

OBITUARIES

Jayden Wayne Barnes

Jayden Wayne Barnes was born July 4th, 2025, and entered into eternal life, November 26th, 2025, reaching the age of four months and 22 days old. He was the infant son of Johnny and Kyra (Parmley) Barnes.



In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters, Addilyn, Raylen, and Layla Barnes; maternal grandparents, Ross and Heather Parmley; paternal grandmother, Sherry Cooper; paternal grandfather, James Barnes (Tina); great-great grandparents, Danny and Glenda Lawless, Andrew Parmley, and Linda Smith; numerous cousins, family and friends who mourn his passing. Pallbearers for the service will be Blake Parmley, Bubba Barnes, Dillion Brummett, and Trent Lawless. He was a loving, precious child who will

be missed by those who loved and knew him. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 1 pm at the Hicks-Vaughn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ross Parmley and Bro. Danny Lawless officiating. Burial was in the Jayden Memorial Cemetery. Hicks-Vaughn Funeral Home of Monticello, Ky in charge of the arrangements.

We express our deepest sympathy to those who have recently lost loved ones.

Bess Oatts Anderson

Bess Oatts Anderson, age 85, of Monticello, Ky, passed away Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at Jean Waddle Care Center.



She was born September 26, 1940, in Monticello, Ky; the daughter of the late Shelby David "Shell" and Gladys (Gossage) Oatts. She is survived by her children, David Bell, wife, Rhonda, of Monticello and Lenell Jackson, spouse Tim, of Corbin, Ky; stepson, Roger Anderson, wife Lisa, of Fla; grandchildren, Shelby Bell, wife Rebekah, Camrin Bell, wife Taylor, Michaela Bell, Drew Bell, wife Mary Morgan, Whitney Bell; and great grandchildren, Lylicia, Elynore, Lochlyn, Eliza Jane, Mary Louise Bell, and Keldon Garcia. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Pat Bell Norrick, husband Jim, and Rita Bell Green; along with a host of family and friends who mourn her passing.

and Carol Ann Morris; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Cooper and Lloyd Morris; and a niece, Lisa Oatts New.

Bess retired from the University of the Cumberlands after 23 years as the Women's Resident Hall Director. She loved and enjoyed working with her university family. She enjoyed camping, cooking, crafting, and hosting many fellowship gatherings with her university family, church family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Shell and Gladys Oatts, she was preceded in death by her husband, Earl "Bud" Anderson; siblings, William "Bill" Oatts and Doris Cooper; sisters-in-law, Janette (Ramsey) Oatts, Imogene (Anderson) Kendrick,

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 1 pm at the Hicks-Vaughn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. David Sargent officiating. Burial was in the Elk Spring Cemetery. Hicks-Vaughn Funeral Home of Monticello, Ky in charge of the arrangements.

Ongoing Investigation Results in Federal Indictment

Last week, Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Nick Bertram served and arrested Franklin Tobias Hamilton of Richmond on a federal indictment arrest warrant and Hamilton was to be transferred to a Federal Detention Center in London.

The investigation had been ongoing since October when Deputy Bertram's investigation led him to make an vehicle stop on East KY 90 on the vehicle of interest and Bertram gained consent to search the vehicle which resulted in 1.63 pounds of methamphetamine and \$600.00 in cash being

seized. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in London indicted Franklin Tobias Hamilton on November 21, 2025, on the charge of possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a methamphetamine

mixture and he was served and arrested on December 1st.

The Wayne County Sheriff Office also reported the arrest of the following: Lance Dobbs of Monticello for public intoxication-controlled substance (excludes alcohol), trafficking in a controlled sub-

stance-1st degree (greater than or equal to 2 grams of meth) - (enhanced) and a violation of a Kentucky Emergency/Domestic Violence Order.

Tony L. Thurman of Burnside was arrested on two McCreary County District Court Warrants of Arrest for fail-

ure to pay restitution on the underlying charges of 2 counts of theft by deception -including cold checks. Dobbs was lodged in the Wayne County Detention Center. Thurman was released from custody after posting a Bond.

An Albany man was arrested after allegedly stabbing his girlfriend

On December 3, 2025, Deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff Office were dispatched by 911 to a residence located off of East KY 92 in the Oil Valley Trailer Park. Upon arrival Deputies located the female at a neighbors residence that appeared to be distressed and covered in blood. The female reported to the Deputies that her boyfriend came home intoxicated and start-

ed being aggressive towards her while breaking items.

The male reportedly retrieved a knife from inside the residence and started attempting to stab her. While trying to defend herself from the attack, the male stabbed her in her hand. Deputies made contact with the male outside of the residence where the altercation took place and located a knife near him.

Once inside a large amount of blood in a bedroom, a knife-like stabbing damage in a wall and numerous items being broken were found. Wayne County EMS was also dispatched to the scene and after giving treatment, transported the female to the Wayne County Hospital.

Deputy Allen Cash charged and arrested Jeremy L. Kempton of Albany for assault-2nd

degree - domestic violence. Kempton was lodged in the Wayne County Detention Center. Deputy Cash was assisted at the scene by Deputies Nick Bertram and Casy Lang.

The Wayne County Sheriff Office also arrested Carol S. Baird of London on a Wayne County Circuit Court Indictment Warrant for theft of identity of another without consent. Baird was also arrest-

ed on a Wayne County District Court and a McCreary County District Court Warrants of Arrest for failure to appear and failure to pay restitution on the underlying charges of giving an officer false identifying information, theft of identity of another without consent and 2 counts of theft by unlawful taking or disposition - shoplifting. Baird was lodged in the Wayne

County Detention Center.

Ashley Turner of Monticello was arrested on a Wayne County District Court Warrant of Arrest for failure to comply with a Rehab Order. Turner was also lodged in the Wayne County Detention Center.

Voter Registration Keeps Rising

More than 5,000 Kentuckians Register in November

Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that voter registration continued to grow in November,

despite no state elections in the off-year.

"Despite the exhaustion

voters now feel with this era of politics, that has not stopped them from registering to vote in significant numbers,

even in a year when we don't vote," Adams said.

In November, 3,748 voters were removed: 2,982 who were deceased, 385 felony convicts, 259 who moved out of state, 65 adjudged mentally incompetent, 26 who voluntarily de-registered, 19 duplicate registrations, and 12

non-citizens.

Republican registration constitutes 48 percent of the electorate, with 1,595,408 voters. Republican registration grew by 2,412 voters, a .15 percent increase. Democratic registration accounts for 41 percent of the electorate, with 1,379,958 voters. Democratic

registration fell by 1,914, a .14 percent decrease.

There are 371,955 voters registered under other political affiliations (mostly independent), making up 11 percent of the electorate. "Other" registration rose by 1,209, a .33 percent increase.

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