

OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

MINNIE CORDELLA LEWIS ROBERTS



Minnie Cordella Lewis Roberts, age 81, of Bes-sie Way, Nicholasville, formerly of Morehead, passed away peacefully Friday, February 20, 2026, at St. Joseph Hospi-tal in Lexington.

Born January 17, 1945, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylva-

nia, she was a daughter of the late Dewey and Arizona Lewis. In addi-tion to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Lee Carpenter, and one brother, Ishmael Lewis.

She is survived by her son, Zane Roberts and wife Rosemary of Morehead; her son-in-law, Keith Carpenter of Nicholasville; her sister, Drusilla Garms of Cincin-nati, Ohio; two grandchil-dren, David Carpenter and William Carpenter, as well as other extended family.

Minnie was a home-maker and enjoyed paint-ing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, and playing video games. Most of all, she

loved spending time with her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed and remembered with love.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Feb-ruary 25, 2026, at New Alfrey Cemetery. Pall-bearers were Zane Rob-erts, Keith Carpenter, William Carpenter, Dav-vid Carpenter, Glendon Goodpaster, and Larry Bailey.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednes-day, February 25, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

Sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

EDDIE DEAN SORRELL, SR.



Eddie Dean Sorrell, Sr., age 66, of Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Sterling, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington surrounded by his loving family.

Born December 19, 1959, in Winchester, he was the son of the late Lela Faye Sorrell Hold-en.

Eddie is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Robin Borders Sorrell, whom he mar-ried on September 29, 1978; three special chil-dren, Eddie Sorrell, Jr. and wife Anissa of Lex-

ington, Nathan Sorrell and wife Jamie of Mt. Sterling, and Carrie Crockett and husband David of Louisville; and five cherished grand-children, Zachary, Cart-er, Laci, Levi, and Lucy.

Also surviving are one brother, Tim Ba-ber of Odessa, Texas; two sisters, Susan Schultz and husband Rick of Abilene, Texas, and Carmen Holden of Fort Worth, Texas; two aunts, Clarine Thomas of Winchester and Ann Spencer of Mt. Ster-ling; a host of nieces and nephews; as well as other extended family members and an abun-dance of special friends.

He was presently a quality control special-ist for Momentum Con-struction. Throughout his career, he was a master floor mechanic and former Vice Presi-dent of Momentum Con-struction. Eddie was a man of strong faith and served as an elder at Better Life Church. He had a contagious smile and never met a

stranger. Eddie enjoyed hunting and fishing, but above all, he loved his family.

His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

The family will begin accepting family and friends at 6 p.m. Thurs-day, February 26, 2026. They encourage all to join them in a celebra-tion of life beginning at 7 p.m. with Pastor Daniel Lucas officiating at Better Life Church, 111 BLC Road, Morehead, KY 40351.

In lieu of flowers, me-morial contributions are suggested to Better Life Church, 111 BLC Road, Morehead, KY 40351, or Christian Traditional School, P.O. Box 364, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.

Arrangements are under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fral-ey Drive, Morehead, KY 40351. View the me-morial tribute or sign the online guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

School District survey shows improvements in working conditions

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During last Tuesday evening's regular Febru-ary meeting of the Rowan County Board of Educa-tion, a recent survey of district staff indicated that daily working con-ditions showed improve-ments in several areas over the past two years.

Rhonda Banks, Fed-eral Programs Director, shared the results of the Impact Kentucky Work-place Survey for 2025-26. She explained that the survey is conducted every two years for staff mem-bers in each building in the district.

The survey includes 40 questions across 9 dif-ferent areas: educating all students, emotional well-being and belonging, feedback and coaching, managing student behav-ior, professional learning, resources, school climate, school leadership, and staff-leadership relation-ships.

She said the participa-tion rate in the survey increased this year to 87 percent. The survey showed improvements of over 5 percent in 7 of the 9 areas, and there was dou-ble-digit improvement in school leadership (12 per-cent) and school climate (10 percent). There was 9 percent improvements in the areas of feedback and coach and professional learning.

One area, resources, which measures percep-tion of the adequacy of the school's resources, dipped 3 percent from the previous survey. The area of educating all stu-dents showed a 1 percent increase.

Banks noted that all ar-eas showed a decline dur-ing the 2023-24 survey, but she was pleased with this year's gains.

