

OBITUARY

Oliver Coffey



Oliver Coffey, age 81 years, of the Clark Hollow Community, died Thursday February 20, 2025 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, Kentucky.

He was born in Wayne County, Kentucky on February 15, 1944 the son of the late Frank Oliver and Sarah Jane (Gregory) Coffey. Oliver had worked in the sawmill and was a member of the Concord Baptist Church. His favorite past times were coloring on his tablet, fishing, ginseng hunting, spending time with family sitting on the porch, and loved to visit.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers,

Henderson F. Coffey, Othal Earnie Coffey, and Stanley Estile Coffey; Jacky Daniel Coffey and Cordell Coffey, and sister, Audrey Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Mary S. (Vaughn) Coffey of Stearns, Kentucky, whom he married August 11, 1971; sons, Wendell Oliver Coffey of Stearns, Kentucky and Randall Tony Coffey of Monticello, Kentucky; daughter, Elvenia Sue West (David) of Stearns, Kentucky; sisters, Clara Coffey Gregory and Lora Coffey Vaughn both of Monticello, Kentucky; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1pm Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the McCreary County Funeral Home with Bro. Nate Howard officiating. Burial to follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends after 11am Wednesday at the Funeral Home.

McCreary County Funeral Home entrusted with the arrangements.

PUBLIC RECORD



CONSTABLE'S REPORT

The possibility of people with the same or similar names exist. All persons listed in the Constable's Report are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

February 21, 2025

District 3 Constable Cody Stephens served a bench warrant on James E Wilson for nonpayment of fines

February 23, 2025

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LAND TRANSFERS

February 17-23, 2025

Ronald Brad Vaughn, Brad Vaughn, and Melissa Vaughn to Brad's Car Wash LLC to transfer property at the junction of HWY 27 and Geary Avenue in Whitley City, KY, to the LLC of grantors.

Michael Scott and Marcia Shook to KY Properties LLC for \$16,000, two tracts of land on the waters of White Oak Creek and White Oak Creek and the border of Rock Creek.

Joe D. and Joy Waters to JW Rentals LLC, for updating the title to a tract of land in Strunk, KY, 2 and 1/5 acres more or less with a mobile home.

Bill Berry to Bill and Sherry Berry, updating title between husband and wife, a parcel of land on the north side of Freewill Church Road.

Stearns Revitalization Project, Inc. to Kim and Kerry Vordtriede for \$150,000, a certain tract of land , 45/100 of an acre in the vicinity of Old Marshes Siding School House Road.

AFF Deed-Aaron Michael Phelps and Brooke Phelps to KY Housing Corporation to correct clerical errors, Tract #10 Rainbow Circle.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHERIFF'S REPORT



Sheriff David Sampson notes the possibility of people with the same or similar names exists. All persons listed in the Sheriff's Report are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

February 17, 2025

Deputy Chris Carter arrested James Paul Cotney by executing a bench warrant (failure to appear.)

Deputy Chris Carter arrested Gerald Nelson by executing a bench warrant.

February 21, 2025

Deputy Alex Wilson arrested Billy Ray Goodin by executing a bench warrant for failure to appear (underlying charges are Alcohol Intoxication, Public Place.)

Deputy Ricky Flannery arrested Trevor Douglas for (1) Speed-

ing 26 mph or > (2) Wanton Endangerment (3) Fleeing or Evading Police (4) Reckless Driving.

February 22, 2025

Deputy Ricky Flannery arrested Brittany Sweet by executing a bench warrant for failure to appear.

Deputy Alex Jones cited (citation) Daniel Tucker for (1) No registration plates, (2) Failure to Maintain Insurance (3) Operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked license, (4) Failure to wear a seat belt.

Deputy Alex Jones

cited (citation) Jesse Allen Perry for (1) No Registration Receipt, (2) No Registration Plates, (3) Failure to Wear a Seat Belt, (4) Failure to Maintain Required Insurance.

Deputy Alex Jones cited (citation) Olivia Perry for (1) No Registration and (2) No Registration Plates.

February 23, 2025

Deputy Ryan Jones arrested James Sumler by executing multiple Bench Warrants for Contempt of Court.

Deputy Alex Jones arrested James A. Sumler for (1) Possession of a

Controlled Substance (Meth), (2) Drug Paraphernalia, and (3) Possession of Marijuana.

Deputy Ricky Flannery arrested James Johnson for (1) Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence (Agg. Circ.), (2) Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree, (3) Operating on Suspended/Revoke Operator's License.

Deputy Ricky Flannery arrested Jesse Watters by executing multiple bench warrants for failure to appear and failure to pay fines, fees, and/or costs.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS



Glossary: PG – pled guilty, PNG – pled not guilty, FTA – failure to appear, c/d – conditionally discharged, BW- bench warrant, OUI – operating under influence, PI – public intoxication, TBUT – theft by unlawful taking.

