

OBITUARY

Mary Louise Bland, 91

Mary Louise Bland, 91, of Calvary, KY, passed away on January 3, 2024 at her home. Born in Phillipsburg, KY on July 8, 1932 to the late John Otha Shively and Mary Settie Brown Shively.

Louise was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, seamstress, and caregiver. She was a member of the Calvary Quilters, and a member of Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church. She was a devoutly prayerful woman and very true to her Catholic faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 44 years, Ben S. Bland; step-mother, Lena Brown Shively; brother, Harold (Mabel) Shively; half-brother, John Jimmy (Josephine) Shively; half-sister, Theresa (Charles) Lowe; brother-in-law, Cecil Cox; and son-in-law, Lonnie Burton.

Left to cherish her memory, sister, Matilda Cox; 9 children, Karen Burton, Ricky (Diane) Bland, Nancy Thomas, Settie (Larry) Boeshart, Kevin (Ronda) Bland, Lisa (Larry) Brady, Anita (Jim) Woford, Alice (Terry) Graves, and John (Cindy) Bland; 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Also survived by many loving members of the Shively, Brown, and Bland families, and



Calvary Community. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 3295 New Calvary Road, Lebanon, KY 40033. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Visitation was from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024 at Bosley Funeral Home, with as prayer service at 7:00 p.m. officiated by Deacon Joseph R. Dant.

Pallbearers were Matt Burton, Brad Tatum, Keith Bland, Chad Brady, Jeremy Yates, and Wesley Bland.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jay Bland, Ben Woford, Chase Brady, Jonathan Bland, and Austin Graves.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to, Mass of the Air, 1200 S. Shelby Street, Louisville, KY 40203, or Hosparus of Green River, 462 N. Bypass Rd, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

3 facing sex charges appear in court

BY DENIS HOUSE
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Three individuals who are all facing charges relating to sex with minors were in Marion Circuit Court Division II on Jan. 4.

Joshua E. Miles, Nathan L. Roller, and John W. Tungate all appeared before Judge Kaelin Reed Miles, who is facing three counts of possessing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12 and one count of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means had his motion to compel taken under submission and has a pretrial conference set for Feb. 8 at 1:00 p.m. A motion to compel asks the court to order either the opposing party or a third party to take some action and commonly deals with discovery disputes.

Roller, who is charged with first-degree sexual abuse victim under 12 years of age, will have a review on March 21 at 1:00 p.m. The court also ordered for Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center to do an outpatient evaluation.

Tungate had a motion for continuance set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m. Tungate is charged with two counts of first-degree rape victim under 12 years of age and two counts of first-degree sexual abuse victim under 12 years of age. A mediation could be held in February.

OTHER CASES

- Cathy Ashcraft pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months probation for 24 months on the charge of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified.
- John Joshua Blanford, who was charged with five counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 years probated for 5 years with a 9-month alternative sentence.
- Mark Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years for convicted felon in possession of a handgun, two counts of first-de-

gree wanton endangerment-police officer, first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense (cocaine), and first-degree criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 12 months on three counts of fourth-degree assault minor injury, and 90 days for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substances, first offense (aggravated circumstance).

- Julie E. Langford was sentenced to 2 years probated for 2 years on the charge of tampering with physical evidence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense-drug unspecified, and 12 months probated for 24 months for drug paraphernalia-buy/possess.
- Javen Adams has a pretrial conference set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Thomas A. Brady has a pretrial conference set for Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- Timothy A. Bright has a review set for Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m. with no bond pending charges.
- Timothy R. Buckler has a review set for Feb. 8 at 1:00 p.m. The court also found that Buckler violated the terms of his probation and the matter was taken under submission.
- Jordan T. Dewiler has a probation revocation hearing set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Thomas A. Goodin has a pretrial conference set for Feb. 8 at 1:00 p.m.
- Michael D. Hall has a pretrial conference set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Lauren A. Hamblin has a probation revocation hearing set for Feb. 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- Rachel E. Hodge has a probation revocation hearing set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Michael Dawon Hughes has a pretrial conference set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Mitchell L. Jeffries has a review set for Jan. 18 at 1:00 p.m.

