

Area Obituaries

Florine Devore Shockley

GLASGOW - Florine Devore Shockley, 77, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2025, at TriStar Centennial Medical Center with her son Tony, and wife Tammy by her side. She was born January 14, 1948, to the late Chester “Bill” Devore and Mary Bunch Devore Estes.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 26, 2025, with burial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 8:00 Tuesday and after 8:00 AM Wednesday here at the funeral home. Butler Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted to the care of Ms. Shockley.

Billy Leon Gibson

EDMONTON - Billy Leon Gibson, 83, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at TJ Samson Hospital. He was born June 28, 1941, to the late William K. and Eula Mae Garmon Gibson. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at Butler Funeral Home with burial in the Gibson Family Cemetery. Butler Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted to the care of Mr. Gibson.

Bobbie Jean Ferrell

GLASGOW - Bobbie Jean Ferrell, 88, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Glasgow State Nursing Facility. She was born to the late Robert Glen and Janie Mae Bailey Word. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at McMurtrey Funeral Home with burial in the Summer Shade Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Mary Elizabeth Young Coomer

EDMONTON - Mary Elizabeth Young Coomer, 74, passed away Thursday, March 13, 2025, at TJ Samson Hospital. She was born October 27, 1950, to the late Sam and Clara Young. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Smith Cemetery in Sulphur Well, KY. Butler Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted to the care of Ms. Coomer.

Stacy Lynn Hopper

ALBANY, KY – Stacy Lynn Hopper 56, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at The Medical Center in Albany. She was born July 23, 1968, in Ft. Myers, FL to the late Franklin Stanley Hopper and Cleon Smith Hopper who survives. Funeral services were held Friday, March 21, 2025, at Butler Funeral Home with burial in the Edmonton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

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AD names all 27 books of the New Testament that were being used. This is one of many examples of history supporting the Bible, but there are many more.

Books written by Biblical scholars such as Bruce Metzger, Gail Ripplinger, and many others are full of very valuable resources that show just how reliable the Bible is compared to the earliest of manuscripts. The more we know about the

history of the Bible, the easier we will be able to answer the critics.

I would encourage churches to add an additional topic within their Bible studies, the history of the Bible. Teaching the history of the Bible will greatly add importance and understanding to the faith of Christians.

Please take a moment to read from your Bible and ask the Lord to guide your studies.

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Annual Literacy and Math Night at MCES

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▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Aaliyah Shaprio and family.



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Alexander Green and family.



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
A group of students making crafts.



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Jase Bunch and mother Kimberly Bunch.



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Jordi Neal and mother Becca.



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Mrs. Kelly Hayes with a group of students making Play-Doh.

The Center for Rural Development Is Accepting Grant Applications In Metcalfe County for 2025 ARC mini grants

The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications for the 2025 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grant program.

The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as the Flex-E-Grant program) is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in Metcalfe County for capacity building planning and implementation projects.

Other counties within The Center’s service area that are eligible to apply include: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.

The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build community capacity to mobilize local resources, gain leadership experience, and strengthen community institutions and networks.

xGrants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed

within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grants are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit <https://centertech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>.

All grant applications and supporting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 5 PM (EDT) on May 2, 2025. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to arc@centertech.com.

For questions about the application process or program guidelines, please call 606-677-6000 or email jvanthournout@centertech.com.

The Center for Rural Development administers programs funds in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government and the ARC.

Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable

economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture.

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