

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
MASON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING — 6 p.m., District office located at 1925 Old Main Street, Maysville.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Barbershop.
MAYSVILLE-MASON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING — 7:30 a.m., Offices of Buffalo Trace ADD.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., Lilo and Stitch (FREE).
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Matewan.
LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE WITH KEVIN ROBINSON, DOSIDO CLUB, LEXINGTON — Trinity United Methodist Church Mission Fundraiser, reservations only (deadline Aug. 12), meal served at 5 p.m., \$20 per person, tables of eight available, Mike Huff dinner entertainment, preferred payment in advance or pay at door, dancing is not required, all funds go to the mission team, 26 West Third Street, Maysville, KY 41056, call 606-564-4462.
MAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION CLASS OF 1981 — from 3 to 9 p.m., Mt. Lawley Farm, 6345 Helena Road, May’s Lick.

WALD LLC FRIENDS ANNUAL POT LUCK PICNIC — eat at 1 p.m. and stay as long as you want, at Washington Park, all former and current employees and family are welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
LEE’S CHAPEL HOMECOMING AND BASKET MEETING — 2:45 p.m., Lee’s Chapel United Methodist Church located on KY Highway 3170/Old KY Highway 11. Dinner will be served afterward. the Harps Gospel Quartet Group will give the music.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
ADAMS COUNTY OHIO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT FEDERAL PROGRAMS ANNUAL MEETING — 5:15, Career and Technical Center located at 175 Lloyd Road West Union, Ohio.
BUFFALO TRACE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT’S MOBILE CLINIC — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Robertson County Public Library.
MASON COUNTY REPUBLICAN MEETING — 7 p.m., Mason County Public Library.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Braveheart.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES (UK) — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.
PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN — 6 p.m., Wash-

City

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gone from one “extreme” to another — that is, less restrictive to more restrictive — and recommended finding a medium between the two. Mayor Debra Cotterill further suggested setting annual days and times for cleanups, which could help monitor activity and manage employee overtime.

Wallingford stated that they would consider the matter and return with a proposal.

He then introduced a discussion of the city’s Board Window Ordinance, which was originally enacted within the Main Street district and stipulated that all boarded windows must either be replaced or shuttered. Wallingford suggested making the ordinance uniform throughout the city.

Codes Officer Nicole Brooks explained that the ordinance had initially been kept out of certain areas due to frequent break-ins and the vandalizing of vacant properties, expressing that she did not feel she could justify the constant replacements. She then asked the commission to consider these types of situations in residential areas.

“Don’t get me wrong, I appreciate everything that has been put into it, and it’s caused a lot of the energy efficiency, windows, you know, storm doors, things of those nature,” Brooks stated. “But as far as structurally, significantly making a change, I think a higher amount, I think maybe a bigger percentage that we could cover would benefit the areas down here, because there is a financial gap.”

Boone agreed that the ordinance should be expanded and stated that he was not opposed to raising the cap on the facade program. However, he expressed, this presupposes that individuals have the money they need to begin said project before they can be reimbursed.

Brooks agreed and reiterated that the program should be updated and restructured. Wallingford suggested that he and

Brooks make a plan and present it later.

Afterward, the commission addressed citizens’ concerns regarding the ongoing Spectrum broadband project in Maysville. In response, Wallingford noted that a dedicated email has been created to receive written concerns, and that the city would begin releasing information from Spectrum’s biweekly contractor status updates.

Mason County Judge Executive Owen McNeill added that the email system has been tested, and that Spectrum currently has approximately 40 contractors in Maysville.

“As they come into the core of the city, things get a lot tighter, if that makes sense,” McNeill stated. “And so, we explain to them that we’re all got to do a little bit better job communicating back and forth and addressing any citizens’ concerns.”

The commission then heard from three residents of Wadsworth Drive in Maysville, where construction has recently occurred.

Keith Pawsat alleged that homeowners on Wadsworth Drive were not notified of the construction, and that Spectrum does not have a statute requiring it to restore private property to its original condition after construction is finished.

“That leaves homeowners without leverage and forces us to spend our own time and money fixing problems that should never have occurred,” he expressed.

Pawsat further claimed that between five connected houses on Wadsworth Drive, the contractors had hit geothermal piping, struck his water line and caused “extensive damage” to a yard, buckled his neighbor’s driveway and hit a Limestone Cable service line.

He then requested that the commission intervene on behalf of the residents of Wadsworth Drive and other similar neighborhoods by requiring the restoration of damaged property, insisting on better notifications and working contract processes for homeowners, and encouraging the “thoughtful” placement of Spectrum’s equipment boxes.

Norma Linville also alleged that she has received property damage, including a buckle in her driveway. Although she has spoken to someone about repairs, these may take up to a month.

“I want to make sure that we have a source of reimbursement because we didn’t ask for this,” Linville stated. “We were not notified.”

David Clark claimed that a Spectrum subcontractor had bored through his yard without giving notice, damaging geothermal equipment and burning up a plant, causing \$1,308.52 in damages. Although a foreman reportedly requested the bill, Clark has not yet received payment.

“I just want to be paid,” Clark expressed.

Boone asked those present whether the City of Maysville and Mason County’s joint contract states that Spectrum and its contractors and subcontractors are responsible for damage to personal property. Spectrum representative Kendra Draper responded that Spectrum will ultimately assume responsibility and encouraged those who have received damage to send their receipts or estimates for repairs to Spectrum.

