

# COMMUNITY

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The board tabled discussions regarding an upcoming project on Goose Creek and also tabled a discussion regarding a customer dispute on Pleasant Springs, as well, to receive further information regarding each issue.

Paul Reynolds, from Bluegrass Engineering, spoke to the board about the Goose Creek project, and said a letter had been sent to the fiscal court regarding plans and specifications for the installation of a 2000 foot 4" line, which has Division of Water approval. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with the developer/contractor, and the board is waiting on further word from the fiscal court.

Mr. Reynolds also gave some updates regarding Phase 12. The project includes a pump station at Blue Licks, which is currently under construction, and is looking good, and is going as planned, with a tentative completion date for the end of August.

He also gave some updates regarding Phase 13

and mentioned that they are looking into funding for the project with the Bluegrass ADD and the EPA, as well as looking at all avenues regarding funding. The Bartersville tank is not in Phase 13, but the waterline on US 68 is, but not in specifics.

The board also discussed a possible wholesale water rate from the Western Fleming Water District. The board also met a few days later, at the water board office, for a special-called meeting for further discussion.

The board went over a packet called "Analysis and Recommendations for Wholesale Water Rate," provided from the Western Fleming Water District, dated March 5, 2025, prepared by Robert K. Miller, from the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

The packet contains the following, "Western Fleming County Water District sells water to Buffalo Trail Water Association and Nicholas County Water District on a wholesale basis under Water Purchase Contracts. These contracts contain the terms and conditions under which new pricing will be modified every three years.

Western Fleming County Water District requested that Kentucky Rural Water Association perform a whole water rate study based upon current expenses.

The computed wholesale rate is \$3.95 per thousand gallons. This represents an increase of \$1.76 per thousand gallons or 80.37% over the current rate of \$2.19. This represents a significant increase which indicates that a phase-in over multiple years may be appropriate for consideration."

Mr. Reynolds and the board discussed the possible wholesale rate increase and raised multiple questions and options regarding the proposed increase. The Nicholas County Water District rates paid to Western Fleming have gone up steadily over the years, from \$1.63, to \$2.14, to the current \$2.19 per thousand gallons.

Mr. Reynolds also said a meeting has been set up at Buffalo Trail to get their thoughts on the matter, as well.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.



Photo courtesy of NCES Music Facebook page

From L to R... Choir Director - Ross Haney, Choir Members - Thoran Ross, Grayson McKinney, Xander Guy, and Samara Hanson

On Friday, May 2, 2025, four NCES Bluejacket Singers participated in the Central Kentucky Choral Festival in Midway, KY!

We are all so proud of them for taking the time to try out different musical opportunities.



City employees were out on Tuesday morning, May 6, 2025, doing some painting, and making "The Little Town with a Big Heart" a bit nicer. Thank you guys for all your hard work! It is much appreciated!!!

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sharpsburg Water District plans to file with the Public Service Commission on or before April 30, 2025 to adjust certain non-recurring charges. The proposed effective date is June 1, 2025. The proposed changes are as follows:

Non-Recurring Charges	Existing	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5/8" X 3/4" Connection fee	\$1130.00	\$1265.00	\$135.00	11.95%

A person may examine this tariff filing at the commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Any person may examine this tariff filing at the District office located at 16 East Mill Street, Sharpsburg, Kentucky, Monday-Friday, 8: a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.

Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its' website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the District, but the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of notice, the PSC may take final action on the tariff filing.

# OBITUARIES

## Juanita Ishmael Bennett



Juanita Ishmael Bennett, age 68, of Paris, KY, wife of Robert Bennett, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025.

Born on May 26, 1956, Juanita was the daughter of the late Robert and Ardie Mitchell Ishmael. She was a devoted homemaker whose love for her family—and for strangers alike—was a true reflection of the kind and generous person she was. Her kindness and gentle spirit made her one of the sweetest souls anyone could hope to meet. Always ready to lend a hand or offer a word of encouragement, she was there for others in their times of need, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and selflessness.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Bennett; one son, Austin Bennett; and one grandson, Parker Bennett. She also leaves behind one sister, Lisa (Billy) Heflin; one brother, Brian (Cathy) Ishmael; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Bennett; and a brother-in-law, Johnny Bennett and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Juanita was preceded in death by her beloved son, Jason Bennett; two brothers, Jeffery Ishmael and Estell Ishmael; and one sister, Virginia Hardin.

Funeral services was held at 11:00 AM on

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Trinity First Church of God in Paris, KY, with Brother Vernon Adams and Brother Todd St. John officiating. Burial will follow at Millersburg Cemetery, Millersburg, KY.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Trinity First Church of God, Paris, KY.

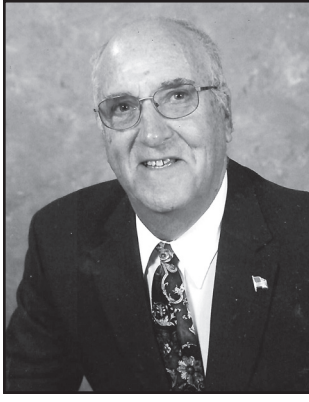
Pallbearers were Jeremy Ishmael, Tyler Ishmael, Justin Ishmael, Timmy Hawkins, Roger Peters, and John Hardin. Honorary pallbearers were James Michael Heflin and Joshua Ishmael.

The family would like to thank the Bluegrass Care Navigators for their excellent care.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Juanita will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her faith, warmth, and giving spirit will continue to inspire those she leaves behind. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

## Gerald Gaunce Watkins



Gerald Gaunce Watkins, 90 of Nicholas County, Kentucky, passed away Monday April 28th, 2025. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Jane Watkins. He was also preceded in death by two children Karen Beth, and Kevin Gaunce, his sister Ruby Ebert and Adrian and Dorsey Lynn Watkins.

He was the son of the late Dorsey Thomas Watkins and Grace Gaunce Watkins.

A graduate of Nicholas County High School, Gerald retired from IBM and Reid and Vice Hardware. He enjoyed traveling, collecting tools (brace and bits), reading and studying his Bible. He enjoyed making his small toolboxes, gardening, and helping his family with projects. He served his community through various civic organizations including the Rotary Club, Jaycees, Bluegrass Area Development District but none were more important to him than newspaper route to the nursing home, delivering our local newspaper and church bulletins to every resident. He was a devoted member of the Carlisle United Methodist Church, where he served

as a youth Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir, and hosted Easter Sunrise service for several years. He also served as a member of the Gideons.

Gerald is survived by his son Brian Watkins, wife Anessia, a daughter in law Suzanne Lee, husband Marshall, his grandchildren Shelby, husband Michael, Grace Watkins and Bryce Watkins. He is also survived by his best friend in life, Patsy Smith, who brought so much joy, fun and adventure to his life.

A visitation was held at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on May 1st starting at 5-8 pm. Funeral service were May

2nd at 11 am, by pastors Kyle Burnette and Steve Smith. Pall bearers were Bryce Watkins, Wayne Orschelin, Carl Vice, Dexter Sims, Darren Green, Marshall Lee, Danny Ratliff, and Steven Minton. Honorary bearers were Shawna Hatton, Melissa Mitchell, John Anderson, and all his nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Methodist Church Sunday school, Gideons, or the Carlisle Christian Church. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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