AREA OBITUARIES

William 'Butch' Leslie Culbertson

HARTFORD — William "Butch" Leslie Culbertson, 76, Hartford passed away at his home on October 25, 2026.

Services were held Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home. Burial followed in Sunnyside Cemetery. Online messages of condolence may be sent to bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com.

Johnny R. Williams



HARTFORD — Johnny R. Williams, 80, Hartford, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2026, with his family by his side at Ohio County Healthcare. He was born October 10, 1946, in Ohio County, to the late Vernon and Carry Ashby Williams.

Aside from his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, June Greenwell; brother, Jackie Williams; nieces, Kay Greenwell, Cory Jones, Crystal Cowels and Amy Williams and nephews, Donnie Greenwell and Harold Allen, Jr.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of fifty-nine years, Joan Jones Williams, Hartford; son, Sam (Angela) Williams, Beechmont; four grandchildren, Brendan Williams, Connor Williams, Mariah Williams and Shelbey Williams; sisters, Willie (Jim) Vender, Centertown, Betty Cowles, Lebanon, Tennessee and Linda Allen, Beaver Dam; brother, Bobby Williams, Louisville as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held 12:00 pm Monday, November 2, 2026, at William L. Danks Funeral home with Bro. Amos Alsman officiating. Burial followed in Echols Cemetery.

Online condolences may be left at www.danksfuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory Of

Willie Junior Ferguson

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The beautiful fall reflects our lives with you and Mom - quiet, peaceful, loving. We miss your smile and your kind, gentle ways. You are forever in our hearts.

Thanks to you and Mom for the wonderful life you gave Larry and me.

I love you, Daddy!
Vicki

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using money from Community Contributions if available. If those funds are not available, the money will come from the magistrates' discretionary funds. The county treasurer was also authorized to issue payment.

Earlier in the meeting, Judge-Executive David Johnston signed a proclamation recognizing Veterans Day 2026.

Joining the court for the proclamation were Patrick Rowe, Robert Jarboe, David Crumes, Glen Finley, Greg Green, Frank Atkinson, Jim Crews, Mary Casteel, Mark Beard and Roger Himes.

During committee reports, Johnston named Magistrate Michael McKenney and Dustin Bratcher as representatives to the KYASAP board, which will review requests for money from the county's opioid settlement funds.

A 12-page application form was presented to the court for review. McKenney asked that the matter be tabled until the next meeting to give everyone time to look over the document before making a decision.

The court also voted to move its November meeting from Tuesday, Nov. 17, to Monday, Nov. 16, due to a conflict with the Kentucky Association of Counties conference.

In other business, magistrates approved declaring a homemade, pull-behind, wood-burning barbecue smoker at the Ohio County Detention Center as surplus property.

The smoker will be advertised for sealed bids, and money from its sale will go back into the jail's commissary account.

Magistrate Jason Bullock brought up a proposed 500-foot extension of 13th Street, which he had previously discussed with the court. Magistrates approved the extension pending approval of the plat. Bullock also requested that the necessary paperwork be emailed to him.

Magistrate Larry Morphew again brought up a proposed resolution connected to the county's existing data center moratorium.

The resolution had failed to pass during the previous two meetings. Morphew made another motion to approve it, but no one offered a second, and the motion failed.

During county officials' comments, the sheriff told magistrates that the department had received the new cruisers approved through the county's needs assessment process at the July 28 meeting.

Although the purchase had already been approved, the original motion did not specifically authorize the county treasurer to write the check. Magistrates approved an additional motion allowing payment for the vehicles.

The court also acknowledged receiving the treasurer's August and September financial statements, along with the sheriff's official receipt to the Ohio County Clerk for the 2026 property tax bills.

Magistrates approved Resolution 2027-9 concerning FEMA Disaster 4937 related to June flooding. The court also approved the minutes from its Oct. 13 meeting and the county's bills, claims, payments and budget transfers.

During magistrates' comments, McKenney thanked Republic Services for providing its monthly report on the landfill, while Magistrate Dale Beavin reminded those attending about an upcoming trunk-or-treat event at North Park.

The court did not enter closed session during the meeting.

The Ohio County Fiscal Court's next meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 16, instead of Tuesday, Nov. 17, due to a scheduling conflict with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO)

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and school climate and safety.

At the individual school level, Ohio County High School received a green rating for 2025-26, down from blue the previous year. Ohio County Middle School maintained its green rating for the second consecutive year.

Among the county's elementary schools, three received green ratings, while three received yellow.

Beaver Dam Elementary improved from yellow in 2024-25 to green in 2025-26. Horse Branch Elementary also moved up, going from orange to yellow.

Fordsville Elementary received a green rating this year after earning blue, the state's highest rating, in 2024-25.

Western Elementary moved from green to yellow, while Southern Elementary maintained its green rating and Wayland Alexander Elementary remained yellow.

Overall, two Ohio County schools moved to higher performance categories, three moved to lower categories and three maintained the same rating as the previous year.

Despite the changes at individual schools, the district's overall elementary, middle and high school ratings remained the same.

The district's report card also provides a closer look at performance in individual academic categories.

At the elementary level, Ohio County received yellow ratings in reading and mathematics, as well as science, social studies and writing.

The district's middle and high school levels both received green ratings in those academic categories.

English language proficiency ratings varied, with the elementary level receiving orange, middle school yellow and high school green.

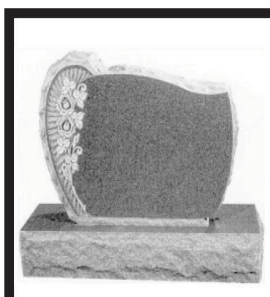
One of the district's strongest areas was school climate and safety, with all three school levels receiving blue ratings, the highest available.

Ohio County High School also earned a green rating for graduation rates and a blue rating for postsecondary readiness, which measures students' preparation for opportunities after graduation.

While the overall color ratings offer a general picture of school performance, they do not tell the entire story. The state's accountability system considers several measures, including academic achievement and other indicators of student success.

The annual report cards are intended to provide parents and community members with information about their local schools, including areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

Complete results for Ohio County schools are available through the Kentucky Department of Education's School Report Card website at reportcard.kyschools.us.



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