

AUGUST 2026				
WOLFE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN MENU				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
July 31				
Cheeseburger Deluxe Broccoli Raisin Salad Carrots Sugar Cookie				
3	4	5	6	7
Beef Macaroni Casserole Carrots Roll Tropical Fruit Salad	Chicken Cordon Bleu Scalloped Potatoes California Blend Vegetables Roll Ambrosia Salad	Soup Beans w/ Ham Cornbread Collard Greens Vanilla Pudding	Tuna Sandwich w/ Lettuce, Tomato Corn Chowder Fresh Orange	Breaded Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie
10	11	12	13	14
Grilled Chicken Breast Great Northern Beans Brussel Sprouts Roll Mixed Fruit Brownie	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Roll Mandarin Oranges	Grilled Chicken Salad w/Italian Dressing Corn Chowder Roll Chocolate Chip Cookie	Breaded Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes w/ Brown Gravy Collard Greens Roll Banana	Fish Sandwich Green Beans Cole Slaw Fried Apples
17	18	19	20	21
Oven Fried Chicken Breast Au Gratin Potatoes Collard Greens Roll Banana	Baked Spaghetti House Salad w/ French Dressing Broccoli & Cauliflower Garlic Breadstick Red Grapes	Roast Turkey Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream Herb Glazed Carrots Roll Diced Pears	Orange Glazed Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables Fried Rice Vegetable Egg Ross Fresh Orange	Cheeseburger Deluxe Broccoli Raisin Salad Roasted Potatoes & Carrots Galatian Fruit Cup
24	25	26	27	28
Salisbury Steak Parmesan Noodles Creamed Spanish Roll Brownie	Herbed Pork Loin (Netted) Sweet Potatoes Lima Beans Roll Diced Pears	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Roll Clementine Oranges	Chicken Stipes (3) Au Gratin Potatoes Herbed Glazed Carrots Apple Cinnamon Cobbler	Tomato Soup Turkey Sandwich Broccoli Raisin Salad Colby Jack Cheese Stick
31	1	2	3	4
Pork Ribette Baked Potato w/Sour Cream Seasoned Broccoli Carnival Cookie				

TO SUBMIT AN

OBITUARY

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EXHIBIT I

ENGINEER’S/ARCHITECT’S QUALIFICATIONS

I. Consulting Engineer's/Architect's Minimum Qualifications:

- A. The principal responsible for project coordination must have a minimum of three (3) years’ experience with the Kentucky CDBG Program or other federal/state programs.
- B. The engineering/architecture firm must have successfully provided engineering/architecture services for a minimum of three (3) similar types of projects. The engineering/architecture firm will not be accepted if there have been any unresolved audit exceptions relative to engineering/architecture services.
- C. The engineering/architecture firm must submit references as to the firm's professional qualifications from a minimum of three (3) previous clients for which the engineering/architecture firm has performed work (include address and telephone number).

II. Format for Professional Qualifications

Technical qualifications for the consulting engineer/architect shall as a minimum include the following:

- A. The criteria and design approach to be used in the performance of required work.
- B. The personnel to be assigned to the project and resumes of qualifications and experience.
- C. The engineer’s/architect’s experience in the development, design and construction of similar projects.

III. Final Selection

Final selection of the engineer will be based upon the maximum total points scored as set forth in the "Rating System" in Exhibit II.

The Wolfe County Emergency Management Agency reserves the right to negotiate a contract with the engineer/architect deemed the most qualified to perform the professional services required.

Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Kentucky River Area Development District, Wolfe County Emergency Management Agency – Engineering/Architecture Services – Search & Rescue Operations Training Center, 941 North Main St., Hazard, KY 41701 by Friday, August 7th, 2026, by 4:00 pm.

*** Any proposal not meeting the qualifications set forth in this Request for Qualifications will be rejected. ***

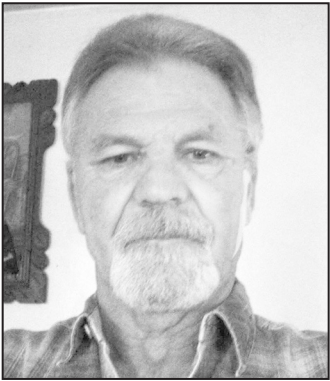
Obituaries

Dwight “Ike” Friend

Dwight "Ike" Friend, 67, of Pine Ridge, Kentucky, widower of the late Teresa Brewer, departed this life .Wednesday, July 22, 2026. He was a son of the late Sidney Friend, Sr. and Celia Whisman Friend, born in Campton, Kentucky, on August 22, 1958. He was a retired oil field worker and was a loving father, grandfather and brother.

He is survived by one son,Nathan Friend (Vanessa) of Rogers, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Kendallynn Friend, Jacinda Friend and Charles Friend; four brothers, Timothy Friend (Kathy) of Batavia, Ohio, Ronald Friend (Penny) and Paul Friend (Becky), both of Stanton, Kentucky, and Gary Friend (Glenda) of Rogers, Kentucky, and one sister, Waveline Sparks of Lee County, Kentucky. He also leaves behind a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa Brewer, his



parents, Sidney Friend, Sr. and Celia Whisman Friend; eight brothers, Eugene Friend, James Friend, Sidney Friend, Jr., Edward Friend, Allen Friend, Donald Friend, William Friend and Robert "Bob" Friend, and three sisters, Josephine Gross, Eunice Sparks and Gloria McCoy.

