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JUST THE FACTS!
**Facts lost in
Cave City data
center debate**

*Beshear and Trump late to strategy
Hatcher and Myatt outlined*

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Long before Gov. Andy Beshear and President Donald Trump called for protections surrounding data centers, Cave City Mayor Dwayne Hatcher and Joint City-County Planning Director Kevin Myatt were



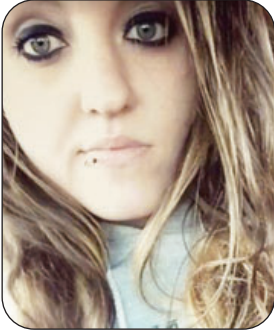
**Cave City Mayor
Dwayne Hatcher**

CENTERS, CONTINUED ON PAGE A4

**Woman dies while
trying to rescue
drowning son**

STAFF REPORT

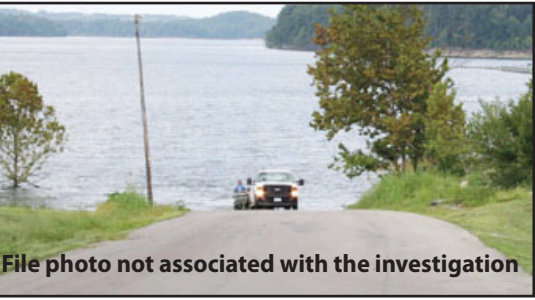
SULPHUR WELL — An Edmonton woman died Monday evening after authorities believe she entered the South Fork Little Barren River in an attempt to rescue her 6-year-old son.



Amber West

WEST, CONTINUED ON PAGE A2

**Vehicle enters
Barren River Lake,
18-year-old dies**



File photo not associated with the investigation

STAFF REPORT

LUCAS, Ky. — An 18-year-old Bowling Green man died early Wednesday after the vehicle he was driving went off the end of the boat ramp at Barren River Lake State Park and into the lake.

DROWNING, CONTINUED ON PAGE A2

**Former Trooper Island
Director Indicted**



STAFF REPORT

A Barren County man who formerly served as director of Kentucky State Police's Trooper Island Camp has been indicted following an investigation into the alleged misappropriation of camp funds.

Jonathan M. Biven, 46, a retired KSP trooper, was indicted Aug. 6 by a Clinton County grand jury on one count of theft by unlawful taking or disposition involving more than \$10,000 but less than \$1 million.



▲ Photo | KSP State website

Trooper Jonathan M. Biven

TROOPER,
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**Growing interest in Johnson
Farm development**

MIKE HEUER
Community News

A growing number of developers are taking an interest in the about 162-acre city-owned Johnson Farm property as local officials seek a contractor to oversee its development.

Advertisements seeking requests for proposals (RFPs) regarding the proposed development at 1573 Highway 1297/Cleveland Ave. were placed in



▲ Mike Heuer | BCP Photo

JOHNSON,
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Johnson Farm project manager Robert Campbell on Aug. 11 announces developers and engineers are expressing greater interest in Glasgow's Johnson Farm development at 1573 Highway 1297/Cleveland Ave.

**County moving forward with
possible planning and zoning**



▲ Mike Heuer | BCP Photo

Barren County attorney Mike Richardson on Aug. 13 says developers can do whatever they want with no land use restrictions if county officials do not enact planning and zoning.

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Community News

Barren County officials are moving forward with possible planning and zoning regulations after wrapping up their final two town halls on the matter last week.

General opposition to a proposed data center in Cave City, which earlier zoned the po-

REGULATIONS,
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