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Boo Singleton: Life and legacy celebrated

By Nila Harris

BUTLER — “As much as he did for the community, he did twice as much for us,” said Stephanie Singleton Prince said when talking about her beloved father, Robert “Boo” Singleton. Singleton, who passed away April 7 while doing one of the things he loved best — cleaning up the river.

In fact, Boo once told his good friend Barth Johnson when talking about death, “I hope when I die, I have my boots on and I’m in my canoe on the water.”

In true Boo Singleton fashion, that’s exactly the way he left this earth.

When his body was found, with life jacket on and near his truck and boat, state police at first thought he may have been a victim of the weekend flooding. A coroner’s examination proved it was a medical condition, not drowning, that kept Boo



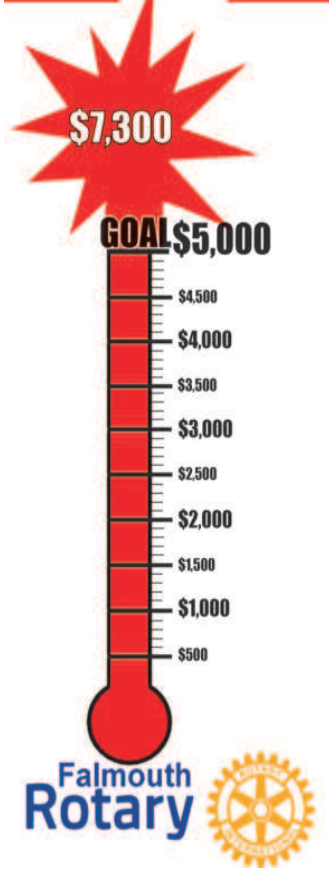
Robert “Boo” Singleton

from his mission that afternoon.

Boo was known in the community for his environmental missions — river clean-ups, cemetery bushhogging and mowing, work with the Butler Lion’s and Sportsman clubs, and road and nature trail clean-up.

Before developing a passion for cleaning up the environment, Boo worked for CSX railroad. Johnson explained that he was a

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Heart ReStart fundraiser beats its goal

Falmouth Rotary far exceeded its goal of \$5,000 to buy three portable automated external defibrillator units, raising \$7,300.

“We’re thrilled to report that not only will we be able to purchase all three units, but also provide the receiving parties with funds to cover the training sessions necessary, as well as any installation and maintenance costs on the units,” Rotary President Duke Hamilton said.

One unit is for the Kincaid Lake State Park ranger’s car; a second at American Legion Post 109; and the third for the park swimming pool area.

Other first responder vehicles already were equipped with AEDs to restart stopped hearts. Rotary members want to fill in the gaps.

New strength



Brothers Matthew, left, Jason and Bryan Muehlenkamp, owners of Paragon Metal Fabricators in Erlanger, meet Friday morning with employees of the closed Hammer Strength factory in Falmouth to discuss expanding Paragon into the Hammer Strength building and the job opportunities the move will create. Photo by Tami Vater.

Paragon brings industry to Falmouth

By Burton Cole
and Team Kentucky

FALMOUTH — Paragon Metal Fabricators is moving into the closed Hammer Strength building and plans to retain many of the employees.

The deal has been in the works for months.

Bryan Muehlenkamp, president of Paragon and owner with his brothers Jason and Matthew, said he saw a news story in October about Hammer Strength closing and the Pendleton County was looking for an industry to take over the building.

“We’d been looking for probably three years for a manufacturing (site),” Muehlenkamp said. He said that he called Pendleton County Economic and Tourism Development Director Tami Vater to get the ball rolling.

Things should be up and running between mid-May and mid-June, Muehlenkamp said. While the heavier metal fabrication jobs will remain in the Erlanger plant with the high roofs and cranes, “anything 1,000 pounds or lighter



Jason Muehlenkamp, right, and his brothers greet workers who lost their jobs when Hammer Strength shut down its Falmouth operations. Photo by Tami Vater.

will move to Falmouth.”

The three brothers met with 30 to 40 former Hammer Strength employees Friday morning to introduce themselves and to express how happy they are to be in Falmouth.

“My brothers and I are just super excited,” Bryan Muehlenkamp told the Outlook Friday afternoon. “To have a workforce that seems so excited to join our team is exciting.”

Established in 1989 by brothers Joe, Stan and

Mark Muehlenkamp, Paragon Metal Fabricators makes products for to multiple markets, including oil and gas, filtration, enclosures, heavy equipment and refrigeration industries, among others. It has become a premier go-to supplier in the tri-state area for custom flat and tube laser cutting, water jet and metal fabrication services, according to the company website.

Brothers Bryan, Matthew and Jason Mue-

hlenkamp are the second generation of ownership brothers.

Bryan Muehlenkamp said they are in the process of figuring out how many employees they need and which Hammer Strength employees will be available to stay. The company expects to have at least 40 employees.

Paragon’s move to Falmouth officially was announced last Thursday but Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear during his weekly Team Kentucky update. Muehlenkamp Properties Inc., doing business as Paragon Metal Fabricators, made an investment of more than \$6 million to move into Pendleton County.

“Kentucky’s strength comes from our ability to persevere through challenges and continue to move forward,” Beshear said.

“Paragon Metal Fabricators will be a tremendous addition to the Falmouth community, bringing with them quality job opportunities and a boost to the local economy. I am glad to

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Resignation of mayor, fire chief stirs controversy

EDITOR'S NOTE: On April 7, Luke Price announced his resignation as mayor of Falmouth. A change in his career, which doesn't allow open political affiliation, forced him to step down. The next day, fire Chief John Lucas also resigned, citing family reasons.

City Council met in special session Monday night, after the Outlook's press time, to take the first steps in appointing a new mayor until the next election.

This news analysis by political writer Jim Thaxton delves into the rumors and circumstances surrounding the resignations.

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — While the City of Falmouth was preparing for the potential of a repeat of the 1997 flood, the news of the mayor's and fire chief's resignations resulted in many taking to social media with conspiracy theories and speculations.

The personal attacks and accusations directed at both men on Facebook were slanderous and speculative at best.

Due to a 20.5-hour power outage on April 3, the regular scheduled meet-

ing of the Falmouth City Council that day had to be cancelled. Mayor Luke Price had intended to announce his resignation then.

This was followed by all hands-on deck response to the rising waters.

In a news release on April 8, Price shared: "I have accepted a position in my personal career that will impact my time as mayor. So, at this time, it is with a very heavy heart that I have to make a decision for the betterment of my family. Therefore, effective immediately, I resign from my position as mayor of Falmouth, KY."

The news release also stated that the executive authority was transferred to Falmouth police Chief Marty Hart until a new mayor is chosen.

Hart attended a special council meeting on April 8, but did not take the mayor's seat during the meeting. Council selected Sabrina Hazen to conduct the meeting in what attorney Brandon Voelker explained was the appropriate procedure.

Later, when I met with Chief Hart, I asked him to give me an example of his executive authority. He shared something he had



Mayor Luke Price

to do earlier in the day: "A pump went down as the river receded and I had to order a new pump. My executive authority gave me permission to replace that pump immediately."

Without his capacity to act, raw sewage would have been entering the river. There's no conspiracy here and no misuse of power. Hart is not acting as mayor. Executive authority simply helps keep the city's infrastructure operational.

As I interviewed a council member, city employees and volunteers, it became obvious that both mayor and fire Chief John Lucas were placing their families first.

Both acted in a responsible way ensuring that there were safeguards set up



Fire Chief John Lucas

so others could take their place.

During the Pendleton County Fiscal Court meeting on April 8, every magistrate stated that from what they heard from their constituents, especially those who went through the '97 flood, were nothing but praises for the response of EMS throughout the county and the cities of Butler and Falmouth. The coordination between the road department, the city utilities, the fire departments, and volunteers was described as "clockwork". A video of the Pendleton Fiscal Court meetings is posted on the Falmouth Outlook Facebook page.

The Falmouth City Council hand delivered the following message to the Falmouth Outlook on April 10:

"To the Citizens of Falmouth,

"We hope this message finds you safe and well. In light of recent developments, we would like to take a moment to address the resignation of our mayor

and offer reassurance regarding the continuity of city leadership and services.

"While change in leadership can naturally lead to questions and concerns, we want to emphasize that the business of city government will continue without interruption. The Family City Council remains united and is working closely with all city departments to maintain steady operations and ensure your needs are met — particularly as our community continues to recover from the devastating flood of last weekend.

"In accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 83A.130 (7) and (8), the mayor has the authority to delegate his executive responsibilities and duties to a subordinate officer. This statute also provides that all official documents — such as bonds, notes, contracts and other written obligations — may be executed by the mayor or by an agent he designates through executive order.

"By executive order, the mayor has transferred his executive authority to Chief of Police Marty Hart. It is important to clarify that Chief Hart is not serving as acting mayor; instead, he will function in a role similar to that of a city manager or city administrator.

"This temporary arrangement ensures that the daily operations of the city will continue smoothly and efficiently while the City Council prepares to appoint a new mayor.

"We understand this is

a time of uncertainty for many and we want to reassure all residents that your city government is strong, capable and committed to serving Falmouth with dedication and transparency. As always, we are here to listen and to lead.

"Thank you for your continued trust and support.

"With respect and determination,

"Falmouth City Council"

As I write this, I can hear the city of Falmouth's fire department in route to an emergency. Thanks to John Lucas' emphasis on training and preparedness of the volunteers, they can respond to emergencies without his presence.

Though I personally rely on a recently repaired septic system here at my home, I am relieved that someone was available to order and replace a critical pump to keep the city's sewage treatment operational.

As I write this, I am also aware that regardless of what I write, regardless of the facts, despite the truth, others will turn to social media with comments that contradict what I have written here.

Perhaps it is just human nature. I only wish that the citizens of the county would attend city council and Fiscal Court meetings, or at least communicate with council members, the mayors, the police and their magistrates before sharing misinformation on social media.

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see this business grow here in the commonwealth and look forward to its continued success.”

The project will see the company locate in a facility previously owned by Hammer Strength, which, after a companywide consolidation of various locations, closed operations last month after 35 years of business in the community, he said.

The new space will create 40 new jobs and allow for increased production times as well as new machinery and operating capabilities, which will include sheet lasers, tube lasers and forming improvements. The more efficient operation will help the company stay competitive within the metal fabrication industry and attract new business.

“Our family is from Northern Kentucky, and we are proud Kentuckians,” Muehlenkamp said.

“We are grateful and excited about our continued growth in the commonwealth and expansion into the Pendleton County and Falmouth location. We will be able to utilize some of the talented and experienced workforce from Hammer Strength to immediately and seamlessly start manufacturing products.

“We are thankful for the state, Pendleton County and Life Fitness’ guidance, support and direction during this process. Pendleton County and Life Fitness worked together to keep manufacturing jobs in Falmouth.

“Paragon hopes to follow in Hammer Strength’s footsteps and be a valuable partner to the community and Falmouth continuing forward,” he said.

Pendleton County Judge Executive David Fields said, “The closure

of Hammer Strength was a tough loss for our community, affecting nearly 100 hardworking individuals and their families.

“However, the addition of Paragon Metal Fabricators to this facility is a testament to the resilience of Pendleton County and the hard work of our economic development program. We are excited to welcome a company that not only brings back jobs but also creates new opportunities for growth and stability.

“This investment strengthens our local economy and enhances the quality of life for our residents,” Fields said.

County Fiscal Court Magistrate Rick Mineer, said, “Seeing businesses come and go is always a challenge, but Pendleton County remains committed to supporting economic development and workforce opportunities.

“The arrival of Paragon Metal Fabricators is a great win for our county, bringing back jobs and opening doors for even more employment. We look forward to the positive impact that this will have on our community, from job creation to increased economic activity.”

Vater noted the positive momentum this investment will bring: “The transition from Hammer Strength to Paragon Metal Fabricators is a significant step forward for Pendleton County.

“This investment not only restores jobs but introduces new positions, reinforcing our county as a great place for business and industry. We are thrilled to see this facility continue to serve as an economic driver and provide meaningful jobs for our community.”

To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) last month prelimi-

narily approved a 15-year incentive agreement with the company under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to \$1 million in tax incentives based on the company’s investment of \$6.175 million and annual targets of:

- Creation and maintenance of 40 Ken-

tucky-resident, full-time jobs across 15 years; and

- Paying an average hourly wage of \$28, including benefits, across those jobs.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incen-

tives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments.

