

Legislative Update

by Kentucky Senator
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Keeping the promise to never forget

As Sept. 11 passes from lived memory into history, we have a responsibility to preserve its stories, sacrifices and lessons for future generations.

Twenty-five years have passed since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. For those of us who lived through that day, the memories remain clear. We remember where we were, who we called and the disbelief we felt as we watched our nation come under attack.

An estimated 100 million Americans now have no personal memory of September 11. To them, it is history. That makes our responsibility to preserve and share its lessons more important than ever.

One story worth passing down is that of Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Earhart of Morehead. The 26-year-old Kentuckian was working at the Pentagon that morning, although he was supposed to be off. A fellow service member needed help, so he went in.

After his death, Earhart's coworkers signed his white Navy cap and presented it to his family. Today, it is preserved by the National September 11 Memorial and Museum. That simple cap reminds us that the nearly 3,000 lives lost that day were not merely names or numbers. They were sons, daughters, parents, friends and neighbors.

The consequences of September 11 continued long after the smoke cleared. First responders and survivors later died from related illnesses. Service members from Fort Campbell, the Kentucky National Guard and across our Commonwealth deployed overseas. Their families endured long separations, uncertain homecomings and sacrifices that cannot be fully measured.

"Never forget" must mean more than repeating two words each September. It means remembering those we lost, honoring those who answered the call and teaching future generations what followed. It also means preserving the unity, courage and love of country Americans showed during one of our darkest hours.

Someday, no living American will be able to say, "I remember where I was." When that day comes, may the record preserve not only how the buildings fell, but how Americans stood together and how a 26-year-old Kentuckian reported for duty because someone needed his help.

May God continue to comfort the families who carry the pain of that day, protect those who serve and bless the United States of America.

Sen. Rick Girdler, R-Somerset, represents the 15th Senate District, including Clinton, Cumberland, Pulaski, Russell, and Wayne Counties. Girdler serves as vice chair of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor; Families and Children; and Natural Resources and Energy. Additionally, Girdler serves on the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

~ Obituary ~

Danny "Nunnie" Brown

June 17, 1948 - September 4, 2026

Danny "Nunnie" Brown, aged 78, of Albany, passed away peacefully at his residence on Friday, September 4, 2026. He was born on June 17, 1948 to the late Clayton and Geneva Brown. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved grandchild, Dannah Dalton.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Janice Brown, with whom he celebrated a devoted marriage since July 5, 1974. He leaves behind two daughters, Lorie (Anthony) Dalton and Amy (Jeff) Kinnard, who were the pride of his life. His legacy continues through his grandchildren, Danielle (Ethan) Smith, Bailey (Jamison) Summers, Haley Kinnard, Chase Gibson, and Dannon Dalton, as well as his great-grandchildren, J. Iverson Summers and Quincy Chase Summers. His brothers, Larry (Mary) Brown and Benny (Carolyn) Brown, also survive him.

Danny found joy in farming and caring for his cows. He spent many years owning and operating Brown's Nursery and Carpet. His connection to the land was matched by his love for his family and his Kubota tractor, a symbol of his hardworking spirit. His deep affection for his daughters and grandchildren was evident in every aspect of his life.

May his memory continue to inspire and comfort all those who knew and loved him. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services were held Monday, September 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Talbott Funeral Home, with Bro. Larry Brown and Bro. Joe Summers officiating.

Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery Talbott Funeral Home of Albany, Kentucky, was in charge of arrangements.



APD releases August activity report

Albany Police Department has released its activity report for the month of August, 2026.

During the month, the APD issued 28 citations, made 19 arrests, served 11 warrants, one criminal summons and levied a total of 57 charges.

Activity Breakdown

Speeding, 7; no insurance, 5; no or expired registration plates and resisting arrest, 4 each; fleeing or evading on foot and reckless driving, 3 each.

