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## Bulletin Board

CADA meetings are held at the Probation Office, 1 p.m., June 14.  
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The Louisville Village Board convenes in regular session at 6 p.m., June 14, at Village Hall  
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Weight Loss Surgery Support Group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Flora Depot Train Room on June 7 & 21. For more info. call Chris at 676-7753.  
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NCFPD will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m., June 12 at the fire stations in Louisville and Bible Grove.  
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Stanford Township officials will be meeting June 11, 7:30 p.m., at their township building.  
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On June 12 the Clay County Board will meet at the courthouse, 6 p.m.  
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Xenia Village Board will hold their monthly meeting on June 12, 6:30 p.m., at their Village Hall.

## Third Annual Sips & Sounds Set For June 23

The Flora Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring its Third Annual Sips & Sounds Wine Fest June 23, from 2-7 p.m., at Johnny & June's located at 720 W. North Avenue, in Florida.

There will be Wine Tasting from Castle Finn Winery, Fox Creek Vineyards, Homestead Vineyards, Kite Hill Vineyards, LaSata Winery & Vineyard, Orchardview Winery and Vahling Vineyards. This year they have added Craft Beer from The Effing Brew Company.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Ben Nation, Stacey Rhodes, Wes & Megan, Riley Bourne and Damon Atkins.

The ticket price will get attendees a commemorative wine glass, tastings from each winery, snacks, musical entertainment and a chance to win great door prizes. Wine Fest tickets are \$15.

This year following the Wine Fest you have a chance to be a Rock Star and enjoy a Live Karaoke Band featuring back up vocals by X-Crush and 90's Daughter from 8-11 p.m. The ticket price for the Live Karaoke Band is \$10, or purchase an all day pass for \$20 and participants can attend both the Wine Fest and the Live Karaoke Band and must be 21 or older to enter both events. Food will be also be available for purchase from The Pit.

Tickets can be purchased at eventbrite.com or at the Flora Chamber of Commerce office, located inside the Depot at 223 W. Railroad Street. Ticket prices do go up after June 15, so don't delay in purchasing a ticket.

Call the Chamber office at 618-662-5646.

## Clay County Cancer Crusaders' Annual 'The Crusade' Saturday, Library Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Two Glitzy Girls will offer a 20% of their profits on the day of the Clay County Cancer Crusaders' Annual Event.



Approximately 170 people, including cancer survivors and helpers, were fed at Monday evening's Eighth Annual Clay County Cancer Crusaders' Survivor Dinner held at Flora's Community of Christ Church. (Mary Anne Maxwell Photo)

## Excellent Attendance For Weather Delayed 'Survivors' Dinner

After a brief delay due to last week's storm, the Clay County Cancer Crusaders hosted one of their biggest Survivors' Dinner ever Monday evening at Flora's Community of Christ Church. With members of the committee on hand as well as servers from Clay City Christian Church, Christ's Church, as well as other helpers the group fed approximately 170 people at their eighth annual dinner for cancer survivors.

They would like to thank everyone who helped or attended.

## New Stripes For Old NAL Crosswalk

By Mary Anne Maxwell

The Flora City Council met Monday afternoon to approve ordinances and some purchases as Commissioner Ed McCormick served as Mayor Pro-tem in the absence of Mayor Mike Stanford. Mayor Pro-tem began the business portion of the meeting to ask for approval to replace Crosswalk Striping on Industrial Drive in front of NAL (North American Lighting). He told the Council the old striping is "old and worn out." Commissioner Mike Genzrles questioned the cost of the project of \$3,415.88 and Toby Rinehart, Supervisor of Public Works told him the old one had lasted nine years and is just now fading away. They will use the same process for the new striping which uses heat on thermal plastic. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval was given to the NAL 5K Walk Run on Aug. 4. This will be the Second Annual NAL 5K Walk/Run. He told the Council this event will involve some barricades and some involvement of police or ESDA presence.

Approval was given to an ordinance amending the hours the public can visit Elmwood Cemetery from sunrise to sunset. They also passed an ordinance setting speed restrictions at Elmwood Cemetery at 10 miles per hour.

An ordinance granting a Special Use to KeRob, Inc as owner, Jerry Kohn, as purchaser and Lessor and Jarrod and Haley Kohn as lessees at 201 South Main. The former Nazarene Church building will be used as a funeral home. Commissioner Phil Wiley abstained.

The Council approved the purchase of a Zero Turn mower for use at the cemetery at a cost of \$8,999. The mower will be purchased from ACT Automotive.

A single-family home located at 107 Rio Grande was declared Unsafe and Dangerous. He noted this property appears to be abandoned.

