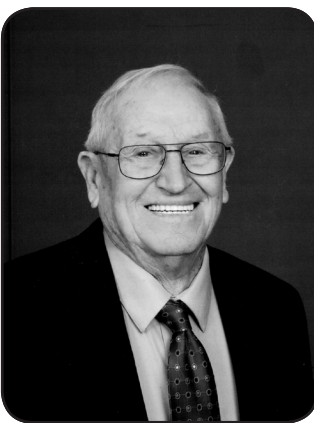


OBITUARIES

HARVEY THOMAS "TOMMY" GILLISPIE



Harvey Thomas "Tommy" Gillispie, 95, of Bourbon County, husband of the late Mary Della Letcher Gillispie, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Willowbrook Healthcare in Carlisle.

Born June 20, 1930 in Bourbon County to the late Carl Thomas & Mabel Wagoner Gillispie, Tommy lived the majority of his life in the Jackstown area. A lifelong farmer, he was involved in many aspects of agriculture over the years having worked for Farmers Tobacco Warehouse, Paris Independent Tobacco Warehouse, Millersburg Coal & Lumber, and Millersburg Fertilizer. He was also a talented carpenter. A longtime member of Herrington Methodist Church, he served in many capacities including Youth Director and Trustee. Tommy was affectionately called "Pappaw" by just about everyone.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Pamela Gail (late Kevin) McTeague & DeAnna Faye (late Brent) Jinks; a sister, Alice Love (late Dr. Emerson) Co-

chran; 2 sisters-in-law, Faye Letcher & Shirley Letcher; 3 grandchildren: Christopher Gail (Julie) Gillispie, Dwight Thomas Gillispie & Isaac Boone (Cassidy) Jinks; 3 great-grandchildren: Kayla Gillispie, Kelsey Gillispie & Jilson Thomas "J.T." Gillispie; 3 great-great grandchildren: Lilliana & Chevelle Wells and Wrenley Markel, with another on the way; and a special "adopted" granddaughter, Jennifer Cook.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Stephen Thomas Gillispie; and a brother, Freddy Gayle (Linda) Gillespie, along with several brothers & sisters-in-law.

Services were 11:00 A.M. Saturday, May 30th at Herrington Methodist Church by Pastor April Jolly with burial following in Carlisle Cemetery.

Casketbearers were John Cook, Randy Cook, Charlie DeAtley, Dale Swartz, Mike Warner and Andy Whirles.

Honorary bearers were Ferrell Alexander, Leslie Cook, Allen DeAtley, Jim Fryman, Samuel Gillispie, Gary McCord, John Ritchie and Wayne Wag-

oner. Visitation was after 5:00 P.M. Friday at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Herrington Methodist Church.

Condolences and video tribute are available at www.mathersgaunce.com.

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planted in 1646, just 16 years after Boston's founding, along Orange Street, the main road out of the city, making it a prominent landmark for travelers and residents alike. By the mid-18th century, the tree had grown into a stately elm, nearly 120 years old by 1765, with lofty branches that became a natural gathering place for the community.

The tree gained historical prominence in 1765 during protests against the Stamp Act, a British law imposing taxes on legal documents, newspa-

pers, and other printed materials in the colonies. Members of a secret society known as the Loyal Nine, composed of Boston merchants and artisans, organized the first acts of defiance under the tree. On August 14, 1765, effigies of Andrew Oliver, the local stamp distributor, and symbolic figures representing British officials were hung from its branches, accompanied by a sign mocking the Stamp Act. This event marked the Liberty Tree as a rallying point for resistance, later hosting speeches, protests, and acts of public defiance, including tarring and feathering of loyalists.

The tree became closely associated with the

Sons of Liberty, who used it as a meeting place to plan further resistance against British policies. The area around the tree was known as Liberty Hall, and it served as a symbol of unity and defiance for Boston patriots.

In 1775, loyalists led by Nathaniel Coffin Jr. cut down the Liberty Tree during the Siege of Boston, viewing it as a symbol of rebellion. Despite its destruction, the tree's legacy endured. Patriots erected a Liberty Pole in its place, and the concept of liberty trees spread to other colonies, including New York, Annapolis, and Charleston. The Liberty Tree also inspired revolutionary symbols abroad, influencing the

planting of liberty trees in France, Italy, and the Netherlands during the late 18th century.

Beyond its physical presence, the Liberty Tree became a powerful emblem of resistance and freedom, immortalized in literature and political discourse. Its symbolism extended beyond Boston, representing the broader struggle for independence and the enduring spirit of rebellion against oppression.

The Liberty Tree remains a lasting icon of the American Revolution, illustrating how a single landmark can galvanize public action and inspire movements for liberty both in the United States and abroad."

McLean cont. from pg. 1

May 18, 2026, against Rondall Blain McLean (aka Buggy McLean).

Regarding count 1, the Grand Jury charges, that between the 23rd and 24th day of March 2026, in Nicholas County, Kentucky, Mr. McLean, when under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, wanton engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to Jamie Johnson and thereby caused the death of Jamie Johnson.

Regarding count 2, the Grand Jury charges, that between the 23rd and 24th day of March 2026, in Nicholas County, Kentucky, Mr. McLean, knowingly sold fentanyl to Jamie Johnson, and the injection, ingestion, inhalation, or other introduction of the fentanyl

cause the death of Jamie Johnson.

Regarding count 3, the Grand Jury charges, on or about the 23rd day of March 2026, in Nicholas County, Kentucky, Mr. McLean knowingly and unlawfully either sold or transferred Fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic drug, to another person, and the injection, ingestion, inhalation, or other introduction of the fentanyl caused the death of a person.

Regarding count 4, the Grand Jury charges, prior to the 23rd day of March 2026, had previously been convicted on other charges.

Mr. McLean was subsequently arrested and lodged in the Bourbon County Detention Center on a \$500,000.00 cash bond.

All persons are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in a court of law.

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greater benefit.

In addition to these salary enhancements, all full time employees will receive one additional sick day and one additional personal day annually. This brings the yearly total to 11 sick days and 3 personal days.

Heavy rain cont. from pg. 1

structural damage to the road at mile marker 3.8, which has been deemed unsafe, with no thru traffic at all. Barricades and signage have been placed on both ends. The road was opened back up on Tuesday, June 2nd.

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NOTICE TO NICHOLAS COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Martha Moss, Nicholas County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2024 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Carlisle Mercury on June 10, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri. at the County Clerk's office located at 125 E. Main Street, Carlisle, KY 40311. This list may also be inspected on the Software Management, LLC website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is kydtax.smlc.us/dtaxlist.htm. The tax sale will be held on July 15, 2026 beginning at 9:00 am. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on July 6, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. **Please Note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.** Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 859-289-3730.