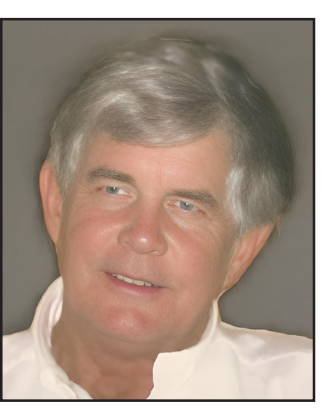


OBITUARIES



JOE BURGIN

Joseph E. "Joe" Burgin, 84, husband of Janet B. Burgin, of Harrodsburg, died Saturday, May 16, in Naples, Florida.

Born May 1, 1942, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Elwood and Elizabeth (Dennis) Burgin.

He was a Harrodsburg High School graduate, attended Georgetown College and St. Petersburg College and was a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Ross (Kathy) Burgin of Lawrenceburg; one daughter, LuShannon (Jeff) Hawes of Louisville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Saturday, May 23, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with Lynn Releford officiating.

Visitation 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral chapel.

Pallbearers will be Cooper Burgin, Jeff Hawes, Ronnie Long, Marion Souder, Mike Bentley, Calvin Shewmaker and Allen White.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Fellowship Baptist Church, 481 Cornishville St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



RALPH BYRD

Ralph Byrd, 61, husband of Jamie Matherly Byrd, of Harrodsburg, died Friday, May 15, 2026.

Born Feb. 28, 1965, in Mercer County, he was the son of the late James Earl and Patricia Ann Smith Byrd.

He was a member of the Abundant Life Worship Center and was an Astemo Engineering Technician and a former Donnelly Electronic Technician. Ralph enjoyed

fishing, golfing, tinkering around and watching the Cincinnati Reds Baseball and UK basketball.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, Eric S. Byrd of Harrodsburg; three daughters, Kathy (Brandon) Short of Georgetown, Laura (Nick) Hupp of Litchfield, Illinois, and Carmen Haggins of Danville; one sister, Tanya (Anthony Gilvin) Reynolds of Harrodsburg; one mother-in-law, Beuna Grigsby of Harrodsburg; one son-in-law, Nathan (Brittany) Gilleland of Litchfield, Illinois; a special uncle, Ralph C. Smith of Danville; one nephew, Steven Dean Reynolds; 11 grandchildren, Conrad, Cullen and Caelum Short, Violet, Naura, Rainee and Penelope Gilleland, Adam Miller, Simba, Thackery and Aurora Hupp; and several other nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services are today, Thursday, May 21, at 1 a.m., at the Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Services with Bro. Danny Broce and Tim Cummings officiating. Burial is in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Anthony Gilvin, Brandon Short, Steven Reynolds, Hal Loucks, Luke Moore, Dave Spanyard, J.D. Whitis and Danny Gainey. Honorary pallbearers are Kim Baugh, Sharon Moberly, Charlotte Whitis, Nicole

Humphrey and Frank Martin.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Ralph's Relay for Life Team, Fundraising for a Cure, C/O JoLynn Pike, 367 College Manor, Harrodsburg, KY 40330 and/or the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105-3678.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.alexanderandroyalty.com.

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JANET SPENCER

Janet Darland Spencer, 86, widow of Ed Spencer, died Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the Willows at Hamburg in Lexington.

Born Nov. 21, 1939, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late Owen Stanley Darland and Eva Freeman Royalty.

She was a retired administrative assistant for the Ken-

tucky State Government and attended Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sandi (Jim) McMurtree of Winchester; two nieces, Sharon Stewart of Harrodsburg and Emily Parkey of Denver, Colorado; and one nephew, David (Becky) Crawley of Salvisa.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosalee Parkey and Barbara Crawley, and one nephew, Scott Crawley.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 18, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Bro. Bob Ehr officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bluegrass Care Navigators, 1733 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504 and/or Lawrenceburg First Baptist Church, 111 North Main Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.alexanderandroyalty.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

• The Battle Cemetery, located at 3130-3162 Battle Road, in Mackville, Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 24, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Trustees will be present collecting donations for upkeep of the cemetery.

