

# EXHIBIT 13

## New travel web page launched for 2017 solar eclipse



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 11:09 AM, Aug 30, 2016 | Updated: Wed 2:36 PM, Jun 21, 2017

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism has launched a webpage to enhance visitor experience for 2017's solar eclipse, dubbed "The Great American Eclipse", which will best be seen in western Kentucky.

The page provides information like links to tourism offices, information on lodging, restaurants, and events in communities that feature prominently in the total eclipse path.

"With thousands of visitors expected from all over the world, we wanted to create a clearinghouse of traveler information not only for the area most directly impacted, but also for the rest of the state," said Kristen Branscum, Commissioner of the Department of Travel and Tourism. "This webpage creates an opportunity to not only promote the main event, but also gives visitors an opportunity to learn about all the wonderful places to see in Kentucky".

Western Kentucky areas will have the longest eclipse view on August 21, 2017, while others will see a partial eclipse. NASA says Hopkinsville will have the longest viewing time of two minutes and 40 seconds.

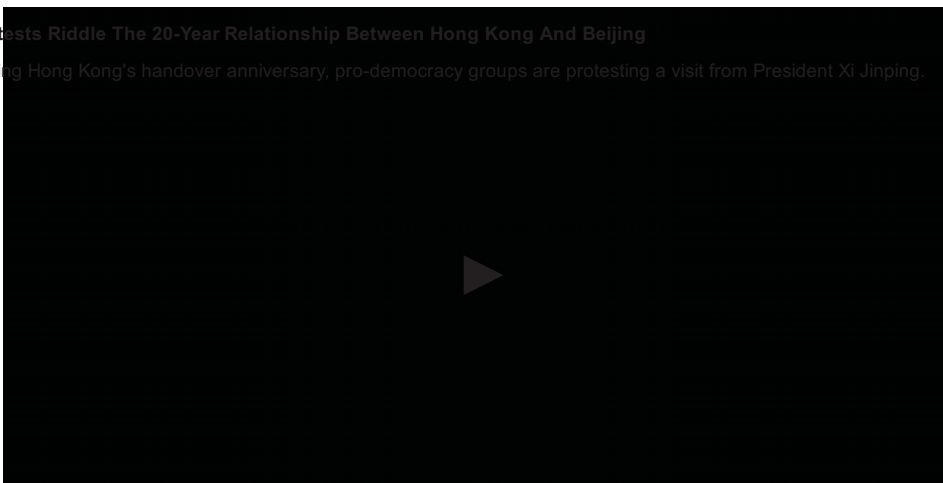
The next total eclipse won't occur over the continental U.S. until 2024.

Kentucky communities in the path of the eclipse include: Hopkinsville, Paducah, Eddyville, Princeton, Madisonville, Crofton, Kelly, Russellville, Bowling Green, Marion, Cadiz, Dawson Springs, Oak Grove, Scottsville, Kentucky Lake, Grand Rivers, and Franklin.

Follow the link on this page for more information.

### Protests Riddle The 20-Year Relationship Between Hong Kong And Beijing

During Hong Kong's handover anniversary, pro-democracy groups are protesting a visit from President Xi Jinping.



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## Russellville man shot in upper back



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 10:45 AM, Jun 05, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** – The Russellville Police Department were called to a shooting Sunday night in a convenience store parking lot.

When officers arrived at the Five Star on W. 4th Street they found Harley Hess with a gunshot wound in his upper back.

Hess had been seated in his vehicle when, according to the investigation, a possible accidental discharge of a small caliber happened due to the actions of a passenger.

Hess was transported to Skyline Medical Center where he remains in stable condition.

No charges have been filed.

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## 400 Mile Yard Sale on Highway 68



By Gene Birk | Posted: Fri 10:55 PM, Jun 02, 2017 | Updated: Fri 11:15 PM, Jun 02, 2017

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The annual 400 Mile Yard Sale along highway 68 is underway.



Bargains as far as the eye can see, stretching from Paducah to Maysville and everywhere in between. You can find kitchenware, knickknacks, collectibles, toys, trains, radios, drones, movies and more, with people from all over the country stopping to gobble up the goods!

"There was one from California," said Dian Cox. "There's from Florida. There's from Michigan. Then they come from Danville, all these areas around here."

## Update: Missing Russellville woman found



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 3:09 PM, Jan 12, 2017 | Updated: Thu 8:49 PM, Jan 12, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - Update-- Police confirmed Haskins has been found and is ok.

The Russellville Police Department is searching for a missing woman.

Natasha Haskins, 35 of Russellville, was reported missing by her family.

Haskins was last seen on Wednesday at 11:00 p.m. in Russellville.

Her family and police have tried to get in contact with her, but have not been successful.

If you know where Haskins is or how she can be contacted, call the Russellville Police Dept. at (270) 726-7669 or Logan Co. ECC at (270) 726-4911.

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## Logan County juvenile missing, could be in Bowling Green



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 10:00 AM, Jan 05, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO) --** The Russellville Police Department is looking for a runaway juvenile.

Police say 17-year-old Tyquan Lorm was picked up by an unknown man nicknamed "Tez" in an unknown vehicle possibly headed for Bowling Green.

Lorm possibly sold a PS3 with Grand Theft Auto 5, and an iPod with charger to get the money to travel.

If Lorm sold or attempted to sell you these items, or if you have information on his whereabouts, you are asked to contact Russellville Police Department.

Tyquan Lorm is described as being of Cambodian/African American descent, five feet, five inches tall, 110 pounds, with a slim build. He has brown, curly hair that's a little long on top, and hazel eyes.

Lorm was last seen wearing black and yellow tennis shoes, black pants, and a red Adidas sweatshirt.

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## High School Softball: Warren East vs. Russellville



By DOMINIQUE YATES | Posted: Tue 10:58 PM, May 16, 2017 | Updated: Wed 9:04 AM, May 17, 2017

FINAL:



Warren East- 8

Russellville- 0



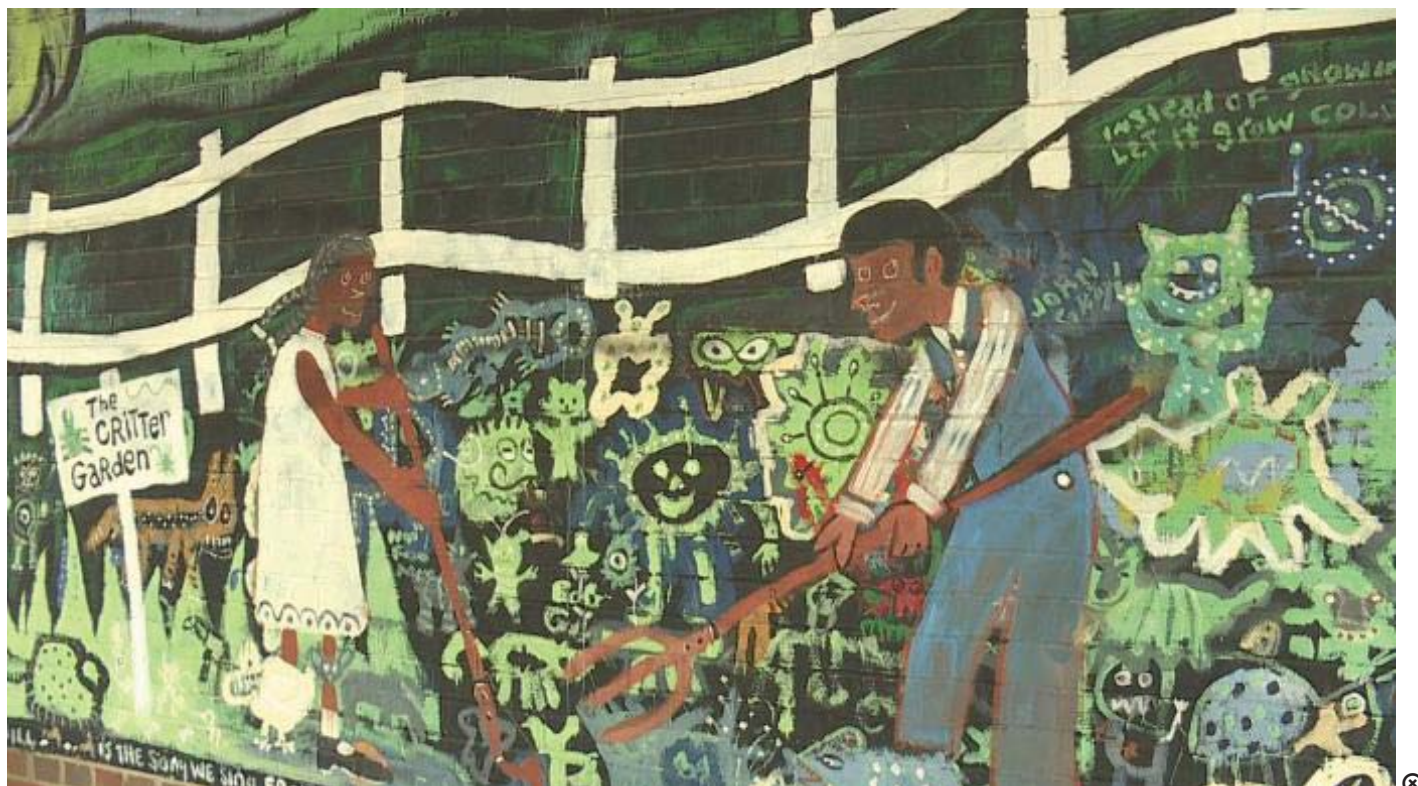


## Principal of Russellville school defends mural



By Gloria Ruth Finney | Posted: Thu 11:28 PM, May 11, 2017 | Updated: Fri 8:12 AM, May 12, 2017

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A mural at Stevenson Elementary School has some people up in arms, while others struggle to find anything wrong with the folk-art style painting.



The mural was created in 1999, in part by the schools children.

The schools principal says she sees nothing wrong with the artwork and that she believes it's just one parent trying to find negativity in anything.



"This mural, for me, is just two African-American kids who are working in a garden...which there is nothing wrong with working in a garden," says Principal Cornelius.

"I just see it all as a way to say negative things".

Superintendent Leon Smith says he is open to input about the mural as he is proud of the diversity in Russelville schools.

"Throughout our building we have diverse paintings of different ethnic groups and for someone to pick something out of this nature, it deeply concerns me as a superintendent," says Smith.

The school is working with someone to review the mural to see if changes should be made.

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## Armed and dangerous fugitive thought to be in Logan County



Eric Reeves

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 2:27 PM, May 02, 2017 | Updated: Tue 2:27 PM, May 02, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The Logan County Sheriff's [Office](#) is asking the public's help in catching a dangerous fugitive.

Eric Reeves has a Warrant from Probation and Parole for probation violations as well as a Dangerous Drug Warrant from Indiana.

Reeves has numerous convictions including possession of methamphetamine and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and is considered armed and dangerous.

Reeves has a listed address at 2885 Bucksville Road in Auburn. He has been seen at that location and is believed to be traveling the Chandlers, Bucksville, Cemetery, and Morgantown Roads.

The Logan County Sheriff's Office asks to be contacted immediately with information that could help in the arrest of Reeves. The public should not make contact with Reeves.

Eric Reeves is described as 5'8" tall, weighing 165 – 185 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair, with possible facial hair.

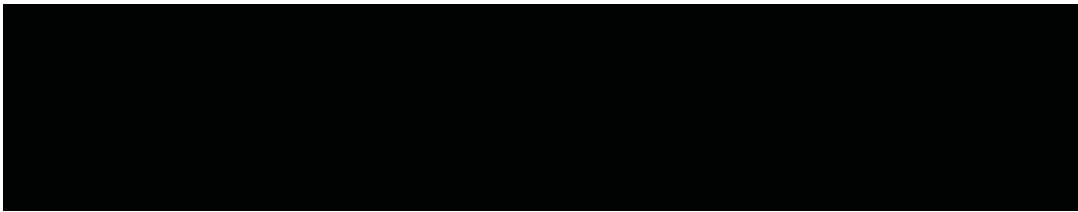
Contact the Logan County Sheriff's Office at 270-726-2244, the Logan County ECC at 270-26-4911, or call 911.

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## Telephone scam impersonating officers hits Russellville and Warren County

With concerning phone calls being reported to local police, officials confirm scammers are targeting south central Kentucky again. But this time, they're using legitimate officer names over the phone.





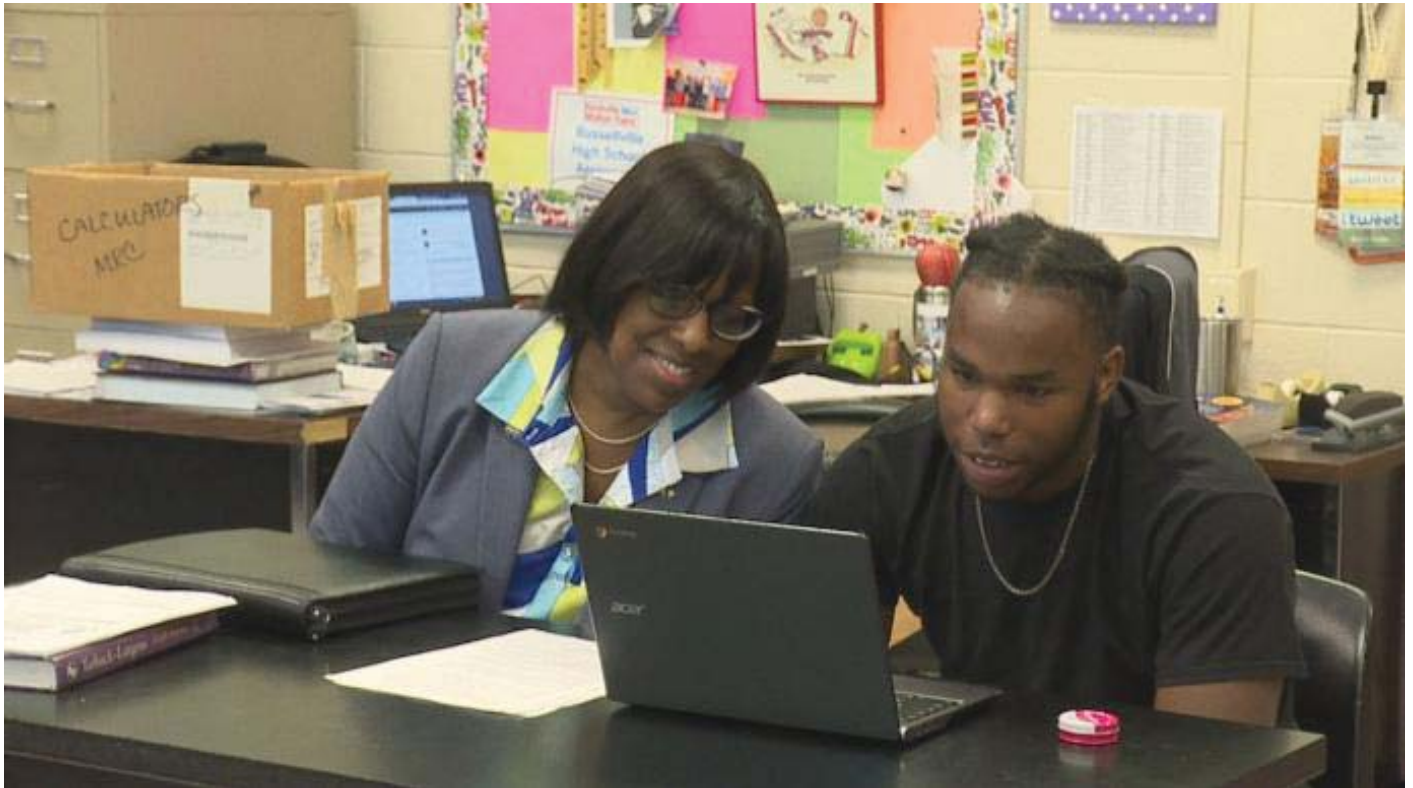


## Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton inspires students at Russellville High School



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 11:03 PM, Apr 26, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - Hampton walked the halls of Russellville High School on Wednesday to meet students and [share](#) her story.



She talked to students about what it was like growing up poor in Detroit and her journey along the way.

She hopes to inspire students, telling them that they can be successful despite whatever odds students feel are stacked against them.

"They're genuinely interested in their government, what a lieutenant governor does and what my days are like. Just asking those questions tells me that they're interested in their government," Hampton said.



Hampton mentioned one student showing her his spreadsheet assignment.



Students often wonder if they'll ever use these skills, but she told him not to worry because these skills will come in handy even in his personal life.

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## Police need help identifying suspect who fled in Logan County



Courtesy of MGN Online

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 11:13 PM, Apr 26, 2017

Russellville Police need your help identifying a suspect who fled authorities.

At 3AM on April 23 a police officer saw a truck leaving the H&R Agri Power farm equipment store on Nashville Road.

The truck was pulling a new 12ft bush hog rotary cutter.

The officer thought it looked suspicious and tried to make a traffic stop but the driver took off.

He wound up in a wheatfield and fleeing on foot.

Police are still trying to identify the suspect.

If you have any information on this suspicious activity, call Logan County Crime Stoppers at (270) 726-5050.

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## Russellville man arrested for stabbing woman twice



Posted: Thu 12:18 PM, Apr 20, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)**— A man was arrested Tuesday after stabbing a woman with a knife.

Anthony Woodard had been in an altercation with a woman at a home on Johnson Street, where he stabbed her twice in the shoulder with a knife.

The woman was taken to Skyline Medical Center and eventually released.

Woodard was arrested on Assault 1st Degree charges.

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## Russellville's East First Street being replaced



By Catharine Gardner | Posted: Fri 5:58 PM, Apr 07, 2017 | Updated: Fri 6:56 PM, Apr 07, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- After three years of gaining government approval and progression, East First Street's sidewalk in Russellville is being replaced, thanks to a 100,000 dollar grant from the [Safe](#) Routes To School Program.



Public Works Director for the city of Russellville Wayne Thomas says this program is all about boosting a greener and safer way of commuting.

"They developed this program so that communities that didn't have sidewalks or if they had sidewalks and were in need of repair or replacement could apply for those funds. It had to deal with the health, safety and welfare of the citizens is basically what it's for, and making certain that they can get to school, bike to school, walk to school, it cuts down on emissions as well."

Although all 100,000 dollars were used on a ruined East First Street, Wayne Thomas says most of that went towards engineering so future sidewalk project funding can be thrown towards the actual process of installing a new sidewalk.

As the concrete starts to set on East First Street, Russellville residents Alice Scott and her daughter Chyna Goyno are grateful for the new pavement.

"We walk a lot. And these right here, we've been needing them because you can almost fall through it. It's just been rough. You know, some of them have some spots in them, but, this is awesome and we need this, all the community needs this."

As East First Street's sidewalk gets a whole new life, Wayne Thomas says this sidewalk isn't the only sidewalk in Russellville they plan to upgrade.

"It'll actually be part of Second Street, then Third Street, then we will have Fourth Street, so those will be the next three projects."

A new sidewalk to boost safety and well-being.

Public Works Director for the city of Russellville Wayne Thomas also said the city of Russellville is currently putting together a request for additional funds from the state and federal government for those future sidewalk projects.

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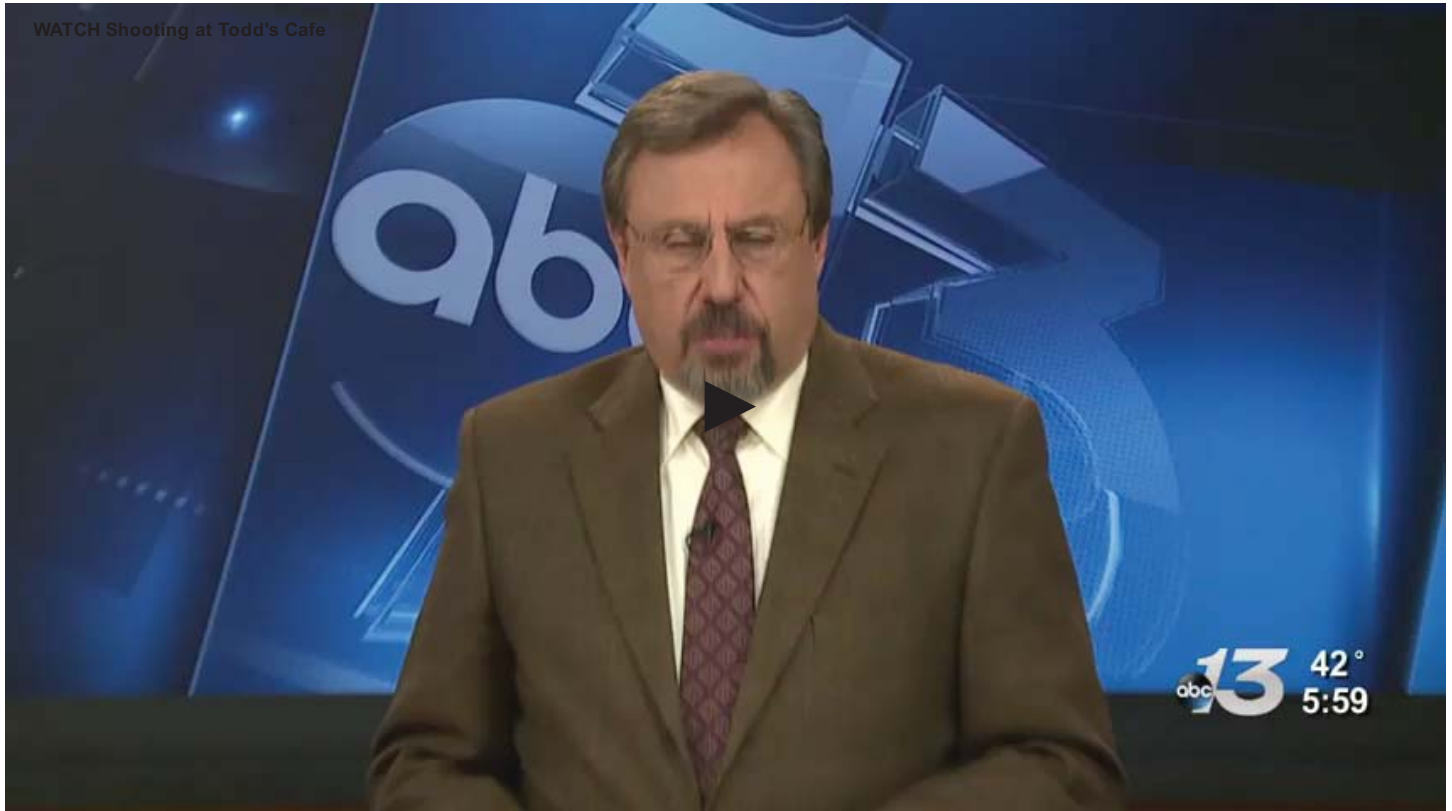
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## Russellville restaurant owner and police seeking answers over shooting



By Catharine Gardner | Posted: Mon 6:28 PM, Mar 13, 2017 | Updated: Mon 6:53 PM, Mar 13, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A friendly hangout in Russellville Friday afternoon turns violent in a matter of moments.



