

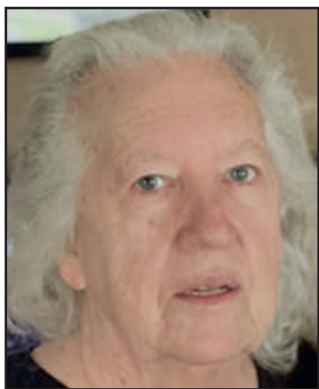
OBITUARIES



GUY COPELAND
Guy Nelson Copeland Jr., M.D., a retired Lexington gynecologist and gynecologic surgeon, died Dec. 6, 2025, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, his home for the past two years.
He succumbed to complications from colon cancer just 17 days after the death of his wife, Marie Moore Copeland, to whom he was married 64 years. The family is planning a Celebration of Lives for Nelson and Marie in Lexington in the spring. Their burial at Lexington Cemetery will follow.
Born Jan. 6, 1936, in Shreveport, Louisiana, he was the son of the late Guy Nelson Copeland and Ouida Lucille Walton Copeland. His formative years were spent in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was a 1954 graduate of Central High School with all-A's. His high school activities included National Honor Society, VP of the student council, lettering in basketball and baseball and representing the school at Boys State and the Memphis Cotton Carnival.
Nelson attended Vanderbilt University, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In 1960 he graduated from the University of

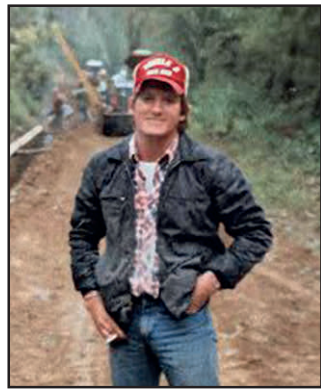
Tennessee College of Medicine, where he was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed a surgical internship at Vanderbilt University Hospital in 1961 where he met a nursing student, Marie Moore of Harrodsburg. They married on Aug. 5, 1961. From 1962 to 1964, he was a captain in the USAF Medical Corps, serving as a general medical officer. In 1964 Nelson and Marie moved to Durham, North Carolina, where he would complete a four-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University Hospital. In 1968, Nelson and Marie and their two young children moved to Lexington to establish Nelson's private medical practice. He retired in 1998 after 30 years of practice. He will be remembered for his long friendships with patients, detailed patient records and meticulous surgery preparation. During his intellectual prime years his passion, secondary to his profession and family, was learning, including economics and investments classes at the University of Kentucky and an extensive personal study of diverse spiritual traditions of the world. He enjoyed sharing his favorite readings and books with family and friends.
Nelson was a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and was a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the F. Bayard Carter Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association, the Kentucky Medical Association, and the Lexington Medical Society.
In retirement Nelson valued time with his wife and

experiences with his children and grandchildren. He was extremely proud of the education and achievements of all his family, especially of his wife. He was a private person. In 2023, Nelson and Marie moved to Arbor Acres Retirement Community in Winston Salem, North Carolina, to be near their daughter.
Survivors include: one daughter, Caren York (Greg) of High Point, North Carolina; one son, James Copeland of Atlanta, Georgia; two sisters-in-law, Jamie VanArsdall (Dick Billings) of Anacortes, Washington, and Dixie Moore recently of Cincinnati, Ohio but a near-lifelong Kentuckian. Nelson was a proud and interactive grandfather to his five grandchildren, Grey York, Catherine (Daniel) Mace, Charles York, Spencer (Lee-elle) Copeland and Emily Copeland, who will fondly remember their personalized monthly mailers of curated, red-lined newspaper and magazine clippings specific to each child's interests.
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ELSIE DENNIS
Elsie Jean Riley Dennis, 81, of Harrodsburg, widow of Harold Thomas Dennis, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at Ephraim McDowell Regional

Medical Center in Danville.
Born June 3, 1944, in Harrodsburg, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Daniel "J.D." Elsie (Medley) Dennis. She was a member of Bruner's Chapel Baptist Church and retired as a shipping clerk for Eaton Corporation.
Survivors include: one daughter, Tammy (Danny) Holliday of Harrodsburg; four sisters, Shirley Cooley, Betty Jo Finley, Brenda Riley and Debra Mink; one brother, Danny Riley; five grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by two sons, Tommy Joe Dennis and Harold Dewayne Dennis.
Graveside services were held Friday, Dec. 19, at Burner's Chapel Baptist Cemetery, with family officiating.
Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



ROBIN HUFFMAN
Robin Scott "Red" Huffman, 62, of Harrodsburg, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at his residence.
Born March 10, 1963, in Danville, he was the son of Bonnie Chapman Huffman of Harrodsburg and the late

Bruce W. Huffman.
He was of the Baptist faith and worked in the horse industry, including Keeneland, Church Hill Downs and other horse race tracks across the country.
Survivors, in addition to his mother, include: one brother, Mark (Lee) Huffman of Harrodsburg; five sisters, Tammie Richardson of Lebanon, Wanda (Gary) Dixon of Salvisa, Patty (Brent) Sallee of Harrodsburg, Kimberly Huffman of Harrodsburg and Bruce Annette (Chuck) Bentley of Danville and several nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael Bruce Chapman.
Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Brother George Dye officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.
Pallbearers will be Wayne Collier, Donald Wayne "Tito" Smith, Chuck Bentley, Brent Sallee and Matthew Dixon.
Visitation 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home.
Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 21903, Lexington, KY 40522 and or to the St.

Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.
Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.alexanderandroyalty.com.

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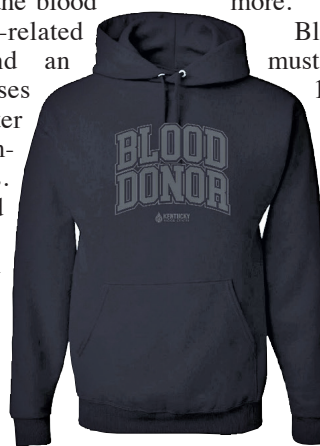
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Donors can get a hoodie at blood drive on Jan. 6, 2026

Between the start of a new year and National Blood Donor Month in January, there's no time like the present to donate blood and save local lives.
The Kentucky Blood Center will host a blood drive in Mercer County on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Harrodsburg Christian Church Fellowship Hall (305 South Main Street).
The blood drive offers donors the opportunity to celebrate the gift of life by giving blood. As a thank you for blacking out blood shortages, donors will receive an all-black hoodie (while supplies last).

The start of the new year means it's winter, which is a difficult time on the blood supply. Weather-related cancellations and an uptick in illnesses during the winter months can hamper collections. Proactive blood donation ensures a healthy blood supply for local patients at the Kentucky Blood Center's 70-plus hospitals.
Blood donated stays local to aid patients for a wide range of treatments, including cancer,

trauma, sickle cell, organ transplants, surgeries and more.
Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome.



To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.
The Kentucky Blood Center is the largest independent, full-service, nonprofit blood agency of its kind in Kentucky. It has been saving local lives since 1968. Licensed by the FDA, the Kentucky Blood Center's sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky. The agency provides services in 90 Kentucky counties and has donor centers in Lexington, Louisville, Frankfort, Pikeville, Somerset and the Tri-County area (Corbin).

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The magistrates had voted to terminate the former director, Amber Sweetman, while she was still in the probationary period in October.
Sweetman subsequently asked to be reinstated at a special-called meeting, but the fiscal court took no action. They subsequently hired Cutts as the new director, effective Monday, Dec. 1, at a salary of \$45,000 a year. The magistrates also voted to change the animal shelter's Facebook page to informational-only.
On Tuesday, the fiscal court also voted to purchase a new truck for animal control. The magistrates agreed to buy a 2025 Dodge Ram 1500 from Auto Connection in Junction for \$24,915. Judge Steele said the purchase is in the budget.
In other news, the Mercer County Fiscal Court:
• Recognized Gary "Redman" Hafley, who is retiring after working 17 years at Anderson-Dean Community Park.
"I appreciate you," Park Director Stephen Ransdell said as he presented Hafley with a plaque. "I appreciate your work and dedication to the park."
• Approved a budget amendment for the Mercer County Sheriff's Office. After a group of local citizens began circulating a petition

to recall the Mercer County School District's tax rate, the sheriff's office was forced to send out two tax bills: one for all the county taxing districts except the schools and another one for the schools. In November, the Mercer County Board of Education voted to lower the real estate property tax rate for the 2025-2026 school year from 71.6 cents to 70.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The rate for tangible personal property was reduced from 71.6 cents to 71.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The sheriff's office began sending out school property tax bills on Nov. 26, 2025, and began collection on Dec. 1, 2025.
Brooke Williams of the sheriff's office said the tax commissions for this year and state reimbursement will be moved back to January 2026.
• Agreed to purchase a new HVAC unit for the jailer/transport office area at the fiscal courthouse for \$17,980. Judge Steele said the unit had gone out. The courthouse was formerly a supermarket. The building has nine air conditioning units, most of which are more than 12 years old. The judge said the county replaced the unit at the sheriff's office earlier this year and is in the process of replacing units at the property valuation administrator's office and the county clerk's



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office.
The county had an option to repair the unit for \$9,760.
"We ended up spending three times that amount over six months," Judge Steele said.
"We're in maintenance mode on these things," Steele said.
She said the county had to do something.
"We have no heat back there," Steele said. "I've got to have heat back there."
The judge said the new HVAC unit was not in the budget, but there is room for debt service. Steele said they would transfer the funds.
The next regular meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
KRS.424.130 (b)
MAP AMENDMENT – ZONE CHANGE

A Public Hearing will be held **Friday, January 9th, 2025 at 9:00AM** upstairs in the City Hall Meeting Room at 109 Short Street during the regular meeting of the Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission.

Zone Change **25-06** – 105.913 acres from A-1 & A-2 to R-3 located at 268 Dossett Lane in Mercer County, KY. Submitted by Dossett Lane Properties LLC.

Inquiries, comments or questions can be made in person:

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