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## Man found after three days



Photos by Crystal Cecil

Emergency personnel work to rescue Henry Edwards, 57, late Monday morning from the embankment behind Limestone Bank on Hodgenville Avenue. Edwards, who was on a motorized wheelchair, is believed to have fallen over the bluff sometime Friday evening. A family member located him Monday shortly after 9:30 a.m. Edwards is being treated at University of Louisville Hospital, according to a family member, for severe dehydration, pneumonia, abdominal issues and more. Family says that while Edwards survived the excessive weekend heat and storms, he has a long road to recovery.



## County gets flex funds for road use

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The Green County Fiscal Court, at its regular called meeting July 18, authorized Judge-Executive John Frank to execute an agreement between the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, and Fiscal Court regarding the acquisition of flex funds totaling \$141,946 to be used for the resurfacing of various county roads.

These include: Akin, .318 mile; Center-Crail Hope, .099; Cotton Chaudoin, .573; Dennis Milby Ln., .284; Grover Givens, .852; Handy, .354; M. Jones, .419; and Ollie Shuffett, .208.

"These funds, although not a huge amount of money, will certainly help," Judge-Executive Frank said. "These funds will be used to resurface several smaller roads throughout the county and will allow the Fis-

cal Court to concentrate on other roads in need of resurfacing."

In other business, the Court approved:

-A resolution regarding Flex Funds;

-The acceptance of Excess Fees from the Green County Clerk in the amount of \$54,772.24; and,

-To begin the process toward closure of Sanford Bailey Road and the appointment of viewers.

Magistrates also acknowledged the tax rate for the Green County Public Health Taxing District for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The rates, the same as last fiscal year, will be .034 per \$100 of assessed valuation for all personal property and .034 per \$100 assessed valuation for all motor vehicles.

Judge-Executive Frank brought before the Court the need to purchase cameras to help alleviate the problem of missing road signs and illegal dumps throughout the county.

## Be careful, use caution

A local man was rescued in Greensburg Monday after he fell down an embankment while riding on his motorized scooter, wheelchair, whatever you want to call it.... He fell Friday evening I am told. Three days. He was there for THREE days.

While in bad shape, he SURVIVED and is currently at the University of Louisville Hospital.

The embankment, right behind Limestone Bank, where East and West Hodgenville Avenues meet, is a steep one. Goose Creek runs through there and it's a nice little thicket of trees and brush.

I have run by the spot several times and I swear I have thought to myself, "If I ever fell down there, no one would ever find me."

A dangerous area for people on foot, bike, etc, motorists often drive too fast through there. If someone were to look down, say... at their cell phone, they could easily hit a pedestrian. Because the person on foot has no where to go.

I have no idea how the gentlemen fell down the embankment. It could have been a vehicle, it could have been a number of things.

Regardless, he is a lucky man. Tempera-



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tures hovered near 100 Saturday with the heat index making it feel 110+... storms came in. It's amazing.

The family member who found him told me his recovery will take awhile. He is severely dehydrated which has caused muscle deterioration. He also is having some major kidney issues, pneumonia and blood in his abdomen, along with several abrasions to his body.

Say a prayer if you will. God sure had a reason to keep him alive.

My point of this, other than generic panic I personally feel, is to raise a bit of caution.

Slow down. Watch for pedestrians. Watch for other motorists.

If you're walking, running, riding... take the safe route, even if it's a bit longer.

Instead of trekking up that hill, or down it, I'll scoot on over and take the walking bridge. The scenery is better there anyway.

Check on neighbors and friends.

And, no matter which route you take, let someone know where you're going.

Be safe, friends.

## Fugitive found at GR Lake WMA

SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Acting on a tip, a Kentucky conservation officer found and arrested a federal fugitive at a wildlife management area in south central Kentucky.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Conservation Officer Cody Berry arrested Jeffery Pratt, 41, Lexington, July 13 at Green River

Lake Wildlife Management Area.

U.S. Marshals and the Federal Bureau of Investigation sought Pratt on a federal probation warrant for bank robbery and state probation and parole violations.

Berry received a tip that Pratt had been seen near the Wilson Creek section of the WMA. Berry visited the area and saw a man

who matched Pratt's description. Pratt fled into a wooded area but was quickly arrested. The Taylor County Sheriff's Department assisted in the effort.

Pratt was taken to the Taylor County Detention Center. He faces multiple additional charges, including fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and drug parapher-

nal and possessing a prescribed controlled substance in an improper container.

"Green River Lake WMA is routinely patrolled by conservation officers in an effort to keep them family friendly," said Col. Eric Gibson, Law Enforcement Division director for KDFW. "Officer Berry's actions helped keep GRL WMA a safe place to recreate."

## Guthrie works to end surprise medical billing

Congressman Guthrie supported these bills at a full House Energy and Commerce Committee markup yesterday. Now that they have been approved by the full committee, they will advance to House floor for vote by the full House of Representatives.

"The last thing a family should be worried about when they seek medical treatment is receiving a bill that costs thousands more than they were prepared to spend on health care," Congressman Guthrie said. "I was proud to support the No Surprises Act yesterday to end the practice

of surprise medical billing. I look forward to voting for the No Surprises Act and our other health care bills on the House floor."

The bipartisan No Surprises Act (H.R. 3630) will end the practice of surprise medical billing by ensuring that patients are held harmless and protected from surprise medical bills.

"Too often, patients can do their due diligence to ensure their provider is in-network, only to be hit with a surprise medical bill down the line," said Guthrie.

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## Church vandalism



Green County Sheriff's Department photo

Vandals struck New Salem Baptist Church near Donansburg July 5, damaging a message board and uprooting nearby road signs. Perhaps inspired by the History Channel's "Vikings" and the exploits of Ragnar Lothbrok, known for legendary raids on European monasteries, the criminals, either lacking moxie, or just plain evil, chose to attack a church on a lonely stretch of road where they were unlikely to be noticed. Police are asking anyone who saw anything out of the ordinary during that time, or anyone with information about the crime, to contact the Green County Sheriff's Department at 270-932-5641 or the Green County E-911 Center at 270-932-4911.