



## Community Datebook

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### MOTORMEALS SCHEDULE

The following is the upcoming schedule for the Gateway Area Development District's MotorMeals program for April: April 22, Closed; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, April 29, Montgomery Square Apartments. For more information call 855-882-5307.

### CHILD INTERESTED IN THEATER?

Have a child interested in being on stage? "Build Your Book: Creating Your Musical Theatre Repertoire" is April 22 (5-7 p.m.) and available to anyone 13 and up!. This class is designed for young performers who want to strengthen their audition materials and explore how to build a strong audition book, choose songs and monologues and develop a balanced musical theater repertoire. The session also covers resumes, headshots and common audition mistakes to avoid. Tickets are \$15.

### OPENING ART RECEPTION

Our newly re-named Diane Howell Statewide Student Art Show will be on display until April 24. Exhibits at the Gateway Regional Arts Center are always free, so stop by before then to see these pieces before they go back to their homes in over 11 different counties. The deadline for art pickup is May 9, but participants are encouraged to pick up pieces before then so the center can make room for a new exhibit premiering April 30, 2026: "We Know Who They Are ... :Artwork and Narratives from the Invasion of Ukraine." Opening Reception is April 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To RSVP and more information visit [grackentucky.org/events](http://grackentucky.org/events).

### PUBLIC WORKS FIRST RESPONDERS COOKOUT

There will be a Public Works First Responders Cookout hosted by the Chamber of Commerce 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the Montgomery County 911 Dispatch Center, 225 Oak Grove Drive. RSVP by May 8 by calling 859-498-5343 or by emailing [contact@mtsterlingchamber.com](mailto:contact@mtsterlingchamber.com). To-go orders must also be placed by May 8 to be honored.

### WASTE TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

The Montgomery County Fiscal Court will host a Waste Tire Collection event June 18-20 at the Kentucky State Highway Garage, 117 Adena Drive. More details will be released nearer to the event.

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Montgomery County Board of Elections meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the county clerk's office at the Courthouse. The public is welcome to attend.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at Gateway Christian Church, 801 Winchester Road. For more information, call 859-498-3876.

# Movie to debut with two local stars

By Tom Marshall  
Senior Advocate writer

"A Place at the Table," which features nine people from Mt. Sterling in the film, will debut locally this week.

The film by Wesley Mullins will debut at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Tenth Frame, and will continue to play each day through April 24.

Mullins previously directed the movie "M30 OXY," which premiered to a large crowd at Tenth Frame in December 2024.

Two of the stars of the movie are Joanna "Jo" Botts, wife of Mt. Sterling Mayor Al Botts, and Ellie Bowlin, who has a role in the upcoming movie "Ethan Almighty."

Seven others appear in non-speaking roles. Tara Coleman and Jordan Campbell, executive director at the Gateway Regional Arts Center, are featured in scenes at a yard sale and wedding while five school-age children appear as the children of several main characters.

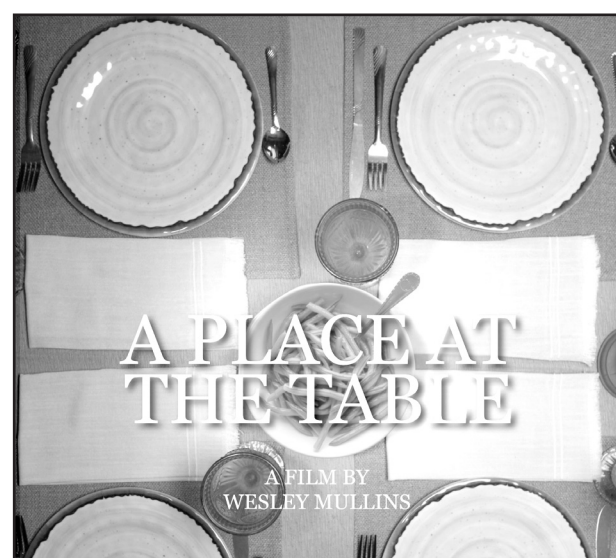
The latest movie by Mullins is described as a comedy-drama "in the spirit of a Woody Allen movie if he grew up in Eastern Kentucky."

