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Livingston officially designated as a Kentucky Trail Town

First Lady Jane Beshear visited Livingston Tuesday to formally announce the city's designation as a Kentucky Trail Town. More than thirty communities in Kentucky have started the application process to become a Trail Town. Livingston officially became the second Trail Town in the state behind Dawson Springs. As a Trail Town, Livingston will receive marketing assistance from the state as the city will now be highlighted as a Trail Town on state maps, websites, visitor's guides and other state promotion material.

First Lady Jane Beshear announces Livingston as a Kentucky Trail Town

First Lady Jane Beshear came to Livingston on Tuesday to officially designate the city as a Kentucky Trail Town during a ceremony at the Trailhead Center in Memorial Park.

The Kentucky Trail Town Program is designed to help connect communities to trail systems and develop the locations as tourist destinations. The program helps communities improve their local tourism economies by guiding travelers to trails, food, lodging, campgrounds, museums, entertainment and other services.

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Beshear said Livingston is a perfect community for a Trail Town as it is near several outdoor attractions, including the Rockcastle River, Red Hill Horse Camp, Daniel Boone National Forest, Sheltowee Trace and various other hiking/biking trails. She also said Livingston has an excellent visitor center inside a classroom of the former Livingston Elementary School building.

"Livingston is a great example of a Trail Town with its

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London woman charged with impersonating a nurse at Rockcastle Regional last Saturday

By: Doug Ponder

A London woman was arrested at Rockcastle Regional Hospital last Saturday and charged with impersonating a nurse.

Arrested at the scene was Samantha Rose Key, 40.

According to Mt. Vernon Police reports, Officer Ryan Messenger responded to the hospital after he received a call from an ER nurse about a female who was dressed in scrubs and posing as a nurse at the hospital.

Once Messenger arrived, he found Key getting off an elevator dressed in blue scrubs. When he asked to see her hospital employee ID, she handed him a fake hand-written ID badge.

The management team at Rockcastle Regional Hospital told Messenger that she was not an employee and that there

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Rockcastle Grand Jury indicts twelve

Twelve indictments were handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury last Friday, primarily on drug-related charges.

Indicted were:

Randi Faye Saylor, 37, of Albright Street in Brodhead was indicted for promoting contraband, first

degree, stemming from an incident in January of 2012. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property;

Bryan K. Hammons, 36,

of Carter Drive in Mt. Vernon, was indicted for the offense of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, involving Oxycodone, also stemming from an incident in January of 2012. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Three men were named in separate indictments on charges of trafficking in a controlled substance and all their bonds were set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Charged with the offense of trafficking were:

Aaron Lowell Blackburn, 35, of Bullock Lane in Livingston with trafficking in Oxycodone and Morphine, schedule II narcotics. The offense occurred in August of 2012; Cole T. Hammond, 27,

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Several Fourth of July celebrations this weekend

Fourth of July fun seekers will have a busy weekend coming up with three different celebrations planned on Saturday and

Sunday.

The Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department will kick-off the celebrations this Saturday

with their annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Quail Fire Station on Hwy 70.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will feature musical entertainment by Level Green, Julie Hines and Jennifer Bishop White. There will also be food and drinks for sale and door prizes will be given away. The fireworks display will be held after dark.

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Man arrested after threats against social workers and Family Court Judge

A Livingston man was arrested Tuesday morning for intimidation of a judicial officer and intimidation of a participant in the legal process after he made death threats against a judge and social workers.

Arrested was Bradley Thomas Wesley, 28, of Livingston.

According to state police reports, the series of events began on June 5th when a Rockcastle County Family Preservation worker responded to a complaint of child abuse at Wesley's residence. Once the worker arrived, they noticed cigarette burns on Wesley's 4-year-old son.

The Family Preservation worker then notified social services who performed a follow-up visit last Friday at Wesley's home. However, before social service workers entered the residence, Wesley told them to leave and that he would kill them, the family preservation worker and Family Court Judge Steve Hurt if any of them tried to take his children away from him.

Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds then issued a warrant for Wesley's arrest after the death threats he made last Friday. When Trooper

Adam Childress went to Wesley's residence last Saturday, he couldn't find him and no one knew of his whereabouts.

Wesley remained on the run until Childress received an anonymous tip that he was going to show up to family court at the

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County worker injured in lawn mower accident

A Rockcastle County Road Department worker was injured Tuesday afternoon when the tractor mower he was operating rolled over an embankment on Todd Street in Livingston.

County worker Danny Mize was mowing the side of the road on Todd Street when he reportedly ran over a covered tree stump, causing him and the lawn tractor to flip over an embankment.

Mize was transported by ambulance to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was treated for shoulder and back pain and later released.

The damage caused to the County's tractor mower was unknown at the time of publication.



A black bear made its way through Mt. Vernon on Hwy 25 Sunday morning before climbing a 200 foot cliff and returning to the woods. Rockcastle 911 received numerous calls around 8 a.m. of a black bear walking along Hwy 25 near Kwik Mart. When police and game wardens arrived on the scene, the bear had climbed halfway up the side of the rock cliff below Bible Baptist Church and McGuire Subdivision. Authorities shut down Hwy 25 in both directions between the driveway of Bible Baptist Church and McGuire Lane because they were afraid the bear would fall or come down off the side of the cliff possibly causing a vehicle accident. After lying down for thirty minutes, the bear began to move around and eventually found a way to scale the 200 foot cliff. The bear then ran through numerous yards in McGuire Subdivision before returning to the woods.

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