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## Owensboro man's body recovered from rock quarry

According to Lyon County Coroner Kris Dunn the body of Caleb J. Milem, 18, of Owensboro, KY was recovered from Kentucky Lake in the rock quarry located along the shoreline of the Land Between the Lakes Monday. Milem went missing Sunday after jumping from the top of the rock wall at the edge of the deep waters of the quarry. Diving from the rock wall is a popular activity at the quarry.

According to witnesses Milem jumped into the water and never resurfaced.

Multiple state and local agencies were involved in the search for Milem. The rock quarry, which is a popular destination for boaters, was shut down for the search operation.

Milem's body was recovered at approximately 12:57 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2026. The rock quarry has re-opened to the public.

## ASD registry begins in Marshall County

Marshall County Emergency Management has begun a new registry program for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The program is designed to allow emergency responders to better communicate with individuals with ASD or related development conditions during emergency situations.

Parents, guardians and caregivers can provide important information that may help emergency responders.

Some of the information needed includes: Emergency contact information, communications preferences, sensory sensitivities, behavioral considerations, wandering/elopement concerns, calming techniques, and medication information related to emergency response.

The goal for the registry is to improve safety, understanding, and response effectiveness for both community members and emergency personnel.

Families and care givers interested in participating may obtain registration forms by contacting Marshall County Emergency Management at (270) 527-4729 or emailing [curt.curtner@marshall-county.kygov](mailto:curt.curtner@marshall-county.kygov) or [darlene.lynn@marshallcounty.kygov](mailto:darlene.lynn@marshallcounty.kygov).

## TVA manages lakes despite drought

Each summer, TVA's reservoirs abound with recreational opportunities. From boating and fishing to the businesses that depend on a thriving lake season, reservoirs play an important role in the daily lives of those who call the Valley region home.

This year, reservoir levels look a little different - and there's a clear reason why. The region is experiencing drought conditions that mirror some of the driest years on record.

According to TVA despite lower levels, the reservoirs are still available to safely enjoy.

"The reservoir elevations are lower than average years because we haven't seen rainfall. But the biggest thing is that the lakes are still open and fully usable," Benjamin Heath, operations support manager at TVA's River Forecast Manager, said.

Benjamin Heath works at a station in TVA's River Forecast Center in Knoxville.

Benjamin Heath, operations support manager at TVA's River Forecast Center.

As part of its mission to balance the

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The Tennessee Valley Authority's River Forecast Center in Knoxville, TN is shown in the photo above. From this center TVA employees monitor river and lake levels throughout their system. - TVA photo.

## 13 illegal aliens arrested in Paducah

Paducah, KY - On May 21 and May 22, 2026, federal law enforcement agencies arrested 13 illegal aliens in the Paducah area. Of those arrests, 8 had pending criminal arrest warrants after a federal grand jury in Paducah returned indictments on May 12 and April 14, 2026, for falsely using social security numbers during their employment verification.

The illegal aliens not charged criminally will be held in ICE custody, pending removal proceedings and potential deportation.

U.S. Attorney Kyle G. Bumgarner of the Western District of Kentucky, Acting Special Agent in Charge Dennis M. Fetting of the Homeland Security Investigations Nashville, Acting Special Agent in Charge Norman Jenkins, Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, and Sam Olson, Field Office Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Chicago, U.S. Immigration Customs made the announcement.

According to the indictments, between June 23, 2021, and August 15, 2025, in McCracken County, eight of the illegal aliens completed USCIS I-9 forms to apply for and receive compensation for employment, knowing that the Social Security account

numbers used on the forms were not assigned to them. Form I-9, officially called the Employment Eligibility Verification form, is required by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to verify both the identity and employment authorization of non-citizens hired for work in the United States.

The following eight were charged by indictment for using a false social security number:

Daniel Martinez Cruz, 22, a citizen of Mexico

Manuel Martinez Garcia, 32, a citizen of Mexico

Joel Gomez, 36, a citizen of Guatemala

Juan Pastor Gonzalez, 36, a citizen of Guatemala

Julio Venture Hernandez, 29, a citizen of Mexico

Marcelina Juarez-Vicente, 33, a citizen of Guatemala

Ricardo Lopez, 23, a citizen of Guatemala

Ana Osorio Louzado, 23, a citizen of Spain

On May 22, 2026, the 8 indicted defendants made initial appearances before a U.S. Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. If convicted, each defendant faces a sentence of not

more than 5 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Kyle Bumgarner stated, "As alleged in the indictment, these illegal aliens lied about their status to gain employment and, thereby, took jobs from American citizens. This prosecution is part of our continuing effort to support President Trump's mission to enforce American's immigration laws and put Americans first."

"This investigation demonstrates our commitment to upholding the integrity of the nation's employment and immigration systems," said HSI Acting Special Agent in Charge Dennis M. Fetting. "By uncovering and addressing the fraudulent use, our team has sent a clear message that those who attempt to circumvent federal law will be held accountable. This case underscores the importance of coordinated enforcement and collaboration in safeguarding American workplaces by combatting fraud in all forms."

"These arrests highlight our com-

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## Kentucky seeks proposals for construction of fast charging stations

Kentucky is working on expanding the availability for fast charging stations for electric vehicles. Monday the state released a request for proposals to construct more charging stations across the state.

Gov. Andy Beshear released a request for proposals (RFP) to further expand Kentucky's network of fast-charging stations to support reliable, long-distance travel for electric vehicle drivers across the commonwealth. Responses to the RFP are due July 13, and selections are anticipated late this summer.

"Electric vehicles are no longer the technology of the future, they're here now," said Gov. Beshear. "We're excited by the progress we're making to expand our charging network, and we will keep working until Kentucky has the network required to meet the needs of the families that rely on our roads each day."

This is the fourth RFP under the state's EV Charging Program, which has supported the opening of 12 fast-charging sites to date. In total, Kentucky is expected to receive nearly \$70 million in federal funds from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastruc-

ture (NEVI) Formula Program established through the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Previous proposals focused on Kentucky's Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) along its interstates and parkways, where the current 12 open sites and the 16 under construction are located. This latest proposal seeks private developers who will design, build, operate, and maintain the stations in other urban and rural areas not already served by those stations, helping ensure EV infrastructure reaches communities across the commonwealth.

This includes rural portions of

counties, some parkways such as the Bluegrass Parkway, as well as routes connecting interstates and parkways: U.S. 23, U.S. 68, U.S. 25E, U.S. 27 and U.S. 127, AA Highway in central and eastern Kentucky; U.S. 68, KY 80, U.S. 51 and U.S. 60 in western Kentucky; and urban areas such as Ashland, Covington, Lexington, Elizabethtown, Owensboro and Henderson.

Each station must have at least four charging ports and be accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To obtain the RFP and learn more about the EV Charging Program visit [EVCharging.ky.gov](http://EVCharging.ky.gov).

## Marshall County Farmers Market starts Friday night with family fun!

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