## RECOVERY,

The journey to its recovery has been one of the longest-living legends of the lake.

Many have tried unsuccessfully to find the helicopter in the deep, dark waters of Lake Cumberland.

Among those attempting was YouTube sensation Adventures with Purpose, a volunteer diving group who visited Lake Cumberland last year to search for the downed, Robinson R22 chopper.

(Adventures with Purpose is credited with finding missing teen Kiely Rodni in a California reservoir last month.)

Helm said people searching for the helicopter were basically looking in the wrong area.

He told friend Chris Money, a well-known, accomplished local diver, "exactly where I saw it go down."

"We've talked about it on and off," Money said. "There's always been a lot of interest...and excitement over trying to find the copter."

A circle of acquaintances and people interested in finding the wreckage included Alex Ashley, a Liberty businessman intrigued by the crash since a youngster.

In hopes of finding

the wreckage, Ashley purchased a boat equipped with specialized sonar equipment.

A crack team including Ashley, Money, Money's teenage daughter, Arianna, (an advanced open water certified diver), and Nicholasville fire fighters Matt McDaniel, and Jerry Stephens came together to make a historic discovery on the bottom of the lake.

Using two boats and scanning equipment, nearly 20 hours of searching provided a "hit" which "piqued our interest," Money said.

"My daughter and I were actually the first ones to dive down and lay hands on it," Money said, excitedly describing the moment. "Our (diving) fins actually hit the rotors...we were right on top of it."

The discovery was made over 100 feet below the surface.

But the annual Poker Run - an event which brings thousands to Lake Cumberland - was about to begin.

"So we were going around like this," Money said, holding his forefinger to his lips in the sign of a "secret."

Work began in earnest after the Poker Run ended, and the lake cleared of choppy water and traffic.

Money admits much time, effort, and

emotion was involved in the retrieval.

"This is something people have talked about for 20 years," he said. "And to realize we found it...it was just an incredible feeling."

Money said although the crew was small, "each person involved from the ashes.

"I was one of the last people to see it go down, and one of the first to see it come up," Helm said after helping secure the wreckage to a waiting trailer.

Even with a warped propeller, missing tailpiece, and barnacles



An eerie image from an underwater video confirmed a Robinson "R22" helicopter had been found. (Photo submitted)

had a specific skill set that contributed to the recovery."

"It was just a terrific team," he said. "Everyone was dedicated, determined, and professional."

Using lift equipment and a "slow tow" method, the helicopter was transported from the retrieval site to Halcomb's Landing at the Wolf Creek Dam last Tuesday.

Smiles, slaps on the backs, and heads shaking in amazement greeted "R22" as it was brought to the surface like a phoenix rising attached, "R22" is a thing of beauty to its rescuers.

Money said the helicopter is in surprisingly good condition considering resting at the bottom of the lake for 20 years.

An official report by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said on September 7, 2002, at around 12:30 p.m., "a Robinson R-22B...was substantially damaged after it impacted a lake and sank while maneuvering near Jamestown, Kentucky."

Two people in the

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helicopter, a "certificated commercial pilot and passenger were not injured," the report said.

"According to a Federal Aviation Administration inspector, the helicopter was being utilized by a photographer to take pictures of boats during a race conducted on Lake Cumberland," the NTSB said. "The pilot said the helicopter was about 200 feet above the lake, and he had been flying for more than an hour, when he spotted a boat that was not previously photographed. The pilot made a left turn and began a decent to keep pace with the boat. He further stated, '...I noticed an abnormal sink rate and put in aft cyclic. The rate did not arrest, so I brought in more aft cyclic along with collective power. As I came into about 50 to 100 feet...I heard a low RPM warning horn. I continued to slow the [helicopter], while rolling on throttle. The descent rate brought the (helicopter) in contact with the water.' "

"The helicopter sank and came to rest at a depth of about 115 feet," the report said. "It was not recovered."

