Area Obituaries

William Charles Perkins

GLASGOW - William Charles Perkins, 87, passed away on October 25, 2026, at Shanti Niketan Hospice Home. He was born on September 28, 1939, in Metcalfe County, Kentucky to the late Roy and Beatrice Peers Perkins. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 31, 2026, at McMurtrey Funeral Home with burial in the Summer Shade Cemetery.

Harmon Richard Milam

SUMMER SHADE - Harmon Richard Milam, 85, passed away at his residence on October 24, 2026, at the age of 85. He was born on March 20, 1941, in Cumberland County to the late Richard Hayden and Clara White Milam. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at McMurtrey Funeral Home, with burial in the Summer Shade Cemetery.

Gary Wayne Graves

TOMPKINSVILLE - Gary Wayne Graves, 84, passed away on October 25, 2026, at Signature Healthcare of Monroe. He was born on January 28, 1942, in Tompkinsville, KY, to the late Less Kidwell and Wilma Louise Bowman Graves. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 29, 2026, at McMurtrey Funeral Home, with cremation to following.

Hawkins Recognized as Norton Children's Superhero

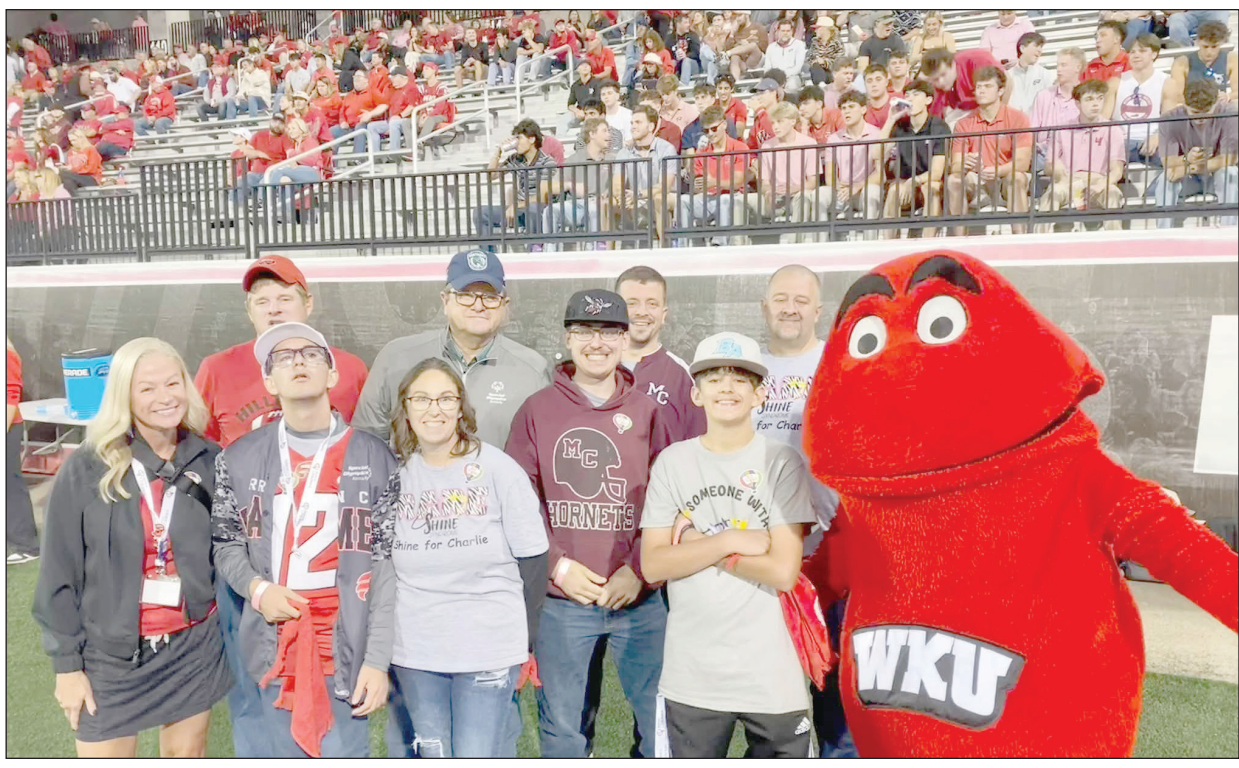


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Last week at the WKU game, Charlie Hawkins was recognized during the first quarter. He was honored as the Norton Children's Superhero of the game and got the VIP treatment at the game.

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visit the Special Olympics portal at https://portals.specialolympics.org/.

Those interested in becoming a coach can contact Jonathan or Shannon Key at 270-579-1406 or Wesley or Shelby Pace at 270-261-2039.

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer or coach must complete a background check, online training, and sign a Code of Conduct.

Anytime you have the opportunity to attend a Special Olympics event, participate by cheering for these amazing athletes.

Data Breach Exposes Medicaid Information for Nearly 4,000 Kentuckians



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Jobe News

A security breach involving a vendor working with Kentucky's Medicaid program may have exposed personal health plan information for nearly 4,000 people, according to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

In a notice dated Oct. 19, the cabinet said Gainwell Technologies experienced security breaches on March 26, April 16 and April 21. The company did not learn of the incidents until August.

During the breaches, an unauthorized third party accessed provider payment accounts on the KY Health-Net Provider Portal and downloaded

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Larry Wilson, Metcalfe County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Lonnie Hodges, Metcalfe County Sheriff
Members of the Metcalfe County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Metcalfe County Sheriff's Settlement - 2024 Taxes for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Metcalfe County Sheriff's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 of the Metcalfe County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Metcalfe County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards,* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Metcalfe County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Metcalfe County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Metcalfe County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Metcalfe County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Metcalfe County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 6, 2026, on our consideration of the Metcalfe County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Metcalfe County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

August 6, 2026

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Any citizen may obtain a copy of the audit for personal use. Duplication cost not to exceed .25 per page. Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the business of the officer responsible for the preparation of the statement.

Lonnie Hodges
Metcalfe County Sheriff