

**Janet Sue Birch
1941-2026**

Janet Sue Birch, Age 85, Formerly of Ashland, KY, passed away Monday, October 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, KY following a brief illness. She was born May 3, 1941, in Ashland, KY to Helen Louise Hissam and Lowell Emerson Prichard. She was the proprietor of The Cook's Nook on Winchester Ave and was also the proprietor of the first gift shop in the Ashland Plaza Hotel when it opened in 1985. A recognized expert in microwave cooking, she did a weekly microwave cooking segment on the Midday News Show on WOWK TV in Huntington, WV. In 2020 she moved to Lexington to live with her son and maintained a very active lifestyle in her adopted city.



She is survived by a son, Neil B. Anderson of Lexington, KY; a daughter, Laura B. Hyrup of FL; a grandson, Vincent L. Hanko III of FL; Sister, Rebecca N. Gehringer (Albert Jr.) of Ashland, KY; niece, Joy Shytle of Ashland, KY; niece, Megan Bramel (Jeff) of Ashland, KY; many Hissam & Davis cousins. In addition to her parents, Helen and Clyde Davis, she was preceded in death by former husband, Frank M. Anderson and 2nd husband Harry A. Birch Jr.

A celebration of Life for Janet will be held Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Milward Celebration Center of Lexington, 1509 Trent Blvd, Lexington, KY from 2:00-4:00 pm.

**Brett Bradley
1955-2026**

In the early hours, on the crisp clear fall day of September 30, Brett Bradley picked up his toolbox and headed out for new adventures. Brett was tough as nails and sweet as a sigh. He was instilled with an incredible work ethic. He was an innovative, creative problem solver. Whether it be repairing a neighbor's sweeper, lawnmower, or washing machine, or troubleshooting multi-million-dollar industrial equipment, no one was better in a crisis.

He worked best under pressure and on deadline. His motto was "to help and to serve". And that he did beginning at age thirteen working Saturdays on a Johnson's Dairy delivery truck earning ten dollars a day and free ice cream. His career continued over the next fifty five years earning him many leadership accolades including the Harbison Walker Walking the Walk award, the Spirit of Longaberger Award, and the Ohio School Employee of the Year honor. Brett was most proud to have been part of the team to design and manufacture the transport crawler for the space shuttle that is still in use today.

From all of this you would think he was all work and no play, Nothing could be further from the truth. He enjoyed spending time in the carriage house located behind his home blasting out the music of Alice Cooper, Johnny Cash and the Beatles. It was quite the man cave decked out with old signs, a fully stocked Pepsi machine filled with Diet Coke, a large commercial popcorn machine, every tool known to mankind. With many of them in duplicate and triplicate, and multiple TVs to ensure he never missed a good football play or a referee's call.

Brett enjoyed every aspect of the game of football. He loved playing, never missing a chance to remind his kids that had been a varsity starter for his beloved Russell Red Devils beginning as an

eighth grader. He was a scholar of the game and especially enjoyed analyzing line play. After years of harassing referees, he became one and had the privilege of calling many high playoff games. He really enjoyed his time as a Cincinnati Bengals season ticket holder.

He was at his best as a family man. No one took care of their family better than Brett. He was married for fifty years to his wife, Nancy, who called him the best wing man in the business. She says she loved him from the moment she met him as a fourteen year old girl. He was an incredible dad to Beau (Hannah) and Allison (Niket) never missing a game, meet, concert, performance or recital. Brett became a Pops with the recent arrival of his granddaughter, Gigi. Brett's parents were the late Paul and Gloria Bradley. He is also survived by two sisters, Madonna and Michelle and many nieces and nephews.

Beloved family stories and adventures include "the Marshall years", taking Beau to an Alice Cooper concert, hand-sewing countless pairs of toe shoe ribbons for Alli, keeping the family's Kenmore dryer running for 42 years, driving a U-Haul truck in NYC and many camping trips with the kids and their friends filled with debauchery and questionable adult supervision. Brett never met a hardware store or gas station he didn't love.

Brett always wanted to be lowkey. He requested no services. To celebrate his life, Nancy, Beau and Alli encourage you to take the vacation, order dessert, buy the sports car, don't work as hard as you play and love your friends and family fiercely and unconditionally.

The family of Brett Bradley has entrusted his care and final arrangements to Carman Funeral Home, 2301 Argillite Rd., Flatwoods, Kentucky 41139. A Tradition of Care, Est. 1913.

Man sentenced to 10 years for child abuse

BY MATT JONES
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EDITORS NOTE: The following story contains child abuse. In order to protect the victim's identity, only the accused and court staff are named.

