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**Kentucky Education and Workforce Development  
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**Carl Wayne Belt**

Carl Wayne Belt was born May 31, 1960 in Clay County and departed this life Sunday, December 23, 2018 at the Manchester Memorial Hospital, at the age of 58. He was the son of the late Jay & Doris Jean (Maggard) Belt.

He is survived by two brothers, Donnie Belt and his wife Dawn and Lonnie J. Belt and by a sister, Elizabeth Evelyn Taulbee and Jeff Hayes. He was blessed with five nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Julius Belt.

A memorial service may be held at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Bobbie M. Combs**

Bobbie M. Combs was born January 12, 1934 in Jackson County and departed this life Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, at the age of 84. She was the daughter of the late Elmer Cunigan Sr. and Mattie Moore Bone. She was blessed to be raised by Frank & Emma Medlock Moore.

Bobbie is survived by four children, Nelson (Jodi) Combs, Lyndon Combs, Lessia Combs Hayes and Tina Combs Rose. She was blessed

with eight grandchildren, Cameron Combs, Daniel Lake, Lance Combs, Mark Combs, Candice York, Deron Combs, Rachel Hayes and Dylan Rose and by nine great grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Arlene Mendenhall and by four brothers, Murrell (Janet) Morris, Elmer (Jean) Cunigan Jr., Willis (Flora) Cunigan and Phillip Cunigan.

In addition to her parents, Bobbie was also preceded in death by her husband, J.G. Combs and by a brother, Carl Cunigan.

Bobbie attended the Conway Christian Church.

Funeral service 3:00 PM Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Carroll de Forest officiating. Burial to follow in the Reynolds Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**James Everett Lee**

James Everett Lee was born January 10, 1970 in Fayette County, Kentucky and departed this life Saturday December 29, 2018 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington, Ky. being 48 years of age. He was the son of the late Forest and Marlene (Becknell) Lee.

James is survived by his wife Lena Lee of Lexington and by the following siblings, Linda Willoughby of Lexington, Betty Byrd of Nebraska and Jerry McWhorter of Norwood, Ohio.

James was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Funeral services for James Everett Lee was held 1:00 P.M. on Monday December 31, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Farmer officiating with burial in the Farmer Cemetery at Tyner, Ky.

Lakes Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

**Doris Parks**

Doris Parks was born June 24, 1947 at the Red Bird Hospital in Clay County and departed this life Thursday, December 20, 2018 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington, being 71 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Walter Fred & Ola (Asher) Miller.

Doris is survived by two children, David Wayne (Rhonda) Parks of Annville and Gilberta Parks Miller of Burning Springs. She was blessed with two grandchildren, Cameron Robinson and

Kelsey Robinson and by a very special friend, Chris Chappell of Annville, Ky. She is also survived by the following siblings, E.G. (Carol) Miller and Deborah (Paul) Bray of London; Forester Miller and Gordon Miller both of Burnings Springs, and Ronald Wayne Miller, Joyce Ann Miller and Patricia Ann (David) Goodrum all of Indianapolis, IN. Doris is also survived by the father of her children, D.F. Parks of Manchester and by a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Sunday, December 23, 2018 at the Lakes Funeral Home with Sonny Saylor conducting the service. Burial to follow in the Pennington & Parks Cemetery. Pallbearers were David Parks, Cameron Robinson, Chris Isaacs, Robbie Miller, Cody Spivey and Jason Asher.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Ray Robinson**

Ray Robinson of Tyner, was born December 27, 1943 in Jackson County and departed this life Monday, December 17, 2018 at his residence, being 74 years of age. He was the son of the late Lawrence & Cora (Gabbard) Robinson.

