

OBITUARY

Rita Ann Crigler Flint, 83

Rita Ann Crigler Flint, 83, of Lebanon Junction passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025, at Baptist Health Hardin. She was born June 1, 1942 in Clermont to her parents, Clyde William and Gertie Naoma Perkins Crigler. Rita was a housekeeper at a nursing home and a member of Clermont Baptist Church. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Noble “Buck” Flint and her parents. Survivors include her son, Timothy Flint; daughter, Dana Flint Hood (Mark); sister, Billie Thompson (Danny); granddaughter, Lindsey Young (Kyle) and six grandchildren, Noah, Isaac, Evie, Millie, Silas and Chloe. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December

27, 2025 at Trowbridge Funeral Home in Lebanon Junction with burial to follow in Vine Hill Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. To express an online condolence and to light a candle of remembrance please visit, www.trowbridgefh.com. Trowbridge Funeral Home in Lebanon Junction has been entrusted with the arrangements.

West Blue Lick plan could drain area

THOMAS J. BARR THE PIONEER NEWS

SHEPHERDSVILLE — The project could cost over \$20 million but its completion could mean much more to the future of residents who live along West Blue Lick Road. After years of trying to combat infiltration issues from surface water getting into the Shepherdsville sewer system during wet weather, a solution is currently in the work. The expectations is that the project would solve much of the drainage issues in that portion of the city. The city recently held a public hearing to discuss plans to improve the drainage situation along West Blue Lick Road. QK4 engineer Rob Campbell outlined the second phase of a major drainage plan. The first phase is underway. A major line is being run from Highway 44 West through the First Street Park to the Salt River. A 96-inch line is part of the drainage system. The next step is to run a major drainage line from West Blue Lick Road to connect

with the new line at Highway 44 West. Campbell said the benefits of the project are numerous. The flat area is subject to standing water and the work would alleviate much of that problem. It would also eliminate much of the infiltration problems. During a heavy rain, the treatment plant could have to deal with five times the normal load. Along with the drainage improvements, mayor Jose Cubero is hoping that the state Department of Transportation would make improvements on West Blue Lick Road, which is part of its maintenance program. Currently, water can run over the roadway during heavy rains, making for a dangerous situation. The deep ditches along the road is also a major danger for drivers. With the drainage plan, Campbell said property values in the area should increase and maintaining their lawns should be easier. The water standing in front of Shepherdsville Elementary and Bullitt Lick Middle should also be eliminated.

Cubero is hoping that a crosswalk with lights could be part of the state transportation’s project. This would allow students from the two schools to have a safe pathway across Highway 44 to the many educational opportunities that are planned for the city park. While Campbell’s firm completes engineering work, there are also environmental issues that must be addressed. There could be some issues with the presence of the Indiana bat; however, that is something that can be worked around. There are no concerns over wetlands or historical issues on the project area. Work continues to coordinate the project with various agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Kentucky Department of Transportation, Louisville Gas and Electric, Louisville Water and the Bullitt County Public School System. Look on the city’s website to see how to make comments on the project. There is no start date on the construction and the city is still seeking grant funding for the project.

MSD scheduled rate hikes in place in January

LOUISVILLE — Creeks and rivers don’t heed county boundaries, and Louisville MSD’s regional approach, which includes Bullitt County, enhances wastewater treatment. With a number of system improvements completed and under development, MSD’s Bullitt County customers will see their monthly wastewater service charge increase from \$49.99 to \$55.99, or by \$6.00. The change will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. This regional approach ensures that MSD serviced communities are part of a larger, interconnected system. Customers in the former Big Valley and Hunters Hollow service areas will have an increase of \$10.41 to the monthly service charge, which will also be effective on Jan. 1, 2026. Terms of MSD’s acquisition maintained Bullitt County Sanitation District’s (BCSD) approved 10-year customer rate structure of 12 percent annual increases. Still, when that schedule expires on Jan. 1, 2027, MSD will reduce the annual increases to no more than 3 percent until Bullitt County rates equalize with the rates of Louisville customers. “We are pleased to have made a number of improvements that positively impact the health and safety of Bullitt County waterways while also moving forward on our larger projects to benefit the entire region,” said MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott. “The rate increase keeps the schedule set forth in 2016 and allows us to continue to invest in the system to benefit our Bullitt County customers, along with supporting the overall growth and development of the community.”

