

Find the Freshest Treats at the Farmers Market

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Produce, Baked Items, Herbs, Flowers and So Much More

The Mercer County Farmers Market is held weekly on Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stables on the Mercer County Fair Grounds.

Pictured left: Sky Maddox happily sold her freeze dried fruits and herbs along with non-toxic cleaners. **Pictured below right:** Jan Peyton and Molly Shewmaker sold home made cheddar biscuits, cakes and pies.

Pictured below left: Sherry and Kurt Buterbaugh sold their farm raised produce including fresh herbs, jams and artisan greeting cards.



James Jackson joins of Angus Association

James Jackson of Salvisa is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

Junior members are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

Headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri, the American Angus Association

is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 21,000 active adult and junior members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. Home to an extensive breed registry that grows by more than 300,000 animals each year, the Association also provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers.

Livestock forage disaster assistance

Producers in Mercer County are eligible to apply for 2026 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) benefits on native pasture and improved pasture.

LFP provides compensation if you suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash-leased land or fire on federally managed land.

County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the National Office of

qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire. You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than March 1, 2027, for 2026 losses. For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the Mercer County USDA Center at 859-734-4326.

July 11 is Wellness Day at Mercer County Farmers Market

The community is invited to prioritize their health at Wellness Day at the Mercer County Farmers' Market on Saturday, July 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wellness Day at the Market will provide convenient access to preventive

health services and wellness resources. Ephraim McDowell Health will provide the following screenings and services: cholesterol screenings, A1C screenings, blood pressure checks, body composition analysis, anxiety and depression screenings,

take-home colorectal cancer screening kits (over age 45), and one-one-one health counseling.

In addition, the Mercer County Health Department will provide skin cancer risk assessments and educational information on skin cancer

prevention and early detection.

The event is free and open to the public. No appointment is necessary. For more information please contact Ephraim McDowell Health's Community Service Department at 859-239-3562.

CASA of the Bluegrass opens last of 2026 volunteer training classes

CASA of the Bluegrass, serving Anderson, Boyle, Franklin and Mercer counties, is now accepting applications for the remaining Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer training classes of 2026. Community members who want to make a direct difference for children in foster care are encouraged to apply for upcoming sessions beginning in August and November.

Each training is a 5-week class designed to prepare volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Participants learn how the court system works, how to communicate with professionals, and how to gather information that helps ensure a child's needs are clearly represented in court.

The remaining 2026 training schedule includes:

Begins Aug. 18 and runs for 5 weeks

November 2026 Class: Final training opportunity of the year, also a 5-week class format (with a Thanksgiving break)

Training combines guided learning, online coursework, and live Zoom sessions. Volunteers are supported throughout the process and do not need prior experience.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to speak up for children in dependency and neglect cases. They meet with the child, connect with people involved in the case, and provide objective recommendations to the court focused on safety, stability, and permanency.



Photo Submitted
Mercer County resident Carmen Freeman was recently sworn in by Judge Bruce Petrie as a new volunteer for CASA of the Bluegrass.

Coordinator for CASA of the Bluegrass. "These 5-week classes give community members the tools to step in and be that steady voice when it matters most."

For more information about CASA of the Bluegrass or volunteer opportunities, visit casaofthebluegrass.org.

The mission of CASA of the Bluegrass is to provide Court Appointed Special Advocates in the

Anderson, Boyle, Franklin, and Mercer County Family Court Systems so that every abused or neglected child can be safe, receive permanence, and have the opportunity to thrive.

For additional information, contact Jamie Speake at (859) 936-3510, jamie@casaofthebluegrass.org, or visit www.casaofthebluegrass.org.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting will be held Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. EST and 4:00 p.m. CST at the Campbellsville University Gymnasium located at 772 University Drive in Harrodsburg, KY.

