OBITUARY

Joyce Ann Barker, 74

Joyce Ann Barker, 74, wife of Kenneth Barker, passed away Sunday, Aug. 23, 2026. Joyce was born Dec. 28, 1951, In Lexington, to the late Emma (Wilbur) Jenkins and Tommy Hanna.

She was a 1971 graduate of Harrison County High School. Joyce was a woman who was deeply loved by her family and by the many people whose lives she touched. More than anything, she loved taking

care of the people she loved. Her family was at the center of her life, and some of her greatest joy came from simply being together and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and making sure the people around her were cared for. To her family, she wasn't simply Joyce; she was Mom, Mamaw, and someone they knew they could count on. Her love and the memories she created with them will remain a part of their family for generations to come.

In addition to her husband, Kenneth Barker, Joyce is survived by her daughter, Penny Anderson; grandchildren, Desmond Anderson, Kyle (Mindy) Anderson, Lauryn Barker, Brittany Barker, and Kimberly Barker; great-grandchildren, Aubrey Anderson, Sutton Anderson, and Lilian Cooper; and a sister, Bonnie Sebastian.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth Barker II, as well as many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Joyce leaves behind a family who loved her immensely and a lifetime of memories that will be treasured by all who knew her.

A funeral service for Joyce will be held Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Ware Funeral Home with visitation prior to service from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow in Battle Grove Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Desmond Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Brittany Barker, Steve Wells, Johnny Day, and Chris Wells. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Wayne Hitch, Butch Moore, and Tim Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators, 1317 US HWY 62, Cynthiana, KY 41031.

HARRISON

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Staff was waiting to embrace them, dressed in the color of their house. Everyone was wearing a bracelet signifying their house color and name.

Instead of Hufflepuff, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw and Slytherin, however, Harrison County's houses are named after Kentucky Derby winners. Red is Citation; orange is Aristides; yellow is Monarchos; green is Sovreignty; and blue is Determine.

All the schools have the same houses. Each house contains students from every grade. They will stay in the same house all the way through elementary and middle school.

Westside Principal Jon Hoskins explained the value of the house system, saying it will build smaller communities within each school. He anticipates it will be helpful for students when making the leap to middle school.

Looking forward to the day the elementary schools consolidate on the Hilltop, Hoskins said this will be something that unites all four schools.

As in Harry Potter, houses will earn house points for displaying good behavior, leadership and other positive qualities. Unlike in Harry Potter, points will not be taken away.

Every adult can award house points, Hoskins said, and point counts will run on the TVs all year long.

Throughout the school year, there will be activities and events held to solidify the houses.

Students seemed excited about the whole sorting process, dancing in Conga lines, cheering, tossing balloons in the air, and forming bridges for new house members to run through.

At the beginning of next school year, only kindergarteners and new students will undergo the sorting process before being welcomed into their houses.

Before dismissing students to go back to class, Hoskins asked for a rousing cheer: "Five houses; one family!"

Betsy Smith

Determine House forms a Conga line during Friday's Sorting Celebration at Westside Elementary.

Betsy Smith

The Monarchos House forms a tunnel for members to run through at Westside.

Betsy Smith

Citation House tries to out-cheer the other four houses at Westside Elementary.

Betsy Smith

Andrea Powers joins the Aristides House Conga line in dancing to Uptown Funk.

BOARD

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resolution for the moneys for the lead-line replacement on the customer end. So this will allow us to create a base of funds for the city to pay, I believe ... 71% of [the cost for] each customer."

Property owners will be responsible for 29% of the anticipated $4,000 replacement cost.

Dailey said approximately 333 customers have been identified. Participation is voluntary.

The resolution was approved.

-Dailey made a motion to authorize to advertise for bids for city trash service.

"We've been with Republic Service for I don't know how many years now," noted Dailey. "We were told there would be increases for the same service with them, so with that in mind we thought maybe we'll get a better rate from them if we put this out for bid."

The motion carried.

-Dailey reminded the public the city is currently accepting bids on the building next to city hall on 139 E. Pike Street.

"We will continue to take those bids until Sept. 4," noted Dailey.

"The Tourism Commission is accepting items for the re-burial of the time capsule which was opened earlier this year," added Dailey. "So keep in mind anything you'd like to add to the time capsule." A date has not been set for reburial.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

-Commissioner Mark Mattmiller of Public Property and Finance made a motion to pay the bills: $140,120 in the general fund and $64,294 in the water and sewer fund. The motion carried.

Mattmiller updated the board on cash in the bank: $256,441 in the general fund, $616,986 in the water and sewer fund and $192,198 in the municipal road aid fund.

-Police Safety Commissioner Taylor Peoples made a motion to authorize to pay $1,440 for continuing education for Pierce Tussey with a memorandum of agreement, which carried.

Peoples made another motion to authorize to surplus 21 Glock 17 Gen5 9mm handguns, three Glock 47 9mm handguns and five Glock 43X 9mm handguns, which carried.

Commissioner Peoples made a motion to authorize to use DEA Asset Forfeiture Equitable Sharing Funds in the amount of $32,968 to purchase Shadow Systems 9MM duty handguns, sights, holsters and suppressors for existing rifles, all carried on duty, all used for LE purposes. The motion carried.

-Fire Safety and Emergency Services Commissioner Roger Slade made a motion to authorize to advertise for certified firefighter, which carried.

-Public Utilities and Works Commissioner David Conner opened up with a discussion on municipal road aid bidding.

Seven streets are being prioritized: South Miller, East Bridge (the 500 block), White Oak Trail, Culpepper Drive, Evergreen Circle, Harrison Avenue and West Penn Street (the 200 block).

The bid came in from Hinkle Contracting at $135,530. The commissioners seemed very pleased with the bid.

Commissioner Conner made a motion to approve the bid from Hinkle for $135,530, which carried.

Conner made one more motion to authorize to advertise for a certified water treatment plant operator, which also carried.

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