

Why traffic checkpoints are publicized

By Dennis K. Brown

If you’ve seen the story about traffic safety checkpoints in Lewis County, and the listing of their locations, you’ve probably already wondered why that list is being publicized.

The short answer is because police agencies must advertise where the roadblocks will be held.

The longer answer has to do with a ruling by the Kentucky Supreme Court overturning a DUI conviction after determining the way roadblocks used to be conducted was a violation of state and federal constitutional rights.

Police and sheriff’s departments in Kentucky must have approved roadblock sites, a supervisor has to be present, the stops must be brief, and the locations of the sites must be

publicized, among others.

The US Supreme Court ruled (6-3) that checkpoints are constitutional but added they must be publicized in advance.

Without public notice, the brief stop at a checkpoint could be considered detention without reasonable suspicion and could be a violation of your Fourth Amendment rights.

The US Supreme Court has affirmed that DUI checkpoints satisfy a strong state interest in removing drunk drivers from state highways and state interest outweighs the brief intrusion to a private motorist at a roadblock.

There are several guidelines in place when the roadblocks are held and all police agencies have policies dealing with how they are to be carried out.

Police agencies have been publicizing their checkpoints for some time now and they still make arrests of people who are driving under the influence.

And, by publicizing the locations of roadblocks a potential drinking driver, having seen the listing at some point, may choose not to operate a motor vehicle after a few drinks.

US Constitution Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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Anyone in crisis or who knows someone who may be considering suicide is urged to dial 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Trained counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The service is free and confidential.

Local organizations also offer support, including area churches, school counselors, and regional providers through Comprehend, Inc. “Sometimes the hardest step is asking for help,” said Emer-

gency Management Director Dennis Brown. “But reaching out can save a life.”

Throughout September, awareness campaigns remind everyone that preventing suicide is a community effort — one built on compassion, listening, and letting others know they are not alone.

Know the Warning Signs

- Talking about wanting to die or feeling hopeless
- Withdrawal from friends, family, or activities

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Extreme mood swings or sudden changes in behavior

• Giving away belongings or saying goodbye
If you or someone you know is struggling:

- Call or text 988 — Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- Visit 988lifeline.org for online chat and resources
- Local support available through Comprehend, Inc., Lewis County schools, and area churches

AA crash results in two fatalities

By Dennis K. Brown

An Independence woman and an unborn child have died following a two-vehicle collision August 22 on the AA Highway at Briary Road near Quincy.

The Lewis County Sheriff’s Department is investigating the crash, which occurred at about 2:30 p.m. and involved a pickup truck and a passenger car.

Sheriff Johnny Bivens said a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Tommy Lee Ruckel, 33, of Vanceburg,



Casandra Cummins was traveling west on the AA Highway when it col-

lided with a 2018 Hyundai Sonata, operated by Casandra Cummins, 51, of Independence, which had been traveling north on Briary Road.

Cummins and her passenger, 22-year-old Selena Mingua of Winchester, Ohio, were airlifted from the scene by Air Evac helicopters and taken to Cabell Huntington Hospital. Ruckel was transported to the hospital by family members.

The unborn child of Mingua, Cummins’ grandson, did not survive and was lost on August 26. Cummins succumbed to her injuries on August 28.

Services for Cassandra Cummins were scheduled for Tuesday morning at Dobbbling Funeral Home in Fort Thomas with burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens at Taylor Mill.

Assisting at the scene were Garrison, Black Oak, Lewis County, and Firebrick fire and rescue, Lewis County EMS, and Emergency Management.

CHECKPOINTS

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arrest and prosecute impaired drivers to the fullest extent of the law.

“We are also observing for distracted drivers,” Bivens said. “Each day in the United States, approximately nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted

driver.”*


Bivens urges motorists to help keep roadways safe by reporting drivers suspected of being drug or alcohol-impaired.

Call the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office at 606-796-2912 or 911 to provide a direction of travel, vehicle description and a license number, if possi-

ble, to report a suspected impaired motor vehicle operator. Callers are not required to identify themselves.

