

OBITUARIES

Goldie Millay

Goldie Millay, 60, of Dunmor, Ky., passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital in Greenville, Ky.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 2 p.m. at

Price Funeral Home, with Kerry Dunn officiating. Burial followed in the Eternal Garden. Visitation began at the funeral home on Thursday, June 26 from 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Teddy Michael Thornburg

Teddy Michael Thornburg, 67, of Lewisburg, Ky., passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Centennial Medical

Center in Nashville, Tenn. Cremation was chosen. Kirby Funeral Services Russellville is in charge of the arrangements.

Mable L. Farmer

Mable L. Farmer, 94, of Florida, formerly of Auburn, Ky., passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in Bradenton, Fla.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 1 p.m. at Summers and Son

Funeral Home, with Bro. Clay Burchett officiating. Burial followed in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation began at the funeral home on Thursday, June 26 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Glen Hatler

Glen Hatler, 86, of Russellville, Ky., passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m. at Kirby Funeral Services Russellville, with Travis Bryan

officiating. Burial followed in the Red Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery. Visitation began at the funeral home on Saturday, June 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, June 22 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Clelton Scott Koger

Clelton Scott Koger, 55, of Russellville, Ky., passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at his home.

Cremation was chosen. Kirby Funeral Services Russellville is in charge of the arrangements.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 26-28
Logan County Fair
Logan County's Fair runs until June 28. There are events planned for everyone. For more information, visit the Logan County Fair Facebook page or call 270-726-1678.

JUNE 27
Concerts on Carrico Park Square
Logan County Chamber's Concerts on Carrico Park Square series begins this evening at 7 p.m. with live music by Tyrone Dunn & Kinfoke. Bring the family and lawn chairs to enjoy the music, food trucks and fun for the whole family!

JUNE 28
Open Hearts, Open Hands Food Pantry
Open Hearts, Open Hands food pantry will be on the fourth Saturday, June 28, at 717 S. Lewisburg Road from 9 to 11 a.m. There are no ID or address requirements. Please do not begin lining up due to the traffic in the area.

County Clerk Saturday Hours
The Logan County Clerk's Office will only be open for vehicle business on Sat., June 28, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. If you received a "See PVA" message on your reminder card, please talk to them before they close Friday afternoon.

Free Dump Day
Logan County Free Dump Day is June 28. Logan County residents dispose of items at the transfer station, located at 55 Pleasant View Dr., Auburn. You are limited to one load consisting of trash, furniture, construction debris, and electronics, and it should be covered.

They will not accept tires, Freon-containing appliances, paint that has not been dried out, hazardous chemicals, or car batteries.

JUNE 29
Cemetery Cleanup
A cemetery meeting will be held at Pleasant Run Cemetery on June 29 at 2 p.m. for those who have relatives/loved ones there. We will be discussing changes, updates, maintenance, and donations for the cemetery. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the perpetual fund, please call Tobi Dukes at 270-847-8859 or mail the donation to Pleasant Run Cemetery Fund.

Snippin' & Chippin' Free Microchip Day
Humane Society of Logan County Snippin' & Chippin' Free Microchip Day at the shelter, 1970 Lewisburg Road, 12 to 3 p.m.

Fireworks in Auburn
Auburn's Tourism Freedom Celebration is from 5 p.m. to dark at Auburn Park at 250 Spring Street. Live music by Relay Worship Group.

JULY 1
SAR Monthly Meeting
The monthly meeting of the Colonel Benjamin Logan Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is Tuesday, July 1, at 5 p.m. at Flint Ridge—The McCuddy Place, located at 268 Bores Road, Russellville. All members and anyone interested in becoming a member are encouraged to attend.

JULY 4
Thunder Over Lewisburg
Thunder Over Lewisburg at 9 p.m. Vendors will set up in the park at 5 p.m.

Logan County schools team up for massive recycling effort

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NEWS-DEMOCRAT & LEADER

Logan County Solid Waste and Logan Aluminum teamed up to engage local students in recycling aluminum. As a result, nearly 2,000 students from four local schools collected a total of 43,360 cans, which weighed over 1,300 pounds last school year.

Nathan Cockrill, Solid Waste Coordinator, noted that the Logan County Recycling Center assisted in transporting the cans from the schools to Logan Aluminum for recycling. "It's a great recycling program that Tim Pitts (recycling manager) and I promoted through school visits this year," he stated.

The official results are as follows: Russellville Elementary collected 488 pounds, or 15,616 cans; Auburn School gathered 443 pounds, or 14,176 cans; Adairville School collected 253 pounds, or 8,096 cans; and Chandlers School amassed 171 pounds, or 5,472 cans.

Laura Haury, an environmental engineer at Logan Aluminum who is involved in recycling and community outreach, explained that while Lewisburg School also collected cans, their contribution was part of the Million Cans Challenge



Laura Haury

Chandler's Bear celebrates with Scrapy, Logan Aluminum's mascot. Scrapy appearances are another way Logan Aluminum promotes recycling efforts.

and was not included in the other school initiative.

Haury emphasized that Logan Aluminum aims to raise awareness about recycling and believes that involving children is an effective way to educate them about recycling so they can share this knowledge with their families.

