

SERVICES

Gerald Wilbur Berg, 86, died Monday, July 13, 2026. His burial is at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central in Radcliff. Brown Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Bill E. Bland, 80, of Hodgenville, died Sunday, July 26, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. today at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville with burial in Red Hill Cemetery. Visitation continues at 9 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Carol Ann Bland, 77, of White Mills, died Monday, July 27, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. today at Manakee Funeral Home in Elizabethtown with burial in White Mills Community Cemetery. Visitation continues at 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Phillip Allen Brangers, 71, of Melbourne, Florida, formerly of Radcliff, died Saturday, July 18, 2026. A funeral Mass is at 11 a.m.

Aug. 8 at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Vine Grove with interment in St. Brigid Cemetery. Chism Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Lucas Buckles, 92, died Thursday, July 23, 2026. The funeral is at 2 p.m. Saturday at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown with burial in Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Elmer Harris “Gramps” Cheatwood Jr., 97, of Elizabethtown, died Thursday, April 30, 2026. A celebration of life is at 1 p.m. Saturday at College Heights Church in Elizabethtown. Newcomer Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Frances Tomes Decker, 84, of Leitchfield, died Saturday, July 25, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Broadway Missionary Baptist Church in Leitchfield with burial in

Broadway Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. CDT Monday at Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield and continues 9 a.m. CDT Tuesday at the church.

Dorothy Ann Goodman, 80, of Elizabethtown, died Monday, July 27, 2026. The funeral is at noon Friday at Manakee Funeral Home in Elizabethtown with burial in Elizabethtown Memorial Gardens. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Eula Rebecca “Becky” Hughes, 83, of Big Clifty, died Thursday, July 23, 2026. The funeral is at 2 p.m. CDT Sunday at Leitchfield Funeral Home with burial in the Hughes Family Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 7 p.m. CDT Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT Saturday and continues at 10 a.m. CDT Sunday at the funeral home.

Anthony Duane Knox, 59, of Elizabethtown, died Sunday, July 26, 2026. The

funeral is at 11 a.m. Monday at Heritage International Christian Church in Radcliff. A graveside service with military honors follows at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central in Radcliff. Chism Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Barry L. McFarland, 71, of Munfordville, died Tuesday, July 28, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. CDT Saturday at Brooks Funeral Home in Munfordville with burial in Cherry Springs Cemetery in Cub Run. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. CDT Friday and continues from 8 to 11 a.m. CDT Saturday at the funeral home.

Debra Lane Morgan, 69, of Elizabethtown, died Sunday, July 26, 2026. The funeral is at noon Aug. 8 at White Mills Christian Church. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Aug. 8 at the church. Chism Family Funeral Home is handling

arrangements.

Thomas Marvin Sipes, 65, of Flaherty, died Friday, July 24, 2026. A Mass of Christian burial is at 11 a.m. today at St. Martin of Tours Church in Flaherty with burial in the Sipes Family Cemetery. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today and continues at 9 a.m. Thursday at Chism Family Funeral Home in Vine Grove.

Brian Eugene Speer, 63, of Brandenburg, died Friday, July 17, 2026. Memorial visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Aug. 14 at Hager Funeral Home in Brandenburg.

Cheri Legler Spradlin, 79, of Elizabethtown, died Sunday, July 26, 2026, at home. The funeral is at noon today at Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home in Radcliff with burial in North Hardin Memorial Gardens in Radcliff. Visitation continues from 11 a.m. to noon today at the funeral home.

Demond Tysae Thomas, 52, of Elizabethtown, died Sunday, July 26, 2026. A homegoing service is at 1 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Elizabethtown with burial in Elizabethtown City Cemetery. Visitation begins at 5 p.m. today at Percell & Sons Funeral Home in Elizabethtown.

