

# Library News



By Ashley Norris, Director – Cumberland County Public Library

Hello everyone! It sure has been rainy lately, but that is to be expected with spring. Since it has been rainy, I have stayed inside and read, with my latest novel being *She's Not Sorry* by Mary Kubica. This one was pretty good, and I enjoy her books. Hers seem to always have a twist in the end. If you need a good book recommendation, stop by and see us! We all read frequently here and we would be happy to help.

CCPL will be having a "cash stuffing" class on Tuesday, May 21st at 4 PM. This class will be taught by myself and it is a way to budget your money. I have been doing this method for a while and it has worked great for me. More info will be released soon.

We are gearing up for summer reading 2024! We will announce summer reading sign ups soon, but our first programming event will take place on Saturday, June 1st at 10 AM. We will be having a program presented by Animal Tales, and they will be bringing different animals such as snakes, a prairie dog, and more! They will be explaining different things about each animal, such as habitat, diet, etc. This event is

free and we would love to see you!

Have a good week!

~New Arrivals~

Fiction:

Bonding over the Amish Baby by Pamela Desmond Wright

The Amish Midwife's Bargain

Trusting Her Amish Rival by Jackie Stef

Hunting Adeline by H.D. Carlton

Witches of New York by Kim Richardson

The Finish Line by Kate Stewart

DVD's:

The Crime is Mine

Finest Kind

Wednesday: Season 1

Questions? Contact Us! Need to renew your books? Want bookmobile service? Have a general question? Here is how you can reach us! Phone: (270) 864 – 2207 On the web: [www.cumberlandcountylibrary.org](http://www.cumberlandcountylibrary.org) Facebook: @cumberlandcountylibrary.org Hours: M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:50a.m.

Note: Library board meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the community room and are open to the public.

We would like to thank the CCHS class of 1964 who has graciously donated the book titled *The Forgotten Names* by Mario Escobar to the Cumberland County Public Library. This book was donated in memory of the following classmates:

Georgetta Humphrey Adams, 1946-1978

Justin Garner, 1946-1983

Robert Wells Keeton, 1946-1983

Dewayne Key, 1946-1990

James Roy Smith, 1946-1993

Donnie Dee Smith, 1945-1994

Linda Charles Cary, 1946-1994

Dwayne Franklin, 1946-1997

Larry Cary, 1946-2000

John Phelps, 1946-2009

Tommy Watson, 1946-2020

Buddy Curtis, 1945-2021

Dale Fudge, 1947-2022

Jewell Arms Garmon, 1945-2023

Billy Johnson, 1945-2023

Marie Strange, 1945-2010

Irene Anderson, 1945-2010

Dale Scott, 1945-2011

Richard Groce, 1944-2013

Donna Smith, 1946-2013

Clifton Norris, 1945-2016

JoAnne Furkins Smith, 1946-2016

Kay Wilson Hayes, 1946-2016

Joe Cary, 1946-2019

Jimmy Claywell, 1944-2020

David White, 1946-2021

Rheda Ballard Smith, 1946-2021

Linda Milam Ballard, 1947-2022

Charlie Cyphers, 1946-2023



# Conservation Connection

## Lilac Sunday – Mothers' Day

Wanda J Gilbert  
Cumberland County Soil Conservation District

Lilacs were introduced into the United States in the mid 1750's. They were grown in America's first botanical gardens and were popular in New England. Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew them in their gardens. Lilac bushes can live for hundreds of years. Lilacs originated from Europe and Asia, with the majority of natural varieties coming from Asia. European lilacs originated in the Balkans, France and Turkey.

Date: Second Sunday in May

Lilac Sunday is one of the most beautiful days of the year. It celebrates the beautiful and aromatic lilac flower. With a little help from Mother Nature, the timing

will be right, and the lilacs in your area will be in full and fragrant bloom on Lilac Sunday and the days surrounding it.

The Lilac capital of the world is Rochester, NY.

Lilacs have a long and storied history. We have been celebrating Lilacs with festivals and events for over 100 years. The first Lilac Sunday was celebrated with a festival in 1905 at Highland Park in Rochester, NY. Highland Park has celebrated Lilac Sunday with a festival ever since. It is home to the largest collection of Lilacs in the world. In 1908; 25,000 people attended the festival. Today, the 10-day event draws over 500,000 people!

Aside from Roses, there is no flower as beautiful and aromatic as Lilacs. Of the two, Lilacs have a stronger

scent, that carries a much farther distance. Unfortunately; Lilacs bloom for only a very brief couple weeks in the spring. To prolong their presence in your yard, grow a variety of Lilacs, including, early, mid and late variety bushes. With variety and luck, you will have Lilacs in blooming in your yard for up to six weeks. Weather has a lot to do with how long your blooms last. Once the buds begin to open, pray for a cool, dry spell, that will prolong them.

After the blooms are over, you still have a nice shade bush. But; you have to wait for up to fifty more weeks to see them again.

Happy Lilac Day and Mothers' Day.

For more information contact your Soil Conservation office located at 329 Keen Street, Burkesville, KY.