In addition, Paragon can receive resources from Kentucky’s workforce service providers. Those include no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job-training incentives.

Paragon Metal Fabri-

cators’ investment and job creation build on the best five-year period for economic growth in state history, according to Beshear’s office.

The governor has announced more than 1,100 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling more than \$35 billion in investments, creating more than 60,500 jobs.

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KENNETH W. TACKETT SR., 71

 BUTLER — Kenneth W. Tackett Sr., 71, of Butler, passed away Friday, April 11, 2025, at his home.

He was born in Cincinnati on May 18, 1953, son of the late Larue and Elizabeth Thompson Tackett. Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Army, a member of the Fairlane Baptist Church, and an avid fisherman who loved to watch horse racing.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, was his son, Josh Tackett.

Surviving him are his mate, Rosanna Dwyer; daughter, Kariann Tackett; sons, Kenneth Tackett Jr., Karl Tackett, Koty Tackett; grandchildren, Hannah, Elijah, Rebekah, Eveah, Sarah, Allison, Kaylyn Tackett; great-grandchildren, Daisy and Lola Beckett.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 pm, Wednesday, April 16, 2025, with funeral to immediately follow, at Fairlane Baptist Church, in Alexandria.

Burial will take place at Butler Cemetery. Memorials, if desired, are suggested to the Fairlane Baptist Church, 12898 Herringer Road, Alexandria, KY 41001.



KENNETH TACKETT SR.

PETER YEAMANS, 81

FALMOUTH — Peter Yeamans, 81, of Falmouth, formerly of Vermont, passed away Tuesday, April 8, at the University Hospital, in Cincinnati.

Born in New Britain, CT, he was a son of the late John and Josephine Yeamans. In 1976 he married Monica Yeamans and she survives his passing. Pete was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Falmouth, a 3rd degree knight with the Knights of Columbus, and his hobbies included shooting firearms, fishing, and reading.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Marissa Valentine.

In addition to his wife Monica, he is survived by daughters, Jessica (Andrew) Gagnon, of Colorado, Rebecca Yeamans, of North Carolina, Amanda Yeamans, of Falmouth, Sarah West (Peter) Schomburg, of Ohio, Kimberly (Jason) Labbe, of Connecticut; sisters, Denise (Alan) Preston, of Maine, Jacqueline Ingalls, of New York; grandchildren, Liz, Alex, Thomas, Rose; a cousin, Phyllis Bailey, of Alabama; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 11 a.m., at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, in Falmouth, with Father Britton Hennessey officiating.

Burial in Vermont will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church: Roof Replacement Fund: 202 W. 2nd Street, Falmouth, KY 41040; St. Vincent DePaul: 518 Barkley Street, Falmouth, KY 41040; or Humane Society of Northern KY: PO Box 166, Falmouth, KY 41040.



PETER YEAMANS

MARLENE W. YOCUM, 59

DEMOSVILLE — Marlene W. Yocum, 59, of Demosville passed away Friday, April 11, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, in Edgewood.

Surviving her are mate, J.C. Hutchinson; sons, David Yocum and Dalton Yocum.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 12- 3 p.m., with funeral to immediately follow, at Peoples Funeral Home, Butler.

Burial will take place at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, in Demosville.

Online condolences can be made at peoplesfuneral-homes.com

BETTY JEAN SMITH ANDERSON, 79

FALMOUTH — Betty Jean Smith Anderson, 79, of Falmouth, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Hospice in Edgewood.

Surviving her are husband of 55 years, Roger Anderson; sons, James (Brooklyn) Anderson and Jason (Maria) Anderson.

Services took place on April 13, 2025, at the Southern Hope Church of Christ, in Falmouth, with minister and family friend Steve Gifford officiating.

Burial took place at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, in Pendleton County.

CHRISTOPHER BRYANT, 49

COVINGTON — Christopher Michael Enoch Bryant, 49, passed away April 12, 2025.

He was born on July 22, 1975, in Covington, and lived a life rooted in Falmouth, (formerly of Grants Lick) overflowing with faith, laughter, generosity, and unwavering devotion to those he loved. He was the cherished son of Jim and Connie Bryant and is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, James and Carrie Bryant; his aunts and uncles, Reeda and Cliff Hart, and Jim and Kay Fry; his cousins, Josh Fry and Jamie Fry; his second cousin, Austin Smith; and his grandfather, Enoch Stamper.

Preceding him in death were his brothers, Duane Bryant, Kenneth Allen Bryant; grandparents, Ernest and Elsie Bryant; and grandmother, Roxie “Nanny” Stamper.

On July 21, 2016, he married the love of his life, Jessica Harvey-Bryant, whom he shared his life, heart and soul with. Together, they built a beautiful, blended family grounded in love, humor, and unwavering support. Chris was a devoted and loving father to Rebecca and Zachary Beach, Samuel Bryant, Leroy Bryant, and Josiah Hurdle. His love for his children was evident in every aspect of his life—his encouragement, his legendary sense of humor, his storytelling, and unwavering support will never be forgotten.

Chris was raised with a servant’s heart with a strong foundation of faith, compassion, and service. He was always the first to lend a helping hand, his friends and family knew that they could count on him in times of need. At family gatherings, he was the life of the party-bringing laughter, energy, and a warmth that filled the room.

Chris had a lifelong passion for trains and found purpose in his work with the Cincinnati Eastern Railroad. What began as a fascination became a career he took great pride in—preserving railway history and connecting communities through his efforts.

His faith was central to his life. Chris was a member of Trinity Southern Baptist Church and also served as a children’s youth pastor at Alexandria Church of God, Tabernacle of God and Short Creek Baptist. He had a heart for ministry and a special gift for connecting with young people, helping them grow in their faith with kindness and joy.

Known for his love of all things Christmas, lighting up every season with his warmth and festive spirit. Chris delighted in the lights, music, family traditions, and the magic of the season. Chris could smoke a butt like no other, and his ribs were the definition of finger licking good. He became the king of the smoker. His dad jokes were legendary, his devotion to family unmatched, and his constant feline companion, Smokey the cat, never far from his side. Chris’s life was a beautiful reflection of his faith in Jesus Christ, the joy he found in everyday moments, and the love he so freely gave. His warmth, laughter, and steady presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away.”

A celebration of Chris’s life will be held with a visitation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday April 18, 2025, with funeral to immediately follow, at Peoples Funeral Home, in Butler.


Burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, in Southgate.

The family is asking that you wear your favorite Christmas attire to celebrate the life of such a wonderful person, Chis Bryant. There will be a dinner following at Trinity Baptist Church.



CHRISTOPHER BRYANT

MIKEL ‘MIKE’ PARSON SEBASTIAN, 73

 VANCEBURG — Mikel “Mike” Parson Sebastian, 73, of Vanceburg, departed this life April 5, 2025 at SOMC Hospice in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mike was born in Columbus, Indiana on February 11, 1952, to James and Georgia Sebastian. Mike was a veteran of the Vietnam war, proudly serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was an avid gardener and loved action movies. Mike embarked on a long career in manufacturing, starting as a fabricator which led to ownership of Fuller corporation, in Falmouth. Later on, he became plant management for the Stolle corporation.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his parents, were his sister, Jean Rheinheimer; and brother James Sebastian.

Surviving him are Richard Sebastian, of Bloomington, Indiana; also left to cherish fond memories include his sons, Mike Sebastian (Brittney), of Indianapolis, “Doc” Sebastian, of Indiana; grandchildren, Gavin, Jensen, and Remington Sebastian, all of Indianapolis.

Graveside memorial to be held at a date to be determined later.



MIKE SEBASTIAN

ROBERT ‘BOO’ SINGLETON, 66

BUTLER — Robert “Boo” Singleton, 66, passed away Monday, April 8, 2025.

He was born September 23, 1958, and resided in Butler. He took pride in raising his children, loving and pestering his grandchildren, his long, successful career with CSX Railroad, and keeping his community clean of litter and debris.

Upon retirement, Boo found a friend in Barth Johnson and developed a passion for serving his community.

The following passage was contributed by his friend Barth Johnson: *“Pendleton County took a hit when Boo passed away doing what he invested his later life doing—that is keeping the land and water clear of trash and debris. As an active member of the Butler Lions and Pendleton County Historical Society, Boo spent most days trying to keep the county roads and waterways free of unwanted trash and the old cemeteries and walking trails in mint condition. Pendleton County will greatly miss his contributions to society. RIP “Boo” Singleton.”*

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bob and Jane Singleton; and sister, Tera Singleton.

Surviving him are his daughter, Stephanie (Tanner) Prince, of Falmouth; son, Rob (Adella) Singleton, of Cynthia; grandchildren, Remmi & Cord Prince; sister, Vicki (Jim) Courtney, of Hillsboro, Texas; and brother Bill and (Michelle) Singleton, of Foster.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Peoples Funeral Home, in Butler.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Butler Lions Club, 102 Clearmeadow Drive, Alexandria, Ky 41001.



BOO SINGLETON

CALVIN LESTER ‘DOC’ CRAWFORD, 100

BROOKSVILLE — Calvin Lester “Doc” Crawford, 100, passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

He was born January 20, 1925 to the late Herman and Della Crawford. Doc was a Kentucky Colonel and worked 53 years for the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Mildred Jean Crawford, whom he married May 7, 1949; son, David Lynn Crawford; and sisters, Lawanna Crawford and Alois Lewis.

Surviving him are his daughter-in-law, Cheryl Courts Crawford; grandsons, Travis (Emily) Crawford, of Wilmington, DE, Ross (Susan Oakley) Crawford, of Villa Hills, Evan (Amanda) Crawford, of St. Leon, IN; great-grandchildren, Eloise, Julia, Cornelia, Wilma, Knox, Axel, Case, Evelyn Crawford; niece, Debby Cooper; nephews, Ricky Lewis, Norbert Otten; and a host of loved relatives by marriage.

Services were held Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Moore & Parker Funeral Home, in Brooksville.

Burial took place at Brooksville Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Brooksville Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to MooreAndParkerFh.com



CALVIN “DOC” CRAWFORD

SHIRLEY ANN MARKSBERRY HARP, 87

PENDLETON CO. — Shirley Ann Marksberry Harp, daughter of the late Bessie (Sorrell) and Buena Marksberry, born January 6, 1938, passed away on April 8, 2025, at the home of her daughter, Terri (Bill) Flaughter, surrounded by her family.

Shirley was one of 11 children and grew up in Dry Ridge. She was a 1957 graduate of Grant County High School.

On December 31, 1958, she and Randall B. Harp were married. They would settle in Pendleton County and go on to have three children, who then blessed them with seven grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren.

The mourning dove, a symbol of hope, peace, love, faith, and a message from loved ones or a higher power during times of grief, appeared the night of Shirley’s passing. Having never been seen on the property, they appeared to keep watch outside the window where Shirley laid. Soon after their departure, Shirley too left our presence and returned home.

Shirley was known to have a strong work ethic and one of the cleanest homes you would ever enter. She didn’t like lazy and definitely didn’t like dirty! She was also an avid scary movie fan and could be enticed to go to the theatre in a moment’s notice.

When someone came to help her, whether it be to clean, do yard-work, or run errands, she would often say, “You need to go home and rest.” “Mom...it is now your turn, go home and rest.”

Preceding her in death were her husband, Randall; her brothers, Harold, Ray, Billy, Jimmy, Marvin; and a sister, Vivian.

Surviving her are children, Terri (Bill) Flaughter, Jeanna (Tim) Kinman, Randy (Linda) Harp; grandchildren, Ashley, Allison, Austin, Taylor, Mackenzie, Ryan, Mason; and thirteen- great-grandchildren, with a fourteenth due in July; siblings, Dotty Faulkner, Vicky King, Donald (Toad) Marksberry and Pete Marksberry.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Mt. Auburn Cemetery: c/o Bill and Terri Flaughter, 9810 Highway 159 N, Butler, KY 41006.

Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth, is caring for the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodheadfuneralhome.com



SHIRLEY HARP

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Legislative update: Lawmakers override governor’s vetoes

Senate update

By Sen. Shelley Funke Frommeyer

The Senate closed out the 2025 Regular Session with a familiar refrain: overriding Gov. Andy Beshear's vetoes to uphold the people's will and preserve the legislature's constitutional role.

