Hiker rescued by KSP, others near Laurel River Dam

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LONDON, Ky. (KT) – A coordinated multi-agency emergency response led to the successful helicopter hoist rescue of an injured 18-year-old male hiker over the weekend near Laurel River Dam.

According to Kentucky State Police (KSP), on July 31, the Whitley County 911 Center received a request for assistance from a stranded hiker who had been injured. Dispatchers obtained the caller's latitude and longitude, allowing emergency responders to quickly locate the caller and respond in the remote area.

When first responders arrived, they were met by three teenagers who had been hiking with the injured man. They said the group of friends had hiked down a trail to a waterfall that empties into a small pool below. As the group attempted to cross above the waterfall, one hiker lost his footing and fell over the falls into the water below. He landed on a submerged rock, suffering injuries to his knee and ankle that left him unable to free himself or climb to safety.

The Corbin Fire Department deployed its high-angle rope rescue team and began establishing a technical rope rescue system to reach the victim. At the same time, the Woodbine Search and Rescue Squad launched an inflatable Zodiac rescue boat below the Laurel River Dam power plant to reach the patient by water. However, extremely low water conditions made the route impassable, and the effort was discontinued.

Around 7:45 p.m. (ET), Kentucky Emergency Management requested assistance from the KSP Aircraft Support Branch.

The KSP, working alongside Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 (KY TF-1), conducted a precision nighttime helicopter hoist rescue to safely extract the injured hiker from the remote location. A paramedic from Georgetown-Scott County EMS, who is qualified as a helicopter-aquatic hoist rescue specialist through KY TF-1, accompanied the flight crew to provide advanced medical care during the operation.

Following the successful hoist, the patient was flown directly to Williamsburg-Whitley County Airport, where he was transferred to Whitley County EMS for evaluation and transport to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries. His name has not been released.

The rescue was made possible through efforts of numerous local, regional, and state public safety agencies, including Kentucky Emergency Management, Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1, Laurel-Whitley Emergency Management, Georgetown-Scott County EMS, Woodbine Search and Rescue Squad, Corbin Fire Department, Whitley County EMS, Williamsburg Police Department, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Mason County Cooperative Extension Service to host Fertilizer Plot Field Day

Submitted by Audrey F. Wright

The Mason County Cooperative Extension Service invites anyone interested in forage production to attend the Fertilizer Plot Field Day on Thursday, August 28, at 12:00 p.m. at the Mason County AgriTech Facility, located at 6025 KY 3170, Maysville, KY 41056.

This hands-on educational event will feature a walk-through of local fertilizer demonstration plots and highlight the results of an ongoing forage fertility trial. Participants will see firsthand how different fertilizer rates, application timings, and nutrient management practices affect forage production under local growing conditions.

University of Kentucky specialists and Extension agents will discuss practical recommendations for nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and lime applications, as well as how these practices can improve pasture productivity and maximize fertilizer investments. The program is designed to provide research-based information that producers can apply directly to their own operations.

A complimentary lunch will be provided, and there will be opportunities to visit with agricultural industry representatives and Extension specialists throughout the event.

The program is free to attend, but registration is encouraged. To register, contact your local Cooperative Extension office. For more information, call the Mason County Extension Office at (606) 564-6808 or your local Extension office in Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, or Robertson County.

Wayback Wednesday

Submitted by Ron Bailey

Germantown Fair Baby show.

Upcoming Events! 8/3 - 8/8

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Lunch & Learn 12PM - 1PM	Leaf Friends - Insects, Pests, and Plagues 11AM - 12PM	SHAKE 606 11AM - 12PM	Storytime 10:30AM Theme: Ladybugs	Montessori & Me 10:30AM - 11:30AM	S.T.A.R.
Tech Help Desk 1PM - 3PM	Lunch & Learn 12PM - 1PM	Lunch & Learn 12PM - 1PM	Lunch & Learn 12PM - 1PM	Tech Help Desk 11AM - 1PM	Storytime 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Natural Dyes Class 101 4PM - 6PM	Homeschool Social 1PM - 2:30PM	Tech Help Desk 1PM - 3PM	Yoga 4PM - 5:30PM	Lunch & Learn 12PM - 1PM	Peter Fletcher Classical Guitarist 12:30PM - 2:30PM
STEAM Lego Club 4:30PM - 5:30PM	Tech Help Desk 3PM - 4:30PM	Rocket Science Adventure with the Cincinnati Observatory 4PM - 5PM	Reading Dragons Boost 5:30PM - 6:30PM	Family Movie Night: The Land Before Time 5:30PM - 7:30PM	
	Family Cooking Class: Egg-cellent Salad 4PM	Art Club - Color Block Portrait 4:30PM - 5:30PM			
	Dungeons & Dragons 5:30PM - 7:30PM				
	Make and Mingle 6PM - 7PM				

