

UPCOMING AT THE EVENT CENTER & SPORTSPLEX

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE TO OPEN SEASON JUNE 19

A co-ed volleyball league is set to open its season at the Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 19.

A membership to the Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex is required to participate in the co-ed volleyball league.

The entry fee for the co-ed volleyball league is \$20 per person.

The Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex opened on March 24. The gymnasium area of the Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex has approximately 23,000 square feet of playable and recreation space.

CULVER

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“It was certainly an awakening and eye-opening experience, one I will never forget. It took a full year of rehab to finally get back to normal. I am thankful to have had such good people and family behind me,” Culver said.

The son of Marvin and Lisa Culver now faces a different challenge in building up the Lady Knight soccer program. Marion County finished the season with a 14-8 record last fall, but returns only two seniors for this upcoming campaign.

Culver insists there will be changes in the program under his tenure, but he is determined to get the best out of the talent coming up through the organization. He expects to encounter some struggles in the early going.

“I think it’s important to set high expectations and to compete at a very high level. There will be an adjustment for everyone, but you measure yourself with how you’re playing when it comes to tournament time. That’s what you play for, to play your best when it is most important,” Culver said.

He regards his coaching style as one

that strives on aggressive defensive play and relies upon the whole team doing its part.

“There will be new formations for them to learn and different strategies that they are not accustomed to, but I’m confident that they will pick it up. We really only have three weeks to prepare for the season, so we have a lot of work to do,” Culver explained.

He and his wife Rachel have two budding soccer players in 11-year old Harrison and 8-year old Millie. Culver will be working as a health and physical education teacher at the high school.

With the 15 years of coaching experience at Mercer and Christian County under his belt, Culver hopes to inject some enthusiasm into the program.

“We’re excited about coming back to Marion County and being able to spend more time with family. I’m really looking forward to this opportunity,” he said.

That sentiment was echoed by Athletic Director Michael Holt, who is working with Culver to round out the coaching staff..

“Any time we can recruit a coach with that kind of experience and success to come back home, it’s a definite plus for our athletic program,” Marion County Athletic Director Michael Holt added.

AG urges Meta to act on AI sexual exploitation risks

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Russell Coleman announced last week he called on Meta Platforms, Inc. after disturbing reports that the social media giant’s AI assistant, known as “Meta AI,” may expose children to sexually explicit content and allow adults to simulate the grooming of minors. General Coleman joined a coalition of 28 attorneys general in a letter to Meta to express their concerns.

“These reports are alarming because they create another virtual playground for predators to find and exploit our children,” Attorney General Coleman said. “Working with AG colleagues around the country, we will go to where the threats are to keep Kentucky’s kids safe.”

Meta AI, integrated across Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp, allows users to interact with synthetic personas through text, voice, and image exchanges. Recent investigative reporting has revealed that several Meta AI personas have engaged in graphic sexual conversations with users identifying as minors. In one case, a Meta-created persona using the voice of wrestler-turned-actor John Cena described a sexual encounter with a user posing as a 14-year-old girl and acknowledged its illegality. User-created underage personas were also implicated in facilitating pedophilic scenarios with adult-identifying users.

The attorneys general are seeking answers to several urgent questions, including:

- Whether Meta intentionally removed safeguards to allow sexual role-play,
- Whether any of these capabilities remain available on Meta’s social media platforms, and
- Whether Meta plans to halt access to sexual role-play on its platforms for users under the age of 18.

For more information about the summer cornhole league, call 270-321-4014 or email Will Knight at knight@marioncountky.gov.

BEGINNERS & NOVICE PICKLEBALL LEAGUE TO START JULY 1

A beginners & novice pickleball league will begin at the Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex on Tuesday, July 1.

The start time for the beginners & novice pickleball league is 6 p.m.

The beginners & novice pickleball league will include a training & rules clinic.

The fee for the beginners & novice pickleball league is \$25 per person.

Only 16 spots are available in the beginners & novice pickleball league.

