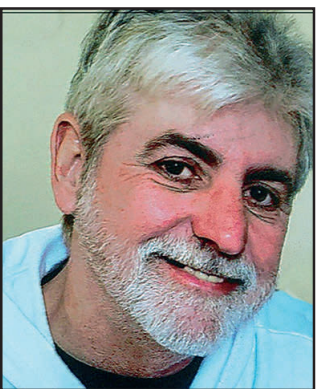


OBITUARIES



MARION COMBS
Marion Keith Combs, 65, of Versailles died Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

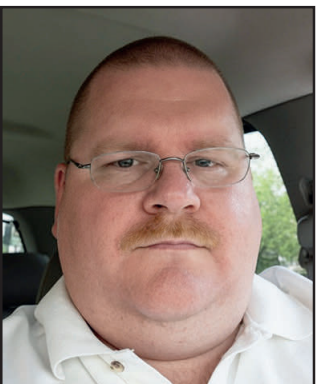
Born June 21, 1961, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Fred and Leola (Day) Combs.

He was a veteran of the Army National Guard, retired from Keenland Race Track as a crossing supervisor and was a member of the Ebenezer Church of Christ.

Survivors include: fiancé, Kimberly Hansford of Versailles; two sons, Levi Combs of Harrodsburg and Leighton (Morgan) Combs of Harrodsburg; one sister, Freida Howard of Harrodsburg and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 11, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel, with John Kesel officiating. Burial was in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



PAUL HUFFMAN
Paul Huffman, 60, of Harrodsburg, died Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at Baptist Health in Lexington.

Born Oct. 6, 1965, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late James H. and the late Ola Mae (Rhinehart) Huffman.

He was a retired Kentucky Revenue Department employee and was a member of the Harrodsburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include: nephews Chris (Daphine) Mayes of Richmond, Jarrod (Angela Kidd) Mayes of Richmond, Keith Huffman of Harrodsburg; niece, Kim Huffman of Harrodsburg and brother-in-law, Orban Mayes of Harrodsburg.

Mayor

sitting around to replace the raw waterline,” Maynard said Monday.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Gave second reading to an ordinance that increases the re-connection fee for nonpayment to \$59.

- Gave second reading to an ordinance providing for the creation and sale of a franchise for the privilege of constructing, transporting, operating, maintaining and distributing natural gas along and under public right of way within the City of Harrodsburg for a term of 20 years in consideration for which, the successful franchisee shall pay to the city an annual sum equal to three percent of its revenues; and further establishing a bid procedure for the award of said franchise to the successful bidder.

Before voting, Commissioner Jack Coleman asked whether the commission could vote on a measure that would remain in effect under future city commissions.

“Yes, please do,” City Attorney Norrie Currens said. “There probably won’t be many of us left when this is over.”

- Approved an agreement between the city and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways for \$224,000 in Local Assistance Road Program funds.

- Approve the McGregor Cafeteria Plan for city employees.
- Approved paying

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Huffman, and one sister, Gayle Mayes.

A private burial was held in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Ransdell Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



EDDIE MATTHEWS
Eddie Lee Matthews Sr., 64, died Monday, July 6, 2026, at his residence.

Born March 25, 1962, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Fred Votaw and Mary Edith Matthews (Ben) Medley.

He was a retired florist and of the Christian faith.

Survivors include: two sons, Eddie Lee (Jessica Cody) Matthews II of Berea and Josh (Casey) Matthews of Harrodsburg; one sister, Sheila Matthews of Harrodsburg; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

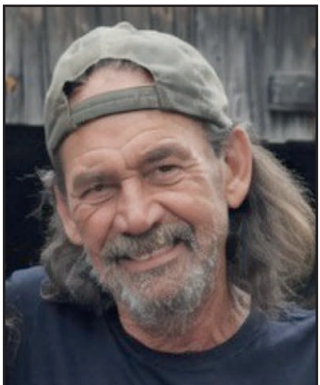
He was preceded in death by life long friend, Arnold Meeks and one brother, Talt “Junior” Matthews.

Graveside funeral services will be held 1 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2026, at Spring Hill Cemetery Pavilion with John Kesel officiating.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Lee Matthews, II, Josh Matthews, Chad Messersmith, Gavin Matthews and Austin Lewis.

Visitation 12-1 p.m., Friday at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at alexanderandroyalty.com



CURTIS MCANINCH
Curtis Elvin McAninch, 62, of Berea died Saturday,

July 4, 2026, at his home.

Born June 17, 1964, in Harrodsburg, he was the son of the late Carroll “Snake” McAninch and the late Brenda Joyce (Miller) McAninch.

He was employed as a maintenance technician for manufacturing companies in the area.

Survivors include: two daughters, Bessie Joyce McAninch and Casandra “Cassie” Fryman both of Cynthiana and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Christopher Nathan McAninch.

The family has chosen cremation without formal services at this time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.



MICHAEL MCANINCH
Michael Carroll McAninch, 59, of Berea, husband of Christine Merriman McAninch, died Monday, July 6, 2026, at home.

Born Feb. 23, 1967, he was the son of the late Carroll “Snake” McAninch and Brenda Joyce (Miller) Coleman.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: two daughters, Katrice Miles and Breanna McAninch of Virginia; one son, Michael McAninch of Tennessee and six grandchildren.

There are no formal services scheduled at this time.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

LORETTA PEAVLER
Loretta S. Peavler, 97, widow of Allan Peavler, died Sunday, July 12, 2026, at Danville Centre for Health & Rehabilitation.

Born Nov. 3, 1928, in Mercer County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Floy Sims Sallee.

