

Dividing Ridge Baptist Church cookbook brings classic recipes back to life

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The Dividing Ridge Baptist Church recipe book — a collection of classic, but still very relevant — has been reprinted for a modern audience and is now on sale.

Although it was first published over 40 years ago in 1989, the book’s recipes maintain their timeless quality to this day, making this the perfect addition to any given kitchen. It originated in Mayo, and still stands as the hearty result of family and friends in the Dividing Ridge Baptist Church submitting their recipes all that time ago. The book is part of Mercer County’s culinary history and deserves a second look if you bought it 40 years ago, or a first look if you’ve been shopping around for a new cookbook.

There are recipes for every occasion. With summer in full swing, you may want to try Alma Meaux’ strawberry pie for a fresh twist on the season. Or, you could go for something a little heartier, like Margaret Mundy’s potato omelet. From sweet treats to filling eats, the Dividing Ridge recipe book will never leave you wanting for an exciting new option in the kitchen.



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Timeless family recipes are found in the reprint of the Dividing Ridge Baptist Church recipe book on sale now. Above the olive nut cheese ball recipe was modernized by serving in tortilla rolls instead of with cracker.

I adapted the recipe for olive cheese ball. I added one cup of shredded cheddar

The book is available for purchase at Jerry Sampson’s Antiques on Main Street in Harrodsburg. All of the proceeds from all sales will be directed to the Dividing Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery Committee to aid their efforts of preservation and grounds maintenance. Swing by and pick up your copy to get started on all the delicious new recipes inside!



Olive Cheese Ball Recipe

cheese and instead of serving the cheese ball with crackers, I spread it on tortilla shells, rolled them up and sliced it. I was feeding teenage boys so the slight change to the recipe was a hit and it was all gone.

Ingredients

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz. blue cheese
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 2/3 cup chopped olives,

Burgin

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one side of the tracks to the other side.

“If you don’t get rid of that groundwater, you’re wasting time doing anything else,” Monroe said.

In other business, the Burgin City Council:

- Gave first reading to a \$1.7 million budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which starts July 1.

The council reviewed a rough draft of the budget Tuesday night. Monroe said it had been revised to cover the areas where the city government exceeded allocations the last time. There were new line items for alcohol and mowing, as well as a new \$5,000 line item for community outreach. The city also had to remove anything related to the police, except for what is paid to the MCSO.

A raise is included in the draft budget.

Mayor Monroe said if they didn’t give the budget first reading that night, they’d have to hold two special meetings before July 1 to pass it.

“I haven’t had time,” Councilwoman Wofford said “I can’t review stuff in two or three minutes.”

City Clerk and Treasurer Angela Stewart said they still have a month left on the old budget. Stewart said the budget would be more accurate when they review it for the second reading.

Stewart said funds from alcohol, which are collected quarterly, can only be used for alcohol related expenses. While that could open up funds to go elsewhere, the city won’t have any idea how much they will start collecting the funds. The council approved giving the budget its first reading, with Wofford voting no.

- Approved a resolution transferring the 2021 police cruiser owned by the city to the Mercer County Sheriff’s Office. Last month, the city council approved a contract with the MCSO to provide a larger police presence in Burgin. Under the terms of the agreement, MCSO deputies would make up to five patrols each shift, which includes checking in with neighborhoods and local businesses. A representative from the sheriff’s office will also attend monthly meetings and give the council a report.

Burgin will pay \$30,000 a

year, about what they paid for a police officer when they had one. They will also sign over the city’s 2021 police cruiser. The city has been unable to fill the empty police officer position. The money will come from salary and benefits for a police officer.

The agreement has been approved by the Mercer County Fiscal Court and the Kentucky Department of Local Government and the Kentucky Attorney General. The contract went into effect June 1.

“I’m not seeing them like I was,” said Councilwoman Sarah Moran, who also stated that they were not stopping speeders.

Mayor Monroe aid he hears MCSO deputies on his scanner.

“They are out,” he said.

