

Good Friday Meditation with local pastors to be held April 18 at noon

“Seven Sayings of the Savior on the Cross”
A Ministerial Alliance
Good Friday Meditation
Led by Local Pastors
Friday, April 18th
12:00 P.M. (Noon)
at The First Baptist Church of Clinton
320 Mayfield Road
Followed by a boxed lunch meal

A Word of Forgiveness
Led by Bill Lickliter, First Assembly
A Word of Salvation
Led by Tim Escue, First United Methodist
A Word of Affection
Led by Chris Davis, First Baptist
A Word of Anguish
Led by Kelly Phelps, Obion Baptist
A Word of Suffering
Led by Chad Frizzell, Hope Church
A Word of Victory
Led by Tony Johnson, Mount Sinai Baptist
A Word of Contentment
Led by Tim Perdue, First Baptist

Deed Transfers

04/02/2025- Newsome, Devin to GROCO LLC
04/02/2025- Grogan Properties LLC to United States of America

Circuit Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Timothy A. Langford during Hickman County Circuit Court on 04/03/25. This is not an official docket.

Ricky Lynn McQueen. Sentencing. Poss. Cont. Sub. 1st Degree, 1st Off (Methamphetamine). Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Probation Violations (for Misdemeanor Offense). 1.5 years.
James Aaron Bencini. Sentencing. Complicity TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (<2 gms methamphetamine). 5 years. Complicity Poss. Cont. Sub., 2nd Degree- Hallucinogen. Dismissed. Complicity Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Offense- Drug Unspecified. Dismissed. Complicity Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Dismissed. Complicity Tampering with Physical Evidence. 5 years (consecutive). Persistent Felony Offender- First Degree. Total 10 years.

Seth Adam Marshall. Sentencing. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. 31 days. Strangulation 1st Degree. 8 years. Terroristic Threatening 3rd Degree. 12 months. Menacing. Dismissed as merged into Wanton Endangerment. Wanton Endangerment. 3 years concurrent. Wanton Endangerment- 2nd. 8 years.

James A. Bencini. Motion Hour. Enhancement Poss of Marijuana. Enhancement Poss of Marijuana. Enhancement Poss Cont. Sub. 1st Degree, 1st Off (Methamphetamine). Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off (Methamphetamine) Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Enhancement Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Wanton Endangerment (four counts). Violation of Conditions of Release. Persistent Felony Offender- First Degree. Probation Violation. Shock Probation in Felony Convictions. Shock probation. Granted on this case only.

John Anderson Sr. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock. Denied.

Joseph W. Dyszczakowski. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock. Taken under advisement. Continue to 4/17/25.

Jeremy Antonio Puckett. Motion Hour. Motion to Reduce bond. Grant.

Victor Ray Burgess. Pretrial Conference. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 2nd Offense (Methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. 8/4/25.

Eddie Wilson Taber III. Pretrial Conference. Persistent Felony Offender- 2nd Degree. Bench Trial 8/4/25.

Jason Alan Perry. Pretrial Conference. Excessive Windshield/Window Tinting. Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess. Controlled Substance Prescription Not In Orig. container 1st. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Offense. TICS, 1st Degree, 2nd or> (>=2 gms methamphetamine). Persistent Felony Offender. Jury Trail 9/29; 9/30.

Larry Scott Barnes. Pretrial Conference. Accident/Failure to Render Aid or Assistance. Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree. Disregarding Traffic Control Device, Traffic Light. Continue to 4/17/25.

Charles Dell Canter. Pretrial Conference. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off. (Methamphetamine). Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Criminal Trespass- 1st Degree. Pleaded guilty. Sentencing 5/1/25.

James Michael Mason. Pretrial Conference. Excessive Windshield/Window Tinting. TICS 1st Degree 2nd or>(>=2 gms Methamphetamine. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Persistent Felony Offender- First Degree. Pleaded guilty. Sentencing 4/17/25.

David Wesley Strange. Motion Hour. Motion to set aside diversion. Continued to 4/17/25.
Chad Nicholas Lyman. Probation Revocation Hearing. Revoked 3 years.

IT’S ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY!