Through this school partnership, children learn the value of scrap metal, the importance of aluminum recycling, and how it benefits the community and the environment.

According to Haury, the recycling rate for aluminum in Kentucky and

Tennessee is about 15%. "Aluminum is infinitely recyclable, and the more we can recover, the better off we'll be economically and environmentally," she stated.

Haury noted that Logan Aluminum consumes around 1.5 million pounds, or more than 48 million cans, of scrap aluminum every day. "If 85% of this ends up in landfills, we have to import it from all over the world," she added.

The friendly competition between the schools was in line with what Logan Aluminum anticipated.

Haury wanted to

remind everyone about recycling options. Logan Aluminum employees can bring cans to work, and community members can drop cans off at their child's school, the recycling center, or a local scrap metal business for cash back.

Additionally, Haury highlighted that when recycling cans, it's important to remove the tabs and donate them to the Shriners. "We don't want to do anything that would undermine another program. If people choose to remove the tabs to support both initiatives, that's wonderful," she said.

At the end of the school year, each participating school received a donation from Logan Aluminum to purchase needed items, whether for new playground equipment or STEAM-related materials. "We want it to be a win-win for the schools that participate," Haury said.

She also mentioned that the program will continue in the fall when school resumes, with plans for all elementary schools in the county to participate. "We'd love to get the high schools involved as well," Haury added.

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BLANN

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brought home another title this past weekend. Blann earned the top spot in the long jump event, being crowned the best in the nation, not only furthering his legacy at Logan County but also in the country as a track athlete.

Blann set a new personal record in the event, with a mark of 22-7.75.

"It was awesome seeing everything that goes down in a national competition," Blann said. "I've never been in that kind of environment before, and it was cool to be able to do that for the first time. Competing against other people at this stage was nerve-racking because I know they can do what I can, or maybe even better. I went in with confidence because I know I put in the work and that I can compete."

He credited his brother Donte, his family, and Coach Sells as his biggest supporters.

"My brother was talking to me about going to state, and he said he was going to have to live through me because he never got to go. Donte and my family, along with Coach Sells, have been my biggest supporters," Blann said.

On the first day of competition, Blann finished fourth in the long jump event, just missing the podium.

"The goal going into the second day was to place in the long jump," Blann explained. "Up to this point the triple jump was my main event, and I kept telling myself I was going to PR, and I was upset when I didn't. Talking with Donte the next day, I told him I'm just trying to make the podium. I went into it; on the first jump I hit 21 feet and so many inches. I did a clap on the second jump, and afterwards Donte told me I had hit a new PR."

While Blann achieved remarkable feats in track in his first year, it wasn't his initial athletic pursuit.

"My first love was basketball, but I've had a recurring shoulder injury and it's cut it short," Blann said. "I didn't want to go to college at all because I knew I wasn't going to be playing at the next level. Coach Sells kept reaching out and texting and texting me about joining track. I appreciate the belief he had in me. So I went out there and gave it a shot. My connection and passion for it are growing every day. I was just learning something new every day, and if I keep going, I'll keep learning. I'm excited to compete at the next level."

The future is bright for Blann as he finished his career at Logan County, making history.

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TAX

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produce over \$1,121,789 per year for the district." Costellow added that the state typically matches this at around 0.82 per \$100, which would generate over \$800,000 in additional funds.

According to Costellow, the last time the district passed a construction nickel tax was in 2014. The revenue went to build the career and technical center and was financed through 20-year bonds.

Mark Rawlings, director of Baird Public Finance, which provides the school district with financial guidance regarding bonding, facilities, and construction, said that LCS has remained fiscally responsible over the last several years and has operated with a balanced budget or a slight surplus "despite having one of the lowest tax rates in the Commonwealth."

Rawlings added that, by statute, funds for construction projects must be segregated from operating funds. Because of the legal constraints on capital funds, "the proposed tax increase will dramatically expedite Logan County Schools' ability to finance and construct a new Auburn Elementary in 10 years without the tax to potential completion in 2.5 to three years with the proposed tax," Rawlings said.

According to Logan County PVA, the average home assessment is \$241,000, translating to about \$87 per year or approximately \$7.25 monthly in taxes.

Funds generated from the nickel equivalent tax can only be used for major renovations of existing school facilities, new construction, or debt service. These funds cannot be used for other purposes, such as salaries.

Logan County Schools' tax rate is 0.463 per \$100, whereas the Russellville Independent School District's is 0.837 per \$100. According to the Kentucky Department of Education,

Logan County Schools ranks 151st, while Russellville ranks 24th out of 171 school districts in tax rates. Neighboring county school systems rank as follows: Todd County ranks 150th, Muhlenberg County Schools ranks 122nd, Butler County ranks 166th, Warren County Schools ranks 130th, and Simpson County Schools ranks 109th.

Simpson County Schools adopted an additional 5-cent equivalent tax in 2022 to

provide funding earmarked specifically for the renovation or construction of buildings/facilities.

"Our current tax rate of 46.3 cents per \$100 of property value is among the bottom 12% of districts in Kentucky," Costellow said, adding, "We don't want our buildings to be among the bottom 12% too."

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