DATEBOOK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
MCPL WITH CINCINNATI OBSERVATORY ROCKETS — 4 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.
EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Regional Prevention Center of Comprehend, 731 Kenton Station Rd. Free event for all expecting mothers and postpartum up to 1 year. Free goodies for attendees. Call 606-759-7799 to register.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30, Mason County Public Library.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., The Big Lebowski.
SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT — 7 p.m., Dangerous Jim & The Slims

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., Back to the Future.
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Grease.
ELISHA GREEN MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY — 12 p.m. at the Elisha Green Memorial.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
PERSEID METEOR SHOWER — 9 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.
MANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION — 6:30 p.m., Manchester High School.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
EAT GALLERY LECTURE — 6 p.m., Clooney Room at the Cox Building. Renee Newman, "Surprising Facts about Pearls."

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., Shakespeare in Love.
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Grosse Pointe Blank.
MAYSVILLE OKTOBERFEST — Downtown Maysville

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
GROUP HIKE DAN CRUM TRAIL — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
MASON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING — 6 p.m., District office located at 1925 Old Main Street, Maysville.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Barbershop.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
GROUP HIKE ROCK FENCE TRAIL — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 2 p.m., Lilo and Stitch (FREE).
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Matewan.
LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE WITH KEVIN ROBINSON, DOSIDO CLUB, LEXINGTON — Trinity United Methodist Church Mission Fundraiser, reservations only (deadline Aug. 12), meal served at 5 p.m., $20 per person, tables of eight available, Mike Huff dinner entertainment, preferred payment in advance or pay at door, dancing is not required, all funds go to the mission team, 26 West Third Street, Maysville, KY 41056, call 606-564-4462.
MAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION CLASS OF 1981 — from 3 to 9 p.m., Mt. Lawley Farm, 6345 Helena Road, May's Lick.
WALD LLC FRIENDS ANNUAL POT LUCK PICNIC — eat at 1 p.m. and stay as long as you want, at Washington Park, all former and current employees and family are welcome.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 24
ADAMS COUNTY OHIO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT FEDERAL PROGRAMS ANNUAL MEETING — 5:15, Career and Technical Center located at 175 Lloyd Road West Union, Ohio.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Braveheart.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES (UK) — 9 a.m., Cummins Nature Preserve.
PARROTS OF THE CARIBBEAN — 6 p.m., Washington Opera House. A salute to Jimmy Buffett benefit concert for Rock 4 Rescue. Tickets $20. Proceeds benefit homeless and at-risk Mason County pets. For tickets or more info visit https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/rock-4-rescue/6a284f3e9dc0da105d2e7f23/tickets#/productions-view
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 4:30 p.m., Desk Set.
RUSSELL THEATRE PRESENTS — 7:30 p.m., Blade Runner.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
TRI-COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING — 5:30, Mason County Public Library.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT — 7 p.m., Vinyl Countdown.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
PICKERS & GRINNERS — 10 a.m., Downtown Maysville.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
GROUP HIKE GOAT PATH — 6 p.m., Cummins Nature Preserve. Meet at Picnic Shelter.
NAMI BUFFALO TRACE AFFILIATE MEETING — 6 p.m., Maysville Public Library.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 10
SHANNON METHODIST CHURCH 225 YEAR CELEBRATION (1801-2026) — revival 7 p.m., Rev. James Finch, refreshments 6:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
SHANNON METHODIST CHURCH 225 YEAR CELEBRATION (1801-2026) — revival 7 p.m., Rev. Bill Bentley, refreshments 6:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
LIMESTONE CYCLING TOUR
GERMANTOWN COURT DAYS — Germantown
SHANNON METHODIST CHURCH 225 YEAR CELEBRATION (1801-2026) — revival 7 p.m., Rev. Owen Dolin, refreshments 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
GERMANTOWN COURT DAYS — Germantown
SHANNON METHODIST CHURCH 225 YEAR CELEBRATION (1801-2026) — church celebration, Rev. Bill Richards 10 a.m.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
EAT GALLERY LECTURE — 6 p.m., Clooney Room at the Cox Building. Gina Latendresse, Exotic Natural Pearls from Around the World.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
THE JOHN W. MCNEILL III MEMORIAL PERFORMANCE SERIES — 7 p.m. Liszt piano concert at the Washington Opera House.

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