Board members Megan

Boone noted that Rowan County's numbers re-mained below state aver-ages for each area of the survey, and she said she was aware that the low percentage for resources had to do with crowded classrooms and spaces and that the district needed to hire more spe-cialists. She also asked if this data could be com-pared with other school districts, and Banks said yes. Banks also said the district is already work-ing on areas of concern as indicated by the survey data.

Board member Brad Raines expressed his ap-preciation for improve-ments in leadership numbers. He said he at-tributed this to communi-cation, transparency, and accountability within the district.

Board members heard the monthly Treasurer's Report from Lauren Lit-tleton, instructional up-date from Brandy Carver, Family Resource/Youth Service Center update from Kellen Pogue, and Superintendent's Report from Michael Rowe.

Rowan County Property Transfers

February 4 - 13, 2026

Martin Burriss to Ja-cob McDaniel and Allyah McDaniel, tract on KY 32 on waters of Caney Creek, \$4800

Development Solutions, LLC to Stephen Joseph Crail, Jr. and Holli Jo Crail, Lot 21, Phase I, Westwood Subdivision, \$285,000

Rheanna Winters and James Winters II to Rheanna Winters and James Winters II, property address, 150 Clinton Drive, More-head, no monetary consid-eration

Patrick Ford Barker and Johanna Alvarado Barker to Patrick Ford Barker and Johanna Alvarado Barker, and Carol Jean Barker, tract on Tippett Avenue, no monetary consideration

Earl Lee Elliott, and Linda S. Pennix and Jackie Lyn Pennix to Clifford Matthew Lewis and Lyndsey L. Lew-

Students from Rodburn Elementary also gave a performance for board members, "Welcome to Oz," completed with songs as students trav-eled along the "Purple Brick Road" and learned the qualities of the Val-iant Viking. They each presented board mem-bers with purple bricks at the end of their perfor-mance. Board Chairman Jeff Patrick said the per-formance was "fantastic."

Upon recommendation from Supt. Rowe, board members voted to ap-prove extending the dis-trict's school dismissal time to 3:20 p.m., to add time to each school day that would allow the dis-trict to keep Spring Break in place, in anticipation of legislation to be passed by this year's General As-sembly regarding weath-er makeups days.

They also voted ap-proved a 2026-27 tenta-tive budget, using the same numbers as in the current budget, which is due to the Kentucky De-partment of Education by March 1.

is, and Clifford L. Lewis and Angela Lewis, tract on Rice Road, \$250,000

Joyce Kinster to Brian Kusiel and Karen Kusiel, tract on Ky 32, per terms of Agreed Order in Rowan Circuit Court

Thomas Chanda to Thom-as Chanda and Christina Mueller, tract on Burton Branch Road, no monetary consideration

Joseph D. Sexton and Gab-ria W. Sexton to Jayden Sexton and Marissa Marie Sammons, tract on waters of Cook Branch, Farmers, \$100,000

Gordon Daum to Stella Faye Kegley, tract on KY 32 on waters of Christy Creek, per terms of Mediated Set-tlement Agreement in Row-an Circuit Court

Thelma T. Oney to Grego-ry Jeffrey Bausch and Paula Kay Arnett, Lot 12 of The Village at Hickory Pointe, \$269,730

Email Obituaries to:
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Notice

The Gateway Community Action Agency bi-monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday March 12, 2026 at the Clark Energy Building, located at 28 Bible Camp Ln., Frenchburg, KY 40322, Menifee County. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

The bi-monthly Board Agenda may be viewed on the Gateway Community Action website, under the events tab. www.gatewaycaa.org

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FRONTIER HOUSING, INC.
PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

GERTRUDE GIBSON, ET AL
DEFENDANT

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on February 20, 2026, to raise the sum of \$24,787.45, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Rowan County Judicial Center, 700 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract commonly known is 275 Jackson Drive, Morehead, KY, 40351, bearing PVA ID 029-30 00 125.01, and further known as Lot 17 of the Pine Hills Subdivision.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he shall post bond with acceptable surety for the unpaid purchase price bearing interest at the judgment rate from the date of the sale. The surety may be an individual who owns real estate in Kentucky who must be present at the sale, or an alternative type of surety. Alternative types of acceptable surety may be obtained by an email request to budsalyer4@gmail.com. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Rowan County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Rowan Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed; (J) Announcements made at the time of sale take precedence over any statement contained herein; (K) Purchaser is responsible for the current year's taxes.

Anyone wishing to be added to a mailing list of future sales should send a request to budsalyer4@gmail.com.

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