

EPHRAIM MCDOWELL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

MAY 27
A female, Everleigh Lashea Carmicle, born to Nakya and Corey Carmicle of Liberty
A female, Haisley Lynn Martin, born to Alexis Smith and Nathan Martin of Liberty

SPENDING

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As for funding, the school district saw a decline in funding from state sources from \$21 million in 2022-23 down to \$19.7 million in 2023-24. Funding from federal sources increased significantly from \$9.98 million to \$14.8 million over that same period of time. Funding from local sources was

largely flat with revenue rising from \$6.1 million up to \$6.5 million.
State SEEK funding per student went up by just \$90 from 2022-23 to 2023-24, or from \$5,237 up to \$5,320.
Spending on facilities and debt services was \$14.8 million. Spending on facilities acquisitions and constructions was \$6.2 million.
The School Report Card for the 2024-2025 school year will be released later in the fall.

TOURISM

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As for expenses, total costs for personnel were \$158,369.27, including \$92,000 for salaries and wages, \$10,000 for contracted labor, \$25,000 health benefits, \$22,000 for pensions and \$9,000 for payroll taxes.
Operations expenditures were estimated at \$209,163, including \$65,000 for professional services, \$60,000 for events, \$60,000 for advertising and printing, and \$7,500 for materials and supplies, and \$4,000 in postage among other smaller expenses.
Administration expenses totaled \$125,000, with nearly all of it (\$110,000) tied to grants available to the public, including beautification. Dues and subscriptions were \$5,000 and travel and training was \$10,000.
Finally, the capital outlay expenditures was \$182,000, and includes money earmarked for the construction of a new park at Lake Liberty, for a grand total of \$674,550, or a balanced budget, which the board approved.
Cundiff gave an update on the Christmas light sculptures, which were purchased for placing around Liberty Island until frequent flooding ended the practice in 2019.
She reported that a visit from Russell Springs Tourism garnered a \$1,000 offer to take the hundreds of light sculptures away. She said that the \$1,000

offer was a little low and said that, if the board agreed, she would continue to seek information from an auction company on what they would need to sell the lights.
The board agreed that they should gather more information before letting them go for such a small amount of money.
Also in the meeting:
• Cundiff in the directors report announced that the monthly restaurant tax raised \$31,650 for April, \$32,959 for March, and \$28,059 for February. Each of these months' receipts were below the prior year, yet the total tax revenue for the year was at \$374,818, which was \$7,818 above the initial budgeted estimate.
• Members heard that the amount of requests for information packets regarding Liberty and Casey County was more than most years with 313 requested in just the past two months. Cundiff said that she has paused the amount of packets leaving due to running out of money in the postage budget.
• Plans for the Fourth of July are set. Kids activities will begin behind Liberty City Hall at 12 p.m. with free popcorn, free snow cones, free hot dogs, and free water. Casey County Bank is sponsoring the hot dogs.
Following the free activities, at around 3:30 the area behind Liberty City Hall will transition to a concert.
Fireworks will be at 10 p.m. In the event of rain, the fireworks show would be on Sunday, July 6.



By Submitted photo
Friday Night Cruisers Car Club President Troy Sanders, left, hands the People's Choice Award to Barkley Courtwright, of Lebanon, in front of the Casey County Courthouse in downtown Liberty.

CRUISERS

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Fridays have not been good for events since April.
According to Kentucky Mesonet, measurable rain fell on three out of four Fridays in April, and then on four out of five Fridays in May, for a total of seven out of nine Fridays in those two months.
June has started with a rainy Friday, making it eight out of ten Fridays with rain so far since April.
Despite the rain, the Friday Night Cruisers were able to crown a People's Choice Award winner who was Barley Courtwright from Lebanon.

He brought his 1955 Ford.
The top three winners were David Pierce in his 1972 Ford Ranchero, and then father and son with their 1967 and 1969 Camaros, Jason and Johnny Daniels.
The small pool of competitors is much less than the average attendance, but with the rainy weather it was still a success.
The record number of cars for any month was set last year on June 7 when 286 cars competed.
New for this 10th annual year is a giveaway of a vehicle trailer.
Raffle tickets are available at each event and the drawing for the trailer will be held at the club's last show on Oct. 3, 2025.
The Friday Night Cruisers holds its monthly car show on the first Friday of every month, from 6 to 8 p.m. in downtown Liberty.
The next show would be on Independence Day, July 4.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The second reading and adoption of the Casey County proposed budget ordinance for fiscal year 2025- 2026 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on June 23rd , 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF CASEY COUNTY, KENTUCKY:
WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the fiscal court on the 19th day of May, 2025 and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on the 5th day of June, 2025.
SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2023-24 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

• General Fund	
4100 Taxes	\$3,000.00
5000 General Government	\$1,427,150.00
5100 Protection to Persons and Property	\$73,500.00
5200 General Health and Sanitation	\$168,800.00
5300 Social Services	\$18,500.00
5400 Recreation and Culture	\$308,700.00
8001 Projects	\$922,700.00
9100 General Services	\$195,750.00
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$259,500.00
9400 Employee Benefits	\$758,000.00
Total	\$4,135,600.00
• Road Fund	
6100 Roads	\$3,931,500.00
9100 General Services	\$87,800.00
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$289,017.00
9400 Employee Benefits	\$276,000.00
Total	\$4,584,317.00
• Jail Fund	
5100 Protection to Persons & Property	\$3,044,825.00
9100 Insurance	\$106,000.00
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$131,425.00
9400 Employee Benefits	\$572,500.00
Total	\$3,854,750.00
• LGEA Fund	
5075 Special Projects	\$50,000.00
5405 Special Projects	\$25,000.00
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$27,000.00
Total	\$102,000.00
• STATE Fund	
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$3,080.00
Total	\$3,080.00
• E-911 Fund	
5100 Protection to Persons and Property	\$16,450.00
Total	\$16,450.00
• Arpa Fund	
5135 Disaster Services Project	\$391,490.00
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$6,700.00
Total	\$398,190.00
• County Clerk Fund	
5000 General Government	\$34,500.00
Total	\$398,190.00
• Opioid Fund	
9200 Reserve for Transfer	\$229,000.00
9500 Distributions to other GOV Agencies	\$60,000.00
Total	\$298,000.00

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the Casey County Newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
All interested persons and organizations in Casey County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

HAPPENINGS IN Liberty/Casey County



CASEY COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

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Liberty, KY
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