OBITUARY

Russell W. Behanan

Russell W. Behanan, 78, of Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026.

Visitation will be Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 12 (noon) at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3815 W. Broadway, with funeral services to follow at noon. Burial will be held on Monday, Nov. 3, 2026, in Mary E. Smith Memorial Cemetery, Elsmere, KY.

Arrangements entrusted to A.D. Porter & Sons, 1300 W. Chestnut St. in Louisville, KY.

DEATH NOTICES

Rhonda Michelle Tharp Cain, 56, Sulphur, KY, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, at her home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Newcomer Funeral Home, Southwest, in Louisville, followed by a graveside service at noon at Beth Haven Cemetery in Louisville, www.newcomerkentuckiana.com.

Jacqueline Ann Callis, 74, of Milton, KY, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. at her residence. There will be no services. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Walter T. McHargue, 89, of Bedford, KY, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2026, at Norton King's Daughters' Health Hospital in Madison, IN. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at Bedford Baptist Church in Bedford, with burial in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Bobby Joe Quickert, 76, of Port Royal, KY, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026. Cremation was chosen with a memorial service to be held at a later date with interment at Port Royal Cemetery in Port Royal. Arrangements by Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, www.prewitts.com.

Virginia Irene Poynter Roberts, 82, of Bedford, KY, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Clark man facing child sexual exploitation charges linked to Trimble

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Investigators from Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 5 arrested a Winchester man Tuesday on charges related to possession of child sexual abuse material.

Justin Clay Hamilton

Trooper Jordan Keister began the investigation in Trimble County after discovering the suspect sharing images of child sexual exploitation online. Clay Hamilton, 31, of Winchester, Kentucky, was arrested as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation.

The investigation resulted in a search warrant at a residence in Winchester on Tuesday. Equipment used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is ongoing.

Hamilton is currently charged with 10 counts of possession of matter portraying a minor in a sexual performance, all Class-D felonies punishable by one to five years in prison, and one count of possession of matter portraying a minor in a sexual performance under 12 years old, a Class-C felony punishable by 5 to 10 years in prison. Hamilton was lodged in the Clark County Detention Center.

The Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is comprised of more than 26 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The mission of the ICAC Task Force, created by the United States Department of Justice and administrated by the Kentucky State Police, is to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in developing a response to cyber enticement and child sexual abuse material investigations. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention and community education. The ICAC program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the internet, the proliferation of child sexual abuse material, and the heightened online activity of predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims.

VISION

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world is starting to take notice. So now the question is, what do we do with the spotlight, now that's shining on us?

"We need something that will set us apart as a music town, something that we can hang our hat on as unique and compelling. I don't believe we want to be just another cookie-cutter party town where every band in every bar is playing the exact same songs. I believe very strongly that Madison's identity as a special place for live performance is tied to original music.

"We have so many great songwriters and musicians in Madison, and just about every single one of them has a repertoire of original songs they've written. Heck, we have folks with multiple albums of original music to their credit. Robert Reynolds, Anthony Ray Wright, and Jordan Wilson come to mind right off the bat. Tom Stevely is coming out with an original album very soon. The list goes on and on.

"What if Madison became known as a place where you could hear fresh, original songwriting every weekend? It would set us apart, for sure. There are a lot of purist music lovers out there who would welcome more original songs. We'd still have plenty of the classic favorites in the mix, for sure, but original songs would be welcomed and celebrated.

"I think this is a direction we should explore, and as the new president of M3 I'm in a position to push this agenda and support original songwriting and performance. Don't get me wrong, I love 'Give Me Three Steps' by Skynyrd and 'Wagon Wheel' … I just think we can put some fresh sounds into the mix and expand our brand to mean something more.

"Madison is already receptive to original music, way more than other towns where I often play, but I think we can take it up a notch. We need to get audiences accustomed to hearing new stuff, and we need to attract the hard core music fans who appreciate originality.