Celebration of life services were held at 7:00 p.m. July 25, 2026, at Porter & Son Funeral Directors Chapel with services held by family and friends.

Porter & Son Funeral Directors of Campton, Kentucky, were in charge of arrangements.

Wolfe County unemployment was up in June

FRANKFORT, Ky., July 23 — Unemployment rates rose in 116 counties between June 2025 and June 2026, fell in Owsley and Russell counties and stayed the same in Bracken and Harlan counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 4.5%. It was followed by Cumberland County, 4.6 %; Campbell, Fayette, Kenton and Scott counties, 4.7% each; Boone and Shelby counties, 4.8% each; Franklin County, 4.9%; and Clark, Graves, Jessamine, Oldham, Todd and Trimble counties, 5% each.

Martin County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate at 10.6%. It was followed by Wolfe County, 10.4%; Magoffin County, 9.6%; Elliott

and Lewis counties, 9.5% each; Jackson County, 8.5%; Lawrence County, 8.2%; Carter County, 8.1%; Pike County, 7.9%; and Knott County, 7.8%

Morgan County’s jobless rate in June was 6.8%.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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Darrell Anthony Watkins

Darrell Anthony Watkins, 58, of Lexington and Rogers, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Monday, July 20, 2026, at Baptist Health in Lexington, Kentucky, after a brief illness. Darrell was born on January 24, 1968, to Beverley Spencer Miller and Darrel LeRoy Osley. He was adopted by his paternal grandmother, Mae Emma, and her husband, Charlie Watkins, whom Darrell loved and called Mom and Dad.

Darrell was loved and cared for by Mae Emma and Charlie, who instilled in Darrell a love for the woods and hunting and fishing. Throughout Darrell's life, hunting and fishing remained a hobby he shared with his friends and family. He grew up on Johnson Avenue surrounded by kids who would remain his lifelong friends, but felt more like family. They called themselves the J Crew. Darrell grew up with these friends, playing football and baseball. He was a star athlete at Henry Clay High School and was offered the opportunity to continue his baseball career beyond high school, possibly into the pros, but chose to take care of Mae Emma. Darrell's heart was big and giving and full of love for anyone who needed him, even if he was in need. After the passing of Charlie and then Mae Emma, Darrell moved to Florida to live with his father, Roy, and stepmother, Frances, and his sisters, Marsha, Stephanie and Arnicia. He enjoyed cutting up with his sisters.

In 1993, Darrell was wed to Stephanie Ross and that union produced two beautiful girls, Salihah and A'ishah. Darrell was also blessed with a bonus son, Chris Moore, who he raised as his own. They practiced football every day after school, spent the winters rabbit hunting and fished through the summer. Of Darrell, Chris says, "A standup man raised a standup son." Darrell's children enjoyed his light-hearted nature, sharing Dad jokes and the memories they have of their Dad.

He was employed by the Lexington Fayette Urban Government in the Street and Roads Department, working his way into a supervisory position until his retirement.

In 2019, Darrell was reunited with his birth mother and enjoyed spending time in Wolfe County with his maternal family and meeting the many, many cousins, aunts and uncles he didn't know he had. He espe-



cially loved hunting and fishing with his "Uncs". His uncle Paul, with whom Darrell formed a fast and unique bond, described Darrell as a magnet. That was apparent during Darrell's last days when he was visited by a parade of family and friends, many from Johnson Avenue, to love on him and say goodbye. They all told stories about the good and funny times growing up and many described Darrell's big heart, sense of humor and how he'd be the first to give you the shirt off his back if you needed it.

Darrell was preceded in death by his grandmother, "Mom", Mae Emma; grandfather, "Dad" Charlie; father, Darrell LeRoy; stepbrother, Scott, and step-dad, Junior Miller.

He is survived by his mother, Beverly; stepmother, Frances; daughters, A'ishah and Salihah; son, Chris Moore (Danielle), and his grandson, Elijah, granddaughter, Destini, his sisters, Marsha Osley, Stephanie Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnicia Williams, and stepsister, Rebecca Campbell (Dave); his children's mother, Stephanie Watkins; his first wife, Monica; special uncle, Paul Spencer, and special friends, Chenice, Kathy and Shawn; his godchildren, the Webb family and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and lifelong friends, including the J Crew: Chris Chenault, Philip Chenault, Jill Chenault, Tyrone Gateskill, Kevin Stepp, Rodney James, and Clifton Blackburn, the Rand Avenue Crew: Hans (Solo) Taylor, Thomas Muhammad, Brother Patrick, Brother Darwin, Barry Brown and family, Tina Brown, Steve Brown, John Anderson, Woo and Hance Marcum.

Services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Tar Ridge Church of God, Rogers, Kentucky, with Bro. Paul Spencer officiating. Burial followed in the Spencer Cemetery, Quillens Chapel, Kentucky.

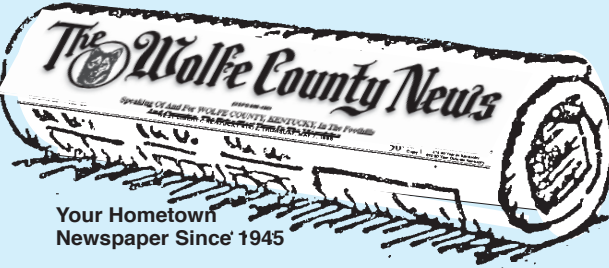
Pallbearers were family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to Porter & Son Funeral Directors, Campton, Kentucky.

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