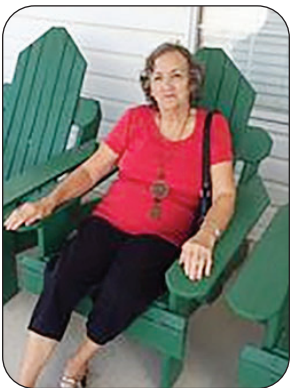


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Shelby Jean Gillock



GLASGOW - Shelby Jean Gillock, 83, passed away October 12, 2026, at Greenwood Nursing and Rehab, Bowling Green. She was born on July 8, 1943, in Lafayette, Tennessee, to the late James Ewing Davis and the late Lena Belle Likens Davis.

She was a homemaker and farmer, and she cherished both roles. She loved caring for her family and working alongside them on the family farm. Her days were filled with the things she enjoyed most: watching game shows and westerns, working crossword puzzles, crocheting, and cooking for family and friends. She also loved working with flowers and had a special talent for making everything she tended grow into something beautiful.

Above all, her life was centered on her family. She is survived by sons, Mike Gillock (Marsha) and Glen Gillock (Sherry); daughter, Regina Clay (Alvin); grandchildren, Hannah Woerdeman (Mark), Tyler Gillock, Conner Gillock, and River Clay; brother, Larry Davis; sisters, Judy Wooten (Danny) and Joyce Martin; sister-in-law, Edna Monroe; several nieces and nephews; and her special caregiver, Vangy Owens. She will be remembered with love for the care she gave so freely, the meals she prepared, and the warmth she brought to those around her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William “Buddy” Clifton Gillock; sister, Phyllis Davis; grandchild, Elizabeth Grace Gillock; brother-in-law, Jimmy Monroe; and sister-in-law, Martha Davis.

Funeral services were held 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 17, 2026, at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home, with burial in the Glasgow Municipal Cemetery.

Billy Hampton

CAVE CITY - Billy Hampton, 64, Cave City, passed away Monday, October 12, 2026, at the Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Cremation was chosen, and a celebration of life service will be held Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Caverna High School Gym.

Visitation with the family will be from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Caverna High School Gym.

Bob Hunt Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

South Central Bank Host Annual Veterans Celebration

For two decades, South Central Bank has recognized those who have served in the United States military and First Responders with a special event, The Veterans Celebration Breakfast. It is a time when those who selfishly serve others are invited to come together and be honored. That tradition will continue Tuesday, November 10 and will take place from 7-9 am at the South Central Bank Operations Center.

A FREE breakfast will be served to all Veterans attending and the event will also include a brief program.

South Central Bank Glasgow President, Owen Lambert believes the event is growing each year and is an important tribute to those who have fearlessly defended our country and those who

provide safety in our communities.

“We are extremely grateful for the service of our Veterans and First Responders,” said Lambert. “Their dedication to duty allows us the freedoms and security we enjoy every day. We owe these courageous men and women a tremendous debt of gratitude.”

The event will take place on Tuesday, November 10 at the South Central Bank Operations Center, 501 S. L. Rogers Wells Blvd., beginning promptly at 7 am and conclude at 9 am.

For additional information about South Central Bank’s annual Veteran’s Breakfast, contact Allen Handley, Marketing Coordinator, at 270-651-7466 ext. 3082 or allen.handley@SouthCentralBank.com.

COUNCIL,

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er the city should move forward with a zoning change while the matter remains before the courts.

The proposal involves approximately 2.94 acres at 318 W. Washington St., the former location of the Barren County Health Department. The requested zoning change would reclassify the property from a combination of R-2 residential and office and professional districts to R-4, a medium-density multifamily residential district.

The proposed Highland Heights development would replace the existing building with 75 one-bedroom apartments intended for residents 55 and older.

The project is being pursued by Hero Foundation Inc., the nonprofit arm of the Glasgow Housing Authority, with Wabuck Development involved in the development effort.

