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- Area Events -- Submit by noon on Monday of the week to be published.
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- Church News -- Submit by 10 a.m. on the Monday before publication.
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- Business Announcements -- Submit by noon on Monday of the week to be published.
- Weekend Watch -- Submit by noon on Monday of the week to be published.
- Letter to the Editor -- Submit by noon on Monday of the week to be published. There is a 500 word limit and may be edited for content.

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Mercer

June 25, 2026, and June 26, 2026, in Mercer County, the defendant is accused of knowingly entering a building with the intent to commit a crime and causing damage to the building. The defendant is also accused of intentionally starting a fire or causing an explosion, intentionally or wantonly defacing, destroying, or damaging a residential rental property, causing pecuniary loss of \$500 or more, and knowingly inducing, assisting, or causing two minors to engage in criminal activity constituting a felony. Bail was set at \$10,000. Cpl. Richard Reilly (HPD) testified.

STALKING

• Garrett L. Patterson, 41, of 475 Kirsch Lane, Springfield, is accused of 1st degree stalking, a class C felony. Between Sept. 1, 2025, and Aug. 22, 2026, in Mercer County, the defendant is accused of intentionally stalking a victim, engaging in an intentional course of conduct directed that seriously alarmed, annoyed, intimidated or harassed the victim for no legitimate purpose and causing substantial mental distress. The defendant is accused of making an explicit and/or implicit threat with the intent to place the victim

in reasonable fear of sexual contact, serious physical injury and/or death. In addition, a protective order had previously been issued by a court for the protection of the victim, and the defendant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty within the previous five years to a class A misdemeanor against the same victim, in Mercer County, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$50,000. Dep. T. Butts (MCSO) testified.

CONVICTED FELON IN POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN

• Trey Cocanougher, 39, of 525 Shawnee Run Road, is accused of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a class C felony; 3rd-degree fleeing or evading police on foot and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, both class A misdemeanors; operating on a suspended or revoked license, a class B misdemeanor; and possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle and reckless driving, both violations. On or about Dec. 21, 2024, in Mercer County, the defendant is accused of possessing a handgun after having previously been convicted of a felony, and knowingly or wantonly disobeying an order to stop given by a police offi-

cer and by fleeing or eluding, creating substantial risk of serious physical injury to any person or property, and to knowingly operating a 2004 Chevrolet Impala without the consent of the owner when he had no legal right to operate it, and to having open alcohol containers in the vehicle and operating the motor vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner which endangered persons or property in or near the highway, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$10,000. Trooper W. Watts (Kentucky State Police) testified.

EXPLOITING AN ADULT

• Jessica Hobbs, 43, of 523 Tomahawk Drive, is accused of knowingly exploiting an adult by person under \$300, a class C felony; theft of identity of another without consent, a class D felony; and theft by unlawful taking or disposition, a class B misdemeanor. Between the dates of April 16, 2026, and April 30, 2026, in Mercer County, the defendant is accused of knowingly exploiting an adult victim, resulting in a total financial loss of more than \$300, and to have knowingly possessing and/or using current identifying information of the victim for the purpose of making financial or credit transac-

tions using their identity, by using the victim's ATM card for her own financial gain, and to have taken the victim's ATM card to use for her own financial gain, according to the indictment. Bail was set at \$10,000. Chief Scott Elder (HPD) testified.

DRUG CHARGES

• Ashley Gaddis, 41, of 544 North College Street No. 15, is accused of 1st degree possession of fentanyl and 1st degree possession of methamphetamine, both class D felonies, and Possession of Drug paraphernalia (needle, glass pipe and scale), a class A misdemeanor. According to the indictment, the offenses allegedly occurred on or about July 9, 2026, in Mercer County. Bail was set at \$5,000. Patrolman M. Sheperson (HPD) testified.

• Jason Leathers, 51, of 789 Bryants Camp Road, Lancaster, is accused of 1st degree possession of methamphetamine, third or greater offense, a class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia (glass pipe), a class A misdemeanor. The indictment alleges both offenses occurred on or about June 29, 2026, in Mercer County. Bail was set at \$5,000. Cpl. Richard Reilly (HPD) testified.

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our city,” said Williams, who warned residents earlier this year about possible increases in tax and utility rates to address the city’s ongoing budget issues.

Back in June, the commission approved the city’s \$19.8 million budget for the 2027 fiscal year, with Mayor Williams voting against it. The budget includes a \$2.1 million shortfall, with more than \$1.4 million in water and sewer and another \$671,443 in the general fund.

City officials have met to discuss the financial issues facing Harrodsburg.

“We are looking at a lot of problems,” Williams said in July. “We’re going to have to raise water rates, we’re going to have to raise sewer rates, we’re going to have to raise tax rates, or we’re going to have to die.”

