

Work Starts Next Week on Highway Improvements on AA Highway in Lewis County

Turn lanes at KY 989 will increase safety for the traveling public

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. (April 14, 2025) – Work begins Monday, April 21, on the addition of turn lanes at KY 989 on the Lewis County AA Highway (KY 9).

This project will provide right and left turning lanes onto KY 989 from KY 9 (AA Hwy). The turn lanes will provide space for turning vehicles to safely decelerate and then stop (if necessary) before completing their turning movement. This allows through traffic on the AA to continue moving without interruption and greatly reduces the chances of rear-end collisions for through traffic.

Contractors expect to begin work on Monday, April 21, weather permitting. Motorists should watch for equipment and workers, trucks entering/leaving the roadway, and periods of time with one lane utilizing flagger-controlled traffic. Road work schedules are subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, slow down in work

zones, and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling. For up-to-date traffic information, go to goky.ky.gov or use the WAZE app. This state highway improvement project is projected to be done by the end of July and is being done by Rame Contracting, LLC under a \$695,225.17 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contract.

Kentucky State Police Post 8 celebrates National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Honoring the Humble Heroes Behind the Headsets

MOREHEAD – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 8 telecommunicators will be recognized alongside more than 200,000 emergency communication professionals in the country during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, observed this year from April 13-19. These dedicated professionals are the first point of contact in emergencies, providing critical assistance to those in need. Their work ensures the safety of both the public and law enforcement officers, often under high-pressure situations. “KSP telecommunica-

tors are truly the unseen lifeline in public safety,” said Captain John Dowdy, Commander of KSP Post 8. “They handle life-and-death situations with unwavering professionalism, compassion and resilience. Their ability to remain calm under pressure while helping those in crisis is remarkable.” KSP telecommunicators are responsible for dispatching state police troopers, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation officers and other emergency responders. Their duties include coordinating emergency responses, notifying administrative channels, running vehicle and criminal background checks and providing crucial information to first responders while managing multiple calls and radio

traffic. Most importantly, they are the reassuring voice on the other end of the line when someone calls for help. Across Kentucky, KSP employs approximately 217 telecommunicators at 16 posts. Last year alone, they answered over 1.2 million calls, leading to more than 406,000 requests for assistance. Post 8 Morehead, KY employs 9 telecommunicators who answered 62,979 calls for service, which covers Bath, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan, and Wolfe counties. The Kentucky State Police Foundation is honoring the dedication of KSP’s telecommunicators by providing funding that each post can use to show appreciation through meals, treats or small gifts.

This initiative ensures that every post has the opportunity to recognize the vital role their radio room staff play in public safety. To learn more about the foundation, click here. The public is encouraged to celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week alongside KSP telecommunicators. The agency is hosting a door-decorating contest for radio rooms at each post from April 14-18. Participating posts will submit photos of their decorated doors, which will be shared on KSP’s Facebook page. The public can show their support by liking their favorite designs. The winner will be announced on April 18 and the radio room receiving the most likes will win a prize. Those interested in joining KSP as a telecom-

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Art from A-4

of her favorite teacher. The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Institute, was initiated by Congress in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of young people living in their districts. More than 10,000 works of student art have been displayed in the U.S. Capitol over the last four decades. For more information about the Congressional Art Competition in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, visit halrogers.house.gov/congressional-art-competition.

Olympics from A-3

to the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games to be held June 6-8 at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. The Special Olympics Kentucky track and field season is made possible by the support of our Year-Round Partners Jersey Mike’s, Texas Roadhouse and Toyota. For more information about the Area 3&9 Track and Field Meet or about the Special Olympics track and field program, contact Special Olympics Vice President of Field and Outreach Services Kim Satterwhite at 502-695-8222 or via e-mail at ksatterwhite@soky.org.

municator should visit the Kentucky State Personnel Website for more information and current job openings. The Kentucky State Police is committed to recruiting the best individuals for public service and provides equal employment opportunities regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, or age.

