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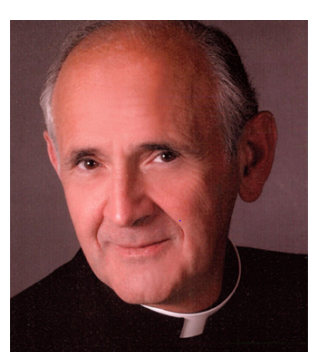
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From Ribbons to Wrestling the Mercer Fair Closes Strong



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A Memorable Ride

Memories of Rob ridden and trained by Neil Visser of Versailles is owned by Sandy Gallagher and won the 5-Gaited Championship at the Mercer County Fair on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Four inducted into Mercer County Fair & Horse Show Hall of Fame

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In a heartfelt ceremony held Saturday evening in center ring, four pillars of the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show were officially inducted into the Mercer County Fair & Horse Show Hall of Fame. The celebration, set against the golden sunset and the pageantry of the historic horse show, honored Bob Martin, Johnnie Slone, Gene Wright and Brad Noel for their decades of dedication to one of Kentucky's most beloved traditions.

Bob Martin, the legendary voice and heart behind WHBN Radio, was honored posthumously for his trailblazing coverage of the fair. Martin



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Horse Show Manager Brad Noel, left, and Mercer Fair Board President LeMayne Ellis, right, presented Johnnie Slone, center, with a certificate during the hall of fame induction ceremony on Saturday, July 26, 2025. Other inductees included, Gene Wright, Bob Martin and Brad Noel.

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Harrodsburg still hasn't signed contract with Republic

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The City of Harrodsburg has yet to sign a contract with Republic Services.

City Attorney Norrie Currans stated that the city has yet to sign the contract with Republic, following concerns raised about the company's inconsistent information regarding the 20 percent senior discount.

"We have been forwarding the complaints we're receiving," Currans said on Monday. She said the city is refusing to sign the contract until the issues have been resolved.

In April, the Harrodsburg City Commission voted to

renew their agreement with Republic Services, with Republic billing customers directly starting July 1. Only two companies bid for the contract, Republic and Rumpke, and Currans said the reason the city commission chose the winning bidder was that Republic offered a 20 percent senior's discount, while Rumpke offered a 5 percent discount.

Even though the Harrodsburg Herald first reported on the changeover in May and city officials began handing out information at city hall and posting notices on social media, many customers were surprised in July to receive bills for trash collection from the city for the remaining part

of the billing cycle and receive a bill from Republic charging them for an entire quarter, from July 1 through Sept. 30.

At a special-called meeting earlier this month, Commissioner Charlie Mattingly stated that Republic was providing customers with different answers, telling some who called that if they had two cans, they would not receive the discount.

"That is the issue causing the most confusion," Currans said Monday.

She said if the city and Republic are unable to come to terms, "We'll be looking at other alternatives."

Currans said most citizens

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Federal jury awards former firefighters \$1 million in wrongful termination suit

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A federal jury has awarded \$1 million in damages to two firefighters who sued the City of Harrodsburg for wrongful termination.

On July 18, Judge Robert E. Wier of the United States District Court Eastern District of Kentucky ruled in favor of Lt. Jamie Bottom and Capt. Derrick Steele, formerly of the Harrodsburg Fire Department, in their suit against the city for wrongful

termination and deprivation of rights. Bottom and Steele were each awarded \$500,000 in compensatory damages in the judgment.

Bottom and Steele's claims against former Harrodsburg Mayor Scott Moseley and City Commissioners Kerry Anness, Marvin "Bubby" Isham and Charlie Mattingly—as well as former Commissioner Missy Banks—were dismissed with prejudice. The court also dismissed with prejudice the

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County removes lot size from agricultural noise exemption

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The Mercer County Fiscal Court gave a second reading to an amendment relaxing lot size restrictions for exemptions for noise from agricultural production. Even after some residents spoke against voting to ease the restrictions, the fiscal court voted unanimously to exempt noise on all property zoned agriculture—A-1, A-2 and A-3—regardless of lot size.

At the fiscal court's regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, the public was given a chance to speak with a three-minute time limit.

The first speaker, Hope

Bault, stated that she had lived in Mercer County for over 23 years. Bault said a grain bin and drier had been installed near her home in 2023 that produces noise "comparable to a jet engine."

She said the noise cannot be escaped even with the windows closed. Bault said she and other neighbors had asked to implement a solution.

"These offers have been refused and or ignored," Bault said.

The current ordinance, which Bault said offered inadequate protection, "could at least allow for adequate sleep."

She said removing the lot size requirement would allow

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Shaker Village to host 28th annual craft fair

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill will hold their 28th annual Craft Fair held the weekend of August 2-3, 2025. As one of Kentucky's premier craft events, sponsored by Becky Reinhold of Bluegrass Sotheby's, the Shaker Village Craft Fair attracts the elite among regional artisans as well as up-and-coming new artists.

Each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. visitors can shop for Shaker reproductions and an assortment of handcrafted items including pottery, jewelry, apothecary, glassware, fiber art, basketry, leather goods, botanical design, watercolors and more.

The fair runs through the heart of the Village along the historic turnpike and features more than 90 vendor booths.

Guests can stop by the Shaker Village Bar to grab a cool drink or cocktail and pick up lunch or snacks from various food trucks. Live music performances will be showcased throughout the day. Other activities include a make and take candle dipping demonstration, historic tours, exhibits and giveaways.

General Admission is discounted for the Craft Fair at \$12 for ages 13 and above, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for children five and under and all Annual Passholders. Seniors ages 62+, first responders, active and veteran military receive a reduced admission rate of \$10.

To plan your visit to Shaker Village of Pleasant

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