

OBITUARIES

Mary Jane Edlin, 91, born Mary Jane Nunn on Feb. 26, 1934, in Hodgenville, passed away on May 29, 2025, at Sanders Ridge Health Campus in Mount Washington.

Jane was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. Her many talents included cooking, sewing, photography, crafting, woodworking, caretaking and so much more. She stood firm in her faith, of which her life



was an example.

Mary Jane Edlin, 91

She was preceded in death by Handley Hayes Edlin, her beloved husband of 57 years. Serving as a minister's wife, she dedicated herself to supporting him through his many years of ministry. She was key in the writing and publication of his book Commentary on the Revelation of Jesus Christ. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, directed Christmas programs and was involved

in many other aspects of the ministry.

Jane was also preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Marie Nunn, her father, Jesse Lively Nunn, her siblings, Henry Alex Nunn, Ira Lively "Butch" Nunn and Kathleen Marie Dudgeon.

She is survived by her daughters, Dana Marie Edlin, Anita Burkett (Bobby), and Kathy Armstrong (William); her grandchildren, Tony

Keown, Toya Keown, Matthew Cooper, Tara Puckett (Mike), Micah Dixon (Staci), and Jayne Kelli Lively (Marcus), 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Special thanks to Sanders Ridge Health Campus and Hosparus Health for their outstanding care, compassion and warmth to Jane and her family.

A graveside service will be held in Jane's honor at

Red Hill Cemetery in Hodgenville at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31, Bro. Marc Mobley officiating.

In remembrance of Jane, the family has designated Louisville Bible College, P.O. Box 91046, Louisville KY 40291 whose mission is educating preachers and other Christian leaders for Christ's Church.

Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville is charge of arrangements.

Catherine Mary 'Jackie' Lee, SCN, 88

Catherine Mary "Jackie" Lee, SCN, 88 (formerly Sister Mary Siena) died on May 25, 2025, in Louisville, Ky. She was a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 67 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Francis Lee and Mary Ellen (Bowler) Lee.

The Funeral Mass was 10:30 a.m. Thursday,

May 29, in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Nazareth, with burial in the Nazareth Cemetery.

Ratterman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The funeral for Ellen Mae Lacy, 84, of Bardstown was held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Barlow Funeral Home.

Ellen Mae Lacy, 84

Burial was 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, in Bardstown Cemetery.

The Rev. Rodney Lynch officated.

Pallbearers were Justin Edelen, Michael

Conroy, Phillip Haynes, Stephen Haynes, Mark Grammer and Greg Haynes.

Barlow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NOTES

JUNE Bloomfield Church of God VBS

Bloomfield Church of God, 147 Depot St., in Bloomfield, will have Wonder Junction Vacation Bible School 6-8:15 p.m. Monday, June 2 thru Friday, June 6. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m. Monday with a final celebration on Friday at 9:15 p.m. For more information call (502) 252-7777.

NARFE

The next monthly meeting of Elizabethtown chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be June 2. Meeting begins at 11 a.m. in the Central Kentucky Community Hall located at 200 Jim Owen Dr, Elizabethtown. For more information, call Sharon Crady (270) 832-8857.

ECTC Pathfinder Academy registration is now open

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College will host Pathfinder Academy this summer for rising sixth through tenth grade students. Held June 9-13, the week will feature fun-filled, hands-on learning activities in the fields of science, technology, cooking and crafts.

Pathfinder Academy offers classes such as culinary arts, computed aided drafting and design, robotics and beginning sewing, taught by ECTC faculty and staff members. Campers will also participate in financial literacy workshops presented by camp sponsor Abound Credit Union. Class sections are divided by age. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are first-come, first-served. For more information, visit ectc.us/pathfinder-academy or contact Eileen Worthington at eileen.worthington@kctcs.edu or at (270) 706-8712.

Adams, Dennis, and Hahn family reunion

Adams, Dennis, and Hahn family reunion will be on Sunday, June 1, at a new location, the Bardstown Community Park, 429 East Halstead. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. Get there around 11 a.m. Lunch will be around noon. For more information, call Maxine at (502) 348-2629.

