

# Flooding From Front

utive Chris “Roo” Elleman provided an update on the recent flooding that affected various areas in the county, citing Camp Nelson as the most impacted location. Local authorities and emergency management teams have been actively monitoring water levels and coordinating response efforts to ensure the safety of residents and minimize damage.

According to the Garrard County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), water levels at Camp Nelson RV Park and Marina have started to decline, but officials continue to monitor conditions closely. Residents and visitors are advised to steer clear of the area as crews work to assess potential dangers and ensure the stability of roads and property.

Two days ago, Camp Nelson RV Park was fully evacuated by its owners in anticipation of rising river levels, which had reached 35.63 feet with projections of hitting 40 feet by the following afternoon.

Elleman confirmed that while evacuations were necessary at Camp Nelson, the situation was largely under control.

“We evacuated them. Had some campers that wasn’t drivable on roads, but we did get them onto the hill there,” he stated.

Road closures were put in place to prevent further complications, though access to some areas remained limited. As a precautionary measure, Old Lexington Road East was closed at the base of the hill, with access limited strictly to property owners. Authorities have requested that the public avoid the area due to increased hazards from the flooding.

Water levels on the Kentucky River remain a concern, with officials tracking a crest expected on Friday. Initially predicted to reach 40 feet, the latest estimates suggest a peak of 37 to 38 feet.

“They bumped it to Friday because we’re getting a lot of this Eastern Kentucky water,” Elleman explained, attributing rising levels to upstream releases.

In addition to flooding concerns at the RV park, a major roadway near the Garrard-Lincoln County line remains impassable. Heavy rainfall caused the bridge on Old Danville Road to be submerged, creating hazardous conditions for drivers. Officials have reinforced the message that attempting to cross flooded roadways can be life-threatening.

The public is reminded of the “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” warning, emphasizing that even shallow-looking water can be dangerous, potentially stalling vehicles or sweeping them away.

Paint Lick, another area prone to flooding, fared better than expected. While floodwaters reached the Sportsman’s Club property, they did not enter buildings, and the water levels receded quickly. Several roads, including those near Buckeye Creek and Hurt Lane, were temporarily submerged but were cleared by Sunday. Elleman noted that farm areas such as Cat-hole Bend experienced flooding, but no residents were stranded.

Emergency management agencies in Garrard and Jessamine counties worked together to monitor and track a runaway marina that drifted along the Kentucky River due to recent high water levels. The floating structure, which broke free under unclear circumstances, was observed traveling past multiple

riverfront properties, with local officials and residents keeping watch as it moved downstream.

Emergency personnel kept a close watch on potential hazards, including debris impacting bridges. The old bridge at Camp Nelson, in particular, raised concerns due to fiber optic lines and structural risks, but no significant damage has been reported.

Garrard County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) shared images of the marina taken by local resident Christy Ellis, who spotted it passing by her farm. The agency expressed gratitude for community members’ vigilance and assistance in documenting the event.

Jessamine County Emergency Management (JCEMA) also played a key role in monitoring the drifting marina. According to JCEMA, multiple boats and structures became wedged along the riverbanks in Garrard County near Camp Nelson, while at least one was recovered by its owner. Officials believe that the main portions of the runaway marina have now cleared Jessamine County, though some dislodged debris may remain along the river.

Beyond the flooding, emergency crews responded to multiple fires, including one on Mount Hebron that was quickly contained and another on Kennedy Bridge that resulted in a fatality. The recent extreme weather conditions have also necessitated road maintenance efforts, with crews working to clear culverts and remove debris.

Officials are preparing for additional weather challenges, including potential winter conditions that could bring four to six inches of snow. Road departments have been using salt treatments, but temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit could limit their effectiveness.

Elleman commended local emergency management teams for their round-the-clock efforts.

“They’ve done a heck of a job. We were out all Saturday, Saturday night into Sunday. They’ve been on the clock the whole time and done an awe-

some job,” he said.

As water levels continue to fluctuate and recovery efforts progress, residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and follow local advisories. Authorities will continue monitoring conditions and updating the commu-

nity as needed.

Residents experiencing flood-related damage are encouraged to report it by calling local emergency services at 859-792-3023, while 911 should be reserved for life-threatening emergencies only.

