

OBITUARIES

James Davis 'Jimmy' McGee, 79



So God made a farmer..
James Davis "Jimmy" McGee, 79, of Bardstown, Kentucky, completed his final day's work and entered his eternal rest on June 24, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Like a faithful farmer who rises before dawn and works until the day's light fades, Jimmy spent his life tending not only to Maple Meadow Dairy Farm, but also to the people he loved most. He proudly served as a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard serving with the Charlie Battery 2nd battalion 138th field artillery unit in Vietnam, Sons of Bardstown.

He was an excellent bowler, fisherman, hunter and loved searching for arrowheads, guns, knives and a good deal! Proud of the McGee Bicentennial farm of which he was the 7th generation, he worked tirelessly along side with his father. He devoted his life to the land, building a legacy rooted deep in love, dedication, and the countless hours of hard work shared with the love of his life. He was a recipient of the "Outstanding Young Farmer" award. He was also a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution, tracing his lineage to Lt. John McGee, who served alongside George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War. Along with being a lifelong farmer, he worked for

Grigsby Hardware, Jim Beam and maintenance for St. Gregory School.

For many years, Jimmy was a dedicated dairy farmer. He understood that a successful harvest comes from patience, hard work and faith — values he carried into every part of his life. Long before the sun rose, he could be found in the barn caring for his herd, knowing that the work of a farmer is never truly finished. Through changing seasons, droughts and rains, good years and hard years, he remained steady, dependable and devoted to his family.

Jimmy's greatest crop was not the fields he planted or the cattle he raised, but the family he nurtured. He leaves behind a legacy that continues to grow through his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and countless friends whose lives were enriched by his wisdom, kindness and exam-

ples. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Lena Smith McGee; a granddaughter, Sydney Wood; and a canine companion, Andy.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patsy Shaw Moore McGee; four daughters, Sheila (Todd) Collins, Michelle Moore Ragan, Stephanie Wood (Thad Snellen) and Shawn (Todd) Bartley; six grandchildren, Jami (Chad) Crepps, Kelsey Ragan (Josh Shain), Dannielle Gilkey (Cole Mattingly), Colton Wood (Elisa Perry), Ayden Gilkey (Ali Thornsberry), Layne Davis Bartley; seven great-grandchildren, Beau, Reid and Claire Crepps; Katy Grace Mattingly; Braxton and Jackson Ritchie and Lilah Shain; one sister, Susan McGee (Richard) Kelty; one brother, Jerry McGee; and one canine companion, Apollo.

His funeral will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Barlow Funeral Home with the Very Rev. J. Randall Hubbard officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Ayden Gilkey, Layne Bartley, Colton Wood, Todd Collins, Todd Bartley and Chad Crepps.

Honorary pallbearers are Dannielle Gilkey, Jami

Crepps and Kelsey Ragan.

Memorial contributions may go to Barktown Rescue or WHAS Crusade for Children.

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head, your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed. Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended, put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended. You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son, hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done. A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way, the sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day. Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine, wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time. You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow, take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now. Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait, your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.

Barlow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Scott Fredrick Buchanan, 65

Scott Fredrick Buchanan, 65, of New Haven, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

A loving father, son, brother and uncle, Scott was an avid enjoyer of anything outdoors. He grew up in Illinois raised on a steady diet of baseball, basketball, football and fishing at the creek. His passion for these activities carried over to his two sons, Jordan and Patrick.

Scott always had a competitive spirit and a positive attitude on life. If you were on the golf course or fishing hole with him a compe-



tion would always commence. Scott will be deeply missed.

Barlow Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

City population set to hit new milestone

BY DENNIS GEORGE
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The population of Bardstown could cross another milestone in the near future.

The Bardstown City Council held the second reading of an ordinance Tuesday night to annex 343 acres in the Spencer Mattingly area that could bring in enough residents to push the population over the 15,000 mark. According to Mayor Dick Heaton, the city currently has around 14,700 people residing in the city limits.

The property includes a previously unincorporated area south of Woodlawn Road and John Rowan Boulevard and west of Filiatreau Lane. The Those town homes currently received city services such as water and sewer.

