

Why we celebrate Pride

BOBBI BUCHANAN
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LOCAL ARTS COLLABORATIVE

I can't remember whose idea it was to do a Pride-themed Artists' Social last June. Sam, the drag artist known as The Salty Sparrow, might have suggested it. Or maybe it was Stacey, the visual artist who runs our Facebook page.

What I do remember is that everyone in the collaborative got behind the idea.

Some of our members are LGBTQ+. Others are allies because someone they love is queer—a child, sibling, friend, partner, or neighbor. As one of the leaders of our small but growing arts collaborative, I've found myself surrounded by gender and sexual diversity, and, in retrospect, that's

really not surprising.

The queer community has been instrumental in our work. Some of our most engaged artists, writers, and supporters are LGBTQ+, and they help make the collaborative a more vibrant, welcoming, and courageous space.

The arts have long attracted people who don't fit neatly into society's expectations. Take Vincent van Gogh, who struggled with isolation and mental illness, Emily Dickinson, who lived largely outside the social conventions of her time, or James Baldwin, who wrote fearlessly about race and sexuality in an era when doing so came at great personal cost.

The LGBTQ+ people involved in SLAC are natural community builders. They show up for others. They make newcomers feel wel-

come. They understand that creativity flourishes when people feel safe enough to be themselves.

That spirit of inclusiveness and belonging is at the heart of Pride.

It's also at the heart of what we're trying to build through SLAC.

We want to create a space where people can show up fully as themselves—whether they're queer or straight, recovering or grieving, shy or outspoken, seasoned artists or brand new writers just beginning to believe they have something worth saying. We want creativity and belonging to matter more than performance or perfection.

So yes, we celebrate Pride.

Not because everyone in our collaborative is LGBTQ+, but because LGBTQ+ people are part of our community. Because they are our

artists, writers, musicians, friends, family members, and neighbors. Because art flourishes where people feel free to be themselves.

And because any community worth building should have room for everyone.

Bullitt County Pride Artists' Social

Saturday, June 27, 4 to 6 PM
Heine Brothers Coffee
175 Adam Shepherd Pkwy
Shepherdsville, KY
Sponsored by Salt River Local Arts Collaborative

Bobbi Buchanan is a writer, teacher, and cofounder of Salt River Local Arts Collaborative, a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to providing safe and sober spaces for people to create and share their art. For more information, go to saltriverlocalarts.org.



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Haas has mind on extending baseball career

MOUNT WASHINGTON – Dylan Haas can see himself as a psychiatrist in the future.

But first, the Bullitt East graduate would like to play a little more baseball.

The son of Michael and Melissa Haas has recently signed to continue his baseball career at Kentucky Christian University.

After being noticed at a local showcase event, Haas was asked to attend another at KCU. It was at that point that the scholarship offer was made.

With growing with Christ a major desire in Haas' life, attending the Christ-centered university was a perfect match.

Even before officially entering the world of recreational baseball at Blue Lick Optimist, Haas could be seen throwing or hitting the ball with his parents.

Following his start at Blue Lick, Haas also played at Okolona before going exclusively to travel ball.

The catcher had plenty of assistance as he progressed through his baseball career. He thanked Taber Klinglesmith with being a big help and being just a phone call away.

Jimi Keating and Hunter Wood were also a big part of his development. Plus, all the coaches he's had throughout the years.

Haas also credits his girlfriend and her family for their support and attendance at as many games as possible.

The Chargers advanced to the state tournament this season. But he also

remembers his freshman year when Bullitt East won the Sixth Region title.

"The pure excitement in that moment was like no other," said Haas, who is also cheered on by his sibling, Harper.

Oh, the mental part of the game is so important. For a career goal, Haas would like to pursue medical school with a career as a psychiatrist.

Simpson will continue baseball career at KCU

MOUNT WASHINGTON – Dee Simpson has his eye on being a chief financial officer as his profession of choice.

But, he would also like to play a little more baseball.

The son of Amanda McAllister and Marauwoe Simpson will be continuing his diamond dreams at Kentucky Christian University.

The Bullitt East graduate attended a KCU baseball camp and was hooked. And so were the coaches.

He looks to play outfield in college.

He also considered Campbellsville University.

At KCU, he will major in business accounting with the goal of being a corporate CFO.

Starting in the Elizabethtown youth league, Simpson would play on numerous travel teams.


He selected Kentucky Christian because the coaches gave him a chance to keep playing baseball.

He thanked Coach Branson from the Predators travel team for teaching him so much about baseball. Coach Micah Irwin was also instrumental in helping him

play the outfield position. Simpson's favorite memory came during the spring break trip to Vero Beach in 2026. He made a diving catch

worthy of being on ESPN Sportscenter's Top 10 list.

He will be cheered on at college by his sibling, Amiyah Simpson.