On March 27 and 28, Republican supermajorities in both chambers took decisive action to override nearly every veto the governor issued.

From strengthening oversight and transparency to affirming Kentucky's values in education, health care and economic development, our caucus remained focused on responsible governance and protecting Kentuckians' liberties.

Time and again, this governor has used his veto pen to chip away at legislative authority. In contrast, the Senate has answered with thoughtful, balanced legislation and the resolve to override vetoes when necessary.

Senate Bill (SB) 25, for example, creates a new Medicaid Oversight Board, enhances the authority of the state auditor and ombudsman, and supports greater transparency in broadband infrastructure.

These reforms are essential for efficient and accountable government, yet were met with line-item vetoes attempting to limit independent oversight.

Similarly, SB 84, which rejects the doctrine of "Chevron deference," empowers Kentucky courts to interpret laws independently, rather than defaulting to agency interpretations. We believe in restoring constitutional separation of powers — and overriding this sent a strong message.

Through SB 207, we've opened the door for struggling school districts to pursue innovation, with proper oversight by the Kentucky Board of Education.

Senate Republicans also stood firm in defending values that matter to Kentucky families. SB 19 ensures students have the opportunity for a quiet moment of reflection, prayer, or meditation at the start of each school day, which is an idea rooted in respect for individual rights and religious freedom.

We also took action to reinforce our commitment to Kentucky's energy and agriculture sectors with legislation like SB 89 to update our waterway definitions to align with federal standards without compromising environmental protections.

From safeguarding public pensions (SB 183) to ensuring Senate confirmation of executive appointments (SB 245), we moved to protect the integrity of our institutions and the rights of everyday Kentuckians.

The following are additional bills having received a veto override or final passage in the last week of the 2025 legislative session.

- SB 2 prohibits the use of public funds for gender transition surgeries and hormone treatments in Kentucky's correctional institutions.

- SB 9 strengthens financial stability in the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) by standardizing leave policies, addressing pension disparities, and enhancing transparency. The bill mandates at least 30 days of paid maternity leave by 2030, caps pensionable leave at 13 days per year, and corrects inequities between teachers and administrators.

- SB 28 creates a new fund and board to support rural innovation and reorganizes the Department of Agriculture to enhance health and job growth.

- SB 65 nullifies administrative regulations deemed deficient by legislative review, especially those related to Medicaid.

- SB 76 modernizes escrow retainage rules in construction contracts by raising the threshold from \$500,000 to \$2 million, aligning with current project costs. It ensures timely payments by requiring retained funds in qualifying contracts to be held in escrow and prohibits waivers of escrow provisions, closing loopholes.

- SB 104 enhances Kentucky's Deferred Compensation program by authorizing self-directed brokerage accounts, offering participants more investment options in SEC-registered securities. It strengthens fiduciary protections, allows the board to obtain liability insurance, and establishes a high legal threshold for claims against trustees.

- SB 181 establishes traceable communication systems for school employees and volunteers to use when communicating electronically with students. It requires schools to designate approved programs for such communication, with parents able to consent to alternatives..

- Senate Joint Resolution 55 directs Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to take action against rising antisemitism on campuses.

By January 1, 2026, institutions must adopt policies to combat antisemitism, using the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition as guidance. Policies must include student notifications about civil rights, recognition of Jewish student organizations, and defunding of groups supporting terrorist organizations.

While this session is in our rearview mirror, I want to offer a glimpse at some of the bills that have taken effect or will do so in the next 90 days.

- House Concurrent Resolution 22, which I carried for the Senate, declares nuclear power is a clean and dispatchable source of baseload electricity and reaffirms its role in Kentucky's long-term energy strategy.

The resolution marks another step in Kentucky's commitment to an all-of-the-above energy approach that protects reliability, encourages innovation, and prepares for the future. I was proud to carry this legislation to final passage as it directly aligns with my focus on providing ample energy sources for Kentucky's needs.

- HB 90 provides much-needed clarifying language and definitions to ensure Kentucky law is

clear on what constitutes appropriate medical care when separating a pregnant woman from her unborn child.

The measure ensures that medical professionals have clear, legally supported guidance in situations requiring immediate and lifesaving medical intervention.

This legislation, now law after a veto override, reflects the collaboration of legislators, health care experts, and advocates who came together to ensure women facing life-threatening situations receive timely, appropriate medical care, and gives providers the legal certainty they need to act decisively and compassionately.

HB 90 also includes what Senate Bill 17 did, and I am elated that free-standing birthing centers are now available in the Commonwealth.

- HB 2 allows Kentucky taxpayers to sue the Department of Revenue and the Finance Cabinet heads over the illegal collection of taxes on gold and silver, following the removal of such taxes in the previous legislative session. Despite verification from Attorney General Russell Coleman that Governor Beshear's veto was unconstitutional, DOR has continued collecting these taxes.

- HB 4 eliminates funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices and mandates at public universities. It protects support services for veterans, Pell Grant recipients, first-generation students, and those with disabilities.

- HB 6 requires legislative approval for administrative regulations with a projected economic cost of over \$500,000. It is designed to limit regulatory overreach.

- HB 24 exempts soil and water conservation districts from certain audit requirements, raising the threshold for annual audits from \$750,000 to \$1 million.

The bill also applies the same changes to watershed conservancy districts and allows the PACE board to approve temporary roads or structures on conservation easements, provided they are removed after work is completed, supporting infrastructure needs without permanently disrupting conservation areas.

- HB 48 streamlines regulations in public schools by extending summative evaluations for tenured teachers to every five years, ensuring teacher contracts are provided upon request, and establishing a four-year professional development schedule.

- HB 72 clarifies definitions for "limited X-ray machine operator" (LXMO) and "medical imaging technologist" to better reflect scope of practice. The bill allows LXMOs to work in advanced imaging facilities but limits their scope to basic diagnostic radiography, prohibiting them from performing advanced procedures.

- HB 114 expands Kentucky's landowner liability protections to include climbing activities like rock climbing, bouldering, and rappelling. The bill clarifies that landowners, lessees, or occupants who allow these activities are not liable for injuries, except in cases of willful or malicious conduct.

- HB 136 requires the Department of Corrections to provide detailed reports on individuals released from correctional institutions, including first-time offenders and

parolees. The report includes sentencing data, parole rates, and recidivism statistics.

- HB 160 ensures fair zoning treatment for qualified manufactured homes by preventing local governments from excluding them or imposing stricter requirements than those for site-built homes in residential zones.

- HB 188 establishes a new driveway license plate for businesses that transport vehicles on behalf of others before ownership transfer. It sets rules for plate issuance, fees, use restrictions, and record-keeping requirements.

- HB 190 requires local school boards to create accelerated learning plans with advanced coursework options for academically exceptional high school students.

- HB 210 requires dental insurers to honor written assignments of benefits signed by both the patient and provider. It ensures patients are informed when providers are out of network and may charge for non-covered services.

- HB 216 allows Kentucky Department of Agriculture employees to apply for certain state programs, with safeguards against conflicts of interest.

- HB 240 requires reading assessments in kindergarten and first grade, and mandates retention for first-graders who don't meet benchmarks.

- HB 305 expands the health-care training scholarship program to include licensed physician assistants, dietitians, and nutritionists.

- HB 346 exempts emergency generators from emissions fees and ensures refunds for any incorrectly charged fees.

- HB 369 allows police officers to accrue their designated annual leave over a year, as established by the department's personnel policy.

- HB 398 streamlines workplace safety laws, ensuring they align with federal regulations and providing clear guidelines for filing complaints and issuing citations.

- HB 399 creates two levels of interference offenses to maintain order during legislative proceedings. First-degree interference applies to disorderly conduct disrupting legislative business and is a Class A misdemeanor for a first offense, escalating to a Class D felony for subsequent offenses.

- HB 421 expands insurance coverage requirements for colorectal cancer screening by aligning state law with the latest national clinical guidelines and removing access barriers for patients.

- HB 424 requires state universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System boards to approve a performance and productivity evaluation process for presidents and faculty by Jan. 1, 2026. Faculty must be evaluated at least every four years, with removal for failure to meet performance standards.

- HB 430 allows smaller school districts (transporting 48 or fewer students per day) to be exempt from the Kentucky Department of Education's school bus safety instruction requirement, provided they develop and submit their own safety policy to the KDE.

- HB 493 establishes a statewide certification system for towing and storage facilities, standardizes rate disclosures, and introduces consumer protections for vehicles held during investigations, limiting storage fees, ensuring timely notification to owners, and prohibits excessive charges.

- HB 495 overturned an executive order that banned state

funding for conversion therapy. It also blocks Medicaid funding for transgender treatments.

- HB 544 significantly expands and consolidates disaster relief funding mechanisms by creating the State Aid Funding for Emergencies (SAFE 4860) fund, named after the federal disaster declaration code for recent flooding in Kentucky. The bill doubles the overall funding cap from \$50 million annually to \$100 million over two years, giving the Governor immediate access to \$100 million to deploy emergency relief.

- HB 546 updates and streamlines Kentucky's TIF laws to support economic development projects.

- HB 552 provides tax exemptions for specific renewable and energy-efficient projects.

- HB 555 modernizes audit rules for small cities, raises audit exception thresholds, and gives the Department for Local Government more flexibility in granting extensions.

- HB 684 creates grant opportunities to expand EMS services, particularly in rural areas.

- HB 694 This bill directs employer contributions for retiree health in the Teachers' Retirement System to be used to reduce the pension fund's unfunded liability once the retiree health fund is fully funded.

- HB 695 initiates Medicaid reforms by incorporating mandatory community engagement requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents, tightening pharmaceutical rebate tracking, and boosting oversight of behavioral health.

- House Joint Resolution (HJR) 5 is the 2025 Annual Road Naming Resolution. Forty total designations were made across the commonwealth to honor individuals and groups who have made a lasting impact on Kentucky.

- HJR 15 returns the granite Ten Commandments monument to the Capitol grounds for permanent public display.

- HJR 30 authorizes the Office of State Budget Director to release a portion of money appropriated for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund.

- HJR 32 authorizes the Office of the State Budget Director to release specific awards from the School Facility Assistance Fund.

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You can also get legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650 and watch live at KET.org/Legislature, or access archived footage on the LRC YouTube Channel or KET.org/legislature/archives.

You can follow the legislature on social media. For updates, follow me on Facebook, Instagram @shelleyfunkefrommeyer, X @funkefrommeyer, or track the Senate Majority Caucus at @KY-SenateGOP on X and Instagram. Press releases from the Senate Majority Caucus and information on members are also available at our website: kysenategop.com.

I also welcome children from 9 to 19 to join me as a Senate page. Send me an email for information.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the Kentucky Senate. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, I encourage you to reach out by emailing me at Shelley.Funkefrommeyer@kylegislature.gov or by calling me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181.

House update

By Rep. Mark Hart

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." — Matthew 28:6

Easter is a time of joy, reflection, and renewal. It is the foundation of our faith, a reminder of the ultimate sacrifice made for us, and a call to live with purpose and love for one another.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we should also take this opportunity to reflect on how we can better serve our neighbors and our communities.

Service to others is one of the most powerful ways we can live out our faith. Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to care for the sick, to help the poor, and to bring comfort to those in need.

Here in Kentucky, we have a long tradition of stepping up for one another in times of hardship and offering a helping hand to

those who need it most.

Over the past year, we have seen the strength and compassion of our communities on full display.

Whether it was helping those recovering from devastating storms, supporting families facing tough economic times, or simply showing kindness to a neighbor, Kentuckians have continued to embody the spirit of service that makes our Commonwealth strong.

Easter reminds us that hope is never lost, and new beginnings are always possible.

Just as Christ's resurrection brought new life to the world, we too can renew our commitment to making our communities better, stronger, and more united. This means standing up for our values, protecting our families, and ensuring that Kentucky remains a place where faith, hard work, and kindness are at the heart of everything we do.

As your representative, I am committed to serving the people of Kentucky with honesty, integrity, and faith in the future of our

great state.

I believe that by working together, we can uphold the principles that make our communities thrive — faith, family, and freedom.