## Neighbors,

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and Pharmacies from Unfair Business Practices – SB 188 provides wide-ranging reforms to the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) practice in order to improve patient choice and accessibility and ensure fair compensation for

independent pharmacies. The measure establishes a minimum dispensing fee, and prohibits the practice of steering patients toward PBM-owned pharmacies.

As always, I can be reached anytime

through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at [Amy.Neighbors@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Amy.Neighbors@lrc.ky.gov) and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

# Business Boost Program's Plan

Chamber of Commerce President Liza Tucker is asking if anyone is interested in helping promote the community through a program suggested by a local business owner.

She is asking business owners to look over a letter from Kelly Guffey, owner of The Beauty Spot and team member on the Revitalize Downtown Initiative (RDI).

"She had the GREAT idea to start a business passport (similar to those used for Kentucky's bourbon trail) that would encourage folks to visit/shop our local businesses," Tucker said.

"If you'd like to be a part of this initiative, please let Kelly know by May 15!"

Through this campaign, we aim to achieve several key objectives:

1. Boost Local Economy: By driving foot traffic to downtown businesses, we

can stimulate economic activity and support the livelihoods of our local entrepreneurs.

2. Foster Community Engagement: The passport book will encourage residents and visitors alike to discover the hidden gems of our downtown, fostering a sense of community pride and connection.

3. Promote Tourism: By showcasing the unique charm of our downtown area, we can attract tourists and visitors, boosting tourism revenue and putting our community on the map.

4. Revitalize Downtown: Ultimately, the campaign seeks to revitalize our downtown/business district, turning it into a thriving hub of activity, commerce, and culture.

5. From late May through September, passport holders will

have the opportunity to visit participating businesses and have their passports signed. While we strongly recommend businesses offer a small discount to encourage visits, it is not a requirement for inclusion in the passport book. Additionally, we ask each participating business to contribute a prize for the grand giveaway at our final First Fridays event in September.

6. The number of businesses passport holders will be required to visit to qualify for the grand prize will be determined based on the total number of participating businesses.

7. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, simply send your business logo and info to Kelly. [thebeautyspot@gmail.com](mailto:thebeautyspot@gmail.com) (Please use PASSPORT for the subject line) by May 15, 2024.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that because of an increase in the cost of water purchased from the City of Burkesville, Cumberland County Water District will increase its rates for service effective April 15, 2024. An application, requesting the proposed rates was filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on March 29, 2024 to increase rates as follows:

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES						
CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATER DISTRICT						
						Percentage Increase
<b>5/8 Inch Meter</b>						
		Current	Proposed	Difference		
First	2,000 gallons	\$32.75 per month	\$33.67 per month	\$0.92000		2.81%
Next	3,000 gallons	\$0.00866 per gallon	0.00912 per gallon	\$0.00046		5.31%
Next	5,000 gallons	\$0.00755 per gallon	0.00801 per gallon	\$0.00046		6.09%
Over	10,000 gallons	\$0.00641 per gallon	0.00687 per gallon	\$0.00046		7.18%
<b>1 Inch Meter</b>						
		Current	Proposed	Difference		
First	5,000 gallons	\$59.08 per month	\$61.38 per month	\$2.30		3.89%
Next	5,000 gallons	\$0.00755 per gallon	\$0.00801 per gallon	\$0.00046		6.09%
Over	10,000 gallons	\$0.00641 per gallon	\$0.00687 per gallon	\$0.00046		7.18%
<b>1 1/2 Inch Meter</b>						
		Current	Proposed	Difference		
First	12,500 gallons	\$112.47 per month	\$118.22 per month	\$5.75		5.11%
Over	12,500 gallons	\$0.00641 per gallon	\$0.00687 per gallon	\$0.00046		7.18%
<b>2 Inch Meter</b>						
		Current	Proposed	Difference		
First	25,000 gallons	\$192.65 per month	\$204.15 per month	\$11.50		5.97%
Over	25,000 gallons	\$0.00641 per gallon	\$0.00687 per gallon	\$0.00046		7.18%
<b>Dale Hollow State Park</b>						
		Current	Proposed	Difference		
First	300,000 gallons	\$1,956.56 per month	\$2,094.56 per month	\$138.00		7.05%
Over	300,000 gallons	\$0.00641 per gallon	\$0.00687 per gallon	\$0.00046		7.18%

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Meter Size	Average Gallons per Month	Existing Bill	Proposed Bill	\$ Change	Percentage Increase
<b>AVERAGE WATER BILLS</b>					
5/8"	4,000	50.07	51.91	\$ 1.84	3.67%
1"	15,000	128.88	135.78	6.90	5.35%
1 1/2"	20,000	160.55	\$ 169.75	9.20	5.73%
2"	40,000	288.80	\$307.20	18.40	6.37%
DHSP	400,000	2,597.56	2,781.56	184.00	7.08%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility. However, the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine this application at the offices of the Cumberland County Water District, 133 Lower River Street, Burkesville, Ky 42717, or at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or through the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.