"There are some new townhouses right off of Filiatreau Lane as well as another development that will have around 60 single family homes," the mayor said. "Almost everything around this area is already in the city. You can't have a complete island county in the middle of the city so it is just cleaning up some long overdue."

This annexation is one of several that could occur in the next few years. The city has wanted to bring more areas into the city limits but had to wait because of the unintended consequences of a state law that was passed several years ago.

Many of the property owners have signed agreements to be annexed in to the city.

"The state law that was passed made annexation very cumbersome and

very expensive," Heaton said. "Initially you had to get approval by the fiscal court. The state figured out they made a bad law, which is not unusual, and they had to wait for the next session for them to clean it up."

The city will also benefit from the council's decision to extend water and sewer lines to a new section of the Woodlawn Springs development that is already in the city. It will be built off of Freeman Drive on part of the old Woodlawn Springs golf course.

"here's a proposed for building multifamily unit development that will require a small or short sanitary sewer and water main extension, provided it meets all regulatory requirements for both.

In other council news:
• Citing fewer people than expected at the Gold Rush Rally, Bardstown police reported there were few problems at the rally and the street concert that was held. The biggest issue was a person reported missing on Saturday night or early Sunday morning but the individual was located on Monday.

• The city will be participating in the July 5th parade with a float. "At 9 o'clock on the morning of the 4th, we will be opening a time capsule that was dug up at the Pioneer Cemetery behind the one room schoolhouse," Heaton said. "That will take place at the Mayor's Park. There was also a plaque buried at My Old Kentucky Home 40 years ago on Stephen Foster's birthday which was July 4. We want to open it this year for his 200th birthday but the capsule has not been located."

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW

The annual Fairfield Homecoming will be Saturday, June 27. Activities include yard sales throughout town beginning at 8 a.m., displays in city hall and the old jail from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Whiskey City Cruisers car show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the city park and ride lot, face painting with artist/teacher Angela Ford, City Hall lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and musical entertainment on the city hall lawn with ONYX Jamz (Ronnie Hardin and Kevin Terrell) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Fairfield Cemetery Committee will be cooking with the proceeds going for maintenance and restoration of the Fairfield Cemetery.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' POW WOW

The 2nd Annual Indigenous Peoples' Pow Wow is hosted by the Kentucky American Indian Resource and Community Center (KAIRCC) 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 27. You'll enjoy an Intertribal pow wow with invited drums and dancers showcasing different types of traditional and social dance.

You'll also enjoy activities including music, dancing, native artists and vendors while learning about the Native American culture. Native food vendors will offer a variety of traditional foods, including Fry Bread, Navajo tacos, Corn Soup, Wojapi, and more.

Grand Entry will take place at 12 p.m. Experience this vibrant ceremonial procession of honored dignitaries and dancers in traditional regalia. All dancers are welcome into the dance arena and the event features Luck of the Draw for dancers.

Host Drum: Istayapi
Invited Drum: Rattlesnake Mountain
MC: Buffalo Yellowbird
Admission will be collected at the event by KAIRCC. Adults: \$7; Veterans: \$5; Children over 12 years of age: \$5; Children under 12: Free

WHISKEY CITY CRUISERS

Whiskey City Cruisers will

have its Buzick Lumber and Home Center Cruise Sunday, June 28, at 1330 John Rowan Blvd., in Bardstown. Cruise time is noon to 5 p.m. Rain will cancel the event. Everyone should be respectful of property. Pick up any trash and no burnouts please. Buzick's Lumber and Home Center and Whiskey City Cruisers Bardstown is not responsible for any accidents or injuries. The event is free and open to the public.

BERNHEIM INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENT

Celebrate Independence Day with classic family fun at Bernheim 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 4. Gather with loved ones for a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of outdoor games, activities, and shared time in the beauty of the forest.

- Activities include:
- Nature Discovery Stations
 - Explore the Historic Fire Tower with volunteer naturalists.
 - Take a spin on an electric bike with Pedego Electric Bikes
 - Get creative with 4th of July themed crafts and sidewalk chalk
 - Enjoy cornhole boards and other lawn games
 - Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase
 - Enjoy special discounts in the gift shop
- This is a FREE event; a \$15 suggested admission per car applies to non-members. Please note: grills and fireworks are not allowed.