• The Peter Cemetery, located at on Highway 433, in Mackville, Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 24, from 2 p.m. Trustees will be present collecting donations for upkeep of the cemetery.

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from 1A



SEAN BROWN

Mercer County.

In the Democratic congressional primary, Zach Dembo collected 595 votes—36.91 percent of votes cast—while Cheryl Lynn Stevenson collected 427 votes—26.49 percent of votes cast—and Erin Petrey collected 319 votes—19.79 percent of votes cast in Mercer County.

In the Democratic primary for the 55th District of the Kentucky House of Representatives, Katrina A. Sexton collected 889 votes—52.57 percent of votes cast—while Nathan Saucedo collected 802 votes—47.43 percent of votes cast. The winner of this primary will go on to face incumbent Rep. Kim King in the 2026 General Election.

In the Republican primary

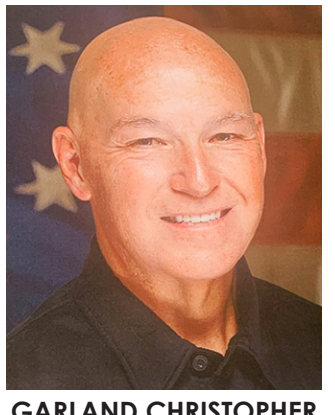


SUSAN BARRINGTON

ry for Mercer County Sheriff, Chief Dep. Sean Brown collected 1,996 votes—81.67 percent of votes cast—while Dep. Paul W. Parks collected 448 votes—18.33 percent of the votes cast. The winner of this race will face Dep. Tim Gambrel in the 2026 General Election.

In the Republican primary for Mercer County jailer, Garland Christopher collected 1,569 votes—66.45 percent of votes cast—while Bryan T. Cheak collected 792 votes—33.35 percent of votes cast.

In the Republican primary for Mercer County Fiscal Court Magisterial District 4, incumbent Susan Thompson Barrington collected 307 votes—57.49 percent of votes cast—while the challenger, Donnie Cocanough-



GARLAND CHRISTOPHER

er, collected 227 votes—42.51 percent of votes cast.

In the nonpartisan primary for the four seats for the Harrodsburg City Commission, one candidate, Jakob Slankster, dropped out before the primary and the other eight candidates will move ahead to the 2026 General Election. Of those eight candidates, incumbent Jack Coleman collected 664 votes—18.05 percent—while Sky Maddox collected 644 votes—17.51 percent—and Tommy Shirley collected 621 votes—16.88 percent—and incumbent Marvin "Bubby" Isham collected 579 votes—15.74 percent. Kayla Walker collected 412 votes—11.2 percent, Doug Baker collected 338 votes—9.19 percent, Roger Johnson collected 221 votes—6.01



KATRINA SEXTON

percent, and Joseph Mason Hood collected 199 votes—5.41 percent.

According to the clerk's office, 4,365 votes were cast in this year's primary. Mercer County Clerk Chris Horn and Dep. Clerk Bobbie Perkins said this year's primary—in which voters could cast their ballots at one of six voting centers instead of their home precinct—went well.

While checking on voting in Burgin, Horn said he encountered a voter who lived on New Dixville Road but worked in Burgin. Horn said the voter was able to vote while on their way to work instead of waiting until they got back home at the end of the workday.

"We had a very successful day," Perkins said.

from 3A

Scott

"There are a few little things I'd like to address," Mayor Keebortz said after the council finished the agenda for last Tuesday's meeting. Last month, the council heard a complaint from a local resident about run-down properties. On Tuesday, Keebortz said some properties that had been issues for a while have been cleaned up and asked Cherish Moore, a member of the code enforcement board, to address the audience.

Moore said she is a volunteer. She said the board is not trying to be aggressive.

She said her focus is on what she can do to help

people get their properties together.

Moore said it has been rewarding to help one resident regain her front porch for the first time in a long time.

Councilman Hensley complimented Moore.

"She let me know right quick she wasn't anybody to be pushed around," Hensley said.

• Heard from attorney W. Henry Graddy of W.H. Graddy and Associates in Versailles, who represents the coalition "We Are Mercer County."

"Is this about the data

center?" asked Mayor Keebortz. "If it's about the data center, I would like to move on."

