

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CYNTHIANA-HARRISON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
All library programs are free unless otherwise noted.
Call (859) 234-4881 or visit the library to reserve your spot at any activity requiring pre-registration.

YOUTH PROGRAMS: Homeschool Explorers
Aug. 24, 11 a.m. Let us play with bubbles outside the library! .

Book Babies Story Time Kickoff
Aug. 25, 10 a.m.
Celebrate the launch of the new Book Babies Story Times beginning in September on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the library! This kickoff event will feature a mini story time session, early literacy play stations for caregivers and babies to explore together, making a keepsake craft to commemorate the occasion, and more. We will be giving away (limited) free baby story time kits to take home.

Lego Club
Aug. 26, 5 p.m. All youth ages are invited to explore your creativity at Lego Club! Complete a challenge and receive a small prize.
Story Time
Thursdays, 10 a.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS: Mellow Mondays
Aug. 24 and 31 at 3:45 p.m. Hang out, chat, play video games, do puzzles,

craft and do whatever they want after school on Mondays! Snacks will be provided.
D&D: The Library Guild
Aug. 28, 1:45 p.m. Join Jaelyn for a Dungeons & Dragons adventure! Please fill out the form on our website so Jaelyn can properly prepare the quest. To save time, please try to have a character sheet already filled out. Tutorials and a sheet you can print off to prepare before the program are located on our website. (The Player's Handbook is a great resource to fill out a character sheet). If the character sheet is too much to do before hand, Jaelyn will provide a pre-made character for you or you can choose a pre-made character with the website provided on the website in the sources. Dungeons & Dragons: The Library Guild @1:45pm - Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library

ADULT PROGRAMS: Chair Yoga
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.
Relax, rejuvenate, and revitalize. Designed for all ages and abilities.
Evening Book Group
Aug. 25, 5 p.m. Join Amy in reading and discussing "Evvie Drake Starts Over," by Linda Holmes. Pick up a copy at the front desk! The eBook and audiobook are available for checkout on the Libby app.
Book Group
Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. Join Amy in reading and discussing "The Love

Haters," by Katherine Center. Pick up a copy at the front desk. The audiobook is available for checkout on both the Libby and Hoopla apps. The eBook is available on Libby.
Harrison County Democratic Women's Club
The club will meet Monday, Aug. 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cynthiana-Harrison County PUBLIC LIBRARY. Notice the change in our meeting site and plan to attend. We have a full calendar : Honey Fest on Sept. 12, Campaign (we will have a booth there) Fundraiser for Ray Johnson, candidate for Sheriff on Sept. 18. This will take place at the Pocket Park on Main Street. We will have hot dogs, chili dogs, chips and drinks. Witches' Day Out on Sept. 26, and again we will have a booth. On Sept. 29 we will host a dinner at Stepping Stone Farm to honor our candidates. In addition to these plans, we will be organizing rides to the polls for anyone needing that assistance. So, everybody come, we have work to do and more plans to make. See you Monday, at the Public Library. Don't forget!
Harrison County Amateur Radio Club
Meets at 6 p.m. on the third Friday of each month at the Lair Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3660 New Lair Road. You do not need to be a member to attend. Our vision is to have an inclusive community of amateur radio volunteers that are engaged, trained,

and prepared to make a positive contribution to the local community and world at large. For more information contact Rick Mattox at 859-234-9853 or email K4HSN@OUTLOOK.COM.
TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
TOPS meets every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at Elmarsh Methodist Church, corner of South Elmarsh and Lair. Call or Text Trudy Kelly for more information, (859) 954-0344.
Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum
The Cynthiana-Harrison County Museum is open Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 124 South Walnut Street, Cynthiana. FREE ADMISSION
The 1949 Red Cookbook
Stop by the Harrison County Extension Office and pick up your copy featuring some of Harrison County's finest Homemaker's most delicious recipes. Cost is \$5.
Kiwanis Club
The Cynthiana Kiwanis Club is looking for new members to help develop a plan to serve and impact the future with ideas and initiatives. Contact kiwanisclubofcynthiana@gmail.com or Robbie Morris at (859) 420-2307. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Biance's Restaurant.
Alcoholics Anonymous
In-person meetings will be held Wednesdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. at 118 North Walnut Street,