Burgin Fire Chief Lewis Sexton announced that the Insurance Service Organization had completed its survey and Burgin had moved from Class IV to Class III. Sexton noted Burgin was a class VI when he started.

Sexton said the rating, which determines the insurance premium paid by Burgin residents, was as good as the city could get without hiring a full-time professional firefighter. He said the Insurance Service Organization has to conduct another survey in five to seven years.

- Voted not to offer any more money to a local Baptist church. Mayor Monroe said they had received a letter demanding \$15,253 from the church. Monroe had previously informed the council that when the parsonage used water, it would appear on the church’s bill. The parsonage is where the minister lives. The church owns it. The church was billed for water used by the church and the parsonage. The city had made a \$2,900 adjustment after relocating the meter, but the church was requesting a larger adjustment.

Monroe said the city had been adjusting the water bill up until 2019, but the church had not been provided with the paperwork.

He said it was physically impossible for the house to get a bill bigger than the church.

“I can show that the church’s bill is lower than the house’s bill,” he said.

City Attorney John Wood said the church would be limited to five years according to the statute of limitations.

Monroe said the church had refused the city’s offer of \$4,000.

“We don’t want to have a kind of negative connotation with the church,” Councilwoman Wofford said. “I’d like to give them \$5,000 for pain and anguish.”

She said the church does a lot of good for the community.

“What’s another thousand dollars?” Wofford said. “I just don’t want to have bad blood with the church.”

The council voted to offer the church no more than \$2,929, which is the amount the city insists the church is owed. Wofford voted no.

- Discussed the city’s garbage removal contract. Burgin’s contract with Rumpke expires at end of July. On Tuesday night, Mayor Monroe asked if they wanted to extend it for another year. Monroe said there could be a price increase either way.

The city bid out trash removal before, but Rumpke was the only bidder.

“We’re paying about as much as we can pay,” Councilman Hensley said.

“We want to talk about them giving better service,” Councilwoman Wofford said. Wofford complained that Rumpke trucks were leaking on city streets.

Councilman Jamie Keebortz said customers had not received cans and that Rumpke pickups were not being made.

“They’re not holding up their ends of the bargain,” Keebortz said.

Wofford asked for the city to request a Rumpke representative to appear before the council before the contract was renewed.

A tentative date for the special-called meeting has been set for Monday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. At that meeting, the council will vote for a new mayor and appoint a new council member, as well as give second reading and final approval to the budget.

The next regular meeting of the Burgin City Council will be Tuesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Burgin City Hall (117 Maple Street, Burgin).

- drained (ripe)
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
 - 1/3 cup chopped walnuts
 - Assorted crackers for serving
 - 1 package tortilla shells, optional
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, optional

Directions

Blend cream cheese, softened, blue cheese and soft-

ened butter. Stir in drained chopped olives and chives. Chill slightly, then form into a ball. Chill well. Press 1/3 cup chopped walnuts over the ball. Serve with assorted crackers. Recipe makes 3 cups. Note: I added one cup of shredded cheddar cheese and spread the mixture over flour tortilla shells, rolled them and refrigerated for about an hour. Once chilled, I sliced and serve.

ORDINANCE 2025-10

City of Harrodsburg Water Department Leak Check Policy

An Ordinance of the City of Harrodsburg, Kentucky that relates to the business policies of the Harrodsburg Water Department:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Harrodsburg desires to set forth an Ordinance setting forth how the Water Department shall handle leak checks.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the City of Harrodsburg, Kentucky the following Utility Billing Department policy relating to checking for water leaks.

- If a customer receives their water bill and is concerned they have a leak, they should contact the Utility Billing Department and request a leak check;
- Leak checks will be scheduled during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm);
- The customer must be present during leak checks to ensure that no water is being used inside or outside the home while the check is being conducted.
- The City will provide one complimentary leak check per calendar year. If additional leak checks are requested, they shall be billed a \$50 service fee.
- The service fee will be waived if the leak is found to be on the city side of the meter.
- If a leak is discovered on the customer side of the meter, the customer shall be responsible for contacting a plumber to locate the leak and make any necessary repairs. If the customer does not make repairs in a reasonable amount of time, the City reserves the right to turn the water off until such time as repairs are made.
- Upon completion of repairs, the customer may request a leak adjustment on their water bill in accordance with Ordinance 2025-08.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance was approved by the City Commissioners of Harrodsburg on the 9th day of June, 2025.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Robert O. “Bob” Williams, Mayor, City of Harrodsburg ATTEST: Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk

Given 1st Reading and Passed on the 27th day of May, 2025.

