



As Kentucky tourism reaches a record high, the Kentucky-based online platform Roadtripzee also experiences impressive increases.

Roadtripzee is a free platform that contains travel journals from actual trips taken by real, regular people. Travel experts and social media pros Rachelle & Tony Wright of Hart County, Ky. created and manage Roadtripzee.

- One-year increases include:
 - META views went from 500,000 to 2 million every 28 days beginning October 2024.
 - Roadtripzee’s newsletter subscribers increased by 50% from 12,000 to 18,000.
 - Active website users soared 20,732%.
 - Five states were added to the platform, bringing the total of states represented to 21.
 - The first international journal is on Roadtripzee; it’s from Nova Scotia.
 - Roadtripzee formed a partnership with Kentucky State Parks.
 - Rachelle & Tony



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Tony & Rachelle Wright at Carter Caves State Park in Kentucky.

started a podcast. As of July 2025, 20 episodes have aired from inside National Parks, State Parks and country stores.

Containing more than 80 journals from popular destinations including Colorado Springs, Santa Cruz, and Mackinac Island, Roadtripzee offers a window into the adventures that await on the open road.

“We don’t travel to escape, we travel to expand - our perspectives, our stories, our connection to others,” says Roadtripzee Co-founder Rachelle Wright. “Our team is filled with people who love to travel, love to write, and love to tell a story. Their journals, photos, and videos

resonate with our community because they are real tales of the road that can be used as inspiration for travel or just to connect people to what’s out there.”

The Wrights created Roadtripzee in 2022 as a platform to build on the success of their KentuckyRoadTrips.com. Roadtripzee reaches more than two-million users monthly through the web platform, newsletter, and an incredibly active Kentucky Road Trips Facebook Group with 147,000 members.

To be featured on Roadtripzee, please tag travels with #Roadtripzee and follow along on Facebook and Instagram.

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deliberate and calculated.

Six seconds, eleven punches to this child.

That small, brown-haired boy shattered my entire heart. His eyes—presenting with dark circles under them, terrified, pleading—locked on someone towering much taller than him, tall enough to pass for an adult, not knowing how bad it might hurt this time.

And when it was over, confusion and sadness filled his eyes as he watched the attacker walk away. How long had he endured these whippings at school? When would the next one be? Was he afraid to use the bathroom, fearing he may be attacked at any random moment? Did he stay up at night worrying that tomorrow might bring another attack? Was he too scared to tell an

adult that might help keep him safe?

As for the other video, it was just as horrific. Seven hard blows in only three seconds, all to the same child’s head and face in a bathroom but by a different attacker. Other students watching and laughing in the background, not doing anything to help the kid, only adding shame and humiliation to him. It could have even been on the same day as he was wearing the same blue shirt.

And then, I can’t help but wonder—what went through the minds of this boy’s attackers as they, on separate occasions, beat on this student? Did it make them feel powerful? Were they once victims, now repeating the cycle? Do they feel anything when they hurt others? Any regret? Any guilt? Can anyone reach them

before this path leads to criminal records when the protective umbrellas go away? Or will the same fists fly in future locker rooms, no matter how far their sports careers go? Will we be printing their future assault arrests in this very newspaper?

The good news to this is that the child who was assaulted at least twice that we know of is now thriving in another school district!

Too often, schools hide assaults like this behind “internal investigations” and “privacy” laws.

If school leaders are serious, they’ll stop protecting reputations and start protecting children. Even if it hurts. Even if it’s messy.

Because silence protects no one—except the abuser.



God Help Us

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“... the Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Praise the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21

How is your life going this day? I suspect that it has its joys and its sorrows, its mountaintops and its valleys. Look at the world around us and you will see that it is pretty much the same old story for all mankind. Some days are diamonds, and some days are stones. There is within each family a season of events leaving us cold as winter, and a time of rejoicing which brings us a warm feeling of springtime renewal.

Whether it is the sadness of death, the joy of birth, the pain of financial loss, or the pleasure of prosperity, the suffering of poor health, or the blessings of strength, we all are somewhere in the midst of such experiences. Perhaps the wildfires are raging, the tornados are whirling, the floods are rising, and fear grips our hearts. Perhaps these things have not touched our lives as yet.

Whatever the case may be, men seem to call on God to deliver them during these times of crisis and then forget

to thank Him for the good times. I fear that many people treat God as if he were a janitor--that is, they only call on Him when they want Him to clean up their mess.

Are we calling on God to deliver us from the storm, and then when it passes, we forget that He exists? Get right church and let’s go home. While it is true that God is a very present help in time of trouble, it is also true that He demands reverence and honor in both good times and bad. Seek him while he may be found.

