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Leah Carter of Gamaliel was missing for five days after her car was swept off Earl and Larry Lyons Bridge Rd on New Year's Eve. Her body was located on Saturday by civilian volunteers searching the banks of East Fork Creek and Barren River.

PHOTO/Leah Carter's Facebook

“She had big dreams, she was the sweetest, most generous person I had ever met.”

~Mariel Bartley (via Social Media)

Civilian volunteers locate missing body of Gamaliel woman

“It’s been a hard week for everybody,”

Monroe Sheriff
Roger Dale “Frog” Ford



Volunteers signing in at the Gamaliel Fire Hall to help search for Leah Carter.

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Judith Weckman and Ki from the Kentucky Search Dog Association before leaving out on Saturday to search for Leah Carter around the East Fork Creek.

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A civilian volunteer assisting in search efforts kneels to touch the water moments before Carter's body had been found.

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Five days of searching for a missing Gamaliel woman came to a tragic end on Saturday when her body was found after her car had been swept away by flash flood waters.

Leah Carter, 19, was traveling on Lyons Road near Gamaliel when she called 911 around 7:00 PM on December 31. She told dispatch that her car had stalled as she attempted to cross the flooded Earl and Larry Lyons Bridge. Carter's car was swept into East Fork Creek.

Local Fire and Rescue, as well as Law Enforcement personnel, responded immediately and began searching for Carter.

Her vehicle was found 500-yards downstream from the bridge around 5:30 AM the next morning after the water levels decreased by 10-feet throughout the night.

Emergency personnel actively searched by air, water, and land with the Monroe County Emergency Management leading

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Volunteers at Gamaliel Fire Hall preparing to head out in search of Leah Carter.

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