CANNONBURG “Was this agreed to?”

Judge John Vincent asked Boyd County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kierston Rosen, holding a plea agreement, after hearing the victim's impact statements in a child abuse case Thursday.

Rosen replied it was, to which Vincent directed the question to the victim's foster mother, who had given a statement as well.

The woman, who is working to adopt the victim, told the court the plea deal was agreed to in the case of John Nichols.

Nichols was charged in 2024 when the victim ran away. Nichols pled guilty to four charges Thursday.

In her impact statement, the woman detailed the victim's body was covered in bruises and cuts.

“I winced when I saw (her) back covered in bruises,” the woman said. “I could hardly process all the bruises.”

She said in her more than 10 years of fostering children, the abuse was the worst she'd seen.

“How can anyone do that to a child?” she said. “No amount of time would be enough.”

Rosen read the victim's impact statement.

The victim said the abuse had started around age 7,8 or 9. She had ran away twice before being able to find the help she needed.

“I hate you because you hurt and mistreated me,” the statement

read. “Before that I felt happy.”

The victim said while living with Nichols she did not do school work and still struggles. She said she now feels safe and happy.

“I hope they go to prison for the rest of their lives,” the statement read.

Nichols pled guilty to four charges of criminal abuse/neglect of a child under 13. He received 10 years for each charge. As part of the plea deal the charges are to run concurrent, for a total of 10 years in prison.

“I hope I don't ever see them again,” the victim's statement read.

The “they” referred to Nichols and co-defendant Rachel Nichols.

As part of the plea deal, John Nichols agreed to testify in the case of Rachel Nichols.

Rachel Nichols had a pretrial hearing set for Thursday, but it was postponed.

Carpenters Union open house in Grayson next week

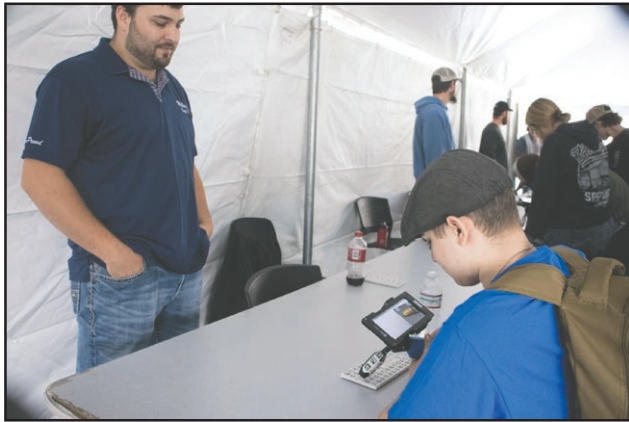
STAFF REPORT

The Central Midwest Carpenters Union will have an open house in Grayson Wednesday and Thursday.

The open house is part of a series across the region introducing high school students to the trade.

“There's no better way to understand what a career in carpentry offers than to walk through our doors and see it firsthand,” said Anthony Holbrook, director of Kentucky for the CMRCC. “We're proud to give hundreds of visitors across Kentucky and southern Indiana the chance to meet our apprentices, tour our facilities and picture themselves starting a debt-free career here.”

The open house will enable those interested in the skilled trade the opportunity to meet meet apprentices, instructors and contractors; get a tour of the training center and participate in hands-on activities; and learn about the careers available in



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Jesse Brown, a fourth-year apprenticeship, watches Amos West, of the Ohio Valley CTC, how to use a virtual mig welder during a tour last October.

the skilled trades.

In Kentucky, there's a need for a new crop of skilled tradespeople as experienced workers prepare for retirement. From multiple Ford plants in and around Louisville, to the Urban

Enrichment Facility developments in Paducah, and the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Corridor Bridge near Owensboro, large-scale infrastructure projects, commercial developments and residential housing needs

are creating hundreds of opportunities for carpenters and millwrights. These projects are opening doors for men and women looking for a career that offers hands-on work along with pay and benefits starting on day one, without college debt. Apprentices often also earn an associate's degree through their training.

The event will have at 574 Carpenters Way in Grayson.

Registration is encouraged but not required. Activities start at 8 a.m. and will run until 1 p.m. To register, please visit korcctraining.com/events. Lunch will be provided.

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The business to be licensed is owned by **Tyler Wells, Owner**, located at **10001 Manna Estate Drive Catlettsburg, Ky 41129**. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the: **Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control** 500 Mero Street, 2NW32 Frankfort, KY 40601.

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