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Garry Fudge



GLASGOW - Garry Fudge, 73, Glasgow, passed away suddenly Sunday, October 27, 2024. A native of Adair County, he was the son of the late Marion "Short" Fudge and Arminda Hagan Fudge.

He was a retired employee in the maintenance department at R R Donnelley & Sons, having worked for more than 45 years; all the while being a farmer as well. He loved being outdoors and staying active. He was continually, as he termed it, "piddlin" around; he had even named his farm the "Piddlin Farm". He enjoyed salvaging fallen trees by cutting them into pieces to be used as firewood; he cut and sold 100 ricks of firewood last year alone. In his down time, he was a sports enthusiast. He was an avid follower of UK, Cincinnati Reds, and Tennessee Titans. He was a member of the Chestnut Grove Christian Church and had been attending the Boyd's Creek Methodist Church locally.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger; two children, Tammy Fudge, White House, Tennessee and Tommy Fudge and his wife Anna, Glasgow; two brothers: Ronnie Fudge (Linda), Campbellsville and Larry Fudge (Gayle), Columbia; three sisters, Wilma McDonough (John), Fairbault, Minnesota, Kathy McClister, Columbia and Jennifer Carter (John), Columbia; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Nolan Fudge.

Funeral services were held 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2024 at the Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home with burial in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

Paul Chad Nuckols



GLASGOW - Paul Chad Nuckols, 52, Glasgow, passed away November 2, 2024, at the Medical Center in Bowling Green. He was born in Glasgow, on April 26, 1972, to the late Paul Lee Nuckols and Mary Paulette Nuckols (Houchens) who survives.

He was known to most as Chad. A man of many talents, he was passionate about motorcycles and working with his hands. He found immense joy in spending quality time with his family and friends, creating lasting memories that will be cherished forever. He was co-owner of Paul's Lawn and Turf in Glasgow.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughters, Sidney Nuckols (Thomas), and Saige Nuckols (Dakota); son, Dawson Nuckols; sister, Darla Beckham (Billy); brother, Patrick Nuckols (Allison); niece and nephews, Madison Beckham, Alex Beckham, Carson Beckham, and Parker Nuckols.

Donations can be made to the funeral home to aid in his funeral expenses.

Funeral services were held 2:00 pm Thursday, November 7, 2024 at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home with burial in Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

OBITUARY POLICY:

Obituaries must be submitted by a licensed funeral home or a copy of one previously published in order to be placed on the obituary page. Funeral providers determine the size and content of all obits provided to our newspaper and most others. This newspaper continues to offer a free posting as well as various upgrade options.

NOTICE

The Barren County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for Jackie Browning Park for netting, backstops, and scorekeeper booths on the three existing fields not part of current renovation project.

Submit bids by 4:00 Nov 15 to Barren County Judge Executive Office, 117 North Public Square Suite 3A Glasgow, Ky. 42141.

For additional information please contact Barren County Parks Director at 270-678-5275 or email bcpc@glasgow-ky.com.

City Clerk achieves another excellence award

Allyson Dix
Managing Editor

The Kentucky League of Cities recently presented Glasgow City Clerk Mona Simmons with a Level II Excellence in City Governance award.

KLC administers the City Officials Training Center, a voluntary education program. City officials can complete levels by attending KLC events and submitting outside educational credit from other municipal training.

"It is just another achievement gained by training and earning credit hours," Simmons said. "I need continuous training to stay up to date."

Late last year, Simmons was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Inc., and she was named the 2023 Clerk of the Year with the Barren River Municipal Clerks Association.

"KLC is committed to helping local leaders continuously learn and grow," J.D. Chaney, KLC Executive Director/CEO, said. "A commitment to lifelong learning is central to our mission at KLC, and we will continue to provide the tools and support necessary to help local leaders succeed."

Four tiers of recognition are offered by



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Glasgow City Clerk Mona Simmons was presented with a Level II Excellence in City Governance award. She is pictured with two prestigious recognitions she earned in 2023.

the training center based on the number of training hours

participants complete in city governance and ethics.

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Bailey received aid until EMS arrived. He was transported to the T.J. Samson Community Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

According to KSP, the information released is based on the preliminary investiga-

tion and is subject to change through the course of the ongoing investigation as investigators interview vital witnesses and gather pertinent facts.

