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Crittenden Nature Park ribbon cutting set for Oct. 8

BY DEBORAH LUCAS ANGEL

Mayor Jim Purcell called the Crittenden City council meeting order on Sept. 9. On the agenda were a potential short term rental proposal and first reading of an ordinance change. All council members were present;

Paul Travis of 26 Cents, LLC out of Lexington spoke to the Council proposing a short term rental (STR) or AirBnB on Main Street. This will entail a zone change to allow an STR at the location. Travis said the property

he is looking to improve would be maintained for historic value and attractiveness as well as help bring more business to the city. Council agreed to look over his proposal and decide at the next meeting.

Council conducted the first reading of Ordinance Number 346-2025 “Amending Neighborhood Commercial Zoning” to include “Recreation and entertainment facilities.” The city has been approached by the “Big Dig” company to change the zoning within city limits to allow the creation of a space in the Total Care drugstore

location.

While councilmembers briefly discussed the request, one point of concern arose that should the ordinance be passed, it would allow any “recreation and/or entertainment” venue to legally be able to site in that area. A second reading, public input and discussion will be conducted at the next meeting.

After much planning, work and sourcing of funds; the Crittenden Nature Park will have its ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on October 8.

Purcell brought the council up to date on the Harvesters Dam progress.

While the city intends to take over and upgrade the dam, there are still legal issues to consider. At this time, they are working on securing approvals from landowners and getting deeds modified to reflect the transfer of the property.

Purcell said Bullock Pen continues to drive over the dam and the toe of the dam, causing damage to the structure. Once all deeds are finalized, the city intends to upgrade and maintain the dam to proper state standards. It was noted if the dam fails, there would be only one entrance/exit to

Harvesters Subdivision.

Purcell asked for approval of the Council for the city to look at a piece of property in downtown that would help ease some of the lack of parking in the city limits. Council approved up to \$60,000 for the purchase. The property is adjacent to the old market, which is currently being upgraded into a bakery.

The next Crittenden City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at the City Building; 117 South Main Street, Crittenden. For more information, call (859) 428-2597.

Grant  
County  
Bluegrass  
Festival

Love the idea of kicking back and listening to some live Bluegrass music on an early fall evening? Head to downtown Williamstown on Saturday, Sept. 27, and you won't be disappointed.

From 3-10 p.m. there will be great music, loads of vendors, decadent food and fun for the entire family.

How's this for a line-up?

3 p.m. Cedar Valley Bluegrass

4 p.m. The Kinman Family

5 p.m. Curnie Wilson & Fenced In

6 p.m. Edgar Loudermilk

7:30 p.m. Kevin Prater Band

9 p.m. Volume Five

The event is free, sponsored by Grant County Tourist & Convention Commission.

Farm to Table another great outing

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On a warm, dry, sunny Friday evening in Williamstown, the annual Grant County Farm to Table (F2T) event took place. On Sept. 12 downtown Williamstown was transformed.

Surrounded by Massey Ferguson tractors, straw bales, giant mums and fall floral arrangements, local dignitaries were seated at tables on Main Street from 6 to 9 p.m. As the dusk settled in, the lights zigzagging across the street came on to give a comfortable glow to those gathered.

Culinary delights such as brisket, chicken breast, roasted potatoes and broccoli followed a fresh light salad with raspberry dressing and huge cathead biscuits were consumed. The meal was “prepared by culinary students at Grant County High School as well as local caterers: Pop's Kitchen and Lenoxburg Catering and Events,” according to Jamie Baker, executive director of the Grant County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development/Tourism.

The culinary students are taught by Chef Peyton Cooper at Grant County High School's Tech Center.



Deborah Lucas Angel

**Jamie Baker, executive director of Grant County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development/Tourism, said she may talk fast but is “not an auctioneer.” Nevertheless, she led the auction of donated items for charities at the 2025 Farm to Table on Sept. 13 in downtown Williamstown.**

Beginning in 2019, Grant County's F2T has become an annual event, held on the second Friday in September. The idea to bring Kentucky foods to Kentucky tables

is a mainstay of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and is celebrated across the state throughout the year.

As Baker stated, F2T is “one

example of the good things that can happen in Grant County when we come together.”

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Three sworn in at Sept. 16 Williamstown City Council meeting

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Three people were sworn in at the start of the Sept. 16 Williamstown City Council meeting. Rick Skinner and Bob Perry took the oath of office as council members; Jayson Payne was sworn in as zoning administrator.

Perry was chosen by the council to replace former Councilmember John Coleman, who announced his resignation at the Aug. 4 council meeting; Skinner was selected to take the place of Payne, who resigned his council seat at the Aug. 19 meeting in order to step into the zoning administrator position, left open since Laura McClanahan's retirement at the end of January.

Both Skinner and Perry have extensive experience in governing Williamstown. Skinner served as mayor from 2011 through December, 2022. Perry was a 25-year veteran of the council before electing not to run in the 2024 election.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

In his report, Mayor David Henson gave a shout out to city employees, particularly the members of the street department, whose hard work makes Williamstown's many festivals and concerts happen.

Also, the renovated portable stage will be used for the first time at the Sept. 20 Marigold Day Festival. “It looks almost brand new,” Henson commented.

Noting the ongoing problem of



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**Bob Perry takes the oath of office at the Sept. 16 Williamstown Council meeting. From left: Perry, City Clerk Crystal Fryman and Mayor David Henson.**

the invasive zebra mussels in the water plant at Williamstown Lake, Henson said the bids for an engineering firm are due Sept. 25. He said the city cannot move forward without an engineer on board.

The plan is to address the problem by installing screens to protect the pumps “because there is damage being done.” The hope is to get a grant or a KIA loan for

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**Rick Skinner, left, is sworn in by Mayor David Henson. City Clerk Crystal Fryman, center, holds the Bible.**

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