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City to consider Bypass/Colby Road zoning change request at future meeting

Winchester City Commission
Wrap-Up

The Winchester Board of Commissioners will follow a defined process leading up to a meeting at which the Commission will consider a zoning change request for a property located at the corner of Colby and Bypass roads.

Mayor JoEllen Reed outlined the plan during the Jan. 6 Commission meeting, noting that no additional discussion regarding the issue could take place at that time.

According to established procedures, any zoning amendment, whether it's a text amendment or a change to the zoning map, must follow a specific order of steps. This process includes review by the Planning Commission, a public hearing, and a recommendation to the City Commission.

The Planning Commission

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MATT CIZEK

The City Commission meets on Tuesday, January 6.

Winchester advocate brings living experience to TEDx Talk

By **MATT CIZEK**
Winchester Sun

Many people are familiar with TED Talks, having seen some videos.

The TEDx program is similar in its goals to provide valuable insights.

A more thorough explanation is provided at <https://www.ted.com/about/programs-initiatives/tedx-program>.

"TEDx is a grassroots initiative, created in the spirit of TED's overall mission to research and discover 'ideas worth spreading'," it states. "TEDx brings the spirit of TED to local communities around the globe through TEDx events. These events are organized by passionate individuals who seek to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research in their local areas that spark conversations in their communities."

At an upcoming event, one of the speakers will be a member of the community in Winchester.

Valerie Frost, a former school teacher and parent advocate, will deliver a TEDx talk in Lake Alfred, Florida, on Saturday, February 21, titled "Authority is Lived, Not Given".

"I'm narrating my life...in my instance, I often talk about...specifically...my child welfare involvement," she said. "I've had involvement with multiple systems...What I would try to say to people is it's not lived experience, it's living experience."

Frost's advocacy work has taken her far, including speaking at the White House in Washington, D.C., as recently as July 2024.

According to her personal website, <https://valeriefrost.com/about-valerie/>, Frost founded and led Kentucky's first statewide Parent Advisory Council, in which she developed

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Kibbey brings timeless laughter to Clark County Public Library

By **John Chaney**
Freelance writer for the
Winchester Sun

An evening of classic comedy and shared laughter drew a steady crowd to the Clark County Public Library on Tuesday as Ron Kibbey's Comedy Classic returned with another beloved film from Hollywood's golden age.

Tuesday's event featured the 1950 comedy Ma and Pa Kettle Go To Town, introduced by Kibbey, whose deep appreciation for classic cinema has shaped the series into a well-regarded and enduring community offering. The event blended nostalgia with film history, giving audiences a chance to experience comedy as it was originally enjoyed.

Kibbey traces the beginnings

of Comedy Classic to nearly a decade ago, when he was first invited to share selections from his personal film collection during a summer reading program. The initial screening drew an unexpectedly strong turnout, signaling a lasting local interest in vintage films.

"That first night showed me there was an audience for this kind of movie," Kibbey said. "People were willing to come out just to sit together and enjoy a classic comedy."

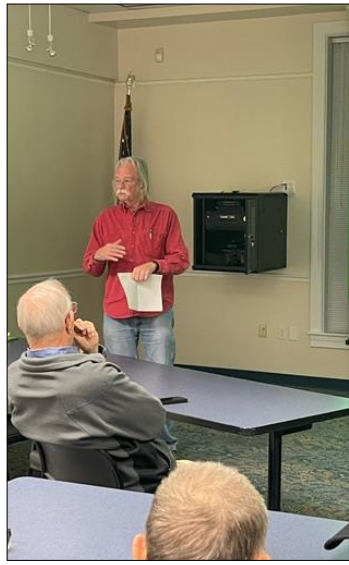
After a brief hiatus, the concept was revived several years later and expanded into a recurring series. Though the program was temporarily interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, it returned when the library resumed in-person programming and has continued steadily since late 2021.

Since then, Ron Kibbey's Comedy Classic has showcased a wide range of films from the silent era through the 1950s, all selected from Kibbey's personal collection. Over the years, audiences have enjoyed works featuring Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, the Marx Brothers, Bob Hope, and Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Kibbey believes the enduring appeal of these films lies in their focus on performance and storytelling rather than modern spectacle.

"There was a stronger emphasis on acting and human interaction," he said. "Many of these movies were made during difficult times, especially the Depression, and they were

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JOHN CHANEY

Ron Kibbey welcomes the audience and sets the stage for the evening's classic comedy, Ma and Pa Kettle Go To Town sharing background and personal insight before introducing the film at the Clark County Public Library.

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