

Area Obituaries



Hickman County shuts out Carlisle County in 1st Region All-A Classic semifinals

LA CENTER — Hickman County shut out district foe Carlisle County 11-0 in five innings during the semifinals of the 1st Region All "A" Classic softball tournament at Ballard Memorial on Monday, April 13.

With the win, Hickman County improved to 11-6. The Lady Falcons broke open a scoreless game in the bottom half of the second inning, erupting for seven runs. Hickman County scored 11 runs over its last four at bats to pull away to win convincingly.

Blair Byassee and Keeleigh Stewart combined to pitch a three-hit shutout for the Lady Falcons.

Byassee started in the circle for Hickman County, pitched three and two-thirds innings and earned the win. The Hickman County starting pitcher recorded four strikeouts.

Closing out the game, Stewart pitched the final two-thirds of an inning in relief for Hickman County and claimed the save. Stewart struck out one Carlisle County batter.

Hickman County scored 11 runs on nine hits. Stewart (two hits, two RBIs), Jenna Byassee (one hit), Audrey Tucker (two hits, one RBI), Kayley Howell (two hits, one RBI), Sophie Morris (one hit, two RBIs), Ann White (one hit) and Kaylee Britton (one RBI) each contributed at the plate in Hickman County's shutout win. Stewart doubled and tripled. Providing another extra-base hit, White doubled.

Hickman County advanced to meet tournament host Ballard Memorial in the 1st Region All "A" Classic softball title game. Coverage of the 1st Region All "A" Classic softball title game will appear in next week's edition.

Road Closure Update

Hickman County

KY 780 is closed at MP 3.818 at the Bayou de Chien Bridge. This is between U.S. 51 and Martin Road. Construction has been postponed as additional utility work is required.

Construction was delayed due to complications involving overhead utilities. We've been working with the local utility company to remedy that and ensure it is safe for all involved.

At this time, construction is expected to begin as early as summer 2026.

UPDATE: Work Postponed on KY 781 Between KY 1825 and KY 1529 in Hickman County

PADUCAH, Ky. (Apr. 13, 2026) – The cross drain replacement project on KY 781 between KY 1825 and KY 1529 in Hickman County, set to start on Tuesday, Apr. 14, has been postponed.

District 1 will provide notice once the work has been rescheduled.

When will the dumpsters be back at courtsquare?

They will be there this weekend! Spring Clean-Up is this week, City of Clinton.

Stephens Lake photo needed

Danny Whitlock is working on a story about Stephen's Lake, was a fishing and swimming venue in the 1950's. Can anyone help?

Retirement Celebration for Tina Boaz planned for April 26 at The Belmont

Everyone is welcome to a Retirement Celebration honoring Tina Boaz, Sunday, April 26 from 2-4 p.m. at The Belmont at 13750 KY 123, Columbus, KY 42032. Tina has retired from her work with the US Postal Service.

Blue Grass on the Bluff set for June 6

The FREE Blue Grass on the Bluff event is set for Saturday, June 6 at 11 a.m. at Columbus-Belmont State Park, 350 Park Road, Colubus, KY 42032.

Food trucks, live music, workshops, jam sessions and music by Southern Legacy, Dalton Harper Band, Wheelhouse Rousters, Wathershed Ramblers, Sugar Mules, and the 52nd Regimental String Band are among the day's planned events!

Memorial Graveside Services planned for Fred Boyd this Saturday at Salem Cemetery



Memorial graveside services for Fred Boyd will be held Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1 p.m. at the Salem Cemetery with Rev. Ricky Burton officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the service time. In the event of inclement weather, the location of service will be updated. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Fred may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, 1-800-805-5856; <https://www.stjude.org/>; or Salem Cemetery c/o Robert Tarver, 2887 St Rt 307 N, Clinton, Ky 42031.

