

Circuit Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Timothy A. Langford in Hickman County Circuit Court 05/01/2025. This is not an official docket.

John Anderson Sr. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock. Taken under advisement.

Tracey Dawn McClain. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock. Taken under advisement.

Nikkole Henley. Pretrial Conference. Pass to 5/12/25.

Hunter Duke. Pretrial Conference. Continue to 6/5/25.

Ricky Lynn McQueen. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 6/5/25.

Jeremy Antonio Puckett. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 6/5/25.

Mark Lowell Pylant Sr. Pretrial Conference. Continued to 6/5/25.

Kelta Cobb. Review.

Darius L. Cooper. Review.

Christina Weeks. Review. Summons for 12/04/25.

Christina Weeks. Review. Paid in full.

Charles Dell Canter. Sentencing. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off. (Methamphetamine). 1.5 years.

Damien L. Wilkins. Probation Revocation Hearing. Revoked 10 years.

Alfreda Malone. Probation Revocation Hearing. Revoked 4 years.

Deed Transfers

04/28/2025- Purcell, Linda Sue Clayton Executrix to Purcell, Linda Sue Clayton

04/28/2025- Wilson, Bobby J to Wilson, Bobby J.

04/28/2025- Oshaughnessy Thomas Patrick to Parker, Sebashtin McCartney.

04/28/2025- Ellegood, Connie K. to Ellegood, Lones M Jr.

04/29/2025- Yancey, Joshua Adam to Yancey, Ryan H.

04/30/2025- Smith, Thomas M. to Smith, Thomas M. Trustee.

Area Obituaries

Jimmy McClure



Mr. James Royce “Jimmy” McClure, age 82 of Clinton, passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. He was a member of Jackson Chapel Community Church and a United States Army veteran having served during the Korean conflict.

Jimmy retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant and started his “fun” job with Duncan Pharmacy doing deliveries. He was one of the first graduates of Central High School and was an avid UK fan. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sue Jackson McClure; son, Doug (Christi) McClure of Cunningham; daughter, Amanda (Jonathan) Ballantine of Clinton; 7 grandchildren, Tori McClure Oppelt, Jami McClure, Niki McClure, Brandon Wheeler, Hayden Spillman, Zoie Spillman Cartwright and Presley Ballantine; 4 great grandchildren, Everleigh & Elsie Cartwright, Cory Oppelt & Navani Vaughn; siblings, Junior McClure, Lonnie McClure, Butch McClure, Sr., Ronnie McClure, Billy McClure, Bennette Atwill, Sheila Oliver and Nancy Ballard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brantferd Cooper McClure, Sr. and Marjorie Bennette Jackson McClure, 2 brothers, Richard McClure, Sr., and Rev. Phillip McClure, and a sister, Lou Ella Roberts.

A memorial service for Jimmy was held Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Jackson Chapel Community Church with Rev. Bobby Barnett officiating.

Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

Rose Berry

Rose Marie Berry (born September 5, 1930) passed away on May 2, 2025, under the watchful care of Cedar Ridge Health Campus and Bluegrass Care Navigators in Cynthiana, Ky., leaving behind a legacy of love and service to her family and community. Granny Rose lived a life of compassion and devotion, always choosing to put her family’s needs before her own.

Along with her deceased husband Jerry M. “Pappy” Berry, Sr., Granny Rose provided a loving home for her blended family, which includes children Linda Dycus Ernst, Richard Dycus (Susan), Robert Dycus (Cheryl Holeves - fiancée), and stepchildren Libby Lester (Reece - deceased), Jerry M. Berry, Jr. (deceased), Richard Berry (Stacie), Melissa Gentry (Brian), as well as 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Granny Rose will be fondly remembered for the positive difference she made in her family’s lives, always there with an ear to listen, a shoulder to lean upon, or a home to connect to. She cared not only for her family, but also for her community, serving on and/or chairing several boards (such as Garden Club president and helping found the Hickman County Museum), including being named Hickman County Citizen of the Year and having the Quilt Museum named in her honor.

Rose Berry leaves behind a rich legacy, having made a lasting impact upon those she knew and loved. And we, her family, give thanks for the chance to experience and learn from her grace, compassion, spirit, and determination to make life worth living.

Rose will be interred at a private service to be determined. Memorials on her behalf may be sent to Hickman County Museum.

Jo Burgess

Martha Jo Cole Burgess, age 89 of Clinton, passed away Sunday, May 4, 2025 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. She was a member of Clinton Second Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by her two sons, Orville (Glenda) Burgess III and Tim (Lori) Burgess, both of Clinton; five grandchildren, Kayla (Deke) Deweese, Josh (Ella) Burgess, Jarrod (Holly) Burgess, Tyler Burgess and Dylan (Breeanna) Burgess, and 10 great grandchildren, Eli Deweese, Parker Deweese and Blair Deweese, Pace Burgess, Brooklyn and Cooper Burgess, Ralyn and Carter Burgess, and Carson and Crew Burgess.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert “Hub” and Thelma Lee Carter Cole; husband, Orville “Popi” Burgess, Jr.; grandson, Clayton Trent Burgess; two sisters, Helen Lee Hudson and Virginia Ann Cobb; two brothers, Jim Cole and Johnny Cole, and an infant brother, Boyd Carter Cole.

Funeral services for Jo will be held Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Rick Harrison officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

Chad Pillow



Mr. Joseph Chad Pillow, age 54, passed away at his residence in the Fulgham Community of Hickman County, Ky. on Saturday, May 3, 2025. He was born on December 28, 1970, in Fulton, Ky. to Joe Pillow of the Fulgham Community and the late Janie Guyn Pillow.