Tyreauln L. Watkins, 19, of Brandenburg, died Monday, July 20, 2026. The funeral is at noon Saturday at St. Stephens Baptist Church in Radcliff. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Percell & Sons Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Dennis Joseph Webb, 68, of Elizabethtown, died Monday, July 27, 2026. Services are at noon Friday at Trowbridge Funeral Home in Elizabethtown with burial in Jenkins Cemetery. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Auction of Col. Sanders' personal items brings in nearly \$300,000

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His personal Mirro-Matic pressure cooker brought in \$11,500 while a bow tie and suspenders sold for \$8,000.

The official commission certificate naming Harland Sanders a Kentucky Colonel issued in 1955 went for \$23,000 as a collection of memorabilia belonging to the internationally renown Kentucky icon sold at auction Tuesday.

Col. Sanders, who died Dec. 16, 1980, at age 90, still lives in television commercials and his image appears on buckets and boxes of chicken sold globally in 31,981 restaurants by KFC. After a new interstate bypassed his roadside diner, he began the company as Kentucky Fried Chicken in Corbin with a unique pressure cooking system and tasty recipe famously featuring 11 herbs and spices.

The historic auction in Shelbyville of Colonel Harland Sanders’ personal collection generated just shy of \$300,000 in sales, according to The Menish Group, which coordinated the sale.

It featured more than 100 artifacts sold across 74 lots and attracted collectors, historians, entrepreneurs, and fans around the world. The auction reportedly attracted more than 500 bidders, both in person and online.

The collection had



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Auctioneer Jonathan Klunk shows a black tie worn by KFC founder Col. Harland Sanders that was part of the memorabilia sale Tuesday in Shelbyville.

been preserved since 1974 by the Settle family which purchased Blackwood Hall and the Claudia Sanders Dinner House directly from Colonel and Claudia Sanders.

The top-selling item was Col. Sanders’ Personal Handwritten Datebook and Working Planner, which sold for \$30,000. The planner served as Sanders’ personal working notebook in 1964, documenting observations, expenses, travel details, meals, business notes and other aspects of his daily activities. One handwritten

page in the planner reportedly lists 11 ingredients and their associated measurements, which historically remains a trade secret.

Other top-selling items of Sanders included a U.S. Patent Office Publication “Process of Producing Fried Chicken Under Pressure,” \$10,000; his gold Masonic Ring, \$8,000; a pair of framed letters signed by President Richard Nixon, \$5,000; and Sanders’ personal carving knife set, \$4,510.

“The response exceeded our expectations,” Bill Menish, lead

auctioneer for the sale, said in a news release. “Collectors, historians, franchise operators and Colonel Sanders enthusiasts recognized that this wasn’t simply a memorabilia auction — it was an opportunity to acquire artifacts that remained together through an extraordinary chain of ownership.

While the memprabilia has been sold, sealed bids are being accepted through midnight Friday for the purchase of the historic Claudia Sanders Restaurant, Blackwood Hall and associated business assets.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Thursday, July 30**, the 211th day of 2026. There are 154 days left in the year.

On this day in 1619, the first representative assembly in colonial America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces tried to take Petersburg, Virginia, by exploding a gunpowder-laden mine shaft beneath Confederate defense lines; the attack failed.

In 1916, German saboteurs blew up a munitions plant on Black Tom, an island near Jersey City, New Jersey, killing about a dozen people.

In 1930, Uruguay won the first FIFA World Cup, defeating Argentina 4-2.

In 1945, the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis, having just delivered components of the atomic bomb to Tinian in the Mariana Islands during World War II, was

torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of nearly 1,200 service members survived.

In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making “In God We Trust” the national motto, replacing “E Pluribus Unum.”

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Social Security Amendments of 1965, which led to the creation of Medicare and Medicaid.

In 2008, ex-Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic was extradited to The Hague to face genocide charges after nearly 13 years on the run. He was sentenced by a U.N. court in 2019 to life imprisonment after being convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

In 2012, three electric grids in India collapsed in a cascade, cutting power to 620 million people in the world’s biggest blackout.