Todd's Cafe owner, Michael Morrow, says he and a few others were playing cards at his business around 7:30 in the afternoon, when two male suspects with bandannas walked in.

"We were just sitting around, playing, joking, and these two guys walked in, and one of the guys told the guy sitting at the end of the table that once his brother was going to get out of jail, because he was going to beat these charges, and if he said something to him or looked at him the wrong way, that he was going to kill him or something," Michael Morrow stated.



An uninvited threat from the suspect, leaving Michael Morrow no choice but to call Russellville Police.



An action taken by the business owner, only to cause one suspect to get aggressive with him, and the other to lose his gun.

"He hit me and I hit him, so we wrestled over the phone. I don't know how the guy with the red bandanna lost the pistol, but he lost it and somebody picked it up and gave it to me," Morrow added.

Once police arrived to the scene at Todd's Cafe, the two suspects in bandannas already fled the scene.

Michael Morrow says this crime hits too close to home for a couple of reasons.

"I knew both of them. One's name was Quinton Posey, the other name was Jordan Lunsford."

Quinton Posey is the brother of Gregory "Jap" Posey. Gregory Posey is currently charged with the murder in the death of Patrick Gilbert back in July of 2016.

Once the police report was eventually filed, Michael Morrow thought the incident was said and done, until 30 minutes later, bullets flew through his glass window.

Now, Michael Morrow wants answers.

"The guy who shot through the place is not in jail. The problem we have, the people who seen it out here, will not cooperate with the police, so they're leaving him out here, for somebody to hurt him or for him to hurt more people," Michael Morrow Mentioned.

A crime committed, leaving Michael Morrow asking the community to speak out over what they saw.

"The safety for the people in our community is important," Morrow added.

If you know any information over who's responsible for the shooting, you are asked to contact the Russellville Police Department at (270) 726-7669 or Logan County Crimestoppers at (270) 726-5050.

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## Beyond the Game: Russellville coach Phil Todd looks forward to life after basketball



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Sun 11:23 PM, Mar 12, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)--** After nearly two decades at the helm of the Russellville High School basketball [team](#), legendary coach Phil Todd decided it was time to hang it up.



"It's been a real good journey," said Todd.

In the early 1970's, coach Todd was a member of the football, baseball and basketball team at Russellville, where he started four years and won three district basketball championships.



On the collegiate level, he stuck with football, playing for Austin Peay, and won the OVC Championship in 1977.

Even while he was away, he kept a close eye on his alma mater and would check out some basketball games.

Still, to this day, he remembers a conversation he had with Superintendent Jim Young.

"I can win with that team," Todd told the superintendent. "I was still maybe a sophomore or a junior in college, and I guess Mr. Young remembered that night because as soon as I finished up my degree he hired me as an assistant basketball and football coach."

Even as an assistant football coach the team won the schools' two state championships.

In 1990, he finally became the head coach of the Panthers basketball team.

And he admits, since a lot of his guys were still playing football, those first two games with Christian County and Franklin-Simpson, teams ranked high in the state, we're not too pretty.

"My debut was getting whipped 46 and 42 points," said Todd.

He definitely came a long way from those two ball games.

He coached two different times at Russellville for a total of about 19 years, and became the winningest coach in school history with well over 300 victories, 9 district championships, appearing in six regional finals, winning three, and two final four appearances in the state tournament.

But coach Todd will be the first one to tell you, it's not about him. It's all about the players.

"He was always hard on me," said standout Russellville basketball player and Belmont signee DeAndre "Pedro" Bradshaw. "But like I've said before, he was just preparing me for what I got coming next and he was just molding me—trying to help me mold into the man I have become today, so I'm very grateful for him."

Coach Todd's coaching days are over, and now he's looking forward to retirement and spending time with his wife and his young daughter.

"I have enjoyed every bit of it," Todd said. "But now I'm going to explore me some fishing and some hunting."

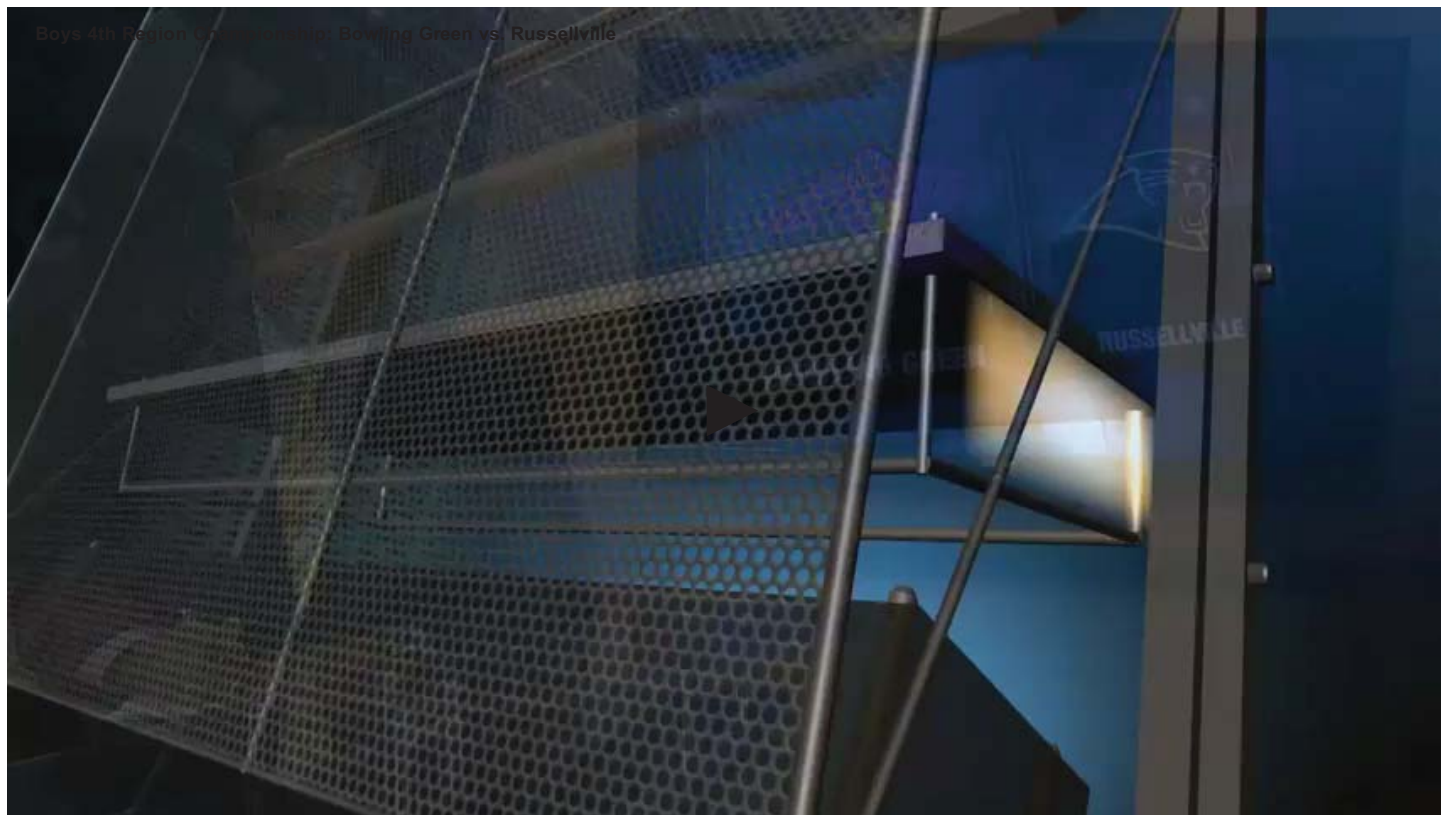
"It's been a good run. It's been fun. I have no regrets and no complaints on what's happening now. I'm just glad that Russellville High School gave me the opportunity to do this."

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## Boys 4th Region Basketball Championship: Bowling Green vs. Russellville



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Tue 11:02 PM, Mar 07, 2017

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)-- FINAL:**



Bowling Green- 81

Russellville- 62

Bowling Green wins its fourth straight regional title.

Zion Harmon led all scorers with 25 points.



Russellville ends the year 22-12.



Bowling Green moves on to face Graves County in the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament Wednesday, March 15 11 a.m. CT.

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## Boys 4th Region Tournament: Russellville vs. Clinton County



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Mon 10:51 PM, Mar 06, 2017

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)-- FINAL:**



Russellville- 73

Clinton County- 49

Russellville advances to its first regional final since 2001.

Russellville was led by Jaylyn McMurray with 20 points, 7 rebounds.

Clinton County ends the year 23-10.

Russellville will meet Bowling Green in the 4th Region Championship game Tuesday, March 7th at 6 p.m. in E.A. Diddle Arena.

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## Logan County couple arrested for child abuse



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Fri 8:46 PM, Feb 24, 2017 | Updated: Sat 8:08 AM, Feb 25, 2017

**LOGAN CO., Ky. (WBKO) --** On February 17, the Russellville Police Department responded to a child abuse report, resulting in the arrest of a Logan County couple.

After contacting Social Services, police discovered the victim was a 3-year-old male, who was taken to the hospital for his injuries. Officers said the 3-year-old had been repeatedly assaulted over the course of several months.

After further investigation, Brandon "Cody" Poor and Chelsey Harr were brought in for questioning. Both Poor and Harr were later charged in relation to the child abuse.

Poor was arrested for 2nd-degree assault and wanton endangerment. Harr was arrested for failure to report child abuse and wanton endangerment.

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## Russellville police looking for Khalin Sparks



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 9:32 AM, Feb 15, 2017 | Updated: Wed 7:12 PM, Feb 15, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - The Russellville Police [Department](#) wants to speak with the Khalin Sparks regarding an investigation.



Police say Sparks is possibly in the Bowling Green area or the Clarksville/Nashville, TN.

You're asked to call Russellville police at (270) 726-5060 if you have any information on the whereabouts of Sparks.

## Ruler Foods expands in Russellville



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 4:05 PM, Jan 19, 2017 | Updated: Fri 2:25 PM, Jan 20, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - Ruler Foods' new location opened on West 9th street in Russellville Thursday to a packed crowd.



"It's very large, plenty of room to walk up and down the aisles and the price is right," explained shopper John Tinsley.

The grocery store is a subsidiary of Kroger and is considered no frills. Customers bag their own groceries by bringing bags or buying them at the store and unlocking a cart with a quarter.



## Local schools ready to take on winter weather



By Catharine Gardner | Posted: Wed 4:08 PM, Jan 04, 2017 | Updated: Wed 6:54 PM, Jan 04, 2017

**RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- As the students are adjusting back to their school schedules, local transportation directors and superintendents are already prepared to deal with unsafe wintry road conditions.



With the chance of snow making its way to the Commonwealth this week, Logan County Transportation Supervisor Chris Rippy says he and Superintendent Paul Mullins keep the Logan County students' safety in mind when making a decision on whether to cancel school or not.

"If we see snow coming in, then we will check the roads. I'll go out myself as well as the superintendent. We'll go out and check the roads, and make our decision based on the safety of our students."



To keep up with winter closings in the south central Kentucky area, download our WBKO app, click on "settings" and then click on "closings."

From there, you can pick which counties you would like to receive alerts for.

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## Police increase patrol in Scottsville neighborhood following claims of threats and harassment



By Sean Baute | Posted: Mon 10:56 PM, Feb 20, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The Scottsville Police Department has increased patrol in a Scottsville neighborhood after residents claim people living in a nearby assisted living [facility](#) were making threatening remarks.



At the last Scottsville City Council Meeting, a petition was brought forward with a neighborhood full of names, asking for something to be done about harassing run-ins with residents of Cornerstone Manor Personal Care Facility.

Jason Hensley is Scottsville resident who says that on multiple occasions, neighbors have come to him worried about their safety. He claims certain residents of Cornerstone Manor, located just behind his home, have confronted his neighbors with harassing and threatening remarks.

"[Cornerstone Manor residents] just walk up and own the street," he says. "They just wander. Most of them are quiet, keep to themselves, no problem whatsoever, but every once in a while you get somebody that's agitated, and that's what brought this up."

Cornerstone Manor is an assisted care facility that takes care of a number of residents, some of which have special needs.

"Our main concern is everyone's safety," says Scottsville Police Chief Jeff Pearson. "Most of them there are 100% safe to be out and around other people. There have been a few incidents, but each one of those, we've worked with the management of the facility and have corrected problems when we've had problems like that."

Hensley says he's not so much concerned about himself as much as he's concerned about his neighbors that include elderly people, single mothers and children.

"That's why they're in a small town," he says, "because they know their neighbors, it's peaceful, it's charming, and they shouldn't have to be in fear. Chief Pearson has done a heck of a job, with having stepped up patrols. It's been impressive. It's been super quiet, and it may be what the doctor ordered."

Since the last City Council meeting, Scottsville Police have been patrolling the area.

"We haven't seen anyone doing anything that would justify stopping the person," says Pearson. "The officers have been informed that if they do see any illegal activity to stop and take enforcement action."

Jason Hensley says he has nothing against Cornerstone Manor, and understands the freedom their residents are given, but if they're going to be out in the community, the should have to adhere to the same rules as everyone else.

"We don't want anyone to be put out of their home, or disrespected, or have any kind of harm to them whatsoever," he says. "That's not what this is about. It's about respecting each other and finding a harmonious way to get by."

Cornerstone Manor says if anyone is having problems with their residents being a danger to themselves or others, they should alert the facility so that they can deal with it accordingly.

Police say they work closely with the facility to keep manor residents and the community safe.

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## Louisville man behind bars after allegations of sex offenses towards minors in Allen County



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 10:44 PM, May 22, 2017

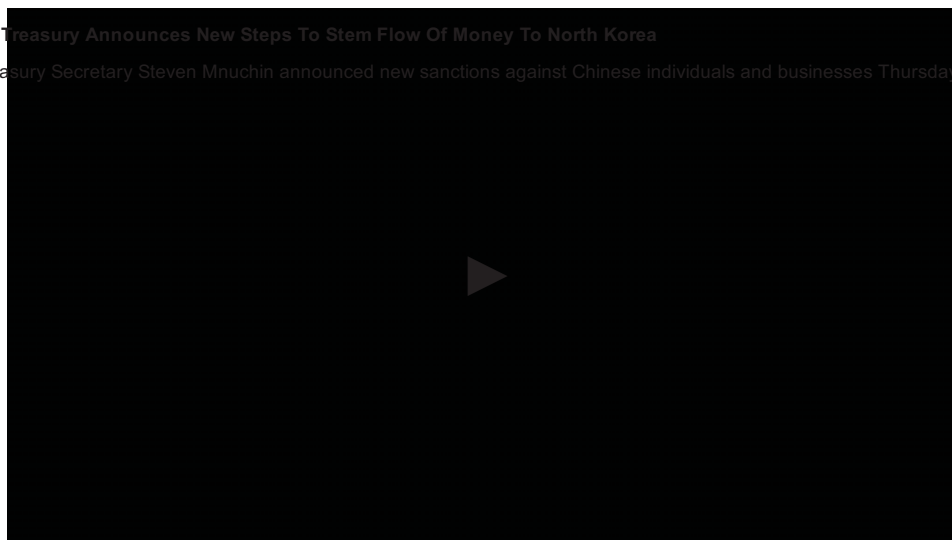
A Louisville [man](#) is arrested, following allegations of sex offenses toward minors in Allen County.

Scottsville Police say 41-year-old Joshua Yahn s facing felony charges after he opened various Facebook accounts and used them to send nude images to young boys in Allen County.

Officials say the incidents happened between October 11 and October 31 of 2016.

### US Treasury Announces New Steps To Stem Flow Of Money To North Korea

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced new sanctions against Chinese individuals and businesses Thursday.



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## Beyond the Game: ACS hires Nick Chaykowsky to lead boys' basketball team



By Dominique Yates | Posted: Sun 11:53 PM, May 21, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)--** Allen County-Scottsville High School announced earlier this year that they found a new boys' basketball [coach](#), as they hired Nick Chaykowsky to lead the Patriots program next season.



"I feel like there's a lot of good things at this school that can become parts of a tradition that we want to try and build on," said Chaykowsky.

Known simply by "Coach C", he brings roughly 30 years of high school and collegiate basketball coach experience to Scottsville.

He played high school ball in Lecanto, Florida, then choosing to walk-on at the University of Tampa. After one season as a player, he got into coaching, first as a student assistant at Tampa.

The game of basketball has given Coach C the opportunity to be all across the states of Florida and Georgia coaching and has been able to make coaching stops in the Bluegrass at Ballard Memorial, Union County, and Henderson County.

He said a big reason to took the job at ACS was after talks with last year's coach Lex Lindsey who chose to step down after one year and was impressed with the foundation he set.

"(Lindsey) laid the foundation in year one," said Chaykowsky. "I don't necessarily think this is a rebuilding process this first year. I really feel like we can build off what he and the team have gone through this past year and turn this thing into a successful program."

One guy the Patriots will rely heavily on is incoming senior Marcus Carter, who has had four head coach in four seasons, and he's very excited that the new coach will continue to build on what the team accomplished last season.

"I'm excited to get started," said Carter. "He said a lot of things that coach Lindsey said last year and I really enjoyed last year so I'm excited to get started and get working with him."

As for Coach C, he said he won't get into making promises or predictions for next season, but there is one thing he will promise.

"We will play the game the right way," said Chaykowsky. "We will show character. And you'll see a lot of cheering for each other."

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## Flash flooding takes over Allen County



By Catharine Gardner | Posted: Fri 6:08 PM, May 19, 2017 | Updated: Fri 8:03 PM, May 19, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Early in the morning on Friday, Allen County and the city of Scottsville experienced a downpour to cause massive damage, especially out on Old Hartsville [Road](#) .



Mayor of Scottsville Rob Cline says the damage is overwhelming.

"We have a mess all over this city. So, it's just cleanup time, and it's going to take a while," Mayor Cline mentioned.

Allen County Deputy Sheriff Dwight Keen stated the rain packed a punch in just a few hours.



"From what I understand, we had right at five inches of rain in three hours. Buildings, vehicles, damage to a foundation on a home that was destroyed on the south end of the county on Stafford Hollow Road. This area is pretty prone to the flooding due to the creek right behind us."

Lisa Copas, Scottsville resident and family member of Stinson Plumbing, says this isn't out of the ordinary when it rains like this.

"Every time it rains this hard, this fast, it just does it. This is my dad's and my brother's, it's all I've been raised with for years."

And Co-owner of Stinson Plumbing, Wayne Stinson says, this time, the flash flood did impressive damage to his business out on Old Hartsville Road.

"We didn't get any water until this time. And, we've got water in the building about a foot," Stinson added.

Crocker Animal Hospital receptionist Gail Schearer said it only took 15 minutes for the flood water to cause a scare.

"I've been here for nine years, and this is the third time it's flood. We started putting all the cats and the small dogs in the carriers, got the other one on the leash and by that time the water was coming in. And, it took two of us to push the door open, and wade through the water that was up to my hips to get to the fire truck that was waiting for us."

And Crocker Animal Hospital technician Virginia Geiske added if it weren't for her coworker Gail, she may not have made it out of the hospital safely.

"When I first stepped out the door, I was scared to death. I was telling Gail I am so scared. And, to me, Gail was really my hero cause she was leaning against me as we were walking through the current so I wouldn't slip and fall and get trapped away in to the water," Geiske mentioned.

As far as what the next step is for some of the business owners on Old Hartsville Road, they don't plan to go anywhere any time soon.

"Well, to get it cleaned up, and get everything back. We'll probably stay here," Wayne Stinson said.

"We still have standing water about six inches back there. Just going to start assessing damage and cleaning up," Gail Schearer added.

Although there's massive damage done, Lisa Copas stated that she's thankful the flash flooding didn't take out any lives, and the community will continue to help each other rebuild.

"Everybody's got out safe, no one was hurt, which is the good thing. This is a small town, and we'll stick together and we'll get it fixed. The firemen, the police department and everything, they done a great job this morning."

There have been no fatality reports regarding the Friday morning flash flood that took place in Allen County.

The children and employees at the Old Hartsville Road learning center made it out safe and sound. They stayed at the Scottsville Baptist Church until the children were picked up by a family member or loved one.

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## Flooding traps daycare children and staff in Allen County, all rescued safely



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Fri 10:33 AM, May 19, 2017 | Updated: Fri 3:25 PM, May 19, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Multiple [reports](#) of flooding have been reported all throughout the viewing area Friday morning.

Video one viewer sent in of Old Glasgow Road in Allen County showed a road completely impassable.

The Allen County Sheriff's Office has confirmed reports of a flooded day-care on with trapped teachers and children on Old Hartsville Road, all have been rescued and have been taken to the Scottsville Baptist Church.

We will bring you all the latest updates as they become available.





Highway 482 in Allen County - Courtesy of Mack and Allison Caldwell.



Glasgow Road in Allen County - Courtesy of Benjamin Ford

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## Allen County-Scottsville High School graduation walk



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 9:19 PM, May 18, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - The seniors of Allen County-Scottsville High took one last walk through the primary center.



To cheers and applause, the seniors participated in a parade donning their caps and gowns for the students as they prepare for graduation.

"I really enjoyed it because we get to go back and see the school that we started at and we get to see the little kids that will eventually become where we're at now," explained William Reid, a senior.

Graduation for Allen County Scottsville High is Friday.

## ACS senior awarded first "Gabbi Doolin Memorial Scholarship"



By Sean Baute | Posted: Tue 10:26 PM, May 16, 2017 | Updated: Tue 11:05 PM, May 16, 2017

An Allen County-Scottsville High [School](#) Senior has received the first scholarship in honor of the late 7-year-old Gabbi Doolin, killed in November, 2015.



Nearly a year after her death, Tuesday night's presentation of the "Gabbi Doolin Memorial Scholarship" is keeping her legacy alive, and making an impact on students in Allen County.

Gabbi's mother Amy has trouble putting into words, the emotion of Tuesday's presentation.

"It's always...bitter sweet, to see her name on that paper," she says.



But she knows that memory of her daughter can go a long way.



"We're very thankful," she explains, "that we're able to do this for people like Holly to be able to help with their education."

