

# Arts Atelier 146 is gifted property

Arts Atelier 146, an art and design school, recently received the deed to their property from Michael Conover on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

William Morse, CED of Arts Atelier 146, was gifted the property located at 671 Pleasant Hills Drive in Burgin from Conover.

"This is a real blessing for our school. This gift will help our school remain debt free. Students in Kentucky deserve a high industry standard of learning in creative excellence at the lowest cost. We are excited to offer that opportunity to them," said Morse.

Arts Atelier 146 specializes in teaching concept illustration, graphic design, animation and the art of gaming in a Christ-centered environment. Arts Atelier 146 teaches the Disney / Pixar way of animation and

storytelling. They work very closely with artists from Disney, DreamWorks, Paramount, Marvel and Nickelodeon. While there are several Atelier schools, the school located in Burgin is the only Christian based school in the nation and the only Atelier school that teaches both digital and traditional art. That makes the Burgin campus unique.

"The school will have a Celebration / Praise Day on Aug. 2, for all those wanting to celebrate this special moment with us," said Morse. The Celebration Day is Saturday, Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. with lunch 12 p.m. The address is 671 Pleasant Hills Dive, Burgin. Michael Conover and Dr. Michael Carter are guest speakers at this event and is a free to the public.

"Very few people get a gift of this magnitude...so



Photo Submitted  
**Michael Conover presented William Morse, CED of Arts Atelier 146, with the deed to the property located at 671 Pleasant Hills Drive in Burgin, Kentucky.**

this is very significant," said Dr. Michael Carter - former president of Campbellsville University.

# Ragged Edge Community Theatre 10 Minute Play Festival this weekend



**Virginia Smith**

This weekend the Ragged Edge Community Theatre, located at 111 South Main Street, will host its second 10-minute play festival on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 3 p.m.



**Paul Stansbury**

DeGiacomo, former pastor at Saint Andrew Catholic Church here in Harrodsburg, Bestselling novelist and Stanford resident Virginia Smith, Louisville area playwright and 10 Minute Play Festival alumnus Nancy Clayton, and Danville playwright and owner of Shepard Press, Paul Stansbury.

plays by four local authors, all of whom will be attending the festival to participate in the talkback sessions following each performance. This year the festival will be presenting plays by Father Al

Clayton, and Danville playwright and owner of Shepard Press, Paul Stansbury. All tickets are \$15 and are available at the door or by visiting [www.raggededge-theatre.org](http://www.raggededge-theatre.org)

# Mackville has big plans for the coming weeks

Mackville Boosters

Maria Wheeler Guest Columnist

Greetings from the Mackville Boosters! Here's hoping you are having a good summer in spite of the drought and hot weather. Here at the Mackville Community Center, we have been privi-

leged to enjoy special days with life-long friends and neighbors.

The next meal was Wednesday, July 30, at 12 p.m. We all enjoy a hot meal for \$6 per person.

The Mackville Harvest Homecoming Festival will be back again this year, perhaps bigger than ever. There will be a lot of family fun happening on Sept. 13, 2025. The best part of the festival is when people come from all over for the parade

and the festival. There will be a lot of people that used to live here coming back.

Review of the drive through meal on July 19, was great with lasagna - so good! The cake with icing - yummy! So much salad. The next drive through meal will be Saturday, Aug. 16, from 5-8 p.m. The meal will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and peach cobbler.

The yard sale will be

Friday, Aug. 1, thru Saturday, Aug. 2. The doors are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. See you there!

The bookmobile will be here every other Wednesday. It will be back on Aug. 6.

Mackville Community sympathy goes out to the family of James Routon and Norris Hardison.

Prayers for Rhonda Holderman, Corky Yankey and John Burchett.

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compensating rate, which is calculated by the state to generate roughly the same revenue as last year's rate. Evaluations are up so tax rate goes down. Judge Steele recommended that the fiscal court choose the compensating rate, saying "constituents are taking a hard hit." The rates of 18.31 for tangible personal property and inventory and 9.2 for vehicles and watercraft remain unchanged.

Magistrate Hicks moved to accept the new rate, seconded by Magistrate Darland. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, the Mercer County Fiscal Court:

- Gave second reading to an ordinance defining street-legal special-purpose vehicles. The ordinance into effect Aug. 15.

The ordinance comes in response to Senate Bill 63, which defines what consti-

tutes a "street-legal special purpose vehicle" and allows those vehicles to operate on a highway under certain circumstances, but prohibits them from traveling a distance greater than 20 miles on a highway displaying center line pavement markings and requires owners to meet the same regulations covering for motorcycles, including registration, insurance and safety equipment requirements. That includes turn signals, working lights front and back, windshields and windshield wipers and seat belts in all seats.

- Recognized Maddi Baker, who took first place in the freshman girls' discus throw at the New Balance National Track and Field Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, last month.
- Accepted the sheriff's fiscal year 2024 tax settlement and second quarter report. The

fiscal court also accepted the county clerk's second quarter report.

