

OBITUARY

Gale A. Pedley

Gale A. Pedley, known lovingly by his family as “Deda,” passed away on Monday, July 21, 2025, at the age of 85, after a courageous four-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Gale was born on Jan. 4, 1940, in McLean County, near the Knobs, to Harry and Bertha Carter Pedley.

Gale’s legacy of service, hard work and devotion to family will forever live on in the hearts of those who were privileged to know him. He was a longtime member of the Apollo Heights Baptist Church and was dedicated to his community as a volunteer with the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department for 52 years, serving as Chairman of the Board for 12 of those years.

A passionate outdoorsman, Gale was an avid hunter and fisherman. He spent countless hours hunting deer, turkey, dove, quail, rabbit and squirrel with his sharp eye and steady hand. He also enjoyed fishing with family and friends, particularly for bluegill and crappie, and was known for his expert skills with a deep fryer when it came time to share his catch at the dinner table.

Gale had a love for stock car racing that went beyond just watching it on TV. Along with his brother, Harry, he was involved in working on the #100 Chevy. He was a dedicated crew member for his sons’ late model stock cars, helping them compete at venues like Kentucky Motor Speedway and the Nashville Fairgrounds, as well as traveling in the NASCAR Elite Division Southeast Series in the 90s and 2000s. He also lent his expertise to local drivers like Michael Canary and his son, Luke, working on their dirt track cars.

In addition to his love of the outdoors and racing, Gale was a skilled and respected concrete finisher and contractor. He worked in the concrete industry for 65 years, operating his own business from 1984 until his retirement in 2022. He was especially proud of building his home with his own hands alongside his son, Randy, in 1984, and, in the last decade of his life, building a cabin on his farm where he spent time hunting, fishing and making memories with loved ones.



Gale’s life was one of devotion to his family, his community and his passions. His contributions will never be forgotten, and he will always be remembered as a man of integrity and generosity with a steadfast love for those around him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Harry J. Pedley, Jr., John W. Pedley, Marvin A. Pedley, Ward O. Pedley and Lela Mae Conrad.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Shirley J. Pedley; son, Gary A. Pedley and wife, Lori; daughter, Sharon K. Warren and husband, Vaughn; son, Randy E. Pedley and partner, Laurie Drake; brother, Bobby G. Pedley; sister, Janie York; as well as his cherished grandchildren, Matthew V. Warren, Derik A. Pedley, Zak A. Pedley and wife, Stacy, Ashley E. Warren, Perri M. Brown and husband, Isaac, and Trayce A. Pedley and wife, Faith; great-grandchildren, Karter and Kam Pedley (children of Zak), and Baxley and Baker Brown (children of Perri); many nieces and nephews; and special family friends who were considered part of the family and deeply loved by Gale, Joni Sims and Sharon Payne Pedley.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at James H. Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Interment will follow in Scherer Cemetery. The family will receive friends for visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Gale’s memory be made to the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department, 159 Highway 1554, Owensboro, KY 42301, or via at Venmo @ Stanley-Ky-Fire-Dept., or Hospice of Western Kentucky, 3419 Wathens Crossing, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Online messages of condolence may be made at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

GRADD offering assistance to grandparents raising grandchildren

BY JAMES MAYSE

MESSENGER-INQUIRER

The Green River Area Development District is offering financial assistance to people who are raising their grandchildren.

The KY Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program for people who meet certain income guidelines, and are raising grandchildren related to them by blood, marriage or adoption.

A GRADD press release says the program will provide up to \$500 per grandchild, for use purchasing school supplies, clothing, hygiene products and items such as bedroom furniture. People can reapply annually for their grandchildren until

the children reach the age of 18.

The program is available to families throughout the seven-county GRADD service area of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties.

To be eligible, grandchildren must be living with their grandparents. The children’s parents must not be living in the home. Applicants must have incomes at or below 150% of the federal poverty level to be eligible, the press release says.

For more information, contact GRADD Family Caregiver Support Coordinator Lexi Camron at 270-926-4433, or by emailing lexicamron@gradd.com.

POLICE REPORTS

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

Owensboro

Police Department

- Colt F. Graves, 38, of the 4600 block of Breeze Court East was charged Thursday with driving under the influence.
- Trevell J. Jervis, 29, of Antioch, Tennessee was charged Wednesday with driving under the influence.
- Jewelry worth \$1,500 was reported stolen Wednesday from a home in the 4200 block of Haw-

thorne Drive.

