THE HARRODSBURG HERALD

Your Community - Your News





Mercer Basketball Preview

1B

Thursday, November 26, 2026

In this issue...

NOV. 26-DEC. 5 Weekender · Harrodsburg · Burgin · Salvisa

6A

Small Squad, But Big Dedication

1B

VAUGHTS VIEWS

Standout Dominic Black Anxious to Build on What UK Is doing

1B



INDEX

Editorial.....2A
Church News.....3A
Obituaries.....4A
Society.....5A
Sports ..... 1 - 3 B
Classifieds 4B
Business News 3B

Issue 48 12 Pages

8 04879 07900 2

$1.00 (tax included)

A colonial Christmas



The Harrodsburg Herald/Robert Moore

Holiday Open House At Old Fort Harrod State Park

Historical reenactors—including Harrodsburg Mayor Bob Williams and former park director David Coleman—gathered at the fire during the Holiday Open House at Old Fort Harrod State Park on Saturday, Nov. 21. The park also hosted a holiday market as well as the lighting of the Christmas trees. Visitors also got to enjoy complimentary cider and cookies and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. For more pictures, turn to page 2A.



The Harrodsburg Herald/Robert Moore

Emma Pennington and Oakley Burke had fun in the Christmas Tree Forest.



The Harrodsburg Herald/Robert Moore

Charlotte Bultena tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas.

McRay indicted on multiple counts of sexual abuse and human trafficking

Mercer County Indictments

Robert Moore
Herald Staff
rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com

A former teacher and assistant director at Mercer County High School faces more sexual abuse charges here in Mercer County after being charged in Marion County.

Adam McRay, 34, of 1675 Burgin Road, has been indicted on two class B felony counts of promoting human trafficking and 28 class D felony counts of 1st degree sexual abuse.

Between May 1, 2022, and July 31, 2026, and between May 1, 2022, and July 31, 2024, in Mercer County, the defendant is accused of intentionally enticing and/or attempting to entice two minors under the age of 18 by providing gifts, items of value and other inducements and by developing and maintaining a relationship for the purpose of subjecting the victims to commercial sexual activity.

Between May 1, 2022, and July 31, 2026, the

See McRay | 3A

Harrodsburg to receive $750,000 federal grant

Robert Moore
Herald Staff
rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com

The Harrodsburg City Commission—along with citizens from Mercer and Boyle Counties—have something else to be thankful for this year. At their regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, the commissioners learned that the city is receiving a $750,000 grant from the federal government.

"Happy Thanksgiving, everybody," said Joni House, coordinator for the Harrodsburg Architectural Preservation Commission. House informed the commissioners that Harrodsburg, in partnership with the City of Danville and the Bluegrass Area Development District, will receive $750,000 from the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program Grant Program.

The National Park Service makes preservation grants to economic development agen-

See Hburg | 4A

Board of adjustments okays short-term rental, wood shop

Robert Moore
Herald Staff
rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com

The Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Board of Adjustments and Appeals approved a short-term rental and a woodworking shop.

At its regular meeting on Friday, Nov. 20, the board held a public hearing on Fister Management Company LLC's request for a conditional use permit to operate a short-term rental at 275 Beams Drive. The property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

Harrodsburg attorney Noel Mark Botts represented the applicants. Botts told the board the rental property, if approved, would be mostly used for family gatherings. The three-bedroom home is located on Herrington Lake. Botts noted a property located at 265 Beams Drive—which is next door—had been approved as a short-term rental by the board of adjustments in September.

Executive Director Kylie Donnally presented the staff findings and recommended approval with the same conditions as the previously approved short-term rental, including a 30-day maximum stay, a local contact, maximum residency limited to twice the number of bedrooms not counting the owner and owner's family, all parking off-street, no weddings, parties or other events or gatherings exceeding maximum occupancy and observing quiet hours from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

No one else spoke in favor or in opposition. The board voted unanimously to approve the conditional use permit contingent on getting local contact information.

"We need somebody who's there in a reasonable amount of time," Chairman Bobby Upchurch said. Upchurch said the local contact had to respond within 20 minutes if anything came up.

Botts promised the board he would provide the contact information.

"I don't have it available today, but I can provide it," the attorney said.

On Friday, the board of adjustments also approved an amendment to a conditional use permit requested by Thomas Troyer. Troyer sought permission to operate a woodworking business as a rural occupation under Article 14, Section 14.1 of the Mercer County Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 157 Goodlett Road in Salvisa. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-2 (Agricultural).

In 2023, the board approved a conditional-use permit for Troyer to oper-

See Board | 6A

County says Oregon Road to reopen in December

Robert Moore
Herald Staff
rmoore@harrodsburgherald.com

Local motorists may soon have something to really be thankful for. Two bridges closed since June will soon reopen to traffic. At the Mercer County Fiscal Court's meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, Todd Palmer, supervisor of the road department, said work on the Roney Road project should be completed by Wednesday—just in time for Thanksgiving—while work on Oregon Road should be completed by Friday, Dec. 18—just in time for Christmas.

On Monday, Palmer said the contractor was installing rebar and framework on Oregon Road.

Both bridges have been closed since flooding damaged them in June. In September, the fiscal court awarded the contract to rebuild the concrete bridge on Roney Road to EH Construction and Firm Foundation, who bid $66,444. They awarded the contract to replace the washed-out section of Oregon Road to GeoStabilization International, who bid $1,239,250.

See Oregon | 3A

WELCHOMES
REAL ESTATE
BUYING OR SELLING
859-605-2333
WELCHOMES.COM
CHRISTIE WELCH, PRINCIPLE BROKER