

OBITUARIES

Anna Cleland Allen

Anna Cleland Allen, formerly of Fairdale, KY, passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025, at her home in New Albany. She was 78.

She was born on April 20, 1947, Summerville, SC, to the late Euie Jerome and Eula Mae Whaley Cleland. Anna excelled at sales from 18-wheelers, real estate and finally, fine jewelry. Anna was a gifted artist who loved sharing her drawings, paintings and even children's books with family and friends. She had a magnetic, fun and witty personality, which drew people to her. Her favorite joy in life was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, William Arvil "W.A." Allen and her brother, Jerry Cleland.

Anna is survived by her daughters, Daphne Bonenberger (and David) of Waterloo, IL, Jennifer Justice (and John) of New Albany, IN and Angela McMillan (and Scott) of Gallatin, TN; her six grandchildren, Grant Hill (and Stephanie), Madeline Hill (and Rob), Gabriela Justice (and Jamie), Michael



Justice, Zachary Bonenberger and Lucas Justice; and one great-grandchild on the way.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2025, at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Ed Parton officiating. Burial will follow in Whited Cemetery.

The family will receive friends for visitation from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2025, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Grant Hill, Michael Justice, Zachary Bonenberger, Lucas Justice, David Bonenberger and Scott McMillan.

Arrangements for Mrs. Anna Cleland Allen have been entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at [www.mckinneybrown.com](http://www.mckinneybrown.com).

Darrel Hopper

Darrel Hopper, 80, of Liberty, formerly of Keyes, California, passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Casey County Hospital.

Born on March 16, 1946, in Tulare, California, he was a son of the late Gordon and Mamie Gilstrap Hopper.

He is survived by

wife, Darlene Chatterton Hopper; daughter, Stephanie Bledsaw; and two grandchildren.

No services will be held.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at [www.mckinneybrown.com](http://www.mckinneybrown.com).

SENIOR MENU

- July 16:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, lima beans, fruit, roll with margarine and milk

**July 17:** Pork chop, sweet potatoes, brussel sprouts, fruit, roll with margarine, and milk

**July 18:** Potluck

**July 21:** Pork with
- sauerkraut, macaroni and tomatoes, lima beans, fruit, roll with margarine, and milk

**July 22:** Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, roll with margarine and milk

**July 23:** Spaghetti and meatballs, steamed broccoli, bread stick, orange, and milk

CITY

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City Code Enforcement Officer Doug Johnson asked Wilson if a city council had ever accepted the road. Wilson said that the Liberty City Council never accepted the road. However, by statute if a city council doesn't act on a dedicated road within five years, it is automatically added to the city's inventory.

City Councilman Brian Beeler said that the city should close it, because the city never accepted the road, never maintained the road, and has no plans to ever maintain the road.

"I think we need to go ahead and let them do development, and let them have it, because we don't want to maintain it anyway," he said. "We've never maintained it and I don't know why we'd want to start to maintain it."

Davis added that the current plat includes a 15-foot right-of-way along the road, so there's still access for the city if workers need it.

According to Wilson, if the council agreed the process would begin with a notification to adjacent property owners of the city's intent to remove the road from its inventory. Then there would have to be two readings

of an ordinance, including a public hearing on the ordinance.

The council agreed and no vote was necessary. A proposed first reading of the ordinance would be held Aug. 11.

In other business, the Liberty City Council unanimously approved appointing Amy Hamm, Terri Lee, and Sherry Wesley to the Liberty Code Enforcement Board. The board would hear citizens' appeals to citations from code enforcement action.

Another item of business regarding Christmas Lights was postponed while the city waited for additional information.

The next Liberty City Council meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Aug. 11 in Liberty City Hall.

The Lake Cumberland Area Development District's Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 11:00 am CT (12:00 pm ET), in the large conference room at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District office in Russell Springs. This meeting will also be available by Zoom.

A link to join the meeting will be posted on the LCADD website at [www.lcadd.org](http://www.lcadd.org)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- The deadline for the Community Calendar is at 4 p.m. Friday. Email to [news@caseynews.net](mailto:news@caseynews.net).
- HAPPENINGS**
- Moxley-Hayes Family Reunion will be held at the Creston Mission Center located at 8641 KY 70, Liberty, on Saturday, July 26. Doors open at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Please RSVP to Carper Hayes at 904-613-1400.
  - The Red Hatatudes will gather at noon on Wednesday, July 30 at Sacred Heart Church to carpool to the "Red Rooster" restaurant in Danville for lunch.
  - The Casey County Farmers Market

- is held every Thursday through September at 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Outreach Center in Liberty.
- Anthony Cook, VFW Post 5704 service officer, will be at the Casey County Public Library the second Tuesday of every month to talk to veterans about benefits or other services.
- SUPPORT GROUPS**
- A child bereavement group will meet the first Friday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Outreach Center, 289 Wallace Wilkinson Blvd., in Liberty. For more information call 606-303-1422.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous meets

- at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the First Christian Church fellowship hall. For information, call 606-787-5866 or 606-305-1288.
- Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at Hope Ministry, 882 Caney Fork Road, Liberty. For more information, call 606-448-9176.
  - A Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the basement at Brush Creek Pentecostal Church on KY 49.
  - A Survivor of Suicide support group meets the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Boyle County Library. This group is for adults who have had friends or family members die by suicide.

