

CU softball season ends with 27-18 record

BY CKNJ SPORTS

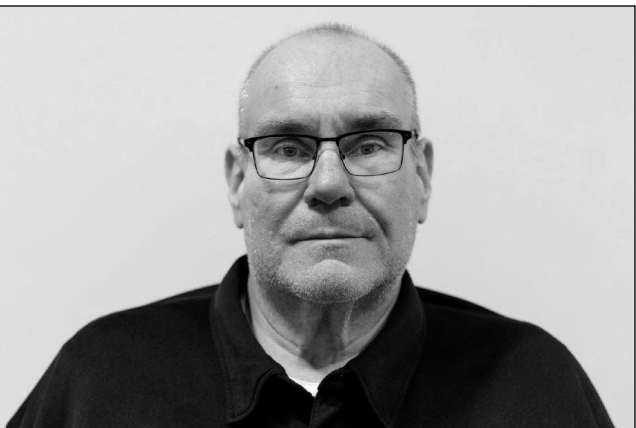
In a 10-inning game, Campbellsville University season ended in the NAIA tournament opening round Tuesday, May 13, in Fayette, Missouri.

The 2-1 loss to the British Columbia Thunderbirds ended the Lady Tigers season with a record of 27-18.

CU got its only run in the first struck first inning. Korey Harris led off with a single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Emily Reynolds and came around to score on an RBI single to center field by Riley Warner.

British Columbia evened the score in the bottom of the third and despite various threats, the teams remained tied into extra innings.

The decisive run in the tenth inning came after a BC single and two walks with the run scoring on a fielding error.



Laurel County Fire Department via AP
This undated photo released by the Laurel County Fire Department shows Laurel County Fire Department Maj. Leslie Leatherman.

Longtime Kentucky firefighter died in powerful storm while shielding his wife from danger

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON, Ky. — Kentucky firefighter Leslie Leatherman answered the call for help, rushing into harm's way as he steadfastly did for decades, when a late-night tornado plowed through his community in the Appalachian foothills. It was his final act of selflessness, and the person he protected amid the chaos was his wife.

Leatherman was among 19 people killed in Kentucky when the storm struck late Friday into early Saturday, as people in the path awoke to a terrifying scene. Most victims were from Laurel County in southeastern Kentucky, where Leatherman was a longtime member of a volunteer fire department.

Leatherman, 57, died while shielding his wife, Michelle, from flying debris, said Terry Wattenbarger, deputy chief of the Laurel County Fire Department, where Leatherman served as a major. He was found on top of his wife, Wattenbarger said. Michelle Leatherman survived and was in critical condition Tuesday at the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital in Lexington, a spokesperson said.

Wattenbarger said he thinks it happened right after the tornado had roared through, when winds were still strong enough to fling debris into the air. They were found in a field about 100 yards from their destroyed home.

"She was screaming," Wattenbarger said in an interview Tuesday. "I'm sure he went ... to the first person he thought he could help. It just happened to be her."

The tornado that hit Pulaski and Laurel counties carved a path of more than 55 miles (88 kilometers), according to the National Weather Service in Jackson, Kentucky. At its peak, the tornado grew to about a mile (1.6kilometers-) wide and had winds up to 170 mph (274 kph).

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear paid tribute to Leatherman for his decades of public service while asking people to pray for the families of all those who died in the storm. The Democratic governor said Leatherman "died doing what first

Ellie Coley pitched effectively for 8.1 innings in the circle, allowing only one earned run on ten hits while striking out two. Leah Holland came on in relief in the ninth inning. The CU defense turned in a solid performance with 29 putouts and nine assists.

After its offense exploded for 18 runs in the qualifying game the previous week, Campbellsville struggled to score in the NAIA.

The Lady Tigers dropped their opening-round contest 4-0 over Tennessee Southern on May 12.

Six teams competed in the NAIA qualifier with the host team from Central Methodist University advancing to the NAIA championship tournament beginning Thursday in Columbus, Georgia. There are 10 teams in the double-elimination event with the University of the Cumberlands holding the No. 1 seed.

responders do every day – risking his own life for our safety."

As the storm approached, Leatherman communicated he was ready to assist, Wattenbarger said. When a fire alarm sounded in his neighborhood, Leatherman indicated that he was responding. Soon after that, another firefighter confirmed the tornado was on the ground there and causing massive damage.

Emergency workers found the Leathermans early in the response but didn't recognize them in the pitch-black dark, officials said. Leatherman was dead, and they tended to Michelle Leatherman. Leslie Leatherman's location was recorded for later identification, and rescuers moved on to help other victims.

A short time later, authorities started searching for Leatherman after he failed to answer radio calls. Emergency responders returned to find his body and make the heartbreaking identification.

