

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

Bradley Combs, Eli Manning, Levi Martin, Travis McCoy, Zayne Adkins, Jessica Barnett, Tyson Barnett, Sawyer Gibbs, Megan Hall, Katelynn Harris, David Risner, Dalton Schultz, T.J. Sutton and Natasha Samples made the honor roll in Dawn Justice's fifth grade class at Camargo Elementary School.

Jennifer NeSmith presided over the annual conference of the Kentucky Rural Health Association. She was president or the organization.

Seniors Natasha Thomas, Jenna High and Emily Craig played their final games as members of the MCHS volleyball team.

Senior members of the MCHS boys's soccer team honored on Senior Night were Josh Ison, Kevin McGuire, Taylor Collover, Victor Mongarro, Tommy Newkirk, Luke Spicer, Jordan Gentry, Andrew Williams and Jordan Terry.

Andrew Barnett was Indian of the Week in the Advocate.

Morgan Duncan played in a hay bale during a trip to Two Sisters Pumpkin Patch. Zoe Cannon picked out a pumpkin there as her grandmother, Margie Cannon, looked on.

Ruth Ann Myers competed in the Pre-Teen America Scholarship and Recognition Program. She made the top 20 finals and placed first runner-up in the talent competition.

Jeremy M. Clayton graduated from Navy basic training at Great Lakes Training Command in Illinois.

Melissa Adams, Pamela Ervin and Darrell Risner were named to the dean's list at National College in Lexington.

1996
City Hall was moved to the old Traders National Bank building on Maysville Street.

Former resident Phillip K. Howard was the author of the New York Times best selling book, "The Death of Common

Sense."

Mt. Sterling Mayor Bert May was named to the board of directors for the Kentucky League of Cities.

Mendi Davis was elected to serve on the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Executives board of directors.

Candidates for Homecoming Queen were Meghan Blakeman, Santana Butler Davis, Danielle Pleasant, Micah Robinson, Rebekah Shultz, Lesley Vice and Danielle Wells.

Johnnie Tabor was the Advocate's Montgomery Neighbor.

Holly Crouch scored a hat trick with three goals in a girls' soccer victory over Madison Central on Senior Night.

Haroon Saleem was named MCHS Player of the Week.

The McNabb Middle School eighth grade girls' basketball team included Marian Stull, Mary Ann Steger, Emma Strickland, Amanda Stull, Lindsay Allen, Sarah Trimble, Diedre Thomas and Jennifer Whitton.

Superintendent Richard Hughes bagged groceries at Winn-Dixie as part of an American Cancer Society fundraiser.

Susan Anderson Carrington was "Emerald Lady" at the Emerald Bash.

Tara Stephens was selected as a finalist in the 1996 Pre-Teen Kentucky Scholarship and Recognition Program.

Lynda Wilson was part of the Kentucky delegation to the 46th National 4-H Engineering, Science and Leadership Event at Purdue University in Indiana.

Charles Warner celebrated his 69th birthday with a surprise party at his daughter's home on Levee Road.

Shannon White was named Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

1986
Caroline Carrington, Judy Bramblet, Tom Kennedy, Danny Berryman, Jack Carrington, Robin Carrington, Grover Carrington and Julie Berryman had the Most Unique Table at the October Picnic with the Pops.

William J. Riley was named assistant director of personnel services at Morehead State University.

Camargo Elementary School students Melissa Brown and Jessica Kendrick learned to make apple cider the old fashioned way.

Brad Isbell was the new store manager at Belk Simpson.

Mary Chiles Hospital began offering CAT scanning.

Senior runningback Eric Cunningham had 15 carries for 143 yards in a 47-15 win over Franklin County.

You can register now for new Court Day 5K; 'Writers Block' area another new feature

Kentucky's longest running festival will be held Oct. 16-18 throughout historic downtown Mt. Sterling. As Kentucky's oldest festival, October Court Days began in 1794 when the Kentucky General Assembly decided that each county should meet once a month to hold court. This day became an annual trading day where people came from miles around to buy, sell and trade. Now, the festival entices thousands of visitors to enjoy unique shopping at downtown merchants and from more than five hundred pop up vendors including handmade crafts, antiques, tools, clothing, collectibles, a wide selection of food choices and live music.

Entertainment Sponsor Community Trust Bank and Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Tourism will be providing live music on Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. featuring the band Boogie G & the Titans at the Main Street Stage and Saturday and Sunday from noon until 6 p.m. on two Court Day Soundstages—Main Street Park and Market Pavilion. Both locations will also have a hospitality area with maps and tourist information.

On Saturday the live music begins at noon with performances by Brock Donohew, the 2026 Small Town America talent winner. Brad Alford performs at 1 p.m. followed by the rock band The Experience at 2 p.m. The seventh Annual Court Day Mullet Competition begins at 3 p.m. on the Main Street



Stage hosted by DeadAir Dennis of Classic Rock 92.1. Contestants will compete for cash prizes, trophies, and medals in three categories: youth, teen and adults. Registration for the competition will begin at 2 p.m. The Experience plays again at 4 p.m. followed by Brad Alford at 5 p.m. Bring a chair and/or blanket to enjoy the live music all day!