Board of Adjustment

Nelson County Board of Adjustment will have a public hearing and meeting at 3 p.m. June 3 at the Planning Commission Office, 989 Chambers Blvd., in Bardstown.

EXPERTS

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and conspiracy to murder, while Brooks Houck, Rogers' ex-boyfriend, is charged with murder and tampering with physical evidence. Houck and Joseph Lawson go on trial June 24 in Warren Circuit Court.

Nelson Circuit Judge Charles Simms III is presiding over both trials; Steven Lawson's trial began Tuesday. Darren Wolff and Zach Buckler are representing Lawson, while Shane Young and his staff at the Hardin County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office are prosecuting the case.

DIGITAL FORENSICS EXPERTS DISCUSSES CELL PHONE TRACKING

Det. Tim O'Daniel, who heads up the Louisville Metro Police's Digital Forensics Unit, took the stand after lunch Wednesday, and described what he found when he did deep analysis of Steven Lawson's call detail records from the days before and after Rogers' disappearance.

"It's a beefed-up version of your call records," O'Daniel said. "It's sort of like a time machine to take you back and see how the cell phone was used."

With it, O'Daniel was able to track what calls Steven Lawson made and received at critical junctures, including during the time Rogers' vehicle was abandoned on the Bluegrass Parkway Mile Marker 14 late July 3, 2015, and stretching into July 4. It has been revealed in testimony that Joseph Lawson drove Rogers' car to the Parkway, and Steven Lawson picked him up. Rogers' body has yet to be found.

O'Daniel described how cell phones communicate with the available towers to "find the clearest and best signal" for the call. He said that while the phone won't always pick the immediately closest tower, they can pinpoint it to a general area. Records from 2015 show Lawson making several calls within minutes of each other on the weekend in question, indicating a path of travel along the Bluegrass Parkway.

Multiple calls were made back and forth July 3-4, 2015, between Steven Lawson, his son, his then-wife Tammy, and Houck.

Under cross-examination, Buckler inquired as to the accuracy of the locations, and O'Daniel replied that while it can't totally pinpoint an exact location, it gets within the "general area," and that he has used that technique to solve



Sketches by SYDNEY YOUNG/Special to The Standard

Shannon Burba, depicted here in a courtroom sketch, testified Wednesday afternoon in the Steven Lawson trial about Lawson's grand jury testimony on three occasions in 2023. Burba is the grand jury coordinator for the Hardin County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.



Teresa Young, depicted here in a courtroom sketch, examines a witness Wednesday afternoon in the Steven Lawson trial. Young works in the Hardin County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, which is prosecuting the case.

crimes in the past.

Melissa Dover, a crime and intelligence analyst with the Elizabethtown Police Dept. was called next; she also performed cell phone record analysis on Steven Lawson's phone.

She revealed call and text records between Steven, Joseph and Tammy Lawson, and Houck, and showed where key records had been deleted, possibly in the interest of covering up Rogers' disappearance.

Dover also read several text exchanges between Joseph and Steven, further demonstrating the conspiracy angle the prosecution is trying to prove.

During cross-examination, Buckler asked if it is possible for a phone on its own — and not at the behest of the phone owner — to "batch delete" old calls, and Dover confirmed that can happen, but only if the phone user has activated the "delete old calls" setting for a specific period of time.

Dover confirmed this was true, but she pinpointed that only select calls were deleted from Lawson's phone, while others remained from time in question.

LAWSON GRAND JURY TESTIMONY COMES INTO PLAY

Shannon Burba is the grand jury coordinator

in Young's office in Hardin County, and she was responsible for gathering the grand jury for a six-month term covering March-November 2023, during which time Steven Lawson was indicted and testified three times.

Burba also handled the recording of the testimony during that time, and audio recordings from May 10, June 14, and Sept. 20 of 2023 were played in court Wednesday.