ACS Senior Holly Gaines was presented the scholarship Tuesday by Gabbi's older brother.

"It was really an honor," she says. "I didn't know her personally, but every child to me is special, and I just can't imagine what [the Doolin family] goes through."

"I want to go and be an elementary school teacher," Gaines continues, "and I want to make a mark in every child's heart so this has meant a lot to me."

"I didn't know Holly personally," says Amy Doolin, "but everything that we had been told about Holly, she's a wonderful young woman."

"She's a very special young lady and I think she's going to go far," she goes on.

Gabbi Doolin has been described by many as loving and playful, some calling her the epitome of happiness. It's that side of Gabbi that the Doolin family wants to remember.

In her memory, they hope to see this scholarship make a difference.

"I hope the award just gets bigger and bigger," expresses Amy Doolin. "I have a 5-year-old, so when he's older, he will be able to hand out the award, and that means something.

To donate to the "Gabbi Doolin Memorial Fund", you can visit the link attached to this story.

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## Man dies from chest wound in Allen County



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Tue 2:18 PM, May 16, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Law enforcement responded to a [home](#) on Bays Bend Road, in Scottsville, on Monday morning.

Allen County EMS, Allen County Sheriff's Department and the Scottsville Police Department responded to the home after a 911 call someone had been injured.

The man, identified as Larry Whitney Jr., was found with an injury to the chest.

Whitney was taken to the Scottsville Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

The incident is still under investigation.



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## Help K-9 Narco fight cancer



By Gene Birk | Posted: Thu 9:18 PM, Mar 02, 2017 | Updated: Thu 10:50 PM, Mar 02, 2017

**SCOTTSDALE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Narco has been a K-9 officer with the Allen County Sheriff's [Office](#) for five years. He's helped his fellow officers track criminals, capture criminals, and find drugs. But now he needs your help to fight a different foe.



Narco, Allen County Sheriff's Dept. K-9 Officer



A cancerous lump was recently removed from his paw, and Tuesday he had his first chemotherapy treatment. That plus his melanoma vaccine treatments will last a-year-and-a-half, and cost around \$8,000, but you can help.

"Couple ways of donating if you want to donate to his cause," says Narco's handler, Sergeant Nicholas Tabbert. "We've got a Go Fund Me set up; "Help K-9 Narco." And then we also have South Central Kentucky K-9."

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## Lifeskills debuts new recovery center in Scottsville



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 10:50 PM, Apr 27, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - Lifeskills, Inc is debuting another center.



The opening of Park Place Recovery Center for Women, which will be located in Scottsville, will allow the Park Place Recovery Center for Men, located in Bowling Green to focus on helping men.

The new location in Scottsville will work focus on helping women with substance abuse problems.

It will also allow women with babies to get the help they need.

## Fatal collision in Allen County



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 10:50 AM, Mar 20, 2017 | Updated: Mon 11:14 AM, Mar 20, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky (WBKO) ---** A fatal wreck is under investigation in Allen County.

Police say Jared Freeman, 23 of Scottsville, was driving a 1997 Ford pickup on Cemetery Road, when he went off the side of the road, hit several trees, and overturned. He was thrown from the truck and pronounced dead at the scene.

It is currently unknown why he went off the road, but police say he was not wearing a seat belt at the time.

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## Scottsville man charged with child pornography



Michael Weaver

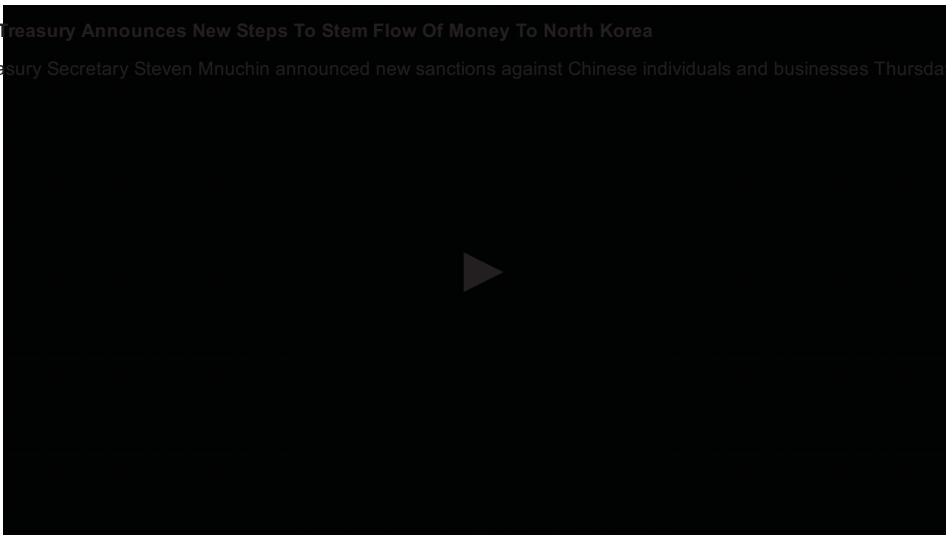
By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 9:54 AM, Mar 15, 2017 | Updated: Wed 11:17 AM, Mar 15, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - A Scottsville man is arrested on child pornography charges after detectives with the Kentucky State Police investigated a report of someone receiving and distributing multiple sexually explicit images of minors.

Michael Weaver, 32, of Scottsville was arrested and taken to the Allen County Detention Center. He was charged with Distribution of Matter Portraying Sexual Performance by a Minor 1st Offense.

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## Students defend memorial to honor classmate



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Mon 4:44 PM, Feb 20, 2017 | Updated: Tue 3:40 PM, Feb 21, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- We have a clarification to this story:



The students at Allen County Scottsville High School told us the [school board](#) was going to make them pay to repave the parking spot the students had created a memorial for Chase Cline.

The superintendent said they never intended to make the students pay for it.

The spot will be resealed, not repaved, and the students will not have to pay for it.



The school board is also making a memorial to honor Chase by stenciling his football number and a Chevy symbol on the parking spot.

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Tragedy struck the Allen County community this weekend, when a junior at the high school, Chase Cline, passed away in a car accident.

Chase's close friends have spray painted his football number on his parking space and laid flowers and candles around it. But officials at the Allen County-Scottsville High School want something more official.

Friends of Chase Cline have been camped out around the parking spot where he used to park, since Saturday evening.

"Come out here and done burnouts for him. And I spray painted his parking spot, saying Rest In Peace Chase and number 59, which is his football number," Bryson Richer said.

Students and recent graduates remember their close friend, Chase Cline, who passed away in a car accident.

"Every day that red, Chevy Colorado would come through the parking lot. I feel like this is his spot. I feel like this should be his spot until, he should not be forgotten," Richer added.

Remembering the person he used to be.

"Give you the shirt off his back. Whenever you needed anything he was always there," Richer said.

Chase's friends who were gathered around the memorial, say they were mad when they found out the school was going to pave over their handmade memorial.

Today, Allen County-Scottsville High School officials have worked with the students, to make an official memorial. Something everyone can be proud of and respect.

"Where he usually parked his pick-up in the back parking lot, we're going to engrave his football number, #59, along with a logo," Superintendent, Randall Jackson said.

A plaque will also be placed in the football locker room, in remembrance of the offensive lineman.

The superintendent says young people need guidance during difficult times and believes that the school working with the students is helping them grieve and remember their friend.

"It's very difficult to understand death, in any circumstance. But young people want to remember their friend. As a school, we want to honor our student, we want to help the family above all else during this very difficult time," Jackson added.

The Superintendent says that donations will also be taken for Chase, at the high school, starting next week.

One of the four friends who spray painted the memorial says the school board is trying to have them pay for the repaving of the spot.

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## Beech Bend Water Wednesday Winners



Posted: Wed 8:30 AM, Jun 21, 2017 | Updated: Wed 12:57 PM, Jun 21, 2017

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## WKU football hits the field in giant food fight at Center For Courageous Kids



By DARBY BEANE | Posted: Sun 8:48 PM, Jun 11, 2017 | Updated: Sun 10:59 PM, Jun 11, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE** — A giant food fight took place Sunday at Scottsville's Center for Courageous Kids.



Camp officials say CCK is at max capacity for the week, welcoming 128 campers and their siblings.

"It's physical disabilities week and Down Syndrome week as well, so we've combined those two illnesses," said Sarah Keltner, the Communications Director for CCK. "They come out and we make sure it's a safe environment and a fun experience at the same time."

The camp is open for nine weeks in the summer and one night each week is, "Messy Games Night."

On Sunday, the Western Kentucky football team joined in on the fun. Sixty five Hilltoppers came to CCK, split into teams with the campers and started in on the buckets of slime, canoes full of whipped-cream and water guns.

"It's basically one large, outdoor food fight that's allowed," said Keltner. The Center for Courageous Kids, we could not do what we do without the community's support, because we do rely solely on donations and we do rely heavily on volunteers.

"So, having the WKU football team and coach (Mike) Sanford and all of what he believes in and what he's instilling in these players – it means a lot and it's benefiting some amazing kids."

Campers arrived Saturday, according to Keltner, and will stay until Tuesday. It is an over-night camp in the summer for ages 7-16, but CCK also offers family weekend retreats throughout the school year for parents and kids to attend together.

"It's just a really great experience for the kids that come," Keltner said. "They get to interact and meet other kids that have their same illness, have their same handicap and they get to take part in this fun camp experience all together."

The Center for Courageous Kids has served, "over 25,000 kids from 45 different states and 10 foreign countries. So, the scope – we go way beyond Scottsville and South Central Kentucky. A lot of people think we're just a Kentucky camp, when we're global," Keltner added.

Keltner stressed the importance of community involvement keeping the camp working at full capacity. And once again, said it's organizations like the WKU football team who help make it all happen.

"Especially having WKU right down the road from us, it means a lot to have that college come on," Keltner said, "The guys from the football team, they showed up with all this enthusiasm – they're super pumped.

"The football program is just so great and the community service that they're showing and coming out and giving their Sunday afternoon and the free-time that they very rarely get being on a team like that, and it just means a lot that these guys are coming out and being so generous."

Two WKU football players both said they were ready for the food fight.

"I'm super excited," said offensive lineman Seth Joest, "I've never been in a food fight before. It'll be a ton of fun. We always enjoy it as much as the kids do."

His teammate, wide receiver Xavier Lane, added, "Since January, coach Sanford has really been hitting it on with the community service. I remember when I was a freshman we first got here and we were doing community service for a church, just cleaning around and stuff. It's a blessing to be able to do stuff for people."

Joest added, "Yeah, it's a huge part of what we do."

The food fight lasted about half an hour, then, the local fire department came by to hose off the campers and the football team.

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## Allen County accountant charged with fraud



By Gene Birk | Posted: Thu 11:47 PM, Jun 08, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- An Allen County [accountant](#) is charged with wire fraud and filing fraudulent tax returns.

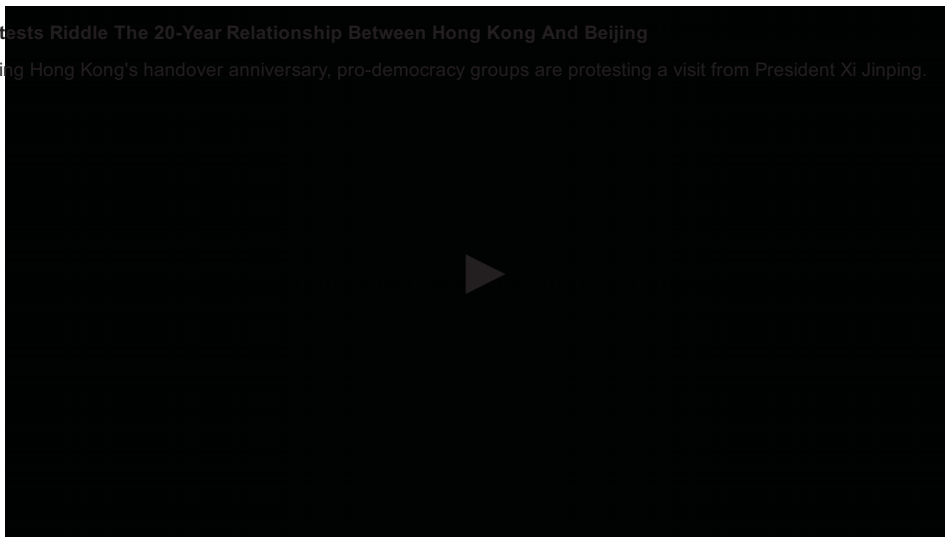
The U.S. Attorney's Office says Stephen C. Jones diverted money from his company's bank account to his personal account between January, 2010 and August of 2015.

Jones is also charged with filing false federal income tax returns between 2011 and 2015.

In total, Jones is accused of failing to report more than \$600,00 of income.

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## Allen County bridge dedicated to honor fallen KYTC worker



By Whitney Davis | Posted: Fri 11:59 AM, Jun 02, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The U.S. 31-E Bridge over West Bays Fork in Allen County now honors a fallen Kentucky Transportation [Cabinet](#) worker.

Titus Elijah Morris was killed in a work zone on the bridge on December 22, 2015.

On June 2, 2017, the date Morris's family would have celebrated his birthday, the Allen County community came together in conjunction with the General Assembly of Kentucky to officially name the bridge the "Titus Elijah Morris Memorial Bridge."

"Him being my little brother of course I'll never forget him, but when my name is gone and forgotten his will still be standing, and that makes me very proud," shared Trey Morris, Titus's brother.

Titus worked for the KYTC for 15 years. 11 of them were spent by the side of crew mate Bradley Dyer, who remembers Titus as someone who kept the entire crew laughing without ever sacrificing a job well done.

"It seemed like he took as much pride in his job as anybody," reflects Dyer. "He was a backhoe operator, and the best backhoe operator that I had ever seen."

As the sign immortalizing Titus's name went up, the Morris family pleaded for motorists to remain vigilant in work zones, so that no family will have to suffer what they have been through.

"It's sad in a way, but he used to tell me 'I've got one of the most dangerous jobs in the world,'" said Trey Morris. "I'd laugh, but obviously he was right."

"Slow down in work zones, and stay off your cell phone and try to notice us," begged Dyer. "A lot of us have a family that we want to go home to each night."

The Morris family wants to extend a special thank you to Governor Matt Bevin, Representative Wilson Stone, Senator David Givens, the General Assembly, the Allen County emergency workers and the entire community for the support they've received to make the dedication possible.

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## Melissa Scott's case bound over to a grand jury



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 3:41 PM, Jun 01, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - The woman charged with custodial interference after her two daughters went missing appeared in [court](#) Wednesday.

According to the Allen Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Melissa Scott had her case bound over to the grand jury.

Scott's daughters, Cassie and Jezzie Whitney, were found by Warren County Sheriff's Deputies at a home in Smiths Grove on Monday. They hadn't been seen since their father Larry Whitney Junior's memorial service earlier this month. Whitney Jr. died on May 16, 2017. The Allen County Sheriff's Department say his cause of death is being investigated as a homicide.

Both girls are now back in Allen County, and are in the custody of social services.

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## 4th Region softball tournament: South Warren vs. ACS



By DOMINIQUE YATES | Posted: Tue 10:46 PM, May 30, 2017 | Updated: Wed 7:42 AM, May 31, 2017

FINAL:



South Warren- 5

Allen County-Scottsville- 1

[South](#) Warren will meet Warren East for the regional final at 6 p.m. Thursday at the WKU Softball Complex.



## Fatal crash on US 231 in Allen County



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 9:38 AM, Mar 28, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - Kentucky State Police responded to an injury crash Monday around 6:15 am on US 231 near the intersection of Dry Ridge Road in Allen County that involved a car and moped.

Police say Jennifer Meador, 26, of Scottsville was driving a car and was in the left lane on US 231, when she changed lanes into the right lane and struck the rear of a moped that was driven by Joel Threatt, 32, of Scottsville in the right lane. Threatt was ejected from the moped after being struck.

Threatt was taken to TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville and was later pronounced dead.

Meador was not injured in the crash.

### Federal Grand Jury Indicts Accused NSA Leaker Reality Winner

A federal grand jury indicted Reality Winner, 25, on a single count: "willful retention and transmission of..."



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## Timothy Madden's attorney calls Commonwealth's response absurd



By Gene Birk | Posted: Fri 9:09 PM, May 26, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Timothy Madden's attorney replies to the commonwealth's response to his request for a change of venue in Madden's trial for the murder of seven-year-old Gabbi Doolin of Scottsville.



Travis B. Lock, Timothy Madden's Attorney

Madden's attorney, Travis Lock, previously conducted a survey to determine if Madden could get a fair trial in Allen County. He believes his survey shows Madden could not, and he requested a change of venue.



But the commonwealth wants the judge to overrule Lock's request, saying some of the questions in the survey conducted by the defense were "leading." In his written reply to the commonwealth, Lock says calling those questions "leading" is absurd.

Lock also calls the commonwealth's complaint that the names of the subjects involved in the case were included in the survey, meritless. And Lock repeats his assertion that Timothy Madden cannot get a fair trial in Allen County, and is entitled to a change of venue, and he is requesting the judge hold a hearing to resolve the issue.

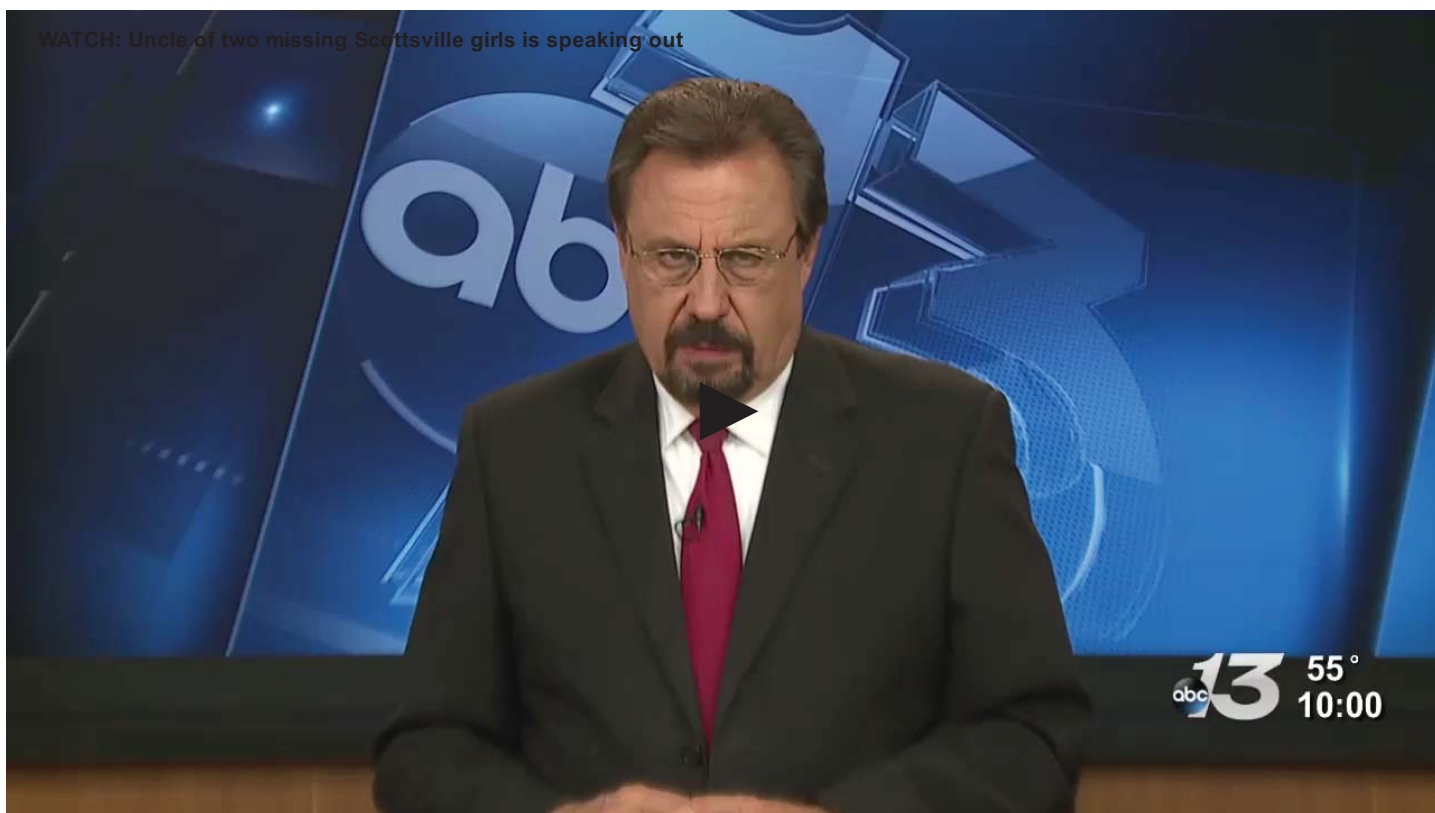
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## Uncle of two missing Scottsville girls is speaking out in hopes of their safe return



By Gloria Ruth Finney | Posted: Wed 10:07 PM, May 24, 2017 | Updated: Wed 10:47 PM, May 24, 2017

**SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)---** Cassie Whitney, 11, and Jezzie Whitney, 13, were last seen May 18, 2017 in Scottsville, Ky.



Their Uncle, Jerry Whitney, is speaking out in hopes of finding the girls and bringing them safely back home.

"I worry about their safety," says Jerry.



The girls were last seen at a memorial service for their father.

Larry Whitney Jr. died from a chest wound that occurred at the house where the girls' mother was living.

Their mother, Melissa Scott now has a warrant for her arrest.

Her custody of the girls was revoked last week.

Law enforcement officials from the Allen County Sheriff's Department believe the girls are with her.

"The environment that I'm sure that any kids that would be in on the run with their mom is not sound environment," says Jerry. "They need to be in a safe environment".

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of the two girls or their mother, they are asked to contact the Allen County Sheriff's Office at 1-270-237-3210.

<http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/1297437/1#.WSW0ljKsbyo.email>

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# Police officers help save home from fire

By Phil Pendleton | Updated: Wed 11:15 AM, Dec 14, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky. (WKYT)** - Ethan Pike says growing up in Russell County, Kentucky, he always wanted to be a police officer.



"I always played cops and robbers. I always wanted to be a cop," said Russell Co. Deputy Sheriff Ethan Pike.

Often, his job is about dealing with drugs, rounding up the bad guys, or tackling tragedy.

"We always deal with the negative in society. Down in the dumps, worst part of their life," said Pike.

But early Friday morning, he and a Jamestown officer were in the right place at just the right time when a home caught on fire.

"So I got my fire extinguisher and took it back there and got it out the best I could. Actually found a bucket of water and threw it on there," Pike explained.

