

Auto Kustoms expands services to general automotive repair with opening of AK Autoworx



Photo Submitted

The Mercer Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for the opening of AK Autoworx, a new automotive repair shop located at 1611 Cornishville Road. Pictured left to right are Erik Demonbreun, Rep. Kim King, Gus Weaver, Doug Taylor, Chris Howard and Jonas Taulbee.

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Local car owners have a new option for high-quality vehicle maintenance and repair with the opening of AK Autoworx, a general automotive repair shop located at 1611 Cornishville Road.

The shop, which officially opened on May 5, aims to provide reliable and affordable auto repair services to residents in Mercer County.

Owned by Erik Demonbreun, Jonas Taulbee and Brandon Demonbreun, they opened the shop after seeing the need to expand their business, Auto Kustoms. They opened Auto Kustoms in 2015 and specialize in custom interior and repair work in cars, trucks and boats.

"Our goal has always been to take excellent care of our customers," said Erik Demonbreun. "Expanding our services was just a natural fit to offer additional ser-

vices to meet our customers' needs."

The shop offers general repairs on foreign, domestic and classic cars, along with selling tires.

The staff servicing vehicles includes service manager Ed "Gus" Weaver, shop manager Doug Taylor and senior technician Chris Howard.

What sets AK Autoworx apart, E. Demonbreun says, is its commitment to transparency. "We provide detailed estimates and explain exactly what needs to be done before any work begins," he added. "No pressure, no surprises."

The shop is equipped with the latest diagnostic technology, ensuring that both foreign and domestic vehicles receive expert care. The waiting area features free Wi-Fi, coffee, and a comfortable lounge for customers who choose to wait on-site. During the week, customers can schedule service or drop off at their convenience and Saturdays are by appointment only.

"We want to build trust with the community and

be the kind of shop people recommend to their friends and family," said E. Demonbreun.

AK Autoworx is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday by appointment. Appointments can be or by calling 859-605-9225. Follow their social media on Facebook, Instagram, Threads and their website www.akautoworx.com for announcements of additional services.

For routine maintenance or general repair, the AK Autoworx team is ready to keep the local community's wheels turning—one satisfied customer at a time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

According to KRS.179.220, the Mercer County Fiscal Court may order that every owner and manager of lands bordering on the public roads in Mercer County shall clear away and carry from alongside the roads, all bushes, weeds, shrubs, and overhanging limbs of trees and other obstructions, and keep all hedge fence along the road so trimmed that they at no time will become more than five feet high. This removal shall be done in July and August of every year.

MERCER COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Legal Notice

Invitation for Bids to Replace Roof System – Mercer County Public Library

Bid opening will occur on Monday, June 30 at 11:00 am EDT in the Library Meeting Room.

The Mercer County Public Library will accept sealed bids for the replacement of the library's roof at 109 W. Lexington St., Harrodsburg, KY until the date and time stated above. Bidders are welcome to call the library director at (859) 734-3680 x 101 to arrange a time for inspection.

Envelopes containing sealed bids must be clearly identified with the words "MCPL Roof Bid" in the lower left front corner. Interested parties must have at least 5 years of experience installing commercial roof systems on buildings over 10,000 square feet. Commercial roofing references are required.

- All bids must include the removal and disposal or the existing roof system down to the metal deck.
- Bids must include replacement of existing flat roof system with a system that drains standing water to existing roof drains.
- Bids must include planning to account for HVAC and any other mechanical units existent on the current roof.
- Bids must contain provisions for a 15 to 20 year warranty guaranteed by a third party and pursuant to an inspection of the completed roof by this party.
- Bids must document:
 - ◊ That insurance is carried by your company for damages and/or injuries that occur during work.
 - ◊ At least 3 references concerning installation experience of commercial roof systems.
 - ◊ Estimated time frame for installation.

The criteria for making the award shall be best value price for all responsive and acceptable offers. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Bids may be mailed to the library or dropped off at the circulation desk during regular business hours.

Chamber Foundation opens door to grants and additional programs



Chamber Chat
Jill Cutler
Executive Director
Mercer Chamber of Commerce

One of the many activities chambers do includes finding and collaborating on grants. We are always on the lookout for potential funding sources for our community and members. Looking for grants takes time and a little research up front. Once one is identified, there is further research

to find out if it can be applied for and what is the matching need. We used to have to run our grants through a partner organization that had a 501c3 status versus the chamber's 501c6. Now, with the Mercer Chamber Foundation, Inc. we can apply for grants on our own or still add a partner if that is best. Under this foundation are several committees: The Friends of Anderson Dean Community Park (a Lean 2 Green subset), who just applied for a huge poured crumb rubber grant with Mercer Fiscal Court. This grant was awarded and we are thrilled for our local park which has so many people every year. Another committee is the Harrodsburg Mercer County African American Historical Society who was awarded funding from the State Historical

Society for 250th events. This group has put up signage for African Americans who contributed to our founding, and have served our country. They have provided programming and services with other events and organizations. They just completed a memorial service at Maple Grove Cemetery with the US Colored Troops of the Civil War.