Williams, who is not running for reelection, has said officials will continue to meet and possibly invite others to contribute over the next six months.

”This is a necessary increase,” Mayor Williams said Thursday. The mayor’s motion was seconded by Commissioner Jack Coleman and approved unanimously by the three commissioners at the special-called meeting, Mayor Williams, Commissioner Coleman and Commissioner Charlie Mattingly.

Tax bills will be due Oct. 1. Delinquent payers will face a 12 percent penalty if they do not pay by Nov. 1.

Other taxing districts are also setting rates for the new fiscal year. On Aug. 20, the Mercer County Board of Education unanimously approved a general fund tax levy of 69.9 cents on real property—0.6 cents lower than the prior year—and 70.5 cents on personal property—1.4 cents lower than the prior year. On Aug. 11, the Mercer County Fiscal Court approved a tax rate of 11.3 per \$100 in assessed value for real and personal property—down from last year’s rate of 11.6 cents per \$100—and 17.83 cents per \$100 in assessed value—down from 18.31 cents per \$100 in assessed value—for tangible personal property and inventory.

On Thursday, the commission also approved buying a replacement for the fire department’s 2007 fire engine, which has a blown head gasket.

The commissioners approved paying up to \$966,250 to buy the replacement fire engine. They also authorized Mayor Williams to sign a contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the fire engine discussed at the commission’s regular meeting on Monday, Sept 14.

At that meeting, the commission also authorized paying \$610,000 to purchase a 2014 ladder truck with 30,000 miles and a 102-foot tower from Garage Technologies Inc.

The Harrodsburg Fire Department’s current ladder truck dates back to 1994. The city is using the money set aside to buy a brand new truck for \$1.7 million, which the commission previously canceled.

“The truck is already built,” Harrodsburg Fire Chief Jamie Keebortz said Thursday. “We should have it in 60 days.”

Commissioner Coleman and Mayor Williams said they appreciated Keebortz helping Harrodsburg buy two fire

trucks for the price of one.

“This is the kind of employee action we really need,” Mayor Williams said Thursday. Williams noted the builder hadn’t started work on the \$1.7 million fire truck after three years.

After an executive session to discuss personnel issues, the commissioners voted to

terminate Milo Ladwig effective immediately.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, Sept. 28, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information is available online at harrodsburgky.gov.

RD Robinson Towing, LLC

The following motor vehicle stored at 3038 Louisville Rd, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 will be sold at auction to recover towing and mechanic charges on Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. Titles are not warranted, subject to prior liens, all sales are final. Seller reserves right to bid. Terms of sale: Cash only.

**2016 Nissan Altima owned by Terry Morby
VIN - 1N4AL3AP4GC197178**

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

MERCER COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY GWINN ISLAND SANITARY SEWER PROJECT PROPERTY CONNECTIONS

The Mercer County Sanitation District is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Gwinn Island Road Sanitary Sewer Project
Property Connections

Sealed Bids will be accepted for the plumbing connections to installed grinder pumps for no less than 20 properties located on Gwinn Island Road and Gwinn Island Circle in Boyle County, Kentucky until October 8, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Interested Bidders should contact the Mercer County Sanitation District directly for property details regarding the connections. Sealed Bids for the plumbing components will only be accepted.

Bidders shall comply with all provisions of the Federal Davis Bacon Act for wage rates.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the time set for receiving bids.

Contract award shall be based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

This bid is subject to Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 45A.490 through 45A.494, which in general provides that a “resident bidder” of Kentucky is to be given a bidding preference over a “nonresident bidder” who is registered in a state that gives preference to its in-state resident bidders over a Kentucky resident bidder. The bidding preference is to be the same as that stipulated for the state of the “nonresident bidder.” If the state of the “nonresident bidder” provides no specific preference, the “resident” and “nonresident bidders” are to be treated the same when evaluating Bids.

All Bidders must comply with all Federal, State and Local Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Bidder’s attention is called to the fact that any Contract awarded under this Advertisement to Bid is funded in part by funds from the EPA Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program and the Cleaner Water Program. All iron and steel products used on the project shall be produced in the United States and comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements. All iron, steel, manufactured products and construction material shall also be produced in the United States and comply with the Build America, Buy America Act requirements. Bidders shall comply with President’s Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity as amended.

Bidders shall comply with 40 CFR 31.36 which includes but is not limited to the following: (1) the President’s Executive Order 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (3) the Anti-Kickback Act, and (4) the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

All taxes are the responsibility of the successful Bidder.

Sealed Bids shall be submitted to the Mercer County Sanitation District located at 801 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin, Kentucky 40310 or P.O. Box 303, Burgin, Kentucky 40310. Questions shall be directed to Mike D. Sanford, Executive Director, at 801 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin, Kentucky or by calling (859) 748-9654.

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