

**SERVICES**

**Tuesday, July 8:**  
**William Michael Sagraves** of Ashland. Friends are welcome to visit from 10:30 a.m. until the service begins at the Steen Funeral Home Central Ave Chapel in Ashland. Funeral services will commence at 11:30 a.m. The final resting place will be at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast with full military honors by members of the US Air Force and the American Legion Post #93.

**Wednesday, July 9:**  
**Bernard Ralph "Butch" Henson Jr.** of South Point. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home and Crematory in Proctorville, Ohio. Funeral services will commence at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Burlington Greenlawn Cemetery in South Point, Ohio.

**Avery Gene Keelin  
1961-2025**

Love leaves a memory no one can steal, death leaves a heartache no one can heal.

Avery Gene Keelin, 64, of Ashland, formerly of Catlettsburg, passed away peacefully at home on July 4, 2025 surrounded by his loving family, following a valiant battle with cancer this past year.



and brought much joy and laughter, several whom he helped to raise, Chelsea Keelin, Ciarra Sexton, Charles

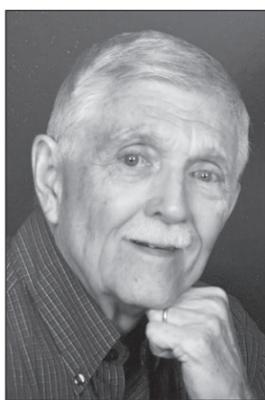
"C.J." Darlas, Hannah and Jacob Newcomb, Levi Perkins, Madelynn Tsai and Taylor and Kaden Darlas; also three beautiful great grandchildren who will grow up knowing they were loved, Bryson, Brooklyn and Adalynn.

Funeral services will be held 1:00pm Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at the Steen Funeral Home 13th St. Chapel by Chaplain Jimm Smedley. Burial will immediately follow at the Rose Hill Burial Park. Visitation will be prior to services beginning at 12:00pm at the funeral home.

To share a condolence with his family or to view his video tribute, please visit Avery's web page at [www.steenfuneralhome.com](http://www.steenfuneralhome.com).

**William Michael Sagraves  
1937-2025**

William Michael (Mick) Sagraves 1937-2025. William Michael (Mick) Sagraves, a lifelong resident of Ashland, Ky., went to be with the Lord on July 5, 2025.



Born May 20, 1937, in Ashland, Mick was the son of the late Elmer and Mary Lee Sagraves.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Katharine Rae (Kathy) Barker Sagraves; and his beloved son, Michael Joe Sagraves; a grandson, Michael David Sagraves and wife, Blair; and a great-grandson, Gavin Michael Sagraves.

Mick, a 1955 graduate of Ashland High School, received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force in 1959. When he returned to Ashland, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and retired as a mail carrier in 1992. Mick is well-known for his many years as a volunteer at King's Daughters Medical Center where he assisted patients in recovery amongst other

departments. He loved his Kentucky Wildcats basketball and football teams as well as Ashland

Tomcat sports. Above all, Mick was a follower of Jesus Christ, and he was a long-time member of the congregation of Wildwood Church of God in Ashland.

Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday July 8, 2025 at the Steen Funeral Home Central Ave Chapel in Ashland, with Pastor Bob Hunt officiating. Friends may visit from 10:30am with the service beginning at 11:30 am.

The final resting place will be at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East with full military honors by members of the US Air Force and the American Legion Post #93.

In lieu of flowers, please give to the charity of your choice in Mick's memory. To share a condolence with his family or to view his video tribute, please visit [www.steenfuneralhome.com](http://www.steenfuneralhome.com).

**STEEN  
FUNERAL HOMES**

**Bernard Ralph "Butch" Henson Jr.  
1946-2025**

Bernard Ralph "Butch" Henson Jr., 78, of South Point, OH, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2024, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV. He is survived by his wife, Carol Henson. Bernard retired from Vesuvius USA in Ashland, KY.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 9,

2025, at Hall Funeral Home and Crematory in Proctorville, OH. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Burlington Greenlawn Cemetery in South Point, OH. Condolences may be expressed to the family at: [ehallfuneralhome.com](http://ehallfuneralhome.com)

**LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

**AARF rummage sale scheduled**

**ASHLAND**  
 A yard sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to benefit the Ashland Animal Rescue Fund. The sale will be at Office Furniture USA, 2781 Winchester Ave.