Ray is survived by his wife, Jan Robinson and by two children, Timothy Ray Robinson of Tyner and Kristie King and her husband Jason of Annville. He is also survived by two brothers, Roy Robinson of London and L.C. Robinson and his wife Lucille of Annville and by three sisters, Vida Harrison of McKee, Rose Ashorn of Ohio and Sharlene Neeley of Annville. He was blessed with four grandchildren, Tiffany Henson, Tyler Robinson, Talina Robinson and Archer King and by a great grandson, Silas Grimes. In addition to his parents, Ray was also preceded in death by a brother, Boyd Robinson and by two sisters, Ruby Weaver and Bessie Fox.

A Memorial service may be held at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 20, 2018) - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary November 2018 unemployment rate was 4.5 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The unemployment rate for November 2018 was unchanged from October 2018.

The state's jobless rate was also at 4.5 percent in November 2017.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for November 2018 was 3.7 percent, also unchanged from its October 2018 level, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure trends in the number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky added 277 individuals to its civilian labor force in November 2018, bringing the state's labor force to 2,075,664. The number of people employed in November was up by 1,705, while the number unemployed decreased by 1,428.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 5,200 jobs in November 2018 compared to October 2018. Kentucky has added 17,000 jobs since November 2017, a 0.9 percent employment growth.

"Employers added workers to their payrolls in November," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Associate Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "With relatively few new people entering the labor force this month, this hiring helped to reduce the number of people unemployed."

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to this survey, eight of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors saw employment increases from the previous month while three declined.

Employment in Kentucky's professional and business services sector rebounded in November 2018, adding 2,700 jobs over October 2018 for a gain of 1.3 percent. This sector is up 4,200 jobs since November 2017. The job gains were concentrated in the administrative and support and waste management subsector, which added 2,400 jobs. Employment in the professional, scientific, and technical services subsector added 400 positions. Employment in the management of companies decreased by 100 jobs.

"Employment in professional and business services has been trending upward during the past year but is also fairly volatile from month-to-month," said Clark. "The upward trend reflects growth in the professional, scientific and technical services subsector, while the volatility reflect monthly changes in the administrative and support and waste management subsector."

Kentucky's manufacturing sector rose by 1,200 jobs from October 2018 to November 2018, a gain of 0.5 percent. Durable goods manufacturing decreased by 100 jobs while nondurable goods manufacturing grew by 1,300 jobs in November. Kentucky's manufacturing employment is up by 2,700 since November 2017.

Trade, transportation and utilities sector increased by 1,000 jobs in November 2018. Since November 2017, employment in this sector is up 9,300 jobs or 2.3 percent. Wholesale trade added 600 positions in November 2018 while retail trade rose by 600 positions in November. Transportation, warehousing and utilities lost 200 jobs.

Employment in the education and health services sector expanded by 800 jobs in November 2018. This increase was driven entirely by gains in the health care and social assistance subsector. Since last November, the sector has added 1,900 positions.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector increased by 700 jobs from October 2018 to November 2018, an increase of 0.4. This sector is down 1,900 jobs since November 2017. The accommodations and food services subsector gained 500 jobs in November 2018.

The government sector increased by 300 jobs in November 2018. Federal government employment increased by 100 jobs, state government employment was unchanged; and local government increased by 200 jobs. Total government employment is down 300 jobs since November 2017.

Information services sector gained 100 jobs in November 2018 but has declined by 500 jobs since November 2017. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications.

Employment in the other services sector was up by 100 positions from October 2018 to November 2018, and rose by 200 jobs from a year ago. Other services sector includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services and religious organizations.

The financial activities sector fell by 800 jobs from October 2018 to November 2018. This sector is up 1,600 jobs compared to last November. Within the sector, the finance and insurance subsector declined by 700 jobs and the real estate, rental and leasing subsector lost 100 jobs.

Employment in Kentucky's construction sector decrease by 800 jobs from October 2018 to November 2018, a drop of 1 percent. Over the past 12 months, construction employment is down by 400 positions.

Kentucky's mining and logging sector declined by 100 jobs from October 2018 to November 2018. Employment in this sector is up 200 positions since November 2017.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

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