She was a homemaker and a member of Cornishville Christian Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Alana Spaulding of Harrodsburg; one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death her step mother, Louise Sallee, one son-in-law, Harrison Spaulding and two brothers, Andrew B. Sallee and Leroy Sallee.

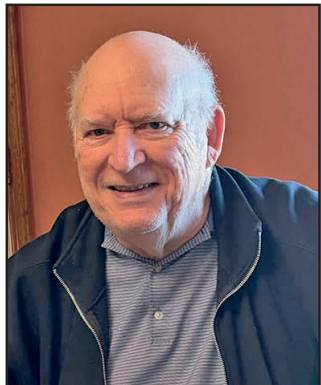
Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Alexander & Royalty Funeral Home with Leonard Price officiating. Burial will be in Cornishville Christian Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Will Carlton, Kate Carlton, Izzie Carlton, Harrison Carlton, Steve Darland, Steven Darland and Eric Darland.

Visitation 10 a.m. until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Cornishville Christian Church Cemetery Fund, c/o First Financial, 104 S. Chiles Street, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at alexanderandroyalty.com



CHARLES YOCUM
Charles J. “C.J.” Yocum, 76, husband of Janet Evers Yocum, of Rochester, Ind., died Friday, July 3, 2026.

Born Oct. 15, 1949, in Mercer County, he was the son of the late Charles and Bessie (Lunsford) Yocum.

He was a 1967 graduate of Mercer County High School, was a U.S. Air Force and USAF Reserves veteran with service ranging from Vietnam to Operation Enduring Freedom and was a teacher and coach.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include: one daughter, Andrea (Peter) Konshak; one son, Jason (Melissa) Yocum and two grandchildren

A Celebration of Life will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, July 25, at the Rans Funeral Home in Keewanna, Ind.

He was preceded in death by four siblings, in-laws, Leonard and Nancy Evers and brother-in-law, Rick Evers.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Outlet Youth Center, Rochester or Special Olympics through Manitou Training Center, Rochester, Ind.

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THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

The public will take notice that a **Public Hearing** has been scheduled at the request of the following:

26-11 – Ravenscroft Equine, LLC is applying for an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit granted to David Frazier to add an event venue, additional RV sites, an additional short-term rental, a stable lounge, and an owner’s apartment. The property is located at 4323 Louisville Rd in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned A-1 (Agriculture).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Friday, July 24th, 2026** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **8:15AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch
Chairman

NOTICE OF SALE OF GAS FRANCHISE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, will, on July 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, consider offers for sale to the highest and best bidder, plus all costs, including advertising cost, a franchise as defined in Ordinance 2026-14 adopted by the City of Harrodsburg on July 13, 2026 the full text of which Ordinance, including the agreement containing the terms of the franchise, is available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Harrodsburg, Kentucky between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ORDINANCE 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, FOR A TERM OF TWENTY (20) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO THREE PERCENT (3%) OF ITS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER.

Sealed Bids are to be delivered to City Hall, 208 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, to be publicly opened and read at 3:00 p.m. E.S.T. on July 23, 2026.

The City of Harrodsburg reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise and to accept what, in its opinion, is the best responsive and responsible bid.

World War II.

- Authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Kentucky League of Cities

Workers’ Compensation Trust. The annual renewal is neces-

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

MERCER COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY GWINN ISLAND SANITARY SEWER PROJECT PROPERTY CONNECTIONS

The Mercer County Sanitation District is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Gwinn Island Road Sanitary Sewer Project
Property Connections

Sealed Bids will be accepted for the plumbing connections and electrical connections to installed grinder pumps for no less than 20 properties located on Gwinn Island Road and Gwinn Island Circle in Boyle County, Kentucky until July 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Interested Bidders should contact the Mercer County Sanitation District directly for property details regarding the connections. Plumbing and electrical bids should be prepared separately. Separate Bids for the plumbing and electrical components will only be accepted.

Interested bidders will have the opportunity to conduct site visits to the affected properties alongside Mercer County Sanitation District staff on July 22, 2026 and July 23, 2026.

Bidders shall comply with all provisions of the Federal Davis Bacon Act for wage rates.

OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the time set for receiving bids.

Contract award shall be based on the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

This bid is subject to Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 45A.490 through 45A.494, which in general provides that a “resident bidder” of Kentucky is to be given a bidding preference over a “nonresident bidder” who is registered in a state that gives preference to its in-state resident bidders over a Kentucky resident bidder. The bidding preference is to be the same as that stipulated for the state of the “nonresident bidder.” If the state of the “nonresident bidder” provides no specific preference, the “resident” and “nonresident bidders” are to be treated the same when evaluating Bids.

All Bidders must comply with all Federal, State and Local Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

Bidder’s attention is called to the fact that any Contract awarded under this Advertisement to Bid is funded in part by funds from the EPA Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program and Cleaner Water Program. All iron and steel products used on the project shall be produced in the United States and comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements. All iron, steel, manufactured products and construction material shall also be produced in the United States and comply with the Build America, Buy America Act requirements. Bidders shall comply with President’s Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity as amended.

Bidders shall comply with 40 CFR 31.36 which includes but is not limited to the following: (1) the President’s Executive Order 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin, (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (3) the Anti-Kickback Act, and (4) the Contract Work Hours Standards Act.

All taxes are the responsibility of the successful Bidder.

Sealed Bids shall be submitted to the Mercer County Sanitation District located at 801 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin, Kentucky 40310 or P.O. Box 303, Burgin, Kentucky 40310. Questions shall be directed to Mike D. Sanford, Executive Director, at 801 Pleasant Hill Drive, Burgin, Kentucky or by calling (859) 748-9654.

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Mike D. Sanford, Executive Director

Dated at Mercer County, Kentucky
July 16, 2026