

Local students named to Cumberlands President's List

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- 2025 semester.
- Isabella Perez of Harrodsburg.
- Bobbi Rawlings of Harrodsburg.
- Andrew Scott of Harrodsburg.

- Shanna Turner of Harrodsburg.
- Taylor Turner of Harrodsburg.
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- Macy Baker of Harrodsburg.
- Annika Campbell of Harrodsburg.
- Byron Collier of Harrodsburg.
- Clayra Darnell of Harrodsburg.
- Joseph Fister of Harrodsburg.

- John Hopkins of Harrodsburg.
- Matthew Moore of Harrodsburg.
- Kelsie Peavler of Harrodsburg.
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Kelsey Elliott Named to Lindsey Wilson University 2025 Fall President's List

Kelsey Elliott from Harrodsburg has been named to the Lindsey Wilson University President's List for the 2025 fall semester.

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being. Lindsey Wilson offers 28 undergraduate majors, five graduate programs and a doctoral program. The university's 29 intercollegiate varsity athletic teams have won more than 120 team and individual national championships.

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Lindsey Wilson University opened 2026 by celebrating students who achieved academic success during the 2025 fall semester. Among students honored were those named to the Lindsey Wilson Dean's List.

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The following local students were named to the Lindsey Wilson 2025 fall semester Dean's List:

- Chelsey Bugg-Baker from Harrodsburg
- Allee Harris from Harrodsburg
- Colin Lay from Har-

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Standing

center anywhere in Mercer County.

“We’re not taking public comment on anything that isn’t on the agenda,” Bobby Upchurch, chairman of the planning and zoning commission, said. “Once it is on an agenda, we would be glad to hear anything.”

Upchurch was asked about the Harrodsburg Herald report on the commission’s hiring of a consultant to address the possibility of a large-scale data center in Mercer County. In December, the commission hired Curry Roberts of Parkway Strategies to help the agency prepare for the possibility of someone trying to locate a data center in the community.

“I tend not to read them,” Upchurch told the capacity crowd. “There are a lot of things in the newspaper that would tend to influence me.”

He said concerned citizens could send letters to the commission. The email is kdonnally@mercerry.com.

Upchurch and Commissioner Connie Allen thanked the crowd for coming.

“We’re glad you’re all here,” Allen said. “We really are.”

In other business, the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission:

- After a public hearing, the applicant withdrew a request for a zone change that Dossett Lane Properties LLC was seeking to rezone 105.913 acres from A-1 and A-2 (Agricultural) to R-3 (Residential). The property is located at 268 Dossett Lane in Mercer County.

Attorney Michael McCain of Mattingly, Simms, Robinson and McCain, represented the applicant.

While McCain argued the zoning change conformed to the comprehensive plan and would provide affordable housing for a community experiencing economic changes, noting Apple is making a new \$2.5 billion commitment to produce all of the cover glass for iPhone and Apple Watch in Corning’s Harrodsburg manu-

facturing facility. McCain said part of the property was already zoned residential and submitted documentation to support the application.

The applicants were asked about the sanitary sewer. Bruce Wade, one of the partners, said they were planning to put the houses on a package system, at least temporarily, with the ultimate goal of connecting to the county sewer system expansion.

Colton McGlone of Vantage Engineering, who represented the applicants, said the Mercer County Sanitation District received a state grant to improve the sewer system.

“We would try to accommodate that,” McGlone. He said they would reconfigure the package treatment plant to be a lift station once the system had been expanded. McGlone said the City of Danville had the capacity to treat sewage from the development.

Commissioner Allen said there were issues with the main, which currently connects the City of Burgin to Danville. Allen asked about the force main being “eat up” by sulfites.

Mike Sanford, executive director of the sanitation district, said Danville was working on alleviating the problem.

“We haven’t even had the first public meeting on it,” Sanford said.

“Everybody—everybody wants the sewer there,” Allen said. “I’m surprised the Division of Water is even entertaining that.”

Sanford said that with the funding, they could convert it into something acceptable.

Allen said there was a movement across the United States to get rid of package plants, which seldom operate as designed. She said the sewer in the main running to Danville stays in the line, creating odor problems, among other issues. Sanford said the district pretreated the sewage sent to Danville and attributed the odor issue to Northpoint Training Center.

Sanford said the sanitation district would take responsibility for maintaining the package plant.

Allen said she wanted to see something in writing from Danville.

McGlone said the lots are based on septic-sized area lots. He said the lot sizes change from one acre to 6,000 square feet with sanitary sewer.

Upchurch asked about open green space. McGlone said they had not discussed it.

