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Community Enjoys a Little Fun in the Sun



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Fun 'n' Sun Fest At Anderson-Dean Community Park

Nearly 700 children to enjoy an afternoon at the first ever Fun & Sun Fest hosted by the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission at Anderson-Dean Community Park. For more pictures, turn to page 2A.

198th Mercer County Fair & Horse Show Promises Classic Fun and New Thrills



Aliya Wright and Kayla Snyder said having fun was the best part of the Mercer County Fair.

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The 198th edition of the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show, the longest continuously running fair of its kind in the United States, is set to return Friday, July 18 through Monday, July 28 with a packed schedule full of hometown tradition, exciting entertainment and family-friendly events including

their first family night on Wednesday, July 23 with discounted pricing.

The official fair kicks off Monday, July 21, but pre-fair events start Friday night, July 18, with roaring engines at the motorsports track with a truck and tractor pull, sponsored by Lee's Famous Recipe, beginning at 7 p.m. in what's always a crowd-favorite event.

Saturday, July 19 starts

early with the dairy show at 10 a.m. in the livestock arena, before the action shifts back into high gear again at the motorsports track that evening at 7 p.m. for the demolition derby, sponsored by Family Wealth Group and CC Auto.

Sunday, July 20 serves as a quieter day as participants prepare for the week ahead,

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Planning and zoning commission approves Tractor Supply Company

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Harrodsburg may soon be home to a new retailer.

After a public hearing, the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission approved a site plan submitted by Greg Glaser, P.E. and GBT Realty to build a Tractor Supply Company at 905 North College Street.

At their meeting on Friday, July 11, the Planning and Zoning Commission also approved a zoning change for the property from 1-2 (Heavy

Industrial) to B-2 (Business).

The zoning change must also be approved by the Harrodsburg City Commission. The developers also need approval from the state to enhance the existing entrance.

Tractor Supply Company is a retailer that sells home improvement, agriculture, lawn and garden maintenance, livestock, equine and pet care equipment and supplies. The company, which is headquartered in Brentwood, Tennessee, has more than 2,250 stores, with nearby locations in Danville, Lawrenceburg

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Harrodsburg holds off on signing contract

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The Harrodsburg City Commission has held off on approving a contract with Republic Services until it gets more information on pricing.

At a special-called meeting on Wednesday, July 11, the commission voted not to sign the contract with Republic after Commissioner Charlie Mattingly raised concerns about the company's inconsistent information regarding the 20 percent senior discount.

Mattingly said Republic was giving customers different answers, telling some who called that if they had two

cans, they would not receive the discount.

"Their customer service is inconsistent in what they're telling people," said City Attorney Norrie Currens.

"That's putting it nicely," said Commissioner Kerry Anness.

Starting July 1, Republic began billing customers directly. Even though the Harrodsburg Herald reported on the changeover in May, many customers were surprised in July to receive bills for trash collection from the city for the remainder of the billing cycle and a bill from Republic charging them for an entire quarter, from July 1 through

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Burgin City Council approves raises

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The Burgin City Council renewed its agreement with Rumpke for garbage collection and also approved raises for city employees.

At a special-called meeting on Monday, July 14, the city council approved renewing the franchise agreement with Rumpke with the option

to renew after three years.

Under the agreement, the garbage collection rate will increase from \$21.50 per month to \$22 per month, with seniors paying a discounted rate of \$19.50 per month. The rate increase takes effect August 1, according to paperwork made available by the city.

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