LEGAL NOTICE

Bullitt County Health Department

181 Lees Valley Road
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Main: (502) 955-7837
Environmental: (502) 955-7867
HANDS: (502) 955-5668
Health Education: (502) 955-5355
Clinical Fax: (502) 543-2998
Annex Fax: (502) 543-2449
www.bullittcountyhealthdept.org

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Bullitt County Health Department (BCHD) is accepting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for an Electronic Health Records system. Detailed specifications may be requested via email at Kimberly.Rummage@bullitt-health.org or by calling 502-955-7837 ext. 2210. The specifications will also be accessible through www.BullittHealth.org.

Requests for Proposals must be sealed and submitted in accordance with the specifications no later than 4:00 pm EST on July 21, 2026. RFPs will be opened at 10:00 am EST on July 22, 2026, at the Administrative Offices of BCHD at 183 Lees Valley Road, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. An award is anticipated to be made by July 31, 2026.

BCHD reserves the right to reject any or all RFPs, waive irregularities, and consider alternative criteria not explicitly set forth herein. No RFP submission shall be construed as a binding contract with BCHD.

RFPs may be submitted by mail to Bullitt County Health Department, ATTN: Electronic Health Records, 181 Lees Valley Road, Shepherdsville, KY 40165, or by personal delivery to the Administrative Office at 183 Lees Valley Road, Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

Please direct any questions to Kimberly Rummage at Kimberly.Rummage@bullitthealth.org or 502-955-7837 ext. 2210.



LEGAL NOTICE

Zoneton Fire Protection District

Sealed bids will be received by the Zoneton Fire Protection District for concrete work to be performed at 5328 N. Preston Hwy, Shepherdsville Ky 40165.

Project Description:
The project consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the removal, installation, and finishing of concrete surfaces, including but not limited to aprons, driveways, pads, and associated site preparation.


Bid Submission:
Sealed bids must be received no later than:
July 7, 2026
By 12:00pm
Bids shall be submitted to:
Zoneton Fire Protection District
5328 N. Preston Hwy
Shepherdsville KY 40165
All bids shall be clearly marked:
"Concrete Work Bid – Zoneton Fire Protection District"

Contractor Requirements:
Must be properly licensed, bonded, and insured
Must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations
Proof of insurance must be submitted with bid

Inspection / Information:
Bid specifications and site access may be obtained by contacting:
(502) 955-8076
Kevin Moulton - kmoulton@zonetonfire.com
or
Tracey Key - Tkey@zonetonfire.com

Rights Reserved:
The Zoneton Fire Protection District reserves the right to:
Reject any and all bids
Waive any informalities or irregularities
Award the contract in the best interest of the District

By order of:
Zoneton Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES ON PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Fox Chase, Bullitt County, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That an ad valorem tax of 17.45 cents on each \$100.00 of value of all property in said City, of public service companies taxable for municipal purposes which are assessed by the Department of Revenue, is hereby levied for the year 2026 as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION TWO: Said levy is made for the purpose of raising revenue to pay salaries of officers and employees; for repair and maintenance of streets, public ways, and public buildings in said city; to pay for lighting city streets; and to pay all proper charges and legal demands against the city.

SECTION THREE: Provisions of Ordinance No. 2026-01 as to method of collection and enforcement shall apply to the tax levied herein.

SECTION FOUR: The Clerk is directed to advertise this Ordinance as provided by law.


SECTION FIVE: All payments of taxes provided for herein shall be made to the City Clerk/Treasurer at the business offices of the City of Fox Chase, P. O. Box 310, Hillview, KY 40129.


SECTION SIX: Should any section, clause, line, paragraph or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.


SECTION SEVEN: Any ordinance or part of an ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance or any part of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Given first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fox Chase, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 14th day of April, 2026. Given second reading, voted upon, and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fox Chase, Bullitt County, Kentucky, on the 12th day of May, 2026.

Votes for 6; Votes Against 0; Not Voting 0


OWEN TAYLOR, Mayor

ATTEST:

JOY PRIDDY, CITY CLERK



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING PERSONAL PROPERTY AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDING ASSESSMENT, EQUALIZATION AND COLLECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRS 92.280, ET. SEQ.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Fox Chase, Bullitt County, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION ONE: A personal property ad valorem tax of 17.45 cents on each \$100.00 of all personal property taxable for municipal purposes, except property assessed by the State in said City, is hereby levied for the year 2026 as of January 1, 2026.

SECTION TWO: Said levy is made for the purpose of raising revenue to pay salaries of officers and employees; for the repair and maintenance of street, public ways, and public buildings in said city; to pay for lighting city streets; and to pay all proper charges and legal demands against the City.

SECTION THREE: The assessment made by the Bullitt County Property Valuation Administrator for State and County purposes for 2026 shall be and is hereby adopted as the assessment for City purposes. These taxes as they relate to motor vehicles and boats shall be collected by the Bullitt County Clerk as provided by KRS 132.487 et seq.

SECTION FOUR: The City Clerk be and she is hereby directed to forward to the Department of Property Valuation, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40620, a 2026 Motor Vehicle Tax Rate Certification for the year 2026.

SECTION FIVE: The Clerk is directed to advertise this Ordinance as provided by law.

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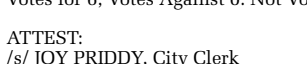
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/s/ OWEN TAYLOR, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ JOY PRIDDY, City Clerk