The Joint City-County Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning following an August 17 public hearing. However, the proposal has faced opposition from nearby residents concerned about the development's compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

Six nearby residents subsequently filed a lawsuit in Barren Circuit Court challenging the planning commission's recommendation. The legal dispute centers on whether the commission properly followed Kentucky's zoning requirements, including consideration of the proposed development's density and its impact on the surrounding area.

The planning commission and Hero Foundation have sought dismissal of the lawsuit on the grounds that the legal challenge was filed before the City Council took final action.

A hearing on the pending motions is scheduled for October 19.

During Monday's council meeting, several members expressed support for expanding affordable senior housing opportunities in Glasgow while questioning whether the West Washington Street property was an appropriate location.

Traffic and infrastructure emerged as

significant concerns during the discussion.

No traffic study was submitted during the rezoning application process, despite concerns about the potential impact of additional residential development on nearby streets.

Questions were also raised about fire protection, road conditions and the additional demands the development could place on city services.

The rezoning request does not constitute approval of a final construction plan. Any future development would remain subject to applicable planning, building and infrastructure requirements.

The discussion also addressed the city's comprehensive plan and future land-use map. Although those documents guide development decisions, Kentucky law permits certain zoning changes that differ from the future land-use map when specific statutory requirements are satisfied.

The planning commission determined that the applicant's presentation concerning housing needs provided sufficient justification to recommend the requested zoning classification.

The council's authority in the matter is limited to approving or rejecting the planning commission's findings and recommendation based on the existing hearing record. New testimony or evidence cannot be introduced during the council's consideration of the rezoning request.

Following the ordinance's first reading, council members questioned whether proceeding with the rezoning before the scheduled court hearing would be appropriate.

Councilwoman Marna Kirkpatrick introduced a motion to table the matter until the litigation is resolved. The motion received a second and was approved following a roll-call vote.

The decision leaves the requested zoning change neither approved nor rejected.

Additional questions remain about how an extended legal proceeding could affect the timeline for reconsideration. Kentucky law generally establishes a 90-day period for final action on zon-

ing map amendment recommendations, raising questions about how the council's decision to table the matter could interact with that requirement.

The council's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 26, one week after the scheduled court hearing. No specific date was established for reconsidering the rezoning request.

For now, the proposed senior housing development remains uncertain as the legal challenge continues and the

city awaits further developments in the case.

Publisher’s note: *The judge dismissed the residents’ lawsuit because it failed to name a required party. The ruling addressed a procedural issue; it did not determine whether the rezoning was proper or whether the proposed senior apartment building should be developed. The Glasgow City Council had tabled the Planning Commission’s recommendation on Oct. 12 while the lawsuit was pending.*



BRANDON JARRETT

Community News

GLASGOW, Ky. — State officials have identified a location for Barren County’s planned regional driver licensing office and are working through negotiations and interior construction plans, according to Barren County Judge-Executive Jamie Bewley Byrd.

The update marks another step toward restoring permanent driver licensing services locally, although an opening date and final address have not been announced.

“They have found a location that works for them through the process and are now in negotiations and design for interior construction plans,” Byrd said.

Byrd said county officials continue assisting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, but decisions about the location and opening date rest with the state.

“We are working with KYTC to help facilitate moving this process through to completion as fast as we can,” Byrd said. “It is

ultimately up to KYTC and The Department of finance on location and opening date.”

Funding for a Barren County office was approved during this year’s legislative session as part of an expansion that also includes regional offices in Bullitt and Oldham counties.

Byrd said local efforts helped secure funding in April to bring driver licensing services back to the county. She expressed gratitude that the funding would help meet a community need.

The state sought proposals in May for a Glasgow facility with approximately 5,595 square feet and 60 reserved parking spaces. State officials later toured three privately owned properties on July 22.

The planned office would give residents a local option for in-person licensing services following Kentucky’s transition from circuit court clerks to state-run regional offices, which was completed in 2022. Residents have since traveled to offices in communities including Bowling

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