

OBITUARIES



RUSSEL GIBSON
Russell Wayne Gibson, 53, of Lancaster, died Thursday, June 4, 2026, in Salvisa. Born Jan. 30, 1973, in Manchester, he was the son of Kathleen (Henson) Gibson and the late Delbert Gibson. He was a member of Harrodsburg Baptist Church, attended Carpenters Christian Church and worked for Vulcan and Hitachi Automotive. Survivors, in addition to his mother, include: one

daughter, Makenzy (Jared) Cox of Lawrenceburg; one sister, Deborah (Jeff) Currens of Harrodsburg; two brothers, Charles (Lisa) Gibson and Michael (Savannah Martin) Gibson of Harrodsburg; special aunt, Sandy Brown of Harrodsburg; special friend, Frankie Morrison of Harrodsburg; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Keylee Shaye Gibson.

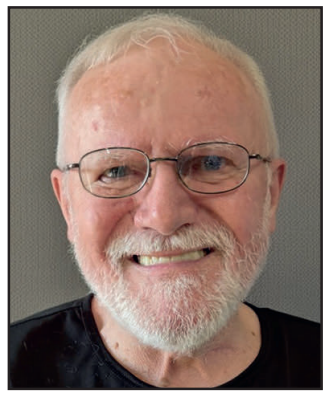
Funeral services are 1 p.m., today, Thursday, June 11, at the Ransdell Funeral Chapel with John Kessel officiating. Burial is in Spring Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers are Frankie Morrison, Jared Cox, Jason Currens, Charles Gibson Jr., Austin Bickers and Larry Wayne Cox. Memorial contributions are suggested to Ransdell

Funeral Chapel to assist the family with final expenses. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

Scranton, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Frank and Elenore (Pocius) Molnar.

He was a retired electrical technician from ATR Manufacturing, was a member and minister for the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses specializing in prison ministry and served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

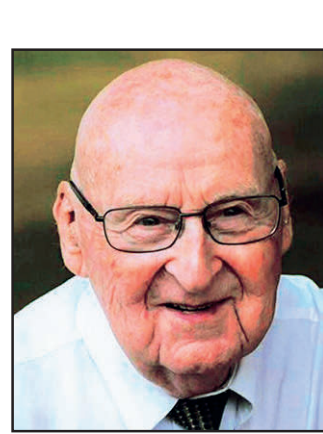
Survivors include: three daughters, Melissa Martina of Harrodsburg, Christina Marie Gilbert of Springboro, Ohio, and Rebecca Abner of Berea; one son, Larry John Molnar of Virginia; one brother, Bernie Molnar; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four siblings, Francis, Joe, Pat and Ann Marie. Cremation was chosen and there are no services at this time. Memorial contributions



LAWRENCE MOLNAR
Lawrence John "Larry" Molnar, 81, of Harrodsburg, died Friday, June 5, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Born Sept. 6, 1944, in

are suggested to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 404 Bohon Road, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

the son of the late Hugh and Nora Lanham. He was a member of Carpenter's Christian Church, owned and operated Lanham CPA and Lanham Real Estate with his wife, Marline and was an avid runner.



HAROLD LANHAM
Harold Davis Lanham, 85, of Harrodsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026. Born on Sept. 23, 1940, in Gravel Switch, he was

Survivors include: one son, Shawn D. (Rebecca) Lanham; two daughters, Heather D. (John Chris Howard) Lanham-Howard and Angela D. (David) Osbourn; one sister, Carol (Sidney) Gordon; and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life service will be held from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, June 14, at the West Lot Dwelling at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Rd. Memorial contributions are suggested to Heritage Hospice Inc. 120 Enterprise Drive Danville KY 40422 or the Griffin Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Whitaker Bank.

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Farm industrial megasite.

