

Obituaries

Full obituaries/photo can be found on funeral home websites.

FRANCES MARIE HOWELL, 82, of Auxier, died Aug. 24. Celebration of life will be noon, Nov. 28, at Highland Ave. FWB Church, Prestonsburg, under direction of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

FLOYD BEECHER ALLEN, 98, of Pyramid, died Sept. 25. Services were Oct. 2, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin. Burial in Allen Cemetery, Hippo.

DANIEL IRVIN THOMAS, JR., 63, of Midway, died Sept. 27. Mass will be 10 a.m., with service at 11 a.m., Oct. 9, at St. Leo's Church, Versailles.

SANDRA LYNN "SANDY" CAMPBELL, 67, of Quicksand, died Sept. 27. Services were Oct. 3, at Lighthouse FWB Church, Louisa, under direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

NOAH HOWARD, 77, of Gunlock, died Sept. 27. Services were Oct. 1, at Magoffin County Funeral Home, Salyersville. Burial in Abe Wireman Cemetery, Gunlock.

MARGO DALTON, 57, of Louisa, died Sept. 28. Services were Oct. 1, at Crum Funeral Home, Inez. Burial in Dalton Family Cemetery, Louisa.

RUBY LINDA LITTLE, 71, of Wayne, WV, died Sept. 29. Services were Oct. 3, at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne. Burial in Messer Cemetery, Stone Coal, WV.

ANDREA RENEE CICCHETTI CONN, 30, of Hueysville, died Sept. 29. Services were Oct. 3, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

BURNIS BUFORD SPEARS, 84, of Harold, died Sept. 29. Services were Oct. 3, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin. Burial in Spears Cemetery, Harold.

KIMBERLY NICOLE AKERS, 42, of Martin, died Sept. 29. Services under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

HARRISON EUGENE WEBB, 74, died Sept. 30. Services were Oct. 5, at Mullins Family Funeral Home, Warfield. Burial in Chapman Cemetery, Lovely.

ROY MAYNARD, 88, of Pilgrim, died Sept. 30. Services were Oct. 2, at Crum Funeral Home, Inez. Burial in Nichols Cemetery, Wolf Creek.

MICHAEL ALLEN KEATON, 61, of Keaton, died Sept. 30. Services were Oct. 5, at Christian Union Church, Keaton. Burial in Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville, under direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

JAMES RALPH AUXIER, 83, of River, died Sept. 30. Services were Oct. 4, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial in Auxier Family Cemetery, East Point.

LUCY MARLENE GILLISPIE, 62, died Sept. 30. Services were under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville.

DORTHEA LOU FANNIN HAYDEN, 71, died Sept. 30. Services were under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville.

ANGELA PHILLIPS FERGUSON, 59, of Louisa, died Oct. 1. Services under direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

MARY ELIZABETH DAVIS MINTON, 75, of Hager Hill, died Oct. 1. Services were Oct. 5, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial in Minton Family Cemetery, Hager Hill.

MARY LOU MARTIN, 74, of David, died Oct. 1. Services were Oct. 5, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin. Burial in Pitts Family Cemetery, David.

BARTLEY ALAN BATTEN, 68, of Stambaugh, died Oct. 1. Services under direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

JIMMY "JIM" STAPLETON, 84, of Tutor Key, died Oct. 1. Services were Oct. 4, at Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville. Burial in Stapleton Cemetery, Tutor Key.

BETTY ANN SARTIN LUCAS, 72, of Huntington, WV, died Oct. 1. Services will be 1 p.m., Oct. 7, at Warfield Church of God, Warfield. Burial in Sartin and Brewer Cemetery, Kermit, WV, under direction of Callaham Funeral Home, Inez.

PHILLIP R. CHAFIN, JR., 57, of Louisa, died Oct. 2. Services under direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

RUTH HINKLE, 87, of Louisa, died Oct. 2. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Oct. 7, at Hinkle Family Cemetery, under direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

WILLIAM EUGENE "BILLY" KOZEE, 67, of Kermit, WV, died Oct. 2. Services were Oct. 6, at Mullins Family Funeral Home, Warfield.

BARBARA ANN PRATER, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Oct. 2. Services will be noon, Oct. 8, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation 4-10, Oct. 7, at the funeral home. Burial in Shepherd Cemetery, Hueysville.

ANGELA LEE MAYNARD, 48, of Warfield, died Oct. 3. Services under direction of Callaham Funeral Home, Inez.

LISA HOWELL, 57, of McDowell, died Oct. 4. Services will be 11 a.m., Oct. 7, at Crum Funeral Home, Inez. Burial in Johnson Cemetery, Tomahawk.

JAMES T. STRATTON, 84, of Hager Hill, died Oct. 4. Services will be noon, Oct. 9, at Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Paintsville. Visitation 6-8 p.m., Oct. 8 and 9 a.m., to service time at the funeral home. Burial in Holliday Cemetery, Ary.

DOUGLAS FRAZIER, 84, of Hi Hat, died Oct. 4. Services will be 1 p.m., Oct. 8, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation all day, Oct. 7. Burial in Frazier Family Cemetery, Price.



JC CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION 2026 HIGHLIGHTED

By **ROBERTA CANTRELL**
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With the Johnson County election being summed up during the primary in May, the November ballot will offer only non-partisan choices to make at the polls.

