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County gets festive for Easter

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Area churches, schools, community groups, non-profits and more held a variety of Easter activities for families, from traditional egg hunts at Stamping Ground Elementary and Cedar Grove Baptist to petting zoos at My Church and Grace Christian to an Easter story breakfast at Gano Baptist.

Good weather throughout the weekend reminded everyone that spring is finally here and made many outdoor festivities a success, with kids and parents smiling and enjoying the break from rain.

Photos from Stamping Ground Elementary egg hunt on page 12.



Addilyn Spencer and Jacinda Spencer blow bubbles at Quest Farm after hunting eggs.

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Laura Mobley, Theo Mobley, Emmett Mobley and Coleman Brown go through their Easter egg haul at Quest Farm Friday afternoon.

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Lawrenceburg man victim in Friday collision

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Robert Copeland, 49 of Lawrenceburg has been identified as the victim in Friday evening's accident that occurred in the intersection of Lexington Road and McClelland Circle, according to Scott County Coroner Mark Sutton. A passenger with Copeland was transported to UK Hospital in critical condition, according to Scott County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) officials.

"At approximately (8:22 p.m.), units were dispatched to the intersection of Lexington Road and McClelland Circle in reference to an injury collision involving a motorcycle and a passenger

car," SCSO officials said in a statement.

A passenger car was traveling north on Lexington Road, attempted to make a lefthand turn onto McClelland Circle, and a motorcycle was traveling southbound on Lexington Road, the statement reads.

"When (the motorcycle) entered the intersection it collided with the passenger car," according to the statement.

The operator of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased on scene, the statement reads. The operator of the passenger car was transported to UK with non-life threatening injuries.

The collision remains under investigation, said SCSO officials.

GPD 'opens arms' with new program

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Georgetown Police Department is opening its arms to the community with a new program.

The Open Arms Program is "a new initiative designed to improve emergency response outcomes for individuals with autism, dementia,

mental health challenges, developmental disorders and medical conditions," according to Georgetown Police officials.

"The Open Arms Program is set to make Georgetown/Scott County the first community in the Commonwealth to implement a registry specifically designed to support

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Police looking to add more officers as city population grows

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With the growth of the community, Georgetown Police Department (GPD) is in need of more manpower, according to presentations given to Georgetown City Council, April 14.

"Our vision for priorities (is) being proactive now and for the future," said GPD Chief Darin

Allgood." We have a vision of high quality service, maintaining our strong culture within the agency and making sure we are actively engaged in our community.

"We are still the fastest growing community in the state. ... So, the demand for services that are placed upon our agency propose challenges."



Allgood

Allgood provided statistics showing Georgetown's growth of 203% in 30 years. Between 2019 and 2025, the population has grown 17 percent, he said. Next year's growth is expected to be 21.5 percent, Allgood said.

From 2023 to 2025, the department grew by seven officers, from 50 to 57, according to the report. The department

is hoping to add five more officers for 2026.

FBI standard for officers per 1,000 residents is 2.4 officers, Allgood said. City population is expected to reach over 43,000 people.

"In 2019 (GPD) had 1.69 officers per 1,000 residents," he said. "Today we have 1.7 (officers per 1,000 residents)."

By Kentucky standards GPD should employ 91 officers, Allgood said. If

by FBI standards, the department should have 99 officers.

"If you look ahead to fiscal year 2025-2026, we should have (Kentucky average) 95 officers and the (FBI) average would be 103 (officers)," he said.

The biggest growth for GPD has been between 2023 and 2025, said GPD Assistant Chief Josh Nash.

Safety officers, a civilian body worn camera

administrator and an added captain are additional needs expressed by the department, Nash said.

"(Safety officers) can take about 10 percent of calls that our police officers can take," he said. "The safety officers would be civilian. They would not have a role as a police officer."

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Coming up:
Gtown Community Singers
Friday @ 7 p.m.



Area deaths
Ronald J. Carroll, 73
Billy Ray Parrish, 87

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