James Frederick "Fred" Boyd was born July 28, 1946 in Columbus, Ky., and passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at his home surrounded by family in Covington, LA.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Donna Ward Boyd; his children, Jennifer Boyd Hebert and Alicia Boyd Reed; and grandchildren, Lola Reed, Lucy Reed, Scarlett Hebert, and Miller Hebert. He is also survived by his siblings, Judy Hedden and Rosslyn Scheideman, and a son in everything but blood, Thomas Owens, as well as many wonderful lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Ross Boyd and Thelma Louise Brown, and his son, Austin Ross Boyd.

Fred was a proud Vietnam veteran. Upon returning from service, he began his career on the Mississippi River as a mate on towboats in 1971 in Memphis. His love of the river and talent in the wheelhouse had him piloting unlimited tonnage from the Southwest Pass to Baton Rouge by 1981 where he embraced the New Orleans culture until his retirement in 2014.

He loved his family and animals fiercely, particularly his dogs Vegas, Elsa and Dudley. He was an avid golfer in his younger years and was sneaky good at poker, twice winning local tournaments.

He was the life of the party - always ready and the last one standing and has never met a stranger.

Deed Transfers

04/06/26- Holder, John Houston to Gantt, Cody Ray
04/07/2026- Hayden, Pamela Jean Trustee to United States of America
04/07/2026- Stroud, Irvin to Stroud, Irvin
04/07/2026- Stroud, Angie to Stroud, Irvin
04/07/2026- Stroud, Irvin to Lindsey, Julianne
04/09/2026- Harper, Reginald O to Harper, Reginald Living Trust

All About Community

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running for Hickman County Judge Executive questions. While you're there, be sure and stop by and purchase your Chicken Fest T-Shirt for only \$10.00. So much to do and so much fun to be had is all in store for the community next week. May plans to attend with family and friends.

The Hickman County Chamber of Commerce invites Hickman Countians to join them for the ribbon cutting to take place at The Ingram Distillery at 1:30 p.m. The Distillery, which is located at the former Iron Banks Lodge, will have their grand opening on April 24 from 1-3 p.m. After seeing the million-dollar panoramic view of the Mississippi River, there are options for the floating barrelhouse tours. You can find more information about the tours and about the Ingram Distillery itself on their website.

Another event coming up that is sponsored by the Chamber is the Legislative Breakfast to be held at the Beehive Restaurant on May 7. This is a great opportunity to bring your questions and concerns to local and

state legislators. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. Be sure to mark this event on your calendar.

The America 250 committee continues to meet and plan for the birthday celebration of our country. There are many activities and celebrations scheduled throughout the year and will be covered more thoroughly in upcoming editions of the Hickman County Times as well as in this column. It is great to see Columbus Belmont Park open up early this year. Along with the world's best quickie dog and ice cream custard, park director, Lee Jackson has announced they are adding pizza to the menu. We are grateful to have this wonderful park in our community. That's why Kentucky Great River Road Organization opted to hold their free concert Bluegrass on the Blue there on June 6 this year. More information on this will be available soon.

All in all, we have a very interesting, active, volunteer-based community which has so much to offer. After all, It's All About Community.

Peggy Copeland

Peggy Jean Bagwell Martin Copeland, age 91 of Fulton, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Green Acres in Mayfield. She was born on April 12, 1934 in Hickman County, Ky., to the late John and Rebecka Harp Bagwell. She was of the Baptist faith. Peggy lived a long life with determination and grit and never met a stranger. Her first job was a dishwasher at the age of 12, in her older brother's restaurant. Throughout the years, she held many different positions, her most satisfying was working for Kentucky Probation and Parole, from which she retired in 2008 at the age of 74.

She is survived by daughters Kelly Copeland and Deanna (Isam) Showli, both of Tennessee; grandsons, Adam and Noah Showli; sister, Judy Knox of Missouri and many nieces, nephews and friends that will cherish her memory for years to come.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ray L. Martin, Sr.; husband, Billy D. Copeland; son, Ray L. Martin, Jr.; an infant daughter, Dawn Rose Martin; brothers, Joseph (Jodi) Bagwell, John Bagwell, Edwin Bagwell and William (Sonny) Bagwell; sisters, Virginia (Sue) Osborne, Dorothy Mautone, Carolyn Greiffins, Patsy Ussery, Mary Foulk and Claudia Slayton.

