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CLASS OF 2024

# Henry County Local

## New Castle historic building future hungs in the balance

**BY ROBB HOFF**  
Last week, the New Castle City Commission heard from city and Henry County residents about the future of the vacant former A-1 Service Center commercial building at 10 Court Street in the New Castle Historic District.  
Building owner Matthew Morrison stated his plans for the building, which include a grocery market, coffee shop and delicatessen in one part

and “Eva’s” in another part.  
“That is going to be a restaurant area that is more upscale — as upscale as I can make it,” he said of Eva’s, whose namesake is his grandmother from New Castle.  
Morrison acknowledged that it is “going to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars” to repurpose the historic building into a thriving community business, but he also said that he and his wife Hannah are committed to

the “life project” that the rescue of the building represents.  
“It really takes away the eyecore it has been for decades,” he said of the project.  
Morrison appeared before the commission to voice his dissatisfaction with a recent New Castle Historic Preservation Board denial of his request for four of six awnings planned for the project.

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Artistic rendering of the Court Street Market proposed for the historic building at 10 Court St. in New Castle. (Held by former New Castle mayor Mark Vaughn)

Robb Hoff

## Northern Lights in Henry County



The Northern Lights phenomenon vividly displayed in Henry County over the weekend as shown in this unfiltered photo taken by William Reddick on his iPhone 14 from his Campbellsbury Road driveway. “I got my kids out of bed to make sure they could see this, and it did not disappoint,” he said of the rare occurrence, which is attributed to a solar geomagnetic storm. Many Henry County residents snapped photos of the display, which are posted on the Henry County Local Facebook page.

William Reddick

## Voter registration swells ahead of May primary election

**BY STAFF REPORT**  
Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that voter registration continued to grow ahead of the May primary with 8,306 new voters registering April 1 through the April 22 pre-primary registration deadline.

“It’s time for Kentuckians to have their say for President and other important offices,” said Adams. “It remains easy to vote and hard to cheat in the Commonwealth.”  
In April, 4,593 voters were removed — 3,349 deceased voters, 562 voters who moved out

of state, 543 convicted felons, 59 duplicate registrations, 48 voters who voluntarily de-registered and 32 voters adjudged mentally incompetent.  
Republican registrants constitute 46% of the electorate, with 1,615,451 voters. Republican

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Abby Hooven

Harlem Wizards player “Glitch” poses for a photo with a fan during a pregame autograph session at Henry County High School on May 7.

## Harlem Wizards bring hoops tricks to Henry County

**BY ABBY HOOVEN**  
The world-famous Harlem Wizards put their “trick hoops and alley-oops” style of play on display for hundreds of spectators at Henry County High School on May 7.  
For the second straight year, the Wizards faced off against the Henry County Hoopers, a team comprised of teachers, staff and administrators from Henry County Public Schools.  
The action-packed evening of hoops entertainment was a fundraiser for Henry County’s Class of 2025. Each pre-purchased ticket sold earned \$3 to a designated school of the buyer’s choice, and all tickets sold at the door benefit the Class of 2025, junior class sponsor Becky Wright said.  
“The Harlem Wizards fundraiser is a win-win; it’s

a great community event and has wonderful fundraising potential,” said Wright. “The money earned from the Wizards fundraiser helps to make prom tickets and senior field trip tickets affordable for everyone, and it gives us starting cash for Project Graduation. We like to try to make Project Graduation as big as well by offering games, food, activities and prices, and all of that requires quite a bit of fundraising for each class.”  
According to the official Harlem Wizards website, the group was founded by Howie Davis in 1962 with the goal of merging sports and entertainment to “create a better show than the Harlem Globetrotters.”  
Over 60 years later, the Wizards travel across the country for fundraising

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