It was typical for Leatherman to rush into danger to protect others, said Wattenbarger, who struck up a lasting friendship with Leatherman when they were in high school together.

"His entire life, he's been a dedicated public servant," the deputy chief said. "He had a huge heart. He loved his family more than anything ... and just truly enjoyed life and was just a really good person."

Leatherman, known fondly as Les, was a constant figure in emergency services for the region. He started as an emergency medical technician in Laurel County, then became an emergency dispatcher, first for Laurel County authorities and then for Kentucky State Police, Wattenbarger said.

Most recently, he served as assistant director for the 911 center in neighboring Whitley County.

"He was a very sincere man, very hard working, a very dedicated man," said Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White Jr. "Somebody that younger people getting into emergency services in this region looked up to and looked to for guidance. He was a great mentor to many of them. We're sure going to miss him."

Campbellsville Country Club to hold junior golf clinic in June

CAMPBELLSVILLE — Campbellsville Country Club will hold a junior golf clinic in June.

The junior golf clinic will be held every Friday in June and is available for golfers ages 5-18.

Sessions in the junior golf clinic will be split into skill levels.

The play session is for beginners ages 5-18 and will focus on fundamentals. Each play session will be held from 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

The perform session is for intermediate to advanced players ages 10-18 and will focus on training for committed competitors. Each perform session will be held from 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

The fee for the junior golf clinic is \$60 per golfer for the entire month.

A QR Code and a link to register for the junior golf clinic is available on the Campbellsville Country Club Facebook Page.

Texas man is executed 13 years to the day of a store robbery in which he set a clerk on fire

BY JUAN A. LOZANO AND MICHAEL GRACZYK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A Texas man was executed Tuesday evening, 13 years to the day of a convenience store robbery in which he set a clerk on fire in a Dallas suburb.

Matthew Lee Johnson, 49, received a lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville. He was condemned for the May 20, 2012, attack on 76-year-old Nancy Harris, a great-grandmother he splashed with lighter fluid and set ablaze in the suburb of Garland. Badly burned, she died days afterward.

Asked by the warden if he had a final statement, Johnson turned his head and looked at his victim's relatives, watching through a window close by.

"As I look at each one of you, I can see her on that day," he said, speaking slowly and clearly. "I please ask for your forgiveness. I never meant to hurt her." He added, "I pray that she's the first person I see when I open my eyes and I spend eternity with."

"I made wrong choices, I've made wrong decisions, and now I pay the consequences," said Johnson, who also asked forgiveness from his wife and daughters.

There was little reaction from Harris' relatives — three sons, two daughters-in-law and a granddaughter — who witnessed the execution and declined to speak with reporters afterward.

As the lethal dose of the sedative pentobarbital began taking effect, Johnson gasped several times, then made repeated sounds like snoring. Within a minute, all movement stopped. He was pronounced dead at 6:53 p.m. CDT, 26 minutes after the drugs began flowing into his arms.

Johnson's execution was the second carried out Tuesday in the United States. Hours earlier in Indiana, Benjamin Ritchie received a lethal injection for the 2000 killing of a police officer.

The day's executions were part of a group of four scheduled within about a week's time. On May 15, Glen Rogers was executed in Florida. On Thursday, Oscar Smith is scheduled to receive a lethal injection in Tennessee.

Security video captured part of the attack against Harris who, despite her burns, was able to describe the suspect before she died.

Johnson's guilt was never in doubt. During his 2013 trial, he admitted to setting Harris on fire and also expressed remorse. "I hurt an innocent woman. I took a human being's life ... It was not my intentions to – to kill her or to hurt her, but I did," he had said at the time.

Johnson said he had not been aware of what he had done as he had been high after smoking \$100 worth of crack. His attorneys told jurors Johnson had a long history of drug addiction and had been sexually abused as a child.

Harris had worked at the convenience store for more than 10 years, living only about a block and a half away, according to testimony from one of her sons. She had four sons, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Prosecutors said Harris had only been working her Sunday morning shift for a short time when Johnson walked in,



Texas Department of Criminal Justice via AP

This undated photo provided by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shows Matthew Lee Johnson, who was sentenced to death for a convenience store robbery in which he set an elderly clerk on fire in Garland, Texas.

poured lighter fluid over her head and demanded money.

After Johnson grabbed the money from the register, he set Harris on fire and calmly walked out of the store, according to court documents. Harris frantically tried to extinguish herself and her clothing, exiting the store and screaming for help before a police officer used a fire extinguisher to douse the flames covering her body. Johnson was arrested about an hour later.