These are just two examples, of two of the committees on The Mercer Chamber Foundation, Inc. The benefits of a foundation for our community are so great. I want to thank the President of the foundation Sam Carr for muscling the foundation through those first hard and tedious steps to bring it where it is today. We are proud to support where we live.

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time of 11:02.76. A squad of Sanders, Krish Patel, Dunn and Alcorn competed in one of the most challenging events of the day, the 4x400 meter relay. Their time of 3:33.50 was enough to earn them a place on the podium, and two points for the boys.

The Titans struggled on the track for much of the meet, it wasn't until the final moments that they started to make a comeback in team scoring. In the lead up to the mile-relay Mercer was placed just outside of the top-10 teams, but after the two-point performance in the relay and the delayed entry of results from the shot put pit, Mercer boys skyrocketed in points, eventually finishing in fourth place overall, just .5 points behind rivals Boyle County. The Titans were able to make the comeback largely in part to dominant performances in the throwing pit from sophomore Noah Nichols and senior Gage Bennett. Shot put was put on hold to begin the meet, and officials were forced to flip the order of events, allowing girls to compete in discus first and shot put before the top boys competitors finally entered the pit. Nichols and Bennett began their day in the discus ring, where they finished fourth and tenth respectively with throws of 150'4" and 125'11." In quick succession, the duo made their way to shot put, where they would blow away the competition. The Titans eventually earned 18 points from

the event. Nichols mark of 52'7.25" placed first overall, and gave himself a cushion between him and second place finisher Bennett, who's mark of 50'2.75" earned eight points for his team. Most of the Titans successes at the state meet happened off of the track. The Lady titans first individual state champion of the day was named moments earlier, when Maddi Baker launched the discus an impressive 129'6," more than 10 feet further than the second placed competitor.

"I'm very proud of our throwers. They are very dedicated and put in a lot of extra work. Coach Mike Johnson has done a great job with the kids at practice, and then they also take private lessons from coach Josh Smith outside of our practice," said Mercer County Head Coach Lynn Flach, adding, "If you want to be a state champion it takes more than normal practice."

Dunn went on to claim third place in the long jump event. His leap of 20'1" earned an important six points for the Titans. Ralasia Piazza and Moore placed fifth and ninth respectively in the triple jump event with leaps of 33'3.25" and 31'9."

In the end, Mercer continued its tradition of winning at the state track and field meet, but they couldn't find enough points to seriously challenge for the title. Covington Catholic won the competition decisively, their 85 points was

33 more than second place finishers Bourbon County. Unfortunately, Boyle County finished with 48.5 team points, compared to the Titans 48. Paducah Tilghman rounded out the top-five team with 38 points. On the girls side, the Lady Titans placed 13th out of 35 teams. Lexington Catholic and Calloway County went stride-for-stride for much of the meet, but eventually Lexington Catholic pulled away with 88 team points.

The Titans have struggled staying healthy this spring and a few individuals even regressed in their events throughout the season. Whether injury or a less serious setback, the Titans had several athletes who were expected to be competitive at the state level, who didn't qualify, or didn't attempt to qualify for the state meet. It's a testament to the talent of the athletes that did earn the team points in Lexington that Mercer was able to finish in the top-5, but the underclassmen, several of which have already claimed individual regional or state championships, will need to step up and lead the program in the coming years if they are to return to their dominance at the state level and earn another state title, which would be their first since 2023.

"Every year we lose some good seniors and have to rebuild. It will be interesting to see who will step up and lead next year," said Flach.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

SAT. JUNE 7TH, 10 A.M.

MR. MARCUS DWIGHT SIMPSON ESTATE

HOUSE & 98 ACRE FARM • 9 TRACTS

BARN-GARAGE-STORAGE BLDG.

TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT • FURNITURE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Location: 534 Long Lick Lane, Springfield, Ky. 40069

Directions: From Springfield Ky take Mackville Road (Hwy 152) about 10 miles to Mayes Creek Road. Turn left on Mayes Creek road and go about 1 mile to Long Lick Lane. Turn right on Long Lick lane and go about 7/10 miles to the property on your left.

From Exit 42 (Hwy 555) on Bluegrass Parkway go Southwest about 9 miles to Mayes Creek Road on the Left. Turn left on Mayes Creek Road and go about 5 2/10 miles to Long Lick Lane. Turn left and go about 7/10 miles to the property on your left. Auction signs posted.

REAL ESTATE SELLS AT 10:00 A.M.

Reason For Sale: In order to settle the Estate of Mr. Simpson (Mr. Greg Goatley, Attorney), Bishop Realty & Auction, LLC has been commissioned by the Co-Executors (Gregory Allen Simpson & Karen Denise Curtsinger) to sell at ABSOLUTE AUCTION the following property under the terms and conditions as stated.

