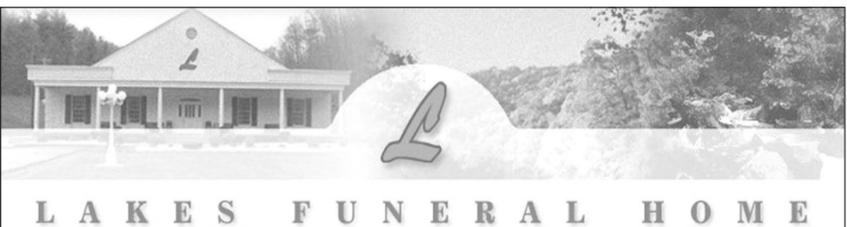


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Geneva Mae Hammonds

Geneva Mae Hammonds was born July 15, 1929 in Richmond, Indiana and departed this life Thursday April 19, 2019 at her residence being 89 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Roy and Lula Johnson Azbill.

Geneva is survived 4 daughters, Carol Parrett and her husband Darrell of McKee, Ky., Doris Harrison and her husband Dewey of Sand Gap, Ky., Delina Smith and her husband Gary also of Sand Gap, Ky. and Barbara Tolar and her husband Mark of Florida. She is also survived by 15 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.

Other than her parents Geneva is preceded in death by her husband William T. Hammonds and a daughter Wanda Sparks also by the following siblings, Foster Azbill, Lindell Azbill and Delina Azbill.

Geneva was a member of the Pentecostal House of Prayer.

Funeral services for Geneva Mae Hammonds were held 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 23, 2019 at the Pentecostal House of Prayer on Lodge Hall Road in Sand Gap with Brother Virgil Gipson officiating with burial in the Hammonds Cemetery on Lodge Hall Road.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Don C. McQueen

Don C. McQueen was born July 26, 1932 in Jackson County and departed this Monday, April 22, 2019 in Annville, being 86 years of age. He was the son of the late Emery & Bertha (Moore) McQueen.

Don is survived by two children, Renee Schaffer of Derby, Kansas and Don McQueen Jr. of Annville. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Ashley Ho, Codi Riffel, Jessica Schaffer, James McQueen and Alison Wilcox. He is also survived his companion, Flora Grubb of Annville.

In addition to his parents, Don was also preceded in death by his wife Pearl (Shepherd) McQueen.

Don was a member of the Greenhill Baptist Church.

Memorial service 12 Noon Monday, April 29, 2019 at the Greenhill Baptist Church with Bro. Jim Morgan officiating.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Time Running Out to Apply for a Kentucky Elk Hunt

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 25, 2019) – Time is running out to apply for the most coveted elk hunt in the eastern United States.

Hunters have until midnight (Eastern time) on Tuesday, April 30, to apply for Kentucky's quota elk hunt. Applications are available online at fw.ky.gov, or by clicking this link.

Hunts are open to Kentucky residents and non-residents. Adults and youth may apply. The cost is \$10 per application. Although hunters can apply for multiple permits, they may only be drawn for one.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to hunt the largest herd east of the Rocky Mountains – an estimated 13,000 free-roaming elk in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Last year, nearly 36,000 people applied for the hunt.

“Our herd is healthy and growing,” said Gabe Jenkins, deer and elk program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Hunters in 2018 experienced an uptick in overall success rates over the 2017 season. Time spent scouting and preparing for the hunt will greatly increase the hunter's chances for success.”

Three different permits are available for adult hunters. Choices include a firearms permit for bulls, a firearms permit for cow elk and an archery/crossbow permit good for a bull or cow elk.

Hunters ages 15 and younger also can apply for the youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as the general elk quota hunt drawing. They may apply for the general quota elk hunt drawing as well, but cannot be drawn for both in the same year.

