


OBITUARIES/COMMUNITY

Leonard F. “Tunn” Howard, Jr.



include his children, Joshua Robert Howard & Kandice Lee Howard (Chad Crump, Sr.); a sister, Mary Frances (Gary) Link; a grandson, Chad “C.J.” Crump, Jr.; his mother-in-law, Marjorie Sumner; his sister-in-law, Kimberly Smith; several nieces & nephews, and a large extended family.

Also preceding him in death were 3 brothers: Donald Ray, Ralph & Dennis Howard; his father-in-law, Robert G. Sumner, Sr.; and a brother-in-law, Bobby Sumner.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday, August 22nd at Community Chapel Church officiated by Rev. Jimmy Jolly and Chad Jolly with visitation beginning at 2:00 P.M.


Honorary bearers will be all of his dear friends and family.

Leonard will be inurned on the Summer Family Lot at Carlisle Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home.

Condolences may be left at www.mathers-gaunce.com.

Omer Ray Hunt



nieces, Leann Hughes and Becky Florence, one nephew, Josh Hunt. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a brother Wayne Hunt, a sister Rita Simpson and a nephew Jeremy Simpson. A Celebration of Life will be held from 5 pm – 7 pm Friday August 22, 2025, at Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home. Carlisle-Clark Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Surely not another 1983 drought!

By Mark Mattmiller

Here in Cynthiana, the weather has been a bit brutal this summer. The results as for as drought is concerned has been a bit mixed. Some areas right on the edge of town have had some rain relief while other parts of town are drying up. I've noticed that my farm is showing some signs of a serious drought. The leaves on all of the weeds and small plants are really drooping, and the trees are showing signs of stress: When you can detect that the tree leaves are drooping, you are experiencing a serious degree of drought, and that is what I see today.

Surely we aren't heading for another 1983. You do remember that don't you? That drought was a humdinger. It didn't rain all summer. I was growing my first tobacco crop that summer and I was able to get water on the crop using one single pole irrigation spray that I hooked to a very old water pump made for a tractor power take-off. I powered the sprayer with a small gasoline motor I took off of a go-cart. I pumped the water out of two small ponds. I would drive to my farm twice a day to fill the gas tank for the motor and to move the sprayer. Believe it or not, the results were super: plants as tall as me.

I was pretty proud until I woke up on September 30th I looked out and saw that we had a super early frost. The tops of the plants were as flat as a table top. This wasn't as bad as it seemed at first because only the very top leaves were damaged.

My family helped me with setting out the plants, chopping out, spraying, and topping. It's important to know that none of us had any experience whatsoever with raising tobacco. I had spent about a year rebuilding the old stripping room, making the presses, rebuilding an old setter that I had bought at a sale, and doing about eight hundred other things to prepare for growing the crop. Plowing, setting, chopping out, cutting, and housing all went really well.

Then came stripping the tobacco. I thought I'd lose my mind: Never had I ever before stood in one place for so long. It was drudgery for me. But finally the job was done, and it was time to take it to market. It turned out that the drought had continued into the housing period and the leaves did not cure very well at all. I was saved by the tobacco program and the kindness of the warehouse owner. I never attempted another tobacco crop.

So I do hope that we are not facing another 1983. I pray for rain not for myself but for all of you out there who are still full-time and part-time farmers. Believe me, you are tougher than I am.

NCHS Bluejackets take down Pendleton County, 38-0, during season-opener

Free Admission to Jackets home opener against Bellevue this Friday

By Michael A. Clary

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The NCHS Bluejackets football team opened up the 2025 season with a win during an away game on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, as they traveled to Pendleton County to take on the Wildcats.

The Bluejackets dominated the entire game on offense and defense, with a total of 291 rushing yards and 97 passing yards, holding the Wildcats scoreless, with only -6 rushing yards and 56 passing yards.

QB Chandler Kenney completed 9 of 16 passes for 97 yards, which included two touchdowns passes to Jayden Watkins.

Leading the Bluejackets in rushing was Wyatt Simons with 20 attempts for 144 yards, with 2 touchdowns and 1 2-point conversion; Chandler Kenney with 12 attempts for 94 yards, with 1 touchdown and 2 2-point conversions; and Jayden Watkins with 11 attempts for 53 yards, with 1 2-point conversion.

Leading the Bluejackets in receiving was Jayden Robinson with 3 receptions for 43 yards; Luke Davis with 3 receptions for 33 yards; Wyatt Simons with 1 reception for 11 yards; and Jayden Watkins with 2 receptions for 10 yards, which includes his two TD's.

The Jackets had two fumble recoveries during the game, by Chandler Kenney and Phillip Dixon, and one forced defensive fumble by Wyatt Simons.

Leading the Bluejackets defense was Case Reid with 6 tackles; Wyatt Simons, Jacob Saucedo, and Cash Linville with 4 tackles each; Jayden Robinson and Jayden Watkins with 3 tackles each; Blake Adams and Preston Blake with 2 tackles each; and Carter Alexander, Jack Jeter, and Phillip Dixon with 1 tackle each.

The Bluejackets home opener is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 29th when they take on the Bellevue Tigers. The admission to the game is free to celebrate the brand-new football field at NCMHS. So come on out, and cheer on our Nicholas County Bluejackets!!!

High School Football season is here!!!! Go Jackets!!!

(photos courtesy of Alisha Dunn)



ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOL TAX RATES 2025-2026			
The Robertson County Board of Education has approved the following tax rates:			
Tax rates per \$100 Assessed Valuation			
Real Estate	Rate 73.50	Exoneration 0.00	Total 73.50
Tangible Property	73.50	0.00	73.50
Motor Vehicle	55.9		
Utility Tax	3%		
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