- Approved purchasing a Cat 924K loader from the state surplus property.
- Selected Horn Electric to handle the lighting project at the Mercer County Judicial Center Lighting. Horn bid \$88,500 to finish the project. The county will be reimbursed by the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts.
- Received notice of the Mercer County Conservation Agricultural District review.
- Made personnel moves.

The fiscal court accepted the resignation of Willie McFeron from the Mercer County Emergency Management Administration effective Aug. 1 and the resignation of Transport Officer Brendan Woods effective Aug. 2. The magistrates voted to increase Bailiff Angie Ridener's salary to \$18

an hour for handling full-time inmate and arrestee transports. Ridener's raise goes into effective Aug. 4. The court voted to amend the transport officer's job classification to offer a starting salary of \$45,000 for covering evening hours including on-call time effective Aug. 2. They also voted to hire Mark Pierce for the part-time solid waste position at \$16.50 an hour and Matthew Sweetman as a part-time worker at the animal shelter at \$15 an hour effective. Both hirings are effective Aug. 4.

Finally, the fiscal court voted to amend the job classification for the animal control director to salaried position at \$44,000 year, effective Aug. 2.

The next scheduled meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m.

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have paid the bill. The next bills from Republic will not be issued until September.

"We'll have to fairly quickly find a solution," she said, before the next billing cycle.

Some online commentators have suggested not paying Republic and taking garbage to the county transfer station. The county charges a minimum fee of \$15.

City ordinance also requires "every residence, commercial enterprise, or other waste-producing entity" to "subscribe to the waste collection services" authorized by the city.

At the city commission's regular meeting on Monday, July 28, Harrodsburg resident Thomas Barlow complained about Republic's customer service.

"It took me almost two hours on the phone to get those people to realize I was an old person and needed the senior citizen's discount," Barlow told the commissioners.

Barlow said he turned Republic into the attorney general's office, saying they were supposed to have sent out a notice.

Anyone with questions can call contact Republic Services at 859-263-2000 or 800-262-6565 or [republicservices.com/customer-support](http://republicservices.com/customer-support).

Mercer County is served by two waste collection companies: Republic, the second-largest waste management company in the United States, is headquartered in Phoenix,

Arizona. Rumpke Waste and Recycling is a family-owned business headquartered near Cincinnati, Ohio. Republic has the franchise for waste disposal and recycling in Harrodsburg while Rumpke has the franchise for Burgin and Mercer County. The franchise agreements preclude other waste disposal companies from operating in the defined locations.

The city commission took no action on Republic Monday.

**City Commission Gives First Reading To Tractor Supply Rezoning**

At their regular meeting on Monday, July 28, the Harrodsburg City Commission gave first reading to an ordinance changing the zoning on the property located at 905 North College Street from I-2 (industrial) to B-2 (business).

Earlier this month, 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 that location. The planning and zoning commission also approved the zoning change. The developers also need approval from the state to enhance the existing entrance.

Glaser told the *Harrodsburg Herald* that construction of the 20,000 square foot store could begin in the fall, in either October or November, with the store opening in spring 2026.

The 3.4 acre property is owned by Bluegrass Industrial Warehousing LLC.

On Monday, the city commission also gave first reading to an ordinance changing the southern property lines of English Avenue and Daviess Street from I-1 (industrial) to R-2 (residential). Mayor Bob Williams said the property is being cleared out to put in a housing development.

The commissioners also approved a text amendment to the city's zoning ordinance, amending permitted uses in the I-2 zone, which includes removing the existing conditional use permit requirement.

**Harrodsburg Holds Off On Taking Action On Special Purpose Vehicles**

On Monday, the commission discussed—but took no action—on a special purpose vehicles ordinance.

Earlier this month, the Mercer County Fiscal Court gave first reading to an ordinance defining street-legal special-purpose vehicles. The ordinance comes in response to Senate Bill 63, which determines what constitutes a "street-legal special purpose vehicle." The law allows those vehicles to operate on public roads under certain circumstances, but prohibits them from traveling a distance greater than 20 miles on a highway displaying center-line pavement markings and requires owners to meet the same regulations covering motorcycles, including regis-

tration, insurance and safety equipment requirements. That includes turn signals, working lights front and back, windshields and windshield wipers and seat belts in all seats.

"This is something that we need to discuss," Mayor Williams said Monday. The fiscal court's ordinance does not make the vehicles legal on state roads like U.S. 127

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**MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**TAX RATE HEARING ADVERTISEMENT**

The Mercer County Board of Education is proposing a tax rate equal to the prior year tax rate of 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property. Per KRS 160.470(7)(b), the board of education will hold a public hearing located at 530 Perryville Street, Harrodsburg, on August 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to hear public comments.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property, producing revenue of \$11,310,325. The proposed General Fund tax rate for fiscal year 2026 of 71.6 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$12,752,991. Of this amount, \$432,726 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2026 is 67.8 cents on real property and 71.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$12,131,122.

The general areas to which revenue of \$781,742 above 2025 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$23,282; building fund, \$136,023; instruction, \$450,000; transportation, \$70,000; maintenance of plant, \$85,000; and all other operations, \$17,437.

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