

Community
CALENDAR

From the Abundance of the Hart Food Bank
From the Abundance of the Hart Food Bank, a certified member agency of Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland, will be distributing food outside the gymnasium of the Munfordville Baptist Church to those who qualify Friday, September 19, 2025 from 10:30 am until the food is gone or 2:00 pm.

We have new income guidelines. For people under the age of 60 with one in the household, the Gross Monthly Income is \$2,413.00. Add \$848.00 for each additional person in the household. For people over the age of 60 with one in the household, the Gross Monthly Income is \$1,957.00. Add \$688.00 for each additional person in the household. If you have questions, please call 270-786-4339.

We have "Drive-through pick up". Someone will be in the parking lot to assist you in getting in line. Please have your trunk empty and ready to receive the food. You can listen to WLOC Radio 1150 AM or 101.7 FM for last-minute changes in food bank distribution. Volunteer workers will need to arrive at 8:30 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The Spirituals to Sing
The Spirituals, Edmonton, KY will be singing at the Faith Independent Church, Sunday, September 21, at 6:00 pm C.D.T. The church is located at 230 Boyd's Knob Road, Munfordville. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor, Bro. Joey Sexton.

Boiling Springs Baptist Church 200th Anniversary Celebration
Boiling Springs Baptist Church, 499 Boiling Springs Road, Munfordville, will be celebrating its 200th anniversary on Sunday, September 21, beginning at 10:00 am. Bro. Jeff Eastham and the congregation invite you to this special celebration. There will be a time of sharing the church's history, testimonies, and special music. A catered meal will follow the service.

Revival at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church will be having revival September 25 to 27 at 7:00 pm CT and on the 28 at 11:00 am CT., with a fellowship meal after service.

Bro. Freddy Thompson will be preaching. There will be special singing each night.

The church is located on Cub Run Hwy, 3 miles west of Munfordville.

Homecoming Camp Ground Church
Camp Ground Church, 2531 Priceville Road, Bonnieville, will have its Homecoming Service, September 28 starting at 10:00 am. There will be special singing and a meal to follow the service. Everyone is welcome to come join us as we celebrate Jesus and all He has done for our church. We would love to see folks that have been part of Camp Ground in the past to worship and join us for a meal and time of fellowship. Sunday School starts at 9:00.

Horse Cave Board of Architectural Review Meeting
The Horse Cave Board of Architectural Review will be meeting Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in Horse Cave City Hall located at 121 Woodlawn Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Singing at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
A singing will be held Friday, October 3, starting at 7:00 pm CDT, featuring the Joyful Echos, Louisville and others. Everyone welcome.

Riggs Reunion
The descendants of Doris Riggs, Dora Riggs, Aaron Riggs, Rudolph Riggs, Rev. Owen Riggs, Bert Riggs, Pat Riggs, Zello Riggs, Spurgeon Riggs, Wilma Hornback Stillwell, Atha Williams, Melvin Kincade, Annalee McClure and Maoma Vincent will have a Riggs reunion on Sunday, October 5 at the Upton Community Center, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CDT. For more information, call 270-531-6947

HORSE CAVE CITY COUNCIL

No Change in Real Property Tax Rate



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Horse Cave City Clerk Joy Bennett

By Katrina England
News-Herald Reporter

The City Council of Horse Cave met in regular session on Monday, September 8th. Council members Velpha Hatchett, John Buckingham, Vickie Rogers, Mandy Hatcher, and Allen Poynter were in attendance, as well as Mayor Randall Curry.

The council opened the meeting with a presentation of possible tax rates, by City Clerk Joy Bennett, followed by a discussion and decision, with the first reading of the established rate.

The recommended Compensating Rate was .123%, which would have been a slight increase from the .118% last year. In terms of revenue, Bennett announced that keeping the same .118% rate would bring in \$35,000 less than last year.

"We had a larger assessment this year, and then we had a little over a million dollars in new growth," explained Joy Bennett. "Using the .123%, it will bring in \$31,000 more this year than last year... what we're doing is we're trying each year to have the same rate to keep it at the same level."

Mayor Curry recommended the Council take the

compensating rate, as recommended by the Department of Local Government, stating that it helps with grant approvals, but ultimately left discussion and decisions up to the Council.

