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Woman drowns in Southfork, near Beattyville

The Lee County Coroner's Office reports that at approximately 12:15 a.m. on May 10th, Lee County 911 received a report of a person that had fallen in the South Fork of the Kentucky River near Beattyville.

Although resuscitation

efforts were carried out, they were unsuccessful and the individual was pronounced deceased on scene by the Lee County Coroner's Office.

According to Lee County Deputy Coroner Kenneth Lewis, the person in question has been identified of

Kathy Peters, age 70, of Richmond, Kentucky. The cause of death is still under investigation pending autopsy results.

(Lee County Coroner's Office - Coroner Joshua Hagan, Deputy Coroner Kenneth Lewis).



City honors memory of Joanne Dunaway

The Beattyville City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 12th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Scott Jackson, council members Sam Cockerham, Ronnie Stamper, Glenna Cummins, Charlotte Hogan and Mitch Cornelius were in attendance. Council member Savannah Mays was absent.

The first item on the agenda was a Memorial Resolution honoring the Life & Legacy of Joanne Dunaway. Dunaway, a driving force in developing the revitalization of downtown Beattyville, passed away recently. Members of her family were in attendance to accept the Resolution.

Linda Smith informed the Council that the

Louisville Orchestra would be presenting a special concert on Happy Top this Saturday, May 17th at 1 p.m. The concert will feature Grammy Award-winning Music Director Teddy Abrams and acclaimed vocalist La'Shelle Allen. They will do the debut test of their brand-new automated roll-out mobile stage which they will be using in their upcoming concert series which will be at Happy Top on September 12, 2025.

Mike with KRADD gave an update on ongoing projects and grant applications.

Charlene Dunaway and Susan Hobbs addressed the Council requesting a grant for Resurrection Homes "Helping Grand-

mothers" program in the amount of \$15,000. The City Council received \$124,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund and asked for any group needing money that would fit the criteria to present a proposal to the Council. Resurrection Homes was the only organization that applied. Mitch Cornelius made a motion to grant the organization \$20,000 of the funds.

Ronnie Stamper seconded the motion with all voting aye with the exception of Glenna Cummins who refrained from voting.

Other organizations interested in this grant are ask to contact City Hall.

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The Riverside Run (or walk) 5K race was held this past Saturday and began at Town Square. The run was held to benefit the LOVE LOCAL flood relief fund, and was hosted by the LCMHS Track Team, Beattyville Main Street, and Lee County Tourism. Pictured here is the overall winner of the event, Tucker Lyons, and Beattyville Main Street Chairman Allen Begley.



Paddling the North Fork: 35 Miles of Wild Beauty, History, and Coyotes

By Dedra Brandenburg – April 26, 2025

This is a trip I've been thinking about of for a long time.

After years of hearing stories about the North Fork of the Kentucky River—from tales of Devil's Backbone to a mysterious block tower near Log Shoal—I finally got the chance to explore it for myself. Even better, I was joined by two incredible paddlers from the Crazy Kayaking Club in Ohio, Sandra Steel and Shannon Hill. Together, we tackled 35 miles of river over three days, from Vancleve in Breathitt County to Beattyville in Lee County.

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