

Harrodsburg Historical Society unveils new Kentucky quilt collection with special gallery opening

The Harrodsburg Historical Society invites the community to celebrate the opening of its new Kentucky Quilt Collection during a special gallery reception on Tuesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. at the Society's headquarters, 220 South Chiles Street.

The evening will begin with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, allowing guests to explore the newly installed collection of Kentucky quilts that highlight the artistry, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage of the Commonwealth.

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, the Kentucky Quilt Collection offers an opportunity to reflect on the stories, traditions, and craftsmanship that have helped define both Kentucky and the nation. This exhibition serves as Harrodsburg Historical Society's contribution to the nationwide commemora-

tion, celebrating the voices and experiences woven into our shared history. The featured presentation by Dr. Pearl Johnson is funded in part through Kentucky Humanities' Our American Story: Kentucky's Voices ini-



tative, a program centered on the theme Remembering Together and dedicated to preserving the stories that connect communities across generations.

"Quilts are among

Kentucky's most enduring forms of folk art," said Ian Nagy, President of the Harrodsburg Historical Society. "This collection helps preserve and share the stories stitched into these remarkable works, and we're



excited to welcome the community for an evening celebrating both history and creativity."

The event is free and open to the public although tickets are required, which

can be secured by visiting the Society's website at www.harrodsburghistorical.org/ events. Donations to support the Society's educational and preservation efforts are appreciated.

For more information, visit the Harrodsburg Historical Society's website or follow the organization on social media.

About the Harrodsburg Historical Society

Founded in 1910, the Harrodsburg Historical Society is dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and sharing the history of Harrodsburg, Kentucky's oldest town, and the surrounding region. Through exhibits, educational programs, publications, and preservation initiatives, the Society works to ensure that local history remains accessible and meaningful for future generations.



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Mercer Chamber Host 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mercer County Fiscal Court had first reading of Proposed Mercer County Ordinance No. 2026-05 on May 12, 2026. Second reading and adoption of Proposed Mercer County Ordinance No. 2026-05 will be held June 9, 2026 at 10am in the Mercer County Fiscal Courtroom. A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

HARRODSBURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INVITATION TO BID TREATMENT CHEMICAL (ALUM)

The City of Harrodsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant is seeking bids for treatment chemicals for a two-year term for the 2026-2028 FY (July 1st, 2026 – June 30th, 2028). The supplier must be able to provide the chemicals in the specific manner and quantities identified for each chemical listed as needed. Prices shall include delivery and be guaranteed for one year from acceptance. Vendors shall provide notice of a change in price after the first year. Price shall be Per Pound for the following chemicals (ALUM). If any questions, please contact Jim Reed or Cody Gowins at (859) 325-1886

Interested suppliers should return sealed bids to:
Harrodsburg City Hall
ATTN: Wastewater Treatment Plant Chemical Bids
208 S. Main Street
Harrodsburg, KY 40330

Sealed bids will be opened noon Friday June 19th, 2026 and awarded on Monday June 22nd, 2026.

The City of Harrodsburg reserves the right to reject all bids, or to accept other than the lowest bid if deemed in the best interest of the City. The City of Harrodsburg reserves the right to terminate the terms of contract at any time should the conditions arise. The City of Harrodsburg is an "equal Opportunity Employer".

HARRODSBURG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT INVITATION TO BID WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT LAB ANALYSIS

The City of Harrodsburg Wastewater Treatment Plant is seeking bids for treatment chemicals for a two-year term for the 2026-2028 FY (July 1st, 2026 – June 30th, 2028). The supplier must be able to provide all lab work to be done in a timely manner including all documents provided to the treatment plant. Prices shall be guaranteed for one year from year of acceptance. Vendors shall provide notice of a change in price after the first year. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Reed or Cody Gowins at (859) 325-1886

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Taking advantage of a Roth contribution option can provide some flexibility in retirement



Financial Focus

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According to Vanguard's "How America Saves 2024," 82% of employers offer a Roth 401(k) option in addition to a traditional, or regular, 401(k) option. However, just 17% of employees contribute to a Roth. If you have access to a Roth 401(k) option through your employer, it can add some diversity and flexibility to your retirement income and tax strategy. Roth or regular? Here's what to consider:

Contributions

Contributions to a Roth 401(k) are made with after-tax dollars, unlike a traditional 401(k) where contributions

are made with pre-tax dollars.

