

Area Deaths

Ruth Davis Wells

Ruth Davis Wells, 95, of Rush, Kentucky, formerly of Pikeville, Kentucky, passed away on May 22, 2023, in Ashland, Kentucky. She was born September 9, 1927, in West Liberty, Kentucky, to Grace Elam and William Amos Davis.



She was the third eldest daughter of eleven children. Ruth worked for the Kentucky Tourism Board and appeared on a post card promoting the Bluegrass state and in the publication Scenic South. She met and married William Blair Wells, former Kentucky State Representative, and they made their life together in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Ruth worked for the Army Corps of Engineers in Pikeville and Paintsville and later for the Social Security Administration. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Pikeville. She was active in the Woman's Club, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, American Cancer Society, and loved to entertain guests in her home for games of Bridge and Canasta. An exceptionally caring lady, she participated in Meals on Wheels. She was a proud member of the Democratic Party and volunteered

her time with elections for many years.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, Linda Wells Fowler, and granddaughter, Kristen Blair Hicks (Jason), both of Ashland, Kentucky; sisters Billie Perkins (Atlanta, Georgia), Frances Dehart (Fort Mitchell, Kentucky), and Linda Paschal (Shelbyville, Kentucky) and many great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Virginia Watkins, Alene Davis, Estelle Caskey, and brothers Chiles Davis, William Amos Davis, Jr., Tommy Davis, and Edwin Davis.

Ruth will be remembered for the determination with which she approached anything in life, the love she had for her family and friends, her love of every single dog and cat lucky to cross her doorstep, and especially the love for her family home in West Liberty, Kentucky.

A private memorial will be held at a later date in West Liberty, Kentucky.

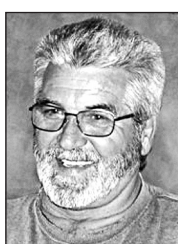
In lieu of flowers, donations to Ashland Animal Rescue Fund - 12365 Kevin Ave. Ashland, KY 41102.

To share a memory of Ruth or to extend condolences to her family, please visit: www.steenfuneralhome.com.

Steen Funeral Home in Ashland, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

Tommy Little

Tommy Little, age 63, of Frenchburg, Ky., passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, at his residence following an extended illness.



He was born July 22, 1959, to Raymond Little and Ruby Banfield Little in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Tommy had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior, and was a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Little and Ruby Banfield Little; one sister, Vicky Little; and one nephew, Matthew Lawson.

Survivors include one sister, Nancy Ratliff, of Frenchburg, Ky.; two brothers, Tim Little, of Frenchburg, Ky., and Johnny Little, of Wellington, Ky.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Menifee Home For Funerals with Bro. Jimmy Daulton officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelace Cemetery, Mariba, Ky., with Menifee Home For Funerals, Funeral Director Randy Halsey, in charge of arrangements.

Mason rites were conducted by members of Mizpah Lodge #507 F & AM, of Hazel Green, Ky., during visitation on Tuesday, May 23, at Menifee Home For Funerals.

Pallbearers are Terry Lawson, Dean Trusty, Cob Smith, Billy McVey, Matt Heizer and Gary Donathan.

Julie Kilgore

Julie Ann Nolan Kilgore, age 59, of Frenchburg, Ky., passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at her residence following an illness.



She was born March 15, 1964, in Campton, Ky., to Randall Joe Nolan and Brenda Ann McCoy Nolan.

Julie was of the Christian Faith.

She worked at the Boneal Factory in Means, Ky.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Jackie Lee Kilgore, Frenchburg, Ky.; daughter, Sandi Kilgore

Brashear and Steve Brashear, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., son, John Kilgore and Mia Kilgore, of Chicago, Ill.; sister, Sheila Nolan, of Frenchburg, Ky.; niece, Emily Patrick; nephew, Noah Patrick; great-nephew, Koda Thomas; four grandchildren, Ben and Eli Brashear, and Hannah and Shamus Kilgore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Randall Joe Nolan and Brenda Ann McCoy Nolan.

Funeral services were conducted 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Menifee Home For Funerals with Bro. Wayne Myers officiating. Interment followed in Egelston Cemetery, Tarr Ridge, Frenchburg, Ky., with Menifee Home For Funerals, Funeral Director Randy Halsey, in charge of arrangements.