"This could really differentiate the Madison music scene and put us on the map as something special. I'm all in for the effort, and I hope the people of Madison will help me make it happen."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

If there's one thing Madison knows how to do right (actually, there are way more things than just one!) it's how to celebrate Halloween! The scene on the sidewalks Saturday night in downtown Madison is legendary, with everyone in costume and live music pouring out of all the venues. You can just walk from spot to spot, enjoying the vibe and sharing the Halloween fun. The party at Thomas Family Winery is now in its 32nd year, and it always serves as a kind of main hub for the downtown revelry. Even if you don't have a costume, it's still epic and not to be missed. Give yourself a "treat" this year and check it out.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 30

Thomas Family Winery — Conner Derman & Pumpkin Carving (5 p.m.)
Riverboat Inn — Zach Hackney (6:30-9:30 p.m.)
Vintage Lanes — Live Jazz (7-9 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Roman Toast (8 p.m.)
1st Street Saloon — L & L Karaoke (9 p.m.)
TailGators — DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Rivertown Grill — TBA

Saturday, Oct. 31

Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (6:30-9:30 p.m.)
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Rumors (8 p.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall — Nulydedz-"Cry-Baby" Party (8 p.m.)
VFW Post 1969 — Diamondback Band-open to public (8 p.m.-midnight)
Thomas Family Winery — Jimmy Davis Band-32nd Annual Halloween (8 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill —Rockin Cowboyz & Costume Contest (8 p.m.-midnight)
1st Street Saloon — DJ Nate (9 p.m.)
TailGators — Stoned Blue Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Central Hotel — Rock Steady Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 1

Rivertown Grill — Darryl Hewitt (7-10 p.m.)

LOOKING BACK

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Looking Back from the pages of the Carrollton News Democrat and Trimble County Banner in October from years gone by.

CARROLL COUNTY

1891

Attempted Hold Up

On a recent dark night a brigand attempted to hold up John Harsin at Notch Lick Bridge and would have probably been successful had not John's horse become frightened and hurriedly carried him beyond danger. Young men would do well to either stay all night with their sweethearts or else return to the paternal domicile before "night draws her sable curtain round."

Wedding

Ghent held a wedding in high society circles. The bride was Miss Maggie M. Tandy, the eldest unmarried daughter of the well-known Mr. John Q. Tandy. She is a handsome, popular and intelligent young woman. She was married on this happy occasion to Mr. James M. Ford of Georgetown, Kentucky, the present sheriff of Scott County. The groom is a decidedly handsome man concerning whom none but good report has been heard, while his appearance and demeanor show him to be a gentleman.

Locust Leaflets

C.A. Harsin's singing class will organize tonight.

Wm. Driskell purchased the Jump farm at Commissioner's sale.

L.D. Harsin is making an excellent road from his residence down the hill to Notch Lick.

English

Ben T. Robertson is building a nice little house on the English Turn-pike near his residence, to be used as a tollgate house.

1936

Heavy Snow

Carrollton was snowed under after a night of sleet, rain, and snow, which caused widespread damage.

With all previous November records of snowfall shattered, the highest before having been 5.1 inches, Nov. 17, 1920, the weather man predicts colder, then fair skies, and moderate temperatures.

Many trees were broken down, electric and telephone service were cut off in many sections and traffic was practically at a stand still with the snow continuing to pour down most of the day.

The trees had not yet shed their leaves and so collected great burdens of snow and the combination of late leaves and a record early snow was the cause of all the damage.

New Shop

The Economy Shoe Repair Service, specializing in quality shoe repair work at cash and carry prices, is ready to serve you. The new business, located on Main Street, above Fifth, is under the personal direction of Mr. Al J. Jasper, who has been engaged in this work for the past 18 years.

Resigns

An announcement was made this week by E.G. McCrackin of his resignation as cashier of the Kentucky State Bank.

Attending College

Students from Carroll County attending Kentucky Wesleyan College are Mr. Tony Raisor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Raisor; Mr. Riddle Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Stout; Mr. Eugene Tharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Tharp, all of Worthville.

Carroll County natives attending University of Kentucky are James Orville Cannon, Ghent; William Cornett Cannon, Ghent; Paul Eugene Carraco, Carrollton; Thomas Oscar Harris, Worthville; Frances Isabelle Kipping, Carrollton; Willie Irene Swinney, Carrollton; Anna Mildred Tharp, Carrollton; John H. Way Jr., Carrollton; Joseph Key Wetherill, Carrollton; and Gex Orville Williams, Carrollton.

