

OBITUARIES

Linda Kay Johnson

Linda Kay Johnson, 74, of Adairville, Ky., passed away on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Park Meadows Post Acute Care in Clarksville, Tenn.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., at Keysburg Baptist Church with Brother Jimmy Chapman officiating. Burial will follow in the Belmont Cemetery in Allensville, Ky.

Visitation will begin in the chapel of Kirby Funeral Services Russellville on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the church on Friday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Beatrice ‘Bea’ Long

Beatrice “Bea” Long, 83, of Russellville, Ky., passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at the Hospice House of Southern Kentucky in Bowling Green, Ky.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. at Summers and Son Funeral Home.

Visitation will begin at the funeral home on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 12 p.m. until time of service.

Rhonda Kay Dudley

Rhonda Kay Dudley, 57, of Russellville, Ky., passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at Hospice of Southern Kentucky, Inc. in Bowling Green, Ky.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. at Price Funeral Home, Inc. with Bro. Mike Miller officiating.

Visitation will begin Saturday, Feb. 15 from 2 p.m. until time of service.

Ellon Rolley

Ellon Rolley, 79, of Graham, Ky., passed away on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at her home.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, Feb. 10, at 12 p.m., at Graham Hill Cemetery in Graham, Ky., with Bro. Clifford Lovell officiating.

Price Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Clarissa Kendra Venancio

Clarissa Kendra Venancio, 24, of Franklin, Ky., passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, at her home.

Cremation was chosen with services to be held at a later date.

Price Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEB. 1-28

Love for Pawz County-Wide Pet Food Donation Drive

Spayed and Aid of Kentucky's Annual Love for Pawz County-Wide Pet Food Donation Drive is from Feb. 1 to 28 with donation sites all over Logan County. You are encouraged to drop off unopened dog or cat food to help your neighbors in need. Spayed and Aid of Kentucky is a qualified IRS 501©(3) nonprofit organization. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information and a list of needs, you may visit <https://spayedandaid.org/love-for-pawz> or email spayedandaid@gmail.com

FEB. 13-27

Spring soccer sign-ups

Russellville Parks and Rec is holding spring soccer sign-ups for children ages 4 to 12. Sign-ups will be during office hours at the Rec Center located at 190 South Winter Street. You are encouraged to call ahead at 270-726-5033 to make sure someone is in the office. Children must be 4 by Feb. 27 and must remain 12 throughout the entire season, which ends in April,

to be eligible for the U-12 age group. The fee is \$40. After-hour sign-ups are from 2 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 13 and 20.

FEB. 15 & 22 Adairville Baseball League Signups

Adairville baseball and softball signups are now going on for ages 3 to 12 on Feb. 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Adairville Park Concession Stand. This year, t-ball for ages 3-4, coach pitch for ages 5-6 and 7-8, and kid pitch for ages 9-12. All age groups will have home and away games. Head and assistant coaches are needed. For more information, you may call Lee Richards at 270-772-4175.

FEB. 17

Livestock Revenue Protection Meeting

The Logan County Extension Office is hosting an informational meeting on Livestock Revenue Protection on Monday, Feb 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, located at 255 John Paul Ave., Russellville, with speakers Miranda Varner and Mike Tansill. For more

information and to reserve your seat, you may call 270-726-6323. A meal will be provided.

FEB. 18

Spayed and Aid of Kentucky's Pet Food Distribution Day Reschedule Date

Spayed and Aid of Kentucky's Pet Food Distribution Day for seniors, veterans, disabled, and those experiencing financial difficulties will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the parking lot of Rhea Stadium at 210 East 7th Street, Russellville, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. PLEASE USE THE SOUTH SUMMER ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING LOT. The event is open to Logan County residents only. Be sure to bring a driver's license or piece of mail with a Logan County address. All pet food being distributed at this event has been donated to our non-profit. Food is available on a first-come/first-serve basis and while supplies last. We will be starting earlier than normal due to it getting darker earlier.

Please do not show up early. We need to follow the rules of the

location to ensure we can use it again. IMPORTANT—If you show up early, you will be asked to leave and return. Thank you to Russellville Independent Schools for allowing us to use the parking lot for our distribution.

Russellville City Council Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Russellville City Council is at 5 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Council Chamber of Russellville City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

FEB. 19-22

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Logan County Public Library on Wed., Feb. 19, from 3-5 p.m., for Friends Members only. If you aren't a member, you may join at the door. Membership is \$10 a calendar year. The sale continues for the public on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 20-21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hardbacks and media are \$1, paperbacks 50 cents. Friday is half-price day. Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., everything is \$1 a bag, and bags are furnished. All proceeds benefit the library.

JOY

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Maegan Edwards, the local organizer, said Adairville Baptist Church began hosting Night to Shine in 2018. “For so many of our special guests, this is the first time they feel loved or celebrated by someone other than their families, and this is why Night to Shine exists—to spread the love of Jesus and serve those around us,” Edwards said.