Whether through strengthening our schools, supporting small businesses, or ensuring the safety of our neighborhoods, we must always strive to build a better Kentucky for future generations.

This Easter, let us take time to thank God for His many blessings and to seek His guidance in all that we do. Let us remember the sacrifice made for us and respond by living lives of service, compassion, and unwavering faith.

May God bless you and your family this Easter season, and may He continue to bless the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Mark.Hart@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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Crossword 4/15/25

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Garden tool
- 5. A way to preserve
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. Domestic sheep
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Cavities containing liquid
- 19. Large fish-eating bird
- 21. Ocular protection index
- 23. Phil __, former CIA
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. Device
- 30. Actor Rudd
- 32. A pituitary hormone
- 33. Focus on an object
- 35. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 36. Young women’s association
- 39. Not shallow
- 41. Doctor
- 42. Furniture
- 44. Hindu male religious teacher
- 46. Highly spiced stew
- 47. A way to communicate
- 49. Almost last
- 52. Astronomer Carl
- 56. Small horses
- 58. A slender tower with balconies
- 60. A disrespectful quality
- 62. Fully shaded inner regions
- 63. Short convulsive intake of breath

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Popular Sunday dinner option
- 2. Oil cartel
- 3. Agile
- 4. Greek goddess of

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- discord
- 5. Genetically distinct variety
- 6. Indicates badly
- 7. Popular Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Within
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. A passport is one
- 25. Two outs in baseball (abbr.)
- 26. Swiss river
- 27. Deferential
- 29. Where a bachelor lives
- 31. Portable computer screen material
- 34. A crying noise of a bird
- 36. Sticky, amorphous substance
- 37. Starchy dish of dried tubers
- 38. Type of acid
- 40. Partner to “Ma”
- 43. 16 ounces
- 45. The Bay State
- 48. A well-defined track or path
- 50. Substitution
- 51. Defined period
- 53. Group of toughs
- 54. Region
- 55. Famed Scottish Loch
- 57. Blood relation
- 58. Not around
- 59. Recipe measurement
- 61. Father to Junior

Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column, and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

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5				1				6
			2		9			
		7		2				
		5				4	9	
			3		6		7	

Level: Intermediate

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the library. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

A. 18 24 18 18 15 22 9
Clue: Protective eyewear

B. 2 24 25 2 4 9 9 3 24 25
Clue: Brain injury

C. 9 13 24 20 14 9
Clue: Athletic endeavors

D. 9 10 17 22 14 19
Clue: Protection

SAFE SPORTS WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ATHLETE
CONCUSSION
COOLDOWN
EXHAUSTION
EYEWEAR
FLEXIBILITY
GUARDS
HELMET
HYDRATION
INJURY
LIGAMENT
MOTION
PADS
PREVENT
PROPER
PROTECTION
REPETITIVE
REST
SEASON
SECURE
SORENESS
STRETCH
TENDON
WARMUP

The Amish Cook

By Gloria Yoder

I looked around the circle of little faces in the living room as we read our evening Bible story. There was nothing in me that wanted to leave them for four days.

But when I thought of my mother-in-law in Mexico undergoing surgery for her cancer and needing someone to be with her, I also wanted to go.

Four-year-old Joshua was impressed with the idea that he was chosen to go along to see Grandpa and Grandma and get an airplane ride. Going up meant being closer to heaven, right?

“Then we could jump out of the airplane door and be in heaven!”

I know he wants to see his daddy, but it might not be that simple!

(Editor’s note: It is not uncommon for the Amish, who usually don’t carry health insurance, to visit Mexico for medical treatment.)

We were on our first flight, relaxing in the semi-darkness. I pushed up my window shade to take another look at the world below.

I looked in wonder at the snow-capped mountains off in the distance. As

they faded, I marveled how I opened the window just in time to get a good look at them.

Then that soft voice spoke to my heart, “Am I not always in time for you?”

I smiled, “Yes, Lord, surely you are. You are always on time, no matter the tumult and the feelings.”

I thought of my children, whom I was already missing, but I knew that the One who was there for me was also there for them.

Two days later: Yesterday was filled with much intensity. It was the day of Mom’s surgery, which was predicted to last four hours.

I was amazed at the tranquil look on Mom’s face as I stepped into her room that morning before surgery.

After her surgery, Dad, Virginia (my sister-in-law who had gone with me), and I relaxed in the waiting room.

The hours stretched endlessly on. Four hours, five hours; why are we not getting any more updates?

Six hours passed, and memories came back anew of Daniel’s surgery and that little waiting room where I cried to God for the love of my life.

As we waited, it felt like

God was using the prayers of others to bring comfort to his weak ones. It was hard, but it was beautiful.

Six and a half hours after she had gone into surgery, we were told that all was well and she was in recovery.

Relief flooded through us.

Day four: We’re heading home!

Meeting new people and making friends has been interesting. Isn’t it amazing how we can glean from others that which we had never known before.

After boarding our layover in Chicago, I watched the westward sky. For years, I’ve wanted to watch a sunrise or sunset from the eagle’s point of view.

As the pilot announced a delayed take-off, I watched the bright colors fade and vanish.

A while later, we taxied out and were off. We were heading down to Indianapolis from Chicago.

From my seat, facing west, I watched in wonder. The sunset I had been eyeing came back in full view, brighter than before.

I was glued to that window for the one-hour flight as I absorbed a sunset that would not go away.

Did God know how little I felt as I thought of the

responsibility of guiding these six young children for his kingdom as a single parent?

Despite the battle of facing life, I couldn’t help but be excited to be with my dear children again.

Oh, the sweet joy of going up the porch steps and into the house and having outstretched little arms greet me and wrap tight around my neck.

My favorite Mexican dish I’ve tried so far was guacamole. If I’m making it for my children, I’ll add a dash of stevia or some sort of sweetener to cut off the tart edge.

HOMEMADE GUACAMOLE

3 avocados
1/8 tsp. seasoned salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 Tbsp. real lemon
1/2 c. chopped tomatoes (optional)
1 Tbsp. chopped purple onions
1 cup of corn (optional)
1 cup of black beans (optional)

1. Mash avocados
2. Mix seasonings and real lemon; sprinkle over avocados and mix well.
3. Fold in tomatoes and onions.
4. Serve with tortilla chips.

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports safety.

D H E A

Solutions from 4/8/25

S A B L E S E M B A N K
R A C I E S T C I R C U I T
O M S Y C O P H A N T N H
R A S E S M A O O I L E R
E R A S A A H E D N A T O
M A M P B S S I B G I N
A L A N S E A N C E
B E R A R A M I S S
A P I C E S P U P A
H I T S A P M A T P A C
A S A P C A J A N A P I A
M O N A S S O U U S E R S
A D C E A S E L E S S I T
S I L E N C E E N D U R E S
C U R S E S D E A R E R

6 8 5 2 7 9 1 3 4
7 1 3 4 8 5 6 2 9
4 2 9 6 3 1 8 7 5
5 4 1 3 9 6 7 8 2
2 6 8 1 5 7 9 4 3
9 3 7 8 4 2 5 6 1
3 9 6 5 2 8 4 1 7
8 5 4 7 1 3 2 9 6
1 7 2 9 6 4 3 5 8

WORD SCRAMBLE

FICTION

CRYPTO FUN

A. quiet B. bookshelves C. lending D. library

Looking Back

25 Years Ago - April 18, 2000

Pendleton County Judge Executive Henry Bertram told fiscal court members that he was tired of dealing with this jail issue and that someone was going to have to stand up and make a decision on what has to be done.

State inspectors visited the jail and have made recommendations to the Department of Corrections that the county jail go to a life safety jail immediately. A life safety jail means the county cannot house state prisoners because the jail does not meet state qualification for a full-service jail.

If the jail is reduced to a life safety jail, the county will lose \$17,000 from the state for state prisoners.

In addition, the county will have to hire additional personnel per shift, and this amounts to approximately \$100,000 out of the \$168,000 additional revenue needed for the jail fund.

State inspectors also are demanding a date for ground-breaking for the new jail that is to be built here.

The Kincaid Bassmasters opened the tournament season with two back-to-back tournaments at Dale Hollow.

The first day brought 96.78 pounds of fish to the scales. First place went to Dick Schweitzer and Richard Young, with 12.22 pounds.

Day two had Glen Bezold and Tony Anderson winning with 12.41 pounds, with Schweitzer and Young second with 7.8 pounds.

The club now has more than 100 members.

50 Years Ago - April 18, 1975

One of the most important and interesting meetings to ever be held in Pendleton County will be held 8 p.m. April 24 in the Pendleton High School gym.

The mass meeting is being held by the Pendleton County Citizens Advocacy Steering Committee, and admission is free.

The purpose of the meeting is to get increased funding from state revenue sources for the county elementary and secondary schools.

Every major political candidate in Kentucky this year has been invited to attend.

Secretary of Transportation John C. Roberts announced that the Bureau of Highways has awarded a joint-venture contract for blacktopping of approaches and construction of two bridges in Pendleton County.

The \$1.033 million contract calls for construction of a bridge and approaches over Grassy Creek on Covington-Falmouth Road (KY 17) and a bridge and approaches over the middle fork of Grassy Creek on the Dry Ridge Road (KY 467).

Mary Losey of Falmouth announced that she is sponsoring a walkathon April 19 for Steward and Meyer Ambulance Service.

The money is for a one-man stretcher and two-way radios, which are badly needed, she said.

The two-way radios have to be in the ambulances by Jan. 1, 1976, to meet state requirements. They will be connected to all hospitals.

75 Years Ago - April 21, 1950

Russell Abraham of the United States State Department, spent Sunday and Monday in Falmouth visiting his brother, Dr. Joseph Abraham.

Abraham has been in foreign service since 1943 and in a personal interview, due to obvious reasons, declined to give any information on the Russian situation.

Abraham was at the American Embassy in Helsinki, Finland, when it was bombed in World War II. He was he last to leave that city in 1944 and was in charge of American affairs there for two weeks.

He since as been assigned to London, Lisbon and Cairo.

The ex-Falmouthite speaks five languages, Portuguese, Italian, Egyptian, Arabic and English. He was in teh clothing business with his brother William in Falmouth for 10 years about 30 years ago.

Schanding's Lake, two miles south of Falmouth, was restocked with fish last Thursday and is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This is one of the finest lakes in Northern Kentucky.

A five-room tenant house on the farm of Mrs. William Campbell at Greenwood burned to the ground about 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Occupying the house were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dunn. Mrs. Dunn was away at the time of the fire, and Mr. Dunn was in a nearby barn milking.

The fire, its origin undetermined, gained much headway and nothing was saved from the home. Loss is placed at about \$4,000.

100 Years Ago - April 17, 1925

J.J. Austin has sold 15 new Studebakers during the past 30 days.

Among them were cars to Albert Johnson, W.M. Sparks, C.L. Tager and A. Goldberg, all of Cynthia; William King of McKinneysburg; Frank Works of Gardenersville; and Jasper Cummins of Falmouth.

John Fields of near Pleasant Hill has purchased a most desirable lot on Beech Street in east Falmouth from E.W. Wyatt.

He has given Will Bell and Alva Rankin the contract to build an up-to-date residence, and the work is now under way.

The residence will be ready for occupancy about July 1, when Mr. and Mrs. Fields and family will move to this city.

Mr. Fields has accepted a position with the Pendleton Flour Mills and is now on the job as assistant manager. Mrs. Fields owns a nice little farm and has rented it for the coming year.

Fields Brothers and J.H. Logan have opened a meat market in the old Outlook office on Shelby Street.

The firm expects to handle the very best and choicest of home-killed meats. The cattle will be selected that produce the juicy steaks and roasts.

LIFE IN THE COLE BIN

By Burton W. Cole

Smile while you still have teeth and other life lessons learned



Decades ago, folk singer Jim Croce taught me a series of life lessons. The main points, as I recall, were these:

- You don't tug on Superman's cape;
- You don't spit into the wind;
- You don't pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger;
- You don't mess around with Jim.

The first three I managed quite well, especially since — despite my great desires — I never had the chance to meet either Superman or the Lone Ranger.

I faced plenty of wind and quickly understood the wisdom of watching which direction I spit.

I knew several Jims but wasn't sure which was the one not to mess around with, but that was okay. By the end of the song, it was Slim that a guy would be wise to avoid. No problem—I didn't know anyone

named Slim.

