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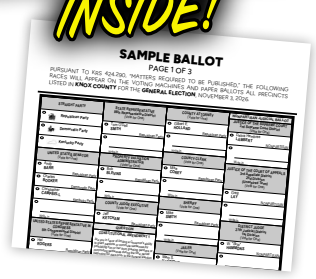
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AN AWARD-WINNING KPA MEMBER NEWSPAPER

Barbourville man dead after shooting at Corbin gas station

Corbin teen charged with murder

By Charles Myrick
Publisher

An 18-year-old Corbin man has been charged with murder following a fatal shooting early Sunday morning outside a convenience store in Knox County.

Mark T. Allen, 18, was arrested Sunday, Oct. 18, and charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of Dustin Deaton outside the Speedy Mart in Corbin, according to a citation filed by the Corbin Police Department.

Police were dispatched to the gas station at approximately 1:24 a.m. after receiving a report of a shooting. When officers arrived, they found Deaton dead with what appeared to be a wound to his chest.

According to the arrest citation, two female witnesses told investigators they had been at the Ice House Bar drinking and that a male subject had been making obscene comments toward one of them. The witnesses said they later stopped at Speedy Mart for gas. One of the women and Deaton walked to the side of the building to smoke.


Mark Allen

The woman with Deaton told police that a gray Dodge Challenger (the arrest citation identified the car as a Challenger, and later as a Charger) pulled up and that she recognized the driver as


Photo from Facebook
Dustin Deaton died early Sunday, October 18, 2026 following a shooting in Corbin.

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FILE PHOTO

City School Celebrates High Marks from Ky. Summative Assessment

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Summative Assessments results released last week reveal the Barbourville Independent School district is in a healthy position to foster the minds of students inside its walls.

Barbourville Elementary received a "Green" rating as a High-Performing School overall, with the Science, Social Studies, and Combined Writing, as well

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KCPS WEBSITE

Three Knox County elementary schools earn top ratings in state assessments

STAFF REPORT

Three Knox County elementary schools have earned the state's highest accountability rating, placing them among Kentucky's top-performing schools, according to assessment data released by the Kentucky Department of Education on Oct. 15.

Jesse D. Lay Elementary, Girdler Elementary and Dewitt Elementary received blue ratings,

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