

Nursing Excellence Continues at MCTC

Maysville Community and Technical College's Practical Nursing (PN) program continues to raise the bar in nursing education, as its eighth cohort has achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). This latest achievement by the Rowan Campus cohort adds to the program's ongoing success, marking the seventh consecutive year in which every student passed the NCLEX.

Dawn Greenfield, an associate professor in the nursing program, remarked on the accomplishment. "This outstanding achievement is a true testament to the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of our students, as well as the unwavering support we receive from MCTC and our community partners," Greenfield remarked. "I was absolutely giddy with excitement - shouting it from the rooftops - after the final student completed testing. This is a moment worth celebrating."



According to Greenfield, passing the NCLEX is a pivotal step to becoming a licensed nurse. Reaching a 100% pass rate reflects not only the program's strength, but also the bright future of nursing in the community. "Congratulations to our graduates - you have made us incredibly proud, and we know you will go on to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those you care for," Greenfield said.

Ginger Clarke-Gal-

agher, Associate Vice President of Health Sciences and Nursing Program Administrator, noted the dedication of those involved with the PN program. "This extraordinary accomplishment is a reflection of the unwavering dedication, expertise, and passion of our nursing faculty," said Ginger Clarke-Gallagher, Associate Vice President of Health Sciences. She continued, "Achieving a 100% NCLEX pass rate for eight consecutive cohorts is no small feat. It

speaks volumes about the strength of our program, our students and the exceptional leadership of Dawn Greenfield and Jennifer Garner, an assistant professor in nursing, whose commitment to student success continues to set a standard of excellence in nursing education."

For more information on the PN program, please contact Greenfield at dawn.greenfield@kctcs.edu or Clarke-Gallagher at ginger.clarke@kctcs.edu. *submitted*

Deaths

MR. THORNSBURY

Fred Thornsburg, 77, of Augusta, Kentucky, passed away at his residence on Friday, June 27, 2025. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 47 years, Susanne (née Appelman) Thornsburg.

Fred was born in Augusta on April 14, 1948 to his parents, the late Robert C. and Mary Ann (née White) Thornsburg. He was a self-employed woodworker. A United States Navy veteran, he served his country in the Vietnam War. He was a member of St. Augustine Church and a lifetime member of the Augusta VFW Post 9535.

Along with his wife, he leaves behind two sons, Luke Thornsburg (Bridget) and Troy Archibald (Erica); his daughter, Sarah Caudill (Kent); two brothers, Michael Thornsburg (Roseanne) and Steve Thornsburg (Vicky); and three sisters, Kim Bailey (Rick), Kay Teegarden, and Sandy Hamilton (Kirby). Also surviving are his grandchildren, Kailey Kelsch (Todd), Dylan Archibald (Halley), Chase, Nicole, and Keirsten Archibald, and Nathan Thornsburg; his great-grandsons, Archer, Theo, and Baker Kelsch; his great-great-grandchildren, Kenton Caudill and Kyler Burton; his uncle, John White; several nieces and nephews; and



his very special niece, Ariana Perkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Larry Tom Archibald who died in 1982; his sister, Pat Thornsburg; two grandchildren, Amanda and Karrie Caudill; and his daughter-in-law, Rhonda Archibald.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at St. Augustine Church in Augusta by Rev. Joseph Shelton. Interment followed in the Sharon Cemetery in Bracken County, Kentucky.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Mass intentions to St. Augustine Church, 215 East Fourth Street, Augusta, Kentucky 41002 or donations to Augusta VFW Post 9535, P.O. Box 39, Brooksville, Kentucky 41004.

Metcalf-Hennessey Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be sent through www.mhfuneralhome.com.

Living in the Doghouse

by Vanessa Ferrell



Doggers and Scents

Wherever you are now, take a deep breath through your nose. What do you smell? Imagine if your sense of smell was increased to a stereophonic technicolor level, like a dog's nose. On walks my dogs often stop to sniff at things undetectable by me. I often wish I could smell like them - I feel like I'm missing out.

According to AKC.com, dogs' sense of smell is 100,000 times keener than humans. They have been trained to find explosives, drugs, cadavers, track lost people, and can even be trained to detect cancer. Truly man's best friend!

Among dogs, certain

breeds stand out as best sniffers: terriers, hounds, beagles, spaniels, pointers, retrievers, shepherds and collies. These are the dogs bred through centuries to help hunters and trained to assist law enforcement in modern times.