Flash forward 53 years, and I got to wondering if there were still life lessons to be learned. I'm sure I must have learned something in the half decade since Jim Croce's life lessons, but I couldn't remember what.

I did some research to see what wisdom other great philosophers were willing to impart. Here's what I learned:

- If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there. — Lewis Carroll
- You can't have everything. Where would you put it? — Steven Wright
- Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest. — Larry Lorenzoni
- Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth. — anonymous
- Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened. — Jennifer Yane
- If you love someone, let them nap. — anonymous
- People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one. — Leo J. Burke
- Always drink upstream from the herd. — Cowboy Words of Wisdom
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments. — Earl Wilson
- Do not argue with an idiot. He

will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience. — Greg King

- Never miss a good opportunity to shut up. — Will Rogers
- There are two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works. — Cowboy Words of Wisdom.
- If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you. — Steven Wright
- People who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it. — George Bernard Shaw
- Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. — Margaret Mead
- The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese. — Steven Wright
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. — Will Rogers
- There is nothing better than a friend unless it is a friend with chocolate. — Linda Grayson
- You can always tell a real friend: When you've made a fool of yourself, he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job. — Laurence J. Peter

There, my friends, I think we all learned a little something about life today. And remember, don't mess around with Slim.

Offer more life lessons to Burt at news@falmouthoutlook.com or on the [Burton W. Cole page on Facebook](#).

What day is it? - National Kindergarten Day

By Nila Harris



When I started teaching first grade at Southern Elementary in 1986, I remember my co-workers Betty Moneyhon and Janice Bertram telling me that first grade was SO much better with the advent of mandatory kindergarten.

It made me realize how thankful I should be that by the time they came to me, my firsties were “experienced” at the school scene.

April 21 is National Kindergarten Day, a day which honors the birthday of the one who started the idea of kindergarten — Friedrich Frobel (April 21, 1782-June 21, 1852).

Frobel was a German teacher who recognized that young children learn best through play and experience.

The term “kindergarten” means a garden for children which “symbolizes his (Frobel's) vision for early childhood education: “Children are like tiny flowers; they are varied and need care, but each is beautiful alone and glorious when seen in the community of peers,” canr.msu.edu states.

Frobel, who opened a kindergarten school in Blankenburg, Germany, in 1837, believed that the day should start with a series of songs and toys. He also thought that lessons should be taught by a woman “arguing that early education is an extension of mothering,” according to smithsonianmag.com

Sadly, the Prussian government eventually banned Frobel's methods. However,

the rest of the world embraced Frobel's unorthodox kindergarten ideas.

The first kindergartens to open in the United States were started by German immigrants. In 1856, Margarethe Schurz opened the first Kindergarten in Waterton, Wisconsin. It wasn't until 1873 that kindergartens found their way to the public school system.

Many years later (and after numerous private kindergartens popping up across the state) in 1984, the Kentucky General Assembly approved a senate bill making kindergarten mandatory.

Pendleton County started optional kindergarten years before that. The first kindergarten class began in the 1977-78 school year with half days and no transportation. Now, kindergarten in Pendleton County Schools is all day, every day, with transportation.

The modern-day kindergarten classroom is a long way from Frobel's vision and looks more like the former first grade. Our contemporary preschool resembles the kindergarten of years past, with songs and active play.

As a grandmother babysitter and 34-year veteran teacher of early elementary and reading intervention students, I re-

alize how 3-to-5-year-old children are receptive to learning yet need hands-on instruction. Here are some educational activities that may be of interest to you.

- Get a magnetic fishing pole and small magnets. Put the magnets on the back of flash cards. Have the child “fish” for specific animals, colors, numbers or shapes.
- Play with Play-doh. Talk about shapes, colors and animals you can make.
- My grands love water play too — cleaning their toys and talking about them.
- Use a perpetual calendar and have your child change the date. Do count-downs. Right now, my grands are counting down to flower buds, clover buds and summer vacation. Count down to birthdays and other fun things.

I put a paper in a plastic sleeve and start the count-down with 30, 29, 28... Each day my grand moves a piece (a flower for flower buds, etc). This helps with number identification, 1:1 recognition, and counting down.

- We have music time, craft time and physical fitness. Even during cold weather when stuck inside, you can make an obstacle course: Go under the ottoman, around the recliner, hop to the couch, put the ball in the bucket, as fast as you can. We also paint and explore nature.

To observe National Kindergarten Day on April 21, you might want to try some of these activities. Or recognize some of the kindergarten teachers who have impacted your life.

Debbie Hart taught two of my three children. I am very thankful for her and how much she loved, cared for and taught my two oldest.

But I also appreciated Carol Caldwell, Alicia Reed and Dana Childers — three other SES kindergarten teachers who were awesome educators.

But you can't mention the teachers without mentioning the paraprofessionals who were a big part of the youngsters' lives — LuAnn King, Tammy Spicer, Cindy Ward, Teresa Blackaby, Janet Bowman, Karen Connelly, Missy Taylor, Jenny Wright and Bonnie Logan were also well-loved people I worked with at Southern.

My youngest child went to Northern Elementary and was blessed to have Kris McCain as a teacher.

But I was also appreciative of the great NES kindergarten teachers Amanda Gerhard, Brenda Kells, Debby McCane, Julie Kirsch and Laura Caudill, and K paraprofessionals Sheila McElfresh, Missy Aulick, Kane Belcher, Sheila Bowen, Ashley Gilbert, Jacob Hanser, Pam Johnson, Dee Yelton, Alex Herald, Sara Mickelson, Malloy Mullins, Debbie Nelson, Diana Parker, Kaye Scaggs, and Lisa Wiggins, Ronda Yelton — amazing adults who loved and cherished Northern's children.

Thank you to all the wonderful kindergarten people who have taught and worked with numerous children in the county. It takes a lot of love, patience and energy to work with this population.

Falmouth Rotary celebrates 100 years of service

The year 2024 marked the 100th anniversary of the Falmouth Rotary. Each week, we profiled a past president of the service organization as presented in "A History of the Falmouth Rotary Club, 1924-2022," by Dr. Owen Collins and Janice Collins.

Randy Bastin 1991

Randy Bastin has merchandising in his blood.

Both his paternal and his maternal grandfathers were merchants, owning and operating country general stores. And his father was a partner with him when they came to Falmouth and bought an existing store where Houchen's former shoe store operated.

Bastin said that business was strong in downtown

Falmouth when they opted for this community.

He also opened a store in Brooksville and moved to his present location in Falmouth in 1976.

He also opened stores in Carlisle, Wilder, and Dry Ridge.

Before he retired, Bastin sold his stores in Falmouth and Wilder to his daughter, Kim and her daughter, Taylor.

I asked Randy what he remembered about Falmouth Rotary and he said that he joined in 1987.

“We ate at Stop and Tell,” which was located near the bridge on US 27, close to where the CVS Drug Store is presently.

Imogene Jacobs operated the restaurant. “She had two kinds of pie: hot and

cold. Both were delicious.

“I have a fond memory of Joe Kearns, who was a kind and gentle soul,” Bastin said.

A large evergreen tree in the courtyard of the county courthouse died and Kearns gave a similar tree from his yard to replace it.

Falmouth city with equipment and manpower dug up the tree and transplanted it near where the historical marker is located today.

Falmouth Rotary decorated the tree, with Christmas music wafting in the background. And, we had a booth on the street nearby for donations, which we gave to the Woman's Club to provide some Christmas for those less fortunate.

“Warm and fuzzy, that's

how we felt,” Bastin said.

He recalled another standout memory: “We had an exchange program and hosted several persons from Australia. One of the young men stayed in our home for two weeks.

“The purpose of the program is the promotion of peace worldwide, but there are lots of other benefits. All positive, as I see it.

“I enjoyed the district meetings. The speakers were very good and I learned a lot. Plus it was stimulating and encouraging to socialize with leaders from other clubs east of I-75.

“Rotary is a great organization and I regretted that I had to discontinue my membership when I opened the store in Dry Ridge.”

Rising waters brought out best in neighbors, volunteers

By Burton Cole

The flooding is over, residents are back home and roads are open, but clean-up and damage assessment from the April 5, 6 and 7 high waters continue this week.

The outpouring of donations, assistance and comfort by groups, businesses and volunteers was remarkable, officials said. Now comes figuring out just how many homes were affected, Pendleton County Emergency Management Director Mike Moore said.

“A lot of damages are not visible,” he said. Many basements were flooded, ruining hot water heaters, washers and dryers, HVAC systems, furniture and other appliances and goods.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were in Pendleton County Monday to assess damages to residences, and FEMA will be back Thursday to assess damages to roads, bridges and other public buildings and infrastructure, Moore said.

“In order to get any type of FEMA support, we must do damage assessments,” he said. “This requires someone coming to your residence where you suffered water damages.”

Residents need to self-report, Moore said. That form also is on the Facebook page or can be found at <https://bit.ly/damageassess>.

It is not a guarantee that any FEMA reimbursement for damages will be granted, but the forms must be submitted for any expectation of financial help. However, law prohibits duplicating assistance residents receive from their insurance companies.

While the donation center and outposts that were providing food, supplies and help to residents closed Thursday, Northern Kentucky University students and other groups are available for those who need them, Moore said.

For those needing help with cleanup or damages, a form can be found on the Pendleton County Emergency Management page on Facebook or at <https://>

forms.gle/d4B4z2eTU-U5A7ySp7.

“We’ll try to match needs with people that can help,” Moore said.

Dumpsters have been set up at Veterans Park, 704 Woodson Road, in Falmouth and next to City Hall, 102 Front St. in Butler.

“Overall, I think both cities and the county all came together,” Moore said. “Everybody was on the same page. Everybody worked together for the benefit of the citizens.”

VOLUNTEERS

While the donation center at 512 Maple Ave. in Falmouth and the Baptist Church, 113 Peoples St. in Butler were in operation, many volunteers answered phones and helped distribute free meals from various establishments such as Cracker Barrel restaurant and taco and burger food trucks, and cleaning supplies donated by the American Red Cross, Lowe’s home improvement store and others.

“Hopefully, we gave all the supplies, as much as we could, to start cleanup,” Moore said.

Lisa Wiggins, who coordinated the Northern Kentucky Community

Action Council’s Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program, said, “The outpouring of generosity in the community was amazing.”

“Myself and another volunteer staffed the evacuation shelter at Camp Northward Sunday from 1 to 11:30 p.m. We ran the donation center open to close with 20 volunteers, took and delivered food and supplies to Butler, and helped with calls at Emergency Management with four volunteers.

“We had donations from Campbell County Police Department, Tyson, Lowe’s, Pepsi, American Red Cross, Dollar General, Wyatt’s, Plum Creek Church and C and J Services,” Wiggin said.

“Sunday and Monday, both times I was given about 45 minutes of when I was told that we need volunteers till they needed to start,” she said. “My vol-

unteers, especially Penny Wheatley, jumped in immediately and were there. Penny showed up both days and then I had three others that showed up on Monday.

“These people are truly a blessing and the most giving hearts that I’ve ever seen in my life. I am truly blessed to be part of this organization,” she said.

“On Tuesday, when the Red Cross brought food and we needed to package it up, one of our volunteers, Robin Koettel, jumped in immediately and brought us to-go containers from Open Hands Ministries. People were dropping off monetary donations and Tammy Spicer was going out and picking up stuff. Dry Ridge homemakers also made a donation.”

It was truly heart-warming to see how the community come together to help each other, Wiggins said.

HEALTH

Three Rivers District Health Department is teaming up with Butler Baptist Church and Harrison Memorial Primary Care in Falmouth to administer tetanus vaccine to Pendleton County residents and anyone assisting with cleanup.

“It is recommended to get a tetanus vaccine if you are exposed to flood waters and it’s been five years or more since your last vaccine,” according to Emergency Management.

Stations were set up last week to give shots. HMMH of Falmouth, 1102 W. Shelby St., is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and is offering walk-in tetanus vaccinations

For more information or anyone unsure of their vaccination status may call 859-654-6985.

THE FLOOD

Strong south winds with gusts up to 50 mph began the morning of Wednesday, April 2, with severe storms and tornado warnings hitting that night.

