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Obituaries

Lowell Howard Hall

EDMONTON - Lowell Howard Hall, son of the late David and Myrtle Troxtell Hall, was born on March 28, 1944, in Wayne County. He departed this life Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Cumberland Valley Nursing Home in Burkesville, having attained the age of 80 years, ten months, and 18 days.



He had made a profession of faith in Christ and was a member of Ravenna Separate Baptist Church. He was a lifelong farmer, played the banjo, enjoyed taking long walks, and especially the time spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Christine Hurt Hall, having united in marriage on January 10, 1969.

Other survivors include his children, David (Peggy) Hall, Burkesville, Melinda Choban, and Beverly (Chad) Glenn, all of Edmonton, Regina Gilpin (Derek Boothe), Bowling Green, Kendall (Tiffany) Hall, Glasgow and Marty Hall, Edmonton; grandchildren, Ben Hall, Travis Gibson, Sarah Wright, Trucker Bowles, Dalton Bowles, Nathaniel Hall, Bobby Hall, Chloe Hall, Briella Hall, and Jacob Gilpin; great-grandchildren, Kinsley Bowles, Allie Hall, Emmie Hall, Avie Gibson, and Lenice Gibson; three brothers, Barney Hall, Clyde (Sue) Hall, and Thomas (Donna) Hall, all of Ohio; four sisters, Joyce Black and Freda Branscum, both of Monticello, Retha Casada, Crackerneck, and Barbara Black, Eubank; plus a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nolan Ryan Gibson; and four siblings, Donald Hall, Charlie Hall, Kathleen Phillips, and Geneva Nevels.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 am, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Ravenna Separate Baptist Church, Edmonton with burial in the Cedar Flats Cemetery. Bro. Jimmy Nevels officiated.

Gupton-Landrum Funeral Home in Greensburg was in charge of the arrangements.

Lonnie Welsh

SUMMER SHADE - Lonnie Welsh, 80, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2025, at his residence. He was born in Cumberland County, KY on May 17, 1944, to the late Lee and Dollie Riddle Welsh. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at McMurtrey Funeral Home with burial in the Summer Shade Cemetery.

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Church pastors are often found this way. A lot of trouble is found this way as well.

Acts 20: 28-30, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

I write this article, not just too church elders, but to individual members. The spiritual struggles we face are real and every one of us must be prepared. The more each member of a church knows about the Lord’s Holy Word and about His warnings against false teachers, the safer we will be.

Jude: 3-4, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Take heed to yourselves and to the church you are a member of. The warnings in this article are only a few of many that are found in the Bible. We must be aware there are individuals who enter a church simply to take from it any way they can. Pray and seek the Lord’s guidance in every decision about church leadership.

OBITUARY POLICY:

Obituaries must be submitted by a licensed funeral home or a copy of one previously published in order to be placed on the obituary page. Funeral providers determine the size and content of all obits provided to our newspaper and most others.

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as public notices, surplus actions, filed ordinances, and other business items onto their government-run websites. This population reference is low because large cities have low cost internet providers and easily-attained, free WiFi.

In Metcalfe County and other Jobe Publishing counties, many of our readers lack access to the internet, especially our older generations, nor do they have the time it takes to search every website ran by school districts, councils, commissions, boards, committees, etc.

Local newspapers strive to keep readers informed in their communities. It is a place they have come to rely on to find community happenings and government transparencies, which can sometimes come in the form of legal advertisements.

Supporters of this bill are out of touch with their small community constituents.

Does Amy Neighbors believe in these small communities she is elected to serve that all people are able to access the internet, especially given that Metcalfe County has over 24% of its population who live at or under the poverty level?

Do these people not matter? It’s much cheaper for a subscription or a 75-cent pick up at the local Five Star than a monthly internet service of over \$60 per month.

Does Amy Neighbors believe her older constituents are able to navigate the internet like the younger generations can? According to a Coda Ventures study, 70% of ages 18-24 read their local news to stay informed. In contrast, those numbers reach 80% and above for ages 40 through 75 and older.

Many of our older populations are very competent folks but have no desire to learn how to navigate the internet or no service to do so at all.

This bill also creates unreasonable

barriers for your local newspapers’ abilities to help keep our government accountable and transparent, and creates a barrier for the constitutionally-protected right of Freedom of the Press; I would be hard-pressed to find someone who can dedicate the hours and hours of trying to keep up on a daily basis as would other small community newspapers.

In a time where mistrust of government is at record levels, the passage of this bill would further deepen that mistrust between elected officials, newspapers, and constituents in the communities they live.

It’s YOUR tax dollars that are paying for newspapers to print legal advertisements from local government, and while legal ads are not a significant amount of revenue for Jobe Publishing, it is certainly a source of valuable income for small, independent publishers.

Newspaper publishers were not invited to the table from the misguided representatives

regarding this legislation, and they may not even know how this mandate could affect many communities. That’s why it’s critical to contact your state representative without delay.

If this law goes away like the Kentucky League of Cities is fighting to do, sooner or later, an unethical official will realize the public is not watching and corruption will once again become more prevalent. Jobe Publishing newspapers have uncovered many corrupt practices from elected officials, and some of those have come from the current state mandate for local governments to print legal advertisements.

What they fail to make known is that newspaper industries with paid subscribers are the only media with a quantifiable audited reach. They also fail to explain the mandate to be a paid newspaper with the USPS is to have a local office.

If this law goes away, there is no reason for 50 to 60 small

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Metcalfe County and representative of the local district. The request seeks:

- All communications involving Amy Neighbors in state records
- Emails, memos, reports, meeting notes, and correspondence between state agencies and external entities concerning Neighbors

After the initial request was denied, Garmon resubmitted and re-signed a more specific request following discussions with the Attorney General’s office. This request was also forwarded to the Office of Criminal Investigations, signaling a deeper probe into potential misconduct or undisclosed dealings involving Neighbors.

Concerns Over Public Investments
Garmon has also raised concerns over the city’s investment in Pennington & Stave Cooperage LLC, questioning its financial sustainability. He claims that, based on discounted cash flow projections, the business is unlikely to reopen, placing taxpayer dollars at risk.

“The average business has 12 months of operational runway before exhausting its funds. Given the current valuation, the chance of this business becoming viable is less than 12.5%,” Garmon stated.

Escalating the Fight: Public Petitions and Media Involvement

To ensure public accountability, Garmon has launched a petition titled “Advocate for Stronger Accountability and Transparency in Edmonton, Kentucky’s Leadership”. He has also contacted multiple media outlets—including WBKO, FOX 17, WNKY, and the Edmonton Herald News—urging public awareness and scrutiny of local government actions.

A Call for Resignations and Legal Action
In his formal complaint, Garmon has demanded the immediate resignations of both Mayor Doug Smith and Assistant Mayor Dawn Devore, stating that their removal is necessary to restore public trust.

“The citizens of Edmonton deserve ethical, transparent, and diligent leadership,” Garmon wrote, emphasizing that failure to address these concerns will

result in further legal action.

What’s Next?
With legal complaints filed, open records requests pending, and a formal petition underway, the dispute between Garmon and Edmonton’s leadership continues to escalate. If the allegations hold, this could lead to one of the most significant political shake-ups in recent Edmonton history.

For now, the question remains—will the city’s leadership respond, or will they continue to resist calls for

transparency?

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky’s noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marestail (Conyza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

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