

OBITUARIES

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Everett Famer, 69, of Danville, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2025. Ramsey-Young Funeral Home, Lancaster, Kentucky.

Steven Lynn Quisenberry



Steven Lynn Quisenberry, 50, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

Steven was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on April 2, 1976, to Arthur Quisenberry Jr. of Danville and Nellie V. (Leavell) Quisenberry of Garrard County.

Steven enjoyed many things in his spare time, including fishing, playing video games, listening to music, and drawing. Above all, he loved his family and friends. He cherished laughing, making memories, and spending time with the people he loved whenever he could. Steven had a kind and caring soul and was always willing to listen, lend a helping hand, or simply be there when someone needed him.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steven is survived by his daughter, Kyla Jade Stone, 26; his beloved four-legged daughter, Janice; and his granddaughter, Azalee Stone. He is also survived by his two siblings, Gary Wayne Quisenberry and Debra Denise Quisenberry, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends whom he treasured dearly.

Steven would also want to recognize his forever friends and family who stood by him through it all: Antonio McPherson, Jay Wade Kavanaugh, Anthony Humber, and Leon Johnson. Their friendship and love meant more to him than words can express.

Steven will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His laughter, kindness, and memories will remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Until we meet again.

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. on August 13, 2026 at St. Paul Predestinarian Baptist Church in Lancaster with Bro. Barry Bowman officiating.

Burial will follow in the Duncantown Cemetery.

Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday.

Active pallbearers are Montice Quisenberry, Timothy Quisenberry, Eric Quisenberry, Antonio McPherson, Jay Wade Kavanaugh, and Leon Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers are Anthony Leavell, Gary Reed, Curtis Ballew, and Brent Ballew.

Spurlin Funeral Home of Lancaster is entrusted with the arrangements. www.spurlinfuneralhomelancaster.com



GARRARD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
garrardlibrary.org **859-792-3424**

The Garrard County Public Library hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Story Time. Join us for stories, crafts and lots of fun on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. The first Wednesday of each month **Ages 0-5.**
Thursday Book Club. The August selection is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Thursday, August 20, 2:45-3:45. **Ages 18 and up.**
Free Faxing is digital and self-serve. **Notary services (free), copying and printing** (ask library staff for cost) are available. **Print jobs may also be emailed to garrardlibprint@gmail.com.** We also offer **Mobile Printing** which allows you to print directly from your phone.



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After School Art Club at Lancaster Elementary
Students at Lancaster Elementary in grades 2 – 5 can join the Garrard Arts After School Art Club. The club meetings begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8 after school and last until 5 p.m. Transportation home is not provided. Cost is \$5 per child per week or free with a Garrard Arts Family Membership. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available at the school office, online at garrardarts.org, or at the Garrard Arts Center, 206 Lexington St.

Evening Embroidery Class- Ages 10 to Adult
Learn to embroider at Garrard Arts! An evening class will be offered Thursday, August 20 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. For beginners or almost-beginners ages 10 to adult. Just \$5 for supplies. Registration not required but if you have questions, call or text 859 474 1161.

Fall into Art Contest: Remembering the Past
Create a work of art representing your history for our upcoming contest theme - Remembering the Past. Where have you lived, who has influenced you, what makes you the person you are? Open to all ages and types of art including painting, photography, sculpture, or fiber art. Artwork is due no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Garrard Arts Center, 206 Lexington St. Rules at garrardarts.org - Exhibits and Contests or call 859 304 3057 for more information.

Scenic Garrard County and Plein Air Art Contest Reception
Join us Friday, Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m., the First Southern Bank Community Room for a reception showcasing the entries in the Scenic Garrard County and Plein Air Art Contest. Meet the artists and photographers and have the opportunity to purchase an original work of art. Contest winners will be announced, and light refreshments will be served. The entries are currently on display at the Garrard County Public Library, where you can vote for your favorite.

Information About Joining Garrard Arts
To learn more information about joining Garrard Arts and the many opportunities to make art, support the arts, or teach art, visit our website at garrardarts.org or visit the Garrard Arts Center at the historical Wherritt House at 206 Lexington Street in Lancaster. The Garrard Arts Center is open Tuesday through Saturday. Follow our Facebook page @garrardcountyartscouncil and Instagram @garrard_arts

Letters to the Editor

Selling City Hall: Is This the Best Financial Decision?

Dear Editor,

Lancaster City Hall is being offered for sale following a decision by Mayor Michael Gaffney and then-serving City Council members Michelle Ballew, Micah Wade, Brandon McGlone, Joe Naylor, Marshall Norton, and Dan Waters. Current Council member Zach Howard was not serving on the council at that time and did not vote on the decision.

