

Wrong side of road, wrong side of law

Celaya drives into oncoming traffic, runs from deputies

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A drunk driver has been charged with evading arrest after he tried to get away from deputies while driving the wrong-side of the road.

The suspect, Nelson Ramos Celaya, 31, is charged with driving under the influence and evading arrest.

His charges come after deputies were dispatched to Nashville Highway to investigate a call of a motorist driving in the wrong lane of traffic. One of the responding deputies intercepted Celaya who was in fact driving into oncoming traffic, traveling on the wrong side of the four-lane highway.

The officer fell in behind the suspect and tried to pull him over but Celaya refused to stop. He continued driving in



CELAYA

the wrong lane until he found a business on West Broad and turned into the driveway. However, he was stopped by a security gate and was caught by the pursuing deputy.

Celaya smelled of alcohol and was unsteady on his feet and did poorly on his field sobriety test. When asked if he had been drinking, Celaya said he had drunk three beers about 30 minutes prior to leading officers on the chase.



Beth and Darrell Gill are heading up Leadership DeKalb 2019. Applications are now available.

Leadership DeKalb returns

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Members of past Leadership DeKalb classes, Darrell and Beth Gill are making good on a promise they made at the chamber banquet earlier this year by resurrecting Leadership DeKalb.

“We are excited to announce that the applications for Leadership DeKalb for 2019 are out and about for those who are interested,” said Darrell Gill who will be heading the leadership class with his wife, Beth.

Leadership DeKalb is an adult leadership enhancement program. This program is for individuals who are, or show the desire to be, community trustees. Participants will study the county in-depth, strengthen leadership skills, and build a network with fellow leaders through Leadership DeKalb classmates, alumni, presenters and current leaders in business, services and in the community.

The class leaders, Darrell and Beth Gill have had the privilege of being lifelong residents of Dekalb County. Darrell was raised in Smithville while Beth was raised in Alexandria. The Gills graduated from DeKalb County High School where they met. They have two sons, Eli and Noah. Beth has been a dental hygienist in our community since 1995. She works at DeKalb Dental Center LLC.

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Happy homecoming



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The DeKalb County Middle School homecoming queen and court were announced before Thursday's night's homecoming game against Smith County. Members of the homecoming court included, from left, Aly Griffith, Kayleigh Overstreet, Morgan Walker, Homecoming Queen Kylee Cantrell, Carlee West, Elaina Turner and Cadee Griffith.

DCMS caps festivities with big win

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DeKalb County Middle School celebrated homecoming the right way, naming Kylee Cantrell as Saints homecoming queen in pre-game ceremonies and then taking to the gridiron to claim a blowout win over Smith County.

Cantrell, an eighth grader at DeKalb

Middle School, is the daughter of Paul and Michelle Cantrell. She was joined in her court of Saints by eighth-grade attendants Morgan Walker, daughter of Jason and Renee Walker; and Carlee West, daughter of D.J. and Megan Stewart.

The seventh-grade attendants were Cadee Griffith, daughter of Chris and Jennifer Griffith; and Elaina Turner, daughter of Shane and Regina Turner.

From DeKalb West seventh-grade

attendants were Kayleigh Overstreet, daughter of Jennifer Johnson and the late Billy Overstreet. The DeKalb West eighth-grade attendant was Aly Griffith, daughter of Ron and Mindy Griffith.

The Saints won homecoming, taming the Owls 34-8 following a second half explosion by the Saint offense.

Full coverage of the homecoming game can be found in the sports section.

Public invited to iGuardian seminar

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The public is invited to attend an eye-opening seminar Tuesday focusing on modern facts of life that many people may not want to hear.

“The intended audience is adults,” the announcement from Homeland Security Investigations warned in announcing its iGuardian seminar to be held at the DeKalb County Complex auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4. “Some of the content discussed will include sexting, sextortion, teen suicide, dark net child pornography sites and apps used by kids to meet predators.”

The presenters note that if children do accompany their parents,

the child should at least be high school age.

The event is meant to provide a warning to parents about the perils being faced online and in everyday life by many children and the threats that are posed.

“HSI is committed to combating the sexual exploitation of children; as such, investigations of child sexual exploitation are among HSI’s primary investigative priorities. The sexual abuse of children impacts the most vulnerable segment of our society,” the announcement reads. “HSI recognizes the importance of education and community awareness regarding the dangers of online activity.”

The group believes that being forewarned is being forearmed when it comes to keeping children

safe from online predators.

“Project iGuardian aims to counter a disturbing fact: many online child predators are able to find victims online because children are not aware of how dangerous online environments can be,” the announcement reads. “HSI believes that providing children, teens, parents and teachers with information regarding the dangers of online environments and how to stay safe online can help prevent many instances of this crime”

HSI has partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children’s NetSmartz and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces to develop Project iGuardian. An event was held at the DeKalb Middle School this past week aimed at a younger audience.



She flips for football

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DeKalb County High School cheerleader Natalie Snipes executes a back flip on the sidelines at Friday night's football game.

