

OBITUARY

Ida Janice Watkins

CENTRAL CITY — Ida Janice Watkins, 86, of Central City died Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:46 p.m. at her residence. Ms. Watkins was born on April 11, 1939 in Dyess, Arkansas. She was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church and worked as a CNA for Sparks Nursing Home. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and working in her yard. She loved going to church and spending time with her family. She is survived by her daughter, Gloria Coats (Tim); son, Joey Watkins; six grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and nineteen great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Central City with Bro. Mike Graber officiating. Burial in Coleman Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday after 8 a.m., at the church. Tucker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com.

FUNERALS

Christian, Joseph, 87, died Monday. Service: 10 a.m. Thursday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: follows in Owensboro Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 9 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Dorris, Gary, 89, died Sunday. Service: 12 p.m. Friday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial: follows at Rosehill Cemetery. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Fogle, Sharon, 78, died Sunday. Mass will be held 12 p.m. Thursday at Blessed Mother Catholic Church. Burial: follows at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation: 11 a.m. until time of mass at the church.

Lanham, Brody, 19, died Saturday. Visitation: 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, March 13 at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Celebration of life will follow.

LeGrand, Linda, 79, died Tuesday. Service: 11 a.m. Thursday at Tucker Funeral Home in Central City. Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Risinger, Johnny, 68, died Tuesday. Service: 12 p.m. Thursday at Greater Lighthouse Church in Madisonville. Burial: Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation: 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the church.

Sanders, Jennifer, 56, died Wednesday. Service: 3 p.m. Saturday at Muster Funeral Homes, Calhoun Chapel. Burial: Pleasant Hill Cemetery in McLean County. Visitation: 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Satterwhite, Patricia, 91, died Friday, March 6. Mass will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Catholic Church. Visitation: 9 a.m. until time of Mass Friday at the church.

Stanley, Danny, 70, died Monday. Service: 11 a.m. Thursday at Gary's Funeral Home in Greenville, KY. Burial: follows in Oak Grove Cemetery. 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

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Agenda

Daviess Fiscal Court

Daviess County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Daviess County Courthouse. The agenda includes the following items:

- Hear audit report for Daviess County Fiscal Court for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025
- Consider approving minutes of Feb. 26, 2026, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Consider approving all claims for all departments
- Consider approving fund transfers
- Consider approving salaries of specific elected officials
- Consider approving grant application for Kentucky Pride Fund composting
- Consider approving grant application for Kentucky Pride Fund household hazardous waste management
- Consider approving grant application for Kentucky Pride Fund recycling
- Consider approving contract with Kenergy for utility service and line

extension costs for Stanley Park

- Consider approving Resolution 06-2026: KY Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) LEPP body armor grant application
- Consider awarding Bid No. 2526-56: Two (2) New SUV police pursuit vehicles (Sheriff)
- Consider awarding RFQ No. 2526-60: Shooting clay targets (Gun Club)
- Consider approving Release of Surety — Deer Valley Subdivision — Section 1, Unit 1 — public improvements surety
- Consider hiring Montrez Mason as solid waste laborer I effective March 16, 2026
- Consider hiring Koyln Cruz as firefighter effective March 16, 2026
- Consider accepting the resignation of Ashton Chapman effective March 20, 2026
- Consider other business to be brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court
- Public comments
- Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

SHOOTING

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Center. Daviess County Sheriff's Office reports say Farrow called 911 about the shooting, telling dispatchers Lanham was being brought to Owensboro Health in Farrow's vehicle. Carr and Farrow both left Daviess County at some point Saturday morning. Farrow was arrested in Oldham County later on Saturday, and Carr turned himself in on Sunday in Boone County. Both Carr and Farrow are incarcerated in the Daviess County Detention Center. Carr's bond is set at \$1 million. Romines, of the Louisville firm Romines, Weis & Young, said Carr's family could not pay that bond but could pay a reduced amount, such as by putting up a \$300,000 property bond. The \$1 million bond "is not reasonable to the family," Romines said. Carr's pretrial risk assessment ranked Carr as low risk for not coming to future court hearings, and low risk for committing a new offense or a new violent offense, Romines said. "He was best friends with the deceased," Romines told Miller. Romines noted that Carr has the support of his family and co-workers. Several members of Carr's family were in the courtroom. "He has a full-time job at a nursing home," Romines said. Later, Romines said, "Frankly, I've never seen a lot of community support like he has. It's bosses, it's co-workers..." Commonwealth's Attorney Mike Van Meter said, under "Marsy's Law," the state's crime victim bill of rights included in the Kentucky Constitution, Lanham's family and the juvenile victim's family would have to be notified and

given a chance to be heard on any motion to reduce Carr's bond and potentially release him from incarceration. "The Commonwealth alleges that Mr. Carr shot and killed Mr. Lanham and shot and (injured) the 17 year-old juvenile," Van Meter said. Miller set a preliminary hearing date for Thursday, March 18, for both Carr and Farrow to appear in person. Farrow's attorney, John Bennett of Foreman Watson Holtrey, said he would wait until that hearing to discuss bond. Farrow's bond is set at \$250,000 for the complicity to murder charge and \$250,000 for the hindering prosecution charge, for a total bond of \$500,000. After the hearing, Romines told reporters that in media accounts of the incident, "nobody mentioned the fact that these boys are absolute best friends." "James and Ayden Farrow drove Cody Lanham to the hospital," Romines said. Investigators said there were altercations at the party before the shooting. Romines said "there was a fight." When asked if Carr was involved, Romines said he hasn't spoken to Carr about the details of the incident. "I have very little information as to what happened on the field," Romines said. When asked why Carr left the county after the shooting, Romines said, "anyone who has been in any kind of shooting is going to be scared." Romines said: "What's important about James, there is not a speck on his record." In addition to discussing bond, next week's hearing will also include discussion about whether or not the case will be sent to the Daviess County grand jury for possible indictments, Van Meter said.