Anderson-Dean Interlocal Agreement

On Tuesday, the fiscal court also gave second reading to the interlocal agreement between the Mercer County Fiscal Court, the City of Harrodsburg and Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourism Commission for the transfer of operational control of Anderson Dean. The Harrodsburg City Commission gave first reading on Monday. If approved by the Department of Local Government, the tourist commission would take over operations on Oct. 1.

It was noted that the agreement had been amended since the first reading to require approval by the city and county for expenditures exceeding \$25,000.

Mercer County Sanitation District Appointment

The Mercer County Fiscal Court re-appointed Bruce Wade to the Mercer Sanitation District Board. Wade's term will expire May 31, 2029.

Before taking a vote, Magistrate Kevin Hicks, who moved to approve Wade's appointment, spoke. "I've seen this county

divided over the last several months in ridiculous ways," Hicks said, addressing the controversy over data centers.

On the Facebook page "What's Happening Mercer County, Ky," an effort was made to pressure magistrates to "appoint someone to the Sanitation District Board whose impartiality won't be questioned by the public," specifically naming Wade.

On Tuesday, Hicks said the campaign "was done to tear down the man who was up for this appointment."

Hicks said when he took his oath of office, he had sworn to God to do the best for Mercer County he could do. He said Wade's appointment had "nothing to do with that dirty word," referring to data centers.

Magistrate Tim Darland seconded Hicks' motion to reappoint Wade. Darland noted Wade would be on his third term. He praised the job Wade had done on the sanitation district's board, saying Wade had called him for advice on bids on a construction project.

"I like someone on these boards who asks questions," Magistrate Darland said. "Why would we not use an

intelligent man in this community who wants to see this community grow?"

Darland said he was voting based on what was best for Mercer County.

"I just want to second what these two guys have said," said Magistrate Dennis Holiday.

"We don't need hurt feelings," said Magistrate Stephen "Pete" Elliott, who invited everyone to pray more and let God take care of it.

"I hope we all stay friends," Elliott said.

If not for the controversy over data centers, "We wouldn't even be talking about this," noted Magistrate Julie Popplewell.

"There is nothing easy about this," said Magistrate Susan Barrington, who said she was "in anguish." Barrington also said she had also prayed on it. She said she's always tried to do what's best for the community.

"I wish this moment were not here, but it is," Barrington said.

"I know how I'll vote," she said. "I have to represent the voice of my people."

Wade was reappointed by a vote of five to one, with Barrington voting no.

The magistrates also appointed Johnny Bailey to the Mercer County Fire District board. Bailey's term expires June 30, 2030.

In other business, the Mercer County Fiscal Court:

- Received an update on the project to replace the roof at the Mercer County Fiscal Courthouse.

Judge Steele said the drop ceiling in the area around the PVA office had collapsed. They had to bring in a construction crew to reinforce the ceiling by installing wire supports. Now they can start stripping off the decking, Steele said.

The judge said they were experiencing a leak at the fiscal courthouse on Tuesday.

In May, the magistrates approved moving ahead with roof repairs and issuing 50 percent down payment. The project to repair the roof will cost \$62,804 for the decking, as well as \$46,713 for a restraining wall to be rebuilt.

"I do see a light at the end of the tunnel," Steele said Tuesday. She said the project was on schedule to reopen June 15.

"If something were to change, I would let you know," Judge Steele said.

- Recognized county road workers Cody Sanders, Scotty Buntain and Eli Stratton, who received their CDL certification.

- Proclaimed June 15 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. They also heard a presentation from Angela Russell, executive director of the Mercer County Senior Citizens Center.

- Heard the annual presentation from the Mercer County Conservation District.

- Approved the county's contract with the Mercer County Health Department to provide employee services, including drug screens and vaccinations.

- Approved a training incentive payment for Mag-

istrate Kevin Hicks.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Fiscal Courthouse (207 West Lexington Street). For more information, visit mercercounty.ky.gov.



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Maynard said she will bring a proposal for a rate study at the next city commission meeting. She said she's created scenarios for rate increases that would allow the city to break even.

