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Section A

DISTRICT CHAMPS!



The Montgomery County High School baseball team celebrated Monday night after the team defeated GRC 3-2 for the 40th District Championship win.

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Photo by Tonia Witt.

Packed house again for Rumpke discussion



More than 50 attend 109 Board meeting

By Tom Marshall Senior Advocate writer

More than 50 people attended a 109 Board meeting Monday evening to speak out about the Rumpke landfill and a proposed expansion.

It was standing room only in the Fiscal Courtroom of the Courthouse Annex.

Rumpke made an offer to the board for a new host agreement at the meeting. The board took no action on the proposal, but did agree to place a legal advertisement this week announcing a 30-day public comment period.

The legal notice says the 109 Board is seeking public comment on the consistency/inconsistency of Rumpke's proposed expansion of the

Montgomery County landfill with the current Solid Waste Management Plan. All documents will be made available at the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex, 44 W. Main St., Suite C, Mt. Sterling, Ky. 40353, for inspection and comments will be accepted for a 30-day period May 28 though June 28.

The board agreed to meet again either 6 p.m. Monday, June 29 or Monday, July 13, after the comment period.

The board, made up of several new members, heard from residents, many of them upset about the landfill operation on Orear Road.

An emotional Lynn Anderson claims she

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Latest proposal calls for reduced size of landfill expansion, less waste tonnage

By Tom Marshall Senior Advocate writer

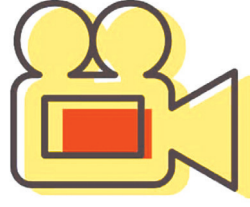
Rumpke, operator of the local landfill, and the 109 Board returned to the negotiating table on a host agreement Monday evening.

In its latest proposal, Rumpke offered to reduce the size of the expansion to 48.2 acres, the amount of daily out-of-county waste to 895 tons, accept waste from 37 counties and pay a tipping fee of \$2.83 a ton.

The tipping fee would increase by 4 percent annually.

The current acreage the landfill is permitted for is 97.25

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acres and 948 tons of out-of county waste. The tipping fee is currently \$2.55 a ton.

It generates about \$780,000 a year for the county.

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Inside:
Special section honors MCHS Class of 2026.



A voter took advantage of early voting last week and signed in with poll workers Glenna Brooks and Tina Bashford May 14 to vote in the May primary. Photo by Tom Marshall.

Charles is new state Rep.

By Tom Marshall Senior Advocate writer

David F. Charles won the race for state representative for the 74th Legislative District by a wide margin Tuesday night.

Charles received 3,224 votes, or 66 percent, of the ballots cast in the three counties, Montgomery, Bath and Menifee counties.

Shannon Denniston finished second with 1,098 votes, or 22 percent. Aaron Williams finished third with 599 votes, or 12 percent.

Charles received 2,097 votes in Montgomery County, compared to 602 for Denniston and 317 for Williams.

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By Tom Marshall Senior Advocate writer

Mark Terry won the County Commissioner District 3 seat by a thin margin Tuesday night over two Republican challengers.

There is no Democrat in the fall so Terry wins the seat outright.

Terry received 303 votes, only 14 above the 289 that Steven Dewayne Hager netted. Camargo Mayor Clayton Neal finished third with 208 votes.

"I appreciate every-

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Restaurant tax formally adopted

The city of Mt. Sterling approved second reading of amending an ordinance Tuesday night by a vote of 5-1 that increases the city's restaurant tax.

The lone dissenting vote was council member Jon Ledford.

The measure will changes the restaurant tax from 2 percent to 3 percent effective Jan. 1, 2027.

For further details, see next week's Advocate.

Former DuBois Center president remembered

By Jamie Vinson Advocate Managing Editor

Although those who knew Charles E. Jones describe him as a quiet man, they say his contributions and service to the community were loud and will be felt well into the future.

Jones died May 14 at 81. His obituary notes he served his community in a number of ways, such as president of the Montgomery County United Way Trustee Board; a former presi-

dent of the Mt. Sterling-DuBois Community Center; and board member of Gateway Children's Services to name a few.

He and his wife, Betty, started the first AARP Chapter in Montgomery County. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 49 and was a deacon and Sunday School Teacher at Greater First Baptist Church.

"He was a jewel," said Gail Wright, former

long-time director of the Gateway Area Development District.

"He was so kind and very loving and that just showed in his actions. He was a quiet person. He did talk to people and would get up and speak when he needed to. Everybody loved him," Wright said.

Wright hired Jones as her assistant executive director. He was an employee of the GADD more than 30 years.

"I could hire from outside or look inside and

he was already there. He knew the ropes and I thought he was my best choice. Charles was one of a kind. He loved the Lord and he showed it every day," Wright told the Advocate.

Among one of Jones' responsibilities during his time with the GADD was overseeing the senior citizens programs.

"The seniors just loved him. He knew that program so well. He was known and respected by the state people, local people and federal people," Wright said.

There is a network of area development districts across the state and Wright told the Advocate she believes Jones was the first black executive assistant director and the only black individual to this day to hold that role within the network.

"He was proud to be part of that network," Wright said, adding Jones held other leadership roles within the GADD, such as one of four aging directors on a



Charles E. Jones

state level at one point.

"I loved and respected him, I can't tell you how much I'm going to miss him. I think all the ADD staff would say that and the board we had back

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