

MAYFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

On Jan. 19, 2025, Mayfield Police Department officers responded to a motor vehicle collision. Officers arrived on scene, and made contact with Benito Hernandez Niniz, age 25 of Mayfield. The investigation determined Mr. Niniz to be under the influence of alcohol. Niniz was placed under arrest, and charged with operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol- 3rd offense (aggravated) and driving on DUI suspended

license- 1st offense. Niniz was transported to the Graves County Restricted Custody Center, and turned over to the Graves County Jail. On Jan. 16, 2025, Mayfield Police Department officers responded to a residence on a report of a domestic assault. Officers arrived at the home, and made contact with the victim and Devin Shelton, age 27 of Mayfield. Pursuant to the investigation, Mr.

Shelton was placed under arrest, and charged with assault 4th degree (dating violence) no visible injury. Shelton was transported to the Graves County Restricted Custody Center, and turned over to the Graves County Jail, for transport to Christian County. On Thursday, Jan. 16, Mayfield Code Enforcement requested the Mayfield Police Department accompany the Mayfield Public Works Department

for a final sweep of a condemned structure before crews came in to begin demolition of the property. Mayfield Officers located 47-year-old Pastor Mercado inside the house. Mercado had previously been ordered to vacate the property. Mercado was placed under arrest for criminal trespassing 3rd degree, and transported to the Graves County Restricted Custody Center. Mercado was lodged in the Marshall County Jail.

Intersection design in Trigg County shows signs of crash reduction

KYTC engineers will analyze data in Graves County

**BY MESSENGER STAFF**  
Recent analysis of a “restricted crossing u-turn” (RCUT) built at U.S. Highway 68 and Kentucky Highway 139 (South Road) in Trigg County demonstrated this type of safer road solution is better protecting travelers and improving traffic flow at the intersection near Cadiz. That’s according to a press release by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet — District 1. KYTC engineers will now analyze data in the coming months to analyze the effectiveness at an RCUT in Graves County, located at U.S. 45/KY 408. RCUTs, which use median crossovers to eliminate side-street left turns, are being incorporated more often in highway projects today to try to promote a freer and safer flow of traffic. The design eliminates multiple points of conflict where vehicles cross paths, including at right angles, which reduces the risk of severe crashes. The RCUT intersection design was a first for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

(KYTC) District 1 office, and among the first in the Commonwealth, going into service on Nov. 9, 2020, with construction continuing into the spring of 2021. Transportation engineers studied eight years of crash data at the Trigg County RCUT. Analysis of four years of data before RCUT construction shows:

- 16 crashes
- Seven injuries
- Two fatalities
- There was an additional fatal crash immediately before construction started.

Crash data for the RCUT Dec. 15, 2020, through Dec. 15, 2024, shows:

- Six crashes
- Two injuries
- Zero fatalities
- KYTC District 1 Chief District Engineer Kyle Poat said the reduction in crashes, injuries and fatalities demonstrated the reconstructed intersection exceeded benefits found in a national study, which showed RCUTs reduced crashes by 54% on average.

“If you do the math, police crash reports show we’ve had a 64.5% decrease in total crash-

es since the RCUT was completed and a 71% decrease in injuries,” Poat said. “The greatest success is that no lives have been lost since the RCUT opened. This is a substantial enhancement of safety for drivers and passengers and the approximately 6,200 vehicles that travel through this intersection every day.” Trigg County Emergency Management Director David Bryant said the crash reduction benefits more than just those who pass through the intersection. “The RCUT has almost eliminated our emergency calls to that location, meaning less demand on our call-center personnel and fewer callouts for the responding agencies,” Bryant said. “That reduction in workload also helps to enhance emergency response efforts when there is an incident in other parts of the county.” RCUTs and other safer road designs such as roundabouts will continue to be a part of Team Kentucky’s efforts to improve highway safety across the state,

including in District 1. “KYTC District 1 has now constructed 11 RCUTs in six counties,” Poat said. “It takes about four years to collect crash data for each site, so we’re excited that we will soon be able to provide meaningful data for additional RCUT locations.” In the coming months, KYTC engineers expect to have enough crash data to analyze the effectiveness of RCUTs at the following intersections:

- U.S. 45/KY 408 in Graves County
- U.S. 45/KY 1288 (Lebanon Church Road) in McCracken County
- U.S. 60/KY 726 (Kelly Road) Intersection in McCracken County
- U.S. 60/KY 996 (Metropolis Lake Road) in McCracken County
- U.S. 641/KY 402 (Brewers Highway-Aurora Highway) in Marshall County

For educational information on RCUTs, roundabouts and other innovative highway designs — including fact sheets, diagrams and video overviews — visit the KYTC’s SAFERoad Solutions website at <https://transportation.ky.gov/saferoad-solutions/>.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth ‘Sam’ Sasseen

Kenneth “Sam” Sasseen, 88, of Mayfield, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at his residence. He was a member of Farmington Baptist Church and a retired employee of Continental General Tire. Mr. Sasseen is survived by two sons, Steven Sasseen of Mayfield and Stan Sasseen of Benton; three grandchildren, Jessica (Greg) Hom of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jay (Fabiola) Sasseen of Portland, Oregon, and Ellen (Aaron) Menser of Mayfield; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Swann Sasseen; one brother, Ray