This year, over 100,000 people with special needs participated in Night to Shine celebrations across the globe.

“We want each one of our guests to walk away knowing that they were made on purpose for a purpose and that the God of this universe sees each one of them as a king or a queen,” Edward said.

Eighty-one kings and queens were crowned at the Logan County event, Edwards said. “It was such a special night for not only our guests, but also their families and each and every volunteer,” she said. “I encourage each of you to consider volunteering for this wonderful event; I promise you will not regret it.”

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Kevin Raines (left) brought some friends with him to the Night to Shine Prom and enjoyed pizza with Freddie Raines and Katrina Woods-Raines before the dancing began.

AUDITS

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know we are not hiding anything from them,” Baker said.

The auditor’s cited the Fiscal Court for multiple infractions including invoices totaling \$117,495 not paid within 30 working days; a contract for maintenance and monitoring the emergency communications system improperly advertised for bids and the bid solicitations failing to include renewal language which was added to the approved bid contract; the contract for maintenance and monitoring the emergency communications system included language that the county would pay 18% over cost for parts and shipping, but documentation of actual costs for parts and shipping were not obtained.

The audit also noted that billings for parts and labor were performed by a magistrate’s company and appeared to have been submitted on invoices by a third-party vendor, which may violate the county’s adopted ethics code. During Tuesday’s meeting, that magistrate, Jason Harper, who represents district 4, addressed the court, saying, “Through lack of knowledge or ignorance, it was inappropriate when my company assisted Wilson Communications with repairing emergency equipment on the county sheriff’s and jail vehicles. I’ve addressed this. My company will be more attentive in the future, and we will no longer

assist with that. This mistake is embarrassing, and I want to apologize to you, Judge Baker, as well as my citizens and my fellow magistrates.”

Responding to Harper, Magistrate Thomas Bouldin said they had spoken, and Harper explained it was unintentional. “I’ve been there and done that. Even though you made no money on that transition, I understand and appreciate you being forthcoming about that.”

The Fiscal Court audit cited issues at the Logan County Detention Center, including an incorrect and untimely filed commissary financial statement; improper reconciliation of inmate accounts; lack of receipts for commissary items and daily checkout sheets; inmate account deposits not made daily; lack of segregation of duties over commissary activity; and multiple issues with commissary disbursements, including undocumented and late payments and the jailer’s failure to follow proper bidding procedures for a \$47,075 camera system.

Jailer Joshua Toomey responded in the audit by saying, “The financial statement is not something the bookkeeper can get on her own. She must go through their software company with specifics on what is needed. The bookkeeper plans to go through emails with the auditor to see what exactly is needed to be better equipped for next year.

The audit states the inmate account is reconciled monthly between the bank statements

and the software company and must equal out before it is closed. Regarding the extra funds in the account, different funds get put in different accounts to be paid out. In August, the jail called someone in to go through these accounts to make sure the right things were being paid out of the right accounts. All funds have been held in this account until this process is complete and back taxes have been paid. All that has been pulled from this account is what’s being paid to the county treasurer.

“We will continue to go through this account to get things moved around and the back taxes paid,” Toomey said.

There were several missing receipts and invoices from before the new bookkeeper took over, according to the audit. She tried to go through all the paperwork to find them. Check-out sheets were always only done on the inmate account.

“The bookkeeper will make sure there are itemized receipts and invoices all through the commissary account. When a deposit is made through the commissary account, a checkout sheet will be made for all transactions.” Toomey said, adding, “The bookkeeper will try to make sure all invoices are itemized. All invoices will have invoices attached. A date stamp has been purchased so the invoices can be stamped and paid in the correct time-frame.”

Findings in the Logan County Sheriff’s audit cited fee claim reim-

bursement requests to the Finance and Administration Cabinet were not made in a timely manner. In his response to the auditor, Sheriff Stephen Stratton said this was during a maternity leave for the Civil Process Clerk. “It was our understanding, after a phone conversation with the state finance department, that we could submit all monthly fee reimbursement reports when she returned,” Stratton said. He also explained that a new office staff member had been hired to assist with property taxes and other daily tasks, but that individual had not had enough time to learn how to process the reimbursement reports.

Logan County Clerk Stacy Watkins’ audit cited inadequate segregation of duties over receipt and disbursement processing and inaccurate receipts and disbursement reporting on the fourth quarter financial report. Watkins has implemented compensating controls that include documented reviews of daily check-

out sheets, deposits, weekly and monthly reports, monthly bank reconciliations and dual signatures on all checks. Watkins explained to auditors the bookkeeper identified an error caused by the accounting software after a system update and corrected the final budget to reflect the missing fees. Watkins then presented the corrected budget to the Fiscal Court. The office now keeps accounting software backups on and off site and refers to them when the bookkeeper’s station undergoes regular system updates.

The auditor’s office also released its report on compliance for the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program Requirements for an Alternative CSLFRF Compliance Examination Engagement returned with no issues for the county to address.

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