

Farmers Market, Friday Night on Main and more

WEEKENDER FOR MAY 1—9

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Looks like things are heating up at the **Mercer County Farmers Market at the Stable at Mercer County Fairgrounds** (560 Linden Avenue) happens every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October. They will also begin holding market nights at Olde Town Park (126 South Main Street) on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. starting Tuesday, June 3. The farmers market will go to Burgin on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Thursday, June 5.

Through the month of April, the farmer market averaged 16 vendors and has served 485 customers, according to a recent Facebook post, generating \$6,450 in total sales, with most of that, \$2,379, coming from crafts.

There are a lot of returning favorites this week. **Dark K9** (572 Ison Lane) opens a new dog diving season on Friday, May 2. The monthly **Cruz on Chiles at Auto Kustoms** (123 South Chiles Street) returns for another season of cool and classic vehicles as well as music, food trucks and more on Saturday, May 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. **Friday Night On Main** returns to **Olde Town Park** (126 South Main Street) on Friday, May 9, featuring live music by Brandon and Sara Bond and Sheerflow from 6 to 10 p.m. The monthly series is hosted by the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission and happens one Friday every month through September. In addition to music, there will be food and shopping.

Due to the weather, all events should be considered provisional. Check for cancellations.

The 151st Kentucky Derby happens Saturday, May 3, with post time scheduled for 6:57 p.m.

Have a great Derby weekend, Mercer County!

Thursday, May 1

- **Opening Day of the Greenhouse at Mercer County Senior High School** (1124 Moberly Road). Meet this year's Greenhouse Class, explore selection of flowers, vegetables, fruits, herbs and soil. 859-733-7160 for Facebook @Mercer County Greenhouse.

- **Trivia Night at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Enjoy trivia—and pizza—solo or in teams of up to four people. Winners will receive a \$10 dollar gift card to Walmart. Registration required so we can order enough pizza. Starts 5:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Everybody Plays Soccer Clinic at Campbellsville University Harrodsburg Athletic Center** (772 University Drive). Overcomer's Soccer Clinic by Kendyl and Friends Foundation designed for athletes of all abilities. Featuring adaptive soccer drills and activities with experienced coaches and volunteers. Starts 5:30 p.m. RSVP kffmarketing-director@gmail.com OR kendylandfriendsfoundation.org

- **Trivia and Queen of Hearts Drawing at Casa Grande** (145 Collin Drive). Teams of four compete for a \$25 gift card. Competition starts 6:30 p.m., with Queen of Hearts Raffle—sponsored by Harrodsburg Rotary Club—at 7 p.m. 859-613-5669 or casa-grandeky.com or Facebook @casaGky.

- **Live music at Lemons Mill Brewery** (166 Marimon Avenue). Music starts 7 p.m. (doors open 4 p.m.) 859-734-7791 or Facebook @Lemons Mill.

- **Karaoke at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

Friday, May 2

- **Spring Opening Event at Dark K9** (572 Ison Lane). Three-day, Cinco De Mayo-themed North American Diving Dogs (NADD) event starts

May 2 and runs through May 4. Dive into the excitement with the Jump Card system and experience top-tier canine athleticism using NERF or the new NADD Official Bumpers. Counts towards the 2025 DARK K9 Season championship. Each event will add points to your dog's total for the year. Opens 9 a.m., jump card acceptance starts at noon. 859-221-0885 or darkshotk9@gmail.com or darkk9.com or Facebook @ Dark-ShotK9

- **Special Storytime for Toddlers: Stick Horse Derby at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Starts 9:30 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Storytime for Pre-Schoolers Story Time at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Starts 11 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Music on the Lawn at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill** (3501 Lexington Road). Live music, outdoor dining, drinks and specialty cocktails around the fire pit between the historic 1839 Trustees' Office and the garden. Starts 6:30 p.m. 859-734-5411 or shaker-villageky.org.

- **Trivia at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

- **Saturday, May 3 151st Kentucky Derby Scheduled post time 6:57 p.m.**

- **Herrington Lake Bass Club Tournament at Pandora Marina** (125 Pandora Drive). Qualifier for National Team Bass Association. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Membership is \$10 per person. Regular tournaments are \$40 per person or \$65 per boat. Includes \$10 launch fee. Tournament members may fish with one guest. Guest can only fish one tournament without paying \$10 membership fee. Five fish limit per boat. Fish six regular tournaments to qualify for fish-off. Participants who fish 10 regular tournaments, fish free in Fish-Off. Age 16 and under may fish for free when accompanied by an adult. Robbie Sargent, 859-583-1618 or sargentsmarine@hotmail.com.