**NEW PUMP STATION TO GO LIVE AS WEST TRIANGLE PROJECT FINISHES UP** MSD’s longterm plan since acquiring the Bullitt County Sanitation District in 2021 is to eliminate small, problematic plants that have outlived their



MSD’S NEW WEST TRIANGLE LANE PUMP STATION

useful life and reroute wastewater flows to larger treatment centers. MSD’s work in Bullitt County is about to hit a significant milestone, as the West Triangle Project’s new pump station is set to go live at the end of January 2026. The West Triangle Project will eliminate the Hunter’s Hollow Pump Station — which partially collapsed in 2014 — and direct wastewater flow from the new pump station to the Lower Mud Lane Interceptor and then on to the Derek Guthrie Water Quality Treatment Center in Jefferson County. This modernization will not only make the county’s wastewater processing more efficient, but also better for the environment. “We’re ahead of schedule with the West Triangle Project by about seven months,” Senior

Collections Engineer Joey Ashby said. “We’ve enjoyed working with the elected officials in Bullitt County. They’ve been great to work with.” Another recent accomplishment is that UV treatment and flow monitoring have been added to the Pioneer Village Plant off John Harper Highway and the Hillview #3 Plant, replacing chlorine tablets and providing accurate flow data for future facility sizing. There is also a plan to update the Pioneer Village Plant around 2030. Additionally, projects to make critical repairs to aging Bullitt County wastewater treatment facilities are complete at the Bullitt Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant. These structural repairs ensure operation until that plant and the Hillview #1 Wastewater Treatment Plant are eliminated by June 2027.

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Sunday Evening ..... 5:00  
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On YouTube: Vision Valley Baptist Church  
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**ST BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
211 West Oak Street  
Lebanon Junction  
**543-5918**  
Father Adam Carrico, pastor  
**Mass Schedule**  
Sunday..... 9AM  
Tues. & Thurs. .... 8:30AM  
Sunday Confessions  
8:15-8:45

**ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
187 So. Plum Street  
Shepherdsville  
**543-5918**  
Father Adam Carrico, Pastor  
**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday ..... 4:30 P.M.  
Sunday..... 11 A.M.  
Mon./Wed./Fri..... 8 A.M.

**Confession**  
Saturday ..... 3:45-4:15 P.M.  
Sunday ..... 10:20-10:45 A.M.

**Overdale Global Methodist Church**  
515 Overdale Drive  
**Rev. Don Craig**  
**957-4567 Church**

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Third Tuesday of Month

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320 N. Bardstown Rd.  
**538-7361 or 965-6539**  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Bible Study/Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**www.fbcmw.org**

**First Baptist Church Shepherdsville**  
254 S. Buckman St.  
**502-543-7721**  
Sunday Bible School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

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Worship 10:30am  
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Evening Worship 6pm

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**538-6902 • 904-9264**

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Shepherdsville, KY 40165  
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Bible Study: 9:45 AM  
Worship: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study & Youth 6:00 PM  
Pastor: Carl M. Thomas  
ImmanuelbcShepherdsville.org

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
7357 Hwy 44 E.  
Mt. Washington, Kentucky

Sunday worship service...9 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study  
Children: 6 p.m.  
Adults: 7 p.m.

**Rev. Wallace Votaw**  
**538-8116**  
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**Eastern Gate Baptist Church**  
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Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting ..7:00 p.m.

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**955-1288**  
Southern Baptist Convention

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155 Stringer Lane  
Mt. Washington, KY 40047  
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**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Tues. & Fri. .... 8:30 a.m.

**www.sfmw.com**  
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2722 Knob Creek Rd.  
Shepherdsville  
922-4848 • Church Clerk 543-2160

Sunday Services  
Sunday School ..... 9:45am  
Worship ..... 11:00am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Night ..... 7:00 pm  
Everyone is Welcome!

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Services  
Sunday morning Bible Study 9:45  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30  
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00  
Preacher - Sam Fowler

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2078 Clermont Road

Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am

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