By the wee hours of April 3, gusts of up to 60 mph and penny-sized hail were reported. The winds broke multiple poles and

downed power lines south of Falmouth in the Bishop Ridge area.

The city was without power for more than 20 hours. Pockets of outages were reported throughout Northern Kentucky from the storms. More than 26% of the county was without power at one point.

The heavy rains swelled the Licking River and its South Fork, and flood warnings were issued Friday. The Licking River was predicted to crest at 42 feet — projections at some point were as high as 46 feet — by late April 6 or early April 7. Flood stage on the Licking is 33 feet.

Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for both Butler — by 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, — and Falmouth — by 8 p.m. that day.

All that Saturday, residents could be seen helping each other load household goods, appliances and inventory out of their homes and businesses onto pickup trucks, horse trailers, U-Haul trucks and whatever else could be used.

People living in two-story buildings carried upstairs what they could from lower floors.

But the predicted downpour fizzled to more of a mist, and the river crested at 38.63 feet at 7:15 p.m. April 6 — still enough to overflow roads and low-lying areas, but much less than the catastrophic levels of 1997 when the river crested at 51.8 feet.

“We had to go by the projections,” Moore said. “Fortunately, it didn’t get as high as projected, but it could have.”

It was still enough to overflow many roads and bridges. Access to the City of Butler was shut off as both the tunnel and the bridge into town were shut down.

Waters began to recede that Sunday night, April 6, and mandatory evacuation orders for Falmouth were lifted at noon April 7, and for Butler, at 4 p.m.

STATEWIDE

In his weekly Team Kentucky update last Thursday, Gov. Andy Beshear said that number of fatalities



Pendleton County residents wait in line at an American Red Cross van last week at the donation center in Falmouth. Food trucks, businesses, volunteers and organizations offered help to people affected by flood waters April 5, 6 and 7. Photo by Lynn Ptak.

due to floodwaters had increased to six Kentuckians.

None were reported in Pendleton County, as the death of Robert “Boo” Singleton of Butler — whose body was found in a life jacket near his truck and boat — was ruled as a medical issue, not drowning.

“River and creek levels have gone down, but let’s remember that this is still a dangerous threat. We don’t want to lose anyone else to floodwaters,” Beshear said. “That means everyone needs to continue to take the threat seriously and never drive through standing water.”

More than 70 counties in the commonwealth have declared states of emergency. On April 2, the Governor declared a state of emergency ahead of the first round of severe storms. On April 4, President Donald Trump approved Gov. Beshear’s request for an emergency disaster declaration for Kentucky.

More than 550 roads were closed statewide at the peak of the flood.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Resources last Thursday issued a warning to hunters headed to public hunting areas for the spring turkey season, which began Saturday, to be aware that high waters may impact access and hunting opportunity.

Many wildlife management areas across Kentucky are located in low-lying areas, adjacent to streams or rivers, and have been impacted by flooding. In western Kentucky, nearly every WMA has been affected by high water, the department said.

Some parking lots and other access points are completely submerged, and many acres of property are inaccessible.

“Hunters are cautioned to prioritize safety by checking conditions on their intended destinations before planned hunt dates, using daylight hours to scout flood-prone areas, and consulting online resources for road closures and high-water reports such as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet GoKy Map,” according to a Fish and Wildlife statement.

BOO

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told how he “could fix just about anything.”

This technical acumen developed during his teenage years, when he spent numerous hours at his father Bob Singleton’s service station in Butler. While working on the railroad and caring for his two children as a single dad, Boo was always busy. Upon retirement from the railroad, he seemed to be looking for a purpose. He found that purpose with the help of Johnson.

The two men met when Boo hunted with his friend Roger McElfresh near Johnson’s residence. Johnson, another prominent environmental steward, would often visit with the two hunters. Johnson and Boo had children around the same age and connected through their children’s sporting activities as well.

Once, Boo saw Johnson on the Licking River pulling out tires and became interested in what Johnson was doing. He told Johnson, “I could do that if I had a canoe.”

“Wouldn’t you know it, lo and behold, when Boo got home, there was a canoe and two paddles in his driveway,” Johnson said with a laugh.

It wasn’t long before Johnson convinced Boo to join the Butler Lion’s Club and so began 6 ½ years of dedicated service to community clean-up. Johnson talked about the early days of Boo in his canoe.

“For the first six months, he wouldn’t listen.” John-



Robert “Boo” Singleton shows up his catch from another day of cleaning the river. Family photo.

son talked about how he would try to tell Singleton that he shouldn’t put any more garbage in his canoe, because he was “top-heavy”, yet Boo would continue to pile up more.

Next thing Johnson knew, he’d see Boo’s hat floating down the river after flipping his canoe.

Another time, when Singleton and Johnson were in some “really fast whitewater,” Johnson continued upstream while Singleton just had to get one more piece of garbage.

“Here comes his hat, cooler, and Sawzall. I heard him cussing, then along comes his paddles. Uh-oh. I picked up his stuff and piled it up (on the bank). Boo said, ‘Catch me on my way through.’”

Singleton told him later, “Captain (Boo’s nickname for Barth), I think I’ll listen to you from now on.”

Johnson explained how

Boo brought some good ideas to the table, like the use of a Sawzall to remove tires from their rims. Johnson had been using a razor knife, which worked, but the Sawzall made things quicker and more efficient.

But when Boo showed up with an air compressor and hose to blow out mud from the tires, that plan didn’t work out so well. “The first time he used it, you couldn’t see Boo (because of the mud that blew all over him).”

A Flour Creek Road resident said that he often saw Boo walking the road, picking up garbage. Boo also made wooden signs and hung them at various places he cleaned to encourage others to take pride in their community too.

Singleton joined the Pendleton County Historical Society and discovered another interest in cleaning up overgrown and some-

times forgotten cemeteries. Along with the help of Johnson and others, the men would bushhog and mow these places.

“Sometimes it would take a week for you to know it was a graveyard,” Johnson said.

Martha Lynn from Cross Creek Catering told her friend Jim Thaxton that she needed help to replace Boo in maintaining her family cemetery by the county barn fence. Thaxton, of Thaxton’s Canoe Trails, who has spent numerous hours on the Licking River, also has a passion for the environment. He wondered, “How did one man do so much?”

Thaxton explained how Boo had an impact on the younger generation too. Recently, Thaxton’s granddaughter Jazz attended a field trip at Northern Kentucky University.

“When the program she

was participating in came to an end, the moderator asked participants to share one great thing about their county. Students were saying things like the annual fair, their church, their library, etc. When the student with Jazz’s turn came, he piped up without hesitation, ‘We’ve got Boo.’

“Of course, everyone was perplexed, some just laughed until the boy explained about the trail work, the road cleanups, and the work he did on our streams and rivers.”

Tami Vater, Pendleton County Economic and Tourism Development director, is involved in a collaborative effort with several community entities to create a memorial event in Boo Singleton’s honor, which will be announced next week.

At their last club meeting, the Butler Lion’s Club held a time when individuals could share memories of Boo. Twenty-five members showed up, with several members getting up and telling Boo stories.

Johnson said that he has plans to rename the longest trail at Cedar Line Nature Preserve, Butler, “The Boo

A Trail.” Boo had mowed and maintained the Cedar Line Trail, as well as the nature trails at Southern Elementary and Sharp Middle School.

Before he passed, Boo had amassed six canoes which he lovingly referred to as “The Litter Getter Armada.”

Prince stated how her father taught his two children the importance of hard work and perseverance through hard times.

“We always knew he loved us and was proud of us.”

Prince has shown that hard work and resilience through her job as a teacher and staff development mentor for Pendleton County Schools. Her brother, Robert, who lives in Georgetown and works at Toyota, has returned to Pendleton County several times to help with the River Sweeps.

Herman Schack, fellow Lion, summed up things well about Boo when he said, “Boo was one of our Git R Done guys, the first to volunteer. If he was available, he was there. It will take three to replace him.”



Robert “Boo” Singleton, left, with his daughter, Stephanie Prince, and son, Rob Singleton. Family photo.

Patriots host youth baseball tournament benefit for Daugherty



TOP: Travis Daugherty, center, shown with brother and Patriot baseball director Marty Daugherty, and friend Megan Smith, right. Monies raised from the tournament were given to support the Daugherty family. **MIDDLE:** Four Northern Kentucky teams played in Sunday's 11U Against Cancer tournament. The Sharks were the overall winner of the tournament with a 3-0 record. **BOTTOM:** Patriots player Blake Price tries to strike out an opposing player. Photos provided by Luke Price.

By Nila Harris

The Pendleton County Patriots hosted the 11U Strikes Against Cancer tournament on April 13 for Patriots coach and board member, Travis Daugherty.

This long-time football coach was recently diagnosed with cancer and has undergone treatments to battle the disease. Patriots President Luke Price wanted to do something to show the group's appreciation for Daugherty and provide some financial support for the family. The benefit tournament was held at the baseball field on the former Falmouth School Center property. The city of Falmouth has graciously allowed the Patriots to hold football and cheerleading practice on the property and permitted this benefit tournament to be held there. Umpires worked the games without pay, food was donated, and the Pendleton Patriots picked up any additional costs incurred. All monies made from entry fees and concessions were given to the Daugherty family. In total, nearly \$1,000 was raised for the worthy cause.

Along with the Patriots, other Northern Kentucky teams—the Bearcats, Mambas, and Sharks joined in on the fun. At the end of game play, the Sharks were recognized as the winner of the tournament with a 3-0 record.

President Price hopes to host additional tournaments on this field. Many years ago, this very field was active with church league baseball and youth and adult leagues. Pendleton County Magistrate Darrin Gregg, along with son Tolmon (friends with Travis since Kindergarten), and Marty Daugherty (Travis' brother) umpired at the tournament. The senior Gregg said that he started his umpiring on that field at the Eddie Wright softball tournaments and is excited to see youngsters on the field again.

Wright is right, wins Outlook Bracket Challenge

By Sam McClanahan

This year's winner of The Falmouth Outlook's Bracket Challenge is Jane Wright.

Wright scored 625 points to hold off Jean Rapp, who came in second with 620 and Jeff Allen Wright, who finished third with 595.

All three participants correctly picked the Florida Gators to win the NCAA Championship. The Gators defeated the Houston Cougars 65-63 in a thrilling finale to cap this year's tournament. It was the Gators first title since 2007.

This year's contest was one of the more competitive finishes in recent memory and the Outlook expresses its thanks to all of the contest participants. Photo taken by Burton Cole.



Ladycats Softball competes in Ripken Experience at Pigeon Forge



By Sam McClanahan

The Pendleton County Ladycats took advantage of their spring break and were able to venture out of state to compete for the first time in over a decade.

The team traveled to Pigeon Forge and competed in the Ripken Experience. With three games on the schedule, it was an opportunity for the team to face some quality competition and create some positive momentum for themselves in this early portion of the season.

On April 10, the Ladycats first took on Barren County and suffered a 13-4 loss. Barren County put multiple runs across the plate in six of the seven innings and while collecting 17 hits in the contest. Pendleton County was led by senior Madison Verst who went 2-4 with three RBI's Mylie Honnert and Aubrey Mullins also had two hits each.

The next day the Ladycats would face East Rutherford and fall 8-3. East Rutherford would lead 6-1 after three innings and limit Pendleton County to just three hits. Verst highlighted the Ladycats offense by going 2-4 with a home run while Hannah Spaulding collected two RBI's.

On April 12, the Ladycats concluded the schedule and faced East Jessamine. The Ladycats would trail 5-4 heading into the fifth inning when East Jessamine put nine runs across the plate to put the game out of reach and come away with a 14-4 victory. Kinly Cooper recorded two hits for the Ladycats during the loss.

Following the team's performance during the trip, head coach Jessica Verst assessed where she believes the team is currently while reflecting on their stay in Tennessee.

"There was a lot of good competition in Tennessee that we played. We are just one or two plays away right now. We are young and working on figuring things out right now. The girls had a great experience and enjoyed every minute of the trip. This is going to help as the season continues on. We have a great group of kids who enjoyed some time hanging out with their friends and enjoying some team bonding as well," Coach Verst said.

This week, Pendleton County will host Highlands, Harrison County on April 15, and George Rogers Clark on April 17.

Wildcats fall to Paris & Bath County

By Ethan Verst

The Pendleton County Wildcats Baseball team would play two games last week after being rained out the week prior.

