

Meade County Fiscal Court conducts county business

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The regular monthly meeting of the Court was called to order on September 9. In the opening public session Steve Straney again addressed the Court concerning funding for the Meade County Historical Museum building payment of rent. Steve advocates purchase of the property outright but has not gotten Court approval on this action. Rental costs will increase in October and the folks at the Museum just need to get the rent paid. The Court does financially support the Museum. A grant would really be great for the Museum.

During the Consent Agenda segment of the meeting, the Court approved the August 12 meeting minutes, approved the monthly financial statement, approved claims and transfers, accepted monthly department reports, and approved any personnel hires, resignations, and terminations.

Lisa Pollock, Treasurer of Meade County Board of Health, presented the Court with proposed tax rates for her department. Personal and real property tax rates would be set at 2.7 cents per \$100 value. Motor vehicle and watercraft rates would be set at 2.83 cents per \$100 value. The Court approved the measure. Planning and Zoning's fee schedule was also approved.

In September of 1787, the Congress of the United States adopted our new constitution. A proclamation was read and approved by the Court to celebrate September 17 through September 23 as Constitution Week in Meade County, 238 years after the fact.

The ambulance service requested the bid for a new ambulance be advertised for bids since it takes about 36 months for a new one to be manufactured and delivered. They also asked that the new ambulance box be advertised as well. It will be mounted on a chassis and engine already in possession. This would take 14 to 16 months to be delivered. They are expecting the new ambulance to cost about \$350,000 and the new remount box to run between \$140,000 to \$160,000. Motion was made and passed to advertise for bids.

Solid Waste and Recycle recently purchased three new Mack trucks and requested a new fuel card for each one. The cards are specifically made for a certain truck and cannot be interchanged. The Court complied with the request. Solid Waste also requests that anyone with knowledge of an illegal dump in the County report it so it can be cleaned up with funds from a special grant for that purpose.

In an announcement from the State Of Kentucky, Dispatcher Supervisor, Julian Borchert, was awarded the Supervisor of



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Judge Executive Troy Kok presented Dispatcher Julian Borchert the "Supervisor of the Year" award.

the Year Award for 2025.

The Animal Shelter will be a little easier to manage with Court approval for another full-time employee to be hired to help meet the demands of a remarkably busy location. Pets In Need Society (PINS) is incredibly involved in the shelter's operation, having paid some \$30,000 for neutering and spaying operations on 357 animals last year. 353 animals have received these treatments already this year. Liz Bell, with PINS, is asking for public financial support for PINS efforts to care for the animals at the Animal Shelter. The new proposed Animal Shelter has received seven construction bids at the site on Moremen Road. Prodigy Construction has the low bid of \$2,532,000 with the County having the option of providing some materials and construction activities during the building process in order to lower the cost. The new building will have animal isolation rooms and a unique waste

disposal system to take care of animal waste. There will also be treatment rooms for animal care since most animals brought to the Animal Shelter have medical problems.

A second reading and approval was given James Williams property near Ekron to change the zoning from A-2 to R-4. The first readings were given to Tara Powers of Ekron to change the plot from R-1 to R-2. Martin Harris of Ditto Lane received first reading to change zoning from A-2 to R-4. Deborah Kennedy's request for a change from R-1 was given first reading.

In a closing report, Judge Kok informed the Court that we are still waiting on the United States Department of the Interior to approve the deed transfer from Fish and Wildlife to Meade County. The hold-up is a small parcel of land that was not transferred to Fish and Wildlife from the City of Louisville when the initial transfer was made.

CORRECTION

Editor's Note: In the story titled "David Gex found NOT GUILTY of murder; Commonwealth Attorney to request jury instruction certification" that was published on the front page on Thursday September 4, 2025 in The Meade County Messenger, there is an error.

In the story, continued on page A5, Commonwealth Attorney Rick Hardin was quoted as saying "this was not a fair trial". Upon reading the article, Mr. Hardin contacted me to correct his statement and now informs the media the Commonwealth will not be seeking certification.

A statement from Mr. Hardin:

"The government is not entitled to a fair trial. There are possibly motions, and interlocutory appeals, that could have been filed prior to the jury's deliberation which were not filed. Whichever jury instructions are given to the jury, once given, the Commonwealth must overcome. The jury heard the evidence and voted not guilty. That is a fair trial. It does not matter what I, or any other prosecutor, thinks about the jury instructions. It is the prosecutor's duty to present a case that can overcome any jury instruction. The Defendant received a fair trial and was acquitted- that is what the law requires.