Kentucky will offer 594 elk permits through its quota drawing for the 2019 season. This total includes 175 archery/crossbow permits for a bull or cow; 150 firearm permits for bulls; 244 firearm permits for cows; and 25 youth permits. The number of nonresidents drawn may not exceed 10 percent.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife splits elk seasons to spread out hunting pressure. Gun hunters are drawn for one of two of the firearms seasons. The 2019 seasons include:

Firearms

Bull Hunt 1: Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Bull Hunt 2: Oct. 5-9

Cow Hunt 1: Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Cow Hunt 2: Dec. 28-Jan. 1 (2020)

Archery/Crossbow

(Bull or cow)

Early season: Sept. 14-27

Late season: Dec. 7-13

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has a number of online resources available to hunters wishing to learn more at fw.ky.gov. Search under the keyword, “elk.” Resources include the Kentucky Elk University, an overview of elk hunting in Kentucky, elk hunting tips, how to enter the elk drawing, public lands available for hunting, regulations and more.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will issue permits through a random computer drawing conducted in early May by the Kentucky Commonwealth Office of Technology. Results will be available to applicants on the department's website at fw.ky.gov later in the day on May 18.

Hunters wishing to get a jump on who gets drawn can visit the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg May 18. The city is hosting a special event during which the names of drawn hunters will be announced prior to the names being released through the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website.

A landmark restoration effort re-established an elk herd in the state's scenic southeastern region and created one of the most sought-after hunting opportunities east of the Rocky Mountains. Kentucky's elk herd is now larger than all the states east of the Mississippi River combined. The state's 16-county elk restoration zone is larger than Yellowstone Park.

New State Record Largemouth Bass Caught in Harlan County



FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 26, 2019) — Evarts resident Mark Ward went fishing after work on Good Friday, April 19, at 6-acre Highsplint Lake in Harlan County with his wife and 9-month-old daughter.

It rained all day in Harlan County on Good Friday, but finally cleared up just before he got off work. The water in Highsplint Lake grew a bit murky from the rain, but he saw a nice-sized 4-pound bass in the shallows.

“I pitched a lizard in there and the 4-pounder showed interest,” Ward said. “Then, another came in and looked like a big log. The 4-pound fish triggered her to pick it up. I set the hook and it was on. Good Friday turned into a great Friday for me.”

It was the first cast of the day for Ward and produced the new Kentucky record largemouth bass, a 14-pound, 9.5-ounce brute.

“When I saw it in person, what first caught my eye were the eyes on that fish were huge,” said Kevin Frey, Eastern Fisheries District coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “It would look like a shark if you saw it swimming in the water. The thickness of the fish was really impressive.”

The new record largemouth bass was 26.8 inches long with a girth of 22.5 inches. It fell for a 6-inch Junebug-colored lizard presented on bait-casting equipment spooled with 14-pound test monofilament line.

The new record surpasses the old 13-pound, 10-ounce Kentucky state record largemouth bass, caught by Dale Wilson of London from Wood Creek Lake in Laurel County in 1984.

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Beshear: Kentuckians Report \$92,000 in Losses from Computer Virus Scam

FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 1, 2019) – Attorney General Andy Beshear has issued a scam alert following a report from a Jefferson County resident who lost \$89,000 to a computer virus scam.

While Beshear's office is working with other agencies, the victim's money has not been recovered.

In the last two months, Beshear's office has received complaints from Kentuckians in Daviess, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson and Johnson counties. The losses from the complaints total more than \$92,000.

Beshear said the scam is committed when a victim is using their computer and a fictitious pop-up window appears saying there is a virus and to seek help by calling a 1-800 number. After dialing the number, the victim is connected to a scammer who pretends to assist, but is really only collecting computer login credentials so they can steal personal and financial information.

“These scammers won't clean your hard drive, but they will clean out your bank account,” said Beshear. “Just as we wouldn't give a stranger a key to our homes, Kentuckians should never give a stranger access to their personal computers.”

An additional report included a scammer posing as a Microsoft technician. The fake technician called to assist a victim with their computer and instructed them to buy Google Play cards to pay for technical assistance. The Franklin County victim lost \$2,900.

Beshear added that scammers prey on a victim's fear of losing the information on their computer, relying on them to act in a rush.

The Office of the Attorney General recommends these tips to avoid falling victim to a computer virus scam:

If you suspect your computer is infected with a virus or malware, update your security software and operating system or visit a company you know and trust for assistance;

Don't call a phone number or click on a link from a pop-up message or unfamiliar email;

According to the official Microsoft website, Microsoft error and warning messages never include phone numbers;

Don't trust numbers even if they display a legitimate tech support business name or phone number;

Never give a caller remote access to your computer or personal device;

Never buy gift cards to provide payment to “tech support” callers.

To report scams to the Office of the Attorney General, fill out the online consumer complaint form.