

Tragedy Strikes From Front

Sheriff Willie Skeens said the cause remains under investigation, with reconstruction teams from both Garrard and Jessamine counties conducting detailed measurements, photographic documentation, and video analysis. “It’s still very preliminary,” Skeens said. “We’re working through a lot of information, and the investigation is ongoing.”

Emergency response to the scene was extensive, with multiple local agencies assisting, including the

Garrard County Emergency Management Agency, Garrard County EMS, Lancaster Fire Department, and District 1 Fire Department. Despite prolonged rescue efforts, Moore was pronounced deceased at 1:58 p.m. by Garrard County Coroner Shane Young.

“They worked on him quite a while,” Young said. “It was a terrible thing, but it could have been so much worse if it had been a day later when the bus would have been full of students.”

The loss has sent shockwaves throughout Garrard County. Superintendent Dr.

Kevin Stull said Moore’s decades of service left a lasting imprint on students, families, and colleagues alike. “Steve Moore was more than just a bus driver — he was a trusted member of our school family whose dedication and kindness impacted generations of students,” Stull said. “Our district grieves alongside Steve’s family, friends, his students and coworkers. His commitment, reliability, and care for the students of Garrard County will be profoundly missed. We are immensely grateful for his service and join together as a school family in offering our

thoughts and prayers to those who knew and loved him.” Sheriff Skeens described him as a man of deep integrity and humility. “Well-known is not even the right word,” Skeens said. “The outpouring from former students, the community, everyone — it’s been overwhelming. Steve probably didn’t even realize how many lives he impacted. He was a good, God-fearing family man who loved his job and his community. He’s the kind of person we should all strive to be.”

Skeens also noted the deep

respect Moore commanded among those he served. “Nobody has a bad word to say about him. He’s helped people in ways we’ll probably never know — whether it was a kind word, a quiet gesture, or simply being there for someone. That’s who he was.” As the investigation into the cause of the crash continues, Garrard County Schools and the community are shifting focus toward honoring Moore’s life and service. For many, his passing is more than a workplace loss — it is the loss of a neighbor, friend, and community figure whose

quiet contributions spanned decades. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2025 at Ramsey-Young Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home

R-Cut Intersection From Front

from residents and business owners.

Magistrate Glendan Barker recounted his personal observation of a tractor-trailer successfully navigating the R-Cut while construction still restricted traffic to a single lane. Barker said he stopped to assist by flashing his lights to halt other vehicles so the truck could make its turn without incident. “He didn’t have a bit of problems,” Barker noted, adding that he wished he had recorded the maneuver to coun-

ter claims that large trucks struggle with the design.

Judge Executive Chris Elleman acknowledged that while overall reports about the R-Cut have been positive, issues remain for drivers exiting Rogers Road. Some motorists, he said, are attempting to bypass the R-Cut by maneuvering around the concrete barriers to make prohibited left turns. Elleman said he has asked the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) to review the intersection’s signage but noted that officials are concerned about obstructing visibility for southbound drivers.

Barker also referenced input from the new owner of the Rocky Top business near the intersection, who had raised concerns about tractor-trailer accessibility. Barker said he encouraged the owner to gather feedback from truck drivers but had yet to receive further information.

Traffic speed was another point of discussion. The current limit through the construction zone is 45 mph, but KYTC officials have indicated it will return to 55 mph after the initial adjustment period. Barker inquired whether the reduced limit could remain in

place longer, but Elleman explained that the drop is temporary, allowed only during the transition phase. Elleman also proposed rumble strips to alert drivers approaching the busy intersection, though KYTC has not committed to that measure.

Elleman cautioned that the “real test” of the R-Cut’s effectiveness would begin as drivers fully adapt to the new traffic pattern as school starts this week, urging motorists to exercise patience and reduce speed in the area.

Food Bank From Front

of \$850,000. If awarded, the grant would fund the construction of a new food bank facility. The resolution also authorizes Judge Executive Elleman to sign any necessary application paperwork.

Murphy outlined a second resolution related to the grant’s required 10% local match, which would total \$85,000. He noted that a state program known as the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT), created under House Bill 723, can be used to significantly offset this amount. Through

the program, \$82,524 would be provided toward the match, reducing the food bank’s contribution to approximately \$2,500.