They would start the week off with a home game on the April 9 against Paris before traveling to Bath County on April 12. The Wildcats would end up dropping both of these games to fall to 3-5 on the season.

Jayden Ford would lead the way at the plate against Paris collecting the Wildcats only hit of the game. Cole Harlow, Jacob Frisch, Jayden Frisch, and Carter Glahn would all combine on the mound allowing four hits, six runs, three earned runs, while walking 12 and striking out 10 batters. The Wildcats would fall 6-1 to Paris. Pendleton County would then take on Bath County in a game where Caleb Biddle and Cole Harlow would lead the way at the plate collecting two hits a piece. Kevin Miles, Ellis Shutters, and Micah Biddle would all collect one. Cole Harlow would lead the way on the bump getting the start. He would go 4.1 innings allowing four hits, four runs, two earned runs, while walking six, and striking out seven in a 10-4 loss.

This week the Wildcats will host district opponent Harrison County on April 14, travel to Bracken County on April 16, then to Augusta on the next day before rounding out the week on the road again with a rematch against Paris on April 19.

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PC Varsity Athletics Week At A Glance

April 15

Tennis vs. Paris 4:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Harrison County 5:30 p.m.

April 16

Track @ Harrison County

Tennis @ Campbell County 4:15 p.m.

Baseball vs. Bracken County 7:30 p.m.

April 17

Tennis @ Bracken County 4:30 p.m.

Baseball @ Augusta 5:30 p.m.

Softball vs. George Rogers Clark 6 p.m.

April 19

Track @ Harrison County

Baseball @ Paris 11 a.m. / vs. Thomas Nelson 1p.m.

District Court

Hon. Charles W. Kuster
4/8/2025

Estate of Donna L Barton; Rev, admit contempt-90 days. Rev 4/29/25.

Estate of Hanson Alva; PH; will admitted OE & BA.

Estate of Sally Mefford; CT; order entered will admitted.

Estate of Orbin E Samples Jr, will admitted OE & BA.

In Re: Diane Laura, CT; OE.

Ervin Eugene Clark 1972, ARR; driving on dui sus lic-1st off. Cont'd to 6/3/25.

Ricky D Clos, 1962, ARR; speeding 26>limit; careless driving; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.08. NG-Waiver-PTC 6/10/25.

Ashtin M Diamond, 2004, CFA; speeding 23>limit. Fail to produce insurance card, fail of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st; improper operator turning; fail to or improper operator signal; no/ expired registration plates; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt; fail; to register trans of motor vehicle; fail to produce insurance card; fail of owner to maintain required insurance/ security 1st; license to be in possession; no motorcycle operator license; fail to wear seat belt; lic to be in possession; fail to registration transfer of motor vehicle; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt; fail to produce insurance card; CFA 4/15/25.

Joshua N Gregg, 1978, ARR; warrant, no/ expired registration plate; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt; failure to produce insurance card; fail of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. CFA 5/20/25.

Tyler C Gregg, 1994, ARR; speeding 5> limit. CFA 6/3/25.

Roger A Jenkins, 1962,

ARR; vehicle a nuisance, noisy, etc. Cont'd 6/3/25.

Travis Michael Peace, 2005, ARR; no/ expired registration plates; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt; obstructed vision and/or windshield; fail of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; fail to produce insurance card. CFA 6/3/25.

Alan Clark Rice, 1979, Rev; BW \$250.00or 5 days. David M Rios, 1996, ARR; speeding 15> limit; no operator /moped license; fail of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. Cont'd 4/22/25.

Jerry Colson Whitehead, 2002, ARR; speeding 10> limit. Vats rev 4/22/25.

Luckey Williams, 1979, ARR; speeding 15> limit, cont'd 4/15/25.

Donald R Houchens, 1958, OH; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; possess open alc beverage container in motor vehicle. PTC 4/22/25.

Zachary L Arnold, 1984, ARR; BW \$250 or 5 days.

Brooklyn Renea Bolden, 2004, PTC; impr operator display of registration plates; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; possession of marijuana; operator mv u/influ cont subs. PTC 5/20/25.

Hunter Brewer, 1999, PTC; theft by unlawful taking or disposing of contents from vehicle \$500 < \$1,000. Cont'd 5/6/25. Cody L Carter, 1994, PTC; operator on suspended/ revoked operator license; fail to produce insurance card; fail of owner to maintain required insurance/ security 1st. PTC; 5/6/25.

Daniel Hargett, 2006, PTC; traffic in marijuana,-less the 8 oz-1st off, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. Bond amount \$1,000. PTC 6/17/25.

Jimmy Ralph Hoskins, 1995, ARR; alcohol intoxication in a public place-1st & 2nd. GP \$25 & C.

Terry Howard, 1976, PTC, summons, violation

of Kentucky E.P.O/D.V.O; alcohol intoxication in a public place-1st; drinking alc bev in a public place -1st & 2nd; menacing. CH 10/14/25. GP- 180 prob violation 1 year. CH 10/14/25.

Andrew Hunt, 2003, PTC; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/subs. PTC 5/27/25.

Joshua T Knoblett, 1963, PTC; fail to wear seat belts; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08. PTC 6/10/25.

Rachel A Noll, 1976, PTC; theft by deception-include cold checks (6 counts). PTC 6/10/25.

Candie Philpot, leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance; careless driving. PTC 5/13/25.

Destiny Faith Reed, 2000, PTC; assault 4th deg dom viol no visible injury; endangering the welfare of a minor. In treatment PTC 6/24/25.

Christopher Silva, 1993, CH; pas 4/15/25. BW if not paid by 4/9/25.

Tony James Taylor, 1980, PTC; leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of a substance; no operator /mope license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance 1st. Rev 6/24/25.

Bronson Teague, 2001, Rev; waiver pd. DMOC.

Jennifer Lynn Turner, 1974, CH. FTA/BW \$300 or 6 days.

Janille Venne, 2000, CH; FTA/BW \$250 or 5 days.

Albert D. Scott, 1955,MH; operator of motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.08; fail to wear seat belt; possess open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle; fail to produce insurance card; fail of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. BT vacated. PTC 4/29/25.

Butler couple honored as colonels

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — Rep. Hart invited Jenny and Chuck Beetz to the April 8 Pendleton County Fiscal Court meeting to recognize them for being inducted as a couple into the Morehead University's Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

While that induction happened in October, Hart had a House Citation of Achievement passed in the Beetz's' honor. Hart noted this was the first time in the history of the Alumni Association that a married couple was inducted.

Hart apologized for the delay in presenting the Citation, then surprised the couple with an additional presentation: Gov. Andy Beshear recognized the couple's achievements in community service by making each a Kentucky Colonel.

The Beetzes are owners of Rose Hill Farm Winery, and are involved in a number of community activities.

Also during the Fiscal Court meeting:

- County Economic and Tourism Development Director Tami Vater outlined the application and goals for a Kentucky Watershed Grant application.

- Magistrate Darrin Gregg described the county and Falmouth City's response to the flood of the previous weekend as "a well-oiled machine."

- Magistrate Joshua Plummer confirmed that an oil spill in Butler was successfully removed.

- Magistrate Alan Whaley pointed out that the county's investment in emergency medical service "certainly paid off."

- County Attorney Stacey Sanning expressed



Jenny and Charles Beetz

gratitude for the personal assistance she received. Her office was flooded, and she was seeking a temporary location.

- The Court went into closed session to discuss "the proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency" concerning the county's share of an opioid litigation settlement.

Falmouth City Council carries on

By Jim Thaxton

FALMOUTH — Following are the minutes from the Falmouth City Council meeting of April 8:

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. There were no guest comments.

At the advice of the city attorney, council approved Sabrina Hazen to serve as acting mayor to conduct the meeting.

Mayor Luke Price resigned April 7 because of a conflict with his job. Council has 30 days to appoint a mayor to serve until the next election.

With the explanations from the city attorney the resolutions and ordinance were read:

- Resolution 04.03.25:1 Surplus School Center seeking sealed bids.
- Resolution 04.03.25:2 Surplus Maintenance Vehicle a 2012 Silverado
- First reading of an ordinance to amend the text

for the Pendleton County Joint Planning Commission regarding temporary storage.

Under old business:

- Wilson Lane blacktopping. Three bids received. Council will seek clarification of need for milling the existing blacktop and make a decision at an April 14 meeting.

- Water District contract update. Wording the same for both districts and approved based upon the same.

- The Kentucky Rural Water contract was continued.

Under new business:

- Request for Quotation/Request for Proposal for legal counsel by Sabrina Hazen. Hazen said she recognized costs have risen and believed it to be fair to the city and the current attorney to address the fee schedule. The discussion that followed became contentious between City Attorney Brandon Voelker and Hazen, with Voelker stating he would not likely

bid on any RFP/RFQ.

- A meeting with the Pendleton County Board of Education to discuss a new contract between the School Board and the City of Falmouth regarding the school's use of the city tennis courts was set for April 17, with council members Hazen and Joyce Carson representing the City.

- Pendleton County Economic and Tourism Development Director Tami Vater addressed the council about assisting with a proposed memorial for Robert "Boo" Singleton of Butler, a crusader for cleaning up the community, who died April 7.

- There were no committee Reports

- Council was informed of the resignation of Fire Chief John Lucas due to family issues.

- A special meeting to address the resurfacing of Wilson Lane will be held 7 p.m. April 14.

- The next regular meeting is set for 7 p.m. April 17.

Real Estate

Remington Properties LLC to Stacie Dawn Knowles for \$159,900. For real property located in Pendleton County.

Ruth Hall to Robert Hall for \$1. For property located in Pendleton County.

Gene E. Cooper and Catherine M. Cooper to Kenneth E. Turner and Shelia A. Turner for \$1. For real estate located in Pendleton County.

Gary Dylan Combs and Jade S. Combs to Sharon Napier and Robert Napier and Brandi McKinney and Troy McKinney for \$400,000. For real estate located in Pendleton County.

Sherry L Eaton to Gary Dylan Combs and Jade Combs for \$385,000. For real estate located in Pendleton County.

Martin Brown and Sherry Brown to Cameron Michael Senn for \$200,000. For property located in Pendleton County.

Court docket abbreviations

ADE	alcohol driver education	DH	disposition hearing	PIF	paid in full
AE	adjudication hearing	EPO	emergency protection order	POR	payment of restitution
AO	agreed order	F	fine	Poss	possess/possession
Agmt	agreement	Fail	failure	PP	public place
AI	alcohol intoxication	FPTC	final pretrial conference	P or S	pay or stay
alc	alcohol	FTA	failure to appear	Prej	prejudice
appt	appointment	GJ	grand jury	PRH	probation revocation hearing
Arr	arraignment	GP	guilty plea	Probat	probation
Asslt	assault	HLH	hardship license hearing	Probat viol	probation violation
Atty	attorney	Hrg	hearing	PSI	pre-sentencing investigation
AWC	At will of the court	Ins	insurance	PT	pretrial
bal	balance	Inj	injury	PTC	pretrial conference
BFH	bond forfeiture hearing	Intox	intoxication	Pymt	payment
BH	bond hearing	JT	jury trial	Rest	restitution
BT	bench trial	Judgm	judgement	Req	required
BW	bench warrant	Maint	maintain	Rev	review
C	costs	MH	motion hearing	SC	show cause
CA	county attorney	MOC	motion of the Commonwealth	SCD	show cause deferred
CFA	continued first appearance	MP	motion passed	SCH	show cause hearing
CH	contempt hearing	MV	motor vehicle	SCO	show cause order
Ch sup	child support	NGP	not guilty plea	Sent	sentencing
Circ ct	circuit court	NLT	no less than/no later than	SF+C	surety fines and costs
Conds	conditions	OA	own attorney	SH	status hearing
Cont	continue	OE	order entered	SJ	summary judgment
CS	controlled substance	off	offense	Supp	support
Comm serv	community service	OH	other hearing	Susp	suspended
CT	court trial	OL	operators license	Sust	sustained
Cts	counts	OR	overruled	Supp Hrg	suppression hearing
DA	district attorney	OTBS	order to be submitted	TBD	to be determined
deg	degree	PAO	paying as ordered	TBUT	theft by unlawful taking
def	defendant	PD	public defender	TEP	to enter plea
dm	dismissed	PC	probable cause	TICS	trafficking in a controlled substance
DMOC	dismissed motion of Commonwealth	Pd	paid	TRH	temporary removal hearing
DOB	date of birth	PH	preliminary hearing	TUA	taken under advisement
DUI	driving under the influence			Unsup	unsupervised

LEGAL NOTICE

Property Owner Trustee Election
By the Northern Pendleton Fire District

The Northern Pendleton Fire District announces that an election will be held on the fourth (4th) Saturday in June (June 28th, 2025) to elect one (1) property owner to the Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the operation of the fire department.

