

# State police planning six traffic checkpoints in Taylor County

BY CKNJ STAFF

Kentucky State Police Post 15 issued its February list of traffic safety checkpoints, which includes six locations in Taylor County.

In Taylor County, troopers plan to set up periodically at U.S. 68 at Palestine Road, which also is known as Ky. 3211, U.S. 68 at Spurlington Road known as Ky. 744, Ky. 210 at Ky. 569, Ky. 744 at Ky. 208 and Ky. 70 at both Stoner Creek Road and Watertower Road Bypass.

The places scheduled for periodic roadblocks are designated because statistics reveal a high ratio of vehicular crashes resulting in injury and/or death compared to relatively low safety restraint usage ratio, according to state police.

The list is identical to trouble spots worked during previous monthly checkpoints, which are conducted as part of the post's highway safety efforts.

Troopers will be checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws including, but not limited to, motor vehicle equipment safety, licensing of drivers,

motor vehicle registration, child restraints and operation of motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, the announcement said.

In addition to Taylor, Post 15 in Columbia is responsible for Green, Marion, Washington, Russell, Casey, Adair, Metcalfe, Monroe, Clinton and Cumberland counties.

A full list of Post 15 checkpoints is available at [kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post15checkpoints](http://kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post15checkpoints).

## TRADITION

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“fishbowl” question and answer segment.

“You want to present yourself as very skillful to the judges,” Maurer said.

This pageant goes further than the grounds of CU's campus. The queen of the pageant will represent CU at the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival in May. Another long-lasting tradition, it has been celebrated since its founding in 1931.

After the contestants have performed, the judges will tally the scores and decide the winners. While the scores are being tallied, there will be a game show conducted to entertain guests.

According to Maurer, the pageant is a way to connect people to the university, and he encourages people to come and enjoy this experience.

“It'll be a good memory for you to look back on as your time in college,” he said. “I think that's a lot of what students need as they're going through college, memories to look back on.”

Maurer and the SGA have invited four past pageant participants to help guide and teach this year's contestants. They will help prepare the young women to succeed on the day of the pageant, especially those who are new to this type of experience.

“We will work with these girls to make sure they are in the best position to be prepared for that day and present themselves and their talents,” Maurer

said.

One of the members of this committee is Macy Brown, who won the pageant in 2024. Brown will be helping behind-the-scenes by planning, decorating and organizing meetings and practices for the contestants.

Brown reassures contestants that prior pageant experience is not necessary.

“Just make the most of it and just be yourself because, ultimately, that's what the judges want to see, you being your authentic self,” she said.

Campus Times is a student publication of Campbellsville University. After beginning work on this story, reporter Audrey DeJanyes decided to participate in this year's Valentine's Pageant.

## STATE

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on terms of an interlocal agreement.

It said the county's fourth quarter report and budget filed with the Department for Local Government did not include the occupational taxes “resulting in material mis-statements.”

Noting the agreement with the city has been in effect since 2009, the county response noted in the audit

said the arrangement has been sufficient previously and noted that the City of Campbellsville audits this fund annually.

“This is considered a custodial fund and does not have to be included in the Taylor County Fiscal Court budget,” the county response said.

The report also included two segments critical of the Taylor County Detention Center.

The audit said commissary funds were transferred to pay some inmate medical expenses and said inadequate

controls exist over commissary funds and inmate trust funds.

It also made note of three occasions when the jail made purchases without seeking required bids: \$117,798 spent on a contract for inmate telecommunications services; \$113,255 for nicotine products to be used as commissary inventory; plus \$68,639 for general commissary inventory items.

“We recommend the jailer comply with applicable state law by presenting an accurate financial statement to the

county treasurer,” the audit concluded. “The financial statement should be compiled using financial information from receipts and disbursement journals, with the ending balance reconciled to the bank balance and properly reconciled to total inmate individual balances. The jailer should account for inmate deposits, which are custodial funds held in trust by the jail, separately from the canteen funds, which belong to the jail. We also recommend that the jailer make deposits intact daily.”

## OBITUARIES

### Julie Kay Bruce

Julie Kay Bruce, 66, of Campbellsville, daughter of the late Dallas Newton and Doris Jean Benningfield Newton, was born Aug. 27, 1959, in Taylor County. She died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, in Campbellsville.

She professed faith in Christ and was a member of Saloma Baptist Church.

She united in marriage with Pat Bruce on July 14, 1979.

Besides her husband, Pat Bruce of Campbellsville, survivors include one son and one daughter, Kalen Bruce and Kellie Vaughn, both of Campbellsville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Parrott and Ramsey Funeral Home in Campbellsville with burial in Brookside Cemetery.

### Sue Ann Strakal

Sue Ann Strakal, 81, of Campbellsville, was born Sept. 3, 1944, in Jamestown to the late Paul I. and Ethel L. Cundiff Hammond. She departed this life Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at Taylor Regional Hospital.

She had made a profession of faith in Christ and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Claycomb, and one granddaughter.

The funeral is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at L.R. Petty Funeral Home in Campbellsville with burial in Campbellsville Memorial Gardens.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### Rebecca Lee 'Ladelthia' Mohnen

Rebecca Lee “Ladelthia” Mohnen, 39, of Campbellsville, the daughter of Jerry and Patricia Rager Mohnen, was born Sept. 16, 1986, in Greenville, and departed this life Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at University of Louisville Hospital.

Survivors include her soul-mate, Brandon Underwood, and his son,

Devin Underwood; her father and mother, Jerry Mohnen and Patricia Mohnen, both of Arizona; a daughter, Claire Dodd of Webster,; and a son, Jerry Alexander “Alex” Mohnen of Dexter.

Cremation rites were handled by L.R. Petty Funeral Home. No services are scheduled.

### Charles Edwin Crawley

Charles Edwin Crawley, 79, of Campbellsville, son of the late Herman and Alta Crawley, was born Sept. 16, 1947, in Cumberland County. He died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, in Louisville.

He was united in marriage to Laura Buckles and later Carol Donan Bass, who both predeceased

him.

Survivors include a brother, Steve Crawley of Campbellsville, and a sister, Charlotte Grider of Columbia.

The funeral was Friday, Jan. 30, at L.R. Petty Funeral Home with burial in Campbellsville Memorial Gardens.

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