OBITUARIES

Margaret Moore

Margaret Moore, 75, of Marion County, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 12, 1951, in Marion County to the late Joseph and Mammie Moore.

Besides her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her siblings, Carolyn Moore and Robert Moore.

Survivors include her brothers, Vernon Lee (Brenda) Moore, Joseph Roy (Mary) Moore and James Anthony Moore; sisters, Louise McCauley,



Gladys Blanton, Mary Ann (Michelle) Moore, Melissa Day and Dana (Joey) Smith; plus a host of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was Saturday, Oct. 10 at Bosley Funeral Home with the Rev. Clellan Hays officiating. Interment was in Benningfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers werre Jordan Ryan, Derrick Moore, Nicole Moore, Hannah Ryan, Isiah Moore and Austin Ryan.

Honorary pallbearers were Michael Moore, Skylar Moore, Caleb Moore, Jared Moore, Timothy McCauley, MaKenzie Greene, Aubrey Moore, Calli Thornton, Josh Hudleston, Nathan Hudleston, Raeleigh Ryan, Ava Ryan, Colt Ryan and Owen Moore.

Norville G. Farris

Norville G. Farris, 93, of Campbellsville, the son of the late Albert Raymond and Willie Alma Kelly Farris, was born March 9, 1933, in Taylor County, and departed this life Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, in Columbia.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his close friends.

A graveside service is at 11 a.m. EDT Friday, Oct. 16, at Cane Valley Cemetery.

L.R. Petty Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Ernie Wayne Burris

Ernie Wayne Burris, 73, of Campbellsville, the son of the late Ray Burris and Dimple Corbin Burris, was born May 12, 1953, in New Castle, Indiana, and departed this life Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, in Campbellsville.

He professed faith in Christ and was a member of Campbellsville First Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Gilbert Burris of Campbellsville; and one daughter, Dana Burris Parson of Campbellsville.

The funeral was Monday, Oct. 12, at L.R. Petty Funeral Home with burial in Campbellsville Memorial Gardens.

Christopher Brian Black

Christopher Brian Black, 36, of Campbellsville, was born June 18, 1990, in Louisville and departed this life Friday, Oct. 9, 2026, in Marion County.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Renea Derman Black; his parents, Brian and Marsha Black and Lisa Ann and Thomas Bradley Lewis; his children, Karson Lee Black and Kylie Mae Black; and his grandfather, Jerry Black, all of Campbellsville.

The funeral is at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at L.R. Petty Funeral Home in Campbellsville with burial in Campbellsville Memorial Gardens.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Coach who shaped WKU Athletics dies at age 90

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

For more than four decades, Jim Richards molded the athletics program at Western Kentucky University. He died Friday, Oct. 9, at age 90.



Jim Richards

Richards, who was born July 16, 1936, in Lebanon and grew up in Adair County, came to WKU as a student-athlete in 1954. A member of the WKU Athletic Hall of Fame and renown as a basketball coach and winningest golf coach in school history, he was first known as a baseball player.

Richards four letters in baseball from 1955 to 1958. He led the Hilltoppers in batting in each seasons and served as team captain during his final three years.

Before returning to his alma mater, Richards established himself as a successful high school basketball coach, serving at Auburn and Glasgow high schools. In 1968, he led Glasgow to a Kentucky state championship and was invited to returned to WKU as an assistant men's basketball coach under John Oldham that same year.

During his three seasons on the staff, the Hilltoppers compiled a 62-19 record, won two Ohio Valley Conference championships and made two NCAA Tournament appearances. The highlight came during the 1970-71 season, when WKU advanced to the NCAA Final Four. The Hilltoppers fell to Villanova, 92-89, in a double-overtime semifinal before defeating Kansas, 77-75, in the national third-place game.

Following Oldham's retirement in 1971, Richards was named head coach of the Hilltoppers, a position he held for seven seasons. He compiled a 102-84 record and guided WKU to Ohio Valley Conference regular-season championships in 1972 and 1976, tournament championships and NCAA appearances in 1976 and 1978. He was named OVC Coach of the Year in both 1974 and 1976.

After stepping away from basketball coaching in 1978, Richards continued his service to WKU Athletics as coordinator of men's athletics and head men's golf coach, positions he held through 1986. Under his leadership, each of his eight golf teams recorded a winning season.

Richards also served as the first executive director of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, helping the organization achieve record fundraising growth during its formative years. His commitment to strengthening WKU's athletic programs extended beyond competition, as he worked to build the support and resources necessary for future generations of Hilltoppers.

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helicopter to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington for further treatment.

Black was a supervisor at Curtis Maruyasu America in Lebanon, according to his obituary. Survivors include his wife, Sarah Renea Black, their two children and his parents.

His funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at L.R. Petty Funeral Home in Campbellsville.

