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# County seeks federal grant to renovate Collier Center

Public hearing Aug. 22

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INEZ — The Martin County Fiscal Court plans to apply for federal funding to renovate the Roy F. Collier Community Center and will hold a public hearing to gather input from residents before submitting the application.

The hearing is scheduled for noon Friday, Aug. 22, in the Martin County Judge/Executive's office at 42 E. Main Street in Inez. Citizens may attend in person or join virtually via Zoom. According to a public notice published Aug.

13 in the Mountain Citizen, the county intends to seek funding through the Kentucky Department for Local Government's 2025 Community Development Block Grant Community Projects Program. The CDBG program

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Roy F. Collier Community Center in Inez. (Citizen photo by Roger Smith)

## Brawl leads to damaged police cruisers, arrests

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INEZ — A domestic fight in the middle of the road early Tuesday spiraled into a confrontation with Martin County Sheriff's deputies, leaving two cruisers damaged and prompting multiple assault charges, officials said.

Deputy Jameson Wall responded to Little Laurel Creek in Inez around 1:40 a.m. after a caller reported a man and a woman fighting in the road. Upon arrival, he found Teresa Marcum, 46, of Ohio, sitting in the street "under the influence." As he approached, rustling in the nearby woods drew his



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Construction of a porch on the old Martin County Courthouse Annex continued Tuesday morning. (Citizen photo by Roger Smith)

## Porch project on old courthouse paves way for 'General Store'

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INEZ — A porch rising on the old Martin County Courthouse Annex is a step toward turning the historic space into a general store where local farmers, food producers and artisans can sell their goods,

officials say. Martin County Deputy Judge/Executive Carolea Mills noted that the county is paying to heat and cool the space that once served as the Martin County Clerk's Office deed room, and recently put a new

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CJ Solar is the Harvest Fest headliner this year. (Courtesy photo)

## Harvest Fest to bring biggest carnival ever

### Parade, music hitmaker CJ Solar, Treasure Hunt

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INEZ — The countdown is on to Martin County's biggest festival of the year and organizers say the 2025 Harvest Festival is shaping up to be the most exciting yet. With two full days of live music headlined by country hitmaker CJ Solar, plus a jam-packed carnival with more rides than ever before, a vendor market and

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The Harvest Fest will feature a carousel that can accommodate folks of all sizes.

## Property owners get two weeks to inspect tax roll

BY ROGER SMITH  
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INEZ — Martin County property owners will have from Aug. 18 to Sept. 2 to review and, if neces-

sary, challenge the values placed on their real estate for the 2025 tax year.

Bobby E. Hale Jr., the county's property valuation administrator, said the real property tax roll

— reflecting values as of Jan. 1 — will be open for inspection at the PVA office in the Martin County Government Center. The office will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Telephone appointments are available by calling 606-298-2807.

State law requires that

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## Six indicted

Child rape, sodomy among charges

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INEZ — A Martin County grand jury returned six indictments Aug. 7, including five counts of child rape, child sodomy, unlawful transaction with a minor, metal theft and assault.

Tommy L. Bowens, 35, of Tomahawk, is charged with five counts of second-degree rape and one count of second-degree sodomy.

The indictment alleges that between Oct. 1, 2024, and Feb. 28, 2025, Bowens, while being at least 18 years old and in a position of authority, engaged in sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 14 on five separate occasions. It also alleges that he engaged in deviate sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 14. His bail is set at \$25,000.

Cheryl A. Rogers, 49, of Tomahawk, is charged with first-degree unlawful transac-

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