Teens encouraged to buckle up and stay focused behind the wheel

National Teen Driver Safety Week is Oct. 18-24

Special to the News-Graphic

As National Teen Driver Safety Week approaches, Team Kentucky is joining the national effort to protect young drivers and save lives by encouraging teens to buckle up, stay focused behind the wheel, and talk with their parents about safe driving behaviors.

"Through year-round programs and teen-focused initiatives, we give students opportunities to learn the importance of making safe choices behind the wheel," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. "By giving young people the knowledge and tools they need, we can help keep our people safe and shape better drivers for the future."

The Teen Driver Safety Week campaign, spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), is one of several school and community programs supported by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety to promote safer roadways. Throughout the year, outreach programs and hands-on activities are offered, such as a rollover crash simulator to encourage seat belt use, the Ghost Out program aimed at sober driving, and others.

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Rebecca Goodman
Transportation Cabinet Secretary

These educational campaigns are focused on not only engaging young drivers in highway safety, but also on driving down injuries and fatalities on Kentucky roadways. In September, Team Kentucky announced the winners of the second Safe Teen Driving Challenge – an initiative to promote safe habits in teens across the state by giving personalized driving insights through the DriveWell Go app and reward the top five scorers win sponsored cash prizes.

Over the past three years in Kentucky, there have been more than 49,000 crashes involving a teenage driver, resulting in more than 13,000 injuries and 197 deaths. NHTSA reports that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States. Per mile driven, teens are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.

To help reduce those numbers, teens and their parents are encouraged to discuss safe driving habits such as buckling up, staying focused behind the wheel, obeying speed limits, and avoiding impaired or drowsy driving.

SIX RULES FOR THE ROAD:

1.) Avoid Distracted Driving: Keep your eyes and attention on the road. Avoid texting, phone use, eating, adjusting controls, and other distractions.

2.) Wear Seat Belts: Buckle up on every trip. Seat belts are one of the most effective ways to prevent serious injury or death in a crash.

3.) Minimize Passengers: Having multiple teen passengers increases the chance of risky driving behaviors and fatal crashes.

4.) Obey Speed Limits: Speeding reduces a driver's ability to react and safely navigate unexpected situations.

5.) Drive Sober: Alcohol, marijuana and other drugs can impair judgment, coordination and reaction time. Never drive impaired.

6.) Don't Drive Drowsy: Lack of sleep can slow reaction time and increase the risk of making driving errors. Make sleep a priority before getting behind the wheel.

Public Notice

GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER SERVICE

Accepting bids to construct a pre-engineered metal building

Georgetown Municipal Water & Sewer Service (GMWSS) is accepting sealed bids for the construction of the "2026 Tertiary Filter and UV Pre-Engineered Metal Building" project, which includes the procurement of materials and labor to construct and place into service a pre-engineered metal building, along with all related appurtenances as shown on the drawings and described in the specifications. Sealed Bids shall be submitted to the offices of GMWSS at 1000 W. Main Street, Suite 1, Georgetown, KY 40324, until 2:00 pm local time on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

A digital PDF version of the Request for Proposal that outlines the services requested can be obtained from GMWSS by emailing Jeremy Wood at jwood@gmwss.com. Paper copies may be obtained from GMWSS by calling Jeremy Wood at 502 863 7816 ext. 1206 and scheduling a pickup time. Contractors wishing to inspect the project site should contact Jeremy Wood to schedule a site visit. There will be no site visits after 4 pm Thursday, October 29, 2026.

There will be no pre-bid meeting. Bidding Documents may be examined between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (M – F) at the following location: Offices of GMWSS, 1000 W. Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324.

GMWSS reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

This project is not subject to Federal wage and hour provisions. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Services in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

Bids shall be received as hard copy by mail. The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for 2026 Tertiary Filter and UV Pre-Engineered Metal Building". The bid may be hand delivered or mailed to: Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service, 1000 W Main St, Suite 1, Georgetown, KY 40324.

