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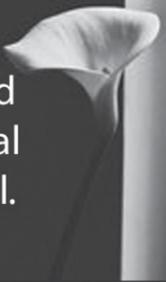
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## Area Obituaries

### BECKY MELLOAN



MUNFORDVILLE - Becky Melloan, 74, Lexington, formerly of Munfordville, passed away Friday, February 20, 2026, at UK Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was a member of Munfordville Baptist Church. She was a retired teacher at Munfordville Elementary and previously taught gifted classes across the county, teaching for 27.2 years in total. After her retirement, she spent several years working at the Hart County Public Library. She enjoyed quilting and spending time with her family.

She is the daughter of the late Graham Meadows and the late Maxine Davis Meadows.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Dale Melloan; a sister, Linda Poe, and a brother-in-law, Joe Poe.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Drury, Lexington; three sons, Kevin Melloan (Julie) and Kyle Melloan (Meghan), all of Lexington, and Justin Melloan (Lauren), Georgetown; 12 grandchildren, Ava Grace, Graham, Ruby, Jackson, Lucy, Matilda, Crosby, Connor, Liam, Everleigh, Adalyn, and Ivie; one brother, Walter Meadows (Polly), Pineville, LA; many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will welcome friends from 4:00- 8:00 pm, Friday, February 27, 2026, and again from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Brooks Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Brooks Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Horse Cave Municipal Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the Hart County Public Library.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.brooksfuneralhome.com](http://www.brooksfuneralhome.com)

### CHARLES "BOB" WYKOFF

HORSE CAVE - Charles "Bob" Wykoff, 64, Horse Cave, passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at his home.

Funeral services were held 3:00 pm Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Winn Funeral Home. Cremation followed the service.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.winnfuneralhome.com](http://www.winnfuneralhome.com)

### OBITUARY POLICY:

Obituaries must be submitted by a licensed funeral home or a copy of one previously published in order to be placed on the obituary page.

Funeral providers determine the size and content of all obits provided to our newspaper and most others.

### Card of Thanks

The Family of Dean Martin thanks each and everyone for love and prayers.

Thank you for the cards, words of comfort, food, texts, flowers, especially Hart County Florist (Marilyn) for the beautiful casket piece, and for just being there for us.

A special thank you to the Square Deal family and Winn Funeral Home.

Please remember the Martin family in the days ahead.

## CAVERNA BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Highlights Construction Upgrades and Student Honors



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### Community Partner of the Month: Commonwealth Broadcasting.

By Hailey England  
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The Caverna Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 12.

Board members in attendance included Gina Lyon, Allison Dennison, Wayne Hatcher, Jennifer Briggs, and Jennifer Ballard, along with Superintendent Amanda Abell.

Board member Jennifer Briggs opened the meeting by reading the district's vision and mission statements, and Superintendent Amanda Abell offered the opening prayer.

### Reports

Superintendent Abell presented her monthly report, highlighting several district updates.

Among the key updates was progress on a new outdoor restroom facility near the baseball and football stadiums. Construction is expected to begin in early March. Temporary traffic rerouting will be implemented to ensure safe access for students and fans during events.

The board also reviewed progress on its 30-60-90 strategic plan and discussed scheduling a finance working session to address upcoming budget and funding matters.

### Recognitions

Students from across the district were recognized for outstanding achievement.

Students of the month included Payton



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### CES Student of the Month: Payton Parsley.



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### CMS Student of the Month: Kaylee Gabehart.

Parsley from Caverna Elementary School, Kaylee Gabehart from Caverna Middle School, and Adreana Salvador from Caverna High School.

Gavin Lightning was unable to attend but was recognized as the Athlete of the Month.

The board also recognized staff member Lisa Austin with the Core Value Award.

Natasha Jackson was absent from the meeting, but also received a Core Value Award.

Caverna staff member Terry Smith presented the Community Partner of the Month award to Commonwealth Broadcasting.

The next meeting of the Caverna Board of Education will be on March 12.



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### CHS Student of the Month: Adreana Salvador.



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### Core Value Award recipient: Lisa Austin.

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or programs. Once it clears the committee process, legislation is placed on the Orders of the Day and ready for full House (or Senate) consideration. However, just because legislation is on the Orders does not mean it will pass the House, simply that it is ready to be considered.

The Orders are basically an agenda, ensuring an organized flow of legislative business and providing members and the public notice

of what will be considered each day. Here are a handful of the bills that were on the Orders and cleared the House this week:

HB 6 expands safe, affordable child care for working parents, removes barriers for children with disabilities, and promotes community-based innovation. It strengthens the Child Care Assistance Program, enhances quality ratings, improves transparency,

and permanently establishes the CCAP income exclusion - creating a more accessible, high-quality system that supports families and children statewide.

HB 10 would strengthen accountability, transparency, and continuity of government during gubernatorial transitions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HB 139 would

strengthen Kentucky's election system by ensuring only eligible voters are on the rolls, standardizing candidate filing forms, and requiring timely delivery of election materials and faster results reporting. It sets school district boundaries before school board filing deadlines, adjusts common school tax rate elections, requires districts to post election bonds,

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