By SHERRY ALLISON

Kudos to Hickman County Emergency Management, the Hickman County Sheriff’s Office, the City of Clinton, and state and county road workers for their service during the torrential downpour this area experienced last week. Realizing there is a lot of repair work to be done, we can show our appreciation to these workers by being patient and letting them know when we see them we thank them for their service to our community.

Hickman County Chamber of Commerce President Deena Pittman has extended the cutoff date to notify her if you plan to attend the Legislative Breakfast on April 17th. You may text her at 270-254-0582 or DEENAPITTMAN@FCBHEARTLAND.COM to RSVP. The breakfast buffet starts at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the buffet is \$18.00 and payable at the door. Senator Jason Howell and Representative Stephen Rudy are scheduled to speak. This is a great opportunity for interested citizens to hear what’s going on in the legislature in the state of Kentucky. This is also a good time to ask questions you may have.

Arts and Crafts vendors wanted for the 14th Annual Chicken Festival in downtown Clinton for April 25-26. Shake your tail feather and request a space today. Contact Deena Pittman using the contact information in the previous paragraph.

Area residents, hopefully by now you’ve made your plans to attend and participate in variety of the activities planned for the whole family at the Chicken Festival. Music, food, rides, arts, and crafts, petting zoo, wing contest, chicken clucking and chicken dancing contests, kid’s fun run and so much more. Come one, come all to this popular yearly event. Watch the Hickman County Times in upcoming issues for a listing of events and times.

The Hickman County Museum will present their third annual Chicken Fest Cruise-In on Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the museum located at 221 East Clay Street. Door Prizes!!! 50/50 Raffle!!! Come join the fun and check out the cool rides of yesteryear.

On April 21, the Clinton Woman’s Club invites you to help them kick off Chicken Fest by joining them at Supper Time! “Chicken and Dumplings with all the fixins’ and delicious homemade desserts for just \$8.00. What a great deal!!! This is a scholarship fundraiser. Gather ‘round to enjoy this delicious feast at the Senior Citizen Center from 4 p.m. until 6:00 while supporting our youth.

The Best Start: Family Event that was cancelled due to the inclement weather is being rescheduled. This event helps parents be their child’s first and best teacher. Some of the topics to be presented include nutrition and health, developmental milestones, and therapy and restorative services. This service is available to parents residing in Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman Counties. Watch for a new date announcement from the Hickman County Extension Office.

There’s still a few spots open for the 4-H Cooking Club. There is no cost for grades 4 and up to attend these cooking activities scheduled for Monday April 21 and Monday May 5. Times for the club to meet are 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Hickman County Extension Office. This is a wonderful way for young cooks to explore and develop their kitchen skills and try different foods.

Good news for bluegrass music lovers!!! Plans are in the early stages to hold a Bluegrass festival at Columbus Belmont Park in June of 2026. KYGRRO executive director, Lindsay Bowles hopes to make a public announcement for the date for Bluegrass on the Bluff soon.

This week, we say goodbye to Byassee Pharmacy as we welcome Kentucky Care Pharmacy. Many of you will remember, as I do when my great uncle, Hall Byassee Sr. and his son, Hall Byassee Jr. operated this drug store. At the time I was growing up, there was a soda fountain. There’s a whole bunch of us that can remember going in there while our mothers shopped at Brady’s and the K & K Shoppe. We spent time with our friends drinking a cherry coke or a chocolate milkshake and looking at comic books. Years later, Hall Jr’s son, Johnny took over as the pharmacist there. Johnny and I talked about whatever happened to the beautiful wooden counter that was there. There is surely someone out there that remembers where it went.

We share good memories of this community even as we look forward to a future where more good memories can be made. After all. It’s All About Community.

Local West Kentucky Allied Services not affected by federal firings

Jessica Vinson, CSBG Outreach/Social Worker at West Kentucky Allied Services in Clinton said the local WKAS is not affected by some federal level staff firings.

A Facebook post by WKAS last week announced that federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program staff were fired. The LIHEAP program helps with assistance in keeping power and heat on for low income families.

The local LIHEAP program is administered through the local West Kentucky Allied Services located in the Mission House building on West Clay Street, Clinton, Ky.

Area Obituaries

Debbie Baker



Debbie Lynn Stephens Baker, age 66 of Clinton, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2025 at her residence. She was a Certified Nurses Aide and Medication Aide and had worked at Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF and The Manor.