Graddy passed around documents. He recommended the City of Burgin rejoin the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. The city council questioned representatives from the planning and zoning commission about that very topic at a special-called meeting on March 31.

On Tuesday, Graddy offered Burgin his help with rejoining planning and zoning.

"Pro bono?" asked Coun-

cilman Dunn.

"We'll talk about that," said Graddy, who provided his contact information.

"We're doing our due diligence," Mayor Keebortz said. He said he felt the friendly little city would be a lot better off belonging to planning and zoning.

The next regular meeting of the Burgin City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Burgin City Hall (117 South Maple Street, Burgin). Keep abreast of events and watch city council meetings at the City of Burgin's Facebook page, @burgin117.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following births are recorded at **Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville:**

• March 30, a son, Cooper Rhett Walls, born to Makayla Carrier and Levi Walls of Waynesburg;

• April 1, a daughter, Zoe Ann Marie Murphy, born to Rebecca Montgomery and Aron Murphy of Danville;

• April 2, a daughter,

Haylee Donna Arlene Harlow, born to Rachel Loman and Jacob Harlow;

• April 10, a set of twin boys, Baylor Gray Dixon and Banks Sage Dixon of Ronda and Jearl Dixon of Crab Orchard;

• April 11, a son, Judd Colby Myers, born to Ali and Colby Myers of Harrodsburg;

• April 14, a son, Oren Thomas Serj Edmonds, born to Maleah Gomez-Coleman

and Jordan Edmonds, both of Junction City;

• April 17, a daughter, Raylee Marie Durham, born to Cassandra Spears and Branden Durham of Stanford;

• April 17, a daughter, Everleigh Kait Tinsley, born to Natalie Hayes and Levi Tinsley of Crab Orchard;

• April 21, a son, Hudson Gray Hover, born to Kelsey

and Ryan Hover of Danville;

• April 22, a son, Boone Everette Britton, born to Abigayle Curtsinger and Cody Britton of Harrodsburg;

• April 26, a son, Elijah Caleb Hale, born to Shaylin Howerton and Jeremy Hale of Mount Vernon;

• April 27, a son, Kingston Morris Scott Turner, born to Brooke Murphy and Michael Turner, both of Kings Mountain.

There will be an election of a firefighter member to the **Mercer County Fire Protection District**, on **Saturday, June 27, 2026, between 11:00 a.m and 2:00 p.m.** Ballotting will be in the McAfee Station 12 at 2805 Louisville Road, Harrodsburg. Only District Firefighter members in good standing may vote. Candidates are William Gasper, Dan Eades, Jacob Smith and Mike Bossert.

Royalty's Marina

The following house boat stored at 2095 Normans Camp Road, Harrodsburg will be sold at auction to recover storage charges on Saturday, June 6, at 12 noon. Titles are not warranted, subject to prior liens, all sales are final. Seller reserves right to bid. Terms of sale: Cash only.

1975 Somerset House Boat
KY-7057-Y
Owner: Robert Byrge

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REVERSE ONLINE AUCTION

The Mercer County Fiscal Court, will be accepting bids through a Reverse Online Auction on 6/2/2026 2:30 PM EDT, for the procurement of 775 45 - Road Maintenance Salt for the 2026-27 fiscal year. The Mercer County Fiscal Court anticipates that it will require between 0 (zero) and 3000 Ton of 775 45 - Road Maintenance Salt during the year. All bids must be submitted electronically through the reverse auction platform at www.govbuy.org.

Bids submitted by any other means will not be accepted.

To register for the auction and obtain bid specifications, please contact GovBuy Auctions at (502) 208-1007 ext. 701 or visit www.govbuy.org.

For additional information, you may also contact the Mercer County Fiscal Court at 859-734-6300 or via email at ssteale@mercercy.com. The Mercer County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part.

The **Harrodsburg Water Department** has completed their Annual Drinking Water Quality -Consumer Confidence Report. This report is to provide customers with important information on the quality of drinking water. Notification of availability will be distributed to customers on their upcoming water bill. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report, contact the Harrodsburg Water Department at **734-2383** or the Harrodsburg Water Treatment Plant at **748-5198**. This report can also be viewed at

www.tapwaterinfo.com/harrodsburg.pdf

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