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GREAT CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball player killed in accident remembered by team

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Case Wilson, a 16-year-old baseball player at Great Crossing High School (GCHS), is being remembered by team-



mates, classmates, and community members after he was the victim of a fatal single-vehicle accident early Sunday morning. Wilson's mother, Lara, shared a video on Facebook Sunday, March 22, showing a crowd of students gathered in her front yard joining one another in prayer. At the site of

the crash on Newtown Pike, flowers, notes, and a GCHS baseball cap adorn the tree where the wreck took place. Some debris remains from the accident.

GCHS Baseball will remember Wilson for his smile that "would light up the locker room," the team wrote in a Facebook post Sunday night.

"We are so deeply saddened, stunned, and just so brokenhearted at this current time," the post reads. "Case was not only a really good baseball player, but mostly was just a great person and a joy to be around. ... He never had a bad thing to say about anyone, just worked hard at the

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NEWS-GRAPHIC PHOTO BY JACK THOMAS

The scene of a single-vehicle accident on Newtown Pike that resulted in the death of Case Wilson, a 16-year-old GCHS baseball player, was adorned with flowers, a GCHS baseball cap, and other memorabilia Monday.



TMMK President Kerry Creech addresses a room of team members and community members.

TMMK announces \$800M plant investment

Funds to support more EV manufacturing, increase assembly capacity

'Ensuring customer satisfaction and safety starts with each team member on the production line. We will continue to invest in them and in our future workforce.'

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Kerry Creech
TMMK President

Toyota is investing \$800 million at its Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK) to prepare the facility to

manufacture a second battery electric vehicle (EV) and expand its current assembly capacity, the company announced Monday, March 23. The

pledge is part of a company goal to invest \$10 billion in its American plants over the next five years, announced by Toyota in November

2025.

The company's investment is intended to help TMMK prepare to add a second EV to its manufacturing lineup, according to a press release. A specific EV model was not mentioned in the release.

"The investment also allows the plant to increase capacity for the assembly of the Camry and RAV4," the statement reads.

In addition to the investment at TMMK,

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Judge Bevins reprimanded for impatience, hostile conduct

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District Judge Bolton Bevins committed multiple judicial conduct violations, according to a public reprimand issued by the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission.

Bevins is a district judge with the 14th Judicial District. He waived formal proceedings and agreed to the deposition, according to the public reprimand. The reprimand notes Bevins

fully cooperated and has agreed to the sanction and has implemented corrective measures to address the issues raised and has committed to receiving additional training and mentoring, including a particular program recommended by a member of the Commission.

"Judge Bevins has engaged in violations of Judicial Conduct including (1) failure to exercise judicial temperament, (2) failure to follow the law, and (3) hostile, im-

patient, undignified and discourteous conduct demonstrating bias, lack of impartiality, lack of judicial decorum and abuse of judicial authority.



Bevins

and independence of the judiciary. This conduct includes gross, persistent and unrestrained

erroneous use of the contempt power and failure to follow the proper procedures set forth in the law."

The reprimand specifically states Bevins' conduct violated several Rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct including:

Rule 1.1 which requires judges to comply with the law and **Rule 1.2**, which requires judges to uphold and promote the independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary, and

shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. Actual improprieties include violations of law, court rules, and provisions of this Code. The test for appearance of impropriety is whether that conduct would create in reasonable minds a perception that the judge engaged in conduct that reflects adversely on the judge's honesty, impartiality, or fitness to serve as a judge

Rule 2.2 which requires judges to be im-

partial and to uphold and apply the law.

Rule 2.6 which requires a judge to allow persons to be heard.

Rule 2.8 (B) which requires judges to be patient, and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers, court staff, court officials and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity.

The reprimand gave the following incidents:

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Coming up:
Property Transfers
Friday



Area deaths

Barbara Anne McFadden-Strippelhoff, 87
Charles Thomas Raglin, 81
Emma "Frog" Whaley, 86

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