Cynthiana. For more information call (859) 559-5368.
Pop Cans for Humane Society
The Harrison County Humane Society is collecting pop cans to help cover the cost of the spaying and neutering of animals in Harrison County. The trailer is located in the Save a Lot parking lot.
Pop Cans: Cynthiana Baptist Church
The church is collecting pop cans and aluminum for service ministry. There is a bin in the parking lot at 212 E. Pleasant St., Cynthiana.
Free Exercise Oncology Class
Harrison Memorial Hospital offers a free exercise oncology class every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at HMH The Cottages. The class is designed for cancer patient and survivors to aid in recovery.
The class is eligible for HMH Care-A-Van services. If you would like a free ride call 859-298-2700.
Participants must have physician's clearance prior to starting the class.
Harrison County Clothing Closet
Now taking phone orders with curbside delivery at this time. Phone is (859) 943-9325. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. No vouchers are required. Monetary donations may be mailed to HCCC at P.O. Box 124, Cynthiana, KY 41031.
Harrison County Food Pantry
The food pantry is open on Wednesdays, from noon-3 p.m. It is located at

304 North Locust Street.
Hope's Helping Hands Food Bank
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-4 p.m. at 120 S. Walnut St.
For more information call 859-235-HOPE. Hope's Helping Hands is an agency member of God's Pantry.
Flora Shropshire Animal Shelter
Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.
The Flora Shropshire Animal Shelter offers a Borrow-a-Buddy program. "Check out" a dog and give him or her a chance to get out of the shelter and spend a day having new experiences.
To learn more or to reserve a dog, call 859-234-7138. Participants must be at least 18 and have a valid I.D.
Narconon
Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of accidental death in the United States with heroin and other opiates being the largest contributor. If your loved one is struggling with drug abuse, now is the time to get them the help they need.
To learn more about the signs and dangers of heroin addiction by visiting www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drugrehab. Addiction Screenings: Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals at 1-800-431-1754.

Governors’ races increasingly shaped by data center politics

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — More governors are shifting their stances or taking more steps to squeeze data centers as the midterm elections near and public opinion sours on the energy-hungry behemoths tech giants are building to fuel artificial intelligence products and cloud computing.
The backlash to the massive server warehouses is enveloping races for governor in some of the nation's biggest states and presidential battlegrounds.
On Tuesday, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, said his administration would no longer put data center projects at the head of the line when it comes to issuing construction permits or grant them a lucrative tax exemption if they don't meet certain standards.
Those include plans to pay the full cost of their electricity, limit water use and mount a local outreach campaign in the community.
Shapiro, considered a potential contender for the White House in 2028, is facing increasing pressure from his GOP opponent, Stacy Garrity, as communities across the state revolt against proposed data centers.
In a statement, Shapiro said Pennsylvania is seeing an “unacceptable number of speculative proposals for data centers swamp our commonwealth — many of them led by developers who have no regard for local communities.”
Meanwhile, in Texas, Democratic challenger Gina Hinojosa released a TV ad in rural markets Tuesday accusing Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of “selling you out” to data center executives and companies.
The ad airs as Hinojosa, a state lawmaker, has aggressively looked to exploit an undercurrent of discontent in rural, Republican strongholds over data centers' perceived threat to rural life, ranchland and dwindling water supplies.
STANCES ARE CHANGING AS CHALLENGERS CAPITALIZE ON GROWING DISCONTENT
At one time, both Shapiro and Abbott had been cheer-



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Cars drive past data centers on July 16, 2023, in Ashburn, Va.

