

Area Obituaries

Mrs. Hawks

Mary Jo Gilbert Hawks, 47, of Vanceburg, died Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Hospice of Hope Care Center in Maysville.

She was born April 19, 1978, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of Paul Donald and June Ware Gilbert of Shelbyville, and Bob and Judy Kielman Craycraft of Vanceburg.



Mary was a Christian. She was a nurse and the manager of SOMC Family Health Center in Vanceburg. She enjoyed going to the beach and out to eat, shopping, and spending time with her family – especially her children.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her husband of 28 years, Scotty Hawks; one daughter, Charla Jayde Hawks of Ashland; one son, Ethan Scott Hawks of Vanceburg; one sister, Lisa Bolin of Shelbyville; four brothers, Joe Paul Gilbert of Vanceburg, Adam Craycraft and Jason Craycraft of Columbus, Ohio, and Danny McCann of Baghdad. Many other family members and friends also mourn her passing.

Services were at Noon Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Globe Family Funeral Chapel, 103 Dudley Avenue at Garrison, with Bro. Scottie Elswick officiating. Burial was in Lewis County Memory Gardens at Black Oak.

Condolences may be sent at www.globefamilyfc.com.

Mr. Kennard

Elmer S. Kennard, 69, of Evarts, passed away Friday, June 27, 2025, at his home.

He was born September 2, 1955, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of the late Fred Kennard and Eileen Evans Kennard.

Elmer had worked for Fuson Logging and retired from driving a semi-tractor trailer. He enjoyed motorcycles, sports, and spending time with his dogs.

Survivors include a stepson, Scotty Moore of Evarts; two sisters, Debbie Kennard and Missy Kennard, both of Vanceburg; a niece, Mandy Kennard of Vanceburg; and a great-niece, Deliah Kennard of Vanceburg. Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends also mourn his passing.

At the family’s request, there will be no service at this time.

Gaydos Funeral Home in Vanceburg is caring for arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Gaydos Funeral Home, 159 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179.

Condolences may be sent at www.gaydosfh.com.



When Time Is Short

A doctor gave his patient a thorough examination and solemnly announced, “I think you have about ten more to live.” Deeply alarmed, the man replied, “Ten what!? Years? Months?” The doctor answered, “Nine, eight, seven...”

What do we do when time is short? The Bible has some answers for us. 1 Peter 4:7-11 says, “The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

We are nearer the end of all things than we have ever been before. Therefore we must pray. Here Peter echoes the words of Jesus, who often urges his followers to prepare for his Second Coming by watching and praying. To pray properly we must be alert and sober-minded. We must be aware of what is going on in the world around us and keep our minds clear for effective prayer to take place. Don’t be distracted. Keep your mind clear. Be serious about prayer.

Then Peter says we must love each other deeply. Jesus says, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35).

How can we love our neighbor—and even our enemies! –if we can’t even love our fellow Christians? We need to strive to love our brothers and sisters in Christ more and more and always be looking for opportunities to put that love into practice.

Finally, Peter says that we need to use the gifts that God has given us. Sometimes the exercise of those gifts involves speaking. Other times it involves serving. Whether we are speaking or doing, the Lord is our source of wisdom and strength. It is God who provides us with all we need to say and do the right things to promote the kingdom of God, thus giving him the glory and praise that he truly deserves.

Knowing that time is short, this is how we must live.

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An Encouraging Word

By Tom Cox



Treasures by Wilma Erwin

Sunday School
He isn’t just the God of:
What we let the world see of us and our lives
The times we look good, have our act together and deserve to be praised.
God is bigger than that.
His heart is bigger.
His presence is bigger.
His well-worn, love, gentleness, tenderness, understanding, wisdom and grace is bigger.
God is the God of:

Oncology visits
Broken hearts
Empty checking accounts and ill fitting jobs
Funeral parlors
Hospital, Hospice and Rehab rooms
Sleepless and fitful nights
Messy lives of loss, despair, sin, weights, loneliness, doubt, betrayal and fear
Jesus came, lived, died and rose again to defeat the Devil, evil, darkness, sin and all its effects.
Jesus is the “very present help in time of trouble.”
Jesus is “the friend closer than a brother.”
Jesus IS.
Blessings on knowing Him, His presence, His help, His love, His forgiveness, His grace and His plans to give you good and (with your cooperation) bring you to an expected end – living with Him eternally.

AREA MEETINGS

VANCEBURG CITY COUNCIL - Will meet the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at the Vanceburg City Building.

FISCAL COURT - Will meet the second Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Lewis County Courthouse.

SCHOOL BOARD - Will meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at the board office on Lions Lane.

THE ELECTRIC PLANT BOARD OF THE CITY OF VANCEBURG - Will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the board meeting room.

