OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

LISA ANN ADKINS HENSLEY



Lisa Ann Adkins Hensley, age 61, of US 60 West, Olive Hill, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 8, 1965, in Xenia, Ohio, Lisa was the daughter of Barbara Sue Cundiff Adkins of Olive Hill and the late Lester "Chicko" Adkins. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul David Hensley; one brother, Johnny Wayne Adkins; her paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Myrtle Cassity Adkins; and her maternal grandparents, Earl and Crystal "Chris" Furnish Cundiff.

In addition to her mother, Lisa is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Jessica Kiser of Morehead; her brother, Mark Adkins (Stefanie), and her sister, Terri Lynn Davis (Mark), all of Olive Hill.

She is also survived by a niece and two nephews, Krista Logan (Cody), Ryan Oney (Kimi), and Ethan Adkins (Jordan); one great-niece, Cambria; and two great-nephews, Roman and Oliver Oney, all of Olive Hill; and a special friend, Alicia Sparks, along with extended family, her church family, and many dear friends.

Lisa was a 1983 graduate of West Carter High School. She worked as a cook at West Carter High School with the Carter County Board of Education. She later earned her medical coding certification and retired from the Carter County Ambulance Service.

Lisa was a faithful member of Soldier Church of God. She was an avid reader who enjoyed attending church, crafting, and taking vacations to visit the ocean and Tennessee. Above all, she treasured the time she spent with her family, who meant everything to her.

Lisa will be lovingly remembered for the love she shared, and the memories she leaves behind. She will be forever missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Soldier Church of God with Brother Tippy Price, Brother Steve Madden, and Brother Byron Hargett officiating. Burial will follow in Bradley Cemetery in Soldier.

Pallbearers will be Matt Kiser, Mark Davis, Mark Adkins, Ethan Adkins, Cody Logan, and Ryan Oney.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead, KY 40351 and from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Soldier Church of God, 37-41 Old Soldier Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

GADD completes regional wildfire planning kickoff meetings

FIVE-COUNTY EFFORT ENGAGES LOCAL PARTNERS IN WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND PREPAREDNESS.



The Gateway Area Development District (GADD) has successfully concluded a series of county-level stakeholder kickoff meetings as part of its efforts to develop the region's first-ever Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Bath, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan counties.

The $200,000 grant, announced in October 2025 by Governor Andy Beshear, is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant program. The initiative will establish a coordinated, data-driven approach to wildfire prevention, mitigation, and preparedness across the five-county Gateway region.

The recent kickoff meetings brought together emergency responders, forestry professionals, local stakeholders, and community partners from each county to begin identifying wildfire-related concerns, assessing local risks, and discussing potential strategies and priority projects to reduce wildfire hazards.

Input gathered throughout these meetings will play an important role in shaping the regional plan, ensuring it reflects the unique characteristics, challenges, and priorities of each county while identifying opportunities for stronger regional coordination.

"The development of this plan is an important step toward making our communities safer and better prepared for the threat of wildfires," said GADD Executive Director Joshua Farrow. "Bringing local stakeholders, fire department personnel, and other emergency responders to the table allows us to better understand the challenges facing each

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way on KY-32 near the intersection of Wooley Road in Fleming County.

Through the investigation, troopers determined that Marvin and Viola Hitch were transporting furniture in an enclosed trailer with an 8-year-old male inside. The child reportedly leaned against the trailer door, causing it to open, and the 8-year-old fell onto the roadway.

The child was airlifted to Golisano Children's at UK HealthCare in Lexington and at the time of transportation was in critical condition.

As a result of the investigation Marvin and Viola Hitch, were arrested and charged with Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree (6 counts) and Criminal Abuse 2nd Degree.

KSP was assisted by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Flemingsburg Police Department and Fleming County Sheriff Department. The investigation remains ongoing and is being conducted by Trooper Ryan Davidson."

Legislative Update

Representative Richard White

Taking time to recognize the good we don't often hear about.

This month, temperatures begin to drop, the sun sets a little earlier, and another general election season comes to a close. We have all heard about the troubling things happening around the world, across our country, and even here in our own Commonwealth. Sometimes, it seems as though the bad news never stops. But November also brings something worth looking forward to: Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with our loved ones, reflect on our blessings, and appreciate the people who mean the most to us. Traditionally, families and friends gather around the table to share a meal and give thanks for another year. While these traditions are certainly worth celebrating, I believe Thanksgiving also allows us to recognize something we do not hear nearly enough about: the good happening all around us.

Every day, across Kentucky, there are people making a difference in the lives of others. Their names may never appear in a newspaper or on television, and their actions may never receive public recognition or fanfare, but their contributions are no less meaningful.

They are the volunteers who spend their evenings preparing meals for those in need. They are the churches collecting canned goods, winter coats, and Christmas gifts for families who may be struggling. They are the teachers who go above and beyond for their students, the first responders who sacrifice time with their own families, and the neighbors who check on someone simply because they care.

These are the stories we do not hear enough about.

What makes these acts of kindness so special is that most of the people behind them are not looking for recognition. They are not doing it for attention or expecting anything in return. They simply recognize a need in their community and choose to do something about it.

I believe this is one of the greatest things about Kentucky. No matter where you travel across our Commonwealth, from our smallest rural communities to our largest cities, you will find people willing to lend a helping hand. It is a spirit of generosity, compassion, and service that has been passed down through generations.