Even regular pets have a keen sense of smell. I often play the "Find it" game to entertain and keep them from getting bored. I place small pieces of Pupperoni on the floor, on ledges, or other places they can reach in a room. Then I open the door and announce, "Find it!" They use their noses to search for the yummy treats. They also like rolling in

messes. Oskar has a taste for sticky who-knows-what that adds to his macho personality. Rose, although an outdoorsy girl, prefers the lighter aroma of dried deer bones.

A dog's sense of smell also helps them tell time. Some people have noticed that when they come home, their dogs are waiting for them, and have thought their dogs were psychic. The fact is, we leave our scent in the house and as the day goes on it fades, like an old air freshener. Our dogs, who carefully observe us, note the level of scent in the house when we come home, and look for us each day when the smell gets to that level.

Although an enhanced sense of smell lets dogs experience the world in a more intense way than we humans do, I think I'd rather have an opposable thumb.

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Harrison Memorial Recognized by ACC for Heart Attack Treatment

The American College of Cardiology has recognized Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. HMH was awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary PCI in May based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain or discomfort. Other heart attack symptoms include, but are not limited to, tingling or discomfort in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweat, unusual tiredness, heartburn-like feeling, nausea or vomiting, sudden dizziness and fainting.

Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is also known as coronary angioplasty. It is a

non-surgical procedure that opens narrowed or blocked coronary arteries with a balloon to relieve symptoms of heart disease or reduce heart damage during or after a heart attack.

Hospitals that have earned ACC Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI Accreditation have proven exceptional competency in treating patients with heart attack symptoms and have primary PCI available 24/7 every day of the year. As required to meet the criteria of the accreditation designation, they comply with standard Chest Pain Center protocols and are equipped with a robust hypothermia program for post-cardiac arrest treatment. These facilities also maintain a "No Diversion Policy" for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest patients.

Hospitals receiving Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multifaceted clinical process that involves: completing a gap analysis; examining variances of care, developing an action plan; a rigorous onsite review;

and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing of guidelines and standards, and adopting best practices in the care of patients experiencing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes.

"We are honored to receive the American College of Cardiology's Chest Pain Center Accreditation with Primary PCI. This recognition reflects our dedicated team's commitment to delivering the highest quality heart care to our patients," said Kathy Tussey, HMH Chief Executive Officer. "Our focus remains on providing timely, expert treatment to improve outcomes and save lives in the communities we serve." *submitted*

Lunch and Learn Series in July Focuses on Living with Diabetes

The Bracken County Health Department is hosting a free "Lunch & Learn" Series once a month from 11:30 to 1 pm on Wednesdays at the Bracken County Extension Office, located at 1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road



in Brooksville. A light lunch will be served during each session.

The summer session continues on July 9 with a session on diabetes. To register, scan the QR code shown or call the Extension office at 606-735-2141.

Meadowview Regional Publishes 2024 Community Benefit Report

Meadowview Regional Medical Center today published its community benefit report for the 2024 calendar year. This annual report outlines the various ways the hospital is working to support the health and economic vitality of the Buffalo Trace Region as part of its mission of making communities healthier®.

Meadowview's 2024 community benefit report highlights its continued efforts to meet the growing healthcare needs of its community through welcoming new providers, adding and expanding service lines and continually investing in its facilities and healthcare technology. In 2024, Meadowview Regional Medical Center added 35 providers

in hematology/oncology, dietary medicine and pain management; and more than \$1.5 million in capital improvements, including Harmonic software, a chemistry good and ED stretchers.

Additionally, Meadowview made a donation of nearly \$15 million in health services to those in need, demonstrating its continuous commitment to ensuring everyone has access to care, regardless of their ability to pay.

Meadowview Regional Medical Center is also devoted to creating environments where providers want to practice, and employees want to work. In 2024, the hospital distributed more than \$33,703,500 in salaries, wages and benefits for its approxi-

mately 350 employees.

Last year, the organization paid \$7,707,800 in local and state taxes, while also continuing its support of local activities and organizations committed to serving the region, including Hospice of Hope, Comprehend, Maysville Police Department, May's Lick Fire Department, Ripley High School, Tom Browning's Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Maysville Players, FCCLA, Ion Center, Kentucky Gateway Museum and Bracken County High School.

Meadowview Regional Medical Center's 2024 community benefit report is available at meadowviewregional.com/community-benefit-report. *submitted*

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