The Council approved repairs at two lift stations, both requiring the purchase of two grinder pumps. The cost of the pump for Milt's Alley Lift Station will be \$2,993. The pump approved for the Mimosa Lane Lift Station will be \$18,258, Supervisor of Public Works Toby Rinehart noted a cheaper pump could be purchased for the Mimosa Lane project but the last pump the City Purchased was the cheaper model and lasted only a short time. He told the Council he couldn't guarantee the more expensive pump would last twice as long, but the more expensive model would be better for safety reasons and

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The Clay County Cancer Crusaders Seventh Annual Crusade event will be this Saturday on the grounds of the Flora Public Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with opening ceremonies at 11 a.m.

There is entertainment all day.

A variety of food items and drinks are available, including Tacos-in-a-Bag, Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, pork burgers, Nachos--regular & chili & cheese, pizza, drinks and chips, lemon & orange shake-ups, baked goods.

There are numerous games and activities planned. Bring lawn chairs.

There's also a silent auction with baskets filled with prizes.

All proceeds from the event will help all Clay County Cancer efforts.

The schedule for Saturday's Cancer Crusade is:

10 a.m., The Leibs

11 a.m., Opening Ceremony (Honor Guard--Shooting Stars, Prayer, National Anthem and Amazing Grace--The Luzadders, Introductions, Nancy Mills

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Ticket Auction \*Lots of donated items

11 a.m.-4 p.m., Clay County Cruisers and Antique Tractor Display

11:30 a.m., Danny Perry

11:30 a.m., Cornhole Tournament begins

12:15 p.m., Pedal Tractor Races

12:45 p.m., Faith Welty

1:15 p.m., K-9 Demonstration

1:45 p.m., Breakaway Band, featuring Will Sharp, Hunter Laughann, Spencer Sharp, and Jacob Murphy

3 p.m., Quinn Bible & Friends

3:55 p.m., Closing Comments

Also throughout the day there will be Chair Massages, Face Painting, Rock Painting and much more.

Please plan to attend the 2018 Clay County Cancer CRUSADE.

## Winds Result In Damages

A line of strong thunderstorms hit the Clay County area Thursday morning.

The National Weather Service, in Lincoln, issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for all of Clay County just after 10:30 a.m. The storms hit just before 11 a.m.

Area law enforcement and Clay County ESDA reported a wide variety of damage throughout the county. The damage primarily stems from downed trees and tree limbs. Some of those struck homes and vehicles, causing severe damage. There were also reports of numerous power lines down.

Most of the county was also without power for several hours. In the Flora area, the power was out from just after 11 a.m. yesterday morning and started returning in some portions of Flora at approximately 4 p.m.

The power outage was attributed to an Ameren issue, which stemmed from storm damage. (John Bayler Photos)



Leon and Evelyn Lane have handed out the cane fishing poles to kids fishing in the Annual Kids' Fishing Derby for the past five or six years. Due to Mr. Lane's eye problems, the pair handed out the poles for the final Kids' Fishing Derby Sunday afternoon held at Charley Brown Park Lake. (Mary Anne Maxwell Photo)

## Leon, Evelyn Lane Man Fishing Pole Table For Final Kids' Fishing Derby

By Mary Anne Maxwell

Leon and Evelyn Lane have passed out the cane fishing poles for the past five or six years at the Annual Kids' Fishing Derby. Sunday afternoon's Kids' Fishing Derby marked the pair's final Derby—Mr. Lanes' degenerative eye problem keeps him from doing part of the work necessary to maintain the fishing poles.

"We don't usually have to get any new poles because we always tell the kids when we give them a pole that they can keep 'em," Mr. Lane related. "We get most of the fishing poles back when the Derby's over."

The Lanes began participating in the Kids' Fishing Derby when original organizer Barb Tackitt told them they needed cane fishing poles because the ones they ordered weren't going to come in on time. So they went out to the country and find a cane brake. They cut 70 poles.

"We fixed them with lines and hooks," Mr. Lane said.

In the mean-time, the ordered fishing poles did arrive before the Fishing Derby.

"We never got to use those poles," Mr. Lane quipped. "They're sitting in our barn up at the farm."

Husband and wife themselves like to fish. Every year they go to Montauk State Park in Missouri for a family camping and fishing trip with approximately 40 members of their families.

"Evelyn was born and raised there," Mr. Lane noted. "We've done this for 15-20 years. Our whole family meets us there."

The Lanes say they have participated in the Kids' Fishing Derby is because of the kids.

"We enjoy seeing the kids fish and seeing the smiles on their faces," Mr. Lane stated.

The Longest Fish Award is given each year of the Kids' Fishing Derby in the Lanes' honor.

"We hate to give it up," Mr. Lane stated. "But I just can't see any more."

Each year they take the poles home, straighten or untangle the lines if they can, and put on new lines if they need to. They also add new fishing hooks.

Mr. Lane said he never has to buy bobbers because he has a whole sack of those he can use if needed. He also said Briscoes' Surplus has new fishing poles on hand to replace the ones not returned.

