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people working in that building.”

The “company” is also reportedly committed to partnering with the school district and STEM career education services to provide opportunities for students and invest in workforce development.

“This company’s approach to community engagement is equally strong in every location where they operate,” McHugh expressed. “They run an annual grants program for schools, registered non-profits and local organizations. These grants address critical needs and leverage technology to build strong, sustainable communities while improving STEM education.”

He explained that programs would be developed to help Mason County students receive the education needed to work in the facility.

“They have every intention of having the majority of their workforce be from Mason County,” McHugh said.

McHugh added that “They will fully fund all necessary...all necessary infrastructure, roads, water, sewer, fiber and electrical service so that the community carries no financial burden.”

He further noted that the “company” could become the largest taxpayer in the county, generating more annual tax revenue than the largest county taxpay-

ers combined.

According to McHugh, the company would address noise mitigation and ensure that the facility would not be able to be heard from five miles away.

“We have a video test of them, from standing 200 feet away from the building, it doesn’t register,” he stated.

He also noted that he would be visiting a site on Tuesday to see the studies.

In regards to citizen concerns about water usage, McHugh noted that the plan is that water would be pulled from the Ohio River, and that this convenience was a “key” reason as to why Mason County is being looked at as a prospect.

“They would be pulling a direct line to the facility; they pay for it to be built, it’s not being paid for by the county, city, or state,” McHugh explained. “They would pay for that line, they would also pay for a water cooling facility once it leaves there’s, and that water would be put back in the Ohio, actually cleaner than when it came out. Because they have to do sediment removals and all that...and it heats it up, water gets clearer when it’s hot, they cool it down to a good temperature to where it’s not affecting the natural flow of the river or any environmental impact.”

Mason County Commissioner Peggy Frame asked McHugh where the data center he would be visiting was located, to which he responded that it was north of Columbus, Ohio.

Mason County Judge Executive Owen

McNeill expressed that the county has been successful for being an “18,000 population community.”

“I get that everybody is nervous over new technology and over new things, however we still haven’t won our project, but I prefer to look at what possible opportunities. Yes, there are challenges, there are challenges with any project, but we have local elected leadership, we have planning and zoning and a framework within this county. We have a state leadership, and we have phenomenal partners in our utility providers, our water and wastewater folks,” Judge McNeill stated.

He then described a scenario where a student could graduate from high school and get a two-year certification and make a six figure salary.

When Judge McNeill asked if there was anything from the public, Jennifer Setty-Botkin walked to the podium in front of the court to speak.

“Today, I am here as a concerned resident of the Highland Heights Subdivision,” Botkin stated. “Our neighborhood has been told that the data center project is going in right next door to us, displacing the individuals that live in the trailer park and of course encroaching upon our quiet, nice and you know... country life we have out there.”

She further expressed concern over noise caused by data centers and stated that the project would ruin the “peace and quiet,” as well as the country that her family wanted when buying their

house in the Highland Heights subdivision.

Botkin expressed additional concerns of electrical surges and the cost of electrical bills, along with health implications.

“I urge you all to push back on this project for the health and well-being of Mason County...Mason Countians. Tax revenue is great, but when it comes at the cost of the liberty and life and happiness of your citizens and your county I don’t think that’s a fair trade,” Botkin said.

Laura Moran also walked to the podium to address the court.

“Judge, your speech at the German-town City Commission’s meeting on August the fifth, I hear, was wonderful and Tyler, your press release on the Facebook page for Mason County, both of them were really sweet,” Moran stated. “The promises of money, the promises of improved school systems, the promises of fire departments improving their equipment, the promises of jobs, but there’s nothing about regulations and protections for water, air, soil or noise pollution.”

She further expressed that fire protection and backup power systems needed to be addressed.

“The state of Kentucky does not have data center regulations. They don’t. Virginia does, Ohio recently has, and I would imagine that our declining population is what makes us popular for these companies,” Moran said.

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13
MASON COUNTY MEN’S CLUB — 9 a.m., French Quarter Inn. Guest speakers Roger Barnett and Megan Brannen to discuss the Miracle League and Buffalo Trace Ballfield with Adaptive Playground.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 14
TRIVIA NIGHT — 6 p.m., Fleming County Public Library. For ages 18 and up. Call 606-845-7851 to sign up.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 15
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30, Steel Magnolias.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 16
CHROME AND CRUISE — 11 a.m. to 4.m., Third St. Downtown Maysville. Classic car show, food, games, downtown shopping, vendors, mc and music by The Iceman.

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RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS - 2 p.m., Cars, 7:30 Breakfast at Tiffany’s.

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SUNDAY, AUG. 17
O’CULL, DAVENPORT, SELLERS REUNION — Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Chicken, ice and paper products will be provided. Fleming Energy Building, 1449 Elizaville Rd, Flemingsburg, KY 41041.

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MONDAY, AUG. 18
MCPL ROCKETS WITH CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY — 11 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

BIG TRUCK DAY — 11 a.m. to noon, Fleming County Public Library. All ages welcome.

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TUESDAY, AUG. 19
GROUP HIKE ACORN TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at picnic shelter.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT PUPPET SHOW — 5 p.m., with Miss September and Friends, Robertson County Public Library. Pizza provided. Child must attend with adult.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 20
MASON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING—6 p.m., District office.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 23
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at picnic shelter.

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TET — 6 p.m., Flemingsburg Church of the Nazarene, 96 Secrest Crossing, Flemingsburg, KY 41041, for questions call 606-849-3712.

RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., Ice Age, 7:30 p.m. The Buddy Holly Story.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 28
CATTLEMEN’S SUMMER MEETING — 6 p.m., Mason County Extension Office. To register call (606) 584-6808.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 30
FLEMINGSBURG LIONS CLUB FISH FRY AND AUCTION — 4 p.m., Big Shelter House at the Flemingsburg-Fleming County Recreation Park. Fish fry hosted by the Ewing Fire Department starts at 4 p.m. until run out. Auction follows at 6 p.m.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 5
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL — 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30, Repo-The Genetic Opera.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

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SUNDAY SEPT. 7
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at picnic shelter.

NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE — Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Maysville Library - 6 p.m.

CHUTESIDE CATTLE PREGNANCY TESTING WORKSHOP — 5 p.m. meal and registration, 6 p.m. program beginning 7580 Taylor Mill Road, Maysville. Hands-on pregnanyc workshop led by Dr. Les Anderson. Call the Mason County Extension office to register.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 11
MCNEILL MUSIC SERIES LIZST PIANO CONCERT — 7 p.m., Washington Opera House

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
MT. BIKE PATH GRAND OPENING SCHOOL DAY

— 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Jaws.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14
LINVILLE FAMILY REUNION — Washington Recreation Park, DeKalb Shelter.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
MCPL COSMIC WONDERS WITH CINCINATTI OBSERVATORY — 8:30 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Forrest Gump.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 20
GROUP HIKE SYCAMORE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at picnic shelter.

ANTIQUE QUILT SHOW — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Echo Hall, Augusta. Saturday only, no admission. Civil War Weekend event. To display your antique quilt or find more info, text 606-402-0595.

RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Book Club.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 3
MCTC MASQUERADE OF MEMORIES — 5:30-8:30 p.m., The Cox Building. \$40 per person, bring your own mask. RSVP to Rachel Adkins at 606-301-6025 or rachel.adkins@kctcs.edu.

THE GHOST OF MARLOW HOUSE BRUNCH — 10 a.m., the Fleming County Public Library. Based on the “Haunting Danielle” series by Bobbi Holmes. Free food, fun and prizes. Only for ages 18 and up. Registration opens Sept. 3.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 4
60TH REUNION OF MAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL — 1 p.m., Capronis. If coming, please contact Ann DeSpain 606-584-3365.

“FALL” IN LOVE, LOVE SONGS FROM THE PAST CONCERT BY MIKE HUFF — 5:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 26 West Third Street. Reservation only, deadline August 31. Call 606-564-4462 for reservation. \$15 per person.

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TUESDAY, OCT. 7
GROUP HIKE TURKEY TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at picnic shelter.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 9

MCPL STORYTIME SPLAT THE CAT — 10:30 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 11
BOURBON, BARBECUE AND BLUEGRASS — Echo Hall, Augusta. Happy hour begins 5 p.m., followed by music by One Iota, barbecue dinner by Staci Jett and rare bourbon auction. All proceeds to benefit renovations and operation of Echo Hall. To reserve tickets, text 606-402-0595.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 24
PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7-9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 25
PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7-9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

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SUNDAY OCT. 26
PUMPKIN GLOW FOR THE ION CENTER — 7-9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.

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MISC.
ABERDEEN COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m., third Thursday of the month, council room, Aberdeen, Ohio.

ALL THINGS MAYSVILLE — Every Tuesday, 1-2:30 p.m., Ron Bailey. Kentucky Gateway Museum Center.

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP — 5:30 p.m., St. Paul Trinity Apartments, 665 Kenton Station Road, Maysville.

AUGUSTA LODGE NO. 80 F&AM — First Saturday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the lodge, 128 Main Street, Second Floor, Augusta.

AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL — 6:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

— AA, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Germantown Community Center.

— AL-ANON, 10:30 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 26 West Third

Street, Maysville.

— AL-ANON, 7 p.m., Thursdays, New Creation Praise and Worship Center, 1431 Helena Road in Flemingsburg, call Wilma 606-798-5555.

— New Beginnings Group, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., Hunter House 31 East Third Street, Maysville.

— West Union, Tuesdays and Fridays, Catholic Church, 612 Mulberry Street, 7:30 p.m.

— Nobody’s Fault but Mine group, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Manchester, Ohio, Pike and Fifth Street, Community Building.

— West Union, Sundays, 10 a.m., The Counseling Center Group Room, Adams Lake, 829 E. Walnut Street.

— Ripley’s Miracles, Thursdays, 7 p.m., Beebe Chapel, 438 Main Street, Ripley, Ohio. limited seating.

BRACKEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT — 10 a.m., second and fourth Wednesday every month.

BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

— HIV/Hep. C test, second Thursday each month, appointment needed; Diabetes support group, 6:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, Georgetown Church of Christ.

CANCER CARE CLUB BINGO — Every Friday night, doors open at 5 p.m., and play begins at 7 p.m., Double S Entertainment Center, Flemingsburg.

CANCER FIGHTERS UNITED — First Thursday, 5:30 p.m., resource room open, 6:30 p.m., meeting. For families, friends and cancer survivors, support group, at Highland Christian Church. Call 606- 564-0577 or 606-375-2511 for information.

CONCERNED CITIZENS’ COALITION — Fourth Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m., Hunter Hall, 31 Third Street.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH AND ENGLISH AS A 2ND LANGUAGE — Every Thursday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., all ages welcome, free, Fleming County Public Library.

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The Mason County Sheriff's Office will start property tax collections in OCTOBER 2025

New Tax Collection Schedule:
October 1-November 1: 2% Discount
November 2-December 31: Face Amount
January 1-January 31: 5% Penalty
February 1-April 15: 21% Penalty



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Questions? Call our office at (606) 564-3309