Circuit Court

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Timothy Langford during Hickman County Circuit Court on 10/15/2026. This is not an official docket.

Larry Johnson. Sentencing. Poss. Cont. Substance 1st Degree, 1st Off. (Methamphetamine). Dismissed. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off. Hydrocodone. Dismissed. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Posses. 12 months, conditionally discharged. Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Orig. Container. 90 days, conditionally discharged. 200 hours community service work.

Joseph West. Assault, 2nd Degree- Sentencing. Domestic Violence. Five years. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. 12 months.

Tracey Dawn McClain. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock Probation. Denied.

Shawn W. McKinney. Motion Hour. Reviewed Motion for Sock Probation. Taken under advisement. Continued to 11/5/26.

Joshua Roberts. Motion Hour. Motion to Suspend Further Execution of Sentence. Denied.

Deonntea C. Robinson. Motion Hour. Motion for Shock. Taken under advisement. Continued to 11/19/26.

Jeremy Wilson. Motion Hour. Continue to 11/5/26.

Elizabeth Callahan. Pretrial Conference. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off. (Methamphetamine). Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Sentencing 11/19/26.

Alexander M. Hayward. Pretrial Conference. Enter plea. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 1st Off (Methamphetamine). Pleaded guilty. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Pleaded guilty. Careless Driving. Pleaded guilty. Permit Unlicensed Operator to Operate Motor Vehicle. Pleaded guilty. Sentencing 11/19/2026.

Miles Rainey. Pretrial Conference. Burglary, 2nd Degree. Assault, 1st Degree. Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree (two counts). Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree. Criminal Mischief, 1st Degree. Assault, 4th Degree Violence (No Visible Injury). Terroristic threatening 3rd Degree. (two counts). Persistent Felony Offender- 2nd Degree. To enter plea in Ballard County 10/16.

John B. Rowe. Pretrial Conference. Poss. Cont. Sub., 1st Degree, 3rd or > Off. (Methamphetamine). Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/Possess. Poss. of Marijuana. Pass to 11/5/2026.

Amy Dillard. Review.

Shelia Elizabeth Montgomery. Review Restitution Status.

Demarcus O. Robinson. Show Cause Hearing. Continue to 11/19/2026.

Ashley M. Yates. Diversion Completion.

Area Obituaries

Jeanette M. Hampton



Gaffney, SC - - Jeanette Maxey Hampton, 94, of 101 Park Court, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Viva Senior Living in Gaffney.

Born in Arlington, KY, she was the widow of the late Reverend Melvin Grady Hampton and daughter of the late T. C. Maxey and Ruth Lenore Garber Maxey. She was a graduate of the Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, TN, and retired after 62 years of service as a registered nurse. She worked for the Cherokee Health Department for 28 years and for Dr. Robert Furr for 5 years. She also served as a supportive and faithful Pastor's wife. Jeanette was a former member of Draytonville Baptist Church and currently a member of Lucas Avenue Baptist Church in Laurens.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Eric G. Hampton (Damaris), Sara Feller (Jeremi), Jennifer Sawle (Jake), Jordan Hampton (Echo), Ryan Hampton (Jayme), Michelle Petruzlak, Matthew Hampton (Crystal), Logan Hampton, Rushel Ivy, Kaelee Taylor (Michael), Serena Ivy, Levi Odom and Cheyenne Emery (Ethan); numerous great-grandchildren; her son-in-law, Keith Ivy of Enville, TN and her daughter-in-law, Robin Hampton of Jackson, MI. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sons, Mel Hampton, Paul Hampton and Max Hampton, her daughter, Mona L. Ivy, her brother, Charles E. Maxey and two sisters, Jean Conway and Lynne Spraggs (Fred).

The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026 at Draytonville Baptist Church. Funeral services will immediately follow at 1:00 PM at the Church with Dr. Keith Harrill and Reverend Michael Post officiating. Interment will be private for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis "Student Nursing Program" 6019 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN 38120.

The family will be at the home of Rushel Ivy, 800 W. Buford Street, Unit J, Gaffney, SC 29341.

An online guest register is available is available at www.blakelyfuneralhome.com

Blakely Funeral Home & Crematory, Gaffney, SC

Mary Miner Crumble



Mary Miner Crumble was born on March 27 1945 in Luxora, Arkansas to Robert & Augusta Miner.

She departed life on October 13, 2026 at Clinton Place Nursing Facility in Clinton, Ky. She spent most of her life caring for her children and grandchildren.

She was proceeded in death by her husband James Lee Crumble; son, Clarence Miner; parents, Robert & Augusta Miner; five brothers, Robert Miner Jr., Samuel Miner, Jewel Miner, George Hannett, Charles Lesley; two sisters, Catherine Cole, Ereather Miner and a special nephew, Corey Fitts.

