


OBITUARIES

HERMAN STATON, JR.



Herman Staton, Jr., age 99, of Greenbend Road, Morehead, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at his residence.

Born July 20, 1925, in Bath County, he was a son of the late Herman Staton and Iva McLain Staton. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by special companion of 56 years, Dorothy Williams; two sons, Gerald and Robert Staton; five brothers, Velmond, Marvin, Arvie, William and David Staton; and three sisters, Francis Caudill, Norma Myers, and Elvera Ayersman.

Herman is survived by two sons, Roy Staton and Phillip Staton, both of Bath County; six daughters, Mary Hamm of Ewing, Debbie Hamm of South Carolina, Peggy Spurlock and Linda Crouch, both of Bath County, Lillian Jones and Clara Knipp, both of Morehead; one sister,

Carmie Jean Estlack of Southington, Ohio, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and other extended family members.

Junior was born and raised in Bath County. He attended school in a little one-room school house up the road from where they lived. He loved working with mules, plowing the fields and working with his dad.

At the age of 18, Junior was drafted and entered the military in October 1943. He went to Europe and was a participant in the Invasion of Normandy (D-Day) in June 1944. Junior was on the front lines in four major battles until May 1945, when he captured and held captive for six months. He earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon w/4 Bronze Stars; Good Conduct Medal; Purple Heart; and the Victory World War II Medal. He was a strong man.

After returning home from the service, he began working in the log woods. That was something he loved doing his whole life. He recently was cutting trees and busting wood at the age of 99. Junior loved his family, especially his kids

and grandkids. He was a loving and kind hearted man with lots of patience and would help anyone in need. Junior attended church with his grandson Billy every Sunday in Bath County.

The family was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday, but for some reason God decided to take him home. He is going to be greatly missed.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jacob White officiating. Burial followed in the Jones Cemetery in Midland. Military honors was presented at graveside by Morehead American Legion Post No. 126.

Pallbearers were Eugene, Jessie, Zack, and Billy Hamm, Jamie Markwell, and Austin Wright. Honorary pallbearers were Brian, Alexander, and Jonathan Hamm.

Visitation was from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

REGENA CARTER STONE



Regena Carter Stone, age 88, of Morehead, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025, at Sterling Meadows in Mt. Sterling.

She was born September 23, 1936, in Elliott County, and was the daughter of the late Ora Lee Carter and Madge Mays Carter. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Bernard Lee Stone on February 24, 2021, and

one sister, Shelby Litton.

Regena is survived by two daughters, Angela Lea White and husband Anthony of Morehead and Sheila Robin Harman and husband David of Olive Hill; two grandchildren, Evan White and wife Aleisha and Rachel White; one great granddaughter, Stella Layne White; one step granddaughter, Kristin Harman Vasey; and one step great granddaughter, Alina Grace Vasey.

Regena retired after 20 years as a secretary for Morehead State University and was a longtime secretary for Lee Clay Products. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting, flower gardening, working puzzles, listening to music, and bird watching. Most of all she loved her family and

will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Rick Stone officiating. Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Evan White, Anthony White, David Harman, Josh Parker, and Derek Lewis.

Visitation was Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

View video tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

Obituaries can be emailed to melissa@kynewsgroup.com

Notice

Wright's Towing, 1132 KY Hwy 519, Morehead, KY 40351 (606) 780-9556 will be placing a towing and storage lien on a 2018 Kia Forte, VIN#3KPFL4A70JE193683 registered to Gregory A. Rose (lien holder Ally Financial), a 2012 Nissan Altima, VIN#1N4AL2AP7CC247432 registered to Kari D. Kinman (lien holder Heights Finance Corp), and a 2001 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide, VIN#1HDD1FMW141Y653359 registered to John Meade. These vehicles will be for sale at auction on June 11, 2025 for unpaid expenses.

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COMMUNITY

RCSHS Senior Award recipients

YSC Project Prom Scholarship to MCTC – Audrey Armstrong, and Dominic Wills

NHS Recognition – Cadyn Armstrong, Dillon Brashear, Mia Carver, Connor Christie, Owen Clagett, Zoey Dailey, Hannah Dickerson, Emily Dickerson, Jackson Dickerson, Aiden Doyle, Lana Fraley, Addison Hargis, Carlie Hinken, Camryn Holbrook, Kendall Howard, Joseph Ison, Jessica Jones, Ivy Litton, Araya Lowe, Isaac McKenzie, Landon Menard, Christina Mendez, Kaitlyn Nelson, Madden Owen, Rebecca Pence, Eileen Root, Kaitlyn Slone, McKinsey Utterback, Alexis VanMeter, Mason Wells, Canyon Williams, and Isabelle Willis

Elijah M. Jr. and Tina Leslie Hogge Scholarship – Emma Bailey, Mary Addison Davis, Lana Fraley, Gracie Gibson, Colton Holbrook, Zoe Hurst, Alexandria Lytle, and Riley Pack

Morehead State University Forever Eagle Scholarship – Emma Bailey, Dillon Brashear, Baylee Caudill, Abigail Conley, Tyler Crisp, Lana Fraley, Ethan Fulmer, Colton Holbrook, Kendall Howard, Riley Pack, Jillian Perry, Kylee Quesinberry, Kaitlyn Slone, McKinsey Utterback, and Canyon Williams

Eastern Kentucky University Scholarship – Katelyn Beamon, Caden

Blair, Shelby Dennis, Maiguire Goldy, Kylie Ockerman, and Brooklyn Vernatter

Science Award – Ava Blackledge, Caden Blair, and Jessica Jones

Morehead State University Eagle Spirit Scholarship – Justin Butler, Zoey Dailey, Joseph Ison, Alexis VanMeter, and Isabelle Willis

