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area of the lake.

The BOD and GM shared intentions for the final completion of the 19th Hole, the revitalization of the beaches, the health and vitality of Doe Valley Lake and the continued replacement and rebuilding of the Doe Valley Community, which includes the roads, wastewater treatment, sewer line replacements

and other areas to provide a safe and comfortable living for Doe Valley residents.

Bohannon said, “the annual town hall meeting is a great opportunity to update the community on the previous year’s accomplishments. We have been able to make cost cuts throughout Doe Valley. Residents have been very receptive to the new 19th Hole. The marina renovation has been need-

ed for many years, and the upgrades will last for many years moving forward. Overall, Doe Valley has made great strides in 2024, and we look forward to making more in years to come.”

Engle stated, “Doe Valley was pleased to look back at the past year’s accomplishments and looks forward to the plans for the future. We are looking forward to another successful Independence

Day celebration, which is June 28. This event is open to the public thanks to the generosity of community partners and resident donors.”

Bizzell shared, “We have made huge strides improving our infrastructure in the last year, with our sewer system, the lake and our new pro-shop/19th hole. We have plans for continued improvements with a renovated marina in the Fall,

as well as additional road improvements.”

Following a detailed power point presentation from Jackie Engle regarding the health and infrastructure of Doe Valley Lake, the meeting was opened to receiving questions from residents. Several residents addressed the BOD and GM, asking for affirmation on subject matters that varied from speeding, loose pets, the cost projection of future

projects, the security gates and plans for the future of The Lakeside Bar and Grill. All of their questions were answered in a timely manner.

The meeting was adjourned just before 9 pm. Once the meeting minutes have been approved by the BOD, it will be available in its entirety on the Doe Valley Website at doevalley.org for Doe Valley residents.

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wage is currently near \$15.00 per hour and the Mayor and City Council must be paid as well. He encouraged the Council to pass the ordinance. Brian Chism asked “Why?” He stated that a list of what is needed should be prepared and the Council might do better to utilize current tax rates. He asked the Council to vote “No.” Shannon Flack said she had done some research, and many cities were functioning adequately with the same income as Brandenburg, and they do not have an occupational tax. She objected to funds from this occupational tax being put into the general fund. She asked the Council to vote “No.”

The Council then took the occupation tax matter under consideration and Councilman Mark Spry introduced an amend-

ment to set the rate at 1/3 of 1 % with no tax on the first \$20,000 of income and none on income over \$200,000. A quick math by this writer would indicate that the paid on \$100 of income would amount to just over 33 cents for each \$100 earned after the first \$20,000 of income.

A motion to delay the vote on the tax proposal until after the July Council meeting was defeated. With the wording of the ordinance being set, a vote was called for. Three Council members voted “No” on passing the ordinance, and three Council Members voted “Yes.” With the vote tied 3-3, Mayor Pace cast the tie breaking vote to pass the ordinance. Mayor Pace stated the funds were definitely needed and he felt it necessary to vote “Yes.”

The special called meeting was then adjourned.

Extension Homemakers’ 77th Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner

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The Meade County Extension Homemakers Association hosted their 77th Annual Awards and Recognition dinner at the extension office on Tuesday, June 17th at 6:00pm, with registration beginning at 5:30pm. The evening was a lovely tribute to members who have passed on since last year, a means to celebrate the fastidious work of current members, and a time to swear in new officers with a little food and fundraising mixed in.

The eighty attendees were encouraged to “Bee the Change,” and were given wildflower seeds and honey-based recipes on their placemats to complete the fun theme. Each homemaker group put together a basket to be raffled off at the end of the evening as part of their fundraising efforts. The baskets had different themes of their own, including a sourdough starter/baked goods basket, a massage and spa basket, and a “bee kind” basket. Raffle tickets were available for purchase, but members who earned the “perfect attendance award” or the “reading award” were gifted raffle tickets as a congratulatory prize.

According to the Extension Homemakers President, Janet Hobbs, perfect attendance is awarded to members who attend at least 8 of the monthly meetings, including a featured lesson from the Extension Service. The reading award is for members who have read at least one book from six out of ten categories listed in the annual Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association (KEHA) Cultural Arts and Heritage book list.

The screens in the annex had a rotating highlight reel of all the events and accomplishments for the 2024/25 year. Disaster pre-

paredness awareness, the Harvest Dinner, and their recycling program were just a few amongst the many programs the homemakers participated in.