"I don't want to raise taxes, and I wish they wouldn't give us a choice," said Vickie Rogers. "Raising taxes even a little bit to get the compensating rate, I don't like that. We have a lot of people with fixed incomes and I don't know how much that will affect them."

It was explained that for a property valued at \$100,000, the difference would be about \$5-\$6 more.

Another figure anticipated that if the council chose the compensating rate, it would come with an increase of \$92.11 per person, per year.

"We really don't need to lose revenue," said Bennett. "If we go with .118%, we're going to lose revenue... Our (rate) is really, really low."

Vickie Rogers expressed that she appreciated that the city had always set a low tax rate.

"We just raised property taxes last year, so why hit them again," echoed John Buckingham.

Curry explained that the budget could absorb the loss, explaining "Joy and I are very conservative with the city's money, just like it's our money.... If you don't want to raise it, we can live with it."

Mandy Hatcher echoed the opinions of Rogers and Buckingham, especially in light of the new property assessment.

Buckingham made a motion to not set it as the compensating

rate, but instead leave it as is, at .118% real property and the compensating rate on personal property at .1837%. Rogers seconded. The motion unanimously passed among the five members present.

Department Reports
Fire Chief Mason Michael presented the Fire Department Report, which included 34 medical assists, 4 alarms, 6 fires, 5 injury accidents, and 6 agency assists, for a total of 55 runs.

Buckingham asked how many active members were on the department.

Michael explained there are 27 fire department members on the roster, with an average of 6 responders per emergency, stating "We're very fortunate with our members and their dedication. We had a structure fire the other night and had 14 members show up."

"I commend you on the job you're doing," said Buckingham to Michael. "That's why you're getting firefighters to show up. It's because of you."

In the Public Works Report, Randy Russell presented on 3 grave openings, limb and leaf pick up, mowing, and Russell stated that all but one sign is left for completion of the Sunset Dome Park.

Concerns
There were no citizen concerns.

During Council Concerns, Mandy Hatcher questioned a 2017 ordinance regarding a citywide curfew for youth. She explained the ordinance currently reads that the hours are 11 pm to 5 am, Monday through Friday and weekends midnight to 5 am.

"There's been quite a few young teenagers

running around all over the city," she explained. "They're hiding in businesses. They're playing hide and go seek at all hours of the night. 11:00 is pretty late on a school night."

Hatcher also relayed a recent occurrence where Airbnb guests were staying inside the city limits and came out to find youth hiding from friends in their vehicle.

"It's good to bring up," said Rogers, mentioning a recent incident in Texas where a youth was fatally shot while playing a doorbell ditch prank. "They need to be in bed."

Hatcher explained a recent situation occurred in the city where AirBnB guests came out in the middle of the night to find youth hiding inside their vehicle.

Even if not mo, publicize it," said Allen Poynter. "I dare say a lot of people probably don't know that's an ordinance."

Curry suggested meeting with Police Chief Heather Childress to address the problem and possible solutions.

Additionally, Curry announced that September 19-20 will be the 25th anniversary of the Heritage Festival.

Rogers asked about the Midway Wholesale Building, to which Curry explained it had been purchased by Savannah Kay Mattingly.

"She's in the process of upgrading it and fixing it up," said Curry. "She has some other ideas she's talked to me about."

The next regular meeting of the Horse Cave City Council will be Monday, October 13 at 6:00.

MONEY FOR FARM IMPROVEMENTS AVAILABLE...



- Eligible Investment Areas:**
- Large Animal
 - Farm Infrastructure
 - Fencing & On-Farm Water
 - Forage & Grain Improvement
 - Innovative Agriculture Systems
 - On-Farm Energy
 - Agriculture Diversification
 - Small Animal
 - Poultry & Fowl
 - Technology & Leadership Development
 - Value-Added & Marketing

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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Hart County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period:
September 5, 2025 – September 26, 2025
No applications will be accepted before September 5, 2025 or after September 26, 2025.

There will be a CAIP Informational Meeting September 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM CST.
The meeting will be held at the Hart County Fairgrounds. Changes to the CAIP program will be discussed.

Application Availability:
Hart County UK Extension Office.
Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

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