Pike and Jamestown Police Sgt. Jeff Kerns both used their cruiser fire extinguishers to put out the flames that were already racing up the home's exterior walls.

"Everything wasn't a total loss for them," Pike said.

Officials say the fire started from a heat lamp that was put in a dog house. The dog, the parents, and their three kids are all okay. And their house will still be their home for the holidays.

The Jamestown fire chief says the family did have smoke detectors that alerted them to get out of the house in time.

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# Registered Sex Offender panhandling in South Central Kentucky

By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Wed 8:32 PM, Dec 14, 2016 | Updated: Wed 11:01 PM, Dec 14, 2016

**GLASGOW, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A registered sex offender has been panhandling in south central Kentucky.

The screenshot shows the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry website. At the top, there's a header with the Kentucky State Police logo and the text "SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "Search Registry", "Related Sites", "FAQ", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Offender Information" and features a profile for "HADDEN, RICKY FREDRICK". On the left is a mugshot of a man with a beard and a white cap. To the right of the mugshot, the following information is listed: Sex Offender # 17752, Birth Date 8/10/1961, Gender Male, Registry Type Facility Year, Registry Status Compliant, Supervised Release NO. To the right of this information, physical characteristics are listed: Race White, Height 5'11", Weight 180 lbs, Hair Color Brown, Eye Color Blue, Biometric YES. Below the mugshot is a "Photo Date: 6/15/2016" label. Under the main information, there are three buttons: "Track Offender", "View Photo History", and "Print Flier". Below these buttons, there are sections for "Address Information" (Primary Address: 57 North Main St, Jamestown KY 42529 Russell County), "Offenses requiring registration" (a table with one entry: Code 500.064, Count 1, Description UNLAWFUL TRANSACTION WITH A MINOR 1ST DEGREE - 1LL, County Scott, State KY), and "Known Aliases" (RICKY F HADDEN, RICKY FREDERICK HADDEN). At the bottom, there is a disclaimer about the accuracy of the information and a footer with the Kentucky State Police logo, contact information, and a copyright notice for 2016.

Code	Count	Description	County	State
500.064	1	UNLAWFUL TRANSACTION WITH A MINOR 1ST DEGREE - 1LL	Scott	KY

The man first started in Glasgow and has made his way to Scottsville.

The Glasgow Police Department and the Scottsville Police Department recieved several complaints about a panhandler.

And it was through further investigation, police figured out he is much more than that.

Ricky Hadden is a panhandler, con artist and registered sex offender.

"He was on a suspended license, the car, from what I've been told has no insurance on it," Lieutenant Jimmy Phelps, of the Glasgow Police Department said.

Hadden is from Jamestown.

"The reason he may end up here and in other small towns is because they've been run off from somewhere else," Lt. Phelps added.

Hadden is manipulating people, saying he has six children who are in need, even using a Bible verse on a sign.

"This guy doesn't even have a family of 6," added Lt. Phelps.

But is he breaking any laws as a sex offender? Police say it depends on the conditions of his release.

"He can't be within so many feet of a school, so many feet of a church that has a daycare, things like that. He's not really breaking anything by being in Glasgow," Lt. Phelps said.

Glasgow Police say he was asked to leave because he was breaking a city ordinance.

"When we would approach him and ask him, he would say he wasn't breaking the law, he wasn't doing anything illegal, he wasn't soliciting money," Lt. Phelps said.

The Scottsville Police Department says in a release that they don't want anyone to give him anything.

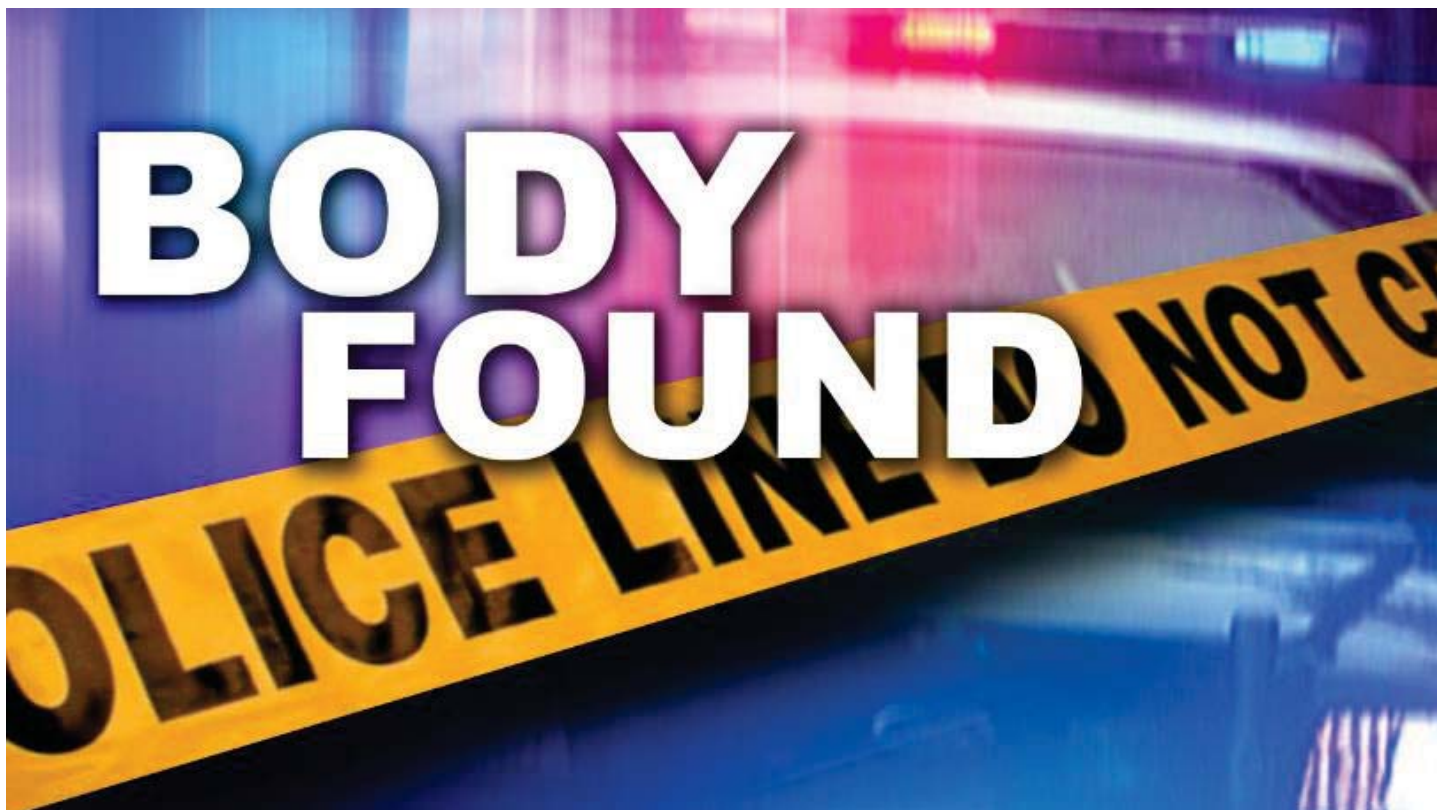
"They stopped and give him food and things of that nature. And it's good that people care and it's good that people are doing this and being Christian about it, but you've really got to be careful because you don't know who you're giving your money to and this guy was a con," Lt. Phelps added.

Police have offered Hadden assistance from United Way's 211 program and he refused it.

The Scottsville Police Department say that they are currently looking to see if Ricky Hadden is in compliance with the sex offend registry.



## Body of missing Ohio man found in truck in Kentucky lake



By Associated Press | Posted: Thu 12:39 PM, Nov 17, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky. (AP)** -- Authorities are investigating after a missing Ohio man was found dead in a truck pulled from a lake in Kentucky.

Local news outlets report that the Russell County Sheriff's Department says divers recovered the body of 60-year-old Ronald Marshall, of Cincinnati, from the truck submerged in Lake Cumberland on Wednesday afternoon.

Marshall's family had reported him missing Tuesday and hadn't heard from him since late Saturday night.

Officials say the truck with Marshall's body was under 12 feet of water about 30 feet from the bank.

The Kentucky medical examiner will conduct an autopsy to determine cause of death.

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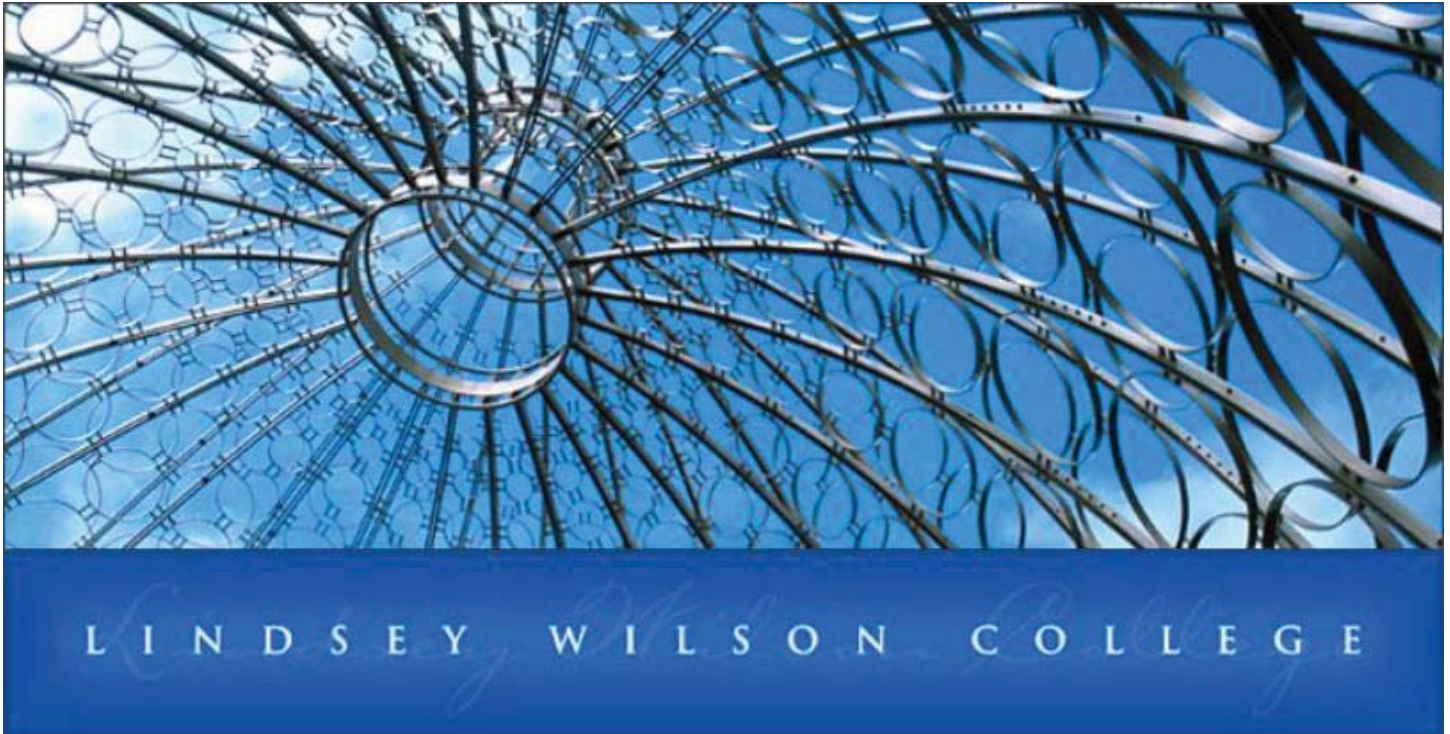


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## Columbia named official Kentucky Trail Town



Posted: Tue 4:13 PM, Nov 10, 2015 | Updated: Tue 4:15 PM, Nov 10, 2015

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** – Tourism, Arts and Heritage Secretary Bob Stewart announced Tuesday that Columbia has become the 12th official “Trail Town” thanks to its bicycle routes and paddling opportunities.

“We’re proud to add Columbia to the growing list of Trail Towns,” Stewart said. “The presence of Lindsey Wilson College will help support and attract people to outdoor recreation in the area.”

The Kentucky Trail Town Program is designed to help connect communities to trail systems and develop them as tourist destinations. It will guide travelers to trails, food, lodging, campgrounds, museums, entertainment and other services. The designation will help communities improve their tourism economy, add more jobs and create more tourism opportunities for the entire state.

“Congratulations to all of the people in Columbia who have worked on the Trail Town certification,” First Lady Jane Beshear said. “Certification as a Trail Town will help Columbia develop its tourism businesses and will benefit the entire area.”

More than 30 communities have started the application process to become a Trail Town and are working with the Office of Adventure Tourism in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

Columbia is the 12th certified Kentucky Trail Town. It joins Dawson Springs, Livingston, Morehead, Olive Hill, London, Stearns, Elkhorn City, Jamestown, Manchester, Royaltown, and Berea as official Kentucky Trail Towns.

Some of the outdoor attractions that are offered in the Columbia area include 25 miles of paddling on Russell Creek, which flows into the Green River; Green River Lake; a new local outfitter, Longhunter Outfitters; and Lindsey Wilson College, which has supported award-winning cycling teams.

The Office of Adventure Tourism will provide guidance to interested communities on issues such as trail development and signage, information and resources from other state agencies and how other communities have been successful by linking trails and services.

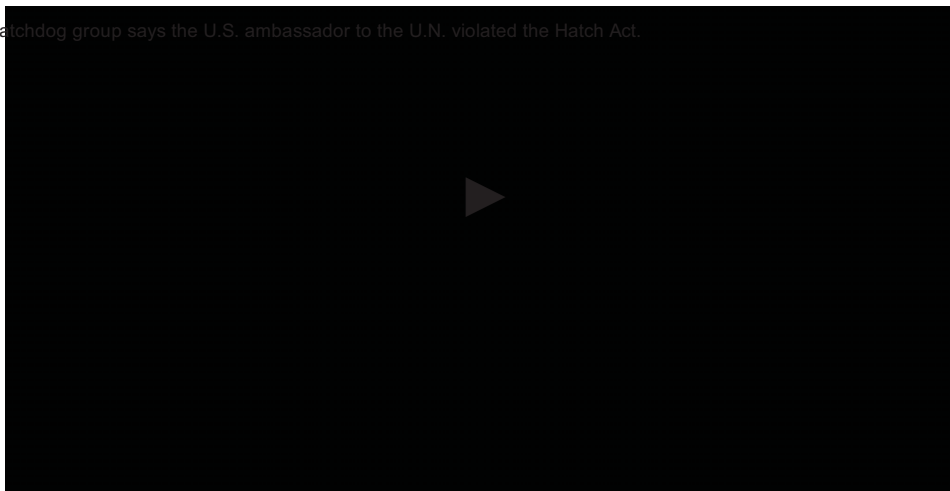
Once a community receives the Trail Town certification, the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Department of Travel and Tourism and Office of Adventure Tourism will help promote and market these communities and the services being offered. They will be highlighted on maps, websites, visitors’ guides and other state promotional material.

For more information about Trail Towns and adventure tourism in Kentucky, visit [www.kentuckytourism.com](http://www.kentuckytourism.com)

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## Barren River State Park among parks getting improvements



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 3:33 PM, Aug 09, 2016 | Updated: Tue 11:33 PM, Aug 09, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky., (WBKO)** – The Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage [Cabinet](#) announced four Kentucky State Parks will receive an estimated \$4.9 million in safety and aesthetic improvements.

The “Refreshing the Finest” campaign includes sidewalk repairs at Lake Cumberland, dining room finishes at Dale Hollow, electrical repairs at Barren River, and conference center upgrades at Rough River Dam.

Improvements will take place over the next two years.

The funding comes from the \$18 million approved by Gov. Matt Bevin and the General Assembly.

Parks Commissioner Donnie Holland says some of the work is currently underway by Kentucky State Park crews.

“This money doesn’t cover everything we need to repair,” said Holland, “but it’s a start.”

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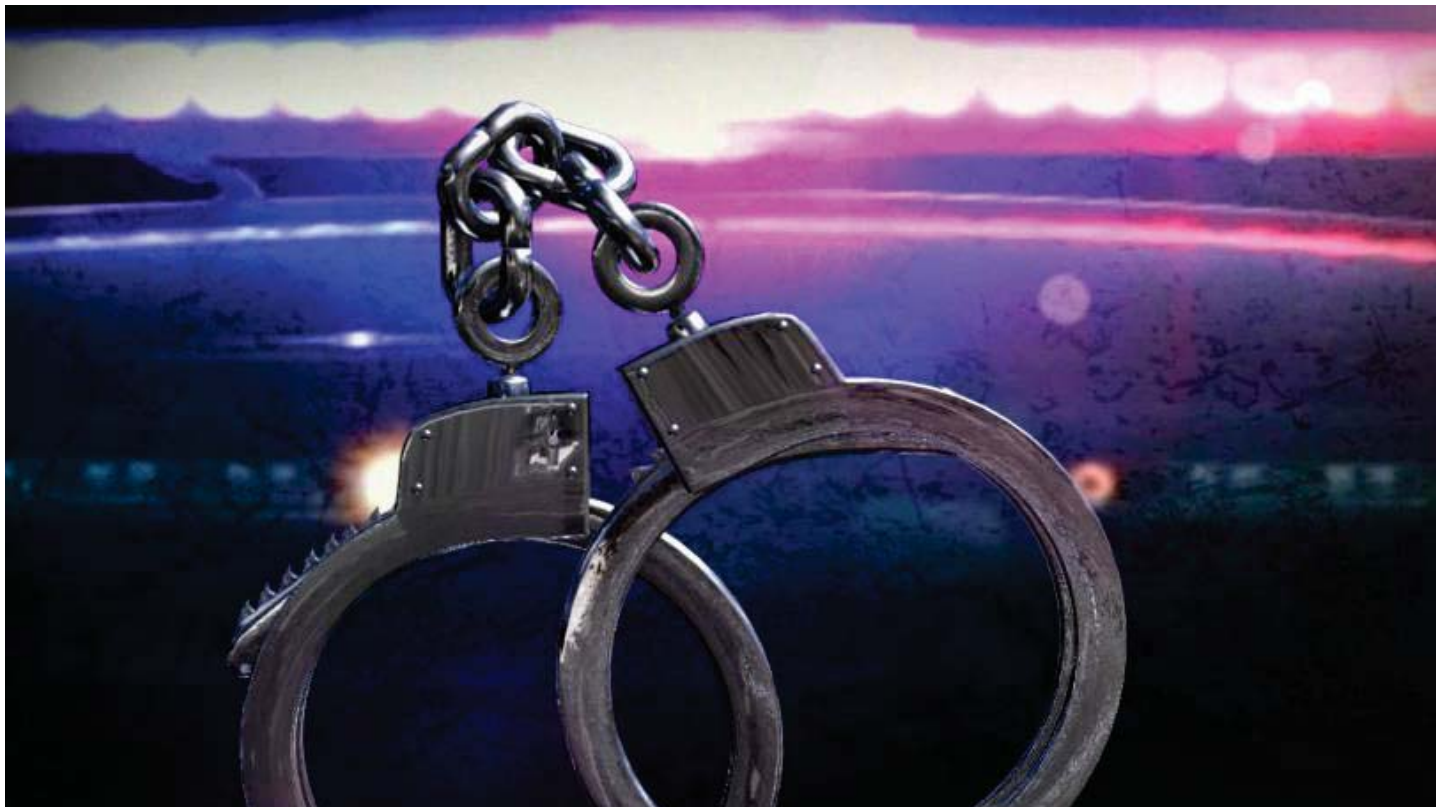


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## Former Russell County police officer indicted on rape, incest charge



By Jake Boswell | Posted: Wed 11:46 AM, Jun 01, 2016 | Updated: Wed 8:05 PM, Jun 01, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky. (WBKO)** - A former Russell County police officer has been indicted on charges of rape and incest stemming from a case 17 years ago.

An indictment filed on May 25, details an accusation that Rufus Shearer, Junior raped a woman in July 1999. The court document also includes an indictment for one count of incest as well.

Shearer is a former police officer in Jamestown and Russell Springs.

Owenton City Police confirm that Shearer is currently a police officer at their agency in Owen County.

Both rape and incest are Class B felonies in Kentucky carrying a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years.

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## Ministry gives recovering addicts another chance



By Nicole Johnson | Posted: Mon 11:00 PM, May 23, 2016 | Updated: Tue 10:53 AM, May 24, 2016

**FARGO, N.D. (KVLY)** -- One year ago, a pastor and his family packed a U-Haul, moved to Fargo, and starting giving second chances.

It began as Redemption Road Ministries saw a huge number of men struggling with addiction who had nowhere to turn. And what started as one halfway house in Fargo has turned into seven - and they're planning for more.

Pastor David Vernoy owns those houses where men can go after getting out of jail or treatment: Several in Fargo and two in Jamestown.

"We really got incarceration down really good," Vernoy said. "And we really got treatment down really good. One of the pieces that are missing is the transitional process."

It's giving men boundaries, expectations and a fighting chance to transition back into the community.

"I am myself a recovering drug addict, and I was Skid Row," Vernoy said. "If you saw me walking down the street, you knew exactly what I was: I was a drug addict."

If recovering addicts don't get this type of opportunity, he said they often will go back to what they know.

The very first resident was Shawn Hansen. He recently passed away due to an overdose.

"Shawn actually did the floor here, he sanded that," Vernoy said, while looking down at the ground.

"In the recovery program, we have this saying that some of us need to die so others can live. And I used to say that, but I didn't have any life experience. And once that life experience hit me, I really understood," Vernoy said.

Vernoy began this journey after his own mother passed away of a heroin overdose.

Addiction is a problem he says isn't going to go away, but says ministries like Redemption Road are a start.

"If an addict like me can do this, anyone can do this," Vernoy explained. "Because I was bad."

August 6 will be the one year anniversary of Redemption Road Ministries. Pastor Vernoy said everyone is welcome to their celebration that day.

Read the original version of this article at [valleynewslive.com](http://valleynewslive.com).

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## Couple's mission is to visit all 50 states before turning 50

50 States by 50



By Sara Berlinger | Updated: Mon 9:10 AM, Mar 13, 2017

**BISMARCK, N.D. (KFYR)** -- Every family has its traditions. For the Rockwood family, it's what brought them to North Dakota last week.



About seven years ago, the Rockwoods made a family pact to visit all 50 states before they each turned 50. Last week, one of the Rockwoods met his goal, just two weeks before his birthday.

Exploring and learning about states is nothing new for Sheila and Gib Rockwood of Calistoga, California. In fact, Gib can now say he's seen them all.

"Both my wife and I narrowed down the list she still has two to go but yesterday, I'm done," Gib said.



