

OBITUARY

Imogene “Jean” Conkel Russell, age 86, of Mackville, KY, passed away at 11:10 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the home of her daughter in Mackville.

She was born in Pike County, Ohio on October 12, 1938, to the late Carl E. and Vivian Brewer Conkel.

She was a member of the Mackville Baptist Church, a longtime employee of White



Castle Restaurant in Louisville, Minit Mart in Springfield, C & D

Imogene ‘Jean’ Conkel Russell, 86

Grocery in Mackville and a homemaker.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Sammie K. Russell on April 22, 2009; a granddaughter, Tara Russell Barnes; sister, Vivian Maxine Conkel and three brothers, Marvin Ellis Conkel, Carl Edwin Conkel and Paul Allen Conkel and her step-mother, Cora E. Conkel.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacqueline

“Jackie” Kay Roution of Mackville and Pamela Johansen (Eric) of Louisville; two sons, William “Bill” Russell (Linda) of Louisville and Sammie K. Russell, Jr. (Phil Spicer) of Covington; seven grandchildren, Nathan Russell (Melissa), Jennifer Smith (Tony), Jamie Russell (Jessie), Stephanie Roution, Jeffrey Johansen, Kristin Roution (Earl) and Lauren Johansen;

thirteen great grandchildren; a sister, Donna Kay Blackwell of Idaho Hills, Idaho and one brother, Ronald Lee Conkel, Sr. (Cathy) of Minford, Ohio.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, at the Carey & Son Funeral Home with Rev. Nelson Reynolds, officiating.

Burial was in the Peter Cemetery at Mackville.

Serving as honorary

pallbearers were the grandchildren, great grandchildren, Leland Turner and Lynden Turner.

Serving as casket bearers were Eric Johansen, Jeffrey Johansen, Tony Smith, Lynn Davis, Kevin Davis, Nathan Russell, Earl Richardson, Jr., Jayden Stratton, and Johnny Masterson.

Carey & Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC RECORD

DISTRICT COURT
June 16, 2025

Jaiquan Lamar Burton, speeding 25 mph over the limit, \$50 fine plus court costs

Andrew Carey, three counts of violating EPO/DVO, 270 days probated for 24 months unless order of Circuit Court to the contrary plus court costs

Gregory Allen Gabbard, speeding 18 mph over the limit, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$236 fine and 30 days probated for 24 months plus court costs

William James, failure to wear a seatbelt, driving on a suspended or revoked license, \$125 fine plus court costs

Samara Lane, public alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, 10 days to serve and 20 days probated for 24 months plus court costs

Marlon Mejia, speeding 18 mph over the limit, no license, no insurance, \$635 fine plus court costs

Karen M. Richter, driving on a suspended or revoked license, receiving stolen property, \$400 fine plus court costs

Robert Arthur Weathers, Jr., criminal littering, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana,

60 days probated for 24 months

Cody Allen Webb, speeding 5 mph over the limit, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$35 fine plus court costs

Tyler Wright, leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid, driving on a suspended or revoked license, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, no insurance, 30 days probated for 24 months, \$1,000 fine with jail credit of \$900, make restitution plus court costs

Tyler A. Wright, no insurance, \$1,000 fine with \$900 jail credit plus court courts

CIRCUIT COURT
June 8, 2025

Stephen Miller pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct and was sentenced to 12 months to run concurrent with Circuit Court cases 19-CR-101 and 19-CR-007.

In case 19-CR-007 — Probation violation, sentence of 2 years to run consecutive to 19-CR-101

In case 19-CR-101 — Probation violation, sentence of 1 year to run consecutive to 19-CR-007

Total sentence 3 years, court costs waived.

Court costs start at \$145 and increase depending upon the charges.

DEEDS AND LAND TRANSFERS

From Mary Sally Milburn to David Shewmaker, a house and lot in Mayes Subdivision for \$450,000

From Aaron J. Henry to Christopher Tomas Goodrich, the property at 4058 Polin Road for \$210,000

From Timothy Boblitt to Chad Allen Parker a 2.066-acre tract on Chaplin Road for \$245,000

From Paul O. Borders Estate to Tiffany Wheatley, a house and lot at 102 E. Grundy Avenue for \$110,000

From Gilberto De Leon to Catherine Elizabeth Mulholland a property on Grundy Avenue for \$215,000

From Melissa F. Maitland to ARK of Wellness, Springfield, a property on Bloomfield Road for \$259,000

From L.F. Simms, Jr., to Leonard M. Spalding, Jr., Lot 43 of Harmony Woods for \$30,000

From Gaffney Custom Homes LLC to Taylor H. Smith a 19.96-acre tract for \$181,960.90

From Jeffrey C. Darnell Estate to JES Properties LLC, a property on Fairview/Tatum Road for \$20,000

From Gaffney Custom Homes LLC to Jason P. Ellison, a parcel identified as Tract 20 for \$461,790.60

From Timothy R. Clements to Commonwealth of Kentucky, a parcel on US 150 at Mayfield Lane for \$4,100

From Gaffney Custom Homes LLC to Rebecca B. Montgomery Tract 16 of Ag Division #2 for \$19,184

From Gaffney Custom Homes LLC to Robert Kyle Fenwick, Tract 13 of Ag Division #1 for \$145,830.30

From Drew Thomas Noel to Jamie Lynn Pevley, the property at 14 East Fork Road for \$32,000