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By Sandra Carpenter

May 23—Thought for the week:

FOCUS : A point of concentration. Emphasis, attention to detail.

Focus on what you have instead of what you don't have. Focus on what you can do instead of what you can't. Focus on the positive not on the negative. Whatever you focus on will increase.

It's time that we focus on our lives and set our attentions on things that are most important to us. In Philippians 3:13-14 (Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus).

We must live life to the fullest and focus on the positive. During our darkest moments we must focus to see the light. (Jesus is the light of this world). We need to focus on the journey

to make it to our destination in life. If you want to be happy do not dwell in the past, do not worry about the future; focus on the present.

Your life is controlled by what you focus on. Keep your eyes on Jesus and make Him your # 1 focus in your life. Shift your focus from what you can't control to how you will respond.

Prayers to the sick and shut in's and those who have lost a loved one.

The writer has returned home after spending several weeks with my sister, Tamera Tate, and Dalton in Mt. Sterling. Thankful for all her help.

Visiting Tamera, Dalton and the writer was our brother, Kendall Carpenter, on Friday.

Visiting Barbara Carpenter recently were Betty Stewart, and Fern McKinney and her daughter of Jeffersonville. They were decorating the family cemetery.

Monday, Tamera, your writer and Barbara Carpenter were in Morehead for mom's doctor appointment. She has not been

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SEALED BIDS

May 23, 2023

The Morgan County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for six (6) surplus school buses.

BUS NUMBER	MAKE	YEAR	CAPACITY
632	IC	2008	52 PASSENGERS
628	IC	2008	66 PASSENGERS
630	IC	2008	66 PASSENGERS
846	IC	2009	66 PASSENGERS
850	IC	2009	66 PASSENGERS
923	IC	2010	14 PASSENGERS

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday June 13, 2023. The bids will be reviewed and awarded at the next regular or special called board meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. Bids are to be placed in a sealed envelope and labeled surplus bus bid. The bids may be hand delivered to the Morgan County Board of Education or mailed to:

155 University Drive
West Liberty, KY 41472
Attn. Jeremy Bush

The buses are being sold as is and may be inspected by calling Jeremy Bush at 743-8402. The Morgan County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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City of West Liberty

ORDINANCE NO. 052223-1

An Ordinance adopting the City of West Liberty, Kentucky Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 Through June 30, 2024.

Estimating revenues and resources and appropriating Funds for the Operation of City Government

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications,

Now, therefore, Be it so ordained by the City of West Liberty that the annual budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 is hereby adopted.

1st Reading 4-24-23

2nd Reading 5-22-23

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE

TO: West Liberty City Council, Employees, and Citizens

FROM: Kyle Risner, Mayor

DATE: April 24th, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023-2024 Budget Proposal and Message

The Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) set forth the requirements and certain guidelines for financial administration of the fiscal affairs of cities. KRS 91A.010 through 91A.060, 83A.140 (8), and 83A.150 (5) specifically address the requirements of financial administration and fiscal responsibility.

This budget message and attached budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 is presented to you in compliance with the appropriate statutes.

An explanation of the basic features of the budget proposal is set forth below as required by statute.

The major goal of the City, working within the projections of a balanced budget, are: to protect the lives and property of its citizens with the police department, volunteer fire department, and other emergency services; to protect the health of its citizens by providing good quality drinking water, properly treating wastewater, efficient gas service and properly disposing of solid waste; and to provide for safe vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the city by maintaining roads and sidewalks.

This year's budget is comparable to last year's budget with a few changes. As you know inflation is on the rise and at some of the highest levels we have seen in many years. We are getting letters from companies almost daily talking about the prices of our materials and supplies that are rising. We have planned to purchase a police cruiser this year as we have paid off all the current police cruiser loans.

The only change in revenue expected at this time is the 6.5% CPI increase for water and sewer which is based on the national inflation rate. We hope this will help offset some of the increases we are facing from our suppliers. We still have some water and sewer infrastructure funds available for use due to the federal American Recovery Funds Act. As for general operations no major changes are expected.

I hope you find this proposal workable and look forward to working with you another year. We hope that by working together we will continue to help West Liberty move forward.

Thank You,