

# Three children have now died from flu

By Melissa Patrick  
Kentucky Health News

The Kentucky Department for Public Health announced two more Kentucky children have died from influenza, one from the Barren River District and the other from Jefferson County.

This is the third pediatric flu death in Kentucky this flu season; the first pediatric flu death was reported in February, and no details were given about the child.

Dr. Steven Stack, DPH commissioner, urged Kentuckians to get vaccinated and to follow good hygiene practices to prevent the flu.

"It is important that we take the necessary precautions, such as staying up to date on vaccinations, washing hands regularly with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick, to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the harm that viruses such

as influenza and COVID-19 can cause," he said in a news release.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has described this flu season as the worst in over 15 years. DPH reports that in the week ended March 6, 124 Kentuckians had died from the flu. The two new child flu deaths were reflected in the March 13 report.

Though most influenza and COVID-19 infections result in mild illness, DPH says serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing, seizures, high fever (>104°F), dehydration (e.g., reduced urine output, dry mouth, no tears when crying), or worsening of other medical conditions require medical attention. Antiviral treatment for flu and COVID-19 are also recommended for some individuals to reduce the severity of the illness.

"We share this information not to scare folks, but

to let them know that illnesses like the flu and COVID-19 can become serious," said Stack. "Fortunately, there are precautions people can take to decrease the risk of serious illness. Vaccines are safe and effective at lowering one's risk of infection, hospitalization and death."

The CDC recommends everyone six months and older get vaccinated every flu season. And because it takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after getting the vaccine, the sooner you get it the better. Flu season runs through April, and sometimes May. DPH also encourages those who have already had the flu this season to still get vaccinated to prevent an infection with a different subtype of the virus.

Flu vaccines are available at the Lewis County Health Department.

# Officer-involved shooting under investigation

Herald Report

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 8 Morehead has been requested by the Fleming County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) to investigate an officer-involved shooting in Fleming County.

KSP was contacted just after 2:00 p.m. Thursday regarding the incident, which occurred in Fleming County.

The preliminary investigation indicates Fleming County Sheriff Tim Smith initiated a traffic stop on a white Dodge Ram pickup.

The truck failed to stop, and a pursuit ensued down Goddard Road before turning onto a dirt road, where the truck became temporarily stuck in the mud. Sheriff Smith exited

his cruiser and approached the truck, but it was able to gain traction and began to move again, according to a spokesman.

The truck moved toward Sheriff Smith and he gave verbal commands for the operator of the truck to stop, to which the driver did not comply. Sheriff Smith fired his agency-issued service weapon, striking the window of the truck.

The operator then stopped and was taken into custody, the spokesman said.

The driver was identified as Isaac M. Spears, 34, of Hi Hat. Spears was medically cleared by Fleming County EMS and lodged in the Mason County Detention Center. No officers

were injured in the incident.

KSP has statewide jurisdiction and investigates officer-involved shootings throughout the Commonwealth as requested by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

KSP is committed to being transparent while ensuring the integrity of the investigation.

To protect the integrity of an ongoing investigation, it is KSP's standard operating procedure not to release specific details until vital witnesses have been interviewed and pertinent facts have been gathered.

Timelines to complete investigations vary based on the complexity of the case.

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torney Benjamin Harrison.

"There was good cause shown in that particular instance. It was included in the resolution for that explicit purpose of adoption," Harrison added. "If you're going to do this we need some good cause to put in the resolution."

Harrison asked how many residents would be served.

Underwood responded that there is currently one residence on Cedar Lane and three on Waring Cemetery Road.

Harrison presented differences in public roads and county maintained roads.

"If you want a resolution we can talk about what to put in there and the court votes on it, obviously," Harrison said.

Underwood said he had already discussed obtaining rights-of-way from property owners on those roadways.

Magistrates approved an apparent low bid by HG Mays of \$190,136.00 for asphalt projects on Twelve Trees, Beechy, Canaan Church Road, Firebrick Indian Run Road, and two portions of Lower Kinney Road.

The only other bid on the projects was from Brown County Construction in the amount of \$201,911.83.

Magistrates approved a grant for a comprehensive debris management plan for the county.

Judge Executive George Sparks announced plans for a county cleanup project with efforts to allow citizens a way to dispose of items at no cost. He said details are still being worked out on the project.

Approval was given to provide contributions

\$5,000 to Comprehend and \$2,500 to Red Cross for their activities in the county.

Magistrates also approved the purchase of a trolling motor and battery for Emergency Management for use in water rescues.

Magistrates approved the renewal of an agreement with Rowan County Detention Center to house Lewis County inmates if needed.

The daily rate is unchanged at \$42 per inmate.

Magistrates acknowledged the receipt of the 2025-26 jail budget of \$608,000 as well as a budget amendment to the animal shelter fund to reflect a spay/neuter grant of \$1,146.

Approval was given to a seasonal contract with Brewer Lawn Service for mowing at the Black Oak Industrial Park in the

amount of \$400.

Magistrates approved a temporary easement on Ribolt-Epworth Road to allow for the construction of a bridge.

Magistrate Woody Underwood announced at the meeting that he would not be running for reelection to the position.

"After much prayer and consideration, I would like to share at this time I will not be seeking a fourth term for the office of magistrate in this upcoming November election cycle," Underwood read from a prepared statement.

Underwood thanked family members for their support during his time in office and through the elections.

Members received monthly reports from county officials and approved the payment of bills and fund transfers before adjourning.

# CHECKPOINTS

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visible presence on roadways in the county and are conducting traffic safety checkpoints in addition to patrols to detect, arrest and prosecute impaired drivers to the fullest extent of the law.

"We are also observing for distracted drivers," Bivens said. "Each day in the United States, approximately nine people are

killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver."\*

Bivens urges motorists to help keep roadways safe by reporting drivers suspected of being drug or alcohol-impaired.