- A burglary was reported Wednesday at a home in the 200 block of Phillips Court. Reports say it is unknown if anything was stolen in the incident.

Traffic accidents

- Two vehicles collided at 10:53 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Triplett Street and East Third Street. They were a sport utility vehicle driven by William J. Mullican and and a car driven by Allison G. Porter. Reports say Mullican told officers he was looking at his GPS for direc-

tions and drove through a stop sign at the intersection without seeing it. After the collision, Mullican’s vehicle left the road and struck a house, and Porter’s vehicle struck a utility pole. Mullican was transported to Owensboro Health Regional Hospital for treatment of a possible back injury. Porter was treated at the scene by responders.

- A pedestrian, Nathan G. Robinson, was struck by a sport utility vehicle driven by Taw Thee N. Paw at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday on Frederica Street near Fairfax Drive.

Reports say a video of the incident showed Robinson walk out while Paw was turning onto Frederica Street. Robinson sustained scrapes and scratches but refused medical treatment.

Daviess County Sheriff’s Office

- Amy B. Mundy, 50, of Hawesville was charged Thursday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).
- A switch box sustained vandalism damage Wednesday in the 5300 block of Kentucky 2830.

Agenda

Daviess Fiscal Court

At its meeting at noon Friday at the Daviess County Courthouse, Daviess Fiscal Court will consider the following:

- Consider executive order 06-2025: Solid Waste Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Consider executive order 07-2025: Parks and Recreation Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Consider executive order 08-2025: Emergency Preparedness Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Consider minutes of July 10, 2025, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Consider all claims for all departments
- Consider treasurer’s report for June 2025 and final settlement
- Consider amendment to the salary schedule for Fiscal Year

2025/2026 effective 7/20/2025

- Consider statement of affiliation for Daviess County Search and Rescue
- Consider awarding bid No. 2526-02: sidewalk & curb rehabilitation (Road)
- Consider awarding bid No. 2526-05: aluminum box culvert project (Road)
- Consider awarding RFQ No. 2526-11: Masonville Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Roof Replacement Project
- Consider awarding RFQ No. 2526-12: Animal Control Unit upfittings (Sheriff)
- Consider dissolving the Daviess County Parks Board
- Consider dissolving the Daviess County Solid Waste Environment and Education Panel

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- Consider promoting Quinton Pence to lieutenant effective 7/20/2025
- Consider promoting Ryan Trunnell to battalion chief in Training 7/20/2025
- Consider promoting Sam Henderson to lieutenant effective 8/3/2025
- Consider accepting the retirement resignation of Bryan Collins effective 7/31/2025
- Consider accepting the retirement resignation of Keith Hurm effective 8/29/2025
- Consider other business to be brought before the Daviess County Fiscal Court
- Public comments
- Comments by Daviess County Fiscal Court

Ex-Kentucky clerk Davis again asks Supreme Court to hear her case

She hopes to overturn gay marriage

BY ALEX ACQUISTO

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER (TNS)

LEXINGTON — The former Rowan County clerk who was briefly jailed for denying marriage licenses to gay couples a decade ago has again asked the Supreme Court to hear her appeal in hopes of overturning the nationwide right to same-sex marriage.

Kim Davis has persistently fought back against lawsuits filed against her by the couples she denied licenses to. Now, her attorneys with Liberty Counsel are asking the high court to weigh in on three points:

— Whether Davis’ First Amendment religious liberty rights were infringed upon when she was asked to certify marriage certificates for gay couples, since it violated Davis’ evangelical Christian beliefs.

— Whether she has qualified immunity that should shield her from having to pay, now as a private citizen, hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages to the gay couple who has since sued her.

— And whether the very case that legalized gay marriage in 2015, Obergefell v. Hodges, should be overturned.

“This court should revisit and reverse Obergefell for the same reasons articulated in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Center,” Mat Staver and other Liberty

Counsel attorneys wrote in their 90-page request filed Thursday, referencing the case that led to the overturning of Roe v. Wade, which had otherwise preserved the right to an abortion.

“Obergefell was wrong when it was decided and it is wrong today because it was grounded entirely on the legal fiction of substantive due process,” they added.

Substantive due process in this context refers to Davis’ claim that because the legalization of same-sex marriage fundamentally infringes on and deprives her of the freedom to assert her religious liberty, the passage of Obergefell was inherently flawed.