Assisting KSP on scene was the Barren-Metcalf EMS, Glasgow Fire Depart-

ment and the KDFWR.

Bailey, age 24 of Richmond, is originally from Alabama. KDFWR, in a social media post, shared that Bailey earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and played for the Colo-

nels' football team.

Additionally, ECU Football shared condolences on Bailey's passing in a social media post, "Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family and friends. A Teammate, A Friend, An Eternal Colonel."

Dedication to the Journey



Tommy Druen
JPI Contributor

When faced with the remnants of a hurricane, Utah probably isn't the first place that comes to mind. Yet, during a challenging drive home last month, that's exactly where my thoughts went, reminding me that life's journeys often lead to unexpected places.

On a late September Friday, I had a meeting in Lexington. After it ended, I began my usual 25-to-30-minute commute back home. But that day, my drive coincided with the arrival of Hurricane Helene in Kentucky, the most powerful storm to reach the U.S. mainland since Katrina in 2005. As I merged onto I-75, the rain intensified, and I soon found myself at a standstill. I managed to get off at an exit, hoping to navigate the backroads. However, every time I thought I'd found a clear route, a fallen tree blocked the way. After my fifth detour, thanks to having four-wheel drive and the nerve to cut through a field, I finally made it home—two hours later.

So where does Utah come into this? As I inched along the roads, I

heard the story of Mark Eaton, the 7'4" center who played 12 seasons with the Utah Jazz. Eaton was a unique player whose impact extended far beyond his limited skills—his main offensive role was to stay out of the way for the famous pick-and-roll perfected by John Stockton and Karl Malone. Throughout his career, he never even attempted a three-point shot, which would be unheard of in today's game dominated by shooting centers.

Of course, I remember Eaton. But until that drive, I knew nothing about his journey to the NBA. In high school in California, Eaton's first love was water polo. He joined the basketball team as a senior, but at 6'11" and weighing only 175 pounds, he was more of a curiosity than a star. Eaton played sparingly, and the lack of offers from college basketball programs reflected this. No Division I teams called, nor did Division II or III schools. So, after graduation, Eaton enrolled at the Arizona Automotive Institute and became, presumably, the tallest

mechanic in the country.

One day, while working at a repair shop, Eaton met Tom Lubin, a chemistry professor and part-time basketball coach at Cypress College in Orange County. Lubin saw potential in the towering mechanic and convinced Eaton to enroll at Cypress. Eaton performed well enough there to transfer to UCLA, where he completed his college eligibility, but reverted to statistics more in line with his high school career, averaging 1.8 points per game.

The NBA wasn't exactly clamoring for Eaton's services. Initially, his only pro offer was a \$15,000 contract with an Israeli team. Despite his unimpressive college career, Utah Jazz General Manager Frank Layden decided to take a gamble. With the 72nd pick in the fourth round of the 1982 draft, the Jazz selected Eaton. At the time, Utah was the worst team in the league and had never posted a winning season. Perhaps Layden saw Eaton as a project, a novelty, or simply a cost-effective option in the salary-cap era. Regardless, the choice proved to be a wise move for the Jazz.

Two years after Eaton joined, the Jazz began a playoff streak that would last two decades. Eaton anchored their defense for most of that

run, leading the league in blocked shots four times and earning two NBA Defensive Player of the Year awards. He never scored much, and his rebounding numbers were modest, but Eaton was a force in the middle, game after game. His presence on the court gave Utah the defensive backbone needed to build a culture of winning.

As I listened to Eaton's story, my two-hour detour seemed less frustrating. His journey underscored an important truth: there are many paths to success. You can be a McDonald's High School All-American or a mechanic with your head under a hood. Some people travel a well-paved highway, while others venture through fields. What matters is not abiding by convention but finding a path suited to your strengths.

Eaton once was asked about the secret to success. His answer was that of the consummate teammate. "Honor your role and allow others to honor theirs." On that stormy drive, his words resonated deeply. They reminded me that success doesn't come from following a predetermined path. Whether you're an NBA center or someone navigating Kentucky's backroads, what counts is your dedication to the journey and the commitment you bring to each step.