- **Independent Book Store Day at Harrod's Perk and Chill** (540 North College Street). Enchanted Pages LLC will be set up with a book sale and other special bookish goodies. Books are \$1 each or three for \$2. 8 to 11 a.m. 859-605-6228 or perknochill@gmail.com or Facebook @ Harrods Perk or @Enchanted Pages LLC.

- **Mercer County Farmers Market at the Stable at Mercer County Fairgrounds** (560 Linden Avenue). Local vendors providing locally raised produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, canned goods, honey and homemade and handcrafted items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmersmarket-mercerc@gmail.com or farmersmarketmercerc.square.site or Facebook @Mercer County Farmers Market.

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- **Mommy and Me Candlemaking and Play at EPIC Play Center** (120 South Main Street). Little Lads Candle Co. will take us step by step in making our own 100 percent soy wax candles beginning. Children will make their own four ounce candle and mom will make her own eight ounce candle just before Starts 10 a.m. Use link: EpicPlayCenter.as.me to book. Only 12 seats available. 859-324-9289

or epic.playcenter@yahoo.com or epicplaycenterky.com or Facebook @ EPIC Play Center.

- **Phoenix Theatre Productions: Myth-O-Logues Library Edition at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Explore ancient Greek mythology, a hero's Journey and why these 2,000 year old stories still fascinate us today in Myth-O-Logues by Janice Harris. Performance brought to you by Old Fort Harrod State Park and the Danville-Boyle County Humane Society starts at 3 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Cruz on Chiles at Auto Kustoms** (123 South Chiles Street). Open to all makes and models vehicles. Music, food trucks and more from 5 to 8 p.m. 859-605-6388 or autokustomsky@gmail.com or AutoKustoms.com or Facebook @Cruzonchiles.

- **Derby Party at Kamp Kennedy Marina** (4646 Kennedy Bridge Road, Lancaster). Half of the proceeds go to the winner and half go to the Herrington Lake Conservation League. Live entertainment by Tony G. Contest starts 4:30 p.m. 859-548-2002 or kampkennedymarina.com or Facebook @ Kamp Kennedy Marina.

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- **Derby Watch Party at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Featuring live music by John Thomas Moore at 7 p.m. and D.J. Siivers at 10 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

- **Live music by Carrie Anne McDonald at Cummins Ferry RV Park and Campground** (2558 Cummins Ferry Road, Salvisa). Food by Glorias Mexican. 859-865-2003 or cumminsferry.com or Facebook @Cummins Ferry RV Campground.

Sunday, May 4

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Monday, May 5

- **Chess in the Morning at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Experienced players and newbies alike are welcome to spend a leisurely morning playing chess. Open to all ages. Starts 9:30 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Baby Sensory Storytime at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Themed stories followed by a sensory activity for ages 6 to 18 months. Starts 9:30 a.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

- **Tomato Plant Giveaway at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). One free bag of tomato plants per person while supplies last from 5 to 6 p.m. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension.

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Tuesday, May 6

- **Giant Pumpkin Contest at Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office** (1007 Lexington Road). Giant pumpkin seeds available with growing information starting 9 a.m. and running all day while supplies last. 859-734-4378 or Facebook @mercercountyextension.

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- **Yoga for Health and Relaxation at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Learn new techniques to help reduce stress and improve posture and balance, through intentional breathing and strength building exercises. Program is beginner friendly, bring mat if you have one, mats will be provided. Starts 6:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

Wednesday, May 7

- **Pool Tournament at the Vault—Harrodsburg** (235 South Main Street). Starts 7 p.m. 859-605-2118 or Facebook @the Vault.

Thursday, May 8

- **Stay Crafty: Painted Taper Candles at Mercer County Public Library** (109 West Lexington Street). Choose your design and paint a decorative candle to take home. No registration required. Adults and teens welcome Starts 5:30 p.m. 859-734-3680 or mcplib.info.

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Have any events planned? Let everyone know by posting it on the Weekender. Email events to rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com.