"The pilot reported approximately 1,437 hours of total, rotorcraft flight experience, which included about 650 hours in make and model," NTSB documentation said.
"The helicopter was
maintained under a
manufacturer's inspection program, and
was inspected the day
before the accident.
It had been operated
about seven hours since
the inspection. The helicopter was manufactured in 2001 and had
accumulated about 505
hours since new."

In what is labeled as "NTSB Probable Cause," the report cited alleged "pilot's failure to maintain the proper descent rate, which resulted in low rotor rpm and a collision with water."

As can easily be imagined, speculation on the Internet about the crash included conjecture such as the chopper possibly being affected by a "rooster tail" from a nearby boat.

Eyewitness Helm described the incident as a "gradual crash," and he, like many others, was amazed the occupants escaped serious injury.

will hopefully be featured on YouTube in the future.

"And there are some

Money said the story

of the historic retrieval

other projects our team is looking at," he said.

Immediate plans for

the wreckage are not known, but after two decades, this marine "mystery" is solved.



## Grow Your Business With Us!

## CREELSBORO,

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11 a.m. - Video
Presentation:
Creelsboro and
the Cumberland,
A Living History
- to be held at the
Creelsboro Nazarene
Church

Noon - Free, LIVE music from the The Winding Creek Studio Band

3 p.m. - Raffle

Drawings for items donated by sponsors

Participants can walk through "downtown" Creelsboro and may catch a glimpse of namesake founder "Elijah Creel" in period costume.

For more information, visit www. CreelsboroFestival.

ORDINANCE NO: 2022-005

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY LICENSE FEE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022- 2023.

WHEREAS, the City of Jamestown, Kentucky {hereinafter "City") is authorized to impose a regulatory license fee on the sale of alcoholic beverages of each establishment therein licensed to sell alcoholic beverages pursuant to the KRS 243.075 and City of Jamestown Ordinance 2021-006; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the regulatory license fee revenues from the prior fiscal year as well as the expenditures related to the additional policing, regulatory and administrative expenses related to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the current regulatory license fees are reasonably estimated to somewhat reimburse the City for the additional policing, regulatory and administrative expenses related to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Jamestown, Kentucky, as follows:

<u>SECTION ONE:</u> The regulatory license fee shall be five percent  $\{5\%\}$  of gross sales of all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink. In the case of retail sales of package distilled spirits and wine, the regulatory license fee shall be five percent  $\{5\%\}$  of gross sales. The regulatory license fee shall be five percent  $\{5\%\}$  on gross retail sales of package malt beverages.

<u>SECTION TWO:</u> If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason declared illegal, unconstitutional, or otherwise invalid, such declaration shall not affect the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Ordinance is in conflict with provisions of existing Ordinances or laws, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Jamestown, Kentucky, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern, and such provisions in existing Ordinances or Laws in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

GIVEN FIRST READING AND PASSED AUGUST 18th 2012

GIVEN SECOND READING AND PASSED Soften by 15th 2022

PUBLISHED September 22nd 2022

APPROVED:

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Tyler McGowan, CITY CLERK

ATTEST:

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-003

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2017-009, relating to the garbage rates for residential and commercial customers of the City of Jamestown.

The City Council of Jamestown, Kentucky does ordain as follows:

Section I:

That Section I of Ordinance 2017-009 passed on January 18, 2018 is hereby amended to read as follows.

- 1. The charge for collection and disposal of garbage is hereby established at \$14.00 per month for each family and each residence, and each apartment within a residence, and each apartment within a residence shall constitute a separate family and shall be billed regardless of whether water and sewer services are used. The rate for any apartment shall be same as the rate for a one-family dualities.
- 2. All house trailers with the city limits shall be charge the rate of \$14.00 per month.
- 3. Residents who live outside the city limits and for whom the City provides garbage collection services shall be charged \$18.00 per month and a maximum of three (3) thirty (30) gallon cans or bags per pickup.

Section II:

- 1. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after November 1st 2022.
- 2. No other provisions of Ordinance 2017-009 passed January  $18,\,2018$  are affected by the passage of this Ordinance.

Mayor, Regena Hinton

Attest: City Clerk, Tyler McGowan

First Reading: HV5V5

September 15th 2022