Chad lived in this area all his life.

He was a graduate of Hickman County High School in 1989 and received his master’s degree from Murray State University in Education. He worked as a Teacher for the McCracken Co. School System and was a member of New Harmony Baptist Church. Chad was an avid UK Wildcat fan and loved serving as a referee for basketball and golf.

He is survived by his father, Joe Pillow of Wingo, Ky.; one sister, Katrina (Bobby) True of Bedford, Ky.; one niece, Colyn Guyn True (Skyler) Wright of Stanford, Ky.; two nephews, Benjamin Issac (Tracey) True of Coldspring, Ky., and Reese Mallory (Morgan) True of Eminence, Ky.; three great nieces and three great nephews.

In addition to his mother, he is preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Christopher Pillow.

Funeral Services for Mr. Joseph Chad Pillow will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Clark Cemetery. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday until the hour of service.

Memorials may be made to Clark Cemetery, 307 State Highway, Fulton, KY 42041.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Stacy

Michael Stacy, age 68, passed away in Hickman County on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. He was born in Paducah, Ky. to his late parents, Boyd Foster and Dorothy Jean (Tharp) Stacy.

Michael Stacy served his community as the Ballard County Attorney from 1994 through 2006, winning the Outstanding County Attorney award in 2000. From 2006, until his death in 2025, Michael also served as Commonwealth’s Attorney for the 1st Judicial Circuit. He won the Outstanding Commonwealth’s Attorney award in 2011, becoming one of the few prosecutors to ever win both awards in their career. He served as President of the Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ Association in the years of 2016 and 2017 and was recognized for his lifetime of service with the Redford Award for Outstanding Kentucky Prosecutor in 2024.

He was frequently invited to instruct new prosecutors at the Kentucky Prosecutors’ Institute and to teach at training events held by the National District Attorney’s Association. In the year of 2025, Michael had won the Star Award for his career-long work preventing substance abuse in Ballard County.

Michael is survived by his wife of 31 years, Dawn Ellis Stacy of Kevil, Ky.; one son, Michael Boyd (Bo) Stacy II of Cunningham, Ky.; one brother, Steven Stacy (Brandi) of Bardwell; four nephews, Gannon Stacy (Makayla) of Bardwell, Ky., Steven “Foster” Stacy of Paducah, Ky., Nichollas Holland (Crystal) and Joseph Cody Ellis; four nieces, Camryn Jackson, Jordyn Campbell (Seth), Notcha Gale Watson (Jeff) and Tiffanie Lashaye McCarley (Ryan); two great nieces, Khloe and Piper; multiple grand nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation and funeral services were held Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the Ballard Memorial High School Gymnasium.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Michael, to LOTUS Child Advocacy Center, PO Box 8506, Paducah, KY 42002, River City Mission, PO Box 1000, Paducah, KY 42002, or any local drug rehabilitation center.

Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, Ky., is handling arrangements.

Rose Berry

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founders of the museum in 1994, and as hundreds and then thousands of artifacts were donated, she made friends with each one.

"When an artifact would come in she sketched the dimensions on her yellow legal pad and walked around until she found the exact spot where she wanted it," Jetty Pyle says. "Some of us called (the museum) her 'doll house' because she spent hours each week there."

Even though she was not a native of Hickman County, Rose Berry devoted herself to its history. "She knew every piece in the collection," Laura Poole says.

"Rose especially loved the beauty of homemade quilts and the family history they embodied," John Ross says. "It was Rose who got local merchants to put quilts in their windows during Paducah's quilt show," Jetty Pyle recalls. The Rose Berry Quilt Cottage is named in her honor.

"Rose was our official idea person," Liz Jewell notes. "She had an eye for placement and could see ways to use space. She once took me aside and said, 'I have this idea that we should turn the back room into a country store!'"

The heavy lifting was done by Bill Bone, Butch Thomas and others, but item by item Rose brought the

country store, and another century, into view.

Rose's vision covered interior details and exterior features as well. "She thought big," Liz Jewell says. "Don't you think we should paint the front in historic colors?" Rose was referring to the sunburst, fish scale, and other architectural details that were all but lost in a sea of white.

She once broke her wrist on the front steps but nothing could break Rose's spirit or her enthusiasm.

"We could never have found a more dedicated person to be a board member and volunteer than Rose Berry," Mary Ann Elliott says. "If volunteers were needed for a special day at the museum, you could always count on Rose."

"Her creativity is a part of the feel, the spirit, of the museum," Liz Jewell adds.

Rose moved to Cynthiana a few years back, but has stayed close to the museum, inquiring about the status of things and interested in the museum's future. "Most would agree she has never really left the place," Liz Jewell says.

At Rose's request all memorial donations will go to her life-long project, her doll house, the Hickman County Museum.

Germans

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tions. He may have often read about the hardships he describes, but none of them have happened to us yet. [signed] Co I: Albert Jones / Lewis Hammer / J. F. Langguth / Chas. A. Kranzer / Eugene Dupre / Gust. A. Boettner / Adam Treischmann / Joseph Schulte / and Co D: William Richter / Gustave Meyer / Alphons Ruschpler along with several others."

Several of the men who signed this letter may be featured in future articles.

The "Illinois Staats-Zeitung" was published in Chicago from 1848 to 1922. Until at least the mid 1890s it was printed in the complex but prestigious old German Fraktur alphabet instead of our familiar Roman letters. During the 20th century most German newspapers, magazines, and books gradually switched from printing in Fraktur to the simpler Roman alphabet.

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