COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, July 25, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition by Mr. Christopher Dunn, contributing writer of Fayette Game Day Youth Sports Magazine, of Mr. Brad Hort and Ms. Gabby Seiler as Fayette County's Athletes of the Year.

Background/History/Details:

Male and Female Fayette Game Day County Athletes of the Year:

Brad Hort: McIntosh High School
Accomplishments: Cross Country Region Champion (individual); Cross Country State Champion (individual); Cross County State Champion (team); 1,600 meter run runner-up at state track and field meet; Boys track and field state champion (team); Qualified for nationals in the 5,000 meters (Foot Locker Nationals); Signed with University of Georgia for Cross Country and Track.

Gabby Seiler- McIntosh High School
Soccer Accomplishments: Two-time State Champion in soccer; Reached Final Four all four years; Co-Player of the Year for Fayette County. Basketball Accomplishments: All-County Player of the Year two consecutive years; Reached state playoffs all four seasons; McIntosh's all-time leading scorer with 2,003 points (passing Jeff Sheppard who was the 1998 NCAA tournament MVP while at Kentucky.)

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

FAYETTE Game Day

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YOUTH SPORTS MAGAZINE

McINTOSH'S BRAD HORT AND GABBY SEILER ARE THE FIRST ANNUAL FAYETTE GAME DAY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

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Best of the Best

Introducing the first ever Fayette Game Day Athletes of the Year

It was time to make a tough decision. There are a lot of tremendously talented athletes playing around Fayette County each year. It was time to pick the best.

A county that plays at a top level deserves a top award. For the first time ever we are naming the top male and female athletes for the just-completed school year. These are the best of the best.

Each school nominated a male and female athlete (except Landmark Christian who did not have any female nominees in county) for top honors. You'll get to meet each of the nominees. From there it was an excruciating decision to pick the top winners. There were plenty of good boys' nominations, but it was the girls' that was especially difficult. There were a few that would be more than deserving of the big award in a normal year, but the competition was too good this time. There were two in particular that starred in two sports and even shared county player of the year honors in one of them. It was a tough call, but it's hard to argue with the winners.

In the first year of the Fayette Game Day Athlete of the Year award, McIntosh High School takes home both the male and female honors. It's a fitting end to a fun season for the Chiefs that saw them win the first Director's Cup in the county, an award given to the top team that year in high school sports.

Distance runner Brad Hort was part of two state championships this season (and added an individual crown). Two-sport star Gabby Seiler capped off her time as a Chief breaking a record many thought was untouchable at McIntosh.

There are a lot of great athletes in Fayette County, but for this year Brad Hort and Gabby Seiler are the best of the best.

Starr's Mill, Our Lady of Mercy by John Keuler
Fayette County by Jimmie Haywood
Sandy Creek by Jacob Renie
McIntosh, Whitewater by Christopher Dunn

FAYETTE GAME DAY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR 2013

Brad Hort & Gabby Seiler McIntosh High School

There are awesome years, and then there are the kind of years that Brad Hort put together. Hort is a top distance runner and a key member of two state championship teams this school year. He didn't just dominate in state, though. He earned a shot to compete at the national level along the way.

Back in the fall, Hort got rolling on a successful year with some cross country dominance. After a win at regions, Hort claimed the individual state championship in boys' cross country with a time of 16:22.64. With the help of a second place finish from teammate Sidney Speir and two more top twenty finishes, the Chiefs claimed the boys' team cross country championship.

Come spring time, Hort was ready to dominate again as a distance runner on the Chiefs' track and field team. The Georgia Olympics, the state championship for high school track and field, saw Hort put forth another awesome effort to help his team to victory. Hort came up just short of another individual crown, finishing second, but the Chiefs' boys cruised to another team state championship.

Along the way Hort was also invited to run in other prestigious events like the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships at the national level. In a season of highs, Hort picked his 14:59 run in the 5000 meters at the Foot Locker South Regional, the run that qualified him for nationals, as his personal highlight of the year.

He will continue to hit the ground running next year as a Bulldog after signing with the University of Georgia in both cross country and track.

There have been many special athletes to walk the halls at McIntosh High School. There's little doubt that Gabby Seiler will long be remembered as one of the best.

Seiler didn't just shine in one season. She was a two-sport star for four years for the Chiefs, racking up accolades on both the basketball court and the soccer pitch.

Seiler will go down in history as one of the finest hoops stars Fayette County has seen, boys or girls. This season, she averaged 21.4 points, 5.6 assists, 5.7 rebounds, and 3.9 steals per game. She won her second straight All-County Player of the Year award.

Seiler also passed Jeff Sheppard, a former Georgia Mr. Basketball and the 1998 NCAA tournament MVP at the University of Kentucky, as McIntosh's all-time leading scorer. Seiler finished her hoops career with 2,003 points, 539 assists, 376 steals, 365 rebounds, and 285 three-pointers.

When it came to soccer, Seiler was equally impressive. During her four-year career, she was part of two thrilling state championship victories over Whitewater in shootouts. She earned Co-Player of the Year honors with Whitewater's Teegan VanGunst.

Excelling at two sports provided Seiler with an exciting and stressful decision to make. In the end Seiler chose to sign with the University of Georgia to play soccer. She'll still be remembered as one of basketball's best.