"The film follows a family for one year after the death of their mother," Mullins told the Advocate. "It's about loss, secrets and the difficulties found in all families."

The adult children in the film must deal with their father marrying a much younger woman, Mullins said.

The story shows the family at five events: a wedding, a funeral, July 4, Christmas and a yard sale, he explains.

"There's a lot of humor in it, but also dramatic elements as the family struggles to accept their new stepmom and stepsisters, as well as addressing their own conflicts with each other and concerns about



See page A9 for additional stories about two of the local actors. Photo above submitted.

how their father's new marriage will affect their inheritance," Mullins said.

Mullins said the inspiration for the movie came from observing how families change after a loss, such as the shift in relationships and how people deal with change with a combination of grief and humor.

One scene in the movie was shot in a house in Mt. Sterling with the rest was shot in Nicholasville.

Moving forward, Mullins said he would like to see a stronger emphasis placed on supporting local filmmakers in Kentucky.

"Since my entire crew and main cast are Kentuckians, this film demonstrates what local talent can accomplish, and how much more could be done with greater support," he said.

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### Nancy Jean Fraley, 60

Nancy Jean Fraley, 60, of Mt. Sterling, died Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at her residence.

Born May 25, 1965, in Wilmington, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Lucian and Barbara Rupert Cecil. She was a former member of Montgomery County Homemakers Club. Crafting was her favorite thing, and spending time with family.

Survivors include her husband, Virgil Fraley; sons, Alan Fraley (Katie) of Jeffersonville and Matt Fraley (Kayla Yarber) of Mt. Sterling; brothers, Lucian Cecil (Becky) of Harrodsburg, Gary Cecil (Beth) of Lake Butler, Fla., Courtney Cecil (Amy) and Tim Cecil (Judy) of Jeffersonville; grandchildren, Mason Fraley, Kelby Fraley, Kenzie Fraley and Maya Fraley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents he was preceded in death by brothers, Jeff Cecil, Bobby Cecil and Danny Joe Cecil.

Service was conducted Monday, April 13 at Taul Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Skidmore officiating.



### Kerri Sturgill, 71

Kerri Sturgill, 71, of Mt. Sterling, died Friday, April 10, 2026 at her residence.

Born March 15, 1955 in Dayton, Ohio, she was the daughter of Sara Warner Taylor of Owingsville. She worked at Montgomery County Area Technology Center. She enjoyed horses and yard sales.

In addition to her mother survivors include sons, Edward Hart III (Tiffany) of Jeffersonville and Josh Hart (Tonya) of Camargo; and grandchildren, Logan Hart, Kennedy Hart, Sophie Hart and Michael Sturgill.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Edward Lee Hart and Phillip Sturgill.

Service will be conducted at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at Taul Funeral Home Chapel with Raymond Townsend officiating. Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday. Burial will be in Longview Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ed Hart, Logan Hart, Billy Brandenburg, Scott Little, Robbie Skaggs and Brandon Powell.



Have an obituary laminated for a nominal charge. Call 859-498-2222.

## More Extension news

# Cattlemen's ribeye drive thru April 24

Are you craving a Cattlemen's ribeye sandwich? If so, the Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association is taking orders for pick up Friday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may place an order for a ribeye steak sandwich, chips and an Ale-8 or water by calling 859-498-8733. To help us plan accordingly, please call your order in by 4:30 p.m. Thursday,

April 23. You may also submit orders via the QR Code at right.

When you call, please leave your name, phone number, number of orders, number of Ale-8s or waters per order and the approximate time you will pick up your order. Orders can only be picked up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. April 24 at the Montgomery County Extension Annex

Garage located at 153 S. Maysville St. Follow the signs. Orders will be brought to your car when you drive up.

The cost per order is \$12. Cash or card. Don't miss out on this chance to get a Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association ribeye sandwich!



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PM Thunderstorms 40%	Partly Cloudy 13%	PM Thunderstorms 37%	AM Showers 50%	Sunny 3%	Partly Cloudy 10%	AM Showers 37%





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