DJS Auctions will host a live auction on Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the Market Pavilion featuring a large variety of interesting items at this good old fashioned auction held by auctioneer Davin Smith, past president of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association. 75 Split performs live at noon and 2 p.m., Patrick McKnight at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Taylor Lansdale performs at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

On Sunday the Live music continues on the Market Pavilion Stage with 75 Split at noon and 3 p.m., Meg Allen at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Reed Fields at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The band Rhythm Phoenix takes the Main

Street Stage at 3 p.m.

The Rumpke Court Day Express will be providing free train rides again this year with convenient stops throughout the downtown area. This "all ages" train will be providing free rides on Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to make it easier and fun to get around during the festival.

There are some new additions to the festival this year including a 5K at the Mt. Sterling Airport on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. Registration is \$25 and is open now at www.ms-mcparks.com. Also new this year is a designated area for local and regional published authors. The "Writers Block" will be located on South Maysville featuring 20 authors selling their books and greeting the public.

Find out more info on how to become a vendor and visitor info at www.mtsterlingtourism.com and on the Facebook page "October Court Day Festival in Mt. Sterling, KY."

Haddix: No final decision has been made on landfill expansion

Judge-Executive also addresses violations, says odor complaints are less due to steps Rumpke has taken

Judge-Executive Chris Haddix has issued a statement concerning the proposed expansion.

"The proposed landfill expansion is an important issue for Montgomery County and I understand that residents have questions and concerns about it.

"The county has been working with Rumpke regarding the future of the landfill and the terms of a potential new host agreement. The current proposal is the result of ongoing discussions and negotiations and should not be viewed as final approval of an expansion. Any final agreement will be subject to the appropriate action by the Fiscal Court, including any applicable public comment period and public hearing if requested or otherwise required, and the landfill will also remain subject to the permitting, environmental review and regulatory requirements of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

"The proposed expansion would involve approximately 48.2 additional acres. The purpose of beginning this process now is to plan for the county's future disposal needs. Based on the anticipated timeline for local review, state permitting, design and construction, beginning the process before the existing disposal capacity is exhausted is important if the county wants to avoid a disruption in disposal services. The additional requested 48.2 acres will be utilized once the current acreage allotted has been exhausted.

"The county's role is different from the role of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. The cabinet is responsible for the state's regulatory and environmental oversight of solid-waste facilities, including permitting and compliance requirements. The county will rely upon the cabinet's technical expertise, testing, inspections and regulatory oversight as those processes move forward. The county will also conduct its own review of the matters that are within the county's authority.

"I am aware of residents' concerns regarding odors, air quality,

water quality and potential effects on surrounding property and agricultural operations. I am also aware of violations and other compliance issues that have been identified in connection with the landfill. Those matters should not be minimized and they are relevant to the county's evaluation of any proposed host agreement.

"The county takes those violations and compliance issues seriously and will consider the landfill's compliance history, the nature of the violations, the corrective actions required, whether those actions have been completed and whether additional measures are necessary to protect residents and the surrounding community. The county will also seek information from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet regarding the status of outstanding compliance matters and will consider that information as part of its evaluation of any proposed agreement.

"Regarding odors, steps have been taken at the landfill to address complaints, including the installation and use of additional misting equipment. Following those measures, the county has seen a reduction in the number of odor complaints it has received. We will continue to communicate with the landfill operator and the appropriate regulatory agencies regarding odor concerns.

"The proposed host agreement would also include limitations and additional requirements concerning the operation of the landfill. Among the matters currently being discussed are limits on the amount of waste accepted, the geographic area from which waste may be received and the term of the agreement. The current proposal would limit the geographic area served by the landfill to 37 counties, rather than the larger service area that has existed previously. The proposed agreement also contemplates an annual tonnage limit of approximately 895 tons per day, which is less than what is currently allowed.

"These provisions are part of the negotiations and are intended



Chris Haddix

ed to provide the county with greater control and certainty concerning the future operation of the facility. They are not intended to replace or diminish the state's regulatory authority over the landfill.

"The county also recognizes that the landfill provides certain services and economic benefits to Montgomery County. The proposed agreement includes provisions intended to provide additional benefits to county residents, including expanded opportunities for tire collection, additional Saturday collection opportunities and consideration of reduced rates for certain services. Those provisions are part of the overall negotiations and will be evaluated along with the other terms of the proposed agreement.

"Most importantly, no final decision has been made simply by beginning these discussions. The county has an obligation to look at the long-term needs of Montgomery County while also considering the concerns of residents who live near the landfill. We will continue to review the proposal, listen to the public and work with the appropriate state agencies to ensure that the county's interests and the health and safety concerns of our residents are appropriately considered throughout the process.

"The goal is to make a decision based on the best information available to the county and to ensure that any agreement ultimately considered by the Fiscal Court appropriately addresses the environmental, operational and fiscal interests of Montgomery County, while providing appropriate protections for the residents of Montgomery County."

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