Boone then motioned for the City of Maysville’s legal counsel to issue a letter to Spectrum revisiting the contract’s terms and that Spectrum is responsible for damages. The motion was seconded and approved.

To submit further concerns, individuals are encouraged to email spectrum.maysville.construction@spectrum.com.

Afterward, the commission discussed the acquisition of 39 & 41 E. Fifth Street in Maysville.

Brooks stated that the owner is willing to give the properties — which are in “terrible shape” — to the City of Maysville. They are currently slated for demolition, after which the city will own the empty lot.

Boone then asked whether the homes could be sold as-is after their acquisition, to which Brooks responded that their owner has tried to do so for over a year with no success. Boone continued, suggesting that the properties should be reevaluated upon their

acquisition to determine whether demolition is necessary, as well as sold and reinvested into a fund that will help the city invest in other potential properties. This would be separate from the general fund.

Brooks reiterated that the properties are condemned and asked Boone who he wanted to reassess the properties, to which he responded, “I have a network of people that I text when I see a property.”

“When I go after something and it’s to the point of demo — I know Luke [King] sees a lot of the things that I tear down — I am not going after something that I feel like is worth something,” Brooks stated. “That would fall under our eminent domain. So, if you would like to look at these structures after we acquire them, if you would like to have some of your contractor friends take a look at them, I’m more than happy to meet up there with them. But ultimately, I would like to do something soon because it is an eyesore, it is unsecure. We’ve had people going in and out. So, this has been a problem for years.”

A motion was made authorizing Cotterill to execute the deed and consideration statement accepting the properties. The motion was seconded and approved.

Finally, Commissioner David Cartmell mentioned changing the commissioners’ insurance policies, stating, “I don’t think that we should be in the business of paying elected officials insurance.” Cotterill added that the commissioners are not full-time employees and should therefore be treated like other non-full-time employees.

HR Director Rhonda Rose noted that without the city’s insurance, commissioners will lose their HRA, as well as several of their insurance policies.

Wallingford suggested that they return to the issue in September.

The meeting adjourned shortly afterward.

Warrior of the Week

Submitted by Warrior Ridge

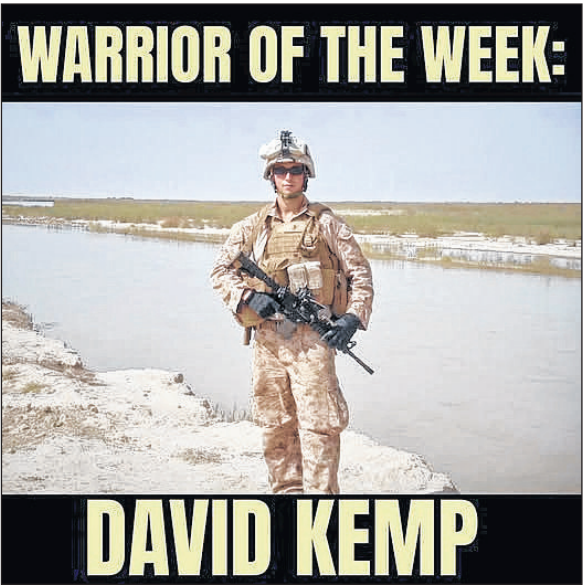
Every Wednesday, the Warrior Ridge non-profit organization selects one veteran to celebrate and honor for their services. David Kemp was selected to be Warrior of the Week for Aug. 12 through 18.

A proud member of the 3/3 India Co Raiders, David served as a Marine Corps infantry officer in two deployments to Afghanistan. He earned his MBA from Harvard Business

School, then led a food manufacturing company to a national platform before exiting in 2025.

He now studies philosophy at Columbia and is an Executive Fellow at Harvard Business School. In addition, he is our newest Warrior Ridge Board Member! Welcome to the Warrior Ridge team, Dave! We are so excited to have you!

To nominate someone for Warrior of the Week, submit them at <https://www.warriorridge.org/warrior-of-the-week/>.



Wayback Wednesday



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MCPL Upcoming Events!

8/17 - 8/22

Mason County Public Library

218 E. Third St Maysville, KY 41056

606-564-3286

masoncountylibrary.com

Monday

Tech Help Desk
1PM - 3PM

Construct It!
Build a Cozy Room with Stickers
4:30PM - 5:30PM

Tuesday

Homeschool Art Club - Color Block Portrait
11AM - 12PM

Homeschool Social
1PM - 2:30PM

Tech Help Desk
3PM - 4:30PM

The Great Pokémon Adventure
4PM - 7PM

Wednesday

SHAKE 606
11AM - 12PM

Tech Help Desk
1PM - 3PM

Friendship Garden Club:
Natural Plant Dying
4:30PM - 5:30PM
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Peppers and Pages
6PM - 7PM

Thursday

Storytime 10:30AM
Theme:
Help & First Aid

Sense the Fun!
11:30AM - 12PM

Yoga
4PM - 5:30PM

Book Journaling
6PM - 7PM

Friday

Tech Help Desk
11AM - 1PM

Montessori & Me
11:30AM - 12:30PM

Crumbs and Chapters
at Starbucks
4:30PM - 5:30PM

Saturday

Storytime
10:30AM - 11:30AM

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