The couple's visit to North Dakota checks all 50 states off Gib's list. The family agreed to tour all 50 seven years ago, and just passing through doesn't count.

"You need to talk to some locals. You need to see some of the sights and be able to kind of explain to somebody that hasn't been there, why they should go there," Sheila explained.

Besides stopping at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, the couple spent time in Jamestown and say people they met were very kind and the food was delicious. They say some things surprised them.

"It's a little colder in the morning than I thought it would be. You get in the car and that car doesn't warm up for a few minutes, it's a little bit chillier," said Gib

Though his wife says the harsh winter experience is a must.

"You hear so much about the winters here and how cold it is that I think that is when you should go," said Sheila

The couple flew out Saturday, but say returning to North Dakota is a strong possibility.

"We'll be back. We might be back to do something crazy like go fishing in the northern part, and you know, keep going further north where people don't live," said Gib.

He says a visit in the summer months would also be a new experience.

They say some of their favorite states are Utah, Colorado and West Virginia.

Read the original version of this article at [kfyrtv.com](http://kfyrtv.com).

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# No more free Lake Cumberland water for cities, businesses



By ASSOCIATED PRESS | Posted: Sat 11:22 PM, Feb 27, 2016

**SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) --** After a \$600 million repair of the Wolf Creek Dam that impounds Lake Cumberland, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says cities and businesses that have long drawn the water for free will have to start paying. And they will have to contribute toward any future repairs.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports supplying water was not an authorized purpose for the Wolf Creek Dam when Congress approved it in the 1930s. The corps is now studying the feasibility of reallocating storage capacity to water supply.

Currently using the water for free are water systems in Somerset, Burnside, Monticello, Jamestown, Albany, and McCreary County; a federal fish hatchery in Russell County; General Burnside Island State Park; Woodson Bend Resort; Kingsford Charcoal; and a Pulaski County power plant

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## A Russell Co. woman hits a police cruiser in an intersection, officer is airlifted



By Lyndsey Gough | Posted: Sun 8:15 PM, Jan 31, 2016 | Updated: Sun 11:22 PM, Jan 31, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)**-- Kentucky State Police Post 15 is investigating an accident that happened Saturday, around 9:45 p.m.

KSP says 35 year old Melissa Kessinger was driving east on KY 92 and didn't yield to the car that had the right of way at the intersection with US 127.

Police say Kessinger's Pontiac hit a Dodge Charger that happened to be a police cruiser, driven by Jamestown Police officer Kent. D. McDaniel, age 56.

According to KSP, McDaniel was airlifted to UK Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Kessinger, of Columbia, and her passenger, 55-year-old Wanda Murray, of Columbia were both taken to Russell County Hospital with non life threatening injuries.

All were wearing their seat-belts.

Jamestown Police Department responded, along with Russell County Sheriff's Department, Russell Springs Police Department, Russell County EMS and Jamestown Fire Department.

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## Teenager arrested in Russell County for theft



By WBKO STAFF | Posted: Sat 10:53 PM, Jan 30, 2016 | Updated: Sun 12:09 AM, Jan 31, 2016

**RUSSELL COUNTY, Ky. (WKYT)** - A teenager has been arrested in southern Kentucky in connection with a theft in Fayette County last year.

The Russell County Sheriff's Office says deputies arrested Alfonso Morales, 18, formerly of Versailles, on Friday near Jamestown.

Deputies say Morales broke into the home of Fayette Circuit Judge James Ishmael in September 2015.

Deputies found Morales on Friday, hiding in a closet in his brother's apartment at the ABC Apartment complex on Airport Road, just west of Jamestown. He was taken into custody without incident.

Investigators searched the apartment. They say they found more than a pound of marijuana and nearly \$1,400 cash.

Jesus Morales and Alfonso Morales were both charged with Trafficking in Marijuana, over 8 ounces – less than 5 pounds.

Alfonso Morales also faces a first-degree burglary charges.

A "detainer" was placed on both for the U.S. Department of Immigration & Naturalization.



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## Russell County becomes a wet county



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Wed 10:22 PM, Jan 20, 2016 | Updated: Thu 11:11 AM, Jan 21, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- After an extremely close vote, Russell County has made the change from dry to wet. This is the first time since the 1930's you'll be able to [legally](#) buy alcohol in Russell County.

The vote was close. According to the county clerk's office, 3,849 residents voted yes and 3,432 voted no. The assistant county clerk says some people were happy and others were shocked.

"We are blessed to be in a country where you can vote, and vote how you want to vote and it be a secret. Whatever you vote, you know we're going to love anybody anyway, how ever they vote because that's the way we are," Ruth Hill said.

County officials say the main drive for Russell County to become a wet county is tourism.

"This is what this town was grasp on, tourism and others that come into the region to enjoy what we know as Lake Cumberland," Mayor of Jamestown, Nick Shearer said.

Other county residents are skeptical of the changes it will bring to the area.

"Because I just don't believe in alcohol and drugs. Seems like its ruining our young people, older people too. We might be going down the wrong road here, but God's got a plan," Wayne Halsell said.

Per Kentucky State Law, the county fiscal court has 60 days to put the process in place for the sale of alcoholic beverages in Russell County.

"It's a historical time in the history of Jamestown and Russell County. I believe that we will get revenue from this movement, what that is, we don't know yet," Shearer added.

During that time the county will decide which establishments can sell alcohol and they will appoint an Alcoholic Beverage Control officer.

Even though there was only a 417 vote difference in the balloting, the Russell County assistant clerk says they have not received any requests for a recount.

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The small town of Matheny Tract is the first town to benefit from a new law in California that makes clean water the resp...



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# Adair County injury collision



Posted: Sun 10:25 PM, Dec 27, 2015 | Updated: Sun 10:25 PM, Dec 27, 2015

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Kentucky State Police is investigating a collision that occurred Friday, December 25th, at 3:43 PM.

The collision occurred about 8 miles east of Columbia on KY 80 at Russell Creek Hill.

51-year-old Shelton Grider, of Russell Springs, was operating a westbound 1995 Ford pickup when he crossed the center line. The pickup then struck an eastbound 2012 Ford Escape operated by 33-year-old Jacklyn Judd, of Greensburg.

Grider, and a 15-year-old female, were treated at Westlake Hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Judd was extricated from the Ford Escape and treated at Westlake for non-life threatening injuries.

A 15-year-old male passenger was transported to Russell County ER with non-life threatening injuries. Both drivers were belted.

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- **METCALFE COUNTY**  
*MC JUDICIAL CENTER*

By Michael Gossum | Posted: Thu 4:45 PM, Dec 17, 2015 | Updated: Thu 7:36 PM, Dec 17, 2015

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Only republicans can vote. Voters must be registered as republicans by December 31st to participate in the March 5th presidential caucus.

### Adair County

Adair County High School  
526 Indian Dr  
Columbia, KY 42728

### Allen County

James E. Bazzell Middle  
School  
201 New Gallatin Rd  
Scottsville, KY 42164

### Barren County

Glasgow Christian Academy  
600 Old Cavalry Dr  
Glasgow, KY 42141

### Butler County

Morgantown Elementary  
School  
210 W Cemetery St  
Morgantown, KY 42261

### Clinton County

Clinton County High School  
65 High School Dr  
Albany, KY 42602

### Cumberland County

Cumberland County Middle  
School  
908 N Main St  
Burkesville, KY 42717

### Edmonson County

Edmonson County  
Community Center  
108 N Main St  
Brownsville, KY 42210





Grayson County  
Grayson County Middle  
School  
726 John L Taylor Dr  
Leitchfield, KY 42754

Green County  
Green County High School  
302 Brummal Ave  
Greensburg, KY 42743

Hart County  
Hart County High School –  
Cafeteria  
1014 S. Dixie Highway  
Munfordville, KY 42765

Logan County  
Logan County GOP HQ  
115 S Main St  
Russellville, KY 42276

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Metcalfe County Judicial  
Center  
100 E Stockton St  
Edmonton, KY 42129

Monroe County  
Monroe County Middle  
School  
600 E Main St  
Tompkinsville, KY 42167

Muhlenberg County  
Muhlenberg North Middle  
School  
1000 N Main St  
Greenville, KY 42345

Ohio County  
Ohio County Community  
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130 E Washington St  
Hartford, KY 42347

Russell County  
Russell Springs Elementary  
School  
1554 N Highway 127  
Russell Springs, KY 42642

Simpson County  
Simpson County Courthouse  
110 Courthouse Sq  
Franklin, KY 42134

Taylor County  
Veterans Memorial Park –  
Community Center  
203 N Court St, Suite 4  
Campbellsville, KY 42718

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208 W Main St  
Elkton, KY 42220

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## Russell County man arrested for child porn



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Fri 5:14 AM, Dec 09, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** -- KSP arrested a Russell County man in connection to child pornography.

KSP's Undercover Internet Crimes Against Children program began investigation on Stephen Stargle, 21, after discovering him sharing images of child porn online.

He is charged with 30 counts of distribution and 99 counts of possession.

Each charge is punishable by up to one to five years in prison.

Stargle is in the Russell County Detention Center.

Additional charges are expected.

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## Russell Springs man arrested after firing rifle towards juveniles



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Sat 9:22 PM, Nov 05, 2016 | Updated: Sat 10:11 PM, Nov 05, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Kentucky State Police say one man has been arrested and charged with Wanton Endangerment.

KSP arrested 53-year-old Lonnie Burdine, of Russell Springs, Saturday afternoon. Troopers say Burdine fired a rifle into the area where juveniles were riding bicycles.

Burdine is lodged into in the Russell County Jail.

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## UPDATE: Russell Springs crash claims the life of one person



Courtesy of MGN Online

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 11:27 PM, Sep 26, 2016 | Updated: Tue 6:48 PM, Sep 27, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky (WBKO)** A crash two miles south of Russell Springs sent three people to the hospital and later claimed the life of one

Wesley Flatt of Russell Springs was driving southbound in a 2002 Nissan on Kentucky highway 379, when he crossed the center line and hit a 2011 KIA going northbound. The KIA was driven Donna Antle, 65, of Jamestown.

Antle's car left the road and overturned. Flatt's car continued southbound and also hit a 2001 Ford SUV driven by Logan Hudson of Russell Springs. Flatt's car came to a final stop after hitting a fence post.

Both Antle and Flatt were taken to the Russell County Hospital where they were treated and released. Flatt was not wearing a seat belt, but Antle and Hudson were.

Hudson was flown to the University of Kentucky hospital where died on Tuesday morning after the injuries he sustained in the crash.

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## Mother charged with toddler's murder following Russell County crash



Jessica Warriner

By WKYT | Posted: Tue 4:45 PM, Sep 13, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WKYT)** - A Russell County mother faces a murder charge after a crash that took her young daughter's life.

Jessica Warriner is charged with the murder of three-year-old Chloe Fortenberry.

Police say Warriner was under the influence of drugs in the Saturday night crash.

H. M. Bottom has worked as a fire chief for more than four decades.

He's seen a lot of bad crashes and fires but says those involving children are always tough.

"All my firemen just about have kids or grand-kids, we all do. And it's just a little bit different when there's a child. The next morning I got the call that she hadn't made it and I let someone know because they're always really concerned whether a child makes it or not," said Russell Springs Fire Department Chief H.M. Bottom.

A fund for Chloe has been set up at First National Bank in Russell Springs.

The funeral will take place at Wilson Funeral Home.

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## 2016 Wendy's Countdown to Kickoff: Russell County



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Sat 1:14 PM, Jul 23, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)--** Head Coach Bill Sharp and the Russell County Lakers are quick to admit that the past two seasons have been like sailing in choppy waters; they've won just one game in the past two years.

But this is a program that knows how to win, as the Lakers notched 30 wins during a three-season stretch from 2011 to 2013.

The longtime coach has experienced the highs and lows during the past five season.

He thinks a stronger mindset by his players will result in an improved squad this season.

"We want to be back in that mindset of we're going to compete with you when you come on our field, or when we come into your place," said Sharp. "We're going to hit you in the mouth. We're going to be physical. And we're going to execute and be well-disciplined. And I think our kids, that's what they want to do."

"We've got to look at it and we've got to see what we did last year and the year before wrong," said senior J.T. Smith. "And we have to learn from that and get better from that."

"Everybody's buying in and paying more attention," said senior Gabe Ford. "No goofing off, and stuff. And the winter workouts that we've done has caused us to be more disciplined in everything we do."

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## Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems plans to double its employees



By Daniel McFarland | Posted: Wed 7:28 PM, Jul 06, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, KY (WBKO)** -- Russell Springs is about add 150 [new jobs](#) to the community.

Dr. Schneider's Automotive Systems is expanding its facility and will need to double its work force to keep up with demand. The expansion comes only two years after the facility initially opened back in 2014. The added jobs will help community recover after the Fruit of Loom plant closed in Russell County a few years ago.

Eric Selby is the mayor of Russell Springs and he says that the construction of the plant is finished and now Dr. Schneider Automotive is going through the hiring process. "Dr. Schneider Automotive is actually taking applications daily to fill the upcoming new jobs that will be available in the plant."

Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems specializes in air vents and other parts of the dashboard for German made cars.

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## Russell Springs facility doubles workforce



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 4:13 PM, Jun 29, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** – Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems in Russell Springs announced an expansion of their workforce to 300 people Wednesday.

Governor Matt Bevin was on hand during a grand opening Wednesday, congratulating executives for the facility expansion.

The family owned German company's vent-systems plant opened in 2014, and has already effectively doubled its size and increased the total Kentucky investment to \$43 million.

"The new jobs and investment Dr. Schneider Automotive Systems created here in southcentral Kentucky further exemplify why the Commonwealth is known around the world as a prime location for manufacturing," Gov. Bevin said. "We are pleased that Dr. Schneider quickly found success in Russell County and opted to expand. We are grateful its owners for taking this initiative and adding further momentum to the state's thriving automotive industry."

Russell Springs Mayor Eric Selby expressed gratitude for the project, noting its economic impact.

"Dr. Schneider is an asset to our community. We recognize the significant investment, job creation and overall positive economic impact Dr. Schneider will have on Russell County as a result of this expansion," Mayor Selby said. "We are pleased to have them as a corporate citizen efficiently growing their business right here in Russell Springs."

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority amended the company's original preliminary agreement by \$3 million to encourage Dr. Schneider's growth. The amendment provided for up to a total of \$7 million in tax incentives.

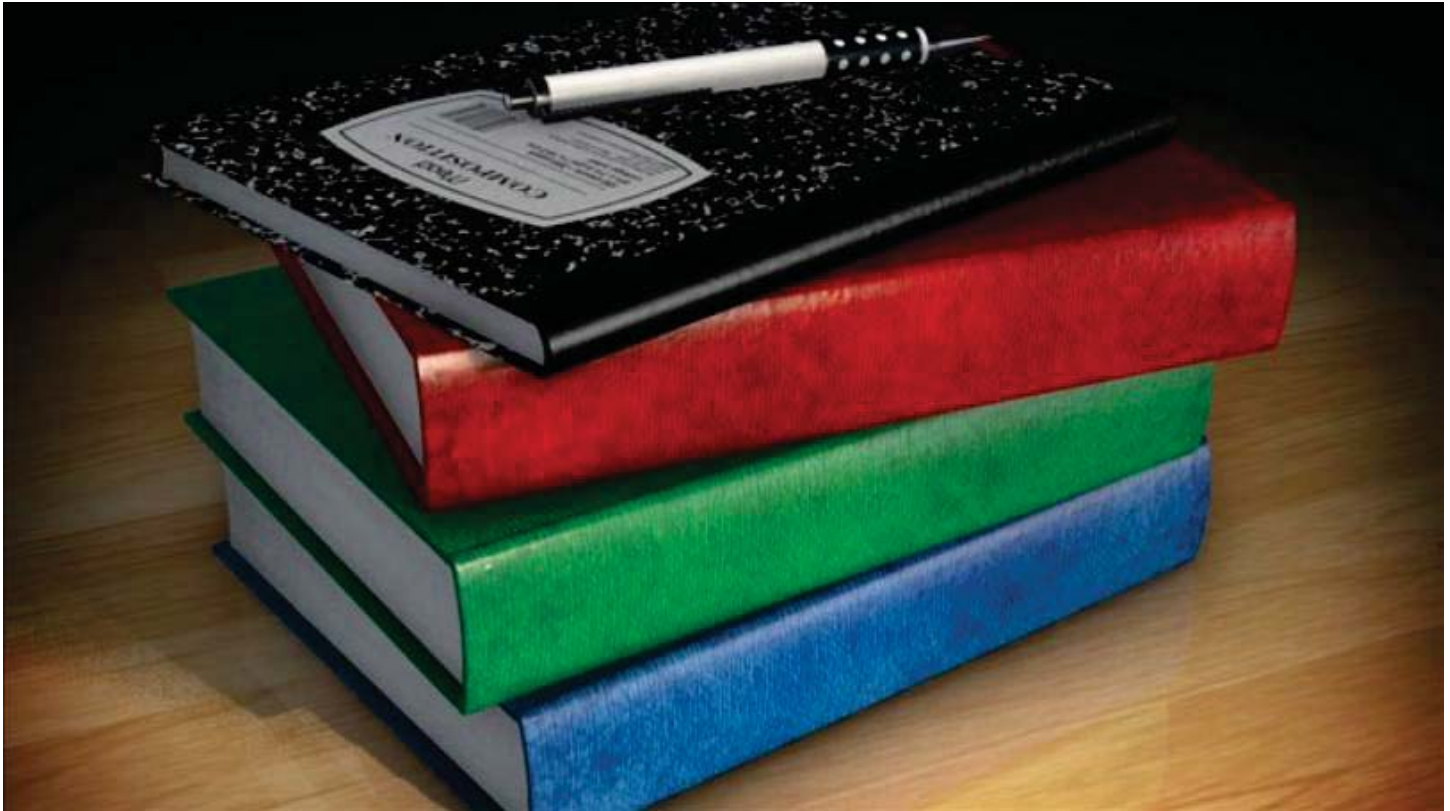


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## Area schools added to the Born Learning Academies



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 4:26 PM, Jun 27, 2016 | Updated: Mon 6:29 PM, Jun 27, 2016

**WARREN COUNTY, Ky. (WBKO)** - Four Bowling Green and Warren County schools were added to the United Way's Born Learning Academies.

The Kentucky Department of Education says 50% of children in the state are not ready for kindergarten.

The Born Learning Academies were designed to help adults improve their children's kindergarten readiness with free monthly workshops at the schools.

Warren Elementary is one of 63 schools added to the Born Learning Academies as Amy Carter, the Family Resource Coordinator, explains:

"This grant is to help families with early learning opportunities, to support families through the schools, and help their early learning opportunities in everyday occurrences."

Schools in south central Kentucky that are 2016 Toyota funded schools include: Adair County Primary Center, Clinton County Early Childhood Center, and Warren Elementary.

Schools in our area that are 2016 state-funded schools include: Morgantown Elementary, Pembroke Elementary, Clarkson Elementary, Helmwood Elementary, Bonnieville Elementary, Adairville school, Russell Springs Elementary, Salem Elementary, Russell Primary School, Franklin Elementary, Taylor County Elementary, Lost River Elementary, Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary, and T.C. Cherry Elementary.

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## Bevin calls recent lawsuits a shame and pathetic



By Michael Gossum | Posted: Thu 4:33 PM, Jun 02, 2016 | Updated: Thu 8:56 PM, Jun 02, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Gov. Matt Bevin had strong words for Speaker of the [House](#) Greg Stumbo and Attorney General Andy Beshear.

Stumbo is suing Bevin over his budget vetoes.

Beshear filed a suit over Bevin's authority to remove money from a current budget.

"I have the speaker of the house, I have the attorney general, people who are being paid to represent to Kentucky, undermining Kentucky apparently to try to further themselves politically. It's kind of a shame. It's a bit of an embarrassment, frankly, and they're going to lose every single one of these pathetic lawsuits that they're bringing because they're frivolous," said Bevin.

Beshear lost his suit, but wants the Kentucky Supreme Court to take the case.

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## Bevin announces dual credit funding



By Michael Gossum | Posted: Wed 4:47 PM, Jun 01, 2016 | Updated: Wed 8:04 PM, Jun 01, 2016

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** -- \$15 million in state money for a dual credit program.

"I want to make clear this is not a pilot program. It isn't just here, it is for every one of the 173 school districts in this state," said Gov. Matt Bevin.

"We're going to stop talking about K-12, we're going to start talking about K-14. From now on, we're going to have colleges and universities within our high schools across the state of Kentucky," added Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Hal Heiner.

Gov. Matt Bevin and other top education officials will give every high school senior a chance to earn dual credit for the next two years.

They'll be able to do it in part because of the lottery.

"We'll not be sweeping the lottery funds for anything other than educational purpose. That's what it was there for, and we are going to spend every cent on that," said Bevin.

Dual credit is a way for students to get high school and post secondary credit at the same time.

Bevin said schools will receive the money based on how many seniors they have, but it has to be put to good use.

"The expectation is that they will use them all or their seniors will lose out. So, I encourage the seniors, the parents and their schools to make sure they use the dollars, if they don't use them, they will lose them," said Bevin.

Gov. Bevin reiterated this isn't a pilot project, while the money is only for the next two years, he plans to continue this into the future and even offer it to younger students for earlier credit.

The goal in all of this is to better prepare a workforce for jobs that deal with technology and an ever changing economy.

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## Former Russell County police officer indicted on rape, incest charge



By Jake Boswell | Posted: Wed 11:46 AM, Jun 01, 2016 | Updated: Wed 8:05 PM, Jun 01, 2016

**JAMESTOWN, Ky. (WBKO)** - A former Russell County police officer has been indicted on charges of rape and incest stemming from a case 17 years ago.

An indictment filed on May 25, details an accusation that Rufus Shearer, Junior raped a woman in July 1999. The court document also includes an indictment for one count of incest as well.

Shearer is a former police officer in Jamestown and Rusell Springs.

Owenton City Police confirm that Shearer is currently a police officer at their agency in Owen County.

Both rape and incest are Class B felonies in Kentucky carrying a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum of 20 years.

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# Kevin Williams to host hometown concert in Russell Springs



By Laura Rogers | Posted: Thu 12:55 PM, May 12, 2016

Kevin Williams Hometown Celebration Concert  
Benefits needy children in Kentucky  
Saturday, May 14  
6:00 p.m.  
Russell Springs First Baptist Church  
270-866-6495

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## Fatal collision in Russell County



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Mon 7:21 AM, May 02, 2016

**(Russell Springs, KY.)** Kentucky State Police is investigating a collision that occurred just before 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th on KY 76 south of Russell Springs. 35-year-old Pedro Zuniga was operating a 1995 Jeep when the vehicle left the roadway and overturned. Zuniga was not wearing a seatbelt, and as a result was ejected from the vehicle.

