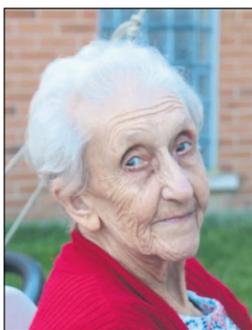


OBITUARIES

Alta Elliott

Alta Elliott, known as Angie or Angelene of Hamilton, Ohio, was born Dec. 18, 1934, and passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026.



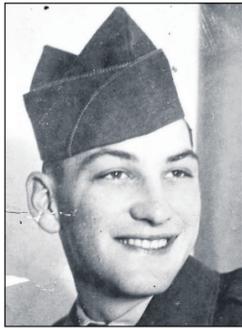
Born in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late William and Martha Jones, wife of the late Rev. Howard Elliott, and mother of the late Robert Elliott. She leaves behind her children, Linda (Roy) Hauser and Donna Elliott, her grandchildren Josh (Nicky) Hauser, Amanda (Jarrod) Gallatin, Kristen Rogers, and Daniel Elliott. Also, five great-grandchildren, Zoe, Dillon, Lauren, Jude and Trenton, also nieces, nephews, and a very close church family.

enjoyed living and growing. If you would like to honor her memory, the family welcomes living plants, blankets, or other lasting gifts, or donations to Servant's Heart Haiti Mission, a ministry close to her heart. www.servantshearthaitimission.org

Funeral Services were held at Winton Road First Church of God with burial in Rose Hill Burial Park, Hamilton Ohio. Albert D. Hinkel, Funeral Director with Charles C. Young Funeral Home, 4032 Hamilton Cleves Rd. Ross, Ohio is assisting the family. Condolences may be made online at www.charlesyoungfuneral-home.com.

Clifford A. Thompson

May 27, 1932 — Feb. 20, 2026



Beloved husband of the late Betty Jean Thompson for 67 years. Loving father of Denise Woodrum and Debbie Kohler. Dear grandfather of Jamie, Shane, Kisha, Kandace, and Kourtney. Dear great grandfather of Morgan, Brandon, Alex, Payton, Cameron, Landon, Evelyn, and Luke. Dear great-great grandfather of eight. Brother-in-law of Virginia Black. Preceded in death by parents Ettie and Clay Thompson, and siblings, Homer, Clayton, William, Otis, Lillard, Irene, Christine, Inas, and Evelyn. Clifford passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2026 at the age

of 93. Visitation was held at Hodapp Funeral Home, 6410 Cincinnati Dayton Rd., Liberty Twp., OH 45044, on Monday, March 2, 2026, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at Noon. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Mason, OH.

Peggy Long

Peggy Long, 65, of Liberty, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2026, at her home.

Born on Sept. 28, 1960, in Franklin, Indiana, she was a daughter of the late Lewis Howard and Alois Shreve Johnson.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Beth (Otniel) Mina; sisters, Judy Summerville, Vicky Price;

and a granddaughter.

The funeral service was March 7 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. Burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Glenda Sue Gardner-Ewers

Glenda Sue Gardner-Ewers, 77, of Liberty, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026.

She was born on March 26, 1948 in Lebanon, Indiana.

She is survived by her sons, Brent Latona (Janice), Steven Latona (Danielle); daughter, Pam Holliday; brothers, Kent (Joellen), Mark; sisters,

Darlene, Debbie (Leonard); 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be planned and announced at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted with McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com

Kenneth Clay Emerson

Kenneth Clay Emerson, 71, of Liberty, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, at Casey County Hospital.

Born on Feb. 3, 1955, in Casey County, he was a son of the late Walter Clay Emerson and Ina Mae Poff Emerson Wilham.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Murphy Emerson; daughter, Melissa (David) Brown; sisters, Martha (Ronald) Luttrell and Pamela (Tim)

Lawhorn; a stepsister, Tara (Tim) Buis; and a grandson.

The funeral service was March 1 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Gary F. Young

Gary F. Young, 62, of Liberty, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026.

Born in Boyle County, he was the son of Phyllis Young, of Liberty, and the late Frank Young, and was born in Boyle County.

He is also survived by his wife, Donna King Young; children, Chad Baldock (Jamie Duncan),

Bradley (Alesha) Baldock, Austin Young (Merideth Lee); siblings, Melissa (Odis) Strunk, Jennifer Young, Johnny (Janet) Young; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were March 1 at Brush Creek Pentecostal Church. Burial was in the Tapscott Cemetery.

Christine Clements Weddle

Christine Clements Weddle, 87, of, Dunnville, died Sunday Feb. 22, 2026, at the Fair Oaks Health and Rehab. She was born Dec. 23,

1938, in Liberty, to the late Oliver and Ann Liza Black Clements.

She is survived by her daughter, Beverly (Kenneth)

Sullivan; son, Ray (Jenell) Weddle; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and twelve step great-grandchild-

dren. Funeral services were Feb. 27 at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Calhoun Creek Cemetery.

Ila Agatha 'Gay' Clark

Ila Agatha "Gay" Clark, 93, of Liberty, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, at Casey County Hospital.

Born on Feb. 21, 1933,

in Casey County, she was a daughter of the late James Kenton "Bud" Luttrell and Mattie Gladys Murphy Luttrell.

