



The Harrison County Marching Band performs in the finals of the Boyle County Rebel Showdown on Sept. 13.

Band marches their way through September

The Harrison County Marching Band competed in the Boyle County Rebel Showdown on Saturday, Sept. 13. They came out of preliminary competition in first place over Class AAAA rival Madison Southern, ahead in all categories.

The tables turned in the finals, however. Madison Southern edged out Harrison County by .10 to take second behind grand champion Class AA powerhouse Estill County. Harrison County came home with the third place hardware.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the band headed to Bourbon County, where they were the sole member of Class AAAA.

Against a very tough field of a dozen bands, Harrison placed fourth overall behind two Class AAAAA bands: Grand Champion Dunbar and Reserve Grand Champion Campbell County. Once again, Estill County edged out the Marching Thorobreds—this time by a quarter of a point—to take third.

The band heads to Estill County this Saturday, where they are scheduled to perform at 3 p.m.



Band members pose with the trophy after finals at the Boyle County Rebel Showdown on Sept. 13.

MCTC receives Parenting Student Support Planning Grant

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Maysville Community and Technical College was recently awarded the Parenting Student Support Planning Grant through the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The grant, providing up to \$50,000, will enable MCTC to assess the needs of student parents, thereby reducing barriers for them and ensuring the necessary support is in place for their success in college and beyond.

“MCTC is honored to receive the Parenting Student Support Planning Grant from the Council on Postsecondary Education. This grant allows us to better understand the unique challenges faced by student-parents and to work alongside community partners to create real, sustainable solutions,”

remarked Christy Kissick, a success coach on the Rowan Campus.

As part of the efforts being put forth for the grant, staff will utilize the funding to take several courses of action—ultimately bringing the intent to fruition.

First, staff will conduct a needs assessment of parenting students at the college. Then, the plan will progress toward building partnerships with community partners, creating an action plan with strategies and resources, and piloting at least one early solution.

An early solution may look like a childcare referral hub, evening and weekend care resources, or even a student-parent task force.

“Supporting parenting students is not only about helping them succeed today—it’s about strengthening families and planting the seeds for future generations of college graduates,” Kissick continued.

Ag Week celebrated in Harrison County schools

BY BETSY SMITH
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Agricultural Education Week took place Sept. 15-Sept. 20. Described as "an initiative focused on increasing access to agriculture education" by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, it was designed to expose kids to "the endless opportunities agriculture provides ... inspiring them to be part of its future."

Harrison County Future Farmers of America took the mission to heart. FFA teacher Shelby Wright said, "We are challenging the whole district to participate in spirit days."

On Monday, Green and Growing Day, students district-wide were challenged to wear green.

Tuesday was Farmers Day—coveralls, flannel, hats and boots were the order of the day.

Wednesday, Tractor Day, gave students the choice of dressing in the colors of their favorite tractor.

Thursday was Down on



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Ava Denniston passes out marshmallows to Eastside second graders as part of an edible soil horizons model.

the Farm Day and the chance to dress as a favorite farm animal.

On Friday, Ag Proud Day, blue and gold were worn in appreciation of ag (FFA's colors are National Blue and Corn Gold.)

On Thursday, FFA students visited elementary schools for a little hands on fun. They read the book "The Soil in Jackie's Garden"



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FFA students visited elementary schools during ag week. From left, Haylie Thomas, Marlie Tolle, Ava Denniston and Maddie Jones answer questions from Eastside second graders.

and taught youngsters about the different layers of a soil horizon: O (organic), A (topsoil), E (eluviated, if present), B (subsoil), C (parent material), and R (bedrock).

Students then made an edible soil horizon model of Oreos, marshmallows, M&Ms, Cheerios and gummie worms.

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next two series.

With under three minutes to go, Walton-Verona advanced the pigskin from the five-yard line to midfield and appeared to have momentum on its side. Having said that, the Bearcats faced a 4th and one opportunity at this juncture. Harrison Co. needed a big play to halt the Walton-Verona surge. That’s when Thorobred junior Ashton Gaunce stepped up and exploded through the Bearcat offensive line and tackled sophomore John Messer for a three-yard loss thus ending the Walton-Verona scoring threat and preserving Harrison Co.’s lead.

On the first play of the

ensuing drive, Harrison Co. sophomore Hunter Jones took the handoff and raced to the near sideline where he turned on the jets and outran the Bearcat defenders on his way to a 50-yard TD scamper. The kick by Harris was good, giving the Breds a two-score advantage at 21-7 with 2:10 left to play.

Simpson kept Walton-Verona’s flickering light burning when he returned the proceeding kickoff 48 yards to the Harrison Co. 47-yard line. After three incomplete passes, senior Brayden Donato caught an 18-yard pass that took the ball to the 29-yard line. On the next play, Custard was able to put the final nail in the coffin when he intercepted a pass at the five-yard line.

On the third snap of the next possession with the clock running down under

a minute, Sumpter put an exclamation point on the win when he blasted through a huge hole created by his offensive line and sprinted 86 yards for his second TD of the conquest. The kick by Harris split the uprights to set the final score at 28-7.

Harrison Co. was led in rushing by Sumpter and Jones who ran for 221 and 69 yards, respectively. Custard had five catches for

103 yards and a TD. As a team, the Breds collected 464 total yards while the Bearcats gathered 190. Harrison Co. picked up 15 first downs while Walton-Verona had 11.

The record for the Breds now stands at 1-4 while the Bearcats dropped to 1-3.

This Friday, Harrison Co. will face 4th-ranked Highlands at the Athletic Complex. The Bluebirds sport a record of 4-1, including a 28-24 win

in Ft. Thomas over Ryle last Friday. Gametime is 7:30. Friday’s game will mark the 10th meeting between the Bluebirds and Highlands. The Bluebirds have won all 10 of the previous matchups, including the four games played in Cynthiana. The rivalry began when Highlands won 14-12 at Bates Creek in the Thoroughbred Bowl in 1985. The two teams

last met in October 2014 in Cynthiana with the Bluebirds winning 46-13.

With his four extra point kicks last Friday, Harris has now connected on 26 consecutive PAT boots dating back to last season. The old record of 25 extra points converted in a row was held by Curtis Marsh who turned the trick in the 1995-96 seasons.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued orders on July 31, 2025 and September 11, 2025, scheduling public comment meetings to be held on October 13, 2025 at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time, at Hopkins County Fiscal Court, 56 North Main Street, Madisonville, KY 42431; October 14, 2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at Bluegrass Community & Technical College: Keenland Room, 500 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508; and October 16, 2025, at 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at Middlesboro Community Center, 705 N. Petersborough Ave., Middlesboro, KY 40965 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company applications for adjustment of its electric and gas rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case Nos. 2025-00113 and 2025-00114.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Harrison County Fiscal Court will be accepting bids for the repairs of the bridge on Poindexter Road crossing over the South Licking River in Harrison County. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's office. Bids will be opened on October 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrison County Courthouse Community Room. Bids must be in the County Judge's office by Noon on October 14, 2025. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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