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Sealed bids for **Smokey Creek Road Water Main Relocation** project for Rattlesnake Ridge Water District will be received at the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District office located at 5302 South State Highway 7, Grayson, Kentucky 41143 until **11 a.m., Local Time, October 24, 2025** and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The program of work for which bids are to be submitted consists of the relocation of approximately 360 L.F. of 8" HDPE Water Main as shown on the Drawings and described in the Specifications for the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District, Smokey Creek Road Water Main Relocation

Copies of the Drawings, in full size and the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC, 222 East Main Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324, Phone 859-749-5420, upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of \$150.00 for complete set of plans and contract documents for either a hard copy or an electronic copy in PDF format. **All qualified bidders must purchase a set of plans and specifications and must be listed as a plan holder by the plan distributor, Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC.**

Bidding Documents also may be examined at Rattlesnake Ridge Water District, 5302 South State Highway 7, Grayson, Kentucky on Mondays through Thursdays between the office hours of 9 am to 4 pm.

Upon request and receipt of the document amount indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

All bids must be made on the required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals.

The project is being funded by KYTC funds.

No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual date of bid opening.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Orders No. 11246 and No. 11375 and any amendments or supplements to those Executive Orders.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color, creed, or national origin.

Minorities and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids on this project.

The Contract will be awarded on the basis of the low evaluated responsive, responsible, best and qualified bidder unless all bids are rejected.

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason deemed advisable by Rattlesnake Ridge Water District, Grayson, Kentucky. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Sealed Bid for **Smokey Creek Road Water Main Relocation** for the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District, 5302 South State Highway 7, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. If Bids are to be mailed, they should be mailed to: Rattlesnake Ridge Water District, PO Box 475, Grayson, Kentucky 41143. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid.

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE WATER DISTRICT
Steve Ison, Chairman
Advertisement Date: October 15, 2025

Lunch from A-5

enough left over to buy another overpriced sandwich for tomorrow's lunch.

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Love from A-5

distractions from my classes and golf, but rather they were distractions from our conversations.

Eventually, I did the unthinkable and asked to meet. To my surprise, she agreed to hang out together in her dorm. Her friends checked in often, making sure she was safe from the "random internet boy." I didn't mind. Their concern meant she was someone worth protecting.

From that night forward, I'm not sure we've gone a single day without talking. That online chat became my true origin story. I soon could easily time the drive to Georgetown. Career plans shifted. Before long, I was picking out China patterns and looking at house plans with someone who had soon before been just words on a screen.

It's now been more than 25 years since I met Erin Scott, and 22 since she took my name at the altar. Together we've shared joys, sorrows, two remarkable children, and

the daily rhythm of life. Logically, I know the odds are slim that one person could simultaneously be the kindest, funniest, most compassionate, and most beautiful woman alive. Yet, in my heart, I know it's true.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians describe love as patient, kind, not envious or boastful, never conceited or selfish. I believe all of that. But I've also learned that love can be clumsy, stubborn, moody, independent, charming hilarious, and deeply faithful.

So when Haddaway asked, "What is Love?" I think of Justice Potter Stewart's famous line about obscenity: he couldn't define it, but he knew it when he saw it. I know love every time I see Erin Scott Druen, and miss her when I'm not in the room with her, and my soul is filled with a love unlike any other I ever will experience.

My hope is simply that others may be just as fortunate.

Rep. Massie introduces bill to protect Americans from federally funded propaganda

Washington, D.C.- Today, Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY) introduced HR 5704, the Repeal the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013, to protect American audiences from the domestic dissemination of federally funded propaganda by the State Department, the United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM), and their component networks.

"The 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act, legislation that ended a prohibition on the federal government exposing American audiences

to its propaganda," said Rep. Thomas Massie. "I voted against that NDAA, and I offered an amendment to the 2026 NDAA to reinstate the original prohibition, but Speaker Johnson blocked a vote. The Smith-Mundt Modernization Act needs to be repealed. Taxpayer-funded fake news should not be used by the federal government to wage influence campaigns against the American people."