A lawyer for David Ermold and David Moore,

one of the couples to whom Davis denied a marriage license and who subsequently sued her — the case Davis is asking the Supreme Court to provide an opinion on — did not immediately respond to a Herald-Leader request for comment Thursday.

Liberty Counsel, an Orlando, Florida-based “litigation, education and public policy ministry,” argues that Davis was the “first victim” of Obergefell, because she was jailed and sued for standing strong in her “sincerely held religious beliefs on marriage.”



Estate Sale Thoroughbred Crossings

2417 Triple Crown Way Owensboro, KY 42301

Thursday, July 24, 9am - 4pm
Friday, July 25, 9am - 4pm
Saturday, July 26, 9am - 3pm

This beautifully decorated home is full of traditional furniture in current styles. Items include Maytag washer & dryer set (2019), iron dinette set, occasional chairs, black reeded leg console, iron and wooden end tables, glass top coffee table, area rugs, framed art, mirrors, hanging tapestry, iron queen size bed, rattan tables, maple dresser, decorative lamps, dark pine queen bedroom suite, linen cabinet, mahogany tea cart, painted trunk, patio table and chairs, outdoor tea cart, tool chest, hand tools, Rubbermaid storage cabinets, antique kitchen clock, costume, sterling, and gold jewelry, Bose radio, Hallmark ornaments and holiday decor, sewing machine and supplies, kitchenware, cds and dvds, reproduction pie safe, 2013 Toyota Prius w/36,724 miles (4-door), vintage Boy Scout manuals, vintage local phone books, local advertising calendars, fans, Gabe’s Restaurant menu (signed by Gabe) and so much more. Check out Estatesales.org to view photos of many of the items that will be in this sale.

Cash or check with proper ID, 3% fee will be added to credit/debit card purchases. We also accept Venmo. All sales are final. No returns or refunds. KY sales tax of 6% will be added unless buyer presents a resale exemption certificate. All items purchased are as-is. We are not responsible for accidents.

YOU MUST bring help to move large items as we DO NOT have staff to assist. All items must be removed on Saturday by 3pm. Please bring boxes and paper to pack your items. Call Donna at 270-903-7859 with questions.

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said Steve Johnson, club president. “We were waiting for the siding to come in, and we got the notice like two days ago.”

David Strehl, a past president of the club, said in addition to the club’s financial commitment to the family, he was glad to assist Habitat.

“I retired from Independence Bank, and we sponsored several Habitat houses then,” he said. “So I kind of got involved in it and saw the good that they did, and Habitat is a great organization. We were looking for a community project to do.”

The Owensboro Lions Club’s history with Blakeley goes back to when it helped her acquire a computer for school.

Earlier this year, the club donated \$25,000 to Habitat for Humanity Owensboro-Daviess County to make the house more accessible for Blakeley, which she much appreciated.

“I think it’s very nice of them to help me out, and also, it shows that they care about our community, and they’ve helped me out with stuff before,” she said at the time. “I’m really happy that they’re helping

me out and donating so much money to us for all of the accessibility stuff.

“I’m really excited, and it means a lot to me.”

Funding for the donation came through the club’s annual Soap Box Derby, as well as from advertising revenue from its park benches around town.

“If you look at Lions, there are eight global causes we support, and vision is one,” Johnson said. “So doing this is helping people, and we’ll be looking to do more things like this in the future, whether it’s with Habitat or something else.”

Johnson said the Owensboro Lions Club’s goal is to provide as much assistance and service in its focus areas as possible, and it will be adding to those services in the next few months with an eye screening camera.

Johnson said the camera cost around \$8,500.

“Next month, at the Kentucky State Fair, the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation has a vision screening (set up), and we’re sending eight members up, because we purchased a

SERVICES

Carpentry, concrete, painting, decks/fences, storm shelters, pool repair, windows/doors, kit/bath remodels, siding, tree trimming, drains
270-302-1106



NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING REGARDING 9323 HIGHWAY 815

A request has been filed with the Owensboro Metropolitan Board of Adjustment by Seth Hall and Taylor Hall for a Conditional Use Permit in order to operate a wood working business from a detached accessory structure as a home occupation. The above proposal is to be considered at a meeting of the Owensboro Metropolitan Board of Adjustment on August 7, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the 4th Floor Auditorium of City Hall, 101 E. 4th St., Owensboro, KY.

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