REAL ESTATE: Selling a 98 Acre farm with a 28x52, 1999 Fall Creek Home. **TRACT #1 - 13.84 Acres** a mixture of excellent pasture land and woods tremendous amount of road frontage on Long Lane. **TRACT #2- 1.27 Acres** of good grass on both Long Lick Lane & Turner Lane. Nice **#3- 7.02 Acres** with some woods, a small grass for pasture. Beautiful Home site front-**TRACT #4- 5.45 Acres** with frontage on Turner and a great place for a home. **TRACT #5- 7.60** a mixture of woodland and pasture land with and fronts on both Turner Lane and Long Lick **Acres** with frontage on Long Lick Lane, scattered with grass for the farm animals. **TRACT #7- 18.74 Acres** land. This Tract fronts on Long Lick Lane and has a fan-area. **TRACT #8- 29.65 Acres** with a 1999 Fall Creek spacious living room with cathedral ceiling, kitchen-dining room combo, laundry/mud room off the side porch and 2 full baths. The home has a covered front porch plus a covered wrap-around porch on the back and side of the house. The home is on a concrete block foundation and sits on a spacious fenced in yard with plenty of room for a garden spot. There is also a 12x16 metal storage building, 2 bay shop/garage and a large tobacco barn. City water at the house and barn and pond. Mature shade and beautiful views of the rolling country side. Lots of pasture & hay ground with an excellent stand of grass. Lots of good ridge land with frontage on Long Lick Lane. **TRACT #9- 1.02 Acres** situated along the creek with lots of frontage on Turner lane. This farm has been in the family for many years and farms like this are hard to find. If you are looking for a working cattle farm, a smaller tract of land or just a place for a new home, we have it all right here. The farm will be offered as a whole and in tracts and deeded in the manner bringing the most total dollars. **SOLD AT ABSOLUTE AUCTION WHERE THE FINAL BID SETS THE PRICE.**

TRACTOR, EQUIPMENT & TOOLS: 1976 135 Massey Ferguson Tractor that was recently overhauled with a new diesel motor, power steering and injector pump, seat and more, Cub cadet LT 1046 riding mower, Viccon 7ft. disc mower, rotary hoe, (2) 3 pt. hay forks, 6 ft. Agri-Cutter 3 pt. bushhog, 6 ft. M.F. 3 pt lift disc, (2) Ford 601 sickle mowers, Dearborn 10-152 2 gang plow, (2) 3pt. hitch scaper buckets, 5 ft. 3 pt hitch bushhog, N.H. 256 dolly wheel ake, Schultz Spreadmaster manure spreader PTO driven, Ground driven manure spreader, 2 basket hay tedder, hay elevator, boom pole, metal drag, truck box for storage, catch chute, water troughs, feed troughs, mineral tub, car ramps, steel posts, tobacco sticks, echo & stihl blowers, echo weed eater, hedge trimmers, 10x10 dog kennel, lots of gates, pressure washer, (2) electric fence boxes, air compressor, air tank, funnels, jack stands, wrenches, tools, hammers, shovels, cattle oiler, pipe wrenches, bolts & nuts, nails, tool boxes, chain saw sharpener, bench vise, bench grinder, jumper cables, chisel-punch set, (2) echo chainsaws, 460 Husqvarna chain saw, igloo dog house, 10 ft. step ladder, come alongs, bolt cutters, top links, barn jack, chains, extension cords and more.

FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Libby Glass Car Jug, card table, carnival glass, bird figurines, laundry basket, Filter Queen Air Purifier and Sweeper, Kenmore sewing machine, canister set, Kitchen knife set, small kitchen appliances, old Horse & Carriage clock, Antique cast iron Turtle Spittoon, microwave, G.E. refrigerator and Electric range, G.E. Washer, Hotpoint Dryer, Upright deep freezer, Couch & chair, lamps, dresser with mirror, shower seat, granite ware, blue jars, (2) flat irons, Crocks, bowls & jugs, butter churn, pitcher & bowl, lots of glassware, set of dishes, afghans, candle holders, pictures, Oak dining room table with 6 chairs, extra leaf and hutch, Jazzy electric wheel chair with car carrier, jars of marbles, wheel chair, walkers, cane, rocker recliner, lift chair, recliner, straight chairs, tables, colored dishes, small wash board, step stool, umbrellas, Oak entertainment center, mug collection, tread mill, luggage, desk chair and mat, Roku 32" TV in the box, Phillips 50" TV in the box, clocks, (2) porch rockers, water hoses, and more. **TERMS: 20% down the day of sale and the balance with deed delivery and possession on or before July 7th, 2025. Personal Property: Cash or good check the day of sale. No Credit Cards. There will be a 10% Buyers Premium added to the final bid of everything sold to determine the total sales price. A 6% Ky Sales Tax will apply to all personal property unless you provide a valid Resale Certificate Number.**

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