The vehicle came to rest on top of Zuniga. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Russell County Coroner. Alcohol is believed to have been a contributing factor.

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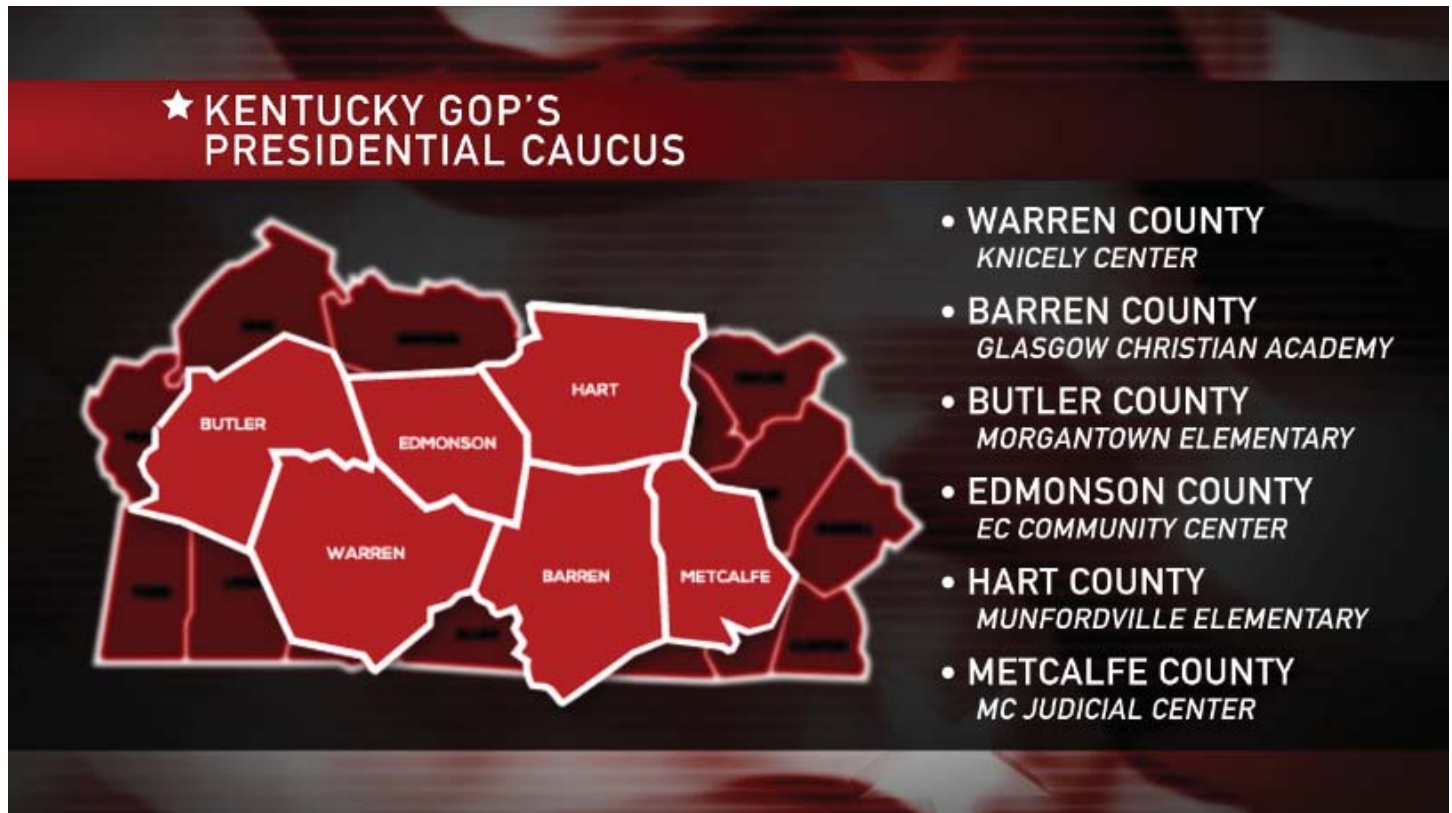
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## Kevin Williams Hometown Celebration Concert

Kevin, a Russell Springs native, is a guitarist, humorist and band leader for the Gaithers for 24 years.



## KY Republican caucus: What you need to know



By Michael Gossum | Posted: Tue 8:00 AM, Mar 01, 2016 | Updated: Fri 7:02 PM, Mar 04, 2016

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Right now, it's just an empty room at the WKU Knicely Conference Center, but in just a few days, voters will make history by casting their ballot in Kentucky's first ever republican presidential caucus.

"I don't know if it's a good idea or a bad idea. It's something we're going to try and see if it works," said caucus organizer, Scott Lasley.

The success of Kentucky GOP's presidential caucus is still unanswered.

One of the main architects of the caucus said candidates coming to the Commonwealth and voter turnout are key markers.

"If we're under 10%, I think you have to look at it and say maybe it wasn't worth it. If we get about 15%, then I think you hold serve. Anything over 20%, I think would be a huge success," said Lasley.

This all got pushed so Sen. Rand Paul could run for both President and the U.S. senate.

"I did my best. I tried to put forward my ideas and how I thought they were better than the others and it's a competition. I had some rough and tumble times with some of the other candidates, but I think now for me and for Kentucky, I think the best thing is to let every voter make their decision, and for me to sort of try to bring the party together," said Paul.

He's now out of the race, but says he's going to be very active in a caucus that was put together quickly.

"We had about 6 months to draft the rules at the most about how we were going to go forward. There are some things we could certainly say it would be nice if we had made this change, this change or this change and to improve the process, but if it is successful at least there's a mechanism by which we could do it again," said Lasley.

Paul adds now Kentucky is relevant in the presidential race.

"Normally our primary is late May, and by late May a lot of times the presidential election is over. I can't remember in my adult life voting and ever thinking it meant anything. Now actually republicans will be able to say, you know I voted and I may have made a difference about who the nominee was," said Paul.

The caucus will take place at more than 100 places across the Commonwealth Saturday, March 5th from 10-4.

In Kentucky's caucus, you will vote in a very similar style to the primary, by ballot.

You must be a registered republican as of December 31, 2015 to participate, and bring identification to be able to cast your ballot.

It is paid for by the party and not with taxpayer money.

Since it is run by the state republican party, candidates or representatives for them can be inside campaigning for their vote.

For WKU freshman and Butler County caucus chairman Matthew Embry, organizing the caucus was a big task.

"The big thing will be helping people know what a caucus is, and that it's not some crazy event. It's mostly just like a regular primary. We're hoping for 15%, 10-15%," said Embry.

In just a few days, pundits, voters and others will see if Kentucky's GOP presidential caucus was a success.



"If we do have a voice and have some relevance in the nomination process come this Saturday, then it might be worth it. Is it perfect? No. Is it worth it? Reasonable people will be able to disagree and debate that. We'll figure that out. If we get 22% turnout and candidates have paid some attention to us this week, I think a lot of people will say, yeah that was worth it," said Lasley.

The caucus is not for democrats or independents, only republicans.

This is the only time republicans will be able to vote to nominate a republican for president. The May primary does not include the presidential race for republicans.

Republicans will still vote for local, state, and congressional races in the May primary.

Kentucky is not a winner take all state either in terms of delegates. The delegates will be divided up proportionally for candidates who get at least 5% of the vote.

Here are all 20 WBKO viewing area caucus locations listed below.

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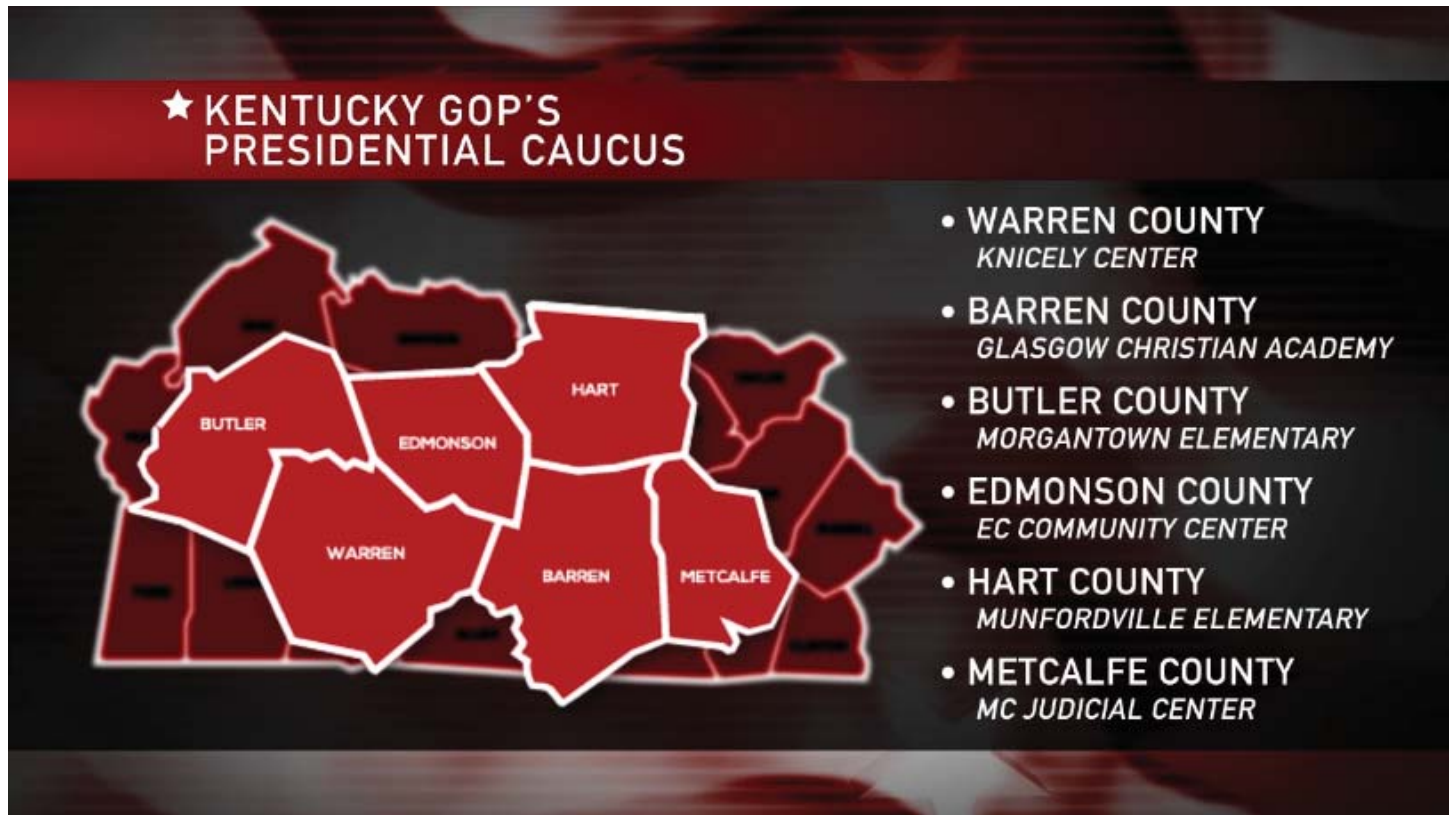


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## GOP Caucus locations for south central Kentucky



By Michael Gossum | Posted: Fri 4:25 PM, Feb 26, 2016 | Updated: Fri 8:32 PM, Feb 26, 2016

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The Kentucky GOP's first-ever caucus takes place Saturday March 5th from 10 to 4 in more than 100 locations across the state.

Hart County recently just changed its location to Munfordville Elementary.

Republicans will still vote by ballot, but can gather information and promote a candidate at the location unlike a primary where that is prohibited.

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This is also the only time for republicans to cast their vote in the presidential nomination process.

Democrats will still vote for president in the May primary.

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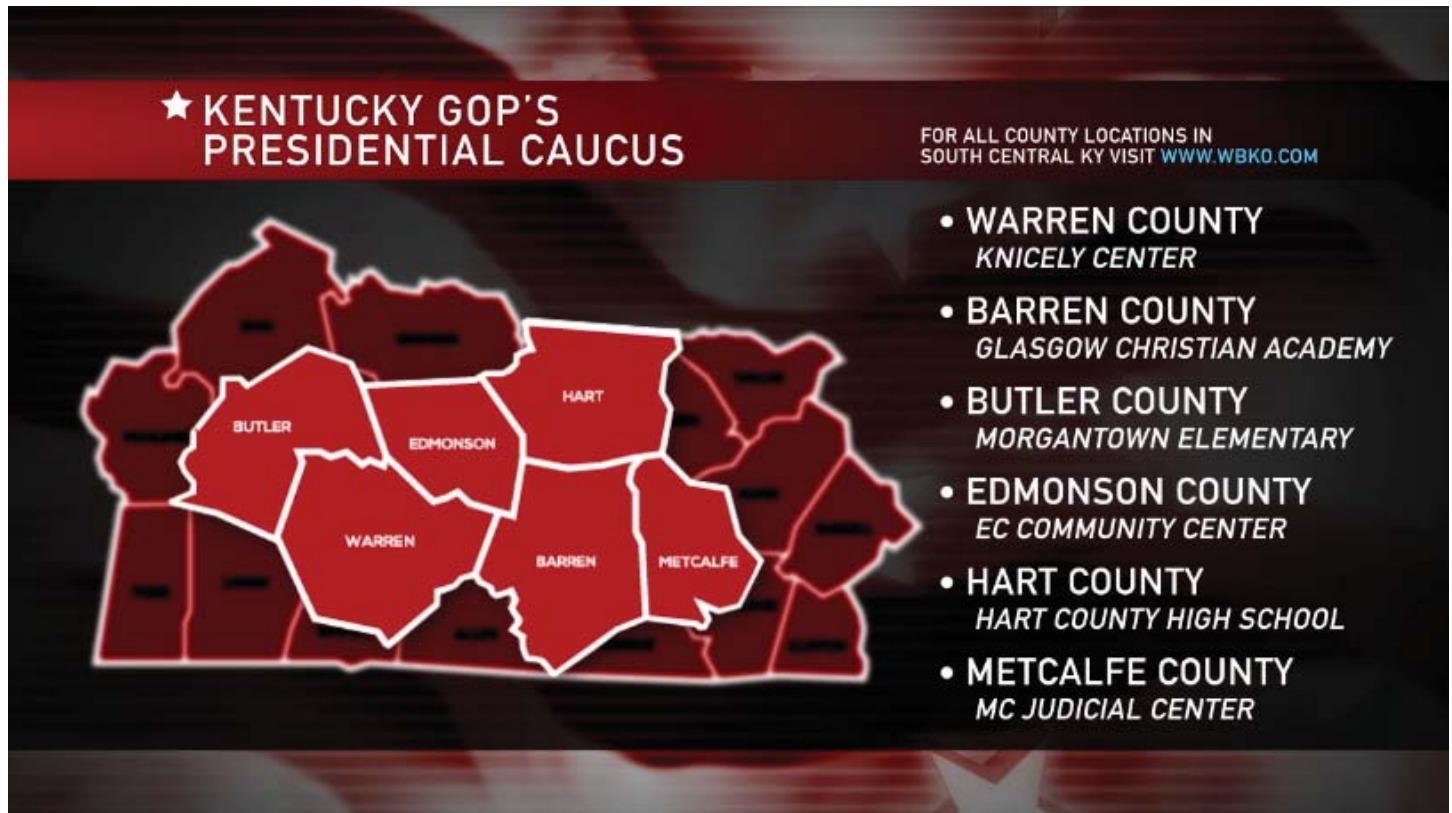
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## Warren GOP chairman discusses upcoming presidential caucus



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By Michael Gossum | Posted: Wed 5:14 PM, Feb 17, 2016 | Updated: Wed 7:36 PM, Feb 17, 2016

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The first ever Kentucky GOP caucus is less than three weeks away.

Warren County GOP Chairman Scott Lasley discussed the historical event Wednesday afternoon at the Bowling Green Rotary Club meeting.

The caucus will happen statewide in more than 100 locations Saturday March 5th from 10-4.

Lasley answered the big question, many people are wondering about, what's the difference between a caucus and a primary?

"Caucus is organized and paid for by the party. It is paid for and organized by the state party. The primary on the otherhand, is an election, put on by the state, county officials. So, that is paid for by the state and local governments," said Lasley

There are other differences that include electioneering. At a caucus candidates or representatives can talk to you about the candidate and try to persuade you, whereas at a primary that is illegal.

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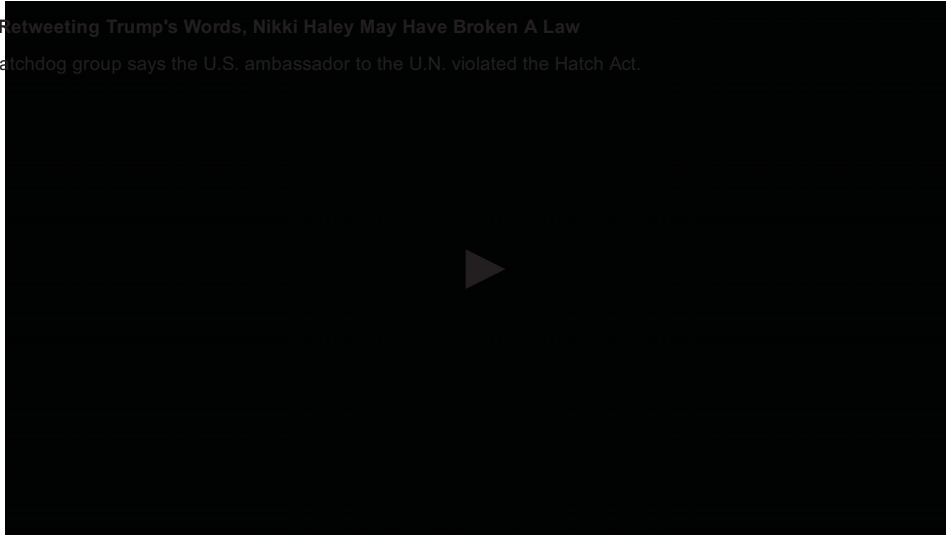
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115 S Main St  
Russellville, KY 42276

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Center  
100 E Stockton St  
Edmonton, KY 42129

Monroe County  
Monroe County Middle  
School  
600 E Main St  
Tompkinsville, KY 42167

Muhlenberg County  
Muhlenberg North Middle  
School  
1000 N Main St  
Greenville, KY 42345

Ohio County  
Ohio County Community  
Center  
130 E Washington St  
Hartford, KY 42347

Russell County  
Russell Springs Elementary  
School  
1554 N Highway 127  
Russell Springs, KY 42642

Simpson County  
Simpson County Courthouse  
110 Courthouse Sq  
Franklin, KY 42134

Taylor County  
Veterans Memorial Park -  
Community Center  
203 N Court St, Suite 4  
Campbellsville, KY 42718

Todd County  
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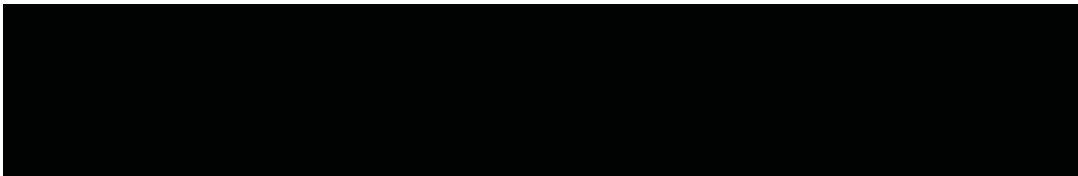
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# Russell Springs water leak



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 4:21 PM, Jan 04, 2017

**RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** -- For those of you who have been without water in Russell Springs, we contacted the water department for an update. They told us the leak is being repaired, they are turning the valves back on, and say the water should be restored by Wednesday night.

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## UPDATE: Missing Russell County elderly man found



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 11:04 PM, Oct 13, 2016 | Updated: Fri 5:52 AM, Oct 14, 2016

**RUSSELL COUNTY, Ky. (WKYT)** - Police have located a missing elderly man .

According to our sister station, WKYT-TV, police Lester Stapp, 90, left his home in Russell County just before 3 p.m. Thursday, and hadn't been seen since.

We received reports that he had been found safe in Owensboro Friday morning. His vehicle was in a ditch.

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## Body found off highway in Adair County



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 11:38 AM, Dec 19, 2016 | Updated: Mon 6:47 PM, Dec 19, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** - KSP says they are investigating human remains of a man found in Adair County.

The remains were found in the city limits of Columbia on North Highway 55 and the Columbia Bypass by a local business man that was picking up business road signs when he noticed the remains.

The body found near United Citizens Bank had a wallet found with it.

"We did find identification with the remains but what stop short of giving anything firm of the individual until we can confirm the individual by any means necessary at the Medical Examiner's office," said Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Gregory.

The Post 15 Public Information Officer said the identity of the body wouldn't be announced until the autopsy was performed Tuesday morning. Currently, there's no one in the Columbia area police were looking for.

"We don't have a missing person in this area that could be associated with these findings."

Police said it was too early in the investigation to discuss the possibility of foul play.

The body could have been in the area of brush from anywhere to few days to a few weeks.

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# Adair County shooting investigation



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 8:56 AM, Dec 08, 2016 | Updated: Thu 10:21 AM, Dec 08, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** - A Metcalfe County man is arrested after an Adair County shooting.

Kentucky State Police say William Goble, 26, of Edmonton, was arrested Thursday at 2:41 a.m., following a shooting on Dean Woods Road in Adair County.

Police say James Suver, 25, of Columbia, had a single gunshot wound to the leg.

Suver was taken to T.J. Health Hospital in Columbia for treatment of his injuries.

Goble was taken to the Adair County Regional Jail. He is charged with Assault 1st degree.

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## UPDATE: Third person dies in fatal ATV crash in Adair County



Courtesy of MGN Online

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 10:31 AM, Nov 02, 2016 | Updated: Wed 11:44 AM, Nov 02, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A collision at the intersection of KY 206 and Sanders Ridge road on October 28 has resulted in the death of three Columbia teens.

Kentucky State Police said 15-year-old Macie Drake was driving a Can-Am UTV southbound on Sanders Ridge Road when she failed to stop at the intersection of KY 206.

The UTV crossed into the path of a 2004 Ford F-250, driven by 52-year-old Randell Gabehart, of Knifley, and was struck in the passenger side.

Macie Drake and a passenger, 15-year-old Abby Gail Curry, were pronounced dead at the scene that evening.

