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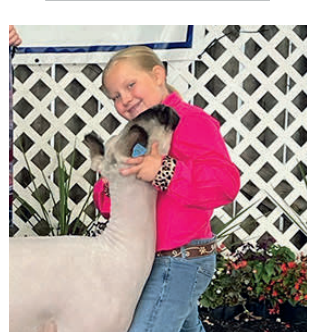
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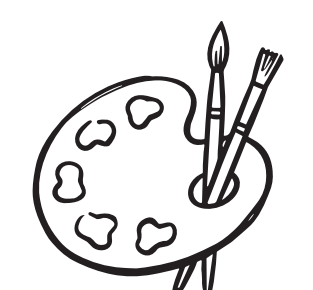
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High Stepping Champion



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The Winner with the Greatest Heart
Greatest Heart ridden and trained by Daniel Lockhart and owned by Ghareeb Equine Investments won the 5-Gaited Championship class Saturday evening at the Mercer County Fair and Horse Show.

Hall of Fame welcomes Lister, Backer during 199th Mercer County Fair and Horse Show



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Mercer County Fair Board President and Horse Show Manager Brad Noel congratulated Cliff Lister for joining the Mercer County Fair Hall of Fame.

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Bob-O-Link resident asks for city action on flooding issues

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dealing with issues in the Audubon subdivision.

"I know every one of you is familiar with the water issues," Milburn said Monday. Milburn said the city used to maintain the storm drain.

"We didn't have any problems then," Milburn said. "Now it looks like a jungle."

He said he'd had \$20,000 in water damage in the last year, but the flooding continued even after the state cleaned it out last August.

"Everybody's arguing over

whose jurisdiction it is," Milburn said.

He showed the commission a plat that he said shows a 42-foot easement all the way to the sewer pipe. The 2001 easement says it belongs to the City of Harrodsburg, Milburn said.

"Come mow that bank," Milburn said. He said someone had removed a log, but they hadn't done anything to the drain.

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Data center meeting continued until July 30

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The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, July 23, at the Campbellsville University Gymnasium to gather community input on proposed text amendments to zoning ordinances regarding data centers. It was the third public meeting the commission has held this year.

The commission took no action Thursday night. The meeting will resume at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, at the

Campbellsville University Harrodsburg Campus gymnasium.

Last week's meeting began with a statement from the commission's attorney, Henry Smith, who noted there were questions about Burgin, which earlier this month gave first reading to the annexation of 10 properties into city limits linked to a possible data center project.

Smith noted that Burgin was not part of planning and zoning, although he said there had been recent dialogue about Burgin rejoining.

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Fiscal court gives first reading to data center moratorium

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The Mercer County Fiscal Court has given first reading to a moratorium on data centers, and while residents opposed to data center development wonder whether the ordinance goes far enough.

At the fiscal court's regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, the magistrates voted unanimously to approve first reading of a moratorium on the "acceptance, processing, and approval of data center development applications in

unincorporated Mercer County, Kentucky."

Section 1 declares a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of any application for a zoning map amendment, conditional use permit, subdivision plat, or building or construction permit for a Data Center within unincorporated Mercer County."

It also defines a Data Center as "a facility, or any expansion of an existing facility, designed or used primarily to house computer servers,

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Joe Monroe is once again Burgin's new mayor

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Joe Monroe is the new mayor of Burgin. This is not a repeat from 2022.

Monroe, who was first elected mayor in 2022 after serving a term on the Burgin City Council, was appointed interim mayor at a special-called meeting on Tuesday, July 21, at Burgin City Hall.

Monroe resigned as mayor in June 2025. In his letter,

Monroe said he was resigning "due to health reasons requiring his full attention," which necessitated "stepping back from mayoral duties."

The city council appointed Councilman Jamie Keebortz to serve as Monroe's replacement. Keebortz resigned earlier this month.

"I believe it is in the best interest of both myself and the city at this time," Keebortz wrote in his resignation letter.

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