Call the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at 606-796-2912 or 911 to provide a direction of travel,

vehicle description and a license number, if possible, to report a suspected impaired motor vehicle operator. Callers are not required to identify themselves.

"We are on a mission to identify and arrest impaired drivers to get them off the roads and save lives," Bivens stated.

\*National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

## Approved traffic safety checkpoint locations in Lewis County

- KY 8 at Firebrick.
- KY 8 west Garrison at Flag Point.
- Junction KY 59 and KY 344.
- Junction KY 377 and KY 344.
- KY 3311 (Montgomery Road) at Wright's Chapel.
- Junction KY 10 and KY 57 in Tollesboro.
- KY 59 approximately three miles south of Camp Dix.
- KY 59 at Emerson (KY 1662).
- Junction KY 59 and Lower Kinney Road at Camp Dix.
- KY 984 (Little Cabin Creek) approximately 1.5 miles from KY 57.
- Junction KY 8 and KY 57 at Concord.
- Junction KY 1306 (Kinney Road) and Skidmore Road.
- Junction KY 784 and KY 3311 (Montgomery Road).
- KY 984 (Junction of Little Cabin and Cabin Creek Road at concrete bridge).
- Junction KY 1068 (Laurel Road) and KY 59.
- Junction KY 8, KY 1306 and Garrison Lane.
- Junction KY 1237 and KY 989 in Burtonville.
- Junction KY 3020 (Ronald Reagan) and KY 8 at Black Oak.

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# Why checkpoints locations are publicized

By Dennis K. Brown

If you've seen the story about traffic safety checkpoints in Lewis County, and the listing of their locations, you've probably already wondered why that list is being publicized.

The short answer is because police agencies must advertise where the roadblocks will be held.

The longer answer has to do with a ruling by the Kentucky Supreme Court overturning a DUI conviction after determining the way roadblocks used to be conducted was a violation of state and federal constitutional rights.

Police and sheriff's departments in Kentucky must have approved roadblock sites, a supervisor has to be present, the stops must be brief, and the locations of the sites must be publicized, among others.

The US Supreme Court ruled (6-3) that checkpoints are constitutional but added they must be publicized in advance.

Without public notice, the brief stop at a checkpoint could be considered detention without reasonable suspicion and could be a violation of your Fourth Amendment rights.

The US Supreme Court has affirmed that DUI checkpoints satisfy a strong state interest in removing drunk drivers from state highways and state interest outweighs the brief intrusion to a private motorist at a roadblock.

There are several guidelines in place when the roadblocks are held and all police agencies have policies dealing with how they are to be carried out.

Police agencies have been publicizing their checkpoints for some time now and they still make arrests of people who are driving under the influence.

And, by publicizing the lo-

cations of roadblocks a potential drinking driver, having seen the listing at some point, may choose not to operate a motor vehicle after a few drinks.

## US Constitution Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

# BINGO

If interested call:

796-6653

Saturday 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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## Licking Valley Senior Center Has Relocated to Their New Facility.

We are offering at Auction for the benefit of Fleming Fiscal Court and the City of Flemingsburg Commercial Building and 1.8 +/- acres On-Site Location

100 West Elm Street  
Flemingsburg, KY 41041

Thursday, March 27th, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Some Personal property will be sold

Scotsman ice machine, 2 meat slicers, gas range, boilerless steamer, South Bend B-series oven, Groen oven, CMA dish machine, tables, chairs, desk, filing cabinets, dishes, plus more miscellaneous kitchen and office equipment.

Inspection: For inspection prior to auction, please contact auctioneers Chuck Marshall 606-782-0374, or Kevin Boling 606-748-2696 or Ronnie Lawson 859-494-9305.

Real Estate: 10% of purchase price (non-refundable) is due on the day of auction for the purchase of the property. Balance due at closing in 30 days, on or before Monday, April 28, 2025. Property selling is subject to all recorded or unrecorded easements, restrictions and covenants.

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## WESTERN LEWIS-RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as set out in 807 KAR 5:068, Section 5(1)(B) notice is given the members of the Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District of a filing of an application with the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602 for permission to adjust their rate schedule as set forth herein.

It is contemplated the new rates would become effective April 1, 2025.

### CURRENT MONTHLY RATES OF SERVICE ALL CUSTOMERS

|                     |         |                   |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| First 1,000 Gallons | \$20.72 | Minimum Bill      |
| Next 4,000 Gallons  | \$7.22  | Per 1,000 Gallons |
| Over 5,000 Gallons  | \$5.43  | Per 1,000 Gallons |

### PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES OF SERVICE ALL CUSTOMERS

|                     |         |                   |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------|
| First 1,000 Gallons | \$20.76 | Minimum Bill      |
| Next 4,000 Gallons  | \$7.26  | Per 1,000 Gallons |
| Over 5,000 Gallons  | \$5.47  | Per 1,000 Gallons |

(a) The average Residential bill of 3,000 gallons would increase by \$0.12 from \$35.16 to \$35.28 for a percentage increase of 0.34%. The next 4,000 gallons charge will increase \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons or 0.55%. Over 5,000 gallons charge will increase \$0.04 per 1,000 gallons or 0.74%.

(b) A person may examine the application at the offices of the Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District, 8044 KY 3161, Maysville, KY 41056.

(c) A person may examine the application at the commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>

(d) Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

(e) The proposed rates are required under the terms of an agreement between the Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District and the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development; KRS 278.023 does not grant the Public Service Commission any discretionary authority to modify or to defer the issuance of all necessary orders to implement the terms of that agreement.

Signed: Terry Thomas, Chairman  
Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District  
8044 KY 3161  
Maysville, KY 41056

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