Raquel Anyega, 14, was airlifted to the University of Kentucky Hospital where she was listed in critical condition, until passing away Wednesday, November 2.

Gabehart was taken to TJ Health in Columbia where he was treated and released.

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## Double car crash in Adair County



Courtesy: MGN Online

Posted: Thu 11:11 PM, Sep 29, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky (WBKO)** -- A double [car](#) crash in Columbia sends one person to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

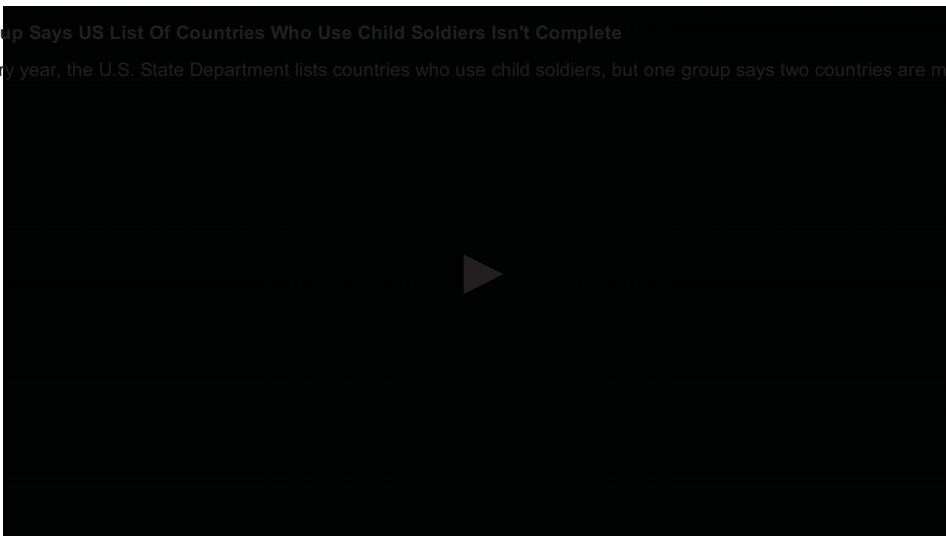
Police say that the crash happened on Jamestown Street, a preliminary investigation indicates that 49-year-old Vicki Hatcher of Columbia was driving a 1999 Subaru, and was stopped at the intersection of Jamestown Street and Gaston Avenue.

72-year-old Jewel Lunsford of Columbia was driving a 2002 Dodge van on Jamestown Street when she did not stop and hit the rear of Hatcher's car.

Both, Lunsford and Hatcher were wearing seat-belts, Hatcher was taken to T.J. Samson Columbia hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

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## Kentucky State Police promotes Columbia residents



Left to right: Sgt. James W. Richard, Sgt. Derek A. Cundiff, Lt. Bradly S. Stotts

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 5:09 PM, Sep 22, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO) --** The Kentucky State Police promoted three Columbia residents on September 16.

Lt. Bradly S. Stotts, an 11-year KSP veteran, is commander of the KSP Intelligence Branch in Frankfort.

Sgt. James W. Richard, also an 11-year veteran of the agency, is assigned to Post 15 in Columbia.

Sgt. Derek A. Cundiff, an 8-year veteran, is assigned to the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division Region 4 in London.

The officers received their promotional certificates from KSP Commissioner Rick Sanders and John Grate, deputy secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

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## Bodies of Kentucky women found after boat crash in Georgia



By ASSOCIATED PRESS | Posted: Sat 8:00 PM, Jul 16, 2016

**GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) --** Authorities say the bodies of two Kentucky women have been recovered after a boat overturned at Lake Lanier in north Georgia.

Local news media report that Georgia Department of Natural Resources officials said Saturday the bodies of 45-year-old Melissa Renee McMahan and 44-year-old Tammy Reece were located during an overnight.

Maj. Stephen Adams says the single-vessel boat incident occurred on the southern end of Lake Lanier on Friday. A collision with another boat is not suspected.

Officials say a search is still ongoing for 46-year-old Arthur Gene McMahan Jr. and 44-year-old Anthony Reece Jr.

Melissa and Arthur MaMahan are from Mount Washington, Kentucky. Tammy and Anthony Reece are from Columbia, Kentucky.

Officials believe the occupants of the boat were involved with the Pirates of Lanier Charity Poker Run.

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## Adair County man arrested on sex abuse charge



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 10:41 AM, Jun 15, 2017 | Updated: Thu 6:57 PM, Jun 15, 2017

**ADAIR CO, Ky. (WBKO)** -- An Adair County man has been arrested on a sex abuse charge.

Kentucky State Police say William T. Bryant of Columbia was arrested on June 13 and is being charged with sexual abuse first degree - the victim under the age of twelve. Police say the arrest resulted from an anonymous complaint to the Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Family Services. Bryant was taken to the Adair County jail.

## Man behind bars after fatal crash in Adair County



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 10:20 PM, Apr 24, 2017

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A man is behind bars charged with murder after a fatal crash in Adair County.

According to police 52-year-old, Samuel Edwards was arrested on April 22.

They say Edwards was driving northbound on highway KY 61 back in March when he lost control of his car and left the shoulder of the road.

Officials say the car began to flip multiple times before hitting a tree and coming to final rest in a pond.

Police says Edwards and his passenger 45-year-old Alesha Morrison of Columbia were ejected from the vehicle.

Officials pronounced Morrison dead at the scene.

Edwards was flown to UK Medical Center.

Edwards is being charged with murder, operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to maintain required insurance.

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## Autopsy results confirm identity of Adair County man in fatal crash



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Mon 2:17 PM, Apr 17, 2017

**COLUMBIA** -- An Adair County man is confirmed dead in a fatal crash that happened back in March.

Authorities had been awaiting autopsy results to confirm it was 38-year-old Richard Bennett of Columbia who was killed when his truck hit a guardrail and caught on fire.

Kentucky state police say the crash happened around 1-45 on the morning of March 26 at Kentucky 55 and Kentucky 551.

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## Woman identified in death and fire investigation in Adair County



By Lyndsey Gough | Posted: Mon 5:43 PM, Apr 04, 2016 | Updated: Mon 6:49 PM, Apr 04, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)--** UPDATED: 4:52 p.m. 4/4/2016 - KSP says the victim found at 496 Watson Street has been identified as Sharon Austin, 41, of Columbia.

Her death and the fire are still under investigation.

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Sunday at noon, Kentucky State Police Post 15 received a call about a body that had been found.

According to the press release, the body was found in the ruins of a town house at 496 Watson Road in Columbia.

KSP says that Adair County and Columbia Fire Departments responded to a report of a vehicle fire the day before (Saturday, 4/2/16) at that same address.

Police say it wasn't until noon Sunday that the owner of the town house went back in to the burnt home and located the body.

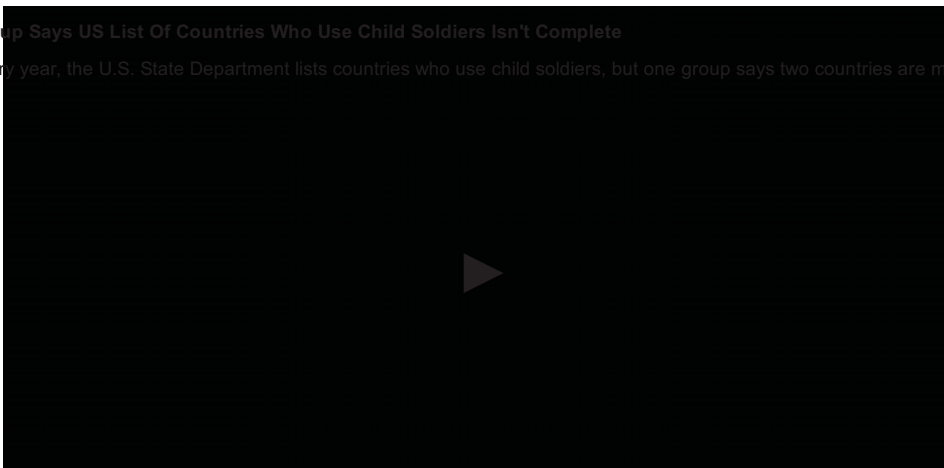
KSP says the body was sent for an autopsy and identification by the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's Office.

KSP says investigation is ongoing by detectives from Post 15.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by Adair County Sheriff's Department, Columbia Police Department, Adair County Coroner's Office and Adair County & Columbia Fire Department.

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# UPDATE: Adair County Wet/Dry Vote



By Gene Birk and Lyndsey Gough | Posted: Tue 3:31 PM, Mar 22, 2016 | Updated: Tue 11:07 PM, Mar 22, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO) --** UPDATE 7:15 p.m.

Of the 13,431 voters registered in Adair County, 6,139 turned out to vote in Tuesday's wet/dry vote; a 46% turnout.

It carried by 649 votes. Adair County residents voted to go wet, with 55.12% (3,384 voters) voting "yes" and 44.88% (2,755 voters) voting "no".

Tuesday Adair County voted on whether to allow the sale of alcohol in the county.

Those promoting the sale of alcohol expressed their desire on a couple of Facebook pages -- Make Adair County Wet -- and -- Progress in Adair County.

A huge turnout was expected, with County Court Clerk Lisa Greer telling us she believes up to 65% of the voters in the county would cast their ballots.

plan to have results of today's election on WBKO at 10.

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## Adair County teen crashes into concrete water trough



Courtesy: MGN Online

By Lyndsey Gough | Posted: Sun 10:47 PM, Mar 06, 2016 | Updated: Sun 11:28 PM, Mar 06, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)--** Kentucky State Police Post 15 is investigating a crash that happened Saturday afternoon.

The crash happened on KY-900, 7 miles south of Columbia. Police say 19 year old Amber Akers, of Columbia, was driving her car southbound when she left the right shoulder of the road, went across the roadway and hit a concrete cattle water trough.

Police say Akers wasn't wearing her seat-belt and Adair County EMS took her to TJ Health Columbia for treatment for minor injuries.

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## Traffic accident leads to milk-covered road and 2 hospitalized



By Lyndsey Gough | Posted: Fri 10:58 PM, Jan 29, 2016 | Updated: Sat 1:28 PM, Jan 30, 2016

**COLUMBIA, Ky. (WBKO)--** The Kentucky State Police [Commercial Vehicle](#) Enforcement responded to a two vehicle injury collision Friday around 9:30 a.m., just 2 miles north of Columbia on KY 55.

KSP says they believe 66-year-old Brenda Stephens of Columbia drifted out of her lane and into a freightliner driven by Lester Price, 48, of Olympia. Price's truck overturned, causing the trailer loaded with milk to spill.

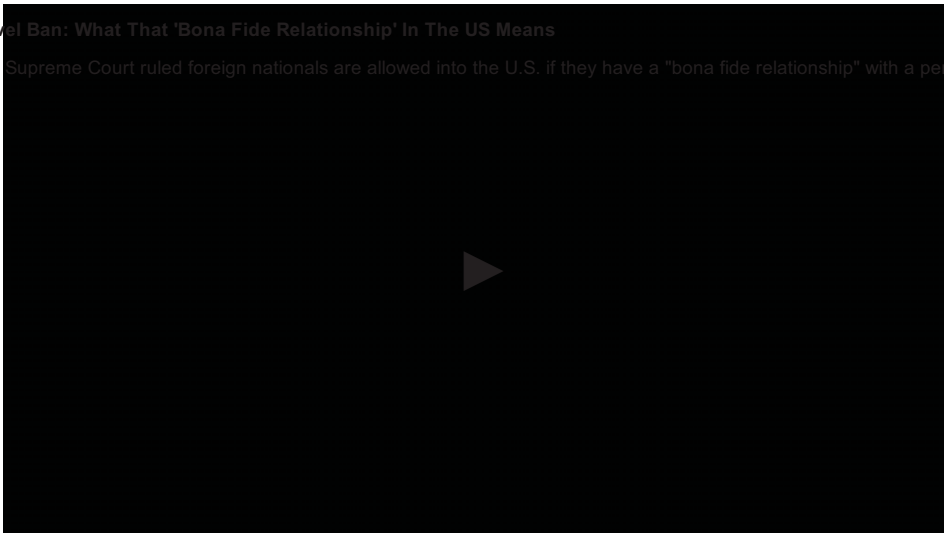
KSP say this is why KY-55 was closed most of the day.

According to KSP, Stephens and Price were both taken to Westlake Hospital where they were flown to University of Kentucky Hospital by Air Evac. Police say Price was wearing his seat belt, while Stephens was not wearing her seat belt. KSP says Stephens and Price are listed in critical but stable condition.

KSP is still investigating the accident. They were assisted at the scene by the Adair Co Sheriff's Office, EMS, Rescue, Fire and the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

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# Emergency Winter Weather Contact List



By Jake Boswell | Posted: Thu 5:23 PM, Jan 21, 2016 | Updated: Fri 12:38 PM, Jan 22, 2016

## **BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO) -- Warren County**

Warren County Sheriff (270) 842-1633

Bowling Green Police Department (270) 393-4244

Utilities:

<https://www.bgky.org/community-resources/32>

BGMU.com

WRECC.com

Barren County

Barren County Sheriff (270) 651-2771

Glasgow Police Department (270) 651-5151

Utilities:

[http://www.cityofglasgow.org/community\\_resources/utilities.php](http://www.cityofglasgow.org/community_resources/utilities.php)

Allen County

Allen County Sheriff (270) 237-3210

Scottsville Police Department (270) 237-3611

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=063>

Simpson County

Simpson County Sheriff (270) 586-7425

Franklin Police Department (270) 586-7167

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=079>

Logan County

Logan County Sheriff (270) 726-2244



Russellville Police Department (270) 726-7669

Utilities:

<http://www.loganleads.com/Chamber/community/newcomer.asp>

Todd County

Todd County Sheriff (270) 265-9966 Ext. 2

Elkton Police Department (270) 265-2501

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=071>

Muhlenberg County

Muhlenberg County Sheriff (270) 338-3345

Greenville Police Department (270) 338-3133

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=009>

Ohio County

Ohio County Sheriff (270) 298-4444

Hartford Police Department (270) 298-3379

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=007>

Butler County

Butler County Sheriff (270) 526-3676

Morgantown Police Department (270) 526-3662

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=070>

Grayson County

Grayson County Sheriff (270) 259-3024

Leitchfield Police Department (270) 259-3850

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=010>

Edmonson County

Edmonson County Sheriff (270) 597-2157

Brownsville Police Department (270) 597-3814

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=022>

Hart County

Hart County Sheriff (270) 524-2341

Munfordville Police Department (270) 524-5359

Utilities:

<http://www.hartcountkyky.org/utilities.html>

Green County

Green County Sheriff (270) 932-5641

Greensburg Police Department (270) 932-4202

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=061>

Adair County

Adair County Sheriff (270) 384-2776

Columbia Police Department (270) 384-4119

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=064>

Russell County

# Plum Springs Road rollover crash



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 10:07 AM, Dec 27, 2016

**PLUM SPRINGS, Ky. (WBKO)** - A crash sends two to the hospital and leaves one facing charges.

On Friday, Warren County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle rollover crash with injuries in the 1200 Block of Plum Springs Road.

Police say an SUV driven by Landon Morgan of Burkesville, was driving on Plum Springs Road when the SUV left the right side of the road and struck a culvert. The vehicle then overturned and came to a rest on its top. The passenger, Alexzandra Curry of Beaver Dam, was lying outside the SUV when police arrived.

Police say Morgan was found hiding in a woodline behind homes in the 1200 Block of Plum Springs Road.

Curry was taken to the Medical Center for treatment of her injuries. She told police she was not wearing her seat belt.

Morgan was taken to the Medical Center. He told police he was wearing his seat belt.

Police say Morgan was cited for Leaving the Scene of an Accident / Failure to Render Aid, Operating of a Suspended/Revoked License, and Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Drugs/Alcohol (4th or greater Offense). Police say drugs are believed to be a factor in the collision.

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## Park City man leads Metcalfe County officers on a car chase



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 7:43 AM, Dec 15, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Metcalfe County authorities chased down a Park City man after he lead them on a chase Tuesday.

Dispatch received a call about a possible drunk driver on KY 90 and eventually spotted a vehicle matching the description.

When they tried to pull the vehicle over, the driver, Danny Button kept going.

Officers gave chase and were able to deploy tire spikes in the Marrowbone area.

All four of Button's tires were flattened and he began to slow down but that didn't stop him.

He attempted to make a turn and ended up hitting two police vehicles.

Button was removed from his vehicle soon after and arrested.

Danny Button is charged with speeding, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, reckless driving, fleeing or evading police, four counts of wanton endangerment, three counts of criminal mischief, and resisting arrest.

Button was lodged in the Adair County Jail.

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# Glasgow reckless driver lands in jail



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Tue 7:32 AM, Dec 13, 2016

**GLASGOW, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A reckless driver in Glasgow landed in jail over the weekend.

Police say Justin Blake of Burkesville was caught speeding at around 4 a.m. on Sunday.

Police pulled Blake over and discovered that his license was suspended and couldn't produce an insurance card.

Officers also found needles and an empty pill bottle inside his car.

Blake was taken to the Barren County Jail.



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## KSP confirms Floyd Cook is dead



By WBKO Staff | Posted: Thu 3:57 PM, Oct 29, 2015 | Updated: Tue 10:39 AM, Nov 10, 2015

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO) -- UPDATE: 1:22 a.m.**

FROM KSP POST 15:

At approximately 12:21 a.m. CST, Post 15 received communication from units at the search site that shots had been fired.

During the course of searching an embankment near a residence on KY 61 approximately 7 miles south of Burkesville, two KSP Troopers and one U.S. Marshall encountered Floyd Ray Cook.

Cook had a handgun and gunfire was exchanged.

Cook was wounded and was pronounced dead at the scene by the Cumberland County Coroner.

No officers were injured.

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UPDATE: 1:19 a.m.

KSP confirms that Cook shot at officers as well just before he was killed in Cumberland County.

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UPDATE: 1:09 a.m. 10/30/15

KSP confirms that Floyd Cook has been shot and killed in Cumberland County. The search is over.

Police were searching on HWY 61. Cook had a weapon. Two KSP Troopers and a US Marshal fired shots.

KSP says they were looking through a ditch line when they saw Cook in Cumberland Co. He did not comply with officers commands and was shot.

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UPDATE: 12:33 a.m. 10/30/15

Shots have been fired and an ambulance has been called to the scene where police are searching for Floyd Cook.

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UPDATE: 11:29 p.m.

As our Jake Boswell reports:

Police believe that Cook was in a building near HWY 61. He wasn't there when they arrived, but say there were signs he was there.

Minutes ago, KSP says they almost located Floyd Cook. The search area has just been shrunk to an area near HWY 61. Search is not off.

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UPDATE: 10:39 p.m.

KSP says they're still actively searching for Floyd Cook in Cumberland County. Our Jake Boswell reports the plan is to pull everyone out when helicopters have to refuel in the next hour.

One small team will be left with the FBI to maintain the perimeter overnight if they're forced to call off the search tonight.

If tonight's search is called off in the next hour, the next active search will begin Friday at day break.

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UPDATE: 7:48 p.m.

As our Jake Boswell reports:

Police are still actively searching for Floyd Cook. KSP says that 40 to 50 officers from around 12 agencies are assisting in tonight's ongoing search for Floyd Cook.

Police assure they will find Cook just don't know when.

Police say the fact that leaves are still on the trees makes thing very difficult in Cumberland County as far as seeing things from the air. The helicopters that KSP and Tennessee Highway Patrol are using have thermal imaging cameras.

KSP says their toughest obstacle in the search is dark. When the sun is down it makes things far more difficult.

Police assume Cook is alone because he asked someone for help today when they saw him.

Neighbors say Cook was wearing different clothes since the last time he was seen including a camouflage jacket.

The man's wife called 911 and he got in his truck. Neighbors say that's when Cook ran back into the woods and tonight's search began.

The man says Cook tried to hide behind a tree when he came outside so he yelled at him to see what he wanted. Cook said, "I need a ride."

Neighbors on HWY 61 say a man saw movement on a trail camera outside his house today around 2:40 PM. It was Floyd Cook in his yard.

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According to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, a deputy and another witness saw Cook earlier this afternoon. They said they were 99-to100-percent sure it's Cook.

They said Cook was on foot, had a good head start on the deputy, and ran away,

The sheriff's office says now 50-some units have set up a perimeter, converging on the woods in the same general area of Boles' burned down house.

Kentucky State Police are also investigating the sighting, and a helicopter has been called in to search from the air.

Cumberland County Schools went on lockdown when they were notified of the search at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. No buses were running, but parents could pick their children up at school. School officials said as of 5:00 p.m. CDT Thursday only 5% of the students remained at school.

We have a crew en route to the scene to give you live reports on WBKO at 5 and 6.

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## UPDATE: Floyd Cook is not in custody



Courtesy of WLEX

By WBKO Staff | Posted: Thu 2:40 AM, Oct 29, 2015 | Updated: Tue 10:39 AM, Nov 10, 2015

**WHITE HOUSE, Tenn.** -- UPDATE: 2:34 a.m.

Tennessee Highway Patrol Lt. Bill Miller says law enforcement does not have Floyd Cook in custody.

Lt. Miller says Troy Wayne is in custody but Cook is still on the run and considered armed and dangerous.

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UPDATE: 12:19 a.m.

Law enforcement has now arrested a man in White House, Tenn. No identification yet, as our Whitney Davis reports.

A news conference is scheduled to happen soon.

Our Whitney Davis reports that police and the SWAT team has left the scene.

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UPDATE: 11:07 p.m.

The search continues for Floyd Cook.

Our Whitney Davis reports authorities have arrested Katie McCarty, of Marion County, Ky., in connection with Floyd Cook.

Reports say McCarty was found in a field.

Our Whitney Davis reports there is a heavy SWAT presence in White House, Tenn.

Our reporters and residents of White House have been told to stay inside their cars and homes and keep their doors locked.

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Multiple law enforcement agencies are currently searching for Floyd Cook in White House, Tenn.

Reports say and Troy Wayne were spotted in northern Tennessee Wednesday night. Police shot at Wayne and Katie McCarty near Exit 108 after the pair wrecked their vehicle into at least one other car before crashing through a fence and running away on foot.

McCarty was found in a field early Thursday morning, and Wayne was arrested shortly after in a White House neighborhood.

Tuesday police reported that Cook may be with Wayne. Both men are from Marion County, KY.

Cook is accused of shooting at a Putnam County, Tenn., police officer and a Kentucky State Police officer over the weekend.

The convicted rapist is considered highly dangerous.