I have spoken with the Attorney General's Office about certification. We agree that the jury instructions should not be submitted for certification as the Castle Doctrine is one of the most important privileges in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and neither office wants this important privilege scrutinized in any manner.

I would like to thank the Meade County Messenger for being at the trial, reporting the trial, and permitting me to correct a statement that I communicated poorly at the moment. I get frustrated like everyone else, but that statement was about a legal argument and not a factual argument. I can assure Meade, Grayson, and Breckinridge County residents that my office will never argue about a jury instruction again, but we will be prepared for every jury instruction in the future. I can further assure the same residents that I will never attack a privilege like the Castle Doctrine which protects us all when we need it the most."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 26:

- Free Dress Friday; Barry Hahn Primary School; Brandenburg.
- Yard Sale; Brandenburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Brandenburg; 8 a.m.-?
- GED Testing; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; must register at least 24 hours in advance at www.ged.com.
- Dollar General Store Food Distribution; basement of Muldraugh United Methodist Church; 11 a.m.
- Fall Fun at Corydon; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 10 am.-4 p.m.
- Blue Grass Festival; Knox Avenue; Vine Grove; 1-11:45 p.m.
- Lego Club; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 2-4:30 p.m.
- Christ Recovery Deliverance Service; Stites Station Bible Church; West Point; 6 pm.
- Lady Wave Volleyball "Woosley Strong" Benefit Awareness Matches versus Breckinridge County; Meade County High School Gym; Freshman team 6 p.m.; Junior Varsity team 7 p.m.; Varsity team; 8 p.m.
- Karaoke; Fiddlers Green; Saber and Quill; Fort Knox; 6-10 p.m.
- Bingo, St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Catholic Church; Payneville; 7 p.m.
- Dance featuring Southern Blend; Meade County Senior Citizens Center; 7 to 10 p.m.
- Cosmic Bowling; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 8-10 p.m.
- Karaoke; The Shop; Brandenburg; 8 p.m.-12 a.m.
- Harry Potter Lock In; Fort Knox Middle School; Fort Knox; 9 p.m.-7 a.m.

September 27:

- Harvest Stroll; downtown Corydon; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- "Cowboy for Kids" Benefit, Horse Show, Auction and Family Fun Day to benefit Camp Quality; Meade County Fairgrounds; Brandenburg, 2 p.m.
- Hot Rods and Coffee; The Shop; Brandenburg
- Yard Sale; Brandenburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Brandenburg; 8 a.m.-?
- Fall Community Yard Sale; West Chaffee Avenue; Fort Knox; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Family Fellowship Breakfast; Bible Study and Community Outreach Projects; Muldraugh Baptist Church Fellowship Hall; Muldraugh; 8:30 a.m.
- Miles for Megan 5K Walk/Run; Buttermilk Falls; downtown Brandenburg; 9 a.m.
- Yard Sale; Rock Haven Baptist Church; Highway 1638; Brandenburg; 9 a.m.
- Roy Thomas Memorial Fishing Tournament for Kids; Freeman Lake; Elizabethtown; 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Red Eye Group AA Meeting; Alcohol House; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.
- Miss Dolly (Parton) Pageant; VFW Post #10281; Vine Grove; 10 a.m.
- Heartland Harvest Festival; downtown Elizabethtown; 10 a.m.; concerts at Justice Center 2:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Holt House Community Day; Holt House; Hardinsburg; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Fall Fun at Corydon; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Pickleball; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Gym; Brandenburg; 10:30 a.m.
- Mural Dedication; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 10:30 a.m.
- Introduction to Applications and Software; Barr Memorial Library; Fort Knox; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Hand Built Clay Ghosts; PG Studio Arts Center; downtown Brandenburg; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- WIBIT Obstacle Course; Anderson Aquatics Center; Fort Knox; 1-4 p.m.
- Blue Grass Festival; Knox Avenue; Vine Grove; 1-11:45 p.m.
- Drop-in Open House for Main Street Mingle; Serenity Fitness Yoga and Reiki, LLC; downtown Brandenburg; 3 p.m.
- Main Street Mingle; downtown Brandenburg; 3-8 p.m.
- Meade County Cattlemen's Ball; Good Earth; Joe Prather Highway, Brandenburg; 7-11 p.m.
- Coming Home Group AA Meeting; The Acceptance Place; Irvington; 8 p.m.
- Cosmic Bowling; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 8-10 p.m.