In 2013, U.S. Army Pfc. Chelsea Manning was acquitted of aiding the enemy — the most serious charge she faced — but was convicted of espionage, theft and other charges at Fort Meade, Maryland, more than three years after she’d spilled secrets to WikiLeaks. The former intelligence analyst was later sentenced to up to 35 years in prison, but the sentence was commuted by President Barack Obama.

In 2016, 16 people died when a hot-air balloon caught fire and exploded after hitting high-tension power lines before crashing into a pasture near Lockhart, Texas.

In 2020, NASA launched its Perseverance rover and Ingenuity helicopter to Mars aboard an Atlas V rocket; the helicopter's initial flight on Mars was in April 2021.

Today’s Birthdays: Former Major League Baseball Commissioner

Bud Selig is 92. Blues musician Buddy Guy is 90. Singer Paul Anka is 85. Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is 79. Actor Jean Reno is 78. Actor Ken Olin is 72. Actor Delta Burke is 70. Law professor Anita Hill is 70. Singer-songwriter Kate Bush is 68. Film director Richard Linklater is 66. Actor Laurence Fishburne is 65. TV personality Alton Brown is 64. Actor Lisa Kudrow is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Chris Mullin is 63. Actor Vivica A. Fox is 62. Actor Terry Crews is 58. Actor Simon Baker is 57. Film director Christopher Nolan is 56. Actor Tom Green is 55. Actor Christine Taylor is 55. Actor Hilary Swank is 52. Actor Jaime Pressly is 49. Alt-country singer-musician Seth Avett is 46. Former soccer player Hope Solo is 45. Actor Yvonne Strahovski is 44. Actor Martin Starr is 44. Actor Gina Rodriguez is 42. Actor Nico Tortorella is 37. Actor Joey King is 27.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY
Radcliff Rotary Club meeting, noon, Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff. POC: Mark Casey, 270-312-6429.

Central Hardin High School, 3040 Leitchfield Road, Cecilia. Bruin Academy, ninth grade, 5-7 p.m.; LI Open House, 5-6 p.m. in the library; and 10th-12th grade open house, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the gym. POC: 270-737-6800.

John Hardin High School, 384 W.A. Jenkins Road, E'town. Special needs open house, 5-6 p.m.; open house and back-to-school bash, 6-8 p.m. POC: 270-769-8906.

North Hardin High School, 801 S. Logsdon Parkway, Radcliff. Freshman/LI open house, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 10th-12th grade open house by last name, A-G 6:30-7 p.m., H-N 7-7:30 p.m. and O-Z 7:30-8 p.m. POC: 270-351-3167.

Tavern in the Garden, 6-9 p.m., Brown-Pusey House Cunningham Garden, 128 N. Main St., E'town. Music provided by Grafenburg and food by Cooking Leprechaun. Free admission, Cash bar. POC: Brown-Pusey House, 270-765-2515.

The Charles W. Logsdon Historic Downtown Walking Tour, 7 p.m., meet at Dixie Avenue and Main Street, Public Square, E'town. Free, weather permitting. Wear comfortable shoes. POC: facebook.com/EtownCityEvents.

FRIDAY
Hardin County AM Rotary Club meeting, 7 a.m., The Café at Memorial Methodist Church, 631 N. Miles St., E'town. POC: Scott Kisselbaugh, 270-766-8614.

Senior Citizens Nutrition Group, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Colvin Community Center, 230 Freedoms Way, Radcliff.

Pinochle, Bingo, Rook, Hand and Foot or Scrabble. Lunch between 11-11:30 a.m. Transportation through CATS, 800-242-8225. POC: 270-351-4079.

American Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., American Legion Post No. 113, 1251 Ring Road, E'town. POC: To schedule, RedCrossBlood.org or 800-RED CROSS.