This means you pay taxes on the money before it goes into your Roth 401(k), but you don't pay taxes on the money (including any earnings) when you withdraw it in retirement. With a traditional 401(k), you pay taxes on the money (including any earnings) when you withdraw it in retirement.

Both accounts share the same contribution limit. In 2025, you can contribute up to \$23,500 (\$31,000 if you're 50 or older, \$34,750 for those age 60-63-if your plan permits). You can contribute to both accounts in the same year, as long as you keep your total contributions under that cap. Please note that starting in 2026, if you make \$145,000+ in wages, any catch-up contribution you wish to make must be designated as a Roth catch-up contribution. This mandate is part of the SECURE Act 2.0 provisions.

Withdrawals

Withdrawals of any contributions and earnings from a Roth 401(k) are tax-free, which can be beneficial if

you expect to be in a higher tax bracket in retirement. However, certain criteria must be met:

- The Roth 401(k) account must have been held for at least five years.
- The withdrawal must have occurred when you reach at least age 59½.
- Tax-free withdrawals can also be taken due to disability, or by a beneficiary upon your death.

With a traditional 401(k), Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) must begin at age 73. However, starting in 2024, a Roth 401(k) does not require RMDs during the account holder's lifetime. Each year you have the freedom to withdraw whatever amount you want from your Roth 401(k) and let the rest continue to potentially grow on a tax-deferred basis.

Employer Matching

If offered, an employer match is typically available to you whether you save through a Roth 401(k) or traditional 401(k). For details on how your plan handles employer-matching contributions, check with your plan administrator.

Diversifying Your Contributions

No one knows what the tax brackets will be in the future, so you could decide to diversify your contributions evenly between the traditional and Roth option. Depending on your circumstances, you can always decide to contribute more toward one or the other in the future. In any event, a Roth option gives you the flexibility to further customize your plan based on your unique needs.

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Rumpke recognized as a Platinum US Best Managed Company

Rumpke Waste and Recycling was selected as a Platinum 2026 US Best Managed Company. Sponsored by Deloitte Private and *The Wall Street Journal*, the program recognizes outstanding U.S. private companies.

This is Rumpke's seventh time winning this distinction and the team couldn't be prouder.

"This achievement belongs to everyone working at Rumpke. Our employees work together as one team, persevere and put compliance, safety and caring for one another and our customers first," said Rumpke President and CEO Bill Rumpke Jr. "This is what makes our company so strong. Every day, we show up ready to solve problems, support each other and push to innovate and be better for our company and our customers. That's what makes this award possible."

The 2026 designees are U.S. private companies that

have demonstrated excellence in strategic planning and execution, a commitment to their people, as well as maintaining financial performance and governance. This year's class is making bold investments in digital transformation, including AI capabilities, and demonstrates the ability to drive sustainable growth and maintain resilience during times of volatility. Best Managed Companies are built on a foundation of trust and reflect a sense of purpose that fosters connections with their employees, customers and communities.

"The Platinum and Gold honorees exemplify what it takes to excel as a private enterprise," said Marlow Campos, US Best Managed Companies Program leader, Deloitte. "These organizations reflect long-term strategic planning supported by strong governance and culture that continues to evolve over time."

Applicants are evaluated

and selected by a panel of external judges focused on assessing hallmarks of excellence in four key areas: strategy, ability to execute, corporate culture, and governance/

financial performance. They join a global ecosystem of honorees from more than 44 countries recognized by the Best Managed Companies program.

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