LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF



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Ironton High School's band ensemble is pictured.

Community Thanksgiving service Sunday

IRONTON

The Ironton Area Ministerial Association will have a community Thanksgiving service Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Ironton First Nazarene Church.

The service will feature the Ironton High School Band ensemble. Rev. Isaac Carpenter will deliver the message. Food and fellowship will follow.

The church is at 2318 S. 4th Street.

Community connection event Dec. 8

GREENUP

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington is inviting nonprofit and health and human service organizations from Greenup County to attend a community connection event Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenup County Extension Office at 35 Wurtland Ave.

Attendees will learn about the foundation and upcoming funding opportunities, meet with foundation team members, connect with other local organizations and discuss community needs, according to a press release.

Lunch will be provided. Register at https://PFHinGreenup.eventbrite.com.

Call (304) 397-5955 for more information.

Arthritis explained: Types, risk factors, when to seek care

LEXINGTON

Arthritis can be common with aging; however, it can also be part of a wider range of systemic diseases that require specialized care.



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Arthritis is a complex medical condition with over 100 specific types reported. Arthritis can be mechanical (such as in osteoarthritis) or inflammatory (such as in rheumatoid arthritis). Depending on its type and severity, arthritis can interrupt your daily life, but treatment plans are available based on the type you have.

Common types

- **Osteoarthritis:** This is the primary type of arthritis associated with aging. It most often affects older individuals. It is commonly referred to as "wear and tear" arthritis. Osteoarthritis affects highly used joints like the fingers, spine, and weight-bearing joints like the hips and knees. Symptoms include pain, stiffness, loss of flexibility, swelling, tenderness, bone spurs and a grating sensation.
- **Gout:** Millions of Americans live with this type of inflammatory arthritis, and it can affect adults of all ages. This type of arthritis is more common in males or postmenopausal females. Gout symptoms occur in flares, typically causing intense joint pain and swelling in the big toe, but can affect any joint. This is caused by a buildup of uric acid in the body.
- **Rheumatoid arthritis (RA):** RA is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system mistakenly attacks the lining and bones of the joint, it can also affect other organs. It can affect anyone but is most common among middle-aged women. Without treatment, RA can permanently damage joints, cartilage and other organs. It is a type of inflammatory arthritis that requires immunosuppression and is treated by a rheumatologist.

Individuals typically experience painful, warm or swollen joints and stiffness that is often worse in the morning or after long periods of rest. RA can also cause inflammation in other parts of the body, including the skin, eyes, lungs and heart.

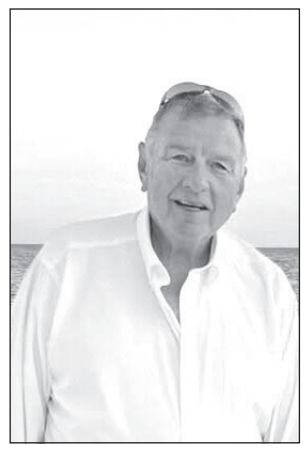
There are other types of diseases that can involve arthritis not mentioned above, these usually warrant evaluation with a rheumatologist, and diagnosis depends on symptoms, physical exam, imaging and labs.

Risk factors

Anyone can develop arthritis, but your risk depends on the type. Factors such as sex, age,

Danny Edward Craft
1949-2026

Danny Edward Craft 77, of Wurtland, Ky went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.



He was born in Wurtland, Ky on May 31, 1949, a son of the late Maynard Leslie & Maxine Marie Cox Craft.

Danny was a retired Raw Materials Manager at the blast furnace for AK Steel Ashland Works and later worked for Marquis Terminals. He was a member of the Wurtland Church of the Nazarene; a former member and Chairman of the Greenup County School Board; very active in youth sports he was a former basketball coach at Argillite and Wurtland Elementary Schools, as well as the Wurtland Middle School; he coached Little League baseball and softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, along with a brother, Terry Curtis Craft and a sister, Sharon Louise Willis.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Peggy Lee Heaberlin Craft; two daughters, Rhonda Kristine Wilson and her husband Jodie of Elizabethtown, KY and Jennifer Rae Gillum and her husband Travis of Wurtland; five grandchildren, Dani Nichols (Patrick), Samatha Cecil (Jake), Drew Wilson (Caitlin), Jordan Sparks (Jeff), Caitlyn Owens (Mark);

ten great-grandchildren: Gunner Owens, Millie Owens, Theo Owens, Milo Owens, Reagan Sparks, Lincoln Sparks, Logan Sparks, Benjamin Sparks, Cooper Nichols and Charlotte Cecil; two brothers, Larry Junior Craft (Joyce) and James Leslie Craft (Drema); a sister, Teresa Ann Vergne along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup, KY by Rev. Scott Hill. Burial will follow in Bellefonte Memorial Gardens in Flatwoods, KY.

Visitation will be after 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2026, and from 11:00 AM until the time of the funeral service on Sunday at the funeral home.

Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup, KY has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.wrightsfuneralhome.com.

Phillip Michael Neal
1938-2026

Philip Michael Neal passed away November 20, 2026. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 24, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. at Neal Funeral Home, with the funeral service following at 7 p.m.

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