BLUE GRASS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Seeking vendors for components of the LIHEAP

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SOLICITATION FOR VENDORS

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership (BGCAP) is seeking heating vendors for the subsidy and crisis components of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Vendors are needed for:

Firewood per Cord (4x4x8)
Coal per Ton
Kerosene per Gallon
Fuel oil per Gallon
Propane per Gallon

Timeframe for delivery during LIHEAP crisis:

Household in life-threatening situation - 18 hours

Household in non-life-threatening situation - 48 hours

Interested vendors should contact Kathy Carper, Scott County LIHEAP Lead, at 502-863-9403.

This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GEORGETOWN

Accepting applications for eligible low-income families, persons

PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM WAITING LIST OPENING

The Housing Authority of Georgetown's Public Housing program will be accepting online applications for 0-,1-, 2-, 3-, & 4-bedroom units for eligible low-income families, elderly, & persons with disabilities.

Online applications can be made at https://www.gtownha.org beginning at 8:00 a.m. on 10/21/2026. Online applicants must provide household income information, Social Security Numbers, Birth Certificates, & a valid email address.

Language assistance or reasonable accommodation requests can be made via email at temp@gtownha.org.

GHA is committed to aiding without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, age, source of income, marital or familial status.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Estate and affairs settlements

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

Melissa Karr of 3022 Horsefly Hollow Road, Lebanon Junction, KY 40150 and Shirley Mays of 1727 Hunters Trace, Burlington, KY 41005 were appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Auburn L Hatton on October 12, 2026. The Attorney of record is Richard Wayne Smith of 126 East Main Street, Suite 8, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by April 12, 2027, or forever barred.

Denise L Belcher of 115 Baldwin Terrace, Georgetown, KY 40324 was appointed Conservator in re Mayela Salazar on October 12, 2026. The Attorney of record is Ashely Nicole Larmour of 102 East Main Street, Ste 7, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by April 12, 2027, or forever barred.

Melissa Lee Adams of 2891 Frankfort Road, Georgetown, KY 40324 was appointed Administrator of the estate of Timothy Wayne Sams on October 12, 2026. All claims are to be filed by April 12, 2027, or forever barred.

Darin Heath of 4308 Steamboat Road, Lexington, KY 40514 was appointed Executor of the estate of William Wayne Heath on October 12, 2026. The Attorney of record is Mikel Davis Mckinley Jr of 160 East Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324. All claims are to be filed by April 12, 2027, or forever barred.

Urban Mart to apply for one liquor license by Nov. 20

Urban Mart LLC, mailing address 701 E Main Street, Georgetown, KY 40324, hereby declares intention to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License no later than November 20, 2026. The business to be licensed will be located at 701 E Main Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324 doing business as Urban Mart. The owner is Surinderpal Singh of 1900 Garden Springs Drive, Apt 61, Lexington, Kentucky, 40504. Any person may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Examination of all Election Day voting machines Oct. 20

The Scott County Board of Elections shall examine all Election Day voting machines on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at 9:30am for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. Examination of voting machines will take place at the Sheriff's/County Clerk's Branch Building located at 240 Caleb Conley Way, Georgetown.

Following KRS 117.165(3) Any candidate, one representative of each political party having candidates to be voted for at the election, and representatives of the news media may be present.

The boards regular monthly meeting will follow the inspection to discuss any new developments regarding the upcoming election.



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Wedding
Watson, Stewart
Stephanie Watson and Andrew Stewart were married Nov. 1, 2008, at Christ Episcopal Church in Madison, Ind. with the Rev. Rick Draper and deacon John Calandrella officiating.
The bride is the daughter of Allen and Nancy Watson, of Madison, Ind.
The groom is the son of Stephen and Jacqueline Stewart, of Georgetown.
The bridesmaids were Jordyn Watson, Katianne Kietzman, Kammie Martinez and Kelly Penewit.
The flower girl was Harper Watson, daughter of Chris and Jennifer W... of M...
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Stephanie Watson and Andrew Stewart
...art, son of Brent and Angie Stewart, of Georgetown.
A reception followed the ceremony at the Cliffy Falls State Park Overlook Room.
Following a honeymoon trip to Nevis, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Georgetown.
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Deadline is Friday by 4:00 p.m. for the following week's Friday publication.

(Example: If submitted by 4:00 on Friday, May 1, announcement will run in Friday, May 8, paper.)

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