The stated reason is that City Hall needs approximately \$200,000 in roof repairs—an expense city officials determined Lancaster could not afford. Before selling a valuable income-producing public asset, taxpayers deserve a complete and organized review of the building, the city’s finances, and every reasonable alternative.

City Hall and Rental Income

City Hall contains approximately 14,459 square feet, but only about half of the building is currently being used. The Commonwealth of Kentucky leases a portion for approximately \$57,000 per year, and the city’s rental agreement reportedly has not been renegotiated since the original contract was signed. City officials should determine whether that lease can be updated to a current and competitive rate.

The remaining space—approximately 7,200 square feet—could also produce income. Commercial space in Lancaster is estimated to rent for between \$5 and \$10 per square foot. Depending on the amount and condition of the usable space, additional tenants could generate tens of thousands of dollars each year and help pay for the roof while allowing Lancaster to retain ownership of the building.

Incomplete Financial Audits

The city’s incomplete financial audits make it difficult to determine whether selling City Hall or assuming additional debt is responsible. The audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, has not been completed, and Mayor Gaffney has stated that it will not be presented to the City Council and citizens before December 2026. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, has also concluded, and that audit is due by February 2027.

The last audited statements presented to the council and citizens—for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024—reported a deficit of \$329,392. A city financial statement dated June 30, 2026, shows a deficit of \$47,966, but that amount has not been independently verified through a completed audit. Decisions

involving the sale of public property and substantial long-term debt should not be finalized without current, independently audited financial information.

Proposed City Debt

Ballpark lighting. At the August 4, 2026, City Council meeting, the council gave Mayor Gaffney permission to pursue borrowing \$600,000 through the Kentucky Bond Corporation for lighting improvements at Jaycee Ballpark. Financed for 15 years at 4.06 percent, the loan would cost approximately \$844,118 to repay, including about \$244,118 in interest. That obligation makes the claim that Lancaster cannot afford approximately \$200,000 in roof repairs difficult to understand.

Water meters. The city is also considering replacing approximately 4,600 electronic water meters. The purchase price, installation cost, financing terms, and total debt are expected to be discussed at a specially called meeting later in August. Payments would come from Water Department funds rather than the general fund, but those funds ultimately come from customers. Before approving the project, the city should disclose the complete cost, loan amount, interest rate, repayment period, anticipated savings, annual debt payments, and expected effect on monthly water bills.

These projects would be paid from different funds, and replacing inaccurate meters or improving recreational facilities may be justified. Nevertheless, both involve public money and long-term financial obligations. Citizens deserve complete information about each project before additional debt is finalized.

Parks and Recreation Oversight

For many years, Parks and Recreation was operated by a separate board, with both the City of Lancaster and the Garrard County Fiscal Court contributing to its operation. The city later assumed complete control under the administration of former Mayor Marshall Norton.

Under Garrard County Judge/Executive Chris “Roo” Elleman, the Fiscal Court now provides up to \$30,000 for Parks and Recreation expenses. Invoices are submitted to the Fiscal Court for approval, and approved expenses are paid directly to vendors rather than distributed to the city.

I recommend returning Parks and Recreation to an independent board with joint oversight by the Fiscal Court and the City of Lancaster. Representatives of both governments, citizens, parents, coaches, and people with financial or recreational experience should participate. The board should adopt an

July 23, a male, Wyatt Ray Rowland, born to Hannah and Owen of Hustonville.

July 26, a male, Tyson Lee Vanover born to Cora Gray and Jacob Vanover of Lancaster.

July 28, a male, Mason Lee Wilson, born to Diamond and Brandon Wilson of Harrodsburg.

July 29, a female, Sofia Maria Waddell, born to Ericka Elisandra Waddell of Salvisa.

July 30, a female, Marceline Claire Stein, born to Samantha Winslett and Bradley Stein of Kings Mountain.



Ephraim McDowell
Regional Medical
Center's Recent
Births

July 11th –
July 30th, 2026

July 11, a male, Ezra Lee Tally, born to Hayley C Talley of Lancaster.

July 19, a male, Luca Dean Miniard, born to Tara and Billy Miniard of Lancaster.

Old Paint Lick Presbyterian Church Heritage Celebration

The congregation of Old Paint Lick Presbyterian Church invites you to join them for a 'Heritage Celebration' on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 3 p.m. Founded in the early 1780's, the church pre-dates the Presbytery of Transylvania and the Commonwealth of Kentucky by several years.