Given 2nd Reading and Passed on the 9th day of June, 2025.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS, CHAPTER 52, SEWER USE, SECTION 52.145 (C) 3, SEWER SERVICE RATES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Harrodsburg desires to amend the sewer use, Section 52.145 (c) 3, which were last comprehensively updated by Ordinance 2024-15 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Harrodsburg is improving the Waste Water Treatment Plant, pump stations, and wastewater lines; since updating their infrastructure several loans to Rural Development and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority are due to be repaid. Additional revenues are needed in order to meet the minimum qualifications on the letter on conditions to pay the debt service on the loans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG THAT THE FOLLOWING RATES BE ADOPTED;

(3) Minimum sewer rate: The minimum sewer bill shall be ~~[\$17.44]~~ \$17.95 per month, and each sewer customer shall be entitled to 250 cubic feet of sewer service consumption per month to customers of all size connections, except for any contractual arrangements with specific customers for additional surcharges.

Effective July 1, 2025 CPI 2.9% increase

Number of Cubic Feet of wastewater per month	Minimum Monthly Charge (Effective July1)	Minimum Monthly Charge (Effective July1)
First 250	[\$17.44 minimum charge]	\$17.95 minimum charge
Next 750	[\$7.12 per 100 cubic feet]	\$7.33 per 100 cubic feet
Next 3,000	[\$6.74 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet
Next 6,000	[\$6.74 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet
Next 25,000	[\$6.74 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet
Next 25,000	[\$6.32 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.50 per 100 cubic feet
All over 60,000	[\$5.94 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.11 per 100 cubic feet

(4) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the sewer rates will be adjusted in accordance with the annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) which is maintained and reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statics.

(5) Each customer’s bill will include a \$2.00 surcharge which will be used to fund future infrastructure projects.

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ORDINANCE 2025-09

City of Harrodsburg Water Department Pool Adjustment Policy

An Ordinance of the City of Harrodsburg, Kentucky that relates to the business policies of the Harrodsburg Water Department:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Harrodsburg desires to set forth an Ordinance setting forth how the Water Department shall handle adjustments to bills associated with the filling of swimming pools.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the City of Harrodsburg, Kentucky the following Utility Billing Department policy relating to adjustments to bills related to swimming pools.

1. The City of Harrodsburg Water Department, at its discretion, may provide a billing adjustment for sewer charges related to filling a swimming pool, provided that the water consumption is at least 4,000 gallons (535 cubic feet) over the customer’s average usage OR is greater than three times the customer’s average usage.
2. All requests for pool adjustments must be made in writing within 30 days of the original due date of the high bill using the pool adjustment request form available online or in-person at the Water Department. Customers will be required to provide documentation, including pool dimensions, shape, estimated gallons, exact fill dates and photographic proof. Failure to do so will forfeit the customer’s right to a pool adjustment.
3. The credit shall be determined based on the excess usage (difference between consumption on the high bill from filling the pool and the average usage from the previous 12 months). The credit will be limited to 50% of excess sewer usage consumption charges. If a customer does not have 12-months of history, the credit will be based on the history available. Service fees, sewer surcharge fees, and charges other than water/sewer consumption shall be excluded from the pool adjustment calculation.
4. In order to qualify for a pool adjustment, the customer account must be current (no past due balances) and must not have been subject to shut off within the previous 12-month period.
5. Approved pool adjustment credits will appear on a future billing (not necessarily the bill when charges were incurred). The customer shall be responsible for paying their bill in full while waiting for the pool adjustment.

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