Graveside services for Peggy were held Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Columbus Cemetery with Rev. Chad Frizzell officiating.

Donations: Lions Club of Fulton, PO Box 1065, Fulton, KY 42041, and Columbus Cemetery, P.O. Box 112, Columbus, KY 42032. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Martin



Mr. Donald Martin, age 88 passed away Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Clinton-Hickman County ICF Nursing Facility. Donald was a member of First Assembly of God Church and in his early years worked at Chevrolet in Michigan before moving back home to work at Brown Shoe for 30 years. Donald was known for spreading the love of Jesus by passing out hundreds

of Read and Grow Bibles to children. He loved to sing gospel to whomever would listen when he visited at doctor's offices or visited friends in the nursing homes. He also enjoyed eating breakfast with his breakfast club friends at Kountry Café in Clinton.

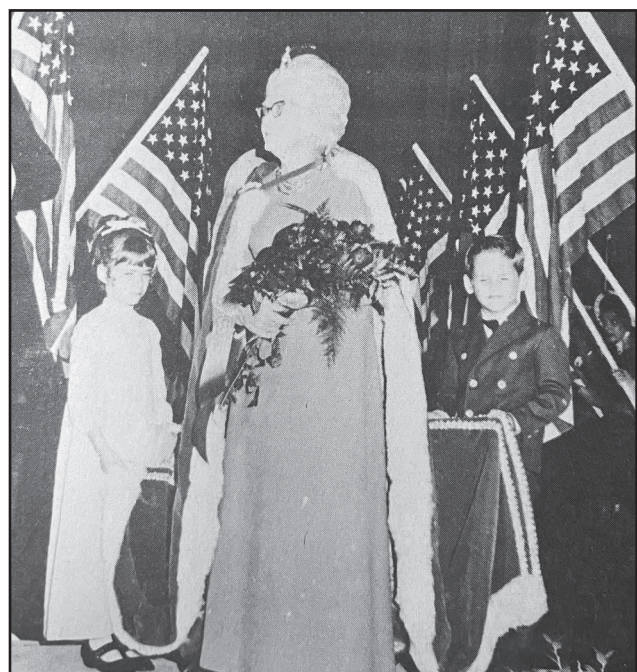
Donald is survived by his brother, Larry Wayne Martin of Buckhead City, Ariz.; Local Nephews, Greg (Melanie) Curlin of Fulton and Keith Curlin of Union City, Tenn.; 3 great nieces and several out of state nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Hugh G. and Mary Bertie Stone Martin; his beloved wife, Louise Martin; sister, Betty Joan Martin; and brother, Hugh E. Martin.

Graveside Services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Oakwood Cemetery with Bro. David Dixon officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Donations: Oakwood Cemetery, c/o Eddie Roberts, 2265 Hickman Road, Clinton, KY 42031.

Boaz sentencing set for April 21

According to www.kywd.uscourts.gov, United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky, the sentencing case of Michael Shawn Boaz, former Clinton pharmacist, will take place Tuesday, April 21, 2026 in the federal courtroom, Paducah, Ky. Type of proceeding: Sentencing.

Boaz was arrested in 2024 for multiple counts of healthcare fraud of more than \$1 million. Christopher Augustus, who was an owner of Bardwell Pharmacy with Boaz, was also charged. On Oct. 3, 2025, Boaz plead guilty to aggravated identity theft and multiple counts of healthcare fraud and conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud.



Mrs. Dessie Wyatt was named Queen of the Sesquicentennial in 1971. She is helped by Mitzi Lewis and Shawn Jerrell. (Gazette photo)