Books and Brew, 10:30-11:10 a.m., Zoom. Looking for reading ideas? Talk about what you've been reading, connect and share a love of reading. Register in advance at forms.gle/3XiRyGT8bhMichqc8. POC: 270-769-6337.

SATURDAY
Howe valley High School Class of 1960 and spouses, 8:30 a.m., Shoney's, 1046 Executive Drive, E'town. POC: Bob Woosley, 270-877-2244.

Elizabethtown Chess Club U.S. Chess Federation Tournaments, 11 a.m., Family Buffet, 121 Towne Drive, E'town. POC: Johnny Owens, 270-272-3061.

You Fly Reading Program, 12:45-3:30 p.m. Room 209 Regional Postsecondary Center, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, 600 College Street Road, E'town. Comprehensive phonics reading program for second-12th grade. POC: Marcus Dixon, 502-435-1638, Joyce Beasley, 270-401-2737, or the Rev. Brenda Skillman, 270-766-8653.

Open Door Community Kitchen free meal, 4:30-6 p.m., Vine Grove United Methodist Church, 306 High St., Vine Grove. POC: Dan Paddack, 270-945-4997 or 270-877-5231.

MONDAY
American Red Cross blood

drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Living Faith Baptist Fellowship, 951 West Park Road, E'town. POC: To schedule, RedCrossBlood.org or 800-RED CROSS.

Widow and Widower Support Group, 10-11 a.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Share emotional support, guidance through the grief process and help in the healing journey. POC: 270-769-6337.

Games for Grownups, 1-3 p.m., Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Games available or bring a game to share. Bring food and eat lunch while playing.

Elizabethtown City Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 212 W. Dixie Ave., E'town. POC: 270-765-6121.

Celebrate Recovery, 6 p.m., St. Stephen Baptist Church, 757 S. Woodland Drive, Radcliff. Connection time starts at 5:15 p.m. Find help, hope and healing for your hurts, hang-ups and habits. POC: Richard Lockette, 270-401-7400.

Dad Café, 6-8 p.m., Goodwill's Elizabethtown Opportunity Center, 243 W. Dixie Ave., E'town. Focus on co-parenting. POC: 270-506-4950.

Vine Grove City Council meeting, 6 p.m., city hall community room, 300 W. Main St., Vine Grove. POC: 270-877-2422.

West Point Board of Adjustments meeting, 7 p.m., 209 N. 13th St., West Point. POC: 502-922-4260.

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American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fort Knox, Building 6607 Wilson Road, Fort Knox. POC: To schedule, RedCrossBlood.org or 800-RED CROSS.

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Pinochle, Bingo, Rook, Hand and Foot or Scrabble. Lunch between 11-11:30 a.m. Transportation through CATS, 800-242-8225. POC: 270-351-4079.

Ancestral Trails Historical Society research library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 201 W. Dixie Ave., E'town. POC: 270-982-0881.

Brown-Pusey House is open for tours and genealogy research, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 128 N. Main St., E'town. POC: 270-765-2515.

RESEA orientation classes, 10 a.m., Kentucky Career Center-Lincoln Trail, 233 Ring Road, Suite 100, E'town. Developing an individualized employment plan, personalized career and labor market insights, resume writing, interview prep, identifying options to achieve higher income and sustainable employment and aiding prompt re-entry into the labor force. POC: Itcareercenter.org.

Elizabethtown chapter of National Active and Retired Federal Employees meeting, 11 a.m., Central Kentucky Community Hall, 200 Jim Owen Drive, E'town. Speaker is Paige Petty from BCBS on health and wellness issues for seniors. POC: Sharon Crady, 270-832-8857.

Between the Covers Book Club, noon-1 p.m., in Radcliff. Register by noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting at forms.gle/xs3jsa1Mw2GgJ8oS7.

This month's selection, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. POC: 270-769-6337.

Let's Talk Tuesday Online Job Fair, 1-3:30, hosted by Kentucky Career Center. POC: Register at Itcareercenter.org.