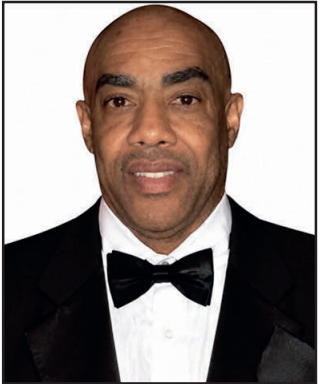


# OBITUARIES



**LEROY BROWN**  
Leroy Adolphus Brown, 67, husband of Dr. Olive Williams Brown, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026.

Born April 2, 1959, in May Pen, Jamaica, he was the son of the late Sydney and Bridget Brown.

After immigrating to the United States at age 12, he attended Yonkers High School, attended Yonkers Central Church, was technician at a sugar factory, worked with several security companies and served as an assistant director with CPS and was a member of the Primrose Cricket Club.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one son, LaDorn; three daughters, LaToya before Lauren Olivia and LaReina Christine, sisters Celane and Carol and nephew, Tharan (Diane) Green; six grandchildren; three grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and

family members.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, LaDeisha Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, at Sims Funeral Services with Pastor Donald Wayne Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Visitation 11 a.m. until the hour of service.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.simsfuneralservices.com](http://www.simsfuneralservices.com).



**VIRGINIA CUNNINGHAM**

Virginia Cunningham, 86, of Salvisa, widow of Billy Joe Cunningham, died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026, at Baptist Health in Lexington.

Born July 11, 1940 in Georgetown, she was the daughter of the late Clayton and Virginia (Clark) Hall.

She attended Great Cross-

ing School in Sadieville, was a retail store manager for the Harrodsburg Big Lots and Family Dollar and was a member of the Redemption Road Church in Stanford.

Survivors include: three daughters, Trenna (Tookie) Cunningham of Ellenton, Fla., Tresa Turner and Debbie (Rodney Thompson) Gunnell both of Frankfort; two sons, Terry (Barbie) Foley of Clearwater, Fla. and Elmer Burchett Jr. of Berea; four sisters, Patsy Insko, Shirley Hall and Marcie Hall all of Georgetown and Dolly Hall of Sadieville; one brother, Clayton (Marcella) Hall of Paris and one daughter-in-law, Wanda Foley of Richmond.

She was preceded in death by on son, Timmy Foley; one daughter, Charlotte Foley and two brothers, Jimmy Hall and Donnie Hall.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 26, at Sims Funeral Services with Bro. Pete Toth officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bryan John Ruble, Terrance Ruble, Jim Cherolis, Rodney Thompson, Josh Morrow and Jordan Morrow. Honorary pallbearers were Dave Nelson and Tim Reynolds.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.simsfuneralservices.com](http://www.simsfuneralservices.com).

# Sanitation board approves bid for Gwinn Island sewer connections

**April Ellis  
Herald Staff**

The Mercer County Sanitation District approved a bid from E & E Excavating for plumbing connections serving at least 20 properties on Gwinn Island Road and Gwinn Island Circle during a special called meeting Friday, Oct. 16.

After two rounds of bid requests, the district received proposals from E & E Excavating for \$3,750 and Hurst Electric and Plumbing for \$7,200. The work will connect properties to installed grinder pumps as part of the Gwinn Island Sanitary Sewer Project.

E & E Excavating also agreed to comply with federal Davis-Bacon wage requirements. Board Chairman James Dunn said the company's bid was close to the project's round-one estimate of \$3,250.

Executive Director Mike Sanford urged the board to move forward to prevent further delays, and the board approved E & E Excavating's bid.

The connection work is part of a broader effort to extend sanitary sewer service to areas of Boyle and Mercer counties within the Mocks Creek and Herrington Lake watersheds that currently rely

on septic systems and holding tanks.

According to a June 2026 Kentucky Infrastructure Authority review, the broader project is expected to eliminate at least 117 individual septic systems and six holding tanks, helping protect public health and improve water quality in Herrington Lake. Plans include about 21,700 feet of low-pressure sewer line and at least 79 grinder pump stations along Gwinn Island Road, plus service to Gwinn Island Marina and Resort.

The sanitation district secured more than \$3.8 million in grants and a requested \$1,250,100 state infrastructure loan to cover project costs. The broader project also includes sewer extensions in

southern Mercer County and Harrodsburg.

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# CU-Harrodsburg hosts Red Cross blood drive on Nov. 6

The Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Campbells-ville University Harrodsburg School of Chiropractic (974 University Drive) on Friday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The American Red Cross urges people to leave a lasting impact by giving blood or platelets now. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, are needed to keep the blood supply steady ahead of the holiday rush.