POLICE REPORTS

The following list was compiled from reports to area law enforcement agencies:

Owensboro Police Department

- Austin R. Billbrey, 22, of Utica was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence.
- Jack E. Martin, 56, of the 1000 block of West Seventh Street was charged Tuesday with possession of synthetic drugs (second offense).
- Copper wire worth \$7,000 was reported stolen Tuesday from a

construction site in the 3300 block of Hayden Road.

- A door and door frame sustained vandalism damage Monday during a burglary at a home in the 300 block of East Third Street.
- Copper wire worth \$2,000 and power tools worth \$700 were reported stolen Tuesday from the 2600 block of Calumet Trace.
- Cable line worth \$2,252 and a door frame, door latch and key compartment were

reported stolen Tuesday from a construction site in the 1200 block of Frederica Street.

Daviess County Sheriff's Office

- Richard K. Bell, 40, homeless, was charged Wednesday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- Andrew S. Haire, 43, of the 6200 block of Griffith Station Road was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence.

EAS

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United. The boarding pass will show United Airlines operated by SkyWest." Hoyt said customer service is a critical component of how pleased customers are with flights and carriers, and that the board spent the majority of its consideration time understanding the difference between codeshare and interline. "The codeshare, its customer service is a big deal, because when you fly you want to have a good experience; you don't want to have a horrible experience," Hoyt said. "United hopefully provides good customer service from start to finish. They certainly have the capability to do it. One of the early challenges (with Contour), in the early days in particular, was the customer service that was provided, because with interline you call Contour. "But customer service is a big component, and we have to take that into consideration. It's not bad customer service (with Contour); that's not what I'm saying. But it can be better without it having been bad." Customers will be able to earn points through United's loyalty program. "What was important to me, and I think was important to many of the board members, was the level of customer service that comes with codeshare versus interline," said Hoyt, who was also impressed with the connectivity both destinations will offer customers. "SkyWest offered Washington Dulles as the East coast connection, and it is United Airlines' East coast hub. When you go in and look at both the domestic and international connections out of Washington Dulles, you're going to find there are nearly as many as there are out of Chicago O'Hare, the sec-

ond busiest airport in the world. "There's some real good connectivity. You can go South very easily, and internationally as well." SkyWest's proposal includes 12 subsidized round-trip flights using CRJ200 regional jets, which can accommodate 50 passengers. A definitive flight schedule will be worked out once the U.S. Department of Transportation approves the change. "Most likely, it is typically a seven and five breakdown, which means seven flights to one location and five flights to the other location" Hoyt said. "It would be five days a week to both destinations and back and two days a week to the one destination only." Hoyt said he was pleased with how the board approached the decision, as it had an all-time high four proposals to consider, including one from Contour. "I reminded our board that every time we talk about air service, we are there to put our individual feelings aside and make decisions that are based on the best fit for the community," Hoyt said. "When we think about that, when it comes with EAS, what are those things that are best for the community? We want good customer service, going to destinations that are meaningful and on a schedule that seems reasonable. We don't want to go at midnight every day. "So this proposal gave us two destinations that were very good, and with a codeshare partner that's bringing United Airlines to Owensboro." Hoyt noted that the airport has come a long way in the quality of its EAS flights since Cape Air was operating nine- and 10-seat prop planes about three years ago. "The board at that time, and (airport director) Tristan (Durbin), made the decision that we wanted to put some energy

into bringing jet service to Owensboro, and so we did that," Hoyt said. "Contour was that jet provider, and they have served the community for two-and-a-half years. This time we said we don't want to go backward; we want to at least stay the same and perhaps go forward. "When we were given a bid that gave us a codeshare partner — that was United Airlines — the conclusion of the board was in fact that we were moving forward for the community." The U.S. Department of Transportation is expected to rule on the board's recommendation in late May. "They will take that under advisement, along with any letters of support that we are able to generate, and we're doing that now," he said. "When they make that decision, then it will be somewhere right at the first of July when service will begin. But if for some reason they do not support our recommendation, then we'll implement the decision they make. "I will tell you that the U.S. Department of Transportation has historically placed a good deal of weight on what we think." Hoyt said there wouldn't be a break in service for the transition to a new carrier. "There will be one day and the other one the next day," he said. "I want there to be as seamless as possible a transition." Hoyt credited the board and Durbin for putting in the work to make the best decision. "I'm super proud of what we've been able to do as an airport and a board," Hoyt said. "Tristan is excellent for us as a director, and I can't say enough about our board. We've got a very good board that I think understands their responsibility and understands that these decisions need to be made on the community preference and not personal preference. "I'm proud of them for doing that."



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