"We would need to do a pretty quick budget amendment to get back in compliance," Currens said.

Mayor Bob Williams said they could not continue to operate the city on a funding stream so low that they couldn't provide basic services.

On Tuesday, the *Harrodsburg Herald* asked Mayor Williams what the city could do to address the budget deficit.

"We're going to have to put together a task force or two to determine what amount of increase we're going to have to have on water and sewer rates," he said.

The mayor said they might need to raise property taxes above the four percent minimum, which would require a public hearing.

"We're not going to get anything done before July 1," Williams said.

He said the issue the city is dealing with now has been going on for decades.

"They have not made the decision to increase water and sewer rates," he said.

Williams said the city has to look the situation over from a legal and business standpoint to determine what's best for the community.

"A lot has to be reviewed," the mayor said. "The city has to be run like

a business and not a social organization."

In other business on Monday, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Gave the first reading to a revised cemetery ordinance. At their meeting on May 26, the commission voted against adopting a revised ordinance that would have increased the cost of cemetery plots and perpetual care, resulting in a 54 percent overall increase.

Maynard said they had updated the language from the previous ordinance, with the main changes regarding cemetery fees. She said they had removed the grave excavation costs.

"That will be up at the next meeting," Mayor Bob Williams said Monday.

- Gave second reading to an ordinance transferring control of Anderson-Dean Community Park to the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourist Commission on Oct. 1. The ordinance dissolves the park board. The motion was introduced by Mayor Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jack Coleman. It passed unanimously.

The commissioners also gave first reading to the interlocal agreement between the Mercer County Fiscal Court, the City of Harrodsburg, and the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourism Commission for the transfer of operational control of Anderson Dean.

Maynard said both the interlocal agreement and the ordinance need to be

approved by the Department of Local Government. She said they hope to get it back within the next few weeks. Both the city and county attorneys suggested changes to the language. No further action was taken.

- Authorized Mayor Williams to sign the renewal form with UnitedHealthcare. Maynard said the city had considered many options because the renewal costs were so high. She said city employees liked their current plan with United Health Care.

"We would like to keep that as an option," Maynard said. Moving forward, the city will offer employees a free single coverage plan with 50 percent for extra dependents.

"It's the individual employee's choice whether they want to buy up or buy down," Mayor Williams said.

The commission also authorized the mayor to sign the vision and dental renewal form and to sign the McGregor cafeteria plan renewal form.

- Awarded the chemical bid at the water treatment plant to Hawkins and Usalco. The commission also awarded the bid for the lab at the water treatment plant to Phauser. They also voted to accept Morton Salt's bid for road salt for the 2027 fiscal year. The bid is \$128.53 per ton with deliveries over 20 tons.

"That's the best they could do," Mayor Williams said. "Everything is more

expensive this year."

- Agreed to repair the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at Harrodsburg Police Department. The system is out, and the cost to replace the whole unit is \$21,000.

- Approve a 2.7 percent cost-of-living salary increase for the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Greystone Evans, effective July 1.

"You've done a great job," Mayor Williams told Evans, who was in the audience for Monday's meeting.

"We appreciate everything you've done," said Williams.

"We're expecting big things at the big park," Williams said, referring to the Bluegrass Innovation Gateway, formerly known as Wilkinson Farm industrial megasite.

- Made personnel moves. The commissioners voted to hire Cody Shepperson as a part-time firefighter pending a background check, drug test and alcohol test. They also reappointed Lucas Guinn to the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission. Guinn's term will expire on June 30, 2030.

The next scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, June 22, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information is available online at harrodsburg-ky.gov.

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The public will take notice that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled at the request of the following:

26-10 – Shuster Enterprises LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a short-term rental. The property is located at 223 West Factory St in Harrodsburg, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-2 (High Density Residential).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Friday, June 26th, 2026** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **8:15AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch
Chairman