LEWIS COUNTY AMBULANCE TAX SERVICE DISTRICT - Will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., at 323 Clarksburg Rd.

If you would like to add a monthly meeting, please email heraldadvertising@yahoo.com

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THE LEWIS COUNTY HERALD

187 Main St., Vanceburg, KY 41179

Notice of Kentucky Power Company's Application

for Approval of an Amended Environmental Compliance Plan, Recovery of Additional Costs Through Amendment of the Company’s Tariff E.S., and for All Regulatory Approvals Necessary to Continue Taking Capacity and Energy from its Coal-Fired Mitchell Plant After December 31, 2028

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Power Company will file on or after June 30, 2025 an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky seeking approval of its amended environmental compliance plan to add Project 23 to Kentucky Power’s existing environmental compliance plan (Compliance Plan) and seeking all required regulatory approvals for Kentucky Power to make the investments necessary to continue taking capacity and energy from its Mitchell Plant after December 31, 2028. Kentucky Power also will seek approval of amendments to its Tariff E.S. (Environmental Surcharge) to reflect the Compliance Plan and to implement a revised Environmental Surcharge to recover the costs of the Compliance Plan. Kentucky Power’s application has been assigned case number 2025-00175.

Project 23 comprises the installation of a flue-gas desulfurization biological treatment system with ultrafiltration at the Mitchell Plant, which was installed and fully in-service as of August 4, 2024, and is currently being paid for entirely by Wheeling Power Company, the other 50% undivided owner of the plant. Project 23 is required for compliance with the Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in order to allow its Mitchell Plant to continue operating as a coal-fired generating facility after December 31, 2028.

The Environmental Surcharge rate changes monthly. The most recent Environmental Surcharge rate for the April 2025 expense month, which was billed in June 2025, was 6.0495% of revenue for residential customers and 10.2106% of revenue for all other classes. Using the April 2025 rate, the addition of Project 23 would result in an estimated increase in the Environmental Surcharge rate from 6.0495% to 8.1162% for residential customers and from 10.2106% to 13.6990% for all other classes.

Kentucky Power is proposing that the changes to the Environmental Surcharge associated with Project 23 go into effect with the January 2026 billing cycle, which begins December 31, 2025. The impact on the total monthly bill amount for residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 2.02%, and the impact on the total monthly bill amount for non-residential customer classes is estimated to be an increase of 1.99%. For the average residential customer using 1,189 kWh per month, the increase in the customer’s total monthly bill is estimated to be \$3.68.

Information regarding the effect on customer bills by customer classification is presented in the table below:

Customer Classification	Annual \$ Increase for Class	Annual Percent Change	Annual Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Usage (kWh)*	Monthly Average Customer Demand (kW)*	Current Monthly Average Bill \$*	Proposed Monthly Average Bill \$	Monthly \$ Increase	Monthly Percent Increase
R.S.	\$5,772,231	2.02%	14,268	1,189	0	\$ 181.74	\$ 185.42	\$ 3.68	2.02%
S.G.S. - T.O.D.	\$7,331,585	1.99%	15,156	1,263	0	\$ 221.33	\$ 225.74	\$ 4.41	1.99%
M.G.S. - T.O.D.			50,556	4,213	2	\$ 642.10	\$ 654.88	\$ 12.78	
G.S.			19,560	1,630	6	\$ 283.24	\$ 288.88	\$ 5.64	
L.G.S.			826,176	68,848	216	\$ 9,973.75	\$ 10,172.26	\$ 198.51	
I.G.S.			37,781,100	3,148,425	5,411	\$ 250,003.87	\$ 254,979.76	\$ 4,975.89	
M.W.			219,096	18,258	27	\$ 2,523.03	\$ 2,573.24	\$ 50.22	
O.L.			684	57	0	\$ 16.45	\$ 16.78	\$ 0.33	
S.L.**			660	55	0	\$ 13.43	\$ 13.70	\$ 0.27	

* Based on 12-months ending May 2025

** Number of lamps, not customers

Any person by timely written request for intervention filed with the Public Service Commission may request leave to intervene in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power’s application. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall establish the grounds for the request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments on the Company’s proposals may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to the address listed above or via the Commission’s website: <https://psc.ky.gov>. The rates and terms of service contained in this notice are the rates and terms of service proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may order rates to be charged and/or terms of service that differ from the proposed rates and terms of service contained in this notice.

Any person may examine the Company’s application at Kentucky Power’s offices located at 1645 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101; 12333 Kevin Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102; 1400 E. Main St. Hazard, KY 41701; and 3249 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501; or by visiting the Company’s website: www.kentuckypower.com.

A copy of the Company’s application and any related documents Kentucky Power may file with the Public Service Commission may be examined Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission at the address listed above, or through the Commission’s website: <https://psc.ky.gov>.

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