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## A day of joy and inclusion at Roberts Family Farm for 2nd Annual Special Needs Day



Photo by Stephen Spohn

Roman Webster is ready for the ride down the slide as volunteer Frank Stith gives him an encouraging push.

**Stephen Spohn**  
Messenger Staff

Roberts Family Farm in Guston, Kentucky, recently opened its gates for a heartwarming event that always touches the lives of many. The annual "Special Needs Day," a celebration of inclusion, compassion, and community took place on Wednesday, October 8th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Following a couple heavy, but much needed rains, the farm was a little muddy in a few areas, but that did not stop the good times. Families from across the region gathered to enjoy a day free from judgment, filled with laughter, fall festivities, and the simple joy of being together. The event saw guests arrive from Larue, Hardin, Breckinridge, Jefferson, and Meade Counties to share in this special day.

Event organizer Shawn Tritt shared the powerful motivation behind the event:

"We wanted to have a day for people who do not feel so special to see how special they are! These families often just try to get away from day to day without having a breakdown. All the medical needs, appointments, therapies, meltdowns, etc.--just the daily tasks often seem too much to bear sometimes. We look for encouragement and human interaction so we can feel normalize things even if it is for a couple of hours. That is why we wanted to have this for these families. Somewhere they can escape the pressure and the stares of curi-

ous people who stare at or jump to conclusions about a situation that we know far too well we have no control over. What might seem like a simple tantrum that another kid can stop doing with discipline or a kind word these families know that will not work. It is always assessing the layout and keeping triggering situations from happening. Simple trips are not so simple for us but an environment that holds no judgement and expects differences is what Roberts Farm has gifted these families on their very own special day!"

The atmosphere was filled with warmth and love as volunteers greeted families with smiles and open arms, offering assistance throughout the day. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful day through patience, acceptance, and understanding. Parents expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to relax and let their children explore without fear of judgment. Many parents and caregivers shared stories of how rare it is to find spaces where their children are truly accepted and celebrated. For some, it was the first time in a long while they felt seen and supported.

In addition to Kevin and Rhonda Roberts opening their hearts and farm to these families, other local sponsors helped to make this a spectacular event. These sponsors included Ash-o-Matic party planning, Bluegrass Blast Inflatables, Amanda Mae Photography, Teepee Rentals, The Barn at RMR Farms, Bigfoot Millworks LLC, The Breakfast Pirate Ship, Chickadee Artistic Face

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## City of Brandenburg to host 1st Annual Pumpkin Walk on Buttermilk Falls Trail



Photo by Stephen Spohn

Nothing brings out the kid in you like a good pumpkin carving session!

**Stephen Spohn**  
Messenger Staff

Cooler temperatures, falling leaves, and foggy mornings are all great indicators that fall has finally arrived in Meade County. With some local trunk or treat activities, scary field and forest adventures, and hayrides, corn mazes, and harvest festivals, we are into a season cherished by many. If there is one

iconic sign that we are in full swing, it is that of the pumpkin. One activity that has been missing from our local area that brings fun and enjoyment for adults and children alike is a pumpkin stroll. The city of Brandenburg is going to change that with the very first Annual Pumpkin Walk.

The event was the brainchild of Mayor David Pace who wanted



Photo from Facebook Event Page

The City of Brandenburg will host their 1st Annual Pumpkin Walk on the historic Buttermilk Falls Trail on October 24th and 25th.

to bring a similar event held at Iroquois Park in Louisville right here to Meade County. The free event is set to take place on Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th. The location will be on the historic Buttermilk Falls Trail starting at 214 River Road in downtown Brandenburg. From 5:00 to 6:30 pm, the trail will be handicapped accessible only to accommodate

those who may require assistance. The trail will be open to the public from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The Messenger recently sat down with city employees Shannon Stull and Amy Haynes to talk about what to expect at the event. Stull said the event is set to be very family-friendly and

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## Regarding MCP&Z Public Hearing

### Meade County Planning & Zoning

516 Hillcrest Dr., Suite 13, Brandenburg, KY 40108  
Phone: 270-422-4676 Fax: 270-422-4845 Email: PZAdmin@meadeky.gov

#### Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to inform you that an application has been filed with the Meade County Planning and Zoning Commission to request the rezoning of the property located adjacent to yours. Please note that this application does **not** affect your property, but rather the property identified below.

A public hearing will be held to discuss this rezoning request on the date and time listed below, at the Meade County Courthouse, 516 Hillcrest, Brandenburg, KY 40108. You are invited, but not required, to attend and may provide any input or information, either in favor of or against the petition, during the hearing.

Please be aware that any documents you wish to present at the public hearing must be submitted in **10 copies** prior to the start of the hearing.

#### Rezoning Application Details:

**Rezoning Application #:** 2025R-091

**Address of Property to be Rezoned:** 25025 Joe Prather HWY, Ekron, KY 40117

**PVA Number:** 0138-00-00-025.00

**Current Zoning:** A2/R1

**Requested Zoning:** LI

**Public Hearing Date/Time:** October 14, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

**Location:** Meade County Courthouse

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at pzadmin@meadeky.gov or by phone at 270-422-4676.

Sincerely,

**Jennifer Huesing**  
Administrator  
Meade County Planning & Zoning

**Earlene Bohannon**  
Editor

The Meade County Messenger will provide coverage for this ongoing situation. Time con-

straints and a weekly print cycle prevent The Messenger from printing information regarding the outcomes of the meetings being held at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

on Tuesday, October 14, in the October 16 issue of the newspaper. That information will be printed in our October 23 issue. There will be coverage from the event

posted on our social media platforms beginning October 14. The Messenger is committed to unbiased coverage of all current events that affect our community.