In the running for City of Paintsville Mayor is Kalen B. Spencer, Jeanetta Kilgore Thornbury and Andrew Kirk Preston.

Seven candidates are vying for the six council seats. Listed on the ballot are Nicholas Hazelett, Robert "Bobby" Barker, Roger "Bo" Belcher, Mike Conley, Jerry Clark, Tim Hall and Eva M.J. Holbrook.

Constitutional Amendment 1 will be appearing on the ballot as well asking "Are you in favor of limiting a Governors ability to grant pardons or commute sentences by prohibiting him or her from granting pardons or commuting sentences during the time period beginning 60 days prior to the general election at which the Governor is elected, and ending when the Governor is sworn in for that term by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?"

It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Governor shall have power to:
 - (a) Remit fines and forfeitures; and
 - (b) Commute sentences and grant reprieves and pardons, except
 1. In case of impeachment; or
 2. For the period beginning sixty days prior to the date of the gubernatorial election and ending the fifth Tuesday succeeding the election.
- (2) The Governor shall file with each application therefor a statement of the reasons for his or her decision thereon, which application and statement shall always be open to public inspection.
- (3) In cases of treason, the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, in which the power of pardoning shall be vested; but he or she shall have no power to remit the fees of the Clerk, Sheriff or Commonwealth's Attorney in penal or criminal cases."

Statewide races on the ballot will be United States Senator candidates (R) Andy Barr, (D) Charles Booker, (K) Christopher Campbell.

U.S. Representative in Congress 5th Congressional Dist. (R) Hal Rogers, (D) Ned Pillersdorf, (I) Mikel Wein (I) Gerardo Serrano.

State Representative 97 Rep District (R) Bobby W. McCool and (D) Rebekah D. Skaggs.

Next week in the Big Sandy News Martin County candidates will be featured.

LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERING WALK-IN FLU SHOT CLINICS

With flu season approaching, Lawrence County Health Department will offer walk-in flu shot clinics on Mondays beginning Monday, Oct. 12. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Lawrence County Health Department, 1080 Meadowbrook Lane, Louisa. Residents can protect themselves and their families by stopping by for a seasonal flu vaccine with no appointment necessary.

Annual flu vaccination is recommended for everyone six months of age and older. It remains the most effective way to prevent flu-related illness, hospitalization, and complications. Getting vaccinated is especially critical for individuals at high risk of severe illness, including adults aged 65 or older, young children, pregnant individuals, and those with

chronic health conditions.

"Getting your flu shot before activity peaks in our community is one of the most important steps you can take for your health this fall," said Kristinia Robinette, Nurse Supervisor. "By offering walk-in availability, we want to make it as quick and convenient as possible to get protected."

Please bring your health insurance card, if applicable.

Most insurance plans cover the flu vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. For those without insurance or are underinsured, low-cost or no-cost options may be available. For information, please call 606-638-4389 or email www.lawrencecountyhealthdepartment.com.

KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESENTS SENATOR PHILLIP WHEELER A 2026 'FRIEND OF KENTUCKY CITIES' AWARD

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) presented Senator Phillip Wheeler (R- Pikeville) with a 2026 Friend of Kentucky Cities Award in recognition of his leadership and support for Kentucky's cities during the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly. KLC Director of Government Affairs Gracie Kelly and KLC Government Affairs Associate Emma Wilson presented the award.

"Senator Wheeler understands that good public policy often starts with understanding the challenges communities encounter at the local level," said KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney. "He has been responsive to the needs of Kentucky cities and has helped bring attention and support to the issues that matter to the people who live and work in them."

Senator Wheeler helped build support

in the Senate for House Bill 780, a KLC initiative addressing delays in recording deeds following master commissioner sales. These provisions were ultimately incorporated into House Bill 566 and signed into law.

"Senator Wheeler's support helped build momentum for a solution to an issue that can create significant challenges for cities," said KLC Director of Government Affairs Gracie Kelly. "Giving cities a process to address unrecorded commissioner deeds helps ensure property records accurately reflect ownership and provides local officials with another tool to manage properties in their communities effectively."

KLC bestows the "Friend of Kentucky Cities" award on legislators who perform outstanding work in the legislature, advocating for issues that impact cities across the state.

NEXT WEEK AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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Pork Chop, green beans, sweet potatoes, cornbread/margarine, chocolate pudding, apple slices and milk

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Chicken Salad with Whole Wheat Bread, marinated cucumber and tomatoes, baked potato chips, fruit cocktail and milk

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Beef Macaroni Casserole, corn, whole grain dinner roll/margarine, fresh orange and milk

13

Herb Marinated Chicken Breast, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cheese, whole grain dinner roll/margarine, vanilla pudding, applesauce and milk

ACTIVITIES

Popsicle Stick Pumpkins Craft at 10 a.m., with lunch at 11 a.m., Cards at noon.

"Chuck The Duck" at 10 a.m., with lunch at 11 a.m.

Bingo and Tissue Paper Pumpkin Page Craft at 10 a.m., with lunch at 11 a.m.

Candy Corn Toss Game at 10 a.m., with lunch at 11 a.m.

Ducky Scoop Game at 10 a.m., lunch at 11 a.m.

Lunch is served at 11 a.m.

Menu and activities are subject to change.

Call the Lawrence County Senior Citizens Center at 606-638-9335 for more information!

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