	-0-	\$1,253.00	\$1,041,299.00
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE TO BE CARRIED FORWARD 2017-2028	\$403,865.00	-0-	\$1,253.00	\$1,041,299.00


SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2026.
SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be published according to law.
SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or any part of this Ordinance are repealed.
SECTION V: Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not effect the remainder of this Ordinance.

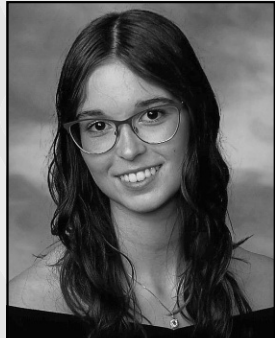
Given first reading at a regular meeting of the city commission of the City of Hebron Estates, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 5th of May, 2026. Given second reading, voted upon and passed at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Hebron Estates, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 2nd of June, 2026.

Voted For 4 ; Voted Against 0 ; Not Voting 0


JERRY CLARK, MAYOR
 ATTESTED BY: MICHEALE MCCAULEY, CITY CLERK

Congratulations to the Class of 2026

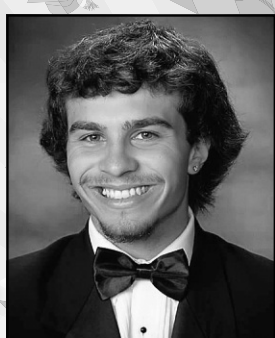





Emily Basham
North Bullitt



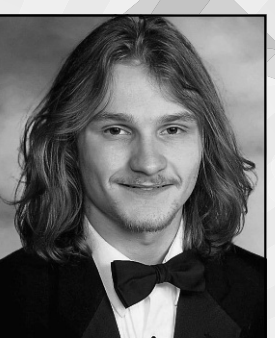
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