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Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-00018 dated February 14, 2025, Marshall Holcomb was appointed Administrator of the estate of Raleigh D. Smith. All claims against the estate of Raleigh D. Smith, deceased, must be presented to Marshall Holcomb, 163 Mountainview Drive, Berea, KY 40403, Administrator of the Estate of Raleigh D. Smith or the Attorney Marsha Taylor, 490 Cave Spring Road, McKee, KY 40447 within 6 months after February 10, 2025. /s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk Garrard District Court Garrard Justice Center 54 Stanford Street Lancaster, KY 40444 (2-20-1tc)

# Fundraiser From Front

reach, Lisa and a dedicated team of volunteers launched Redeeming Hope with the goal of providing a secure, healing home for trafficked and exploited minors.

Human trafficking remains a significant problem in Kentucky, with the state ranking ninth in the nation for trafficking cases in 2019 and expected to rank even higher in recent years. According to Lisa, a large portion of trafficking cases in the region involve parents selling their children in exchange for drugs. Many of these victims end up in foster care, but due to their age and trauma history, they struggle to find stable placements.

Recognizing this gap in care, Redeeming Hope is working to build a therapeutic foster home specifically for trafficked and sexually exploited girls. Church on the Rock in Berea has donated five acres of land for the project, and fundraising efforts have been underway to secure the necessary funds for construction. The home will serve girls from across Kentucky and

will be supported by the state once operational.

The upcoming fundraiser at the Grand Theatre is a major step toward Redeeming Hope’s goal of opening the home. The event will showcase Trapped, a film directed by New York-based filmmaker Ejaz Khan. Inspired by the true story of a human trafficking survivor, the film aims to shed light on the realities of trafficking while raising awareness of the issue.

Ejaz Khan first connected with Redeeming Hope after coming across the organization’s extensive outreach efforts online. Moved by their mission, he offered the film as a fund-raising opportunity. The Grand Theatre has generously provided the venue for a minimal fee, ensuring that as much of the proceeds as possible go directly toward the building fund.

In addition to the screening, the event will feature a meet-and-greet with Ejaz Khan, allowing attendees to ask questions and learn more about the making of the film. Redeeming Hope is also working to secure sponsorships to cover the costs of bringing Khan to Kentucky, ensuring that ticket sales contribute entirely to the organiza-

tion’s mission.



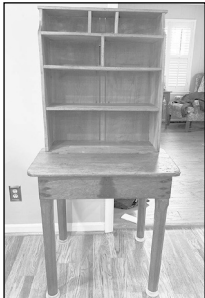


Tickets for the Trapped screening are currently available for purchase on the Grand Theatre’s website at thegrand.show. If sponsorship goals are met, all proceeds from ticket sales will go directly toward the construction of the therapeutic foster home.

For those unable to attend, donations can be made through the organization’s official website, RedeemingHopeKY.org. The website also provides information on volunteer opportunities and additional ways to support Redeeming Hope’s efforts.








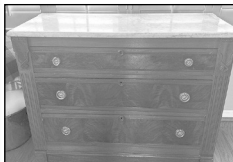
Lisa Foster and her team continue to spread awareness of human trafficking and the urgent need for safe housing for victims. Their mission, fueled by a deeply personal loss, has gained support from community leaders, law enforcement, and local organizations. As the March 29 event approaches, they hope to rally even more supporters to help make their vision a reality.

For more information about Redeeming Hope, the fundraiser, or how to contribute, visit RedeemingHopeKY.org.

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Bids will be opened at regular board meeting Thursday, March 6th at 7 p.m. **Bidders must be present for their bid to be accepted.**  
  
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Paula Hatfield, Secretary/Treasurer. (2-13-3tc)

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Sealed bids will be accepted by The Garrard County Fiscal Court for Bituminous Concrete Base and / or Surface In Place.  
  
Bids will be opened at 6:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Fiscal Court Meeting on March 10, 2025. Bids must be received in the office of the County Judge Executive's Office at 15 Public Square, Suite 3, Lancaster, KY 40444 by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025.  
  
Bids will be for a period of approximately one year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.  
  
The Garrard County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
  
Specifications for Bituminous Concrete Base and / or Surface In Place Bid Sheets can be picked up at County Judge Executive Office at 15 Public Square, Lancaster, KY 40444 or Garrard County Website (under the Bids and News tab) at [www.garrardcountyk.gov](http://www.garrardcountyk.gov)  
  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Sealed bids will be accepted by the Garrard County Fiscal Court for rock and gravel for the Garrard County Road Department.  
  
Bids will be opened on March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting. Bids must be received in the office of the County Judge Executive at 15 Public Square Lancaster, KY, Suite 3, by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025.  
  
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