Sasseen; and his parents, Pryor and Eletta Kinsey Sasseen. Funeral services for Mr. Kenneth “Sam” Sasseen will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield. Rev. Ben Stratton will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Billy Kinsey, John Kinsey, Greg Sasseen, Monty Sasseen, Roger Wetherington, Terry Richards and Aaron Menser. Honorary pallbearers will be Greg Hom, Ned Wilford and Dan Wilford. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Nancy Jameson

Nancy Jameson, 78, of Mayfield, died 10:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church and retired from Southeast Book Company. She is survived by a son; Richard (Beth) Hogancamp Jameson of Mayfield; sister, Wanda Wooley of Mayfield;

and a brother, Alfred Holt of Mayfield; two grandsons, one step grandson; and two great grandchildren. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery. Friends may call from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wilma Gorham

Wilma D. Gorham, 86, of Mayfield, died at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, at the Mills

Health & Rehab. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Nyla Godwin

Nyla Godwin, 97, of Mayfield, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at her home.

Arrangements were incomplete at Byrn Funeral Home.

Margaret Wilson

Margaret Ann Wilson, 81, of Mayfield, died at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, at Mills Health &

Rehab. Arrangements were incomplete at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Kris Dublin

Kris A. Dublin, 63, of Wingo, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at his home.

Arrangements were incomplete at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

LEAF PICKUP DATES AND TIMES

**BY MESSENGER STAFF**

The City of Mayfield is reminding residents of ongoing leaf pickup sweeps going on in the city over the next two weeks. Starting Jan. 21 through Jan. 24, leaf pickup will be underway south of Broadway. From Jan. 27 to Jan. 21, leaf pickup will be under-

way north of Broadway. “City workers will make a sweep up of the city to pick up bagged leaves only!” Mayfield City said in a Facebook post. No trash should be in the leaves, or a citation will be issued. Place bags at the curb no earlier than 48 hours before a scheduled pick up day.

Hudson, master instrumentalist and last surviving member of The Band, dies at 87

**BY HILLEL ITALIE**  
AP NATIONAL WRITER  
NEW YORK — Garth Hudson, the Band’s virtuoso keyboardist and all-around musician who drew from a unique palette of sounds and styles to add a conversational touch to such rock standards as “Up on Cripple Creek,” “The Weight” and “Rag Mama Rag,” has died at age 87. Hudson was the eldest and last surviving member of the influential group that once backed Bob Dylan and helped deepen and reshape modern American music. His death was confirmed Tuesday on The Band’s social media accounts, which did not provide additional details. Hudson had been living in a nursing home in upstate New York. A rustic figure with an expansive forehead and sprawling beard, Hudson was a classically trained performer and self-educated Greek chorus who spoke through piano, synthesizers, horns and his favored Lowrey organ. No matter the song, Hudson summoned just the right feeling or shading, whether the tipsy clavinet and wah-wah pedal on “Up on Cripple Creek,” the

galloping piano on “Rag Mama Rag” or the melancholy saxophone on “It Makes No Difference.” The only non-singer among five musicians celebrated for their camaraderie, texture and versatility, Hudson mostly loomed in the background, but he did have one showcase: “Chest Fever,” a Robbie Robertson composition for which he devised an introductory organ solo (“The Genetic Method”), an eclectic sampling of moods and melodies that segued into the song’s hard rock riff. Robertson, the band’s guitarist and lead songwriter, died in 2023 after a long illness. Keyboardist-drummer Richard Manuel hung himself in 1986, bassist Rick Danko died in his sleep in 1999 and drummer Levon Helm died of cancer

in 2012. The Band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994. Formed in the early 1960s as a backing group for rocker Ronnie Hawkins, the Band was originally called The Hawks and featured the Arkansas-born Helm and four Canadians recruited by Helm and Hawkins: Hudson, Danko, Manuel and Robertson. The Band mastered their craft through years of performing as unknowns — first behind Hawkins, then as Levon and the Hawks, then as the unsuspecting targets of outrage after hooking up with Dylan in the mid-1960s. All joined Dylan on his historic tours of 1965-66 (Helm departed midway), when he broke with his folk past and teamed with the Band for some of the most stirring

and stormiest music of the time, enraging some old Dylan admirers but attracting many new ones. The group would rename itself the Band in part because so many people around Dylan simply referred to his backing musicians as “the band.”



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**SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE**

Spectrum Mid-America, LLC proposes to construct a 36-foot-tall Self-Support tower located at 115 N Sutton Lane, Mayfield, Graves County, KY 42066 at Latitude N36° 44' 27.29", Longitude W88° 40' 17.44". Spectrum Mid-America, LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on the impact of the tower on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture, that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Specific information about the project, including the historic preservation reviews that Charter Communications is conducting pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (47 C.F.R. Sections 1.1307(4)) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 C.F.R. Part 800) will be made available to interested persons who request the information from the contact below. All questions, comments, and correspondence should be directed to Julia Klima at Dynamic Environmental Associates, Inc., 3850 Lake Street, Suite C, Macon, GA 31204, 877-968-4787, Sec106@DynamicEnvironmental.com within 30 days from the date of this publication. Re: 22412056.