

Gary Wayne Combs, 69

Gary Wayne Combs, 69, husband of Brenda Donahue Combs, passed away Saturday, December 27, 2025. He was born to the late Ova and Marie Dunn Combs on January 6, 1956 in Powell Co., KY and was a retired wood carpenter. In addition to his wife he is survived by his sons Colby and Gary Combs II and Anthony Flinchum; daughters Stephanie (Roy) Combs and Patricia (Leslie) Stanfield; brother Jimmy (Mary Lola) Combs and sister Darlene Atkinson along with several grand and great-grandchildren. Services will be Wednesday, December 31, at Rolan G Taylor Funeral Home, at 2:00 pm with visitation from 11:30 am until the hour of service. Pallbearers will be: Colby Combs, Les Stanfield, Jacob Cunningham, Anthony Flinchum, Anthony Flinchum II, and Roy Johnson. Burial in Clarmont Memorial Gardens.

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teaching proper pool entry and exit, along with awareness of surroundings. Austin Bellamy, Director of the Winchester Swim Academy, celebrated the program's reach and commitment to inclusion. "The same Friends of Parks that funds this allows scholarships for kids to come that can't afford it," Bellamy said. "There's like 400 four-year-olds in those classes, and so the teachers choose when they want to come." She underscored the lasting value of starting early. "Just the fact that they're exposed to the water... the older you get and you've not been exposed to certain things, you're not going to be comfortable," Bellamy said. "Whereas if you can get a baby... it helps the comfort in the water." Bellamy noted how lessons ripple into daily life. "It will transfer into the bathtub... all these skills... they can do in the bathtub... Make it fun, play, safe," she said. "Get them comfortable, and the parents comfortable too." She also expressed gratitude for the tight-knit community and the joy of watching children grow in the program. "The community here is amazing... to see the

children that start [as] babies, and then they stay... I really like this. Could I try a swim team? Absolutely," Bellamy said. Kevin Ryan, Head Aquatics Director and Head Coach of the Winchester Sailfish, reaffirmed the department's mission. "Our goal is results... Our only goal is a safer community, period," Ryan said. He highlighted the unique advantages of early instruction. "The younger you can get a kid exposed to it, the quicker they learn and the more comfortable they are, the less likely they are to panic," Ryan said. The department's year-round offerings span parent-child classes for infants as young as six months, progressive group lessons, and competitive opportunities with the Sailfish team. Indoor facilities keep programs accessible and in high demand. With the year now complete, the aquatics team is preparing for upcoming registrations. Families can explore options and sign up at wccpr.recdesk.com or by contacting staff directly. Through its impressive scale and focus on early water confidence, the program continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Clark County's youngest residents, building a foundation for lifelong safety and enjoyment in the water.

Winchester students named to Midway U's Dean's List

Press Release

MIDWAY, KY (12/22/2025) - Midway University is pleased to announce the students who have been named to its Dean's List for the 2025 Fall Semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 446 students who made the Dean's List. Nasim Ansari of Lexington Maddox Campbell of Winchester Terrina Cane of Lexington Ashley Clark of Lexington Hayden Cockrell of Winchester Erin Cox of Winchester Jordan Kimball of Lexington Anna Long of Winchester Anna Meek of Lexington Dominique Mitchell of Lexington Megan Smith of Lexington Faith Summers of Lexington Isaac Tencza of Lexington

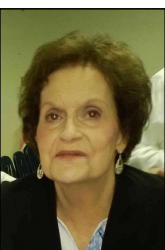
Andrea Thomas of Lexington Julianna Vanderploog of Winchester *Midway University is a private, co-educational institution located in Woodford County and part of the greater Lexington, Kentucky area. Founded in 1847, Midway University's total enrollment (including traditional and online undergraduate, graduate, and dual credit students) is more than 1,900 from across Kentucky, the U.S., and several countries. Undergraduate students can select from more than 25 career-focused majors. The University has 27 athletic teams including two equestrian teams. Academic and athletic scholarships are available. In fact, Midway University is the "Most Affordable Private University in Central Kentucky" with 98 percent of traditional undergraduate students receiving institutional aid. Located on a 200-acre horse farm and in a bucolic rural location, the campus is both beautiful and safe. Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati, Ohio are within easy driving distance.*

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-1 CRYPTOQUOTE
NYCG C SCE ODQ C KFN SCE, CKS DRQ IGCQ IYXKFI UXJF C TXQCHUF, CKS DRQ NDQUS XI CUTDIG VFCRGXORU CBCXK ...
— SCK NXUIDK
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT, AND NEVER BROUGHT TO MIND? ... WE'LL TAKE A CUP OF KINDNESS YET, FOR AULD LANG SYNE. — ROBERT BURNS