The Repeal the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013:

- Repeals the 2013 Smith-Mundt Modernization Act to restore the longstanding firewall prohibiting

federal domestic propaganda.

- Stops the domestic dissemination of propaganda by the State Department, United States Agency for Global Media, and their component networks.

- Creates a secure mechanism for oversight by allowing Members of Congress and accredited media to review propaganda materials sent overseas, without enabling those materials to be exploited against the American people.

- Prevents clandestine online influence operations by prohibiting the State Department and USAGM from creating covert

social media accounts, websites, or podcasts to target Americans.

- Requires archiving of propaganda materials at the National Archives with 20 years of delayed public access and added disclaimers identifying both the U.S. government as the source of the materials and also the foreign audience for which the materials were intended.

Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) is an original cosponsor and co-lead of the Repeal the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013.

Family from A-5

I believe that whoever is budgeting and forecasting in CHFS needs to get a new calculator and practice using a

megaphone. Consider more voices in the room before proclaiming decisions. This work impacts the lives of thousands of

vulnerable human beings. Don't cut the "families" out of family services.

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SPORTS

Comets dominate in District opener

51-6 Win Over Jackson County

By Brayleigh Boggs
Carter County Times

The West Carter Comets came out strong in their first 2A District 6 matchup Friday night, setting the tone early and never letting up in a commanding 51-6 victory over Jackson County.

West Carter wasted no time putting points on the board. After pinning Jackson deep on the opening kickoff, Trip Lemaster (23) broke through for a safety, giving the Comets a quick 2-0 lead. On the ensuing possession, West Carter capitalized on the field position. Starting at the Jackson 22-yard line, Nate Hale (24) punched it in from 28 yards out for the first touchdown of the night. With the extra point good, the Comets led 9-0.

Jackson County struggled to find momentum, starting their next drive deep in their own territory. A false start penalty and a strong defensive stand forced another punt, which Westin Kiser (3) fielded with a fair catch at the 37.

Peyton Walker (22) opened the drive with an 8-yard gain on the ground, but a penalty pushed the Comets back. Despite the setback, Hale broke loose for a big run, only to fumble, giving Jackson County a rare opportunity. That momentum was short-lived, however, as a block in the back penalty pushed the Generals into a 2nd-and-long situation. On the very next play, Walker made up for the earlier penalty by coming up with an interception.

Capitalizing quickly, quarterback Hayden Hall (15) connected with Kadin Thompson (1) for a 25-yard touchdown strike, extending the lead to 16-0.

The Comets' defense continued to shut down Jackson County's offense, forcing another punt. Kiser sparked the next series with a big gain, followed by another 15-yard burst on the ground. Hall and Hale each chipped in rushing yards before Hale capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, bringing the score to 24-0.

Jackson County's struggles continued as Kiser snagged an interception



West Carter's Nate Hall runs the ball. (Photo by Brayleigh Boggs)

shortly after the kickoff, then followed it up with a 21-yard run and another touchdown carry, making it 30-0.

With time winding down in the first half, West Carter remained relentless. Hall connected with Kiser on a 22-yard screen pass, and after a false start set them back, Hall found Walker for another touchdown through the air. The Comets took a 37-0 lead.

After a Jackson County punt, Hall aired it out once

more, finding Landon Callihan (11) deep for a 45-yard touchdown to push the lead to 44-0.

Late in the game, West Carter began rotating in younger players, but the offense didn't slow down. Weston Kiser hit Eli Hancock (21) on a pass that Hancock turned into an 80-yard gain, marking the final Comet touchdown of the night. The extra point made it 51-0.

Jackson County managed to avoid the shutout

with a late touchdown run by Gavin Nolasco (3) as the clock expired, bringing the final score to 51-6.

The win moves the Comets to 1-0 in district play as they look to carry that momentum deeper into the season. They host another district rival, Breathitt County, this Friday in Olive Hill.

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