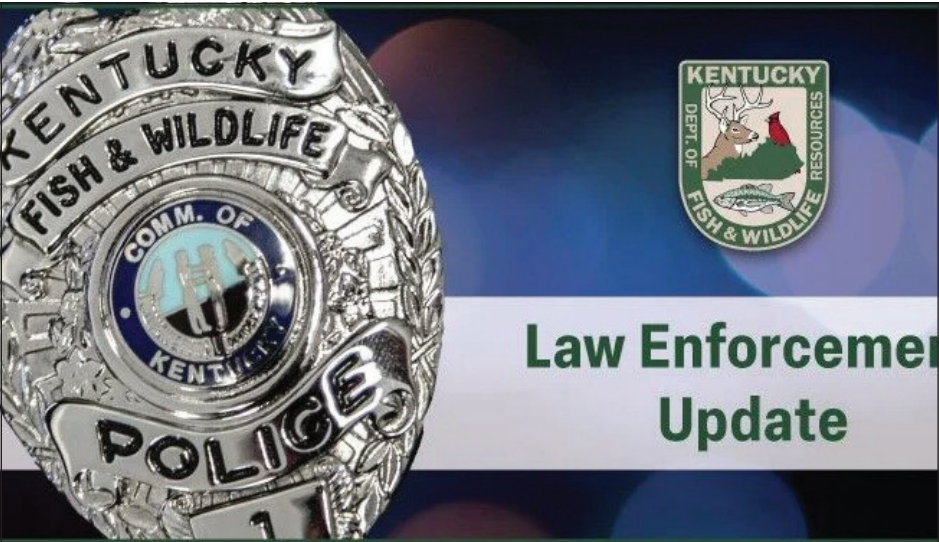


Probe continues into deadly boating accident



(Photo courtesy of Rachel Cummings)

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Mercer County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office continue to investigate a boating incident that occurred on Herrington Lake on Saturday, July 4. A collision between two boats left one man dead, another man critically injured, while several other people were also injured. The preliminary investigation found

that two boats ran into each other, a wake boat being operated by Cody Casey, 34, of Harrodsburg, and a pontoon boat with Alex Svintozelskiy, 58, of Nicholasville at the helm. A passenger on the pontoon boat, Nazar Svintozelskiy, 25, of Nicholasville, was ejected into the water. His body was not recovered from the lake until two days later. Investigators are continuing to gather and evaluate evidence to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. As part of the inves-

tigation, search warrants have been and are continuing to be sought and executed, witnesses interviewed and multiple items of evidence have been submitted for testing. Those results are pending. Because the investigation continues, authorities said they do not plan to release more details for now. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement via Kentucky State Police Post 7 in Richmond at 859-623-2404.

Tips for Staying Safe During Kentucky’s Summer Heat Wave

As temperatures climb into the upper 90s and heat index values soar above 100 degrees across Kentucky, residents are urged to take extra precautions to protect themselves from heat-related illnesses. One of the most important ways to stay safe is to remain hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don’t feel thirsty. Avoid excessive amounts of alcohol, sugary drinks, and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration. Limit outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you must work or exercise outside, take frequent breaks in the shade or an air-conditioned location and wear lightweight, loose-fit-

ting, light-colored clothing. Never leave children, older adults, or pets inside a parked vehicle, even for a few minutes. Interior temperatures can rise to deadly levels in a short amount of time, even with the windows cracked. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic health conditions are especially vulnerable during extreme heat. Family members and neighbors should check on those who may need assistance, ensuring they have access to air conditioning, water, and necessary medications. Pets also need extra care during hot weather. Provide plenty of fresh water, keep them in shaded or air-conditioned areas, and avoid walking

dogs on hot pavement, which can burn their paws. Know the warning signs of heat-related illness. Heat exhaustion may cause heavy sweating, dizziness, weakness, nausea, and headaches. If symptoms worsen or include confusion, loss of consciousness, or a body temperature above 103 degrees, seek emergency medical attention immediately, as these may be signs of heat stroke. Kentucky’s summer heat can be dangerous, but with proper preparation and common-sense precautions, residents can safely enjoy the season. Staying cool, hydrated, and aware of changing weather conditions can make all the difference during periods of extreme heat.

Horse owners should begin stocking up on hay now before it’s too late



By Jordan Strickler
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Lexington, Ky.— Horse owners are encouraged to pay close attention to hay this summer. Experts and producers across the region are sounding the alarm: This year’s first hay cutting came up much shorter than normal, and horse owners who don’t plan ahead could find themselves in a tough spot this fall and winter. “We’re in a time with limited water resources,” said Bob Coleman, equine Extension associate professor in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “In one case, a farm that normally brings in around 1,800 bales only got around 800. That’s less than half of what they typically expect. The main reason? Not enough rain. We had a reduced first cut, and who knows what second cuts are

going to look like.” Drought-like conditions have been scattered across the state, hitting some areas harder than others. So, what does this mean for horse owners? Coleman is urging horse owners to take these steps right away:

Calculate exactly how much hay is needed — Don’t just count bales; figure out the total weight in pounds as well since some sellers sell bales of different weights. Buy now — It’s important to stock up before prices climb higher and supplies dry up. Figure out storage solutions — Keep hay dry, whether via a tarp, new storage structure or making an arrangement with a local hay producer to store it on their property until needed. Consider getting

hay tested — Owners can know the hay’s nutritional value and feed smarter. This reduces waste and makes supplies last longer. Plan to start feeding hay earlier than usual — Low rainfall also means pastures may not grow as well as normal, leading owners to feed hay earlier than a normal year. Experts also point out that hay is a commodity that travels. Producers will sell to whoever pays the best price, even if that means shipping out of state. That suggests local supplies could disappear fast. “The sky is not falling, but plan now,” Coleman said. “It’s really just a best management practice anyway. The bottom line is don’t wait until you’re completely out of hay to start thinking about this. A little planning now could save horse owners a whole lot of stress and money.”

COMMISSIONER’S SALE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00005

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

LUCAS HEBNER
CHRISTIE HEBNER
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, KENTUCKY

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale dated May 15, 2026, of the Livingston Circuit Court in the above styled Civil Action, the undersigned Master Commissioner shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the town of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder at public auction on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 3:00 o’clock p.m. or soon thereafter the following property located in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 749 Henry Road, Smithland, Kentucky 42081
Parcel #: 045-00-00-040.02

Said property is to be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in the amount of \$3,641.53, together with accrued interest thereon at the statutory rate of 6% per annum from date of entry of judgment, until fully paid, plus any other charges which have accrued, plus Plaintiff’s costs expended, plus Plaintiff’s attorney fees pursuant to KRS 411.195. Plus, additional fees, costs and expenses, including advances in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, assessments, weatherization, and preservation of the Real Property. Said property shall be sold subject to all existing restrictions, easements, and covenants of record affecting the same. The property shall be sold for cash, or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser (10%) ten percent of the purchase price in cash together with a bond (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum until paid, from the day of the sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within 30 days of the date of sale.

Any purchaser, other than Plaintiff, who does not pay cash in full, shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two business days before the sale date. The bond surety must be present at the sale and execute the Sale Bond and Affidavit of Surety. A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security.

All delinquent taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. Purchaser shall pay 2026 and subsequent ad valorem taxes. Subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens of the plaintiff and defendants in the action. Bidders shall be prepared to comply with these terms.

/s/ Alyssa E. Peek
MASTER COMMISSIONER,
LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT

HON. KATY LAWRENCE
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