“We are on a mission to identify and arrest impaired drivers to get them off the roads and save lives,” Bivens stated.

*National Center for Statistics and Analysis.




NEWS RELEASE

Lewis County Sheriff Johnny Bivens

Approved traffic safety checkpoint locations in Lewis County

- **KY 8 at Firebrick.**
- **KY 8 west Garrison at Flag Point.**
- **Junction KY 59 and KY 344.**
- **Junction KY 377 and KY 344.**
- **KY 3311 (Montgomery Road) at Wright's Chapel.**
- **Junction KY 10 and KY 57 in Tollesboro.**
- **KY 59 approximately three miles south of Camp Dix.**
- **KY 59 at Emerson (KY 1662).**
- **Junction KY 59 and Lower Kinney Road at Camp Dix.**
- **KY 984 (Little Cabin Creek) approximately 1.5 miles from KY 57.**
- **Junction KY 8 and KY 57 at Concord.**
- **Junction KY 1306 (Kinney Road) and Skidmore Road.**
- **Junction KY 784 and KY 3311 (Montgomery Road).**
- **KY 984 (Junction of Little Cabin and Cabin Creek Road at concrete bridge).**
- **Junction KY 1068 (Laurel Road) and KY 59.**
- **Junction KY 8, KY 1306 and Garrison Lane.**
- **Junction KY 1237 and KY 989 in Burtonville.**
- **Junction KY 3020 (Ronald Reagan) and KY 8 at Black Oak.**



Lewis County Sheriff Johnny Bivens, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179

BOVFD thanks first responders



THE LEWIS COUNTY HERALD
Air Evac participated in an exercise over the weekend at Black Oak Volunteer Fire Department. The training area at the landing zone was recently enhanced through a donation of gravel from Carmeuse Lime.

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The Black Oak Fire Department would like to thank Air Evac for coming down for a good training class over the weekend.

Also, thanks to Lewis County EMS, Garrison Fire, Camp Dix Fire, Vanceburg Fire, and all our members for attending training and posing some great questions.

Special thanks to Carmeuse Lime for their contributions toward improvements at our medical helicopter landing zone at Black Oak Fire Department.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LEWIS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Will meet the third Saturday of each month at Noon at the Historical Society building on Market Street, Vanceburg.
WIC WANTS YOU! - WIC offers health care and free healthy foods for eligible women and children under age 5. Call the Lewis County Health Department to find out if you qualify. Ex. of WIC Program Income Guidelines: A family of 4 can make up to \$59,478 annually. Call today 606-796-2632.
THE COVERED BRIDGE CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY PUBLIC RETIREES will meet Thursday, Sept. 11, at 11:00 a.m., at the Double S Entertainment Center on Foster Street in Flemingsburg. The guest speaker will be Colonel Jim Clark. He will be sharing his experience of 9/11 while serving in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. As we have been on vacation for several months, please make plans to attend. The chapter is open to city, county, and state retirees.

Revival

Speaker: Russell Johnson
Former Minister at the Mt. Carmel Christian Church 1974-1979

Where: Pine Valley Christian Church
When: September 11-14

Time of Service & Special Music
Thursday 7:00 PM - Luke Sparks
- Kim Ripato
Friday 7:00 PM - Keith & Mary Jane Baldwin
Saturday 7:00 PM - Nathan & Beth Grimes
Sunday 9:30 AM - Luke Sparks

Everybody is invited to fellowship with us!
Brother Philip Cropper



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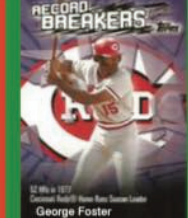
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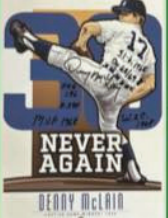
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Jerseys, Seat Bks,
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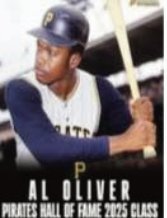


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Players Autograph signing at the Card Show will be from 12-2pm


This year's dinner guests will include former MLB players



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