“Our discussions have been pretty preliminary,” McGlone said. He said the road frontage requirements would not change, but the setback requirements would discourage smaller lots.

Discussing the possible impact on traffic, McGlone submitted an overhead view of Dossett Lane and KY 152. McGlone said documentation was submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 7 to see if it would be approved. He said they were told that, as long as they improved the existing intersection, KYTC would approve it. McGlone said the current intersection was “very, very bad” and they would expand the lane from 12 feet to accommodate two lanes of traffic.

He was asked about improving the entire road to 24 feet wide, which would require 50 feet of right-of-way. The county currently owns 30 feet of right-of-way. The rest would need to be acquired through purchase or eminent domain. McGlone said only two property owners would be impacted. He said they had not been contacted.

At that point, Upchurch asked if anyone in attendance wanted to speak in favor of the zone change. However, despite standing room only, no one had anything to say about the project under discussion.

Donnally presented staff findings. While noting that some of the property had been zoned residential, she said it had not been used for that purpose.

“This entire property

has stayed a farm the whole time,” Donnally said.

She said the project could create as many as 77 lots. Donnally recommended denying the rezoning.

Donnally also said she passed out a letter of opposition from Christopher Shell on Normans Camp Road, which was entered as evidence.

Based on staff recommendations and the vague nature of the plans, “I’m not comfortable with what I have now,” Allen said. She said she wanted to see something from Danville.

“I would like to see that in writing,” Allen said.

“If you got \$1.6 million, you could spend more generating a better plan for Dossett Lane,” Upchurch said. He said traffic would need to be addressed before rezoning could be considered.

“I’m not opposed to the additional housing that is needed in our community,” Upchurch said. “We just need to address the safety concerns.”

The applicants withdrew their request and no further action was taken. Upchurch recommended that they create a plan for the property’s development.

- Approved a final plat amendment submitted by Paul and Vickie Peavler, George and Donna Cheatham, and Edward and Kathy Parr. The applicants wanted to divide an existing lot and combine it with three other lots in the Bentley Subdivision. The property is located on Christina Drive in Salvisa and zoned A-1 (Agricultural).

Kendall Wise, of Vantage Engineering, represented the applicants. Wise said they bought a lot to give themselves a bigger backyard.

- Approved a site plan amendment submitted by Doug Sewell to construct two buildings and associated site improvements. The property is located on US 127 Bypass and is zoned B-2 (Business).

In November, the commission approved a plan to build a 56,000-square-foot

Quilt raises \$1000 for Mackville Community

Mackville Boosters

Maria Wheeler
& Barbara Best
Guest Columnist

The people who are the strongest are those who know they can’t do anything on their own.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2025. We had finger food and everyone had plenty. Many came with a gift for someone. It’s always nice to be surprised.

Our Washington County Public Library Bookmobile will be back at the Mackville Boosters on Jan. 21. It comes every other Wednesday at noon.

We have cookbooks for sale. The cost is \$8. The

books are full of excellent recipes.

There will be open gym nights during the winter months. Stay tuned for future details.

Christmas in Mackville and Country Ham Dinner came to Mackville last month. We had music, food, and an auction by Stephen Carney with the Mackville Boosters Quilt bringing \$1,000. Judge Tim Graves and Sheriff Jerry Pinkston’s bid won and they gave the quilt to the Community Center to display. Many enjoyed the annual Christmas in Mackville dinner, music, and auction.

Prayers for Sue Masters, Mike Yankey, Jerry Masters, Tony Best, June Green, Brenda Noel, Freddie Stumph, Barbara Ward, Billie Ann Riley, Linda Chesser and Justin Reynolds.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Bataan Post 6935, 951 Beaumont Avenue, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. Veterans are eligible if he or she served in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month.

- Dine to Donate will be held at Casa Grande on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 5-10 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the 2026 Mercer and Boyle County Relay for Life. There will also be a Relay for Life team meeting starting at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating in 2026 is invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION

The Mercer County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a **Full-Time Animal Control Officer.**

A complete list of qualifications and job description are available upon request at the Mercer County Judge Executive’s Office. Applications are being accepted through January 26, 2026 at 4:00pm. Applications should be delivered to Mercer County Fiscal Court, Human Resources, Samantha Peyton at 207 W. Lexington Street, Harrodsburg or submitted online at <https://mercercounty.ky.gov/departments/Pages/Human-Resources.aspx>

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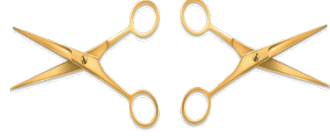


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