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everyone,” Sherman said. “His accomplishments, individually and as part of some of our most storied teams, are still discussed with our current student athletes to serve as a reminder of what they can accomplish by hard work and dedication. Freddie has always been proud of his hometown, and we hope he knows how much he means to all of us who have lived in the Tri-Cities.”

“The first time I saw Freddie, he was playing for Chuck Sturgill on the Braves in the Tri-City Little League baseball program. He definitely passed the look test, and I talked to Chuck after the game to find out some information about him,” said Jody Gluck, who teamed with John Brewer to coach the powerhouse Cumberland Middle School football program in the 1970s to 1990s. “I had heard about his father (Big Fred) and his exploits at Carr Creek High School back in the 50s, and that told me that Freddie was from a strong athletic family. After the baseball game that day I introduced myself to Big Fred that day (at that time Freddie was attending school at Eolia and would be in the seventh grade that

fall). He told me that he and Freddie had attended several of our junior high football games in the past and that they both liked what they had seen, and that they had both come to the conclusion that Cumberland was the school for them. We had a strong team coming back, but we needed a quarterback and I thought Freddie would/could be the man. Well, he was the man, to say the least.”

“My fondest sports memories occurred while playing for my hometown team and on that field. It was always “Us vs “Them.” Lifelong friendships were forged between those chalked lines,” said Maggard earlier this week. “I’m blessed to stay in touch with many of my teammates to this day, some 45 years later. I’d like to sincerely thank all who made this happen.”

Maggard earned all-state honors as both a quarterback and defensive back as a senior in 1986 while leading the Redskins to a Class A state runner-up finish.

He was one of the state’s top baseball players as a pitcher and center fielder, winning regional championship in 1985, 1986 and 1987 and a state final four appearance in 1985. He was drafted by

the Kansas City Royals, but chose football and the University of Kentucky instead and spent parts of three seasons as the starting quarterback.

A three-year starter in basketball under coach Ralph Roberts, Maggard played on two of the best teams in school history in 1984 and 1985. Both fell to Clay County in the regional tournament, including in the regional finals in 1985 in a down-to-the-wire finish before the Tigers went on to finish as state runner up.

After serving in the Army and National Guard, Maggard went on to cover Kentucky football on the UK Radio Network for several years before retiring due to health issues. He was inducted in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2015

“I have been lucky to follow his career from Little League through college. His attitude and work ethic enabled him to become one of the finest three sport athletes to ever play in Harlan County,” Gluck said. “I get lots of satisfaction knowing I played a small part in his athletic journey, and I’m proud to call him a friend.”

A special event is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 26 when the Redskins will play Lynn Camp.

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county on garbage collections. So, our discussion with Kentucky American revolved around making sure that the city and county are made whole upon the close of the sale, and they’re certainly committed to that . . . We had a good conversation with them, and the process is moving forward.”

Mosley went on to reassure the public that there is no need for concern if Harlan residents should see men and women in uniform throughout various parts of the county that fall under BMUD jurisdiction.

“There is a survey process ongoing right now of all the Black Mountain Utility District’s assets—pump stations, towers, that kind of thing—so, no need to be alarmed if you see crews out with equipment around those; that’s part of the process until we get the surveys completed to close the sale,” he said.

In other news, Mosley addressed concerns over the significant erosion of Luke Road—a problem which has been exacerbated by the heavy rainfall in recent weeks.

“Right now, we’re trying to determine the best course of action,” said Mosley. “The problem is, there’s four homes beyond the point

where this [erosion] has occurred. The only plausible solution, because there is a cliffside on the right side, is to try and move the road to the left side—literally scoot the road over . . . [We will] try and navigate through some challenges—either a patent easement or to acquire the property that is beside the road . . . That’s what we’re trying to navigate through right now.”

He continued, “I think there are a few options, we’ve just got to figure out what’s the best option for the county and the property owner.”

Additionally, the court carried a motion authorizing the auction of the former United Central building located at 8125 Highway 119 in Putney. This property was acquired by the county in 2016 and has been leased out to a few different tenants in the time since; however, it is now being declared a surplus, as selling the property outright means the county would once again generate revenue on the building through property tax, Mosley explained.