Part of Lawson's May 10, 2023, grand jury testimony involved Rogers' car being towed to a property on Thompson Hill Road in Northern Nelson County, where his son, Joseph, was staying at the time in 2015. In the recording, Lawson alleged that Houck was angry with him and his son about events on July 4 weekend of that year, including some dirt-moving on Thompson Ridge. Lawson indicated he had to stay late to "do the job."

Referring to a call around midnight from Lawson to Houck, Lawson told the grand jury "I stayed till I got it done, and I told (Houck) I got it done."

The testimony also further revealed what Charlie Girdley had testified in Wednesday morning's court session, that he and Joseph Lawson had been riding around drinking, and also met Steven Lawson at the old 62 South bar on Bloomfield Road in Bardstown.

In the June 14, 2023, recorded testimony to the grand jury, Steven Lawson talked about the phone call he received from Brooks Houck in 2015 while Houck was being interviewed by Det. Jon Snow of the Nelson County Sheriff's Office (Snow is now retired).

"The phone call was to tell Brooks the car had been moved," Lawson said in the recording.

In the Sept. 20, 2023, recorded testimony, Lawson further describes a conversation between him, his son, Houck and Gird-

ley. In that conversation, Lawson testified, Houck asked him to move Rogers' car (Girdley was not involved in this).

Lawson noticed that his son "had \$300 to \$400 in his hand," suggesting that Joseph Lawson got paid by Houck to move the vehicle.

Lawson also indicated in the recording that Houck had approached him about perhaps killing Rogers. Lawson said he wasn't the man for that job, and that Houck asked him for suggestions of who might, possibly Girdley, who did not get involved, Lawson said.

Later in that recording, Steven Lawson indicated that it was his son who had towed Rogers' car to Thompson Ridge to potentially leave it there, and that Houck was angry over that. Joseph Lawson later took the vehicle to the Bluegrass Parkway on July 3, 2023, Steven testified.

POTENTIAL WITNESS REFUSES SUBPOENA

In an affidavit filed with Nelson Circuit Court on Wednesday, Lexington private investigator James "Chip" Devasher said he attempted to deliver a subpoena to Bardstown resident Thomas Jent's residence on Boston Road, requiring him to testify in the Steven Lawson trial twice.

The first came on May 15, but Devasher agreed to return to Jent's residence at a time more convenient for Jent.

The second attempt came May 20, but Jent refused to take the subpoena. Eventually, Devasher dropped the subpoena inside the open door at Jent's feet.

"Mr. Jent then picked up the subpoena and followed me to my car," Devasher said in his statement. "I then watched Mr. Jent 'wad up' the subpoena and throw it into his trash can located at the end of his driveway. He then asked me to leave his property and repeatedly and adamantly explained how he would not come to court for any reason. I left his property without any further incident."

TRIAL EXPECTED TO WRAP UP FRIDAY

The trial for Steven Lawson has been moving faster than expected, and Simms indicated that it should be wrapped up by Friday. Testimony continued Thursday morning and afternoon. Go to kystandard.com for coverage of the trial.

Closure of Templin, Ben Irvin begins this week

Intersections with the new Western Bypass are being constructed

ELIZABETHTOWN — Work on the Western Bypass in Bardstown will require closure of Ky. 1430 (Templin Avenue) and Ky. 2737 (Ben Irvin Road) for construction of intersections with the new route.

The location is near the current intersection of Ky. 1430 and Ky. 2737.

Work on this portion of the Western Bypass Project will begin June 1, with both roads open by Aug. 1.

JAIL LOGS

Chad Michael Gregory, 46, failure to appear (2 counts).

Brittney Lynn Lindsey, 40, no registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Justin Dale Rogers, 62, failure to appear.

Lakeisha Yulon Rogers, 37, failure to appear (2 counts).

Caleb Aaron White, 27, failure to appear.

Keion Marcell Woodruff, 24, failure to appear.

NOTE: The information above is a compiled list of daily booking logs from the Nelson County Jail. These are only a record of arrests. All individuals arrested are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise in a court of law. The bookings state the persons arrested and the charges against them. This information is public record.



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