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BCHS Bears Football Clinic Participants.

Woman Found Dead At Dog Creek Recreation Area



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Emergency personnel and law enforcement officers gathered near a campsite at Dog Creek Recreation Area on May 30 as Kentucky State Police investigated the death of 43-year-old Edith Vaughn. The investigation remains ongoing.

Staff Report

Kentucky State Police are investigating the death of a Cub Run woman whose body was discovered Friday at the Dog Creek Recreation Area in northwest Hart County.

According to a news release, Kentucky State Police Post 3 received a call at approximately noon on May 30 from the Edmonson County Sheriff's Office regarding a possible death at the recreation area.

Troopers responded to the scene and located an unconscious female, later identified as 43-year-old Edith Vaughn of Cub Run, inside a green tent. The Hart County Coroner responded and pronounced Vaughn dead at the scene.

State police said the investigation remains ongoing and is being led by Trooper Devon Banaszak.

Authorities have not released additional information regarding the circumstances surrounding Vaughn's



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Kentucky State Police said the case remains under investigation.

death pending the investigation.

The cause and manner of death have not been released. This remains an active investigation, and no foul play has been announced by authorities at this time.

A camper, Shelbie Jeans-Smith, contacted the News-Herald. Smith was allegedly staying at the recreation area during the incident and said the tent was located at campsite C6. She claims park employees told campers the site was not registered and also alleges she heard a vehicle leave the area around 3 a.m.

"There were other people staying around

us as well, so the vehicle we heard leaving around 3 a.m. may have had no connection at all," Smith said. "It just seemed like an unusual time for someone to be leaving...I just wanted to make sure the story was shared so that if anyone does have more information, they know to come forward."

Kentucky State Police have not confirmed those details, and authorities have released no information regarding the cause of death and/or any injuries.

Anyone who may have information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact KSP.



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Kentucky State Police investigators examined a tent at Dog Creek Recreation Area where 43-year-old Edith Vaughn of Cub Run was found deceased on May 30.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND ORDER OF SALE OF THE BUTLER CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following action on **Friday, June 19, 2026** about the hour of **10:00 a.m.** at the Courthouse Door of the Butler County Courthouse located on Main Street in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions (unless otherwise stated).

- A. The successful purchaser may pay the purchase price in full on the date of sale OR the successful purchaser will be required to pay 10% down on the date of sale with the balance of the purchase price plus interest on said balance at the rate the judgment bears (KRS 426.705) from the date of sale with balance to be paid within 30 days of the date of sale. If the successful purchaser does not pay the purchase price in full on the day of sale, the purchaser shall execute a bond with an approved surety bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears (KRS 426.705) from the date of sale until paid which bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment. The Commissioner shall retain a lien upon the property sold as additional security. All bidders must be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.
- B. The property is sold subject to the following:
 - a. State, County, City and School taxes payable for the entire year of 2026 and all taxes due thereafter. The Master Commissioner will make a good faith effort to obtain and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years; however, this cannot be guaranteed.
 - b. Easement, restrictions, and covenants of record.
 - c. Any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.
 - d. Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property.
 - e. Any applicable zoning regulations.
- C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title and interest of all parties to the action and their liens and encumbrances thereon.
- D. For a more particular description of these properties, reference is made to the file on record at the Butler Circuit Clerk's Office on the second floor of the Butler County Courthouse.
- E. You assume risk of loss of the property the day of the sale. Therefore, you should secure property and casualty insurance to protect your interest.
- F. The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.

SALE #1

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC vs. JAMES D. PHELPS, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 26-CI-00013, to collect \$7,913.98 as of May 12, 2026, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

399 Jolertown Road, Butler County, KY PVA Map #109-00-00-020.00

Being the same real property conveyed to James D. Phelps, Married, by a deed recorded January 21, 2004 in Deed Book 175, Page 433 and recorded in the Butler County Clerk's Office.

HON. KATY LAWRENCE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #2

ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY LLC, vs. GREEN RIVER HATCHERIES & LGD, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 24-CI-00042, to collect \$8,343.33 as of May 12, 2026, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

Monford Road, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map#069-00-00-035.01

Being the same property conveyed to Green River Hatcheries & LGD, LLC by a Deed dated June 19, 2020 and recorded in Book 241, Page 234 of the Butler County Clerk's Office.

HON. KATY LAWRENCE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #3

ORCHARD TAX LIEB SERVICES vs. CHRISTOPHER PAUL FIELDS, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 26-CI-00005, to collect \$682.76 as of August 22, 2025, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

323 N Taylor Street, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map #MT1-00-04-026.00

BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Christopher Paul Fields by Deed recorded November 22, 2006, in Deed Book 188, Page 319, records of the Butler County Court Clerk's Office.

HON. KATY LAWRENCE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #4

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION vs. FRANK MARTIN LAWRENCE, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 26-CI-00001, to collect \$163,843.47 as of June 1, 2025, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

103 Arch Moore Street, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map #MT1-00-06-052.04

Being the same property conveyed to Frank Martin Lawrence and Denita Lynn Lawrence, husband and wife, by Deed dated November 22, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 255, page 237, in the Office of the Butler County Clerk.

HON. SEPTTIMOUS TAYLOR II, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #5

DARLENE MORRIS, et al vs. ZENA KAY DICKEY, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 25-CI-00197, for the division of land, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale with the balance of the proceeds of the sale to be distributed to the owners of the property as set out in the Order of Sale as they may apply.

704 Dexterville Gilstrap, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map #067-00-00-019.00

Being the same property conveyed by Wiley Butler and Ora Butler, husband and wife, to Theodore Dewell White and Betty White, husband and wife, by Deed dated February 18, 1966 and recorded in Deed Book 80, Page 367, records of the Butler County Court Clerk's Office..

HON. RICHARD J. DEYE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #6

SCOTTIE WARD, in his capacity as the Public Administrator of the Estate of Angelia Deel vs. Sara Deel, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 24-CI-00068, for the division of land, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale with the balance of the proceeds of the sale to be distributed to the owners of the property as set out in the Order of Sale as they may apply.

1829 Sugar Grove Road, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map# 075-00-00-013.00

Being the same property conveyed to Bill Deel and Sarah Deel, his wife, in survivorship, by deed from Bulena H. Dunn, widow, dated September 22, 1984, and filed of record in Deed Book 111, at page 659, in the office of the Butler County Clerk. Title to the foregoing property vested in Sara Deel at the death of Bill Deel on April 1, 2010, pursuant to the survivorship clause contained in the foregoing deed. Sara Deel verifies under oath that she is one and the same person as Sarah Deel in the foregoing Deed.

HON. RICHARD J. DEYE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

This the 27th day of April, 2026 Samantha Short Miller, Butler County Master Commissioner