This Public Hearing is being conducted by the Mercer County Joint Planning & Zoning Commission. The meeting agenda includes the following items:

1. **Call to order:**
Roll Call of Members
2. **Old Business:**
 1. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Consideration of revised text amendments to the City of Harrodsburg and Mercer County Zoning Ordinances concerning the Industrial Technology (I-T) District.
3. **New Business: NONE**
4. **Chair Business:**
 1. Financial Reports - None
 2. Executive Director's Report - None
 3. Committee Reports - None
5. Executive Session
6. Adjournment

Summary of Ordinance 2026-09: Anderson Dean Park Ordinance

On June 8, 2026 the City of Harrodsburg Commission approved Ordinance 2026-09. This ordinance relates to operation of Anderson Dean Park. Below is a summary of the changes:

- On October 1, 2026, the Tourist Commission will begin managing Anderson Dean Park
- The ordinance repeals all previous ordinances related to the Anderson Dean Park Board and transfers full operational control of Anderson Dean Park to the Harrodsburg/Mercer County Tourist Commission, effective October 1, 2026.
- The Anderson Dean Park Board is dissolved as of October 1, 2026.
- The Harrodsburg/Mercer County Tourist Commission assumes all management, operations, programming, maintenance, and administration of the park.
- The City of Harrodsburg and Mercer County Fiscal Court retain joint ownership of the park property, with approval rights as set in the Interlocal Agreement.
- The transfer is governed by an Interlocal Agreement among the City, County, and Tourist Commission. In case of conflict, the Interlocal Agreement prevails.

The full text of Ordinance 2026-09 is available on the City of Harrodsburg website - harrodsburgky.gov.

Ephraim McDowell Health expands cancer care with new PET scanner

Ephraim McDowell Health has made a significant investment in advanced cancer care technology with the addition of a PET scanner at the Ephraim McDowell Commonwealth Cancer Center in Danville.

A PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scan is an imaging test that helps physicians see how organs and tissues are functioning inside the body. Unlike traditional imaging, a PET scan can detect changes at the cellular level, allowing providers to identify cancer earlier, evaluate how well

treatment is working, and make more informed care decisions.

By offering this service locally on a full-time basis, Ephraim McDowell Health is significantly expanding access to advanced diagnostic care for patients throughout the region. The availability of this technology close to home reduces the burden of travel, making it easier for patients and their families to receive timely, high-quality cancer care when they need it. This enhanced access helps ensure more patients can benefit from advanced diagnos-

tic services within their own community, improving convenience and supporting better continuity of care.

This investment reflects Ephraim McDowell Health's ongoing commitment to expanding access to leading-edge services and improving the health of the communities it serves.

Ephraim McDowell Commonwealth Cancer Center is located at 520 Techwood Drive in Danville. For more information, please call 859-236-2203 or visit online at emhealth.org/service/cancer-care.



Mercer County Schools-Vehicle Mechanic (Class II-7915)

Description: Basic Function-Perform mechanical repair work on school buses, trucks and other gas, diesel and automotive equipment. Must also be able to make some electrical repairs and diagnostic evaluations as needed, plus tire changes, etc.

Ability to: Perform repair work on school buses, fleet vehicles and other gas and diesel engines. Be able to perform diagnostic evaluations on gas and diesel engines and electrical wiring and components. Operate shop tools and equipment, including electronic test equipment and welders. Make repairs of bus and fleet vehicles as needed. Read and use diagrams, repair manuals, and new vehicle data sheets. Maintain records, and record keeping fundamentals. Be able to plan and organize their daily work load. Understand and follow oral and written directions. Work cooperatively with all levels of staff. Follow safe lifting practices and shop safety rules.

Note: MUST BE ABLE TO ATTAIN CDL. B CLASS CERTIFICATION WITHIN A SET PERIOD OF TIME AND ASE CERTIFICATION. MUST BE ABLE TO ATTAIN SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION CERTIFICATION.

Must be able to drive a school bus when needed for driver absences on bus routes.

Shift Type=Day Shift, 240 days, 8 hours a day • Location=District Wide
For More Information Contact 859-613-1538