The court unanimously approved both resolutions following motions by Magistrate Davis and seconding by Magistrate Barker. The vote recorded all members present in favor. Elleman confirmed he would complete the necessary signatures and forward the documents to the appropriate offices.


Murphy also noted that a public hearing required for the CDBG application was held at the Garrard County Courthouse on Thursday, August 7.

With these approvals, the

Garrard County Community Food Bank moves closer to securing the funding needed for its planned new facility without spending any local tax

dollars.

The project is aimed at improving food assistance infrastructure for residents in need.




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Sept. 5	GCHS Football Game	H	
Sept. 6	Madison Southern Contest		Berea, KY

GIRL'S GOLF			
Aug. 19	Mercer Bright Leaf	A	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	Lincoln at Dix River, Casey	A	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	Peninsula with Lincoln, Mercer, Boyle, Burgin	H	4:30 p.m.

BOY'S GOLF			
Aug. 18	DCA, Danville vs. Garrard @ Danville		5:00 p.m.
Aug. 19	SWHS Match vs. Garrard @ Old Bridge		5:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	Woodford vs. Garrard @ Woodford Manor		5:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	Casey vs. Garrard @ Hickory Hill Country Club		5:00 p.m.

GIRL'S SOCCER			
Aug. 14	Wayne Co. @ Wayne Co. Soccer Field	A	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 16	Pulaski County	A	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 18	Madison Southern	H	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	South Laurel	H	6:00 p.m.

BOY'S SOCCER			
Aug. 14	Mercer County	H	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	Trinity Christian	H	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	Campbellsville @ Campbellsville Elem.	A	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 23	Paris	A	6:30 p.m.

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL			
Aug. 19	Trinity Christian	A	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	Danville Christian	A	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Danville	H	7:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL			
Aug. 22	@ Lincoln County, North Bullitt	A	6:00 p.m.
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IN RE: ESTATE OF BERTHA SUE VIEU DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00097 dated August 8, 2025, Donald James Vieu, was appointed Executor of the estate of Bertha Sue Vieu. All claims against the estate of Bertha Sue Vieu, deceased, must be presented to Donald James Vieu, 412 Lambrusco Way, Vine Grove, KY 40175, Executor of the Estate of Bertha Sue Vieu or to the Attorney David Thomas, 400 S. Main Street 102, Nicholasville, KY 40356 within 6 months after August 8, 2025.

/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
Garrard District Court
Garrard Justice Center
54 Stanford Street
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PROBATE NO. 25-P-00098 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANGEL DIAZ JR. DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00098 dated July 23, 2025, Julia Diaz, was appointed Administrator of the estate of Angel Diaz Jr., deceased, must be

presented to Julia Diaz, 248 S. Flatwoods Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419, Administrator of the Estate of Angel Diaz Jr. or to the Attorney Johnny Bolton, P.O. Box 611, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after July 23, 2025.

/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
Garrard District Court
Garrard Justice Center
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GARRARD DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE NO. 25-P-00099 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF AMOS CURTIS BELL DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00099 dated July 31, 2025, Jarrod C. Bell, was appointed Executor of the estate of Amos Curtis Bell. All claims against the estate of Amos Curtis Bell, deceased, must be presented to Jarrod

C. Bell, 1226 Chinook Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601, Executor of the Estate of Amos Curtis Bell or to the Attorney Johnny Bolton, P.O. Box 611, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after July 24, 2025.

/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
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PROBATE NO. 25-P-00115 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARLENE G. LONG DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00115 dated August 11, 2025, Emit Long III and Del-Leda Johnson, was appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Marlene G. Long. All claims against the estate of Marlene G. Long, deceased,

must be presented to Emit Long III and Del-Leda Johnson, 651 Brookgreen Lane, Lexington, KY 40509, or 125 Deer Run, Lancaster, KY 40444 Co-Executors of the Estate of Marlene G.

Long within 6 months after August 11, 2025. /s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk
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TAX RATE APPROVAL GARRARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Garrard County Board of Education will meet at the Garrard Education Center on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. One action item will be to approve a General Fund tax levy of 62.5 cents on real property and 64.0 cents on personal property. The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2025 was 62.6 cents on real property and 64 cents on personal property. Per KDE guidance, a tax hearing and public advertisement of the tax hearing is no longer required unless the Board of Education is adopting a tax rate above 4%. While not required, the Garrard County Board of Education is advertising the change in tax rate for full transparency with the community. (8-7-2tc)

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