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From 1A

press release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Coffman will appear for sentencing on July 28. He faces a minimum of 25 years and a maximum of life in prison. According to the federal press release, the court must consider the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the applicable federal sentencing statutes before imposing a sentence.

Coffman was arrested on Friday, June 16, by Patrolman Isaac Shelton of the Harrodsburg Police Department and charged with two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor, including an illegal sex act with a victim under 16 years of age, and illegal controlled substance with a victim under 16 years of age.

The U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted this case as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child

Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Paul McCaffrey, Acting United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Rana Saoud, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); Chief Scott Elder, Harrodsburg Police Department; and Sheriff Mike Coyle, Madison County Sheriff's Office, jointly announced the conviction.

The investigation was conducted by HSI, Harrodsburg Police Department, and Madison County Sheriff's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office was represented in the case by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erin Roth.

City

From 1A

the city would advertise for bidders for garbage collection and recycling services in Harrodsburg after there had been issues with trash not being picked up in several areas around town.

The city received only two bids, from Republic and Rumpke. City officials said they felt there wasn't enough difference between the two bids to make a switch. Maynard noted that Republic offers a senior discount.

Spring Cleanup week is scheduled for May 5-9. Republic will pick up bulk and acceptable waste that is too large to fit into a standard residential container.

Accepted bulk items include:

- Common household goods
- Home appliances—must be refrigerator-free
- Electronics
- Brush

Republic will accept mattress sets, but they must be wrapped in plastic. They will pick up to five items per home and each item can weigh up to 75 pounds and be not larger than four feet by four feet by six feet.

Each street will receive one pass per cleanup event.

Visit RepublicServices.com or call 859-263-2000 for more information.

The commissioners also asked for the public's patience with potholes. This winter has been rough on the local roads. On Monday, Commissioner Charlie Mattingly explained that when temperatures are cold, workers are unable to use asphalt for repairs.

But with temperatures warming up, the city would be able to fix the streets.

"We will be getting some hot asphalt in those holes," Mattingly said.

In addition, crews will be working to repair cuts made to the streets for water and sewer lines.

Mayor Bob Williams said contractors had started a sewer expansion project and were still finishing construction of lines on the east and west sides of the town.

"If you see cuts in the road, slow down," Mayor Williams said. "We just need cooperation and patience from everyone."

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Approved a Memorial Day Service hosted by the Harrodsburg-Mercer County African American Historical

Society at Maple Grove Cemetery on Saturday, May 24, at 1 p.m.

Located on Cornishville Road, Maple Grove is the traditional African American resting place in Harrodsburg, according to a historical society Facebook post. The event will honor Mercer County's colored troops.

The Harrodsburg-Mercer County African American Historical Society is a nonprofit organization that observes the heritage and legacy of the African American community in Harrodsburg and Mercer County. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Mercer County Public Library. For more information, visit the Harrodsburg-Mercer County African American Historical Society's Facebook page.

- Made personnel moves.

The commission accepted the resignation of Logan Szalbirak from the Harrodsburg Fire Department and Public Works effective April 17 and approved a \$1 per hour raise for Ethan Lewis in the Public Works Department for passing his DW Distribution II license effective April 17.

- Gave first reading to an ordinance amending the city's budget, increasing the water and sewer line items with money from the general fund. On Monday, Maynard explained they were accounting for remaining ARPA funds, which were not included in the original budget. The ARPA funds were exhausted in December, Maynard said.

- Announced they are requesting bids for cleaning City Hall.

At a special-called meeting on Wednesday, April 23, the Harrodsburg City Commission authorize a new easement for the Wilkinson Farm industrial park. After an executive session, the commission voted to grant Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company a 20 acre easement contiguous to current five acre easement. The new easement will be up for renewal in 10 years.

The next meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, May 12, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information, including minutes and city ordinances dating back to 2005, can be found at the city's new website, harrodsburgky.gov.

From 4A

Sheriff's

Dean Community Park. Judge Steele gave a shout-out to Helen Dedman for helping with the grant application. The county hopes to announce by the end of May.

- Approved receiving funding from the city-county bridge improvement program to repair the Henry Robinson Bridge, under a new program that provides funding. The fiscal court also approved advertising for bids for the project.

Judge Steele said they hope the county will be ready to move July 1.

The magistrates were also presented with drafts of the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. They will give first reading to the proposed budget at their next meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Fiscal Court Building (207 West Lexington Street).