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and his business have supported mission work in Bulgaria, helping establish a church there and continuing to provide financial support today.

Those same Christian values shaped the atmosphere inside the shop. Customers knew they would be treated honestly, and Larry said the business operated according to Christian principles. Profanity wasn't accepted, and respect for others was expected from both customers and employees.

For Larry, the business also became a family operation. His daughter, Tammy McIntire Schlafke, worked at her dad's shop for 24 years. Larry's son worked alongside him for 20 years.

"It's great," Larry said of having worked with his children. "And that's why I thought, you know, maybe we'd keep this a family business, but my son didn't wanna do that...He wanted to do his own thing, so that's fine."

Employee Robert Schmitz had been part of the shop for the past decade. For Robert, Larry became much more than a boss.

"It's been awesome," Robert said of working at the shop with Larry. "It's like working with family. Couldn't ask for a better boss. I've seen him do a lot of good things for a lot of people. He's done a lot for me as well. He got me through some tough times. I'm grateful for it."

Tammy said watching the way her father has served others has always made her proud.

"I'm proud of him for that. It's just the way Dad is," she said. "He's always been like that. I've been here 24 years...So not coming in here, the first time's gonna be weird."

Larry said some of the people who meant the most to him during his 47 years of service to the community were those who simply needed someone willing to work with them.

"Well, I enjoyed working with the community, especially

the older people that didn't have, you know, money to get their vehicles fixed, and we had an opportunity to work with them where they could," Larry said. "Otherwise, who else is gonna help them? They'd be walking if we didn't help them. And I'm not saying that to be, you know, whatever, but I enjoyed helping them, elderly people. And I don't know what they're gonna do without us now."

That reputation for kindness and integrity created loyal customers, with many families returning generation after generation whenever they needed help after an accident.

"We'd get people in here that would call me, and we've done work for them, and they'd say, 'My daughter or son had a wreck last night. Take care of them.' And we'd handle it all for them," Larry said. "They didn't have to worry with it, and they know we wouldn't be ripping them off and overcharging or having them pay stuff that they didn't need to pay for."

Like many small businesses, Larry's Body Shop also changed with the times.

Tammy recalled when estimates were handwritten in a book and the filing system consisted of little more than a cardboard box. Now, the legacy has come to an end.

"It's been good working with the community. It's been really, really good," Larry said. "It'll be hard not coming in here next Monday, I know that."

The doors to Larry's Body Shop officially closed on July 17, ending a chapter in Larry Schlafke's life that began with \$250 and a dream. But the reputation built inside those walls - one of honesty, kindness, generosity and treating others the way Larry believed they should be treated - won't disappear with the closing of the building. For the families who entrusted Larry's Body Shop with their vehicles and more for the past 47 years, that's the legacy Larry leaves behind.

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analogues, and fentanyl-related substances.

H.R. 9393, Lower Costs, More Transparency Act, which is my bipartisan comprehensive health care transparency bill that would require hospitals to post information about the standard charges and prices for each item and service provided by them.

H.R. 3514, Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act, would implement commonsense reforms aimed at increasing speed, efficiency, and transparency in the prior authorization process for seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans.

Working to Secure Affordable and Reliable Energy

Over the past month, my Committee has worked to advance numerous pieces of legislation to ensure Americans have access to reliable and affordable energy.

Protecting Children Online

The full House passed the KIDS Act, which is the most comprehensive, impactful children's online safety package ever considered at the federal level. This bill is the culmination of meaningful bipartisan work by my Committee to protect children on the internet.

Increasing Affordability in Housing - 21st Century Road To Housing Act

For too long, the idea of home ownership has increasingly become out of reach for countless American families. The House took meaningful action to help working families pursue the American Dream and enter the housing market.

This bill, which is now law, removes unnecessary regulatory barriers to streamline housing development, modernizes outdated banking regulations to expand local lending, and prevents large investors from purchasing more than 350 single-family homes and price out individual buyers.

Additional Fraud Bills

House Republicans are continuing our efforts to combat fraud, increase program integrity, and ensure that benefits are available for those who need them most. Over the past several weeks, we have passed numerous pieces of commonsense legislation to hold bad actors accountable and stop the rampant fraud.

H.R. 6916, the Federal Program Integrity and Fraud Prevention Act, would prohibit those convicted of felonies, specifically related to fraud against the government, from participating in federal contracts or receiving grants and federal financial assistance.

