

# Deaths And Funerals

## Curtis McGuire

Curtis McGuire, 52, of Morganfield died on Tuesday, May 12 at his home.

He was born Febru-



ary 19, 1974 to Gordon and Janice Payne in Danville, Illinois. He loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janice McGuire Payne and his grandmother, Ann McGuire.

He is survived by his father, Gordon Payne of Danville; two sons, Curtis McGuire of Champaign, Illinois and DaQuarrius McGuire of Evansville, Indiana; three brothers, Billy McGuire of Henderson, Kentucky, Antonio McGuire of Morganfield, and Gordon McGuire of Champaign; two sisters, Tarantula McGuire of Morganfield and Lakechea McGuire of Louisville, Kentucky; nine grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Curtis McGuire Memorial Fund at Whitsell

Funeral Home.

## Dorothy Owen

Dorothy Vineyard Owen, 86, of Sturgis died on Friday, May 22 at her home.

She was born Sep-



tember 21, 1939 to the late Vera and Manuel Vineyard.

She enjoyed working on her family tree and loved her grandchildren.

She was a member of Caseyville Methodist Church.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 61 years, John Ernest Owen; three sons, Jerry, Jason, and Ernie Owen; a sister, Betty Owen; and two brothers, Clayton Vineyard and George Delbert "Dale" Vineyard.

She is survived by five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held today (Wednesday, May 27), at 10:00 A.M. at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. The Rev. Franklin Rienhart will officiate.

Visitation is 9:00 A.M. to service time today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Caseyville Cemetery.

## Sylvia Franklin

Sylvia Franklin, 88, of Uniontown died on Friday, May 22 at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

She was born No-



vember 11, 1937 in Union County to Richard and Maude Buckman.

A lifelong member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, she devoted countless hours to the parish. She was an active member of the St. Agnes Ladies Auxiliary and participated in the Red Hat Society. She also volunteered with the Union County Hospital Auxiliary.

Sylvia had a joyful spirit and a love for simple pleasures. One of her most remarkable contributions was her dedication to crafting rosaries. Sylvia handmade over 10,000 rosaries for the St. Ann Religious Articles Store.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Dennis Ray Dye; her first husband, Lee Roy Dye; her second husband, Dallas Lon Franklin; four sisters, Rose Floyd, Carolyn Girten, Ann Marie Vowels, and Brenda Alvey; two brothers, David Buckman and Bucky Buckman; and a grandson.

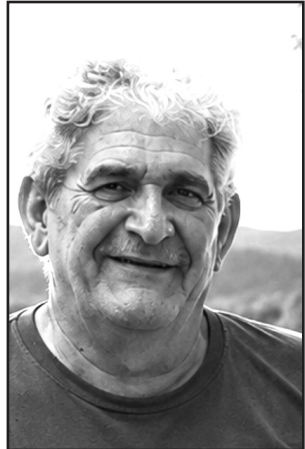
She is survived by a daughter, LaDonna French and husband, Darrell, of Morganfield; two sons, Sammy Dye and wife, Joy and Ronnie Dye, all of Morganfield; two step-daughters, Connie Renfrow of Hartford, Kentucky and Pam Buchanan of Morganfield; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 26 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown with Fr. Bruce McCarty officiating.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery.

## Tony Girten

Richard "Tony"



Girten, 68, of Waverly died on Wednesday, May 20 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky.

He was born February 2, 1958 to the late Richard Uell Girten and Charlotte Girten of Morganfield.

Tony was an avid deer and turkey hunter. He enjoyed fishing and being outdoors.

He worked in construction for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by two sisters, Cherie Gibson and husband, Ricky, of Morganfield and Barbara Mann of Uniontown and a brother, Mike Girten and wife, Cindy, of Sturgis.

Services will be held at a later date.

## John Harris, Jr.

John Harris, Jr. son of the late John Harris, Sr. and Willie Mae



Richard, died on Friday, May 15 at Deacon-

ess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

John graduated from Dunbar High School in Morganfield and was as member of Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church. He enjoyed gaming, horse racing, fishing, cooking, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends.

He was employed at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy for 45 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Elizabeth Harris.

He is survived by four daughters, Mary Elizabeth Willet of Morganfield, Willie Mae Garnett of Sturgis, Cora Garrett of Morganfield, and Stephanie Ann Harris Hicks of Morganfield; two sons-in-law, James Willett and Charles Garnett; a former son-in-law; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 22 at Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church in Morganfield with the Rev. Charles Cole officiating.

Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

# Schedule Released For Wellness Clinics For Residents In Green River District

Union County residents have the opportunity to have free healthcare from June 11-14. The Green River Area Innovative Readiness Training clinic will be set up at Union County Middle School from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. on June 11 and 12 and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14.

County residents will have medical care provided by military personnel. Care options include basic medical and wellness exams; sports physicals and nutritional health information. Eye exams and glasses fabrication will be available as well as dental exams, sealants, fillings and extractions.

This no cost program requires no identification, serves individuals ages three and up and there are no residency requirements. Services are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Transportation will be available to those who have no other way to get to the clinic. Organizers continue to ask for volunteers to help with transportation needs.

## Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

### Holy Spit!

In the 9th chapter of John's gospel, the beloved disciple tells a story about Jesus and a man who was blind from birth. The exchange is life-changing, and it contains the second of Jesus' "I am" statements in John's gospel:

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. (John

9:1-7)

The man's neighbors were shocked. They knew him as the blind beggar. And yet, he is standing in front of them, eyes wide open and seeing. They question his healing and take him to the Pharisees. The healed man tells them about Jesus and everything that happened. The Pharisees still don't believe the story, question Jesus' authority, and point out that it was the Sabbath. They ask for his parents to come and validate that he was born blind. They accuse Jesus of being a sinner and ultimately the healed man. They refuse to believe Jesus is from God. But when they question him again, the man's response demonstrates he believes in Jesus:

The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God

listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." (John 9:30-33)

In vv 35-37, Jesus finds the man and reveals himself. The man declares his belief in Jesus and worships Him (v.38): He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him." Worship is the natural response and evidence of belief. The man's response forces me to look deep within and ask: Is my worship still a response to my faith in Christ, or has it become a routine? Have I forgotten that I was spiritually blind until I met Jesus and decided to follow Him?

There is great irony here: a blind man, marked as a "sinner," sees, and the "all-knowing" religious leaders, despite their piety, are blind. Spiritual blindness is worse than physical blindness because it hardens the heart. Whenever I hear or sing Amazing Grace, I think about this man:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch; like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

May God help us to see Jesus, the "Light of the World," in all his glory, and may we worship in spirit and truth!

Agape, Monty

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ordinance No. 26-02, An Ordinance Reducing the Speed Limit to 35mph on Chapman Road, was adopted by the Union County Fiscal Court on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. A copy of the adopted ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

KIM NANCE  
Fiscal Court Clerk  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION DISTRICT COURT  
CASE NO.

IN RE: Frances Drury, who died intestate on the 28th day of November, 2023, a resident of Union County, Kentucky

ORDER REGARDING FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

It is now ordered that the Final Settlement tendered herein be filed in the Clerk's office; advertised in accordance with statutory regulations; and continued until June 25, 2026 at 8:15 A.M. for exceptions.

BE IT SO ORDERED, this the 21st day of May, 2026.  
BEN LEONARD, Judge  
Union District Court  
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