Harris suffered extensive second- and third-degree burns over her head and face,

LEGAL NOTICE

SHIV 2025 CORPORATION d/b/a Convenient Food Mart hereby declares its intention to apply for NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License no later than 05/14/2025. The licensed premises will be located at 219 S Central Ave, Campbellsville, KY 42718. The owners of the corporation are RITESHKUMAR PATEL (President) residing at 4901 HILL VIEW WOODS CT, APT #4, LOUISVILLE, KY 40229 and RAMILABEN PATEL (Vice President) residing at 4901 HILL VIEW WOODS CT, APT #4, LOUISVILLE, KY 40229. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Campbellsville Water & Sewer System is accepting bids on the following items for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (Begin July 1, 2025 & end June 30, 2026):

- Miscellaneous parts for Distribution and Sewer Collection HFS (Fluoride)
- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Various other chemicals at both Water Treatment Plant & Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Cleaning Services
- Mowing/spraying/brush clearing services

Bid documents and specific details are available at the Main Office at 110 S. Columbia Ave, Suite A, Campbellsville, KY 42718. All bids should be addressed to: Finance Manger, 110 S. Columbia Ave, Suite A, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Bids must be received no later than 11:00am on Friday, June 6th, 2025 at the main office listed above. Bids will be publicly opened at 11:30am on that same day at 109 W Main Street, Campbellsville, KY 42718 in the Public Works building. Telephone number is 270-789-3133, please ask for Millie Ramsey.

We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Campbellsville Water & Sewer system is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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- Section 8

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Housing Counseling Available

For details call: **(270) 465-3576** or pickup application packet at 400 Ingram Ave.

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The City of Campbellsville is accepting bids on the following materials and supplies for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year:

- Various Sizes of Aggregates
- Various Grades of Concrete
- Various Grades of High-Density Polyethylene Pipe
- Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
- Tack Oil
- Hot Mix Asphalt Paving
- Asphalt Milling
- Asphalt Road Cut Patchwork
- Asphalt Seal Coating and Striping
- Plumbing Services
- Pest Control Services
- HVAC Services
- Port-O- Pottys
- Tree Trimming Services
- Electrical Work

More detailed specifications and instructions are available in person at City Hall (110 S. Columbia Avenue, STE B, Campbellsville, KY 42718). Bids must be returned to City of Campbellsville. All sealed bids should be submitted no later than 11:30 AM EDT on Friday, June 13, 2025 and should be addressed to City Administrator, 110 S. Columbia Avenue, STE B, Campbellsville, KY 42718. Bids will be opened publicly at 12:00 PM EDT on Friday, June 13, 2025 at City Hall. The City of Campbellsville reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City of Campbellsville is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

TAYLOR COUNTY DISTRICT COURT LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lawanna Kay Abell of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of William Harold Wilhelm, of Campbellsville, Kentucky on this day April 22, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 22, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cindy Jane Bunnell of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Jane Diana Reams of Campbellsville, Kentucky on this day May 7, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 7, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Elder, IV of Lebanon, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Karen Cox of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executor of the Estate of Wilbur Cox of Campbellsville, Kentucky on May 6, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 6, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Marshall R. Hexson of Lexington, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executor of the Estate of Larry Charles Jessie of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 22, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 22, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Roy C. Skaggs of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executor of the Estate of Thelma Jean Allen of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 22, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 22, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Angela M. Call of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Miranda Kay Zoltman of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Deborah Lynell Gilpin of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 23, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 23, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Jeremy A. Wood of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jeremy Wood of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Public Administrator of the Estate of Donnie Clement Moore of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 17, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 17, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Jonathan Spalding of Lebanon, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mary Heather Freson of Cincinnati, Ohio has qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Michael George Kiger of Campbellsville, Kentucky on May 2, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 2, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Jeremy A. Wood of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Janet Paige Feese and William Ray Smith, both of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Nell T. Smith of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 30, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 30, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diana Arvin of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Dorothy Helen Barnett of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 30, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 30, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Juanita Antle of Columbia, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Betty Brockman of Campbellsville, Kentucky on May 6, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 6, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Anita Gayle Skaggs of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of William Clelland Wright of Campbellsville, Kentucky on April 22, 2025. All creditors must file claims by October 22, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. John D. Bertram of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michelle Kosid of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Noah Michael Smith of Campbellsville, Kentucky on May 13, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 13, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Mackenzie D. Smith of Campbellsville, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jennifer Van Mersbergen of Campbellsville, Kentucky has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Phillip Arnold Hamm of Campbellsville, Kentucky on May 14, 2025. All creditors must file claims by November 14, 2025. Fiduciary represented by Hon. Joseph R. Stewart of Lebanon, Kentucky. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.

Stephan Alan Hill, Administrator, of the Estate of Fayette Hill has filed Final settlement this April 23, 2025. A hearing for confirmation and approval will be held on June 4, 2025. Any exceptions to such settlement must be filed before that time. Susie Skaggs, Taylor Co. Circuit Court Clerk.