Interested buyers will have the opportunity to inspect the property at an undetermined date, and bids will not be accepted for less than the property’s certified appraised value. This price has not yet been publicly disclosed, and more details will be released in the near future.

Other items approved on the agenda were as follows:

Treasurer’s monthly financial report

Presidential Disaster Declaration update

Harlan County Sheriff’s official receipt for 2025 gas, oil, limestone, sand, and gravel property tax bills, subject to audit.

Appointment of Renee Freeman to the Harlan County KY-ASAP Board to fill the unexpired term of Julie Hinkle, expiring December 1, 2027

Deed transference of the Harlan County Justice Center from the Harlan County Justice Center Corporation to the Harlan County Fiscal Court

Permission to apply for the FY 2027 Illegal Open Dump Cleanup Grant and FY 2027 Litter Abatement Grant

Permission to apply for the 2026 KACo Insurance Grant, which will be used to replace the flooring at The Laurels

Permission to surplus numerous inoperable vehicles for scrap

Permission to surplus a 2015 Polaris ATV, 1980 John Deere Loader, and five icebreaker stainless steel salt boxes; Mosley states these items will be authorized for sale via an advertisement in the newspaper at a later date



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Local officials gathered for an announcement that Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College has donated the former Cumberland High School property to the city of Cumberland.

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connection this facility holds, and we regret that the property has remained unused,” said SKCTC Chancellor Dr. Lee Harrison. “Donating it to the city gives Cumberland the opportunity to pursue new possibilities while ensuring the site remains a local asset. As the site

begins a new chapter, we are committed to preserving the legacy of Cumberland High School through a tribute room that celebrates the generations who made CHS such an important part of our community. It is a way to honor the past while looking toward the future.”

Cumberland Mayor Charles Raleigh said the city plans to pursue

funding opportunities to revitalize portions of the former CHS facility and explore new uses that would benefit the community.

Built in 1947 and expanded in 1960 and 1975, the former high school has long been a symbol of pride for the Cumberland community.

Proposed Tax Notification

The Harlan Independent Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 49.6 cents on real property and 49.6 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 50.5 cents on real property and 50.5 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$743,705.43. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 49.6 cents on real property and 49.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$666,831.08. Of this amount, \$148,003.04 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 49.6 cents on real property and 49.6 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$666,831.07.

The proposed rate is not expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.07.

The general Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

2026

CLAIBORNE COUNTY FAIR

August 31 - September 5, 2026

GATES OPEN AT 5:00 PM DAILY

ADMISSION \$20

UNLIMITED RIDES!

Held at the Claiborne County Fair Association Fairgrounds

K-N-K Metal Sales Incorporated

Entertainment Week Schedule

MONDAY

August 31, 2026

Senior Citizen Night

Guests 62+ FREE GATE

ADMISSION Gospel & Bluegrass Music Featuring:

MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY BLUEGRASS BAND

Show begins at 7 pm

www.mountainhighway.com

TUESDAY

September 1, 2026

Fairest Of The Fair Pageant

For More Information Contact

Pageant Director Tammy England

423-526-8917

Pageant begins at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

September 2, 2026

ATV/UTV Drag Racing

Stock & Modified Classes

Registration at 6:00 pm.

Kids Class Up to 12 years old 0-249cc / 250-400cc 401-600cc / 601cc & larger

All classes are heads up and no modifications to frames allowed. Utilities and sports bike classed to size. Outlaw bikes are open class.

Anything goes.

THURSDAY

September 3, 2026

Welded Mini Car Class M.W.F.A.

Super Stock Chaos Mini Class

Demolition Derby

Kids Power Wheel

Class Starts at 7 p.m.

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FRIDAY

September 4, 2026

Antique, Modified & Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Weigh-In at 6:00 p.m. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

MEADE TRACTOR JOHN DEERE

SATURDAY

September 5, 2026

Fast Modified Tractor & Truck Pull Work Stock, 2.6 Outlaw, Stock Diesel Open Gear, V8, Alcohol Tractors. If you have any questions contact Cody Watkins 865-696-7279

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HELD AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00pm.

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