Donna Lindy, 85



Donna Lindy, born March 1, 1940, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at the age of 85. Donna was a woman of strong faith and steady love, known for the care she gave so freely to her family and those around her. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and Mamaw, and her life was marked by kindness, devotion, and a deep commitment to the people she loved. She leaves behind a legacy of faith and love that will continue through the generations of her family. Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Lindy; her daughter, Cheryl Sibert; and her granddaughter, Sarah Sibert. She is survived by her loved ones: Terri Johansen, Bill Johansen, David Lindy, Renee' Lindy, and Dennis Sibert; her grandchildren, Sinclair Sibert, Sydney Tasedan, Kayla Lindy, Jebidiah Lindy, Ivalynn Lindy, and Haven Lindy; and her great-grandchildren, Asher Hollon and Nico Tasedan. Donna will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered. A Celebration of Life took place at House-Rawlings Funeral Home in London, Kentucky, on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. The celebration will begin at 12:00 PM. "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your Lord." — Matthew 25:21

Clark County public records

TRANSFERS
The following property transfers were recorded in the Clark County Clerk's office Nov. 22-29, 2025.
MBV Trust and Linda L. Minzenberger trustee to Robert MacElroy and Shari MacElroy, 35 Mockingbird Valley Road, \$320,000.
Winchester Clark County Industrial Development Authority to Tierney Storage LLC, 237 Denham Court, \$2,400,000.
Cathy L. Rigney to Denise Wooley trustee and Cathy Rigney Irrevocable Trust dated October 28, 315 Carolina Ave., trust.
Robert MacElroy and Shari MacElroy to Dresden Knoff and Alec Knoff, 291 Log Lick Road, \$410,000.
Adam Chamberlain and Jessica Chamberlain to Taylor Rountree Dailey, 213 Honeysuckle Lane, \$390,000.
Angelia Conley Dixon, Les B. Dixon and Bradley K. Conley to Gregory Fields and Amaris Hope Fields, 110 Hampton Ave., \$380,000.
James G. McNabb and Paula J. McNabb to C&R Oz Properties LLC, 139 and 143 E. Broadway St., \$260,000.
Terrell Properties LLC to Nova Star LLC, 1114 McCann Drive, \$900,000.
Brent L. Deberdt and Rachel Deberdt to Danielle McKee and Kevin McKee, 130 Hibiscus Lane, \$325,000.
Adams Real Estate Services to Brynn A. Lasala, 220 Pendleton St., \$140,000.
Paul Zeysing and Dezerai Zeysing to Alexander Miller and Isabelle Miller, 104 Teakwood Court, \$320,000.
Kendra Curtis and Jeremy Curtis to Kendra Curtis and Jeremy Curtis, 125 Summerhill Way.
Colista S. Ledford to Joshua Conkwright and Autumn Conkwright, 125 Sunset Heights, \$80,000.
LAF LLC to Samuel R. Williams, 601 Ecton Road.
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Gail S. Kohnle to Winchester Retirement Place Inc., 218 Old Garden Court, \$132,000.
Alan D. Baber to Alan D. Baber, Kathy G. Baber and Sue B. Castle, 545 Stewarts Mill Road, love & affection.
Penni Conaway and John Conaway to Christian Hensley and Darienne Hensley, 205 Chardonnay Court, \$345,000.
MARRIAGE LICENSES
The following marriage license applications were issued by the Clark County Clerk's office Nov. 22-29, 2025.
Destiny Nicole McQuinn and Taren Alu Ellis, Nov. 24.
Stacey Marie Keliher and Alexander McKee Gash, Nov. 25.



Farmers celebrate 78 years of marriage

Frank and Mary Farmer of Winchester celebrated their 78th wedding anniversary on December 27, 2025. The Farmers were married December 27, 1947, in Whitesburg, Kentucky. They moved from Norton, Virginia, to Winchester in 1957. They have one daughter, Rebecca Farmer, two grandsons, William David Kennon and Ross Gordon Reasor, Jr., all of Winchester, and a great-granddaughter, Sunshine Noelle Kennon, of Richmond. (Photo submitted)

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1-2 CRYPTOQUOTE
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— QEJZLQP YJKRVJS
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT A DAY FOR A NEW DAY, AND OUR STAR SHINES LIKE A MIRACLE, AND OUR WORLD IS ALMOST BEAUTIFUL AGAIN ... — DAN WILSON

Sunday after Christmas music provides joy



LAUREN MINK'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Among other video clips, Lauren Mink posted the following on her Facebook page just days after Christmas: "The Sunday after Christmas has become a favorite tradition of mine. Singing with Chelsea Reese and being accompanied by Nancy Dunn is such an honor and joy. We heard this song not too long ago and felt it would be perfect for First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Winchester, KY. I hope you enjoy 'We Need Christmas!'"

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE. IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER. — AFRICAN PROVERB