State gambling help-line calls have tripled since sports betting legalized

Kentucky has only 7 certified counselors

BY KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Since sports betting became legal in Kentucky on Sept. 7, calls to the state problem-gambling hotline have nearly tripled, one of the state's few problem-gambling counselors told June Leffler for KET's "Kentucky Edition" recently.

"Since December of '22 to '23, we've seen almost a three-fold increase" in calls, said Lionel Phelps of River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro.

Owensboro has two certified gambling counselors, but the state as a whole has only seven.

"There are none in Lexington, there's none in Northern Kentucky, there's none in Bowling Green, and there's none in Paducah, but there's gambling all over the state," Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling Executive Director Mike Stone told Leffer. "It is as much a geographic concern as it is a numerical concern. There's one counselor in Eastern Kentucky."

When the General Assembly approved sports betting, it set up the state's first problem-gambling fund, supplied by 2.5% of the state's revenue from sports betting. That is projected to be about \$1.2 million a year, but the money won't be available "until well into 2024," said Stone.

Meanwhile, Stone said he is using gaming-industry contributions to recruit and train more counselors "because we anticipate a wave of problem gambling surfacing in 2024, with the advent of the sports betting in the state."

Sports betting is available online, and that aspect "is likely expand-

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ing how people bet," Leffler reports. At the Super Bowl, the betting will start with the coin toss, said Ronsolyn Clark, a counselor at Boulware Mission, an Owensboro residential program for men with drug and alcohol problems.

Clark said addiction to gambling is similar to drug addiction, in which people with the disorder get a high from the brain's release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter that acts like a hormone. "The brain doesn't see it really much differently" than drugs, "as far as the dopamine it releases" into the bloodstream, she said.

She said gambling disorder has the highest rate of suicide among all mental illnesses: "One in five individuals with a gambling problem will attempt or complete suicide."

The National Council on Problem Gambling estimates that 1% of U.S. adults have a gambling disorder, and 2-3% have a gambling problem, Leffler reports: "The consequences of problem gambling are arguably as devastating as those from a substance-use disorder."

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HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE FOR 2024

The Marion County Fiscal Court has released its holiday garbage pickup schedule for 2024.	• Monday, May 27: CLOSED — Tuesday will be a double route	CLOSED — Wednesday will be a double route	• Tuesday/Wednesday, Dec. 24-25: CLOSED
• Monday, Jan. 15: CLOSED — Tuesday will be a double route	• Thursday, July 4: CLOSED — Friday will be a double route	• Monday, Nov. 11: CLOSED — Tuesday will be a double route	— Monday before and Thursday after will be double route days
• Friday, March 29: 1/2 day — No change to garbage	• Monday, Sept. 2: CLOSED — Tuesday will be a double route	• Thursday/Friday, Nov. 28-29: CLOSED — Wednesday before and Monday after will be double route days	• Tuesday/Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1: CLOSED
	• Tuesday, Nov. 5:		— Monday before and Thursday after will be double route days

SENTENCED

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- John T. Hill's pretrial conference was passed to Jan. 18 at 9:00 a.m. and his jury trial is scheduled for April 29 at 8:30 a.m. with no bond pending his next court date.
- Jason Hiter has a jury trial scheduled for Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. with a deadline for resolution on Jan. 12 at 11:00 a.m. He is charged with first-degree strangulation, first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), fourth-degree assault with no visible injury, and three other charges.
- Thomas D. Jacobs' motion to reset the evidentiary hearing for Jan. 12 was sustained without objection. The hearing is now reset until Jan. 31 at 9:00 a.m.
- Gabrielle N. Lovato has a jury trial set for Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. with a deadline for resolution on Jan. 12 at 11:00 a.m. She is facing 10 counts including first-degree enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (greater or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine), first-degree wanton endangerment, and convicted felon in possession of a handgun.
- Robert Mattingly has a pretrial conference set for Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m. and a jury trial scheduled for April 29 at 8:30 a.m. His bond was modified to \$5,000 unsecured on the conditions he has no violations of the law, and no use of

drugs or alcohol. He will also be drug tested on his next court date.

