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Christmas parade rolls through downtown this Saturday

The 2025 Christmas parade, presented by the Cynthiana Lions Club, will be this Saturday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme, "Christmas Through the Decades," evokes lots of warm memories of holidays past.

The grand marshal will be beloved middle school band director Julie Lucky, who celebrated her retirement this year after instilling a love of music into Harrison County students for three decades.

The parade route follows Main Street past the courthouse, makes a left onto Pike Street then turns right onto Walnut.

Tree lighting at the courthouse

The annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the courthouse will be Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. In addition to the big tree, the 90 Memory Trees on the grounds around the courthouse will also be lit. Journey Church will be providing hot chocolate to help keep everyone warm. This is a special event of both celebration and remembrance.

Licking Valley Singers: Christmas Past to Present

The Licking Valley Singers will present "Christmas Past to Christmas Present" at Cynthiana Baptist Church on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.

On Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., they will perform at the Neal Welcome Center in Carlisle, located at 108 West Main Street.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. Children 10 and under are admitted free.

The concert is presented in part thanks to support from the Harrison County Community Fund.

St. Edward's Christmas Bazaar

The annual St. Edward School Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday morning, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the school.

There will be a silent auction, vendors (including students), a bake sale, gift card orders, a soup/sandwich meal and homemade candy (peanut butter balls, chocolate covered cherries, maple nut creams, peppermint patties, bourbon nut creams and Father Brinker's almond brittle).

St. Edward School is located at 107 North Walnut Street, Cynthiana.

HCMS Drama Club presents Frozen, Jr. this weekend



Betsy Smith

The Harrison County Middle School Drama Club will present the musical Frozen, Jr. at the high school auditorium this weekend. Performances are Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 6 and 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Fiscal court distributes opioid settlement funds

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

On Tuesday, Nov 25, the Harrison County Fiscal Court held their final meeting of the month.

-Kicking things off on a celebratory note, Judge Marshall presented Opioid Settlement Grant Funds to recipients in attendance.

"Recently the fiscal court approved the projects that were presented to them," explained Judge Marshall. "Tonight we're ready to present those funds to the recipients. I want to give a big thank you to Brian Canupp, the assistant county attorney, for his leadership on this project."

"It seems that other counties are now modeling the project with the model we used here in Harrison County. So while other counties are still trying to figure out what they're going to do and how they're going to disperse their opioid settlement funds, tonight we're here to give out some money to members of the community."

Wedco District Health Department which received \$2,315.40, accepted by Rachel Winkle.

Harrison Memorial Hospital received \$85,000 to help support

them in their project.

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce received \$5,000 to support their workforce readiness program for individuals in recovery.

Finally, the Harrison County Specialty Court received \$80,000 in support of their project expanding the available services of the Harrison County Drug Court program.

-Judge Marshall made a motion to consider approval to hire Larry Williams as part-time Solid Waste Center employee effective Nov 24, 2025, at \$11.50 per hour, which carried.

-A motion was made to consider approval to pay Melody McClure \$5,302.12 for 2025 Training Incentive, which carried.

-Marshall made a motion to consider approval of Budget for Harrison County Clerk for 2026, which carried. The estimated budget mentioned was \$5,606,625.

-Another motion was made to consider approval of Deputy Clerk's maximum salaries for 2026, which carried. Judge Marshall noted that it's set at \$510,000.

-As a matter of record it was noted Michael Shane Harrington's last day of employment as road laborer was Nov. 21, 2025.

-Another matter of record was noted; Melissa Barlow resigned as a part-time animal shelter worker, effective Nov. 29, 2025.

Committee Reports

-The Road Committee reported that the road department has been working to get trucks ready for the snow and ice of the winter season. It was also noted that they've been working on decorating downtown for the holidays.

Judge Marshall reported the application period for the County/City Bridge Improvement Program is now open, and he implored the court to check bridges in their districts for need of replacement or repair.

Marshall also noted that on Dec. 9, bids will be accepted for the Whitson Road bridge.

-The Animal Shelter Committee reported 41 intakes, 17 adoptions, 4 rescues/pulls, 14 return to owners, 41 animals in and 34 animals out.

-The Farm & Facilities Committee reported that construction on the new recreation center has slowed down recently. It was noted that masonry appears finished, as well as a majority of three sides.

Clinton Jones left for another job and a new supervisor has taken the project on, Ben Williams.

After conversation with Judy Construction, Judge Marshall explained that a meeting may occur after Thanksgiving to get an update on where everything is at and going.

-The Parks and Recreation Committee reported that JV basketball is about halfway over for the season.

Treasurer Report

-A motion was made to pay the binder claims, which carried. A motion was made to approve transfers, which also carried.

Closing

-Judge Marshall made note of the Dec. 17 retirement celebration in honor of Sheriff Shain Stephens from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the old courthouse meeting room.

"Thank you, Shain, for [your] 11 years of service to Harrison County and the Sheriff's Department," stated Judge Marshall.

-The Judge also noted the Dec. 10 groundbreaking for the new Cynthiana-Harrison County Fire Training Facility at Industrial Park on Sea Biscuit Way, at 2 p.m.

-The next Fiscal Court meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the old courthouse starting at 5:30 p.m.

Santa to make radio contacts from North Pole during the Christmas parade

BY KEITH CLIFFORD
HARRISON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

On Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 4:30 p.m., Santa has agreed to make radio contacts with children during the Cynthiana Lions Club Christmas Parade. When the Harrison County Amateur Radio

Club contacted him he stated, "I'm really busy with the elves at the North Pole this time of year, but I always make time to attend to my other duties as well."

The Radio Shack will be transmitting from the Rohs Opera House and plan to set up shop right inside the entrance for easy access.

Licensed ham radio operators will be on hand to act as control operators, which means anyone can talk to Santa while under their supervision. Each participant will receive a commemorative card for making this long range North Pole contact via ham radio.

The Harrison County Amateur

Radio Club meets the third Friday of every month in the Lair Methodist Church fellowship hall at 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend to learn how to get started in this fascinating hobby. For further information

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