Shelter Insurance Scholarship – Mia Carver, and Jessica Jones

KY Blood Center Power of Life Scholarship – Mia Carver

Jerry R. Justice Memorial Scholarship – Mia Carver, and Carlie Hinken

Social Studies – Mia Carver, and Landon Menard

Keith Prater Scholarship – Mia Carver

People's Bank of Kentucky Scholarship – Mia Carver, Carlie Hinken, Jessica Jones, and Isabelle Willis

English Award – Mia Carver

SGA Citizenship – Mia Carver

SGA Scholarship – Owen Clagett

Jack and Janis Ellis Scholarship – Abigail Conley, and Isabelle Willis

UK St. Claire Scholarship – Abigail Conley, Lana Fraley, Malana Hamm, Addison Hargis, Carlie Hinken, and McKinsey Utterback

Appalachian Future Educator (AFE) Scholar-

ship – Mary Addison Davis, and Zoe Hurst

Morehead State Alumni Family Scholarship – Mary Addison Davis, Hannah Dickerson, Gracie Gibson, Addison Hargis, Alexandria Lytle, and Gabriel Trent.

I AM UNITE Scholarship – Gracie Gibson

Katie Fryman Scholarship – Gracie Gibson

Morehead State University Kentucky Scholar Award – Jolie Greenwood, and Carter Owens

MCTC Scholarship Addison Hargis, Elizabeth Pack, Brady Perkins, and Samantha Wheatley

Herron Leaders Scholarship – Addison Hargis

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Edward Earhart Youth Leadership Award – Carlie Hinken

Morehead High School Scholarship – Zoe Hurst

Morehead State Enrollment Scholarship – Joseph Ison, Abram Norden, and McKinsey Utterback

P.E.O. Scholarship – Jessica Jones

Stock Yards Bank Healthcare Scholarship – Jessica Jones

TRIO PRE COLLEGE Scholarship – Jessica Jones

SGA Leadership – Jessica Jones

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| NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE ROWAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT Fiscal Year 2025-2026 | | | |
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| Budget Summary AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations | | | |
| BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF ROWAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY: | | | |
| SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated. | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| 5000 | General Government | | 2,723,144.00 |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | 649,310.00 |
| 5200 | General health and sanitation | | 413,071.00 |
| 5300 | Social services | | 35,000.00 |
| 5400 | Recreation and culture | | 1,449,600.00 |
| 6200 | Airports | | 53,000.00 |
| 6300 | Bus services | | 27,000.00 |
| 7100 | General obligation bonds | | 168,524.00 |
| 7700 | Leases | | 300,445.00 |
| 8000 | Capital projects | | 7,800.00 |
| 9100 | General services | | 532,897.00 |
| 9200 | Contingent appropriations | | 25,000.00 |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| 9400 | Fringe benefits-employers share | | 1,425,000.00 |
| 9500 | Distributions to other govt agencies | | 150,000.00 |
| | Total | | 7,959,791.00 |
| Road Fund | | | |
| 6100 | Roads | | 3,141,512.00 |
| 9100 | General Services | | 1,300.00 |
| 9200 | Contingent appropriations | | 46,592.00 |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| 9400 | Fringe benefits-employers share | | 370,000.00 |
| 9500 | Distributions to other govt agencies | | 6,900.00 |
| | Total | | 3,566,304.00 |
| Jail Fund | | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons and property | | 4,088,370.00 |
| 7100 | General obligation bonds | | 1,367,007.00 |
| 9100 | General services | | 13,200.00 |
| 9200 | Contingent appropriations | | 20,000.00 |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| 9400 | Fringe benefits-employers share | | 965,000.00 |
| | Total | | 6,453,577.00 |
| Local Government Economic Assistance Fund | | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | |
| 6100 | Roads | | |
| 7700 | Leases | | 64,613.00 |
| 8000 | Capital projects | | 100,487.00 |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| | Total | | 165,100.00 |
| State Grants Fund | | | |
| 5200 | General Health and Sanitation | | 50,000.00 |
| 8000 | Capital projects | | |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| | Total | | 50,000.00 |
| CDBG Fund | | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | |
| 5300 | Social services | | |
| 8000 | Capital projects | | |
| | Total | | |
| Ambulance Fund | | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | 2,416,225.00 |
| 9100 | General services | | 92,000.00 |
| 9200 | Contingent appropriations | | 10,000.00 |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| 9400 | Fringe benefits-employers share | | 835,000.00 |
| | Total | | 3,353,225.00 |
| Forest Fire Protection Fund | | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | 2,552.00 |
| 9100 | General services | | |
| | Total | | 2,552.00 |
| Emergency Services Fund | | | |
| 5200 | General health and sanitation | | 350,200.00 |
| | Total | | 350,200.00 |
| Alcohol Beverage Control Fund | | | |
| 5000 | General government | | 76,400.00 |
| 9400 | Fringe benefits-employers share | | 3,700.00 |
| | Total | | 80,100.00 |
| Co Clerk Storage Fees Fund | | | |
| 5000 | General government | | 50,600.00 |
| | Total | | 50,600.00 |
| Special Fund | | | |
| 5000 | General government | | |
| 5100 | Protection to persons & property | | |
| 5300 | Social services | | 1,300,000.00 |
| 6500 | Road facilities | | |
| 9300 | Transfers to other funds | | |
| | Total | | 1,300,000.00 |
| Harm Reduction Grant | | | |
| 5200 | General health and sanitation | | 36,000.00 |
| | Total | | 36,000.00 |
| | Total Budget Appropriations | | 23,367,449.00 |
| Adopted this 20th day of May, 2025 | | | |
| Harry T. Clark, County Judge/Executive | | | |
| Notice of Availability All interested persons and organizations in Rowan County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours. | | | |
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