Two citations each were issued for the following: indecent exposure; alcohol intoxication in public; disorderly conduct; terroristic threatening; failure to appear; failure to pay fines; probation violation.

There was one citation each for the following alleged offenses: wanton endangerment; failure to wear seat belt; no registration receipt; no operator license; disregarding stop sign; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting); criminal possession of a forged instrument (counterfeit money); tampering with physical evidence; criminal mischief; assault; menacing.

In August, the police department answered a total of 197 calls for service, investigated 10 traffic collisions and opened two criminal cases.

AFD August fire response report

Albany Fire Department has released its fire run/response report for the month of August 2026.

During the month, the fire department responded to one structure, vehicle and vegetation fire each; 15 Rescue and Emergency Medical Service MVA runs; one rescue; three good intent; two special incident types and four false alarm/false call reports.

AFD had a slightly less busy than usual month, responding to a total of 28 calls (22 tone and six non-tone).

In Memory

In loving memory of Sarah "Neicy" Bernice Smith on September 10.

Your life was a blessing. Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Sadly missed by sister, Carla

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This is Lisa Daley. As of August 27, 2026, I don't want persons trespassing on the 62 Cole Murphy Rd., 175 Ronnie Pitman Rd., or any police officers searching on my property without a search warrant. We don't hide criminals.

Lisa Daley
175 Ronnie Pitman Rd.
Albany, Ky. 42602
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Public Notice August Fiduciaries

The following is a listing of appointment of fiduciaries for Clinton District Court for the month of August, 2026.

* Decedent: Minnie Hull, 1919 Ky. Hwy. 696, Albany, Ky. 42602. Fiduciary: David Hull, 947 Franklin Court, Cookeville, TN 38506. Date of Appointment: August 20, 2026. Attorney: David Choate, 216 E. Cumberland St., Albany, Ky. 42602.

(krs. 395.190. The date by which creditors must file their claims, that is, within six months after appointment of fiduciary.)

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that David Hull, 947 Franklin Court, Cookeville, Tennessee 38506, has been appointed as Executor of the Estate of Minnie Hull, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against said estate shall present them properly proven and verified according to law, to the said Executor at the address shown above or to Hon. David R. Choate, 216 E. Cumberland Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602, and to all persons owing debts to said estate shall present them to said Executor or said Attorney, all to be presented not later than the 13th day of February, 2027.

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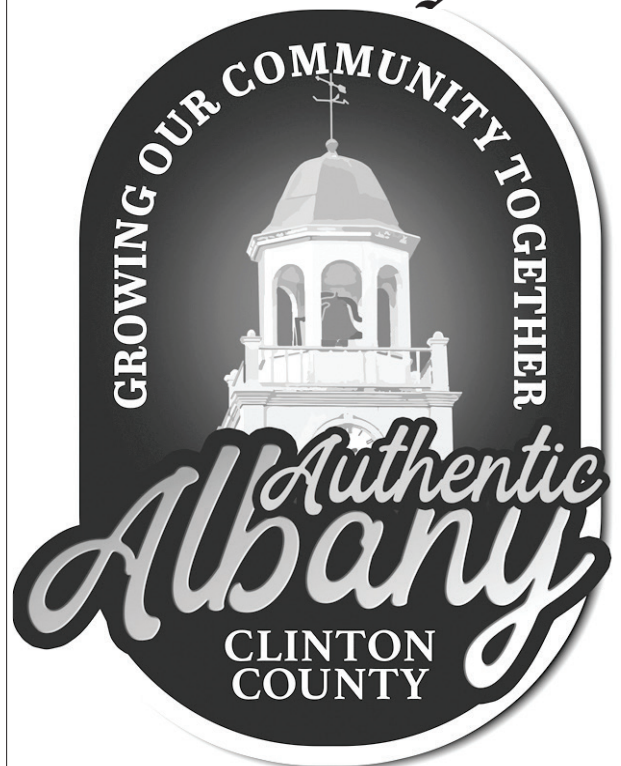
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