She is survived by her

husband, Donald Ray Clark; children, Dian Ottinger, Debbie Powell, Brenda (Ricky) Buck, Vicki (Sue Kirk) Shepherd, Kim Angel,

Eddie (Jackie) Shepherd, and Amanda Hatter; sister, Betty Bendschneider; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grand-

children. The funeral service was Feb. 28 at Hilltop Trinity Full Gospel Tabernacle. Burial was in Hilltop Trinity Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

2026-27 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available

BY CASEY COUNTY NEWS

FRANKFORT — The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more started on Sunday, March 1. Outdoor enthusiasts are able to purchase all the licenses, tags and permits they need to enjoy Kentucky's outdoors through the end of February 2027.

Licenses and permits are sold online through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource's License Sales portal and the My Profile app, both searchable on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agent locations

by county is available on the department's website.

The 2026-2027 license and permit fees will remain the same as the current license year ending Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026. License and permit fees for the 2025-2026 license year were increased slightly across the board in January 2026 following a new, inflation-based pricing system measured on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the national measure of inflation calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Federal Duck Stamp and application fees were exempt from CPI adjustments.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when pursuing specific

species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple species permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For newcomers to all the great outdoor opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, a reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers. Only individuals who have not purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license – or a combination license that includes an annual license - since 1996 are eligible. The \$37 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer

permit.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a number of resources to assist avid outdoor enthusiasts and newcomers alike with information on waterbodies, public lands, fishing and hunting education and all the regulations to help anglers and hunters make the most of their time outdoors via its website and the hunting and fishing guides it produces annually. This includes the new Fishing and Boating Guide available online and in print.

Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of

fish, store copies of their licenses, and much more using the smartphone app.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and permits, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

For questions, the public may refer to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov) or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The deadline for the Community Calendar is at 4 p.m. Friday. Email to news@caseynews.net.

HAPPENINGS

- Commodities will be distributed March 10 through March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Casey County Food Pantry, 289 S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd., Liberty. Recipients can come on any day. To sign up for commodities or for more information, please call 787-0138 Ext.1.
- The Red Hatitudes will meet Wednesday, March 25 at noon at Sacred Heart church to carpool to the Rex restaurant in Nancy for lunch.
- The Forkland Community Center will host its 21st Annual Old Fashioned Pie Supper and Spaghetti Dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. March 7. Admission is

free, with the spaghetti dinner \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids over 2 years old. The pie auction begins at 7.

- Anthony Cook, VFW Post 5704 service officer, will be at the Casey County Public Library the second Tuesday of every month to talk to veterans about benefits or other services.

CHURCH

- St. Bernard Catholic Church in Clementsville began serving its weekly Lenten Fish Fry Fridays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The fish fry dinners are \$15 for adults. Kids 12 and under are \$8. Fish will be served for six consecutive Fridays through Lent.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- A child bereavement group will meet the first Friday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Outreach Center, 289 Wallace

Wilkinson Blvd., in Liberty. For more information call 606-303-1422.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the First Christian Church fellowship hall. For information, call 606-787-5866 or 606-305-1288.

- Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. every Thursday at Hope Ministry, 882 Caney Fork Road, Liberty. For more information, call 606-448-9176.

- A Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the basement at Brush Creek Pentecostal Church on KY 49.

- A Survivor of Suicide support group meets the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Boyle County Library. This group is for adults who have had friends or family members die by suicide.

LOCAL

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the fire, but they also have not found its body.

According to Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, on Feb. 22 at around 8:30 p.m. fire personnel were dispatched to 1219 Campbellsville St. in Liberty with reports that the structure was fully engulfed in flames.

Upon arrival, firefighters began to attempt to put out the concrete block structure, but after a short time the

roof and the front of the structure collapsed. A second alarm was requested and additional manpower from surrounding fire departments arrived on the scene.

The departments worked together for several hours attacking the fire aggressively and continued to fight the fire despite falling snowflakes and sub-freezing temperatures.

The work was also made more hazardous due to chemicals and oil held in the business. Outside, one could hear popping from containers

exploding inside the structure.

Internet service was disrupted for many in Liberty as nearby utility lines were disconnected.

By 1:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, firefighters completed their work and left the scene.

The next morning, all that remained was a smoking ruin.

Those assisting or helping at the location of the fire were Brush Creek Fire Department, Poplar Springs Fire Department, Dunnville Fire Department, Bluegrass 911, Liberty Police Department, City of Liberty Utilities, and KU.

CASEY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER MENU

- March 4: Taco soup, tossed salad, banana, graham cracker, corn chips, sour cream, and milk
- March 5: Fish sticks, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, tartar sauce, fruit, and milk
- March 6: Grilled chicken sandwich on a bun, broccoli and cheese, potato salad, fruit, cookie, and milk

- March 9: Barbecue pork riblet, baked potato, coleslaw, sour cream and margarine, fruit, roll and milk
- March 10: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, grapes, roll with margarine, and milk
- March 11: Barbecue chicken, lima beans, coleslaw, fruit, roll with margarine, and milk

HAPPENINGS IN Liberty/Casey County

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March 6th- March 7th
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