

Search continues for missing woman at Grayson Lake

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GRAYSON LAKE, Ky. - The search continues for a missing woman at or around Grayson Lake, according to multiple first-responding agencies.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife game wardens are leading the search after 19-year-old Marly Kinney went missing early Wednesday evening around 4 p.m.

The Carter County Sheriff's Department is actively involved in the case, but it is not the leading agency, according to its post after a flyer indicating "Carter County Police" as the point of contact circulated across social media.

Both the Ashland and Grayson Fire Departments have been on scene as well as county emergency management teams.

Tim England, Boyd County Emergency Management Director, said the search began Wednesday with drone teams. On Thursday, Emergency Management search teams with drones and bloodhound K-9s were on the scene. Boats were on the water Thursday and Friday.

Numerous friends and relatives have posted across social media about Kinney, a former Boyd County High School student.

Several have described Kinney as about 5-foot-5, having long black hair, blue eyes and multiple tattoos. Many have said she was last wearing an orange, pink and white strapless bikini.

England said the Bruin area of the 1,500-acre reservoir has been the primary base of the search.

"Our role is just to assist in mutual aid," England said. "Our search and rescue team has been out every day. ... We work hand in hand with all of these counties."

As storms rolled into the region late Friday afternoon, water operations were paused, but England said search teams decided to go back out despite the weather conditions.

"We have an active storm and these guys, you can't stop them," England said at 4 p.m. Friday. "Lexington and Ashland are out on the water right now."

KSP arrests two former youth soccer board members for theft

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WINCHESTER, Ky. (KT) - A Kentucky State Police (KSP) investigation has led to the arrest of two former Winchester Youth Soccer League Board members for allegedly stealing from the organization.

According to the KSP, in October 2025, Post 7 in Richmond was contacted by the Winchester Youth Soccer League, Inc., regarding suspicious and unusual banking activity involving one or more members of the organization's board of directors.

Kentucky State Police detectives assigned to Post 7 began an investigation into the allegations. Following several months of investigation, the findings were presented to the Clark County Attorney's Office in June 2026.

As a result, an arrest warrant was obtained on Wednesday morning and served on Ashley Ritchie-Rowland on a charge of theft by unlawful taking of more than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, a Class C Felony punishable by five to ten years in prison, if convicted.

Later that day, an arrest warrant was also obtained and served on Ben Dorsey, another former board member of the Winchester Youth Soccer League, Inc., on the same charge. He was taken into custody as well and lodged in the Clark County Detention Center.

The Winchester Youth Soccer League, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization responsible for governing and operating the youth soccer leagues serving Winchester and Clark County children and families.

Both are scheduled to be arraigned on July 1, at Clark District Court.

The two are also members of the Clark County Board of Education. In a statement sent to the Winchester Sun newspaper, the district noted:

"The Clark County Public School (CCPS) system is aware of a situation regarding an elected sitting CCPS board member.

"Please note that the allegations are NOT regarding service on the CCPS board. No allegations have been made against Clark County Public Schools.

"CCPS will continue to focus on Growing Greatness in our students, staff, and community."

Quinn Simple Scenes: Math mystery

Rix Quinn

I won't forget my first day in geometry class. I tried...but the memory is too painful.

I could grasp algebra, because the girl sitting next to me explained how it could solve complicated problems, or figure out how long it might take me to go a certain distance at a specific speed.

I learned how a car starting on the west coast and another starting on the east coast could travel the same speed and meet in mid-America. But I never found out why they met there, or if they were relatives.

But in geometry class, only two lazy guys sat next to me. One slept a lot. The other one used his ruler to carve football shapes on his desk.

Meanwhile, at the chalkboard

(this was long ago), the teacher explained that geometry could help us build things that fit together by examining their angles and shapes.

After a few weeks, I was told to buy graph paper to practice drawing angles. I liked that paper, and I colored every other square to create a checkerboard.

Next, we learned to write out problems, develop solutions, and to show proof. "Teacher," I asked, "why do I need to show a proof if I just wrote the answer? Isn't that proof enough?"

That was not the proof he wanted, or what the book required. Fortunately, I could go to our school's "learning center" staffed by college math majors.