Skillful 4-H work takes the spotlight at Kentucky State Fair

**BY CASEY COUNTY 4-H**

Kentucky 4-H youth will be showcasing their hard work and talents at the upcoming 2025 Kentucky State Fair, to be held August 14-24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. This annual event marks the culmination of months of dedication through 4-H project work in counties across the Commonwealth.

A 4-H project is more than just a hobby—it's a hands-on learning experience that empowers youth to explore their interests while developing essential life skills. Kentucky 4-H offers a wide variety of project opportunities for young people to pursue in seven core areas: natural resources; agriculture; communication and expressive arts; family and consumer sciences; health and wellness; leadership; and science, engineering, and technology.

Throughout the year, 4-H members spend six or more hours working individually or in clubs to master specific skills within their chosen project area. Along the way, they gain valuable competencies, such as public speaking, record-keeping, and decision-making,

that lead to 4-H members who thrive and are beyond ready for what the future may hold.

The Kentucky State Fair serves as the pinnacle event for 4-H project work every year. Youth who earn champion status at the county level are invited to compete at the state level, where their projects are displayed for thousands of fairgoers to admire—from livestock exhibits in the West Hall to creative arts and STEM displays in Cloverville, located in the South Wing.

"All 4-Hers who participate in county, regional, or state fairs are winners," said Kimberly Schradler, extension specialist for 4-H Youth Development. "They walk away with more than ribbons—they gain confidence, skills, and a sense of accomplishment that lasts a lifetime."

All members of the public are invited and encouraged to visit the 4-H Cloverville exhibit during the fair to celebrate the achievements of Kentucky's youth and to learn more about the impact of 4-H in their local communities.

*Note: Due to 4-H Camp being the same week as the Casey Coun-*

*ty Fair, we will have a separate exhibit entry day on Thursday, July 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Casey County Extension Education Building. For more information about Kentucky 4-H projects and participation at the Kentucky State Fair, contact the Casey County Extension Office at 606-787-7384.*

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Emojean Hampton "adopted" a little girl she named Hazel. The baby dolls were provided to Liberty Care through the Pearl's Memory Babies organization.



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Fonniel Davenport holds little "Primrose" at a Pearl's Memory Babies event held in the memory care activity room at Liberty Care and Rehabilitation.

ADOPT

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Service Manager Lora Richardson told the Casey County News that they were selected as a recipient of the Pearl's Memory

Babies organization to give out the plush dolls and animals to the residents.

There is a reason for the dolls. According to the Pearl's Memory Babies organization, the idea began when a founder, Sandy Cambron, gave her mother-

in-law Pearl a baby doll during Pearl's struggle with Alzheimer's.

"The transformation was remarkable — Pearl began talking again and never went anywhere without her baby companion. After Pearl's passing in 2007, Sandy and Wayne qui-

etly continued gifting baby dolls to memory care patients, honoring her memory one doll at a time," a media release states.

Over 3,500 dolls have been gifted since 2018.

For more information, visit [www.pearlsmemorybabies.com](http://www.pearlsmemorybabies.com).

LIBRARY

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food distribution program in a partnership Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland and with Casey County Schools.

"If for any reason they can't go to the school on Wednesday, they can come here on Friday," Betler said.

The library will have

100 boxes of food to distribute each week until the program concludes.

The next meeting of the Casey County Public Library Board will be

at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13 in the library's community room.

# HAPPENINGS IN

## Liberty/Casey County

### MAY-SEPTEMBER

Each THURSDAY, 4:30-7:00 PM ET

Live Music 5:30-6:30 PM

289 S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd., Liberty, KY (The Old Don Franklin Parking Lot)

### 2025 Casey County Fair – Daily Schedule & Admission

#### Central Ky Ag/Expo Center – Liberty, KY

**SATURDAY, JULY 19 – ADMISSION \$5**

Car Show, Baby & Youth Pageants, Pleasure Horse Show

**SUNDAY, JULY 20 – FREE ADMISSION**

Floral Hall Entry Drop-Off

**MONDAY, JULY 21 – FREE ADMISSION**

Floral Hall Entry Drop-Off

**TUESDAY, JULY 22 – ADMISSION \$15**

Floral Hall Viewing, Carnival Opens 5 PM, Rodeo 5:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 – ADMISSION \$10**

Family Night (Sponsored by Casey County Hospital)

Carnival 5 PM, Petting Zoo 5-10 PM, Family Events: 6-7:30-Sack race, water balloon toss, pedal tractor pull, Donkey Races 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY**

**JULY 24 – ADMISSION \$15**

Inclusive Day (AM), Carnival & Petting Zoo, SUNSHINE Pageant, Fun Dog Show, Mustang Ministries, Fair Queen Pageant

**FRIDAY**

**JULY 25 – ADMISSION \$15**

Carnival & Petting Zoo, Beef Show, Teen Pageants, Demolition Derby 7 PM

**SATURDAY**

**JULY 26 – ADMISSION \$15**

Pony/Mule Pull 1 PM, Carnival 2 PM, Horse Pull 6 PM, Truck Pull 7 PM

Visit **Casey County Fair's** Facebook Page for detailed schedule or stop by City Hall for a fair book!

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