ROLLING FORK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Rolling Fork Volunteer Fire Department Inc. will hold its quarterly Board of Director's meeting at 7 p.m. July 7 at the fire station, 362 Center Street in New Haven.

HOMECOMING AT MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

Enjoy a day of family fun, live music, and fireworks at My Old Kentucky Home State Park, presented by The Bardstown Nelson County Chamber of Commerce and My Old Kentucky Home State Park 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 4. The

festivities will kick off with the Kids Activity Zone, featuring a variety of games and activities to keep your little ones entertained and engaged. There's something for everyone, from face painting to inflatable bounce houses, local vendor booths, food truck vendors, and a refreshing selection of alcoholic drinks for sale. Experience the captivating sounds of local artists, as they grace the stage under the picturesque rotunda.

STEPHEN FOSTER'S BIRTHDAY/JULY 4TH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the July 4th holiday and Stephen Foster's birthday at the J. Dan Talbott Amphitheater at 6:30 p.m. July 4. Featuring family fun with games and bouncy houses at 6:30 p.m. cupcakes during the show's intermission, and fireworks display immediately following the performance. Tickets must be purchased for the show.

ECTC HOSTING SUMMER

OPEN HOUSE DAYS
All new and prospective students are invited to attend Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Open House Days, held from noon-6 p.m. every Tuesday in July.

Visitors can learn about a variety of student support programs, and experts will be on hand to help plan educational and career pathways, complete admissions files and order any needed transcripts, complete the FAFSA and get financial aid estimates. Students also can find out about scholarships including the ECTC Dual Credit to Degree Scholarship and the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship, which allows eligible students to earn a certificate or degree in a high-demand career field tuition free.

Guests can arrive anytime between noon-6 p.m. in the lobby of the Regional Postsecondary Center. Campus tours will be held at 1 p.m. To learn more about Open House Days, other campus tours, or getting started at ECTC, contact 270-769-2371 or ectcrecruitment@kctcs.edu.

For help enrolling at another ECTC location, call the Leitchfield Campus at 270-259-1540 or the Springfield Campus at 859-336-1361.

JUNE TURTLE WALK IN ELIZABETHTOWN

First Presbyterian Church and Greenspace present Dr.

Paul Gerard's 17th annual Turtle Walk and Talk. Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. in Elizabethtown. Hike begins at the Haycraft Trailhead parking lot across from the Hardin County Justice Center. Info at www.ETownPres.org.

WELLNESS ON WHEELS MAKES STOPS THIS SUMMER

Baptist Health Hardin's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile health unit will be in local communities this summer conducting health screenings.

WOW will be stationed at the following locations:

- June 30, 8 a.m. - noon Nelson County Farmer's Market (screening table), 200 E. Flaget , Bardstown
- July 27, 10 a.m.-noon Bardstown Senior Center, 201 Guthrie Dr., Bardstown, KY 40004

Wellness on Wheels will offer basic healthcare screenings. Services include height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index measurements, as well as screenings for thyroid function, cholesterol, glucose levels and anemia.

Schedule changes may occur in the event of inclement weather. Updates will be posted on Baptist Health Hardin's Facebook page.

For questions or more information, call 270-706-5540.

BARDSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS MEALS TO GO

Bardstown City Schools will be offering SUN Meals to Go free to all children 18 and under. Seven days of breakfast and lunch will be distributed each Thursday at Bardstown Elementary School through July 16. Pick up between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up at www.bardstown.kyschools.us. Summer Boost and receive free books and resources for summer learning activities. Visit the BCS website for more information.

NELSON COUNTY FAIR PAGEANTS

Entry forms are now available for the various pageants for the 2026 Nelson County Fair. All contestants must be a KY resident. There are some pageants that are for Nelson County residents only. For more information for each pageant can be found at www.nelsoncofair.com. Some of the pageants do have early deadlines.



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Early July 4th Deadlines

Office Closed Friday, July 3rd
in observance of Independence Day.
Due to this we will have
Early Deadlines for Sunday, July 5th
Kentucky Standard.

Classified / Public Notice / Legal Deadline:
Monday, June 29th at 3 p.m.
All Other Advertising Deadline:
Tuesday, June 30th at 10 a.m.