

OBITUARIES



PAMELA BENNETT
Pamela Yvette Bennett, 68, of Harrodsburg, wife of Andy Bennett, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Born Dec. 27, 1957, in Greenville, Miss., she was the daughter of the late Jack Campbell and Carolyn (Sullivan) Whitaker (Robert).

She retired as a registered nurse and worked as a private sitter for elderly patients and was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Brandy Patterson of Muskogee, Okla.; three sons, Blake (Taylor) Bennett, Trey (Laura) Bennett and Billy Joe (Brandy) Bennett all of Louisiana; two sisters, Sheila (Russell) Autin and Von Jones; one brother, John Whitaker; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert "Bug" Stanley and one brother, Robert "Peewee" Whitaker.

Memorial services will be scheduled for a later date in Louisiana.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

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



LARRY COTTON
James Lawrence "Larry" Cotton, 86, of Harrodsburg, widower of Cheri Gay Devine Cotton, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2026, at home.

Born Nov. 26, 1939, in Muhlenburg County, to the late James Vernon Cotton and the late Annie Laurie (Burnett) Cloren Dadisman.

He was a retired Harrodsburg Independent School System administrator, member, Elder and Deacon of the Harrodsburg Christian Church, past chair of the Mercer County Foster Care Review Board, past member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Board of Directors, past president of the Harrodsburg Lion's Club, past member of the Mercer County 4-H Club Board and the Mercer United Way Board.

Survivors include: two sons, Craig (Sarah) Cotton of Crestwood and Shawn (Shatun) Cotton of Houston, Texas; two step sons, Troy (Kelly) McGinnis and Eric (Kim) McGinnis all of Harrodsburg and

eight grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be held.

Visitation 12-2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harrodsburg Christian Church, 305 S. Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330, or to Heritage Hospice, P.O. Box 1213, Danville, KY 40423-1213.

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BARBARA TURNER
Barbara Sue Mayes Turner, 86, widow of Henry Turner of Booneville, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at the Stanton Nursing Center in Stanton.

Born Jan. 20, 1940, in Owsley County, she was the daughter of the late Abel and Martha McIntosh Mayes.

She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

She was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in elementary education and received a masters degree, taught in the Owsley County School District for 27 years, was a former Owsley County Public Library Chair person, was a member of the Booneville Presbyterian Church and a member of the Owsley County Lion's Club.

Survivors include: two daughters, Rosalind Turner of Harrodsburg and Michele Turner of Booneville; two granddaughters, Mika Turner and Shania Turner both of Lexington; one brother, Larry (Charlene) Mayes of Winchester; one sister, Bessie (David) Turner of Springboro, Ohio; two brother-in-laws, James Wm Turner and Cale (Linda) Turner both of Booneville; four sister-in-laws, Rachel Stamper of Beattyville, Molly Turner, Martha Turner and Mary Turner of Booneville and several nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Turner; six brothers, Donald, Lee, Bradley, Bobby, Eugene Mayes and Forrest Hollan; one sister, Virginia Garrett; four brother-in-laws, Elliot, Sigel, Raleigh and Leonard Turner and one sister-in-law, Wanda Lee Noel.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Owsley County Lion's Club or to the Owsley County Food Bank. Visitation will start at 11:00 am on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at the Searcy and Strong Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Searcy and Strong Funeral Home with Brother Stephen Jackson and Brother Terry Sandlin officiating. Burial was in the Dave

Turner Family Cemetery in Fish Creek.

Pallbearers were Gary Cornett, Chad Mason, Joey Mauck, David Noel, Chris Noel, Mike Gumm and Lucas Gumm. Honorary pallbearers were Cale Turner, Howard Mayes and Johnny Turner.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The voting machines will be inspected by the Election Board on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026**, at the Mercer County Clerk's Office at 2 p.m.

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*The following motor vehicle stored at **3038 Louisville Rd. Harrodsburg, KY 40330** will be sold at auction to recover towing and mechanic charges on Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. Titles are not warranted, subject to prior liens, all sales are final. Seller reserves right to bid. Terms of sale: Cash only.*

2016 Nissan Altima owned by Terry Morby
VIN - 1N4AL3AP4GC197178

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance No. 2026-09; Interlocal Agreement between Mercer County, the City of Harrodsburg, and the City of Burgin, was adopted on September 29, 2026, by the Mercer County Fiscal Court. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

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

26-21 – Chris Jones is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate two short-term rentals. The property is located at 1268 Norman's Camp Rd. in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-2 (Agricultural).

26-22 – Gina Cross is requesting a Variance of 10' from 30' to 20' on the front yard setback. The property is located at 1870 Norman's Camp Rd. in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-3 (Residential).

26-23 – Pelican's Paradise LLC is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a short-term rental. The property is located at 1777 Paradise Camp Rd. in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

26-24 – Ernest Lee Hopkins III is requesting a Variance of 19.01' on the minimum lot width required for a duplex, from 75' to 55.99'. The property is located at 543 Linden Ave. in Harrodsburg, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 22, 2026** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **5:00 PM ET / 4:00 PM CT**. 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

Domestic

according to the complaint warrant.