After the call to order by Hobbs, three candles were lit in memory of the three members who were lost in 2024, allowing their light to shine through the evening. Jennifer Bridge, the Family and Consumer Science Agent, shared that two of the women were around when she was first hired on and that they were “wonderful people.” Once the invocation by Sam Melloy was complete, guests were invited to partake in a buffet-style feast laden with meats and casseroles, vegetable dishes and breads, enough to sink a ship, and that was before you turned to the dessert section.

To kick off the awards portion, Tia Whelan, the Environment, Housing, and Energy County Educational Chair, spoke about the success of the recycling program. She shared that they were able to put 180 hours into the program, giving back by teaching children about recycling fun in engaging ways. Hobbs came back up to acknowledge the County Officers, Club Presidents, and County Educational Chairs for the year in gratitude for the service that they provided, as well as thanking the Extension staff for their parts in the Extension Homemakers’ success.

At the state level, the KEHA awarded the Meade County Extension Homemakers first place in the Kentucky Academy for their Ghana Library donation, second place for donations to several scholarships, as well as mentioning their efforts raising funds for ovarian cancer. Hobbs shared that out of 741 KEHA cultural art entries at a state meeting this year, Meade County brought home ten blue



Photos by Kristine Watts| The Messenger
President Janet Hobbs presented the Above and Beyond Award to Shirley Beavin.



New officers Virginia Smiley and Faith Grzesik were sworn in.

ribbons.

For the local level, the Media Award went to the Creative Stitches group for having the best news article of the year. The 4-H award went to the group the lends the most support to the 4-H youth and programs, and that went to the Town and Country homemakers’ group. Hobbs explained that VSU’s are volunteer service units and how they are “the backbone of our organization.” She gave the totals for all Meade County Extension Homemakers, and their volunteer hours totaled 19,398.50 for the 2023-2024 Extension year; totals from this year would not be available until July.

The Traveling Gavel award has been with the Bluegrass group for at least ten years, but this time it came down to a three-way tie. The Garrett, Bluegrass, and Midway groups will be sharing this next year, and there was much gentle ribbing about how to split custody of the wooden award. The Above and Beyond award had two nominees that were put forward as an example of members who made outstanding contri-

butions to the organization. The winner was Shirley Beavin from the Bluegrass club, who was touted as a “top-notch volunteer” who has served in multiple roles over her time with the Homemakers.

As part of the business portion of the event, new officers were put up for nominations, and members were given the opportunity to make nominations from the floor. None were put forth, so the nominees were put to a vote and approved. In a light-hearted ceremony, Faith Grzesik and Virginia Smiley were sworn in by Cathy Smith, the current Assistant Treasurer.

The raffle was the last on the schedule. Hobbs moved from table to table having members draw raffle tickets from the bag that went along with each basket. The winners seemed overjoyed with their prizes, but the real winners will be those benefiting from the Backpack for Hunger program. The Meade County Extension Homemakers raised \$894 at the dinner, a good start to their next year.



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SLAUGHTER CATTLE		
	Low	High
Comm & Utility Cows:	\$155.00	\$184.00
Canner/Cutter Cows:	\$135.00	\$150.00
High Yielding Slaughter Bulls:	\$171.00	\$213.00
Yearling Steers		
(600 - 700 lbs)	\$301.00	\$347.00
(700 - 800 lbs)	\$278.00	\$320.50
(800 - 900 lbs)	\$280.00	\$200.00
Yearling Heifers		
(600 - 700 lbs)	\$280.00	\$320.00
(700 - 800 lbs)	\$250.00	\$280.00
(800 - 900 lbs)	\$226.00	\$280.00
Steer Calves		
(300 - 400 lbs)	\$380.00	\$442.00
(400 - 500 lbs)	\$350.00	\$420.00
(500 - 600 lbs)	\$340.00	\$375.00
Heifer Calves		
(300 - 400 lbs)	\$340.00	\$387.00
(400 - 500 lbs)	\$300.00	\$350.00
(500 - 600 lbs)	\$290.00	\$342.00
Feeder Bulls		
(250 - 300 lbs)	\$300.00	\$488.00
(300 - 400 lbs)	\$360.00	\$447.00
(400 - 500 lbs)	\$340.00	\$420.00
(500 - 600 lbs)	\$310.00	\$365.00
(600 - 700 lbs)	\$270.00	\$307.00
(700 - 800 lbs)	\$255.00	\$255.00



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