

Russell Spring represented at Governor’s Conference

The City of Russell Springs was well-represented this past week at the 2025 Governor’s Local Issues Conference at The Galt House in Louisville.

While attending the event, city officials net-worked with Gov. Andy Beshear and heard from organizations (in-cluding the Department of Local Government, ARC, and more) which focus their efforts on supporting Kentucky communities.

Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas said valuable informa-tion was obtained, and connections made at the conference to help continue moving Russell Springs forward in the future.



Russell Springs Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, Gov. Andy Beshear, Russell Springs Parks & Streets Supervisor Daniel Buster, and Russell Springs Code Enforcement Officer/ Zoning Administrator Tom Holt at a conference last week.



Russell Spring Mayor Eddie Thomas is shown speaking with Gov. Beshear at last week’s Governor’s Local Issues Conference in Louisville.



Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas caught up with friend of Russell County Rocky Adkins, Senior Advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear. Adkins often attends local events and festivities.

Community Calendar

Withers Reunion

The Withers family will be having their reunion on August 31st at the RECC building at 1:00PM. Doors open at 11:00, please bring a covered dish. Come and enjoy yourself. For information call 270-866-3365 or 270-585-4636.

Bryant Reunion

The Bryant Family Reunion will be held Saturday August 30th at Russell Springs First Baptist Church located at 392 East Hwy 80 in Russell Springs Ky. Doors will open at 10:30AM Central time meal will be at noon , meat and drinks will be provided, please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts, and maybe some items for silent auction. For more information call 270-507-6207.

Shepherd Reunion

The Shepherd Family Reunion will be held Sunday August 31st at the Miller Field Church Fellowship Hall; the Church is located at 1935 Miller Field Road Columbia Ky. Doors will open at 11:30 AM Central time meal at 12:30 PM Central time, Drinks and meat will be provided please bring covered dishes with your favorite foods and desserts, and maybe a few stories. See you there. For more information call 270-507-6205.

1960 Class Reunion

The 1960 RCHS Graduating Class will celebrate their 65th reunion this year. It will take place September 13, 2025 beginning at 12 noon at the Russell County schools ANC located at 2167 US Hwy. 127, Russell Springs. A light lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Lucinda Cemetery

Lucinda cemetery has served our family and others for generations. It’s a place of peace and remembrance — but keeping it that way requires ongoing care and steady funding. Mowing grass, repairing fences, restoring headstones, and maintaining safe, welcoming grounds all take time and money. We’re asking our family, friends, and neighbors to help keep this resting place beautiful for generations to come. Every dollar goes directly toward caring for the cemetery and honoring the loved ones who rest there. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this important work and preserve a place where we can gather, remember, and reflect. Thank you for your kindness and support. Please make checks out to Lucinda Cemetery. Mail to Lucinda Cemetery c/o Denise Whitaker 582 Hurst School Road, McKee, KY 40447. The 2026 Board Meetings will be January 12th and July 13th @ 6:00 p.m. CST via Zoom. Please contact Denise at LEAST 24 hours prior to the meeting for the access code or if you have any questions by either calling her at 606-308-3835 or by email bernise777@gmail.com.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Accepting applications for part-time positions in Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne, and Whitley. Must be 55+ years of age, meet limited income guidelines, be unemployed and looking for employment. Call Connie Foster at 606-210-1129 or Jolene Aleman at 270-566-5316 or visit www.goodwill.org/SCSEP Let us help you re-enter the workforce!

D.A.V. Meeting

The D.A.V. meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. CST at 155 Owentown School Road Russell Springs, KY

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weight loss support program whose goal is to help men/ women/youth to become healthier by losing weight in a sensible manner. The local chapter, TOPS 396 Russell Springs meets Mondays at 5pm at Liberty Baptist Church, 215 Wilson Street in Russell Springs. Online memberships and virtual chapter memberships are also available. Yearly membership dues are less than \$50, first visit is free. Questions? Text/ call Bonnie, chapter leader, 270-566-1284 or visit TOPS.Club.org

God’s Food Pantry of Russell County

God’s Food Pantry of Russell County God’s Food Pantry of Russell County is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 12:00-4:00 PM. The pantry is located at 101 Brian Walters Dr. In Russell Springs. Call for information 270-866-7992.

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Men

Monday nights at SPARC(Sobriety, Peace, Awareness, and Recovery) 270-585-5377 at 6:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY. Sunday nights at 5:15(meal) 6:00 P.M. Large Group, The Springs, 226 Jamestown St., Russell Springs. Monday nights at 6:00 P.M. Solid Rock Church 189 West Drive Russell Springs.



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SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF

For The Period January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2024

The Russell County Sheriff applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement for calendar year 2024 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. The summary below presents those findings for which an exception (an instance of noncompliance with the criteria) was identified during the AUP engagement.

During the AUP engagement of the Russell County Sheriff, the following exceptions were noted:

- When comparing the sheriff’s fourth quarter financial statement to the sheriff’s receipts ledger and disbursements ledger, a variance of \$760,504 was noted for disbursements.
- Based on the total receipts and disbursements from the sheriff’s fourth quarter report, excess fees due to the fiscal court were recalculated and there are \$760,504 excess fees due to the fiscal court.

Findings related to procedures for which there were no exceptions identified, and official responses to exceptions are not included in the summary above, but can be found in the full report. A copy of this report is available on the Auditor of Public Accounts’ website at auditor.ky.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
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