Letters of intent for the Trustee position can be sent to 5900 Highway 154, Butler, KY 41006 or dropped off at the firehouse Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Letters of intent must be received by the election committee no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2025. The letter must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northern Pendleton Fire District, Attention: Election Committee, 5900 Highway 154, Butler, KY 41006.

In order to be eligible for the Trustee position, the person nominated or seeking nomination must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, a property owner subject to tax by the district and must reside within the district. The individual nominated or seeking nomination shall not be an active firefighter with the district. The term shall be for four (4) years.

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kind day or night. Violators will be prosecuted. 10/26/25

Ard Farm 611 Conrad Ln No trespassing, hunting or fishing. Of any kind on 75 Acres, day or night. Violators will be prosecuted. 10-31-25

Suzan Taylor at 1290 Lenoxburg-Foster Road, No trespassing including hunting, fishing, trapping, ATV riding, or horseback riding. Violators will be prosecuted.11/23/25

Hafer Ridge Farms No hunting, fishing, recreational vehicles or trespassing of any kind day or night. Violators will be prosecuted. 11/12/25

Ison, Janice and Joe Farm: 443 Stepstone Church Rd, Butler (formerly George & Darleen Napier's), property at 484 Lakeview Dr., Falmouth, Ky and 148 acres at 268 Ison Lane, no hunting, dumping, fishing, swimming, recreational vehicles, or trespassing of any kind, day or night, without written notarized permission. 10/5/25

Property: 363 ac 1274 Blanket Creek Rd. No hunting or trespassing day or night. Violators prosecuted! 4/04/26

Pape, Jerry and Carolyn:160 acres, 110 Hornbeek Road, also bordering Mader Road and Licking River. No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind, day or night. Violators will be prosecuted!

10/26/25

Ritter Farm, 154 Acres, 781 US 27 South, Falmouth. Absolutely NO Trespassing. Private road through farm not for public use. Absolutely no hunting or 4-wheel riding. Violators will be prosecuted . 7-16-25

Stortz, Steve and Peggy:138 acres at 5575-B Broadford Road, Pendleton County. Posted: No hunting, fishing, or trespassing of any kind, night or day. Violators will be prosecuted. 4/16/25

Herbst, Jeffery & Jaime. 185+acres at 969 W. Kelly Rd. Falmouth,Ky.No hunting/Dogs/ fishing/ATV Riding/Trespassing of any kind. Day or night. All violators will be prosecuted. 9/12/25

Romeo, Aldo and Patricia: 70 acres at US 27 and Liberty Ridge, Pendleton Co. No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. 2-22-2026

Riley Property, 37 acres on Veirs Rd across from 428 Veirs Rd in Peach Grove. No hunting, no trespassing. Violators will be prosecuted.12/14/25

Crowley, J.C. & Myra Jane Farm, 280 acres at 2606 Hwy. 177. Butler, KY Posted against hunting, fishing, trapping, or trespassing of any kind, day or night. Violators will be prosecuted. 5/3/25

Young, 8148 Ky Hwy 17 N. Demossville, Approx. 92 Acres, No Hunting, Fishing, Or Trespassing of any kind, Day Or night. Signs posted. All violators will be prosecuted 4-26-24

Robert Harrison 70 Taylor Spur Rd 92 acres From Licking River to 177 W. Posted Against Atv, Hunting, fishing, Trespassing, All violators will be prosecuted 11-19-25

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Eddie and Teresa Rarriack 299 N Rhonda 8 acres intersecting with Tiffany drive No Trespassing of any kind, No dumping, No hunting, No fishing, No trapping, No ATV, all are strictly forbidden, violators will be prosecuted. 4-25-25

Fetters, Eddie and Karen Farm: 47 AcresAt 1705 Flour Creek Rd, Pendleton Co. No Hunting/ Fishing/Trespassing Any Time. Violators Prosecuted! 9/28/25

Peal Farm, Becky R., Veirs Rd. Peach Grove. No Trespassing Or

Hunting. All Trespassers Prosecuted! 12/15/25

Davis, Deborah and Darwin, 6547 Lenoxburg Rd. No trespassing of any kind including hunting, fishing, trapping, ATV riding, horseback riding. Violators prosecuted. 3/12/26

Dorcella Biehn Property, 5799 Highway 330 West, Falmouth. No hunting or trespassing of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. 3-31-26

Wright-Monroe Property: 278 acres on Broadford Road intersected by Liberty Ridge and Taylor Jones Roads, 21 acres (Ammerman tract) and 80 acres (Sharp tract) on Broadford Road, 62.5 acres on Ambrose Wright Road. No hunting, fishing, recreational vehicles or trespassing of any kind day or night. Violators will be prosecuted.11/5/25

Sarah's Place 975 Palestine Rd. 32 Acres NO Hunting, No Trapping, NO Trespassing, NO ATV, Violators Prosecuted , Camera Surveillance. 11/22/25

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J/J Pierce Property, 55 acres on Ambrose Wright Rd, Falmouth, KY: Posted-no hunting, fishing, recreational vehicles or trespassing of any kind day or night without written permission of land owners. Violators will be prosecuted. 8/27/25

Paul Bex 1182 Menzi-Bottom Rd Butler Ky 41006. No Hunting, No Trespassing on the 40 wooded acres. 11/9/25

Property Of W.& C. Sabie, approximately 3/4 Acre on highway 10 Peach Grove, formerly V. Fossit, is posted against trespassing of any kind. 11-5-25

Jeff & Marie Franxman 21,84, 371 Center Ridge Rd 5410, 5415, 6126 HWY 467 Demosville No Trespassing without written permission. EXP 5/1/25

Best Case Farm, 1,295 acres, 3317 Mark Haley Road & Colvin Bend Road; 89 acres, 628 Mark Haley Road; posted against no hunting, fishing, or trespassing of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted.

629 HWY 330 W No Trespassing, No hunting , No ATV, Violators will be prosecuted 4-22-25

Biddle, Dennis, 60.8 acres at 1515 Vater Road. No hunting or trespassing of any kind, day or night. Violators will be prosecuted. 3/24/26

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Blanket Creek

Due to rising water and flooding making it hard for some members to get here it was decided that we should cancel services this past week.

However, members were helping some of our church family and friends who were affected. Everyone was praying for our town and Butler and all others affected which is the most important thing we could do. Continued prayers for Pendleton county residents.

Please remember the lives lost including Robert "Boo" Singleton, of Butler. May God be with all of you.

New Life Wesleyan

Our upcoming Easter Resurrection Sunday week is almost here! Prayers and much

preparation for each day.

Thursday night we have our annual Seder meal at church. Friday all are encouraged to attend the PCCC Good Friday service at 1 p.m., at Falmouth Baptist Church. Saturday we have an Easter egg hunt at the church with the Easter Bunny.

Sunday morning we begin with Easter Sunrise at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow. Come and join us anytime.

Happy Resurrection week!

Oakland Christian

The Easter season is here as the message today reminded us that Jesus didn't just die to save you — He was buried to bury your sins. The cross was the payment, but the tomb is the receipt!

Good Friday services are at 6:30 p.m. Our Sunrise service (with the folk of Neave as our guests) is at 7 a.m. with a breakfast to follow. Worship services are Sunday school at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:35 a.m.

Licking Valley Singers are in concert performing Broadway songs on April 25, at 7 p.m. and April 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cynthiana Baptist Church. Tickets are \$10 at the door. (This writer is one of the singers.)

Congratulations to Walter and Amanda Moore Castro upon the birth of "Maya" on April 5. Proud big brother is Walter. Proud grandparents are Mike and Irma Moore, with Melva Moore as proud great-grandma.

Congratulations to Kathy McElfresh and Jason

Barlow upon their recent marriage.

Prayer concerns include Kyle Arnold, John Reed, Lisa Houchen, Brady Purdy, Luther Blevins, Bro. Jim Flaughner, Diana Hogue, our shut-ins, cancer issues, our military and our nation.

Our sympathy to loved ones of Suzette Moore Owen, Daryl True, "Boo" Singleton, Shirley Harp, and Betty Anderson.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Bro. Mark's message was from Mathew 21:7-11, "Palm Sunday!"

This was done to fulfill the ancient prophecy. Tell Jerusalem her King is coming, riding humbly on a donkey's colt. Two disciples did as Jesus said and brought a colt which they threw their garments over for Jesus to ride on. The crowd surged on shouting

"Praise God in the highest heaven!" The city of Jerusalem was stirred as he entered. Who is this? The crowd replied, it's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.

Remember this week what Jesus has done for you!

Turner Ridge Baptist

We continue to pray for our community as they rebound from flood waters. Reach out if you need assistance.

On Sunday at 10 a.m. we had Bible study, and at 11 a.m. we started our worship service. We witnessed the baptism of Leia & Harper Nelson, God

is good! There were testimonies given by Andrea Smith, Perry Gregg, Carson Gabbard, Loran Martinez and Brady Koettel regarding their time being in Bible drill. We are very thankful for Andrea & Kim Myers that lead the kids in Bible drill.

The children's message, "Jesus is the Way," from John 14: 1-14. This is a lesson for everyone, not just the kids. Miley Smith read James 1:2-4, followed by special music from Kristin Callen.

Bro. Dale's message was, "The Word, God's word is living and active..." Hebrews 4:12.

We had our fifth Sunday dinner following church, then witnessed Perry, Kim, Kristin and Bro. Dale participate in our church Bible drill. Way to go! This is Perry's final year in Bible drill, we wish her the best at association and state.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

By Nila Harris

- April 19th, 1:30-3 p.m., New Life Wesleyan Church, 420 Monument Drive, Falmouth.
- April 19th, 10 a.m., Grant's Lick Baptist Church, 941 Clayridge Road, Alexandria (Grant's Lick), egg drop, petting zoo, games & crafts, Easter story.
- April 19th, 11a.m., Turner Ridge Baptist Church, 60 McGraw Road, Easter bunny, Easter story, snacks, egg hunt.
- April 19th, 12 p.m., Antioch Mills Christian

- Church, 12875 US 27, Berry — hot dogs, chips, and egg hunt.
- April 19th, 1 p.m., Falmouth Lion's Club Community Egg Hunt, PC Fairgrounds near US 27 and Woodson Road.
- April 19th, 1 p.m., Unity Baptist Church, 1486 Jagg Road, Demossville.
- April 19th, 1:30 p.m., Falmouth New Life Wesleyan Church, 420 Monument Street, Falmouth — Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny.
- April 19th, 2 p.m., Southern Hope Church

- of Christ, 20 Southside Church Road, Falmouth Kids 12 and under. Games and registration start at 1:30. We will have a preview of our VBS, a short lesson on the true meaning of Easter, and our Egg Hunt. We will have plenty of eggs for all kids. Contact 859 445-1549 or email shccpreacher@gmail.com for questions or to register kids.
- April 20th, 11 a.m., Trinity Southern Baptist Church sponsoring an egg hunt following an Easter service held at the Griffin Center, PC Fairgrounds near U.S. 27 and Woodson Road.

Cemetery group sets annual meet

DEMOSSVILLE — The annual meeting of the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Perpetual Care will be held 7 p.m. April 21 at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 6640 Highway 467. All lot owners and interested family members are encouraged to attend.



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Golden family reunion planned

WILLIAMSBURG — The 29th annual Golden family reunion will be held April 25 at the Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center, 650 South 10th St.

On April 26, the group plans to meet at the first settlement of their Kentucky Golden ancestor on Golden Creek in Knox County.

The Golden family includes a number of families that settled in Pendleton County.

Carol Golden of Kingston, Tennessee, who is coordinating the reunion publicity, can be reached at goldencj@msn.com or 865-376-7141.

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