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By Jake Boswell | Posted: Sat 7:27 PM, Oct 24, 2015 | Updated: Tue 10:39 AM, Nov 10, 2015

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## Burkesville woman killed in wreck



By Gene Birk | Posted: Mon 8:47 PM, Oct 26, 2015 | Updated: Mon 9:34 AM, Nov 09, 2015

**BARREN COUNTY, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The Barren County Sheriff's Office responded to a single vehicle injury accident on Burkesville Road near the intersection of Nobob Road at 12:34 p.m. Monday.

Deputies say Andrea Pavey, 20, of Burkesville was eastbound in her 2004 Chevrolet Colorado, when she lost control of her truck in a curve. Her pickup traveled off the right side of the road, striking an embankment. It then flipped over, ejecting Pavey into a ditch.

She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Barren County Coroner's Office. Authorities say Peavy was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

Deputy Mike Houchens is investigating the accident and was assisted on scene by Deputy Kevin Wilson, the East Barren Fire Department, Barren-Metcalf EMS and Barren County Emergency Management.

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# UPDATE: Cumberland County spotlight hunters plead guilty

By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 4:06 PM, Nov 02, 2016 | Updated: Thu 8:41 PM, Nov 03, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Spotlighting deer.



"It's not a means of hunting. It's a means of poaching," said Captain Brett Zalla with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Such a serious crime, that three men are facing jail time and hefty fines.

Jacob Voris and Dylan Perkins pleaded guilty earlier this week to illegally killing eight of the animals over the course of a month.

19-year-old Perkins, of Science Hill, was arrested on (5) Counts of Spotlighting, (5) Illegal take of deer, (5) taking game with a firearm in bow season, (5) Taking Wildlife from a Vehicle and (4) counts of discharging a firearm upon or across a public roadway.

25-year-old Voris, of Burkesville, was arrested on (4) Counts of Spotlighting, (5) Illegal take of deer, (5) taking game with a firearm in bow season, (5) Taking Wildlife from a Vehicle and (2) counts of discharging a firearm upon or across a public roadway.

According to Kentucky Fish & Wildlife, the arrests were not only important for deer population, but also for public safety.

They say the men who were convicted of these crimes were using high powered rifles at night and shooting across public roads.

"You have people who are shooting high powered rifles at night across the road onto property without knowing what may or may not be behind that deer," said Zalla.

Voris and Perkins were each sentenced to around \$5,200 in fines and one year in jail, probated for two years.

Neither of the two men will be allowed to fish or hunt for three years as part of the probation.

Jeremy Wright is also facing dozens of charges in the case, proving a point that Fish and Wildlife want all hunters to remember.

"We're just getting into deer season and people need to know that places like Cumberland County and their judicial system take things like this seriously," added Zalla.

Wright is set to face his charges in court on November 16.

The Kentucky Conservation Officers say 28-year-old Jeremy Wright, of Burkesville, was arrested on (5) Counts of Spotlighting, (5) Illegal take of deer, (5) taking game with a firearm in bow season, (5) Taking Wildlife from a Vehicle and (4) counts of discharging a firearm upon or across a public roadway.

KCOA led to a total of 69 charges and the seizure of 8 buck deer heads and a .270 rifle.

What exactly is 'spotlight hunting'?

"Have the spotlight and shine it out the window of their vehicle. And then whenever once they see the deer, they either shoot it out of their vehicle or they get out and shoot the deer out of people's fields," Conservation Officer, Jared Ervin said.

Spotlight hunting is illegal because it can be very dangerous.

"People get kind of blinded. They see that big deer and they don't realize what's behind it. And then those spotlighters end up shooting into people's houses and don't realize it."

Kentucky Conservation Officers, within the Fish and Wildlife Department, say their investigation all began when they received a tip about people spotlight hunting.

To report poaching or any other activity, call 1-800-25-ALERT.

## Burkesville man's murder case bound over to grand jury



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 5:22 PM, Oct 27, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- A Burkesville man's murder case in Cumberland County was bound over to the grand jury Wednesday.

Daniel Blair is charged with murder in the death of Michael Taylor.

After the lead detective testified, the judge found probable cause to send the case to the grand jury.

Blair was interrogated before confessing to the murder of Michael "Munk" Taylor. Police said Blair shot Taylor and ran away.

Police said he admitted to hiding the gun he used in an abandoned trailer.

Blair is facing up to life in prison if convicted.

This case marks the first murder in Cumberland County since a double murder 2009.



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# Hometown Hero: Burkesville All-Stars



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Fri 5:58 PM, Oct 14, 2016 | Updated: Fri 10:11 PM, Oct 14, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** - The 8 & Under Burkesville Allstars team captured the hearts of their hometown and surrounding counties on their journey to the [world](#) series.

"Play with 110% every time they step on the field, they play with heart. And I couldn't ask for any better bunch of girls, they're truly amazing," said Coach Marty Walden

The girls eat, sleep and pray together.

"A girl's out sick or something like that, it's just like a link is missing, you know. And that's what's so great about it," added Walden.

"We just work together as a team. It doesn't matter if we win or lose" ... "It's just for fun."

The girls didn't have much words when they found out about the nomination.

"Surprising, surprising. And it makes you really happy... yeah."

The teammates said they wouldn't be where they are without their hometown of Burkesville.

"We've really done something that we couldn't have accomplished if it wasn't for them."

For setting an example for others, we honor the Burkesville Allstars as this week's Hughes and Coleman Hometown Hero.

"I just think we should be happy because of that. Because we've been honored to have the community of Burkesville."

Before our story was finished, the girls had one final message for their community.

"Thank you Burkesville!"

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## Questions surround Cumberland County murder investigation



By Whitney Davis | Posted: Thu 5:31 PM, Oct 13, 2016 | Updated: Fri 7:29 AM, Oct 14, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO) --**

UPDATE: 10/14/16 7:27 a.m.

Pamela M. Blair has been arrested in Berkeley, New Jersey and will be extradited back to Kentucky.

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Police are remaining tight lipped about the details surrounding a murder in Cumberland County Wednesday night.

The murder happened in Burkesville near Veteran's Alley, where 38-year-old Michael Taylor was found shot to death inside his car, and the man charged with his murder, 60-year-old Daniel Blair, was arrested.

"We noticed the headlights, and the car was sitting in the grass, off the side of the road," said neighbor Austin White. "I kinda asked them, 'what do you think the car's doing down there?' And we just kinda blew it off."

It wasn't long after that when White realized something was terribly wrong.

"Crime scene tape, police and coroners and everybody out there."

Kentucky State Police said they were notified of a deceased man inside the car, and arrived to find Taylor with the apparent gunshot wound on an undisclosed part of his body.

Information that Blair had been a passenger with Taylor earlier in the night was what ultimately lead to Blair's arrest, right down the road from the crime scene, disturbing news to White.

"It's very quite, usually. I mean other than kids running around and maybe you hear a siren every once in a while, but I ain't never heard of nothing like that."

Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Gregory told 13 News, homicides have a way of bringing 'the real world' to our doorsteps.

"I believe that most people in rural areas think that it can't happen in our communities, and it's just a reminder that we're not as isolated from bad things happening as we'd like to think that we are."

While KSP was proud of the fact that an arrest was made so quickly, the work of detectives was just beginning.

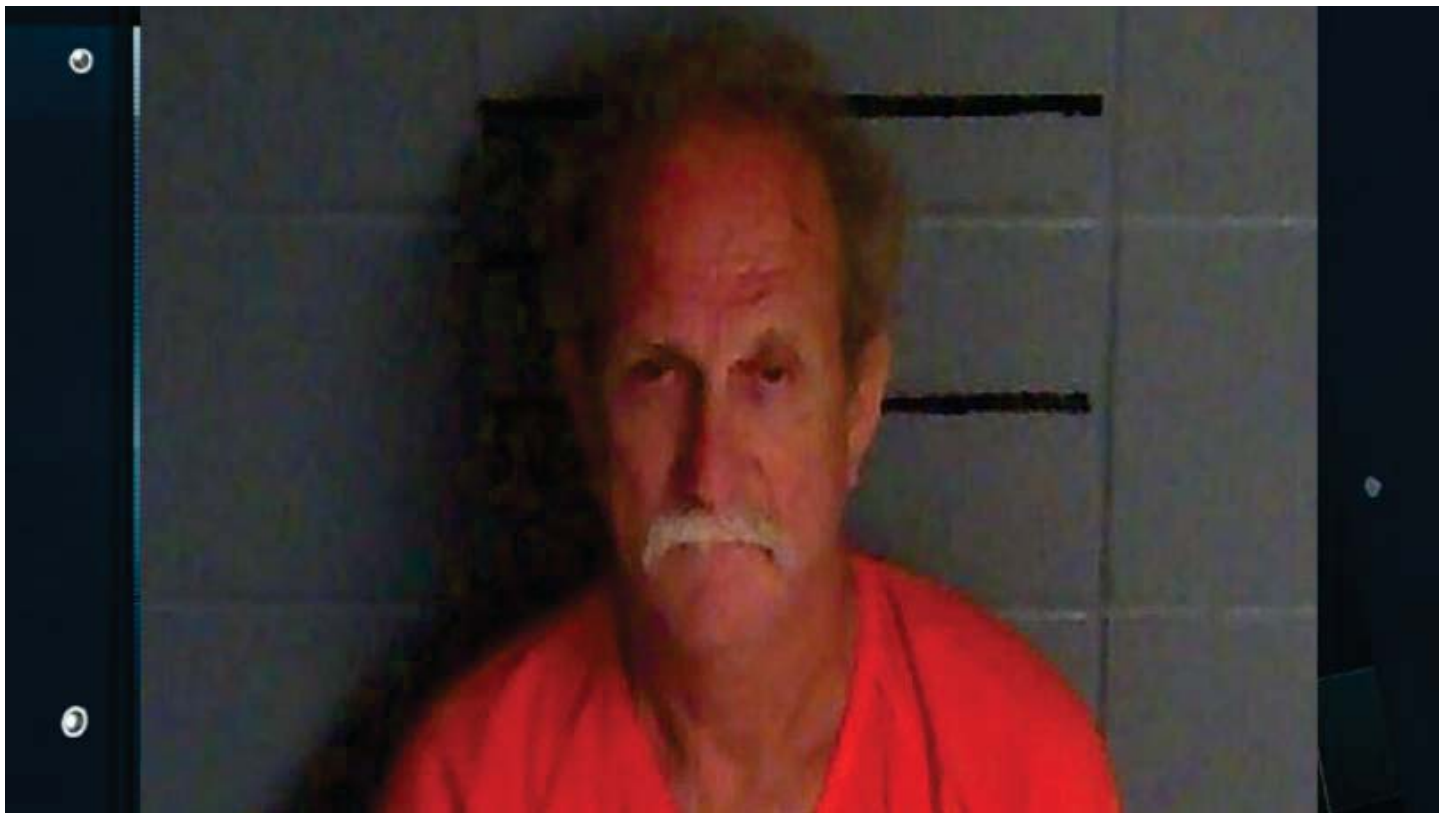
Police aren't releasing a motive for the shooting.

"At this point, I don't believe that's information we can get into releasing. I still haven't heard anything back from the autopsy results, either. But no, I don't think we'll get into motive at this point, I think it's a little too early," explained Trooper Gregory.

Residents speaking to 13 News reporters off camera expressed there are still a lot of unanswered questions they have that they hope are resolved within the coming days.



## Cumberland County man found dead, suspect in custody



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Thu 7:21 AM, Oct 13, 2016 | Updated: Thu 11:45 AM, Oct 13, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky (WBKO) ---** A Burkesville man is arrested after police say he shot and killed another man.

Just before 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, Kentucky State Police received reports of that a deceased male had been located in his vehicle near Veterans Alley in Burkesville.

Officials found Michael Taylor, 38, dead with an apparent gunshot wound. The investigation revealed that Daniel Blair, 60, had been a passenger with Taylor earlier in the evening, which later led to his arrest.

Blair was arrested and is in the Adair County Jail. He's facing charges of Murder and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

An autopsy is scheduled for later today at the state medical examiners office.



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# We Care of Cumberland County to host Steel Horse Stampede



Posted: Fri 12:21 PM, Aug 12, 2016 | Updated: Fri 12:41 PM, Aug 12, 2016

Steel Horse Stampede Ride  
Sunday, September 25  
Burkesville Baptist Church  
Registration at noon  
270-459-1201  
[www.steelhorsestampedeky.com](http://www.steelhorsestampedeky.com)

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## Stolen dump truck leads to recovery of over \$200,000 in stolen items



By WBKO News Staff | Posted: Wed 3:53 PM, Jul 20, 2016 | Updated: Wed 3:54 PM, Jul 20, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** – A stolen dump truck out of Indianapolis, Indiana leads to the arrest of a part time Burkesville resident.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department recovered the dump truck, which led to identifying Lanny D. Allen, of Indianapolis, as a suspect.

An arrest warrant was executed, and a search of several properties led to the recovery of over \$200,000 in stolen cars, farm equipment, and other items.

Allen was charged with multiple counts of Receiving Stolen Property over \$10,000 and Receiving Stolen Property under \$10,000, and taken to the Adair County Jail.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kentucky State Police at 1-800-222-5555.

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A federal grand jury indicted Reality Winner, 25, on a single count: "willful retention and transmission of..."



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## Metcalfe, Cumberland Counties prepare for the next step



By Michael Gossum | Posted: Wed 6:18 PM, Jun 29, 2016 | Updated: Wed 6:54 PM, Jun 29, 2016

**EDMONTON, BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- Kristin Compton with her friend Hannah Morrison took an idea and made it happen.

"I think that the turnout was exceptional. We had no idea that that many people would be interested in this," said Compton, who pushed for Metcalfe County to become wet. Now, Metcalfe County is wet and soon residents will be able to buy alcohol.

"There is a 90 day cooling down period after which the beer sales will begin in grocery stores and gas stations. Then liquor stores, those have to go through a special application process," said Compton.

Compton said people from Monroe, Green and Barren Counties have all contacted them to learn more about the process of getting a vote on alcohol.

"So, we're meeting with at least two of them tomorrow, possibly a third one as well to get them started," said Compton.

"Our plan is to try to attract business, restaurants. If anybody out there is interested in opening business we have a wide open market," said Doug Williams, who supported the push in Cumberland County.

Doug Williams was a major part in pushing Cumberland County to go wet.

Now, he hopes it helps revive the local economy.

"We have Dale Hollow Lake, one of the best golf courses and state parks. We have the Cumberland River," said Williams.

Since the vote passed, Williams is asking for everyone to come together.

"We want the yes, the no's, the people on the fence to all unify today and work together for a better community," said Williams.

In Cumberland County, the population is just shy of having enough for three packaged liquor stores. Instead, they'll only be able to apply for two.

It's estimated, Metcalfe County could have about four liquor stores based on its population.

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## Cumberland County prepares for snow



By Jacqueline Nie | Posted: Mon 6:48 PM, Feb 08, 2016 | Updated: Mon 7:59 PM, Feb 08, 2016

**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- The counties east of Bowling Green are expected to see the most snow from this storm.

Cumberland County could see up to three inches of snow and with that, road crews are ready to go.

Cumberland County Emergency Management says that each winter storm is treated differently. Before the last winter storm, road crews got a head start.

"They did scatter salt, actually before it started, to get a step ahead of it, but they're not giving it that much this time," Emergency Management Director, Greg Cary said.

And when that snow starts to come down is when you'll see salt like on the roads.

"They've got the trucks loaded and the chains on, they're ready," Cary added.

The director says that they've restocked on salt after the last storm and won't run out during this one; because the warm weather from yesterday is working in their favor.

"It's one of those things where it takes it longer to start sticking to things. Versus is if it was super cold like the last time, the first drop that hit the ground, it stuck. And ice, we started out with ice the last time. But as far as preparing, the salt works," Cary said.

If you have to drive on the slick roads, Emergency Management reminds us to always think ahead.

"Put a blanket in the car with you, just in case you get stranded or something and call. We'll get to you to help you," Cary advised.

And if you're at home and the power goes out, "Anytime you're running a generator or anything, you want it outside. Carbon monoxide, its bad," Cary said.

Road crews will be plowing the snow and salting the roads until the job is done.



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# Emergency Winter Weather Contact List



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## **BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (WBKO) -- Warren County**

Warren County Sheriff (270) 842-1633

Bowling Green Police Department (270) 393-4244

Utilities:

<https://www.bgky.org/community-resources/32>

BGMU.com

WRECC.com

Barren County

Barren County Sheriff (270) 651-2771

Glasgow Police Department (270) 651-5151

Utilities:

[http://www.cityofglasgow.org/community\\_resources/utilities.php](http://www.cityofglasgow.org/community_resources/utilities.php)

Allen County

Allen County Sheriff (270) 237-3210

Scottsville Police Department (270) 237-3611

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=063>

Simpson County

Simpson County Sheriff (270) 586-7425

Franklin Police Department (270) 586-7167

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=079>

Logan County

Logan County Sheriff (270) 726-2244





Russellville Police Department (270) 726-7669

Utilities:

<http://www.loganleads.com/Chamber/community/newcomer.asp>

Todd County

Todd County Sheriff (270) 265-9966 Ext. 2

Elkton Police Department (270) 265-2501

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=071>

Muhlenberg County

Muhlenberg County Sheriff (270) 338-3345

Greenville Police Department (270) 338-3133

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=009>

Ohio County

Ohio County Sheriff (270) 298-4444

Hartford Police Department (270) 298-3379

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=007>

Butler County

Butler County Sheriff (270) 526-3676

Morgantown Police Department (270) 526-3662

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=070>

Grayson County

Grayson County Sheriff (270) 259-3024

Leitchfield Police Department (270) 259-3850

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/util.aspx?cw=010>

Edmonson County

Edmonson County Sheriff (270) 597-2157

Brownsville Police Department (270) 597-3814

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=022>

Hart County

Hart County Sheriff (270) 524-2341

Munfordville Police Department (270) 524-5359

Utilities:

<http://www.hartcountkyky.org/utilities.html>

Green County

Green County Sheriff (270) 932-5641

Greensburg Police Department (270) 932-4202

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=061>

Adair County

Adair County Sheriff (270) 384-2776

Columbia Police Department (270) 384-4119

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=064>

Russell County

Russell County Sheriff (270) 343-2191

Jamestown Police Department (270) 343-3300

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=077>

Clinton County

Clinton County Sheriff (606) 387-5111

Albany Police Department (606) 387-6649

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=072>

Metcalfe County

Metcalfe County Sheriff (270) 432-3041

Edmonton Police Department (270) 432-3271

Utilities:

<http://metcalfechamber.com/utilities/>

Cumberland County

Cumberland County Sheriff (270) 864-4321

Burkesville Police Department (270) 864-5391

Utilities:

<http://www.cumberlandcounty.ky.gov/services/>

Monroe County

Monroe County Sheriff (270) 487-6622

Tompkinsville Police Department (270) 487-6191

Utilities:

<http://www.thinkkentucky.com/cmnty/Util.aspx?cw=078>

Thursday was full of melting snow, but a second round of winter weather may not go away so quickly.

Inches of snow mixed with freezing rain may put weight on power lines and power companies are emphasizing caution.

"If we were to have downed power lines we want to emphasize that people stay away from them contact us and report it."

Another issue during power outages, people relying on it for medical equipment.

"Check on your neighbors, the elderly, those who live alone with medical conditions. We really want to stress that," said Warren RECC Communications Director Rick Carroll.

BGMU spent Thursday filling up their truck and preparing their equipment for a long weekend.

"Crews are prepared to work 24 hours a day. Dispatch, as crews come in, will dispatch crews. They'll be out as soon as they can to repair any outages that are out there," said BGMU Communications Coordinator Christy Twyman.

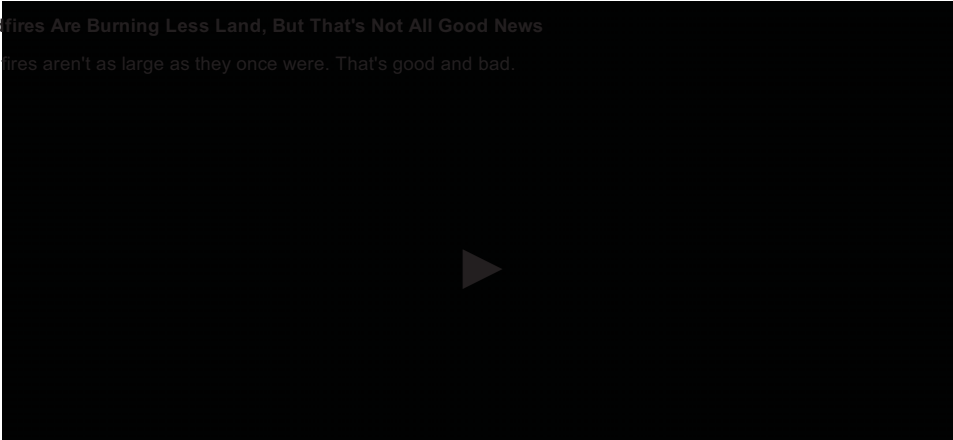
Both power groups say to keep tablets and phones charged so you can stay up to date with your area during an outage.

"You can click on current outages. You can actually zoom in and see your area. If it's already shaded there's no reason to call in," said BGMU's Twyman.

Both groups say last year put a lot of strain on them and they're hoping the next few days won't compare to the storm of March 2015.

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## Local mayor organizes group to Washington for inauguration



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**BURKESVILLE, Ky. (WBKO)** -- From Burkesville to Washington, D.C.



"We have some pretty good seats, I think, we're pretty close to the stage."

Burkesville Mayor Keith Riddle got tickets through Congressman James Comer and is taking a group from Cumberland County.

"With the transition of power, the way we do things, I think it's very important to get to see this, you know," said Riddle.



One of the people headed to the nation's capitol is Tucker Adams, a sophomore at Glasgow Christian Academy.

"It will be quite an experience, a lot of people don't get the opportunity, so I'm glad I got it," said Adams.

"My other grandfather, not the one who is taking me, he's the one who got me into politics and I find it interesting. Some people find it boring, but I kind of like it," Adams added.

He said he knows there will be supporters and protesters also.

"Just kind of stay clear of that, don't want to get mixed up in a bunch of people you know, just mingle, have a good time, meet some new people, hopefully I'll get to meet some important people," Adams said.

"The security is going to be great. I don't think it will be as big a scale as they're building it up to be," Riddle added.

Mayor Riddle said it's an important event, one every office holder should try to go to.

"Every official that has a chance to go should attend, whether it be small scale or on up to U.S. Senate," said Riddle.

The inauguration takes place this coming Friday, January 20th and you can catch all of the activities right here on WBKO.

Adams said it's also his first time flying anywhere.

Riddle added, they're going to try see some of the sights of Washington as well.

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