The beginners & novice pickleball league will consist of weeknight play only and span seven weeks.

Each participant in the beginners & novice pickleball league will receive a shirt.

Registration is open for the MCECS 3 vs. 3 Youth Co-Ed Basketball League.

The Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex will host the MCECS Youth Co-Ed Basketball League over six weeks on a weeknight to be determined.

Two age divisions (10-13 and 14-17) will be offered in the MCECS 3 vs. 3 Youth Co-Ed Basketball League.

Registration forms for the MCECS 3 vs. 3 Youth Co-

Ed Basketball League are available at the Marion County Event Center & Sportsplex.

The fee for the MCECS 3 vs. 3 Youth Co-Ed Basketball League is \$40 per player.

Each player must register individually.

A skills day evaluation and draft will be held prior to the teams forming.

The deadline to register for the MCECS 3 vs. 3 Youth Co-Ed Basketball League is Wednesday, July 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 ADOPTING THE CITY OF LEBANON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 BY INCREASING AND REVISING REVENUE ESTIMATES, INCREASING AND REVISING APPROPRIATED FUNDS, AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of amending its annual budget to reflect increased and revised estimates of revenue, to revise and increase appropriations in the several funds and for the various departments, and to appropriate additional sums for the operations of City government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY:

Section I of Ordinance No. 2024-06 is hereby amended by deletion in entirety and substitution in lieu thereof the following:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 is hereby adopted as follows, and that the sums herein identified as appropriations are hereby appropriated:

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET		CITY OF LEBANON							
RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GEN. FUND		SEWER		MOTOR FUELS		LGEA FUND		
AMENDED	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	FROM	
Fund Balance Carried Forward	4,095,200	3,435,068							
Property, Franchise & Bank Shares	1,622,760	1,458,000	682,700	1,726,112	1,670	237,359	14,000	2,883	
Taxes & PenaltiesFranchise Payments	448,780	472,000							
Licenses & Permits	48,865	47,000							
Occupational Tax	4,977,000	4,250,000							
Quarterly Insurance Tax	1,925,000	1,500,000							
Base Court Revenue, KLEFPF, & FIP	115,200	146,900							
Fire Department Revenue	5,005	3,500							
Park Receipts (Baseball, Volleyball, etc.)	15,000	5,000							
Pool Receipts	94,000	87,000							
(Admissions & Concessions)									
Motor Fuels	100,000	100,000			144,000	100,000			
Sewer Income			2,039,500	2,165,000					
LGEA							7,000	14,000	
Miscellaneous Receipts	278,534	261,050							
Interest Income			13,900	3,500					
Commonwealth of Kentucky	33,000	0							
Opioid Settlement	29,500	0							
RD Loan 2,950,491 2,432,071									
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds			338,500	0					
Marion Co. Dispatch Services	230,500	275,000							
TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	14,018,344	12,040,518	6,025,091	6,326,683	145,670	337,359	21,000	16,883	
FOR APPROPRIATIONS									
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,906,890	2,306,310							
POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,979,900	3,070,960							
FIRE DEPARTMENT	754,750	950,024					7,500	7,550	
STREET DEPARTMENT	1,889,162	1,230,436							
PARK DEPARTMENT	1,847,200	1,815,405							
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND					100,000	100,000			
ENTERPRISE FUND - SEWER			2,329,100	2,315,350					
ENTERPRISE FUND - SEWER ARPA			338,250	0					
ENTERPRISE FUND - RD			2,658,700	2,432,071					
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	10,377,902	9,373,135	5,326,050	4,747,421	100,000	100,000	7,500	7,550	
& TRANSFERS									
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	3,640,442	2,667,383	699,041	1,579,262	45,670	237,359	13,500	9,333	
END OF YEAR									

Section II: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section III: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its second reading, passage and publication.

CITY OF LEBANON, KENTUCKY – Gary D. Crenshaw, Mayor – ATTEST: Gina N. Wheatley, City Clerk