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Scott County Jailer Derran Broyles, Scott County Judge Executive Joe Pat Covington, and County Attorney Cam Culbertson lead a press conference Friday afternoon to address Homeland Security identifying Scott County as a Sanctuary City. Covington and Broyles say they have talked with Homeland Security to get this corrected.

# Covington: DHS inaccurately lists county as a sanctuary

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) website has named Scott County as a sanctuary community, but the information is inaccurate, said Scott County Judge-Executive Joe Pat Covington.

In a strongly worded press release on May 29, DHS identified, “Sanctuary jurisdictions

**‘We fully comply with federal immigration laws and cooperate with federal agencies. We are committed to the safety and well-being of our residents and law enforcement.’**

**Joe Pat Covington**  
SC Judge Executive

defying federal immigration law,” and named Scott County among the jurisdictions “...delib-

erately and shamefully obstructing the enforcement of Federal immigration laws.” Campbell,

Franklin, and Jefferson counties along with the city of Louisville were other Kentucky communities listed. The list was not on the DHS website Monday, June 2.

The press release and list were part of an executive order signed by President Trump and “directs Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and the Attorney General Pam Bondi to identify and

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## One dead following Thursday three-vehicle collision

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Jason Kintae Jones, 48, of Frankfort died Thursday afternoon following a three-vehicle accident near exit 69 westbound on I-64, according to Scott County Coroner Mark Sutton.

“The presence of blue lights on the side of the road” slowed traffic to where one vehicle ended up rear-ending another

and pushing that vehicle into a third, according to Scott County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) officials.

“The (Sheriff’s Office) was working a collision west of this collision and it is believed that the presence of blue lights on the side of the road slowed afternoon traffic,” states a report.

Minor injuries were reported for the occupants of the other vehicles involved, according to SCSO.

## SCHS softball heads to state

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Scott County softball defeated Great Crossing 5-2 on Thursday to clinch a spot in the KHSAA State Tournament. The Cardinals (25-6) will face Bullitt East Chargers (24-5) in the first round of the tournament Thursday at UK’s John Cropp Stadium at 8:30 p.m.

The Cardinals faced off against the Chargers in April, winning 1-0 in eight innings on a game-winning RBI single from senior Maddie Skibo.

The Cardinals are in the state tournament for the first time since 2018, when they defeated

Apollo, Boyle County, Christian County, and Warren East (twice) to win the state title.

Tickets for the event can be purchased online at gofan.co/app/school/KHSAA.

Also in this year’s state tournament are Rowan, Boyle, Henderson, Daviess, Harrison, Oldham, Taylor, Marshall and Lawrence counties. North Laurel, South Warren, Holy Cross (Covington), Assumption, and Letcher County Central.

Henderson County is the defending state champion with a 31-6 record.

For the full story from the Cardinal’s region victory see page 12.

# Miller, others concerned by new COVID recommendations

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. changed the federal government’s recommendation for the coronavirus vaccine last week, saying healthy children and healthy pregnant people no longer need to get it.

Kennedy, a longtime vaccine skeptic who had to broker several deals with Republican sena-

tors to secure confirmation, didn’t explain why he was making the change in a brief video.

“I couldn’t be more pleased to announce that as of today the COVID vaccine for healthy children and healthy pregnant women has been removed from the CDC recommended immunization schedule,” Kennedy said. “Last year the Biden administration urged healthy children to get yet another COVID shot despite the lack of any clinical data to sup-

port the repeat booster strategy in children.”

National Institutes of Health Director Jay Bhattacharya and Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Martin A. Makary both

spoke briefly during the social media video to say they supported the decision. But neither pointed to new studies regarding COVID-19 boosters or

any evidence of safety issues.

“It’s common sense and it’s good science,” Bhattacharya said.

Kennedy made several promises to Louisiana Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy — chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee — in order to secure Cassidy’s vote so that Kennedy could be confirmed as HHS secretary.

Among those was that Kennedy would “maintain the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention advisory committee on immunization practices recommendations without changes.”

Cassidy’s office did not respond to a request for comment.

WEDCO Public Health Director Dr. Crystal Miller was among several medical experts and public health organizations who raised concerns about the change in policy.

“I think this is a very premature decision by HHS Secretary Kennedy’s part,” Miller said.

“The data to support this decision won’t be released until June by the ACP. The ACP is considered the best vaccinologist experts worldwide and are responsible for analyzing and making vaccine recommendation to the CDC.

“I am eager to see the report and hope that decisions being made at the federal level are supported by data, science and the experts that have spent decades spe-

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**Friday**

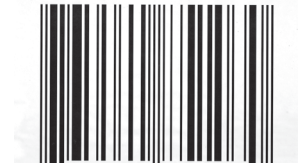


### Area deaths

**Betty Lou Lowery Graves, 92**  
**Reba Fay Metts, 77**

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