September 28:

- Men's Group; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Gym, Room B; Brandenburg; 9 a.m.
- Joint Service Fellowship Meal; First Baptist Church; Brandenburg; worship 11 a.m.; fellowship meal 12 p.m.
- Children's Faith Formation; Pre-Kindergarten through 12 grade; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church; 11:15 a.m.
- Sunday Fun Day; The Shop; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Bingo, VFW Club #11404; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.

September 29:

- Pickleball; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Gym; Brandenburg; 10:30 a.m.
- Dollar General Store Food Distribution; basement of Muldraugh United Methodist Church; 11 a.m.
- Food Pantry; St. Christopher Catholic Church; Radcliff; 12-2 p.m.
- Kids Baking; Thumbprint Heart Cookies; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 5-6:30 p.m.; must register on library website.
- Celebrate Recovery; Radiant Church Ministry Campus; Brandenburg; 6 p.m.
- Adoration; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church; Brandenburg; 6-7 p.m.
- Rook; The Shop; Brandenburg; 6:30 p.m.

September 30:

- Picture Day; Flaherty Primary School; Flaherty.
- Mat Pilates; Serenity Fitness Yoga and Reiki, LLC; downtown Brandenburg; 8-9 a.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Toddler Story Time; Barr Memorial Library; Fort Knox; 10 a.m.
- Dance with Over the Hill Band; Meade County Senior Citizen Center; Brandenburg; 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 2.50 Tuesday; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 11a.m.-8 p.m.
- Pickleball; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Gym; Brandenburg; 12 p.m.
- Stitches in Time; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Bingo, Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 1 p.m.
- Tapped Tuesday; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 4-7 p.m.
- Taco Tuesday; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 4-11 p.m.
- Women's Ministry Craft Night; Salem Baptist Church; Brandenburg; 5-7 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Narthex; 6-7:30 p.m.
- Line Dancing; The Shop; Brandenburg; 7-9 p.m.

October 1:

- Youth Ministry; Grade 6-12; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church; Brandenburg; Time TBA.
- Installation Newcomer Orientation; Saber and Quill; Fort Knox; 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Dewey in Disguise; Barr Memorial Library; Fort Knox; 9 a.m.
- Walk About Wednesdays; Vincent Kieta Welcome Center; Saunders Spring Nature Preserve; Radcliff; 11 a.m.
- Fiddlers Feast; Fiddlers Green, Saber and Quill; Fort Knox; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Trivia Night; Old State Capitol VFW Post #2950; Corydon; 1 p.m.
- Prayer Meeting; Muldraugh Baptist Church loft; Muldraugh; 6 p.m.
- AWANA; Muldraugh Baptist Church; Muldraugh; 6 p.m.
- Rosary Prayer; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Pavilion or Gym Room B; Brandenburg; 6 p.m.
- Family Prayer Gathering; First Baptist Church; Brandenburg; 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Karaoke; The Shop; Brandenburg; 7-11 p.m.
- Bingo; VFW Post 11404; Brandenburg; 7 p.m.

October 2:

- Muldraugh Baptist Church Men's Bible Study; Apostoli Coffee; Radcliff, 6 a.m.
- Greenwave Fit Fest; Stuart Pepper Middle School during school hours; Brandenburg. Throw down; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Road to Happy Destiny AA Meeting; The Acceptance Place; Irvington; 12 p.m.
- Tai Chi for Seniors; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 1-2 p.m.
- Resume Class; Meade County Public Library; Brandenburg; 4-5 p.m.
- Tween Crafts; Harrison County Public Library; Corydon; 4-5 p.m.
- Indoor Disc Golf Putting League; The Shop; Brandenburg; 6 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Narthex; Brandenburg; 6-7:30 p.m.
- The Chosen Watch Party; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Cafeteria; Brandenburg; 6-8 p.m.
- Youth Doubles League; Houston Bowling Center; Fort Knox; 6-8 p.m.
- Club Beyond; Prichard Place Chapel basement; Fort Knox; 6-8 p.m.
- New Hope AI-Anon; St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church School; Flaherty; 6:30 p.m.
- Pickleball; Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church Gym; Brandenburg; 6:30 p.m.
- Trivia Night; Samuel Adams Brewhouse; Fort Knox; 6:30-8 p.m.
- High School Youth Group; grade 9-12; Bethel Methodist Church; Old Weldon; 7-8 p.m.
- Brandenburg Group AA Meeting; Alcohol House; Brandenburg; 8 p.m.

The Community Calendar is a listing of recurring activities and upcoming events open to and of interest to the general public. The deadline for submission is Thursday, noon p.m. One-time publication of 10 words or less at no charge, additional words or publications subject to a fee.