Sparta

Halloween was well carried out Friday night when a group of boys and girls, dressed as witches and goblins, paraded the streets until a late hour while the small boys engaged in pranks of all kinds.

2016

Zoning Changes

Changes to the C-2 Zoning Code Ordinance, which have been the topic at several Carrollton City Council meetings and a Planning and Zoning public hearing, came one step closer to reality at a special meeting.

Win Final Game

The Carroll County Panthers football team ended the regular season with a win, defeating Dayton on the road, 27-25.

State Qualifier

Senior cross country runner Haley Dermon qualified for the state meet for the third straight season. She finished 12th with a time of 23:37.09 in the Class 1A Region 5 Cross Country Championship.

File

Cheree Denise Staples remind Trimble County residents in 1976 that at 2 a.m. Sunday morning they should set their clocks back one hour, then confusion will set in: getting up and going to work, getting off from work and getting to meetings on time, then re-adjusting to sleeping patterns so you can meet the new day all bright-eyed and bushy tailed. Sliding back an hour puts it altogether with the time in Madison again.

File

Karcyn Evans, 2, concentrates on applying paint on a pumpkin at a Carroll County Public Library program in October 2016.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

1956

Arson

Fire bugs reigned supreme in Trimble county during the Hallowe'en climax of the past two nights. The end result of arson, more erroneously called "Hallowe'en pranks," has caused high money value loss to a number of farmers and establishments.

Reports coming in tell of 165 bales of straw being destroyed by fire on the Clarence Callis farm, another 365 bales of straw consumed by flames on the James Mosley farm. Straying afar from the role of pranksters, the arsonists and vandals burned great amounts of corn and fodder in the field and on the roadway nf the Carl Abbott farm.

Health Center?

Better health facilities are assured for Trimble countians with the announcement that through the minimum foundation of health service, the State has promised that construction on a new $50,000 center would begin in Trimble county this year. Whether or not the county gets the center depends on the voters' reaction to the health tax question to be voted on at the general election.

Resigns

Harvey G. Powell, who began his full-time ministry of the gospel six years ago when he was called as pastor to the Mt. Byrd Christian Church in Milton, has resigned his post and has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Christian Church at Waynesboro, Virginia.

Tonsillectomy

Mr. Jr. Callis had his tonsils removed last Friday at Mallory-Taylor Hospital.

Stroke

Mrs. Charlotte Kendall suffered a slight facial stroke. Her condition is considered satisfactory.

1976

Second Phase

Now that Phase 1 of Bedford's 201 facilities planning has been completed, those attending a public hearing at the courthouse were told that the next step involved detailed schematics and architectural designing, plus conclusive adaptions for EPA orienting. Totally, the consensus of the attending amounted to: "Let's get started."

Hopes Bombed

Carroll Co. turned a couple of tricks at Carrollton and Trimble came home without the coveted treat of a district championship. It was typically Halloween trick or treat alright, because in the mechanics of football Trimble led in statistics. But Carroll Co. won the football game, 14-6.

Birthday

Mr. Bryan Moore enjoyed a surprise birthday party at his home. Those helping him celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Moore, Mrs. James Rutherford, Mike and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Raph Harmon and Doug, Mrs. Nelson Moore, Mrs. Ann Alsup, Mrs. Louis Barnes, Miss Judy Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Joyce and Gretchen, Mr. Wiler Fresh.

2016

Celebrate

Bedford Loan & Deposit Bank will celebrate the financial institution's 125th anniversary with a community open house. The bank opened for business as a full-service bank on its present site at 45 Hwy 42E on Nov. 2, 1891.

New Business

Jen Grice-Perrodin has a fully equipped photography studio while Amanda Wright has homemade crafts and decorations for sale.

Wright said she was inspired by her children to do something for the community. She added that with her husband, Jeff Wright, working 100 plus hours a week, she needed to be doing something that allows her time to take care of her children. Jen Grice-Peroddin added that they wanted to create a place where they could fill a void in the community and be able to care for their children with disabilities. Both entrepreneurs expressed great interest in the community and the city of Bedford is happy to have them here.

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