**Cookie decorating class upcoming**

**ASHLAND**  
 A specialty cookie decorating class will be at 1:30 p.m. July 19 at Summit Church of the Nazarene. All funds raised will go to sending church teens to New York next year. Cost is \$45 per ticket, which includes six sugar cookies to decorate, all supplies needed, lessons on decorating specialty cookies, tea and lemonade.

**MEETING**  
**Today, 6 p.m.:** Carter County Board of Education, special session, 228 S. Carol Malone Blvd., Grayson.

STAFF REPORTS

**TOP FIVE STORIES, JUNE 29-JULY 5**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following headlines were associated with the top five most-read stories on [dailyindependent.com](http://dailyindependent.com). Search any headline on the website to read the story.*

**Rank Headline**

1. 2025 Baseball All-Area: Numbers only part of the story
2. Boyd County grand jurors hand up indictments
3. Golden Eagles add more 'Wheel' power
4. 2025 Softball All-Area: A circle of champions
5. Summer Motion kicks off event with 5/10K race

**New details emerge on Gaza ceasefire proposal as Netanyahu heads to the White House**

**DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip** (AP) New details of the Gaza ceasefire proposal emerged on Sunday as Israel sent a negotiating team to Qatar ahead of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's White House visit for talks toward an agreement. Inside the territory,

hospital officials said Israeli airstrikes killed at least 38 Palestinians.

The document outlines plans for a 60-day ceasefire during which Hamas would hand over 10 living and 18 dead hostages, Israeli forces would withdraw to a buffer zone.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

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ORDINANCE NO. 5, 2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING RENTAL FEES AND GUIDELINES AND ADOPTING THE EVENT AGREEMENT FORM FOR USE OF THE CATLETTSBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER LOCATED AT 3015 LOUISA STREET IN CATLETTSBURG.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9, 2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING FAITH DAY, MAYOR, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CATLETTSBURG GENERATORS FEMA PROJECT.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2025**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY, RENAMING THE BOYD COUNTY COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 3015 LOUISA STREET AS THE "CATLETTSBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER" AND REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

/s/ FAITH DAY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
/s/ SUSAN MADDIX  
INTERIM CITY CLERK

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: June 17, 2025  
 READOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: June 30, 2025

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the heading of this Ordinance is in compliance with KRS 83A.060(9) and is an accurate summary of the full Ordinance. It was prepared by the City Attorney who is licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/Richard W. Martin  
City Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Richard W. Martin this 30th day of June, 2025. My commission as a Notary Public expires June 6, 2027.

/s/Susan Webb Maddix  
Notary Public  
State of Kentucky at Large  
ID No. KYNP73508

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**U.S. tariffs on European goods threaten to shake up the world's largest trade relationship**

**FRANKFURT, Germany** (AP) The European Union expects to find out on Monday whether President Donald Trump will impose punishing tariffs on America's largest trade partner in a move economists have warned would have repercussions for companies and consumers on both sides of the Atlantic. Trump imposed a

20% import tax on all EU-made products in early April as part of a set of tariffs targeting countries with which the United States has a trade imbalance. Hours after the nation-specific duties took effect, he put them on hold until July 9 at a standard rate of 10% to quiet financial markets and allow time for negotiations. Expressing displea-

sure with the EU's stance in trade talks, however, Trump said he would increase the tariff rate for European exports to 50%, which could make everything — from French cheese and Italian leather goods to German electronics and Spanish pharmaceuticals — much more expensive in the U.S.

The EU's executive commission, which handles trade issues for the bloc's 27-member nations, said its leaders hope to strike a deal with the Trump administration. Without one, the EU said it was prepared to retaliate with tariffs on hundreds of American products, ranging from beef and auto parts to beer and Boeing airplanes.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told CNN's "State of the Union" program on Sunday that "the EU was very slow in coming to the table" but that talks were now making "very good progress."

Here are important things to know about trade between the United States and the European Union.

**US-EU trade is enormous**

The European Commission describes the trade between the U.S. and the EU as "the most important commercial relationship in the world."

The value of EU-U.S. trade in goods and services amounted to 1.7 trillion euros (\$2 trillion) in 2024, or an average of 4.6 billion euros a day, according to Eurostat statistics agency Eurostat.

The biggest U.S. export to Europe was crude oil, followed by pharmaceuticals, aircraft, automobiles, and medical and diagnostic equipment.

Europe's biggest exports to the U.S. were pharmaceuticals, cars, aircraft, chemicals, medical instruments, and wine and spirits.

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