She leaves to cherish her memory her three children, Sadie Miner Carr and Barbara aka Kandie (Fred) Tobias of McComb Ms., and a son, Michael Miner of Memphis Tenn.; and one brother, Harry Miner of Clinton Ky.; a special caregiver, Ruth Mounday of Clinton, Ky.; five grandchildren, Alonzo/Brittany Miner of Brookhaven, Miss., Kori Montgomery of Summit Miss, Tomia Mitchell and Alecia Mitchell of South Fulton Tenn., Tyra Miner of Clinton Ky.; several great grandchildren, special nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral Services will be held 12 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Tony Johnson officiating. Burial will be held in the Clinton Cemetery. Visitation will be held after 11 a.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

3 Day Early Voting

2026 General Election Voting Options in Hickman County:
Oct. 29: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Oct. 30- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Oct. 31- 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Hickman County Extension Office.

Election Day is Nov. 3 from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Polling Locations are:
Columbus-Belmont State Park Conference Center
Hickman County Extension Office
Fulgham Fire Station

Voters may vote at ANY location.

In Person Absentee Voting Oct. 21-28
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Clerk's Office.
Eligibility Requirements for Excused Voting are:
- Student who resides temporarily outside of his/her county
- Voter or voters spouse who has surgery/hospitalization scheduled during early voting & Election Day.
- Member of the armed forces or dependent
- KY voter who is a uniformed service vote confined to a military base
- In last trimaster of pregnancy
- Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in Kentucky.
- Age, disability, or illness
- Voter who is employed and scheduled to work/commute during all no excuse voting.

Voter ID is requird.

Hickman County Sheriff's Tax Settlement Audit released

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Allison Ball released the audit of the sheriff's settlement – 2024 taxes for Hickman County Sheriff Ben Natividad. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the sheriff's settlement presents fairly the taxes charged, credited, and paid in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The sheriff's settlement is prepared on the regulatory basis, which is described in the auditor's opinion letter. Regulatory basis reporting for the sheriff's settlement is an acceptable reporting methodology, and this reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff settlements in Kentucky.

The sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting. The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered material weaknesses.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement, and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the auditor's website.

FINAL EDITION BEFORE ELECTION IS NEXT WEEK, OCT. 28

If you would like a campaign advertisement in next week's edition, the final paper before the Nov. 3 Election, then you need to have ad material information to the Times Office by this Thursday or early Friday. Candidate ads must be paid in advance of publication.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Officials Share an Important Data Security Notice

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 19, 2026) – The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is sharing information regarding a recent security breach involving Gainwell Technologies, a vendor contracted with the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services' Ky Health-Net information system.

On Aug. 18, 2026, a health care provider notified Gainwell that an unauthorized third party had gained access to some provider payment accounts on the KY Health-Net Provider Portal and downloaded files containing Kentucky Medicaid member information. A subsequent investigation revealed this unauthorized access occurred on three dates: March 26, April 16, and April 21.

Immediate action took place upon discovery and steps were taken to secure the information portal. Law enforcement was notified and a thorough investigation was completed. It is believed the unauthorized caller was seeking access to provider payment information rather than patient information: However, an estimated 3,816 individuals are believed to be impacted by this incident.

While the impacted information varied by individual, this incident involved the disclosure of full names; identification numbers associated with the providers account or Medicaid claims; dates of medical services; information about services received and how they were billed; payment information, including amounts paid; and information about applicable non-Medicaid health insurance, including policy and group numbers.

The unauthorized third party did not gain access to electronic health records, Social Security Numbers, or financial account information. While CHFS has not yet received reports of any misuse of personal information or harm to KY Health-Net members as a result of this incident, potentially impacted individuals are encouraged to remain vigilant.

CHFS began notifying all potentially impacted individuals on Oct. 16, 2026. The notice letter includes more information about the incident and provides an offer of free identity protection and credit monitoring services for one year by calling 1-888-202-1242 or visiting https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect. Additional assistance is available from CHFS at (833) 372-0004 or by mail at 275 E Main St, Frankfort, KY 40601. Medicaid members can obtain information about their accounts by calling (866) 231-0003 Option #2 or online at https://kyid.ky.gov/helpcenter/.

CHFS is working with Gainwell Technologies to ensure all necessary actions are taken to mitigate the impact of the incident and to prevent future incidents from occurring. At the direction of CHFS, Gainwell Technologies has implemented specialized training for call center staff on validating individuals requesting new or revised provider portal access. Additionally, Gainwell is implementing security enhancements while coordinating with the Department for Medicaid Services, Division of Program Integrity on suspected bad-actor investigations.

Deed Transfers

10/14/2026- Larkins, Elizabeth K. to Swindler, Jennifer
10/14/2026- Dowd, Dustin Leon to Duncan, Danny Jr.

Admission prices to athletic events raised to offset rising costs

Hickman County Athletics would like to inform our fans of an upcoming change to admission prices for our athletic events.

Due to an increase in officials' pay, we will be adjusting our admission prices to help offset these rising costs.

Updated Admission Prices:
- Adults: $7 (previously $5)
- Hickman County Students: FREE
- Non-Hickman County Students: $5

We remain committed to providing our student-athletes with quality athletic experiences while keeping our events affordable for families and our community.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support of Hickman County Athletics. Thank you for showing up, cheering loud, and supporting our Falcons!