

SPORTS



Athletes from four schools participated in the Russell County "All-Comers" (Modified Meet) event last week at the First National Bank Athletic Complex. (Lillie Stephens/Times Journal)

Russell hosts Track Meet

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Russell County rolled out the red carpet last week for an "All-Comers" (Modified Meet).

Competitors from Russell, Cumberland, Pulaski and Southwestern participated Tuesday, March

25th in 20 running and four field events at the First National Bank Athletic Complex.

Event organizers said it was the first event of its type to be held locally in an estimated 20 years.

Teams scores for the event included:

Varsity Girls

1. Pulaski County, 68 points
2. Southwestern 59, points
3. Cumberland County, 24 points
4. Russell County, 16 points

Varsity Boys

1. Southwestern, 65 points
2. Pulaski County, 53 points
3. Russell County, 31 points
4. Cumberland County, 19 points

CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING DEERVIEW LANE INTO THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS' CITY STREETS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Russell Springs recognizes the importance of maintaining and improving public infrastructure for the safety, convenience, and well-being of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the property known as Deerview Lane has been properly constructed and maintained in accordance with city standards, and it is determined to be in the public interest to officially adopt it into the City of Russell Springs' city streets system; and

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 82 provides cities in Kentucky with the authority to adopt, maintain, and regulate public streets within their jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Deerview Lane

The public right-of-way known as Deerview Lane, located within the City of Russell Springs, Kentucky, is hereby adopted and accepted into the City of Russell Springs' official city streets system for maintenance and regulation.

Section 2. Description of the Street

Deerview Lane is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF A TRACT OF LAND, BY A RIGHT OF WAY SURVEY, THE PROPERTY OF TIMOTHY ABERNATHY AND KEITH OWENS (DEED BOOK 350 PAGE 66, DEERFIELD ESTATES, PLAT CABINET 5 SLIDE 1628), LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF OLD COLUMBIA ROAD (KENTUCKY HIGHWAY #1870), APPROXIMATELY 70.00 FEET SOUTHWEST OF GENTRYMILL ROAD, IN THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, RUSSELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Beginning at a found iron pin with cap #3897 on the southeast right of way of Old Columbia Road (KY. Hwy. #1870, 60.00 foot right of way); thence, with the right of way of Old Columbia Road, N 62°59'03" E 30.35 feet to a found iron pin with cap #3897; thence, leaving the right of way of Old Columbia Road, S 18°15'34" E 318.47 feet to a point; thence S 13°19'49" W 351.96 feet to a point; thence, a curve to the left, subtended by a chord of S 08°52'35" E 7.56 feet, having an arc length of 7.75 feet and a radius of 10.00 feet to a found iron pin with cap #3897; thence, a curve to the right, subtended by a chord of S 32°57'12" W 44.95 feet, having an arc length of 55.88 feet and a radius of 25.00 feet to a found iron pin with cap #3897; thence, a curve to the right, subtended by a chord of N 12°37'51" W 47.10 feet, having an arc length of 61.41 feet and a radius of 25.00 feet; thence, a curve to the left, subtended by a chord of N 35°32'16" E 7.56 feet, having an arc length of 7.75 feet and a radius of 10.00 feet to a point; thence N 13°19'49" E 343.47 feet to a point; thence N 18°15'34" W 305.36 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.500 Acres.

This survey is subject to all Covenants, Easements, Exceptions, Rights of Way and/or restrictions of record or not of record. The above description is for Right of Way acquisition.

Grid North was observed in the field from the North side of the property, N 69M4'57" W 93.94 feet from the point of beginning, along a random baseline on January 25, 2025.

Section 3. Maintenance Responsibility

Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the City of Russell Springs shall assume full responsibility for the maintenance, repair, and any required improvements of Deerview Lane, consistent with city standards and procedures applicable to other public streets within the city.

Section 4. Inspection and Compliance

Prior to the adoption of this ordinance, Deerview Lane shall be inspected by the city's Streets Department or designated representative to confirm its compliance with applicable street construction and safety standards. Any deficiencies noted during the inspection must be resolved as a condition of adoption, unless otherwise approved by the city council.

Section 5. Repealer Clause

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted and approved this 13th day of March, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

/s/: Eddie Thomas, Mayor

/a/s/ Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Publication Date: 04-03-25

Over \$586,000 Available to Help Prevent Youth Crime

Governor Andy Beshear announced that applications are open for more than \$586,000 in federal grant funding to support the prevention of youth crime in Kentucky.

"Our new Kentucky home is one where every single person, including our children, have every opportunity to succeed," Gov. Beshear said. "This annual federal funding allows us to invest in our communities and ensure that at-risk youth are able to avoid the juvenile justice system through involvement and mentorship that will stick with them the rest of their lives."

The Title II Formula Grants Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, supports state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice systems improvements. Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofit programs, local units of government and private not-for-profit organizations providing youth with job training, mental health and substance abuse treatment, community-based programs and services, reentry/aftercare services and school programs to prevent truancy. Priority will be given to programs preventing justice system involvement or intervening with first-time and non-serious offenders to divert contact with the juvenile justice system.

"Investing in those projects and organizations that support our most vulnerable population and provide them a brighter future helps us create

a safer Kentucky for all of us to live in," said Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Keith Jackson. "We are able to affect meaningful changes in their lives which deter them from the criminal justice system, helping both prevent and break generational cycles of crime in the commonwealth's communities."

All applications must be submitted online via Intelligrants10 (IGX), the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Electronic Grants Management System. New applicants will be required to establish an account and become familiar with the system well in advance of the due date. Applicants should also note that validating a new user account requires 48 to 72 hours.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. EDT on May 9, 2025, and awards are expected to be announced in September. Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting Grants Management staff at JUSGMB@ky.gov.

To enhance security for staff and youth, the Beshear-Coleman administration developed an aggressive plan starting in December 2022 to implement sweeping improvements to Kentucky's juvenile justice system for the first time since its establishment nearly 25 years ago. For a full list of steps taken by the Beshear administration to reform the Department of Juvenile Justice, visit: <https://justice.ky.gov/About/Pages/juvenilejustice.aspx>

State Works to Implement New Permit Law

Now that House Bill 15, allowing 15-year-olds to earn their driver's permits, is taking effect the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reports they are working quickly to implement the change.

The Transportation Cabinet announced it is making system upgrades so a credential can be issued that would allow the newly eligible applicants to take the written permit test.

As early as April 2, those 15-year-old applicants can start making an appointment with the Kentucky State Police. Anyone under 15 who has made an appointment prior to that date is asked to reschedule with the Kentucky State Police to prevent delays.

In the meanwhile prospective drivers are encouraged to collect all necessary documents, such as birth certificate, Social Security card and School Compliance Verification Form, in order to be allowed to take the test.

Begin studying for the written permit test before your appointment. The official Kentucky driver's manual can be found on the Kentucky State Police website.

The new law only allows more time for prospective drivers to hold a permit. State law still requires you to be 16 to obtain a license (intermediate).

Sign up at drive.ky.gov to receive email updates, and be notified when the system is ready.