leaders for data centers and actively sought to recruit them.
But in recent weeks, Abbott ordered regulators to take steps to ensure Texans were not paying higher electricity bills because of data centers, even telling them to hold up data center projects until they compete their work.
He also promised to push a legislative agenda next year to impose regulations on data centers, including taking away the state's billion-dollar-plus-per-year tax break.
For much of the past year, a growing number of data center projects have met rejection in local zoning or permitting board votes across the U.S., as angry residents pack once-sleepy municipal meetings.
Losing open space, farmland, forest or rural character is a big concern. So is the damage to quality of life, property values or health by on-site diesel generators kicking on or the constant hum of servers. Others worry that wells and aquifers could run dry or electricity bills will skyrocket.
Small, under-the-radar data centers have been around for decades. But the explosion of artificial intelligence chatbots has given rise to data centers that are larger than anything just about any town has ever seen. Some of them dwarf football stadiums and facto-

ries and use more energy than small cities.
SOME OFFICIALS WANT CENTERS TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN ELECTRICITY AND LIMIT WATER USE
They are also chafing at the rising tab for the sales tax exemption most states offer

data centers.
In Arizona, Democratic Gov. Katie Hobbs, who is seeking reelection, got lawmakers to agree to slap a three-year moratorium on the state's sales tax exemption for data centers. Hobbs, who had voted to create the tax credits when she was a

legislator, called it a “corporate handout.”
New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat seeking reelection, ordered a one-year ban on large data centers to give the state time to impose protections for the environment and its energy grid.
Shapiro isn't the only potential 2028 White House hopeful to step up his criticism of data centers. Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a Democrat running for a third term, halted new sales tax exemptions for data centers there until lawmakers impose tougher standards on their operations.
In Ohio, the Democratic and Republican nominees for governor — Dr. Amy Acton and Vivek Ramaswamy — in recent days each unveiled dueling data center policies that called for developers to meet tougher standards

before being built.
DATA CENTER OPPOSITION ISN'T NECESSARILY A GOLDEN TICKET
In Wisconsin, the Democratic nominee for governor, David Crowley, narrowly defeated a challenger who made her call for a one-year moratorium on data center construction a centerpiece of her campaign.
Crowley has taken a more nuanced approach, saying local communities must have veto authority, while also saying data centers are a part of the modern economy and could bring significant economic benefits to the state.
His Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, has attacked Crowley on the issue, including a TV ad released this week where he calls him “Data Center David Crowley.”



LEGAL NOTICE

Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library District Board Membership Designated Meeting Date, Time, & Place:
Charles W. Feix Community Room
3rd Wednesday, 5 pm
(All Meetings Are Open To the Public)

President/Chair: Shara Hoskins
243 Chelsea Dr., Cynthiana, KY 41031
First Full Term, Term Expires 06/30/2027

Vice President: John Sharp
252 Wilson Ave., Cynthiana, KY 41031
First Full Term, Term Expires: 06/30/2027

Secretary: Christy Calder
237 Chelsea Dr., Cynthiana, KY 41031
First Full Term, Term Expires: 06/30/2028

Treasurer: Gayle Noble
363 Salem Pike, Cynthiana, KY 41031
First Full Term, Term Expires: 06/30/2028

Member: Katie Koch
2826 US HWY 275, Cynthiana, KY 41031
First Full Term, Term Expires: 06/30/2030

The Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library, established under KRS 173.470, provides library services to citizens in Harrison County, Kentucky. In accordance with Chapters 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records of Harrison County Public Library District for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, may be inspected at the Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library, 104 N. Main Street, Cynthiana, KY during administrative office hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Inquiries should be made to the Library Director. The audit and budget may be viewed online at the Department for Local Government's Public Portal: <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov> .



LEGAL NOTICE

The Harrison County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 59.9 cents on real property and 59.9 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 57.7 cents on real property and 57.7 cents on personal property and was expected to produce revenue of \$8,061,293 but actual revenue due to amended returns was \$7,009,321. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 59.9 cents on real property and 59.9 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$8,074,356. Of this amount, \$1,025,447 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 59.9 cents on real property and 59.9 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$8,074,356.

The proposed rate at a 97% collection rate is expected to generate \$822,804, an estimated increase from the preceding year. The general areas at 59.9 cents to which revenue of \$822,804 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows:
Cost of collections, building fund, instruction, transportation, and maintenance of plant.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

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