It reminds me of Romans 12:19–21, which teaches us not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good. In a world where disagreements and division often dominate the conversation, those words carry a particularly meaningful message.

We cannot always control the negativity around us, but we can control how we respond to it. We can choose kindness over bitterness, generosity over selfishness, and compassion over indifference. Sometimes, the simplest acts of goodness can make the greatest difference in someone's life.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, I hope we take a moment to recognize the people who quietly make our communities better. The volunteers, church congregations, nonprofit organizations, civic groups, and everyday Kentuckians who give their time, resources, and energy to help others deserve our appreciation.

I also hope we remember that gratitude is more than something we express around the Thanksgiving table. It is something we can demonstrate through our own actions. Whether that means donating to a local food pantry, volunteering at a community event, checking on a neighbor, or simply offering an encouraging word, each of us has an opportunity to contribute to the good around us.

As your state representative, I am continually reminded that the greatest strength of our Commonwealth is not found in the halls of government or the decisions made in Frankfort. It is found in our communities. It is the people we have the privilege of representing.

This Thanksgiving, while there may be plenty of reasons to worry about the world around us, I encourage you to remember the countless reasons we have to be thankful.

Because for every troubling headline, there are neighbors helping neighbors, communities coming together, and ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

That is the good we do not always hear about, and that is something worth being thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Richard.White@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Rowan County Property Transfers

November 9 –

MaryAnn Brown, Teresa Marie Dumas and Richard Brantley Dumas, and Penny Sahs and Robert Early Sahs to Marcus Warren Brown, tract on Dry Branch Road, per terms of last will and testament of Fred Brown

David Michael Willoughby, Executor of the Estate of Cynthia Desmond Willoughby, to David Clay Willoughby, tract on Moores Flat Road, per terms of last will and testament

Thomas A. Smith and Pier S. Smith, Trustees under the Smith Living Trust, to Palmer Ray Adkins and Sandra W. Adkins, Lot 9 at 135 Hemlock Trail of the Hemlock View Acres, $25,000

Billie Jo Lands and Samuel Lands to Billie Jo Lands and Samuel Lands, Lots 17, 18, and 19 of the Eugene F. White Subdivision to the City of Morehead, no monetary consideration

Gardner J. May to Katie D. May, property address, 475 Hill n Dale Road, Morehead, $1, quit claim

Kay Fannin to Kay Fannin and Dana Fannin, two tracts on Pennington Flat Road and one tract on Big Brushy Creek, no monetary consideration

Katie D. May to Gardner J. May, 9 lots in the CE Hogge Subdivision of Gates Station, $1, quit claim

Gardner J. May to Katie D. May, tract on US 60 and Triplett Creek, $1, quit claim

Lana Rahn to Samuel Seth Ramey, Lot 10of Edgewood Subdivision, Phase I, $175,000

Ellen Gray to Gregory Lewis and Kylea Lewis, tract on Lost Hill Road, $15,000

Cassandra H. Chandler to Harry Steven Justice, tract on East Fork fo Triplett Creek and waters of Hayes Branch, $200,000

Charles E. Lewis to Baylen Bailey, tract on Rock Fork Road, no monetary consideration

Connie Lee Lowe to Margaret Roff and Kevin Roff, two tracts on KY 32 and on waters of Christy Creek, $20,000

Haley Hutton Frazier to Cassandra Howard Chandler, tract on Oxley Branch, $200,000

2685 Hwy 801 LLC to City of Morehead, care of Morehead Utility Plant Board, 6 Silverado Drive, utility easement

Rachel D. Eastham and Wesley Todd Adkins to Robert Charles Pohli and Suzanne Lynn Pohli, Lot 32 A, Pretty Valley Subdivision, Clearfield, $179,500

Mid South Capital Partners LLP to Paul Morgan Enterprises LLC, property address, 40 Windsor Road, $12,000

John Anthony Justice and Tracey Shawn Justice to Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, property in Rowan County, right of way easement

Santana Burgess to Grayson Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, property in Rowan County, right of way easement

Preston Netherly and Lindsey Jane Netherly to Kenneth Blomer and Joni Blomer, Lot R-10 of Fox Run Subdivision, $10,000

Ballard C. Smith Properties, LLC to Bypass Holdings, LLC, tract on west end of Main Street, Morehead, Minnie Thomas Addition, $550,000

Joann E. Needham to Byron L. McBrayer, Trustee of the Iron Werkz Trust, tract on Oxley Branch, $100,000

NOTICE

The Rowan County Board of Education will host a Public Forum regarding the District Facility Plan on Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 PM. This Forum will be followed immediately by a meeting of the Local Planning Committee at 6:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Central Office at 551 Viking Drive, Morehead, KY 40351.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I

File No. 26-CI-90024

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION — PLAINTIFF

VS: NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BRANDON LINDON, ET AL — DEFENDANT

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on November 20, 2026, to raise the sum of $255,759.78, 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, December 2, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land commonly known as 10755 Brown Ridge, Morehead, KY, bearing PVA Parcel No. 151-00-00-068.00, containing 21.68 acres as described in a deed to Brandon Lindon, et ux, dated June 11, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 292, Page 154, of the Rowan County Records, but excluding the Barnett Family Cemetery, as described in said deed.

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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