"Mr. Hillard appears to have been shot in the back while walking down the hallway toward the front door," Hardman wrote in the complaint warrant. Hardman further stated that Hillard had a crumpled pack of cigarettes

in his left hand and a key to the back door in his right.

Since her arrest on Aug. 31, McCormick has been held without bond at Woodford County Detention Center.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, McCormick's case went before District Court Judge

Patrick Barsotti. According to court documents, the pretrial hearing was waived, and the case will go before the grand jury to determine if there is enough evidence to indict.

At press time, Judge Barsotti had not ruled on a request to reduce bond,

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throughout Central Kentucky to Harrodsburg.

Steele said the university's impact also extends beyond its classrooms as students and graduates live, work, shop, start businesses and provide services in the region.

"Education, workforce development and economic development are closely connected, and I believe the Conover Education Center can play an important role in all three," she said.

Campbellsville University will commemorate the anniversary Oct. 24 with activities bringing together the campus, university rep-

resentatives and community.

The celebration begins with a 5K/10K at the School of Chiropractic at 8 a.m., followed by anniversary activities at the athletic complex featuring Campbellsville University representatives, community partners and vendors.

The event will mark two milestones — the Conover Education Center's 10th anniversary and the School of Chiropractic's fifth anniversary.

"We want the day to celebrate not just Campbellsville University, but also the community that has helped make these 10 years pos-

sible," Steele said.

As the Conover Education Center enters its second decade, Steele expects partnerships to remain central to its future.

The university is moving through the development process for a surgical technology program in partnership with Ephraim McDowell Health. The campus is also exploring a nonprofit leadership certificate that could potentially develop into stackable certificates leading toward an associate degree.

Steele hopes to expand the Conover Dual Credit Academy to additional school districts while con-

tinuing to strengthen career and technical education, allied health and other workforce programs.

All charges are merely allegations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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nance.

Smith said they will seek Burgin's input. He said he hopes to have everything done by year's end.

At Friday's meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a preliminary plat, improvement plans, and final plat for the Ravenscroft Equine Subdivision Phase 1. Ravenscroft Equine LLC submitted the request for approval to create residential building lots on the property at 4323 Louisville Road. The property is zoned A-1 (Agriculture).

Monty Rhody of Rhody Engineering and Land Surveying represented the applicant. Rhody addressed the issues brought up at last month's meeting and incorporated changes recommended by the technical review committee.

The approval is contingent on a site evaluation by the Mercer County Health Department and the North Mercer Water District. The health department has expressed concerns about bedrock. Rhody said they'd bring in material. He said the applicants know the site will not pass the evaluation without work.

Board member Connie Allen noted the application lacked all necessary signa-

tures, including from the water utility.

"I know it's hard to get signatures," Allen said. "It's hard for us to do our job too."

Rhody said he's waiting to send a letter to the Kentucky Department of Water, which will also need to sign off.

"I think I can get all these signatures," Rhody said. "He wants to market the lots as soon as possible."

Smith recommended making approval contingent on getting all the signatures within 30 days.

David Fraser, the owner of Ravenscroft Equine LLC, said a preliminary soil analysis had been done. Fraser said the health department had done soil analysis for the four apartment units. He said the apartments "were deliberately designed where the soil is going to be good."

"We've already identified where there's going to be good soil," Fraser said.

He said he would be responsible for getting the environmental health signatures. Fraser said he'd met with field tech on Sept. 15.

"It sounded like we would have the North Mercer Water Department signature at the next meeting if not before," Fraser.

He said he would be happy to bring the application back before the commissioners with the required signatures.

The commission approved the plans contingent upon signatures being collected within 45 days.

"I would take this as maybe an early warning that some of these signatures are going to need to be collected maybe ahead of time," Chairman Bobby Upchurch said after the vote.

"On improvement plans, I want a stamped signature," Allen said.

"My fear is a fire hydrant is going to slip through that can't be sustained," she said. Allen said it was one issue that could not be remediated after construction.

On Friday, the board also approved a plat correcting a previous procedural error.

"This is an extraordinary procedural issue," Smith said, introducing the issue.

Colton McGlone of Vantage Engineering said a preliminary plat for University Drive had been approved in 2019. In July 2021, Shawn Moore, the former director of planning and zoning, petitioned the Harrodsburg City Commission to accept all infrastructure, which they did.

"It should have been plated or accepted," McGlone said Friday. However, he said they cannot find documentation showing the final plats had been filed.

"Nobody has been able to find them," McGlone said.

Another engineering firm handled the project. Colton said they were creating new final plats.

"We're trying to get documentation to show what has been done," McGlone said.

While the preliminary plats all had utility signatures, the final plat does not.

"We are trying to extend the water main," McGlone said.

The board voted to approve the plat correcting the error in previous passing. Passage is contingent on collecting all the necessary signatures.

On Friday, Executive Assistant Storrie Thompson said they have 10 interested parties and two proposals to create a new comprehensive plan. Cutoff for applications is Oct. 2.

The next regular meeting of the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5, at 5 p.m.

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