A young man and woman coached me during lunch period,

and explained geometry well. It soon became clear that the couple found each other acute, and that after class they both angled for romance.

After my painful geometric start, I finally squeaked by with a solid D-minus. I never approached the perimeter of another math class.

What about those two romantic tutors? They broke up, and each started dating a different math major. This divided the first couple, but multiplied the date events.

Soon, both new couples announced wedding plans. For me, this added up to two wedding invitations, two free meals at the receptions, and one job offer for the summer.

At that age, those were all positive numbers for me.

State retirement system recognized

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Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) - The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) and the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) for their separate Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports (ACFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Both the CERS and KRS ACFRs were compiled by staff at the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA). The FY 2025 report awards mark the 26th consecutive year the GFOA has honored KPPA staff for their work presenting the systems' comprehensive financial picture to the public.

"The quality and quantity of work it takes to produce these outstanding documents is vast," said KPPA Deputy Executive Director Erin Surratt. "I am very proud of our teams' accomplishments, which are

validated by these awards year after year."

The GFOA advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve. The CERS and KRS annual reports were judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the annual report. The reports are available on KPPA's website, <https://kyret.ky.gov>, under the Publications & Forms tab.

As of June 30, 2025, KPPA managed \$29.8 billion in pension and insurance assets for hazardous and non-hazardous state and local public employees, and the Kentucky State Police.

The Kentucky Public Pensions Authority is responsible for the investment of funds and administration of pension and health insurance benefits for over 444,000 active and retired state and local government employees, state police officers, and nonteaching staff of local school boards and regional universities.

Based on current assumptions, the systems' actuary projects that all pension and insurance funds will be fully funded by Fiscal Year 2049.

ADVICE

Hot-headed grandson pushes grandmother to the ground

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old nephew, "Conrad," has anger issues. His girlfriend recently broke up with him. He was upset and went to see his grandma, my mom. When Conrad pulled into her driveway, my mom's boyfriend, "Rob," was standing outside. Conrad told Rob to "stay out of the house."

Conrad's girlfriend was there talking to my mom. Conrad was visibly upset and went in, yelling and screaming. Watching from outside, Rob saw Conrad push Mom down. She fell on her hand and her bottom. Rob immediately ran into the house to make sure my mom was OK. Conrad then began yelling and screaming at Rob, calling him terrible names.

My sister, Conrad's mother, knows what happened. I haven't spoken to her about the incident.

My mom has confided in me. I listened to her and tried to remain calm and rational. She wants to protect Conrad. What do I do? Do I mind my own business? Keep my nose out of it? This is my mom and my kids' grandma. — SICK TO MY STOMACH

DEAR SICK: It's no wonder that Conrad's girlfriend ended their relationship. Heaven only knows how many times he has abused her. If your mother thinks she is helping her troubled grandson by remaining silent about the abuse she suffered at his hands, she is making a huge mistake. Conrad's temper is out of control. He needs professional help before he hurts someone seriously. That said, there is nothing that can be done about this unless Mom decides to file a police report about the assault. * * * * *

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single 48-year-old male. I come from a close-knit family of four. I am my disabled nephew's personal home caregiver,

taking care of him 24/7, 365 days a year. I live a normal, happy life with no interference.

Lately, I've been stuck in a rut of sorts, and I can't figure it out. I am a Type 2 diabetic who maintains and watches my health very carefully. I eat right and walk a mile or two every other day. I go to my doctor appointments when needed and stay on top of everything else that's important for me and my family.

I have been feeling down and sluggish lately. I don't know if I am having a midlife crisis or something else. I never married and don't have children, so I am not sure what this could be. I don't have any outbursts or PTSD. All I'm feeling is like life is slowing me down and I don't know why. Please give me your thoughts. — NOT MYSELF IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR N.M.I.N.M.: My thought is this: You appear to be admirably in touch with your physical self. You are doing everything you can in

that department. However, because you are so concerned about your change in mental health that you would write to me, this is something you should discuss with your doctor. If there is nothing physically wrong and your feelings of sluggishness and mild depression persist, it may be time to discuss them with a licensed psychotherapist. * * * * *

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