ACTC celebrates dual credit week, highlighting regional impact and partnerships

ASHLAND – Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC) is excited to celebrate Dual Credit Week from April 14-18, highlighting the significant impact of its dual credit program across the region. The week-long observance emphasizes the growing importance of dual credit opportunities, which allow local high school students to earn college credits while still in high school. Last fall, ACTC’s dual credit program served 767 students from 13 partner high schools across 8 local school districts. These students are enrolled in 116 college courses, accumu-

lating an impressive 3,600 credit hours. This educational initiative has not only helped students prepare for future careers but has also saved families a total of \$340,200 in tuition costs. “We are incredibly proud of the continued growth and success of our dual credit program,” said Dr. Larry Ferguson, ACTC President/CEO. “Dual Credit Week is a great opportunity to showcase the incredible opportunities available to high school students across the region. By partnering with local high schools, we’re able to give students access to a high-quality educa-

tion, helping them reduce the cost of college while gaining valuable skills and experiences.” In celebration of Dual Credit Week, ACTC is spotlighting the diverse range of programs offered through its dual credit partnerships, including courses in welding, electrical technology, industrial maintenance, and more. These courses provide students with hands-on experience in high-demand career fields, ensuring they are well-prepared to either enter the workforce immediately after high school or continue their education. “Our partnership with ACTC is invaluable,” said

Scott Johnson, guidance counselor at Lawrence County High School. “The opportunities they offer Lawrence County High School students to obtain college credits across a range of pathways are extremely helpful in making high school meaningful to students. We have well over 50 students each term learning welding, electrical, industrial maintenance, nursing, and a host of other dual credit college courses. Those experiences would not be available without our relationship with ACTC.” Lawrence County Superintendent, Katie Webb, agreed with Johnson.

“Ashland Community and Technical College has been a fantastic partner to Lawrence County Schools. They’ve opened up so many doors for our students through things like dual credit courses, certification programs, and scholarships,” she said. “ACTC has helped so many LC students get a real head start on their futures. We truly appreciate the relationship and look forward to growing it even more.” ACTC also offers general education courses, allowing students to complete required courses at a fraction of the cost, and then continue their

education at ACTC or a four-year university. “For high school students who are not certain about attending college, dual credit is a wonderful opportunity to try college level work and gain confidence in meeting the challenge of it, said Vicki McGinnis, ACTC Dual Credit Coordinator. “Students should reach out to their guidance counselors to confirm the opportunities offered through ACTC at their high schools.” For more information about dual credit opportunities at ACTC, visit <https://ashland.kctcs.edu/admissions/information-for/dual-credit.aspx>

East Carter High School’s Bill Billman awarded ACTC Pathfinder Award

ASHLAND. – Ashland Community and Technical College (ACTC) is proud to announce this year’s ACTC Pathfinder Award winner is Bill Billman, counselor at East Carter High School. The Pathfinder Award celebrates local high school teachers or counselors who support ACTC, assists students with identifying post-secondary pathways, and provides mentorship to their students. “My partnership with ACTC is so wonderful,” Billman said. “We have built a program that has gone far beyond what I could have imagined for East Carter students. It’s a true partnership that’s immeasurable. That’s truly my legacy...connecting students with ACTC and for them to connect students to their future.” Billman was a commu-

nity and technical college student himself, and says he knows the benefits it can have for students and how it can launch their futures. “Mr. Billman has been a promoter of ACTC for many years, and we appreciate the collaboration,” said Steve Woodburn, ACTC chief student affairs officer. “He has welcomed us to campus to assist students with each step of the enrollment funnel so they can feel confident in their choice to attend ACTC. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Mr. Billman and feel he is extremely deserving of this award.” Billman was one of many nominees for the award, but his recommendation from Olive Hill Elementary School counselor, Jussie Minor, showed just how valuable he is to his students and the impact he

has made. “The greatest asset that Mr. Billman has is his willingness to find the best answers for students,” said Minor. “He believes in the importance of career and technical education. When students are not sure what they want to do, he will begin to question the student to learn more about what they are interested in to help narrow their focus to their interests.” ACTC is grateful to have so many supportive educational partners and individuals who truly believe in the value of education. Dr. Corey Gee, East Carter High School principal, says that Billman is an East Carter legend for everything he has done for the school and students. “It’s awesome anytime that someone from East Carter gets recognition for something, and it’s



Bill Billman (submitted photo)

especially special that it’s Mr. Billman because of how much he does for our

students.” Each of the 16 KCTCS college’s local winners

will be considered for a statewide Pathfinder of the Year award.