As we lean into fall activities, keeping blood and platelet donation appointments on the books is crucial to ensuring hospitals have the tools they need to care for patients this fall. In thanks, all who come to give Oct. 19 to Nov. 22 will get up to \$20 in gift cards—that's a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email and 500 bonus points, which can be redeemed for a \$10 e-gift card through Blood Donor Rewards. Visit [RedCross-Blood.org/Maze](http://RedCross-Blood.org/Maze) for details.

Get into the spirit of saving lives. Visit [RedCross-Blood.org](http://RedCross-Blood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App to schedule a donation appointment.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. To help empower and educate our blood donors, in November, successful donations will once again get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One result per calendar year; do not fast before donating.) For additional information, see [RedCross-Blood.org/Maze](http://RedCross-Blood.org/Maze).

**How to donate blood**

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCross-Blood.org](http://RedCross-Blood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A

blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCross-Blood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCross-Blood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood

drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday).

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [CruzRojaAmericana.org](http://CruzRojaAmericana.org), or follow us on social media.

# Mackville news and Booster happenings

**Mackville  
Boosters**

**Maria Wheeler  
& Barbara Best**  
Guest Columnist

Another beautiful week in Central Kentucky. Twenty-seven Boosters attended a wonderful potluck lunch. We have some of the best cooks in the area. The hit of the meal was Funeral Potatoes made by Janet White. A special shout-out to Mr. James Johnson for his Cowboy Beans. First-time Booster was Peggy Hawkins. We are always glad to have new people. Ben Mudd, candidate for State Senator from the 34th District, was our guest speaker. His lovely wife,

Brittany, came with him.

Congratulations to State Senator Jimmy Higdon on his retirement. May you have a healthy and happy retirement. Thanks for your service!

Mackville Community Center will be open for voting Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please exercise your right to vote. Be sure to bring your photo ID. Vote for the candidate of your choice!

Booster birthdays in October were Georgia Mae Pike, Linda Riney, Paulette Bishop, Rebecca Reynolds and Billie Ann Riley.

Added to our prayer list was Charles Allen Black. Sympathy to the families of Dudley Reid Thompson and Matt Rankin.

Congratulations to Jessie and Emilee Moore on their

wedding on Oct. 17. We wish them the best in the future.

"Thinking of You" cards were sent to shut-ins and Boosters in the rest home. Don't forget to send cards to your friends and neighbors.

Booster Salute for October is Linda Bottoms Riney. Linda was raised in Jenkins-ville and is the daughter of Casey and Alma Bottoms. She graduated from Mackville High School in 1963. Her brothers Glenn, Bruce and Rainey also graduated from Mackville. She is married to Stan "Peanuts" Riney from Springfield. Linda has three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is retired from Kroger. Linda's class was probably the most mischievous class that attended MHS. Best buddies in Linda's class

were Kay Isham, Jim Powell, Wally Devine, LuCarol Shewmaker, Barbara and Glenn Best, Brenda Carpenter, and June Stumph. Ask some of these about pranks they played on teachers and friends. Linda visits shut-ins, rest homes and hospitals weekly to bring them a ray of sunshine. Linda has not forgotten her roots and loves her Mackville heritage.

The City of Mackville Trick or Treat is Friday, Oct. 30, from 5-7 p.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Nov. 1.

We'll have a movie night in the MCC gym on Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Concessions of popcorn, nachos, drinks, and Little Debbies will be sold for \$1. More info next week.

Enjoy the week!

# Fiscal

that the funds for the truck rolled over from last year's budget because waiting to approve a truck purchase at a meeting was not timely, so the truck would no longer be available.

Emergency Management Director Brad Cox reminded everyone that a state burn ban was in effect from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but burning could occur after 6 p.m.

In other business:

- The Sheriff's office reported that taxes are being collected and that budget transfers may be necessary to cover vehicle maintenance and repair expenses.

- All pledges of security have been received, and three checks were approved to be voided and reissued due to one overpayment and two checks lost in the mail.
- The fire board reported that a new command truck

has been ordered and will help cut down on response time and schools have been visited for October's fire safety month.

- EMS had 285 service call and the open staff spot should be filled by Nov. 1.

Authorized payment to election workers once County Clerk Chris Horn provided the authorized list of workers.

- The meeting schedule

for November and December holidays includes: Tuesday, Nov. 10, Monday, Nov. 23, Tuesday, Dec. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 22.

The next meeting of the Mercer County Fiscal Court will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Mercer County Fiscal Courthouse (207 West Lexington Street). For more information, visit [mercercounty.ky.gov](http://mercercounty.ky.gov).

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