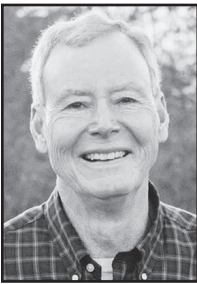
She is survived by four sisters, Betty Burpo, Mildred Shumate, Vicky Stephens and Molly Jean Hill; one brother, Landy Stephens; nieces, Tracy Dickson, Ginger Stephens & Vanessa Shell, and nephews, Josh Guthrie and Shane Stephens.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Harold “Buddy” Stephens & Ruth Bennett Hales Stephens; daughter, Melissa Ann Roper; two brothers, Harold “Moe” Stephens & Danny “Indian” Stephens, and three sisters, Martha Jo Stephens, Brenda Massey and Nancy Stephens.

Funeral services for Debbie will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Ricky Burton officiating.

Visitation will be held after 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

Ted Owen



Mr. Ted H Owen, of South Fulton passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Ted was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and son. He was a Gideon and member of Walnut Grove Church in South Fulton, Tenn., where he was a trustee and active member. As a fourth-generation farmer, he loved working on

farm equipment and gardening.

Most of all, he loved the Lord with all his heart, mind, and strength. He was a graduate of South Fulton High School and lived all his life in this area.

He is survived by his wife Dianne, to whom he married in 1978; his sons, Brett Hamilton Owen (Jennifer) of Hendersonville, Tenn., and Seth Warren Owen (Cassie) of Lascassas, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Lennox Owen, Reeselyn Owen of Hendersonville, Tenn., Cadence Owen and Emrick Owen of Lascassas, Tenn.; and his sister, Kim (Bob) Combs of South Fulton, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billie Owen and Iva (Hamilton) Owen of South Fulton, Tenn.

A memorial service and visitation will be announced in the coming weeks.

District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Mark Medlin during Hickman County District Court on 04/07/2024. This is not an official docket.

Daniel Torrens. Arraignment. Ay Misdemeanor Charge Not Covered by These Does. Harassment-No Physical Contact. Pleaded not guilty. Bench trial set for 5/19/25.

John Anderson. Other Hearing. Dismissed.

Donald W. Jackson. Arraignment. Harassment- No Physical Contact. Menacing. Terroristic Threatening, 3rd Degree. Continue to 4/21/25.

Jeremy Pyle. Arraignment. Oper. MV Unfl. Alc. .08. Pleaded not guilty. Preliminary Hearing set for 4/21/2025.

Kelta Cobb. Motion Hour Judge to review. Granted. Ambar Lopez. Show Cause Hearing. Review 5/5/25.

Michael Hedstrom. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Continued to 11/17.

Jessie Sears. Show Cause Deferred/Installment Payment. Continued to 9/15.

Michael James Ellegood. Pretrial Conference. Failure to Wear Seat Belts. Obstructed Vision And/OR Windshield. Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 5/19.

Thomas Earl Gray. Pretrial Conference. Oper MV U/Infl. Subst. – 1st. Dismissed. Improper Use of Blue Lights. Careless Driving. No Tail Lamps. Operating Vehicle With Expired Operators License. Continued to 6/16.

Brandon Rowe. Pretrial Conference. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence No Visible Injury. Continued to 5/19.

John Brandon Rowe. Pretrial Conference. Violation of Conditions of Release. Terroristic Threatening, 3rd Degree. Continued to 5/19.

Ryan McDaniel. Preliminary Hearing. Oper. MV U/Inf. Alc. Fleeing or Evading Police, 2nd Degree (Motor Vehicle). Discharge Firearm/Other Device. Wanton Endangerment 1st- Discharge of Firearm. Continued to 4/21.

Katelin Sue Smart. Preliminary Hearing. TICS, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (>= 2 gms Methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury.

Michael West. Preliminary Hearing. TICS, 1st Degree, 2nd or> (>= 2 gms Methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury.

Kelta Cobb. Expungement Hearing. Judge to review. Order to be signed.

Destiny Nicole Benson. Review. Dismissed.

David Strange. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 2nd offense (Methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess. Probable cause found. Bound to Grand Jury. (This is not the same David Strange who has rental properties in Clinton).