AG Coleman Calls for Immediate Banning of ‘Designer Xanax’ that is Killing Kentuckians

Office of Attorney General Russell Coleman

With dozens of overdose deaths in Kentucky involving a drug called the “Designer Xanax,” Attorney General Russell Coleman is calling on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to take emergency action to ban bromazepam.

In a letter to Secretary Steven Stack, General Coleman urged CHFS to use its authority to immediately schedule the drug, which will then empower law enforcement to crack down on it in the Commonwealth.

Bromazepam is being passed off as prescription pills including benzodiazepines, which are commonly used to treat conditions such as anxiety disorders, insomnia, and seizures.

Sold illicitly on the streets and online, bromazepam has proven to be both highly potent and even lethal, especially when combined with opioids or other central nervous system depressants.

Attorney General Coleman wrote to Secretary Stack, “We

can immediately empower law enforcement to crack down on the traffickers and distributors of this deadly drug. Your action could have an immediate and lifesaving impact on Kentuckians across our Commonwealth.”

The Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Force (NKDSF) contacted detectives with the Attorney General’s Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) about a troubling increase of bromazepam pills flooding the Commonwealth.

A Drug Strike Force investigation with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service recently interdicted one parcel containing 958 pills that were later confirmed to be bromazepam.

In Kentucky, the Office of Drug Control Policy has reported 47 overdose deaths in 2024 involving bromazepam. Despite its clear dangers, bromazepam remains unscheduled at the federal level, creating significant challenges for law enforcement and public health officials trying to respond to this

emerging crisis.

“We live at a time when as little as one pill can-and is- killing our children. As parents and public officials, we must do all we can to stop illicit drugs and counterfeit pills,” Attorney General Coleman said. “The threat is clear, and all of us must work together to keep these drugs off our streets to save Kentuckians’ lives.”

In addition to seeking this emergency action from the Cabinet, the Office of the Attorney General has already engaged the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the emergency scheduling of bromazepam at the federal level.

Bromazepam has already been scheduled in states including Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Virginia, and West Virginia.

A copy of the letter is available at https://www.ag.ky.gov/Press%20Release%20Attachments/8.5.25%20Letter_%20Bromazepam%20scheduling%20to%20CHFS%20Sec.%20Stack.pdf

HART COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER’S NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Hart Circuit Court in the cases listed below, the following properties located in Hart County, Kentucky, shall be sold at the Hart County Judicial Center in Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky, on Wednesday, August 27th, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., (Central Time), and being more particularly described as follows:

813 Eastside Drive, Horse Cave, Kentucky
Deed Book Page - Parcel ID #039-00-00-094.00
South Central Bank, Inc. vs. Unknown Executor/Executrix to the Estate, If Any, Of Roy M. Frodge, Deceased, et al
Civil Action No.: 18-CI-00042

220 Bolton School Road, Bonnieville, Kentucky 42713
Deed Book 245 , Page No. 379 - Parcel ID No.: 071-00-00-013.00
West Bank, Inc. vs. Johnetta R. Emerson, Tony Emerson, et al.
Civil Action No.: 24-CI-00256

7213 Hammonsville Road, Bonnieville, Kentucky 42713
Deed Book 363, Page 159 - Parcel ID #071-00-00-048.00
The Cecilian Bank vs. Andrew James Waddle
Civil Action No.: 25-CI-00100

At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price. If, as the successful bidder, you only pay 10% down, you must have a Kentucky Bank to act as unconditional surety on the remaining 90% of the purchase price, plus interest pursuant to the terms of the judgment, which must be paid within 30 days of the Sale date. (The necessary surety form can be obtained at the Master Commissioner’s office). The Surety MUST BE PRE-APPROVED by the Master Commissioner’s office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday immediately preceding the sale date to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. A Loan Officer from the pre-approved Kentucky Bank must sign the surety bond at the sale. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit, that Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The buyer will be responsible for taxes for the year of the sale. The property shall be sold free and clear of all parties named in the above-styled action, but subject to the following: any lien not included in the suit, recorded easements, rights of way, any facts which an inspection or accurate survey might reveal, and the planning and zoning regulations of Hart County, Kentucky. The Master Commissioner does not obtain title inspections or investigate for further liens on the property. The purchaser is responsible for title inspection and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale. It is recommended that a title search be done prior to the sale.

The purchaser may take possession of the property pursuant to the terms of the judgment. If the judgment does not make provision for possession, the buyer may seek possession of the property through the court system after payment of the full purchase price. The Master Commissioner does not have ability to grant access or possession of the property.

The Plaintiff, the Court, and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. Said property is sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in these cases which shall be reviewed carefully prior to purchase.

Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the above terms. For updates and information on sale cancellations, please refer to the Master Commissioner information located at www.hartcountykymastercommissioner.com.

This the 8th day of August, 2025.

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