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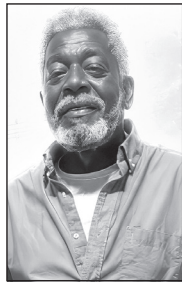
Larry Lockett

Richmond

Gone But Not Outdrawn

With heavy hearts and cherished memories, we announce the passing of Larry Lockett on May 28, 2026, at the age of 79. Born in Martinsville, Virginia, to the late Dennis and Betsy May Lockett, Larry journeyed through life with strong faith, quiet strength, an infectious sense of humor, and a genuine love for family, friends, and strangers who quickly became friends. From an early age, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and that faith remained a steady guide throughout his life's journey.

Larry possessed a warm spirit that drew people to him. He never met a stranger and had a gift for making others feel welcome. Whether sharing a story, offering advice, or simply enjoying a conversation, Larry left a lasting impression on those he encountered. Music held a special place in his heart. Following in the footsteps of his father and brother, Larry learned to play the guitar and found great joy in gospel music. His favorite songs, "Mary, Don't You Weep," & "Woman at the well" became a few of the many



melodies that accompanied him through life.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his sisters, Velma Bullock of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth Pilson of Martinsville, Virginia; his beloved sister-in-law, Alice Lockett of Richmond, Kentucky; along with numerous family members and friends whose lives were enriched by his presence. While our hearts grieve his absence, we rejoice in the promise of eternal life and celebrate the legacy of faith, kindness, and laughter he leaves behind.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

Services celebrating the life of Larry Lockett will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home. Visitation with family and friends will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Ronald L. Ross officiating.

Condolences may be made at <http://orpfh.com>



Sydney Hawkins and Finn heard about the Clinic through Facebook.



BLAKE VICKERS — RR

This pup was too young for Rabies shots, but managed to get up to date on some other vaccines.

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health is public health.

The clinic offered free annual vaccines that cover Parvo, Distemper, and other common illnesses for pets. For just \$10, they could get a Rabies shot. \$40 netted a shot for Bordetella, and \$26.50 would get pets chipped. Turnout for the clinic went far beyond expectations.

"They've been getting about 200 shots an hour," said Public Health Director Nikita Vundi. "It's been beyond anything I could have imagined... We had one line at the beginning and it was almost backed up all the way to Meijer then."

By mid day, organizers had switched things up into being two lines, as locals drove their pets through the line with stops at tents for various medical services.

Sidney Hawkins and her Golden Retriever pup Finn were in that line. She's had Finn for about 3 weeks and heard about the clinic on Facebook.

"Finn is the best puppy ever. I think it's important to get him these shots because it doesn't just keep him safe. It keeps other dogs in the community safe too," Hawkins said.

Several organizations came together to put the

clinic on. They include the health department, the Madison County Animal Shelter, Richmond Codes Enforcement, the Richmond Police Department, the Medical Reserve Corps, the Kentucky Department of Public Health, the Madison County School District, and more.

The free vaccines and the Bordetella Vaccines were given by the Madison County Animal Shelter. While Veterinarian Dr. Gary Short was on hand to enact the rabies vaccines — as that vaccine is required by law to be given by veterinarians. A northern Kentucky resident died of rabies in December of 2024.

"We would like for everyone to be rabies immunized. We know that rabies exists in the population. It's something that's there and it is a requirement of law that our animals be vaccinated for rabies. We want to find a cost effective way of getting that done," Vundi said.

Central Kentucky has also seen several cases of Distemper in wildlife like raccoons and groundhogs the last few months. Vundi noted that it is difficult to test and track for that illness, so getting pets immunized for it is more important than ever.

long before he starts missing the commonwealth. He's found happiness and purpose sharing the cuisine of his first home with his current one. He

encourages anyone who's never tried Thai Food to come and give it a chance. Suwat and his family are happy to share the love and the spice.

feel," Suwat said.

For the Pornputsaranon Family, Kentucky is home. Suwat says that even on his occasional trips back to Thailand it doesn't take

"We have to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Animal Shelter. When we get some of those results back, we're finding them that more are from Distemper. Get your animals treated for it, so

they won't go through a terrible sickness," Vundi said.

Vundi said that there are plans to have drive thru vet clinics twice a year, with one set to come to Berea this fall.

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Start times to change for several elementary schools

Blake Vickers
Richmond Register

Three elementary schools in the county will start their days a little early when the 2026-2027 school year begins.

Boonesborough Elementary, Kirksville Elementary, and Waco Elementary Schools will be starting their school day at 7:30 a.m. and dismissing school at 2:20 p.m. every day.

In a release on social media, the School District said that the move comes in response to a shortage

of bus drivers in the district.

"Adjusting the school day times for these three additional elementary schools will allow the district to have more flexibility in scheduling bus routes, which will alleviate some of the driver shortages we are currently experiencing," the release said.

Daniel Boone Elementary and Silver Creek Elementary will also continue on with their current earlier start times.

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you do good things, it becomes a part of yourself. That's what I like to