H.R. 8464, the Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act, would prohibit federal agencies from issuing payments without correction when significant risks are identified and gives the U.S. Treasury new authority to return payment requests to agencies if they appear to be at risk for fraud.

Celebrating One Year of the Working Families Tax Cuts

This month, in addition to celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great country, we are commemorating one year since the Working Families Tax Cuts were signed into law.

This historic legislation secured no taxes on Social Security, tips, overtime, in addition to providing billions towards border security enhancements, provisions to refill the strategic petroleum reserve because energy security is national security, strengthen Medicaid, and so much more! This bill delivered on Republicans' promises.

My office and I are happy to help you. My constituent services team can help provide assistance with a variety of federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Post Office, and more. Call 270-842-9896 or 202-225-3501 to contact my office.

Local 8-Year-Old Hosts "Let's Squeeze the Day" Motorcycle Ride Benefiting Toys for Tots

Submitted

Community members are invited to the inaugural Let's Squeeze the Day Motorcycle Ride & Toy Drive benefiting Toys for Tots on Saturday, August 1, at Caverna High School.

Hosted by 8-year-old Elainna Lou Barker, the event brings together riders, families, and local businesses to help provide Christmas gifts for children across Southern Kentucky.

Registration begins the morning of the event, with kickstands up at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 per motorcycle plus one new, unwrapped toy per rider. All proceeds and donations benefit the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Over the last five years Elainna has raised thousands of toys through her annual "Squeeze the Day" lemonade stand and has also provided stuffed animals to local first responders for children in crisis situations. This event is inspired by her love of motorcycles and continued community service.



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Elainna Lou Barker is hosting a motorcycle ride and toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots.

The event will feature a scenic ride, "Zest" bike awards, door prizes, and food vendors. Community members

are encouraged to attend, even if they do not ride, to enjoy the festivities and donate toys.

For more information, contact Randall Lile at 270-218-0905.

England Appointed To State Fair Board

Staff Report

Hart County will have a new representative on the Kentucky State Fair Board following an appointment by Governor Andy Beshear.

Jimmy England of

Hardyville has been appointed to the board for a term expiring July 16, 2028.

He also serves as president of the Hart County Fair Board and is actively involved in promoting and organizing the annual

Hart County Fair. Beshear announced the appointment as part of a series of appointments to state boards and commissions across Kentucky.

England joins fellow

appointees Rocky Adkins of Catlettsburg and Brent Tolle of Taylorsville on the State Fair Board.

Local Students named to Dean's List at CU

The Dean's List honors full-time undergraduate students who have achieved outstanding academic success during the fall or spring semester. Students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher are recognized for their academic accomplishments and dedication to excellence.

Local students named to the list are Elizabeth Hatcher of Canmer and Harleigh Naseef of Munfordville

Campbellsville University is a widely acclaimed Kentucky-based Christian university that offers over 100 programs including doctoral, master, bachelor, associate and certificate programs. The website for complete information is www.campbellsville.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget hearing regarding proposed use of County Road Aid

A public hearing will be held by the Hart County Fiscal Court at the courthouse located at 200 Main Street, Munfordville, KY, on August 11, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. cdt (9:30 am est) for the purpose of obtaining citizen's comments regarding the possible uses of the Road Aid (CRA). All interested people in Hart County are invited to the hearing to submit oral or written comments on possible uses of the CRA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wishes to submit comments should call the Office of the County Judge/Executive at (270) 524-5219 by August 7, 2026, so arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

HART COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2026 FREE LARGE ITEM DATE

FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

AUGUST 1, 2026

EXAMPLES OF FREE LARGE ITEMS: COUCHES, CHAIRS, RECLINERS, MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS, TV, TABLES, DRESSERS, LARGE FURNITURE

PAINT: MUST BE MIXED 50/50 WITH CAT LITTER OR SAND

METAL AND LARGE APPLIANCES: FREE YEAR AROUND ITEMS MAY INCLUDE REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, MOST DISHWASHERS, WATER HEATERS, MICROWAVES, GRILLS

THERE WILL BE A CHARGE ON ALL HOUSEHOLD TRASH, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, BUILDING MATERIALS, CARPET AND TIRES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE DROP OFF CENTER MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 270-524-5178