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Been to the Derby with a horse with no name



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A Busy Kentucky Derby Weekend In Mercer County
 Carson Bozeman and No Name attended the Run for the Roses and Your Health Community Health Fair at Mercer County Health Department on Saturday, May 2.

Below left: Yogi Bear, who's smarter than the average bear, demonstrated proper tooth brushing at the health fair Saturday.

Below right: Sky Maddox, who's also smarter than the average bear, enjoyed some of the baked goods on sale at the inaugural Mercer County Farmers Market at the Stable at Mercer County Fairgrounds on Saturday.



Why they're running: Local candidates respond to voter survey



Sean Brown



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Bryan Cheak



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The primary election happens Tuesday, May 19. Voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots for

one of multiple candidates in four local races. In three races candidates are contending for the Republican nomination: Mercer County sheriff, Mercer County District 4 magistrate and the Mercer County jailer. Two

candidates are contending for the On the Democratic nomination for the 55th district for state house of representatives. Candidates are also contending for the

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Mercer County residents speak against data center

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The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, at the Campbellsville University Gymnasium to gather community input on proposed text amendments to the City of Harrodsburg and Mercer County zoning ordinances regarding data centers. And the community's input, at least those who spoke at last Tuesday's meeting, was that Mercer County needed a moratorium on data centers.

Attorney W. Henry Graddy of W.H. Graddy and Associates in Versailles said the proposed ordinance—

which allows data center facilities within the county's IT zoning district—needed further revision because the planning and zoning commission hadn't gone through the comprehensive planning process first.

"This is terrible planning," said Graddy, who represents the coalition "We Are Mercer County." Many of the speakers and audience members on Tuesday night wore blue "We Are Mercer County" T-shirts. Graddy said the planning commission was "attempting to zone without planning."

Under the proposal, only 1,500 acres across the county could be used for

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Mercer school board approves \$16.5 million athletic project

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The Mercer County Board of Education is proceeding with their plans to build the Mercer County Senior High School Athletic Venue.

At a working meeting on Thursday, April 30, the board of education awarded bids for the complex, which includes a new artificial turf football and soccer field as well as new track and tennis venues.

The bid package approved by the board totals approximately \$16.525 million, with \$14 million in bonding and another \$2.525 million from the district's general fund.

On Thursday, Superintendent Jason Booher stressed that the cost estimate is significantly under the original estimate of more than \$18 million.

"We were really fortunate," Booher told the board. He said that could allow

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Dive into lake season 2026

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Winter seems to be almost over and it's finally time to do what Mercer County loves best: spend the summer on Herrington Lake. The local marinas are ready for another season. In addition to boat ramps, many offer dine-in and carry-out dining

as well as live entertainment. Here's a rundown on what local marinas have to offer, courtesy of herringtonlakeky.com.

But first, a quick reminder: the biggest fireworks show in Mercer County, Lights Over Herrington, starts at dusk at the Kennedy Mill Bridge on Saturday, July

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