LEGAL

ADVERTISEMENT OF LOCAL OPTION ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

I, Dickie Benningfield, sheriff of Taylor County pursuant to KRS 242.040 through the publishing of this notice inform the citizens of the Ireland/Irene-Romine Precinct that a local option election will be held during the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 to determine the position of the public on the issue detailed in this executive order.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TAYLOR COUNTY, KENTUCKY
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-0810

WHEREAS, a petition for a local option election was filed in the Office of the Taylor County Clerk on August 10, 2026, which petition requested that an election be held to allow the sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink and malt beverages by the package at marinas located in the Ireland/Irene-Romine Precinct of Taylor County, Kentucky; and
WHEREAS, said petition has been found to comply with the requirement of KRS 242.020 because it contains signatures of the constitutionally qualified voters of the Ireland/Irene-Romine precinct of Taylor County, Kentucky equal to at least twenty-five (25%) of the votes cast in the precinct at the last preceding general election; and
WHEREAS, KRS 242.020 (6) makes it mandatory on the Taylor County Judge Executive to enter an order directing a local option election to be held in the Ireland/Irene-Romine precinct of Taylor County, Kentucky, during the next primary or general election; and
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that an election be held on the General Election day on November 3, 2026, to take the consensus of the people of the Ireland/Irene-Romine precinct of Taylor County, Kentucky by eligible voters in the precinct, as to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in the territory by placing the following question on the ballot:
"Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink and malt beverages by the package at marinas located in the D102 – Ireland/Irene-Romine Precinct?"

ENTERED, this 10th day of August 2026.

Barry Smith
Taylor County Judge Executive

Church planning 60th jubilee



A jubilee celebration and rededication Mass is planned to mark the 60th anniversary of the completion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 213 University Drive in Campbellsville. The congregation started as a mission work in 1879, obtained parish status in 1962 and opened this building in Oct. 23, 1966, according to a church history provided by Gail Allen. The celebration is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

Legislators credited with securing money for Monroe water system

BY CKNJ STAFF

A water system serving nearly 9,600 Monroe County residents is set for a major round of upgrades following a $6.6 million state investment.

State Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, marked the progress Monday with a ceremonial check presentation during the Monroe Fiscal Court meeting in Tompkinsville.

The funding, appropriated through House Bill 900 during the 2026 regular session, will help the Monroe County Water District modernize customer meters, strengthen emergency backup capabilities and expand the system's ability to meet future demand, according to a news release issued by the Senate Majority Caucus.

HB 900 used one-time resources from Kentucky's budget reserve trust fund to make targeted investments in infrastructure and other community needs across the commonwealth.

Wise, who also serves as Senate Majority Floor Leader, and Rep. Amy Neighbors, R-Edmonton, were credited with securing the money.

"When you save responsibly, you put yourself in a position to make investments that last," Wise said. "Instead of using one-time dollars to permanently grow government, we can put them into infrastructure that Monroe County will depend on for decades."

The General Assembly appropriated $6.6 million in fiscal year 2027-28 from Kentucky's budget reserve trust fund account to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for distribution to the Monroe County Water District.

The project is designed to strengthen the water system across the district through three major improvements: replacing existing customer meters with radio-read ultrasonic meters, installing permanent backup generators at booster pump stations and constructing a new transmission main.

For customers, those upgrades are expected to improve meter accuracy, speed up leak and water-loss detection and provide greater protection against service interruptions during power outages and emergencies.

A new transmission main also will strengthen system pressure while adding capacity to serve future residential and economic growth. Those improvements are expected to reduce operating costs and improve overall system reliability, the news release said.

Monroe County Water District Chair John Petett said the investment will allow the district to address needs across the system while preparing for future demand.

BENNINGFIELD

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our phone lines, we will still be able to communicate with different departments."

The council approved a one-half percent increase to the city occupational tax to help pay for that project. That move was heavily criticized.

Benningfield said that tax increase could go away if the city's talks with some of Taylor County's larger industries agree to be annexed. Several of them already receive city services such as water and sewer.

The mayor is opposed to data centers locating withing the city limits and says there have been no communications with any representatives about property available.

"As I've campaigned, I'm hearing from individuals is they don't want them," Benningfield said. "Before anything like that is suggested or offered here for that, I would leave that up to our community to make that decision.

"If they want to do it in the county somewhere, we can't control what happens in the county."

ROGERS

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city's financial situation other than to mention the increase in the occupational tax.

"I can't really talk about that until I get in there and see what it looks like," Rogers said

The candidate also confused data centers with solar farms, at first noting the solar panels that use sunlight to produce energy would make too much noise and use too much water.

"I am against data centers," he said.

Rogers also said he is opposed to artificial intelligence.

"AI is more like the command and control of the city," he said. "Whether it is industry or leadership or a number of things they are trying to force upon you. AI is doing that nationwide right now. They are demanding different strategy and facility. It is their way or the highway."

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