From Mackin Farm IV, LLC to FRON BN LLC. Tract 7 of the Mackin Farms Inc. Farm Division for \$550,000

From Gaffney Custom Homes to Dane Ross Simpson, Tract 18 of Ag Division #2 for \$695,237.40

From Joshua Woods Broce to Zackery A. Eye, the property at 2602 East Fork Road for \$277,500

From Jeffery Yates to Craig T. Smith, the property at 2985 Beechland Road for \$275,000

From Gaffney custom Hoes LLC to Anthony Arnold, Tract 15 of Ag Division #2 for \$52,877

Competitive procurement will benefit LG&E/KU ratepayers

FRANKFORT — Written testimony filed last week for the Southern Renewable Energy Association (SREA) to the Kentucky Public Service Commission recommends that a competitive procurement process, aligned with utility best practices, will benefit Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities (LG&E/KU)’s ratepayers.

Testimony was filed in Case No. 2025-00045 regarding the construction of two approximately 645 MW natural gas combined cycle combustion turbine facilities and a 400 MW, 4-hour battery energy storage system (BESS).

The testimony recommends the Commission issue an Order requiring the following:

LG&E/KU issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the proposed BESS in this proceeding; and

That the Companies study and consider competitively procured resources as the Companies contend with increases in demand and to further diversify the generation portfolio.

Attorney Ben Smith testified that a “diverse, competitively procured generation portfolio will provide the best outcome for ratepayers and an over reliance on commodity-based energy generation — such as natural gas fired generation — risks unforeseen price changes and under-appreciated operations concerns which risk costs and reliability to a greater degree than broadly assumed.”

Smith’s experience includes prior work for the North Carolina Sus-

tainable Energy Association, where his team advocated for policies to enable marketplaces and competition in North Carolina to allow for a least cost energy generation mix among the state’s regulated utility territories.

Competition, SREA Executive Director Simon Mahan said, will protect ratepayers in the long run. “Kentuckians deserve the best value from their power companies,” Mahan said. “LG&E/KU should borrow best practices from states like Georgia and North Carolina and competitively bid its power plants. Competition protects system reliability, and ratepayers’ pocket-books.”

Full testimony can be found at: <https://southernrenewable.org/news-updates>.

Local farm among recipients from Beginning Farmer Loan Program

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 23 agricultural loans totaling \$5,043,076 for projects across the Commonwealth last week at its monthly board meeting.

Among the loans approved was one for Washington Coun-

ty for \$150,000 from the Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP).

Fifteen Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$3,248,076 were approved.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to devel-

GARDEN

FROM PAGE A1

Brad Stiner said he would also like to see the garden include fruit trees and berries in addition to vegetables.

The council also discussed a proposal to add an occupational tax and a city tax on alcoholic beverages sold within the city. City attorney Lizzy Coulter is to check into the requirements and draft an ordinance for the council’s consideration. The council also inquired into the legalities of the city holding a rummage sale or auction to sell some surplus items stored in City Hall.

Mayor Wanda Thompson asked for volunteers to help with food preparation and concession stand sales for the upcoming horse show on Aug. 2 and the annual Sticktight concert on Aug. 9 at the park. What to serve was also discussed.

In other business, the council discussed the need to patch Highland Park Road and the need for the city to purchase some traffic cones. There was also discussion regarding the improper closing of Circle Drive and Sportsmans Lane during the Memorial Day Homecoming Festival. The two are city streets but were closed off by residents during the festival. The council agree to inform residents that those are not private roads and cannot be closed off by the residents.

The next meeting of the Willisburg City Council will be Thursday, July 17, at 7 p.m. The city budget will be presented at that meeting.

DETOUR

FROM PAGE A1

What drivers should do is simple. A flashing red light means you stop and proceed when the way is clear, a flashing yellow/orange means proceed with caution. Both Walnut and Doctor

Streets have signs posted stating “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop.” However, many drivers are treating these flashing lights like four-way stops. This presents a risk when one driver is expecting a four-way stop, but the other driver is not.

One driver from Lebanon said he was taught in Driver’s Education to stop at all flashing lights

regardless of color; a lesson (if taught to other drivers) that seems to be causing the confusion.

Springfield Police Chief Sue Mudd advises everyone to be careful and mindful of the other drivers on the roadway.

The situation is temporary while the roundabout is being constructed.

SEARCH

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The suspect, Stephen J. Hughes, was taken into custody on charges related to crimes that occurred in Nelson County.

During the search, Deputy Settles and Detectives located stolen property, drugs, firearms, and drug paraphernalia. According to the report, they located glass pipes containing an unknown substance in the living room area (suspected meth), marijuana in two separate bags, a Winchester 30-30 Rifle and a 410 Gauge shotgun. Hughes is a convicted felon and possessed them within his residence.

Stephen J. Hughes of Willisburg, Kentucky was arrested and charged with the following:

1. Burglary 3rd Degree
2. Theft by unlawful taking \$500 or more but under \$10,000

Additional charges will be forthcoming in Washington County Including:

1. Poss. Cont. Substance (1st degree)
2. Possession of a

Firearm by a Convicted Felon

3. Possession of Marijuana
4. Drug Paraphernalia — Buy/Posses

The successful execution of the search warrant

and resulting arrest were made possible through the coordinated efforts of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and the Nelson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division.

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