

Bulldogs

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vault event was especially affected by the weather events and had to be stopped multiple times. Myrhe was unable to complete a vault, and the highest mark on the day was 11 feet.

Burgin Head Coach Bryan Vandiviere was proud of his team and the resilience they showed to fight through the weather.

"I thought our athletes competed extremely well considering the conditions. It was cold, rainy, and mentally draining for everyone involved, but our kids never made excuses and continued to compete with toughness and determination all day long. To come away with three state medals in those conditions says a lot about the heart of this team," said Coach Vandiviere.

With just three girls, Burgin finished sixteenth as a team out of 45 participating schools. Every girl scored for the Bulldogs, who totaled 13 points and the winner of the meet was Lexington Christian, who scored 126 points.

Coach Vandiviere highlighted his team's performances and the work his athletes have put in to compete at this level.

"I was really proud of the way our athletes competed and carried themselves throughout the day despite the conditions. Reagan finishing as state runner-up in the 300 hurdles was a tremendous accomplishment, and Maddie breaking her own school record again at the state meet shows the level she has continued to compete at all season. Kate earning a state medal in high jump in those conditions also showed a lot of focus and competitiveness," said Coach Vandiviere.

He was sure to point out what his track-star seniors have brought to the team and the program over the years.

"We are definitely going to miss our seniors and the leadership they brought to the program. Hatfield and Taylor have both been part of the Burgin track and field since their early elementary years and have had tremendous success throughout their careers. Over the years, they have helped build the culture of our program through their work ethic, competitiveness, leadership, and willingness to always put the team first," said Coach Vandiviere.



The Harrodsburg Herald/Wesley Bird
Senior Kate Hatfield placed eighth for Burgin in the high jump at 1A State Championship Thursday, May 21.



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Sophomore Maddie Peavler finished five in discus with a distance of 113-8 at the 1A State Championship Thursday, May 21.



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Junior Carter Myrhe represented the Burgin Bulldogs in pole vault at the 1A State Championship Thursday, May 21.



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Mercer Chamber Graduates Adult Leadership

The Mercer Chamber of Commerce graduated the 2025-26 Leadership Mercer class. The graduation was held at the Braxton Manor at Creekside Venue where Shirley Stamper spoke and Mercer Chamber Foundation presented certificates. Those interested in the next class are to contact April Burgess or Jill Cutler at info@mercerchamber.com. Pictured, front row, were April Burgess Leadership Chair, Kimberly Steele, Cindy Devine, Victoria Nash, Ashley Rainey, Kylie Donnelly, Hannah Clark, Jill Cutler. Second row: Mona Nordsell, Erik Nordsell, Morgan Banks, Susan McGinnis. Third row: Colin Mosely, Brent Chapman, Will McGinnis. Not pictured: Travis Kern and Susannah Thomas.



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Chamber Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Lucky Horse Coffee

The Mercer Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening and ribbon cutting at Lucky Horse Coffee, located at 518 Bellows Mill Road inside the Marigold Room. Owner Amanda Schochler is pictured with her son Atlas and barista Kennedy. The Mercer Chamber Foundation also held a Perk Up! meeting that morning.

Can't

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rifice bunt and took a four-run lead, 3-7. Mercer got the last two outs from a grounder to Davis, and R. Ransdell caught a line drive.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Bowman grounded out to the Colts' second baseman. Hart was walked, and Musick hit Mercer's third home run of the game over the center field fence, 5-7. Carlton and Thompson both reached base on hits to left field, and Floro loaded the bases for Mercer on a grounder. The Titans couldn't capitalize with H. Ransdell grounding out to the Colts pitcher to end the fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth inning, Davis was back on the bump for Mercer and gave up a single to left field. The Mercer defense made some plays, including Hart catching a fly ball in right field. R. Ransdell caught a line drive and fielded a ground ball for the third out. The Titans' offense struggled in the bottom of the sixth inning, starting with Baker popping out to the West Jessamine second baseman. Bowman's fly ball was caught by the Colts' shortstop, and Hart struck out.

In the top of the seventh inning, West Jessamine doubled on a ground ball to left field. H. Ransdell caught a



The Harrodsburg Herald/Wesley Bird
Junior Lily Hart caught the out for the Titans during the 12th region tournament game against Southwestern.

pop fly at first base for the first out. The Colts put another runner on base off a single to right field. R. Ransdell caught a pop fly and West Jessamine grounded out to Davis for the last out.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Mercer couldn't overcome the two-run deficit. Musick popped out to the catcher, Carlton struck out

and Thompson's pop fly was caught by the second baseman to end the game.

Mercer's five runs all came from home runs, and they had runners in scoring position a few different points in the game, but just couldn't get the runs home. West Jessamine's pitching was the difference maker, striking out seven Mercer batters to the Titans' one.

Vaught

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is not shy about contact, either. When I got back to Westview he was a sophomore and our first game playing against our rival he hit their running back and he did not play any more that game. No way will he shy away from contact."

Kentucky coaches made Brown a priority with head coach Will Stein, defensive coordinator Jay Bateman and cornerback coach Allen Brown all visiting. They also impressed him when he visited Lexington.

"When he came back from his first trip to

Lexington he was really excited. He fell in love with the place. He had a great relationship with the cornerback coach," McConnell said.

Still, McConnell did not know what school his star player was going to pick until he announced his decision at his commitment ceremony.

"I never asked him where he was doing until he made his commitment. I just asked if he was happy and if they were going to take care of him. I think it was a relief for him to know where he

wanted to be and he just wanted to get this done," McConnell said.

"He is a special athlete and great kid. He is almost an all-A student. He is a super leader. You just don't find many athletes that have the attitude he has got. Nobody will outwork him. He shows up every day and is very consistent. He does not change day to day. He is just Miles. He works hard, is a great teammate, does whatever you ask him to do and is very coachable. You just do not find many like him."

Ordinance No. 2026-04 PUBLIC NOTICE		
The 2nd Reading of the Mercer County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 26-27 is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 10:00.		
BUDGET SUMMARY		
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Mercer County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:		
WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Mercer County Fiscal Court on the 12 day of May, 2026, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on Friday, May 22, 2026.		
SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 26-27 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.		
General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,788,667.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	946,040.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	237,100.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	82,900.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	236,750.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	402,500.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,000,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	4,967,990.00
Total General Fund		10,661,947.00
Road Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	17,750.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	30,000.00
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	2,500.00
6100	ROADS	2,487,818.00
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	750.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	199,259.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	632,475.00
Total Road Fund		3,372,552.00
Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,179,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	588,799.08
Total Jail Fund		1,768,599.08
LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	214,045.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	311,430.00
Total LGEA Fund		525,475.00
Solid Waste Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	150,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	19,675.00
Total Solid Waste Fund		169,675.00
Landfill Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	697,175.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	618,880.00
Payroll NP Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	173,350.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	14,859,439.30
Total Payroll NP Fund		15,032,789.30
Opioid Abatement Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	8,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	38,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	327,500.00
Total Opioid Abatement Fund		373,500.00
County Clerk Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	50,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	172,100.00
Total County Clerk Fund		222,100.00
HB1WilkinsonFarm Fund		
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	11,800,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	1,323,000.00
Total HB1WilkinsonFarm Fund		13,123,000.00
SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in a local newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.		
SECTION THREE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.		
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY		
All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.		