This will be a traditional wor-

ship service with a number of ministers sharing in various aspects of worship. The Reverend Michael Denney will bring the sermon. Light refreshments will be served following worship for those who wish to participate.

The church is located at 8794 Richmond Road (Hwy. 52) in Paint Lick.

annual budget, conduct public meetings, maintain complete financial records, and provide independently audited statements to both governments at the end of each fiscal year. Before Lancaster assumes a 15-year ballpark-lighting obligation totaling approximately \$844,118, citizens deserve a clear governing structure and reliable financial oversight.

Alternatives to Selling City Hall

Before selling City Hall, the city should appoint an independent review committee composed of local business owners, financial professionals, commercial-real-estate representatives, and concerned citizens. The committee should obtain an independent appraisal, verify the repair costs, review the existing state lease, evaluate the marketability of the unused space, and compare grants, insurance benefits, financing options, and phased repairs with the cost of relocating city offices and securing replacement space.

The committee’s findings should be presented in a single public report before City Hall is sold or additional debt is finalized. The report should also include the completed audits for 2025 and 2026, the full cost of the ballpark-lighting loan, the purchase and financing costs of the water meters, the expected effect on water rates, and the proposed governance and financial oversight of Parks and Recreation.

This is not about opposing recreation, denying children safe facilities, or rejecting necessary improvements to the water system. It is about setting priorities, managing public money responsibly, and protecting property belonging to Lancaster’s citizens.

Selling City Hall may provide a short-term answer, but once the property is sold, it is gone—along with its existing rental income and the opportunity to earn more from unused space. Taxpayers should not be asked to accept that loss, a ballpark-lighting obligation totaling approximately \$844,118, and additional yet-undetermined water-system debt while two annual audits remain unavailable.

Public property and public money belong to the people. Decisions of this magnitude require complete financial information, full transparency, careful planning, independent oversight, and meaningful public involvement.

/s/ Don Rinthen

Socialism

Dear Editor,

Traveling to Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales is a wonderful trip. One in which I am fortunate enough to not only have a wife who has traveled extensively but also pays for the trip.

Paying for anything is important.

We in this country are very lucky to have democratic socialism for nearly every program except medical.

In Europe that is included also. I got very ill the last five days of our two-week trip. While I did not need medical attention, I did inquire about it, if needed. I found out that, if so, even as a non-citizen in the U.K., all medical treatment, hospitals, doctor visits, except a small charge for medicine (if I could afford it) was part of their “Socialized Health Care” system.

I knew this before going but never gave it much thought.

In the U.K., as in most of Europe, medical personnel are all paid a salary. Yes, by the government. Through taxes.

Here we do have mostly socialized medicine for people over 65, Medicare. For the poor and disabled, Medicaid. (Medicaid for those whose states participate in the federal program.)

The problem is how to provide healthcare for everyone else.

Complete socialized medicine gets rid of the class system. All people are treated the same, regardless of income.

This goes by different names, “Single Payer” and “Medicare for all” but it is socialized medicine.

How is it paid for? Through taxes. Yes, an increase from current levels. Why would we agree to such a thing? Because we would no longer have medical bills, of any kind. No pharmaceuticals, hospitals or even doctor visits.

This is desirable because it is cheaper than paying insurance companies. All people would be covered.

All hospitals, doctors and medical professionals are paid a salary.

No more bankruptcies due to medical bills. It also means your sick child can be treated as a regular patient instead of in emergency rooms.

Also it requires the wealthy and very wealthy to pay their share of taxes. “Fair” share, not nominal but appropriate. (The very wealthy who own large companies take no salary but borrow from the company they own for living expenses.) Loans are not subject to income or corporate taxes.

Therefore, all profit is rolled back into the business as investment and through loopholes, no taxes (or very little) are paid.

We have been tricked by the large pharma, insurance companies, doctors and, yes, politicians who have lied to us and have equated “Socialism” to “Communism.” They, in fact, are the exact opposite.

Communism means the government owns everything, including you.

/s/ Jim Brown

GCCP Family Ministry Center

GCCP/Family Ministry Center is open for shopping on Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We have clothing for the entire family, household good, and antiques, etc. We are closed the second week of every month. Call 792-3300 if you need anything.



HOMECOMING
August 23rd

Celebrating 244 Years of Homecoming

Forks of Dix River Baptist Church
5764 Lexington Road • Lancaster, Kentucky
Pastor Bro. Steve Horn (859) 339-3085

Sunday, August 23rd
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Dinner on the Grounds - Following the Morning Service
All are Welcome!

Come celebrate this special occasion with us as we honor our church's rich history and fellowship together.

We look forward to seeing you there!