Editor's note: *McCreary Journal publishes only the final disposition of district court criminal cases except for those which are waived to a grand jury or dismissed without condition.*

The following cases were heard by Honorable Judge Fred Franklin White in McCreary County District Court on February 26th , 2025

Cotner, James – (1) failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance – dismiss proof (2) failure to produce insurance card- dismiss proof (3) failure to surrender revoked operators license – 6/25/25 (4) operating on sus-

pended revoked operators license – 6/25/25 (5) license to not be in possession – 6/25/25 (6) improper equipment – 6/25/25 (7) failure to notify address change to department of transportation – 6/25/25 (8) one headlight – 6/25/25.

Cotner, James – (1) no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – 6/25/25 (2) no/expired registration plates – 6/25/25 (3) improper display of registration plates – 6/25/25 (4) failure of owner to main-

tain required insurance – dismiss proof (5) failure to produce insurance card – dismiss proof (6) operating on suspended license – 6/25/25 (7) failure to notify change of address to department of transportation – 6/25/25 (8) license to be in possession – 6/25/25 (9) failure to comply with helmet law – 6/25/25.

Cox, Jimmy D. – (1) criminal miascheif 2nd degree – PG / 12 months CD 2 yrs / \$133 / \$100 / \$30.

Hines, Marsha – (1)

criminal trespassing 3rd degree – PG / 30 days CD 2 yrs stay off property / \$133 / \$100 / \$30 (2) criminal mischief 2nd degree – PG / 30 days CD 2 yrs / stay off property / \$133 / \$100 / \$30.

Phillips, Christie – (1) criminal mischief 3rd degree – PG / 90 days CD 2 yrs / \$745.52 / \$90 fee.

Phillips, Trey – (1) criminal mischief 3rd degree – dismiss without prejudice.

FROM THE FRONT

TWO ARRESTED

from Al

years. Reportedly, Bolin and the boy were 8th cousins, although blood relatives later denied any kinship between the boy and Bolin. According to the call, the couple had last seen Austin well at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and arrived home later to find him in the hallway.

I m m e d i a t e l y, McCreary County 911 dispatched McCreary EMS and the McCreary County Sheriff's Office to 7770 West Hwy 92.

Arriving at the residence and finding Bolin, J. Ridner, and the non-responsive boy, EMS and law enforcement provided care, transporting Austin, Code 300, to Wayne County Hospital.

Despite emergency treatment, Austin was later pronounced dead at the hospital. While at the hospital, law enforcement observed serious injuries on the child and immediately launched an investigation. As McCreary County Sheriff's Office law enforcement worked overnight and the following day, conducting interviews, Sheriff David Sampson reported that Chief Deputy Dustin Ridner would lead the investigation.

During the initial investigation, a Commonwealth's Attorney's Office detective and special investigator assigned by Kentucky's Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS) worked with McCreary

County law enforcement.

Less than 24 hours after receiving the frantic 911 call, Deputy Ridner arrested the deceased child's temporary custodian, Billie Bolin, and her boyfriend, Jeremy J. Ridner. The arrest occurred on Monday, February 24, 2025, at approximately 6:00 p.m. The two were initially charged with a felony, Criminal Abuse 1st Degree. According to the uniform citation, J. Ridner and Bolin admitted knowledge of Austin's injuries and did not seek medical attention. Both arrestees were transported and lodged at the Knox County Detention Center.

On Tuesday, February 25, McCreary County Chief Deputy Ridner and

Deputy Daniel Taylor, traveled to Frankfort, KY for the autopsy of Austin's body.

"I can assure the public that I am working diligently on this case," Chief Deputy Ridner stated. "I appreciate the support from the Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff Sampson, and our other deputies."

Bolin and J. Ridner appeared in McCreary County District Court on Thursday, February 27. For more about their initial court appearance, see the related article on page 1 of this week's issue of McCreary Journal.

The complete obituary of 14-year-old Austin Lee Carpenter is on page 5 of this week's McCreary Journal.

Public Notice Call Before You Dig

Citipower, LLC asks to protect safety of the public and compliance with state and federal laws by calling the state one call system for gas line locations.

Contact the Kentucky Dig Safely One Call System at 1-800-752-6007 or by dialing 811.

MCCREARY COUNTY FISCAL COURT'S WASTE TIRE COLLECTION EVENT.



McCreary County, in partnership with the KY Division of Waste Management, is sponsoring this event. Please take advantage of this opportunity to properly dispose of any unwanted tires. Must be a Kentucky resident to be eligible except for tire retailers, scrap/salvage retailers, or recycling facilities.

- Tire Retailers, Scrap/Salvage Yards, and Recycling Businesses are Expressly Prohibited from Participating.
- **Tires Not Accepted:** Foam Filled Tires, Calcium-filled Tires, Off road Construction Tires (OTR), Rubber Tracks, and Solid Tires with/ without press-on rims.
- Tires will be accepted on or off the rim, truck, light truck, passenger, lawn tractor, bicycle, motorcycle and golf cart tires.
- Please bring bulk tires and have the tires sorted by style, for faster offloading. Any person bringing trailer loads will be required to have help unloading your tires.
- For bulk questions please call the Judges office at 606-376-2413.

March 27, 28 from 830 am to 4 p.m. March 29 from 830 am to 12: 00 p.m.

100 Caterpillar Ln Stearns KY 42647 the Road Department and Recycling Center.



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