- James D. McNear has a jury trial set for Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. with a deadline for resolution on Jan. 12 at 11:00 a.m. He is facing first-degree assault charges among others.
- Joseph Overstreet has been hospitalized for a serious medical condition and the motion to exclude testimony that was set for Jan. 12 was remanded along with a jury trial that was set for Jan. 22. He now has a status conference set for Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m. He is facing two counts of second-degree sodomy.
- Joseph Darrell Raley's motion to revoke his probation is set for a hearing on Jan. 18 at 9:00 a.m. with no bond pending the hearing.
- Jeffrey Jay Sagracy's motion to revoke probation is set for a hearing on Jan. 17 at 9:00 a.m. in Washington County with no bond pending the hearing.
- Gerald L. Settles has a jury trial set for Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m. with a deadline for resolution on Jan. 12 at 11:00 a.m.
- Katie L. Smith must report to Probation and Parole until April 25 at 9:00 a.m. and if she is compliant the case will be dismissed at that time.
- Matthew K. Smothers' [pretrial conference and motion to suppress is set for Jan 18 at 11:00 a.m. with a jury trial scheduled for March 25 at 8:30 a.m.
- Bethany A. Lynn's motion to revoke probation is remanded on the condition that she complete long-term treatment at the Chrys-

alis House. Completion of that program is now a condition of supervision.

- Christopher C. Smith violated his probation and the parties agreed to a 75-day sanction with credit and for the case to be closed at that time. Smith shall be released from custody on March 15 and the case will be concluded at that time.
- Julie Reanna Steele's deferred prosecution is set for a review on May 9 at 9:00 a.m.
- Brendon David Booher had a bench warrant issued without bond on Nov. 7, 2023.
- Todd Carter is in custody and has financial obligations set for a review on Jan. 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Benita E. Festervan is in custody and has financial obligations set for a review on May 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
- Crystal Grigbsy's DPA fee is waived and her case is closed.
- Amanda C. Huntt is in custody and has financial obligations set for a review on Jan. 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Joshua Christian Johnson has financial obligations set for a review on July 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Jonathan Rhinehart has financial obligations set for a review on March 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- Gregory E. Ruley has financial obligations set for a review on April 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Armonia Scott has a pretrial conference and suppression hearing reset until Jan. 18 at 11:00 a.m. with a jury trial scheduled for Jan. 22 at 8:30 a.m.

CLEAN-UP

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that the request for free radon-testing kits has increased.

"We are seeing several high test results and are helping residents with advice on remediation of the homes," Brock said. "We have a list of approved contractors that have worked in Marion County and

continue to make this list available to our residents."

Brock added that the test results are confidential and he only finds out which homes are affected when a homeowner approaches him for help. "This is a good program," Brock said of the free radon-testing kits. "We've been giving out about 100 a year. I appreciate the program and I know our residents do."

He also noted that 85 bags of trash were recently collected on Danville Highway and that the county continues to grow, having added nine new addresses that morning.

"We are growing all the time," Brock said. "It's amazing the number of people who are moving into the county and developing here."

In other business, the Court:

- Approved hiring

Blake Thompson as a part-time EMT-B.

- Heard from EMS Director Brian Smith, who noted the increase in missions from 2022 (2,750) to 2023 (3,146).
- Heard from Animal Shelter director Candi Taylor, who said, like EMS, her department saw an increase in runs last year with 427. She added that donations were up and the shelter took in a total of 1,397 animals in 2023.