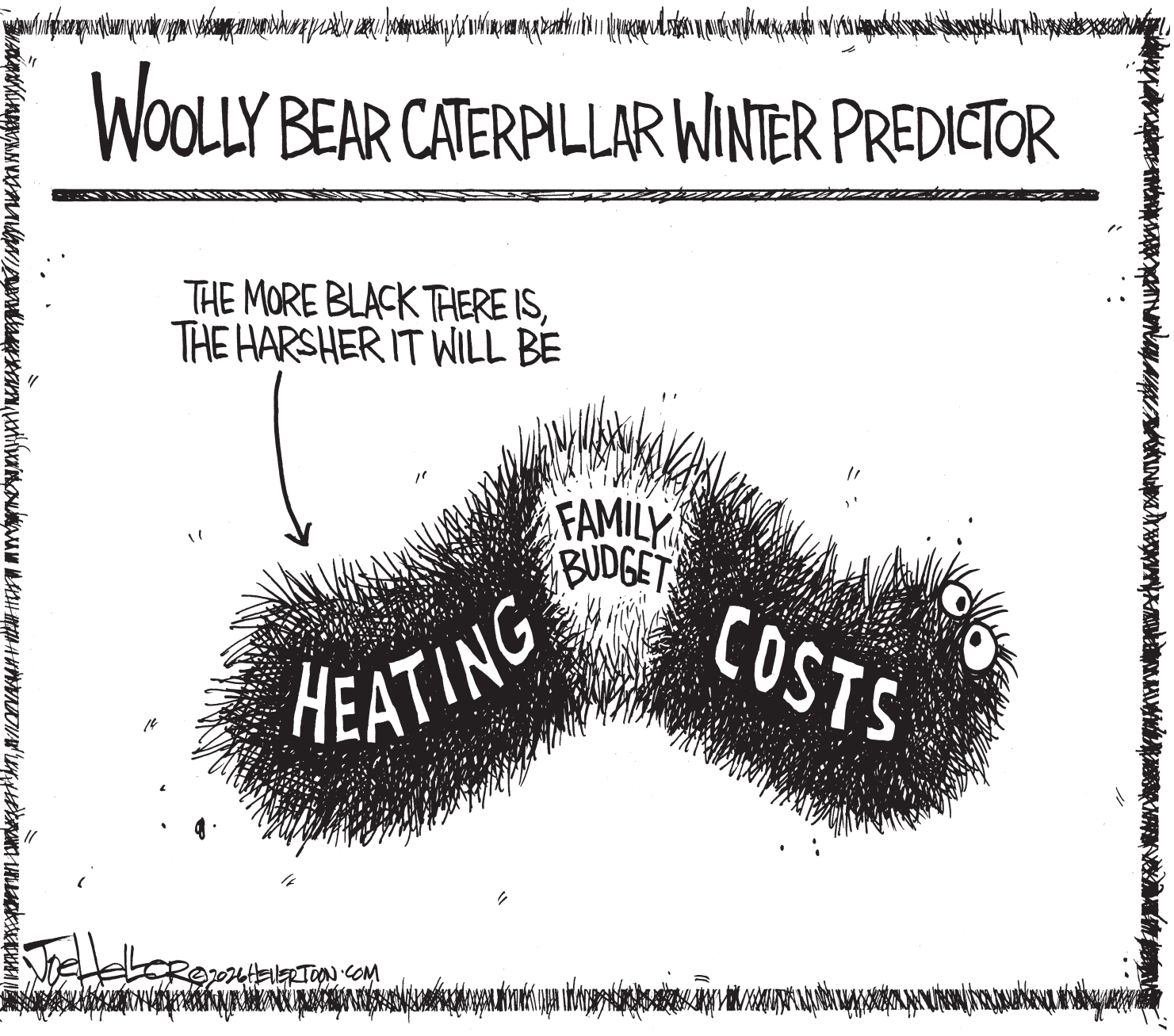
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Kevin Alexander, County Clerk gives good news about election.

until big renovation next year. Parks and Rec. are now working on Chalybeate's fields, and starting restrooms at 70. The parking lots at Bee Spring will be worked on and bleachers at Chalybeate park.

In Committee reports Tourism say they are waiting on letters for the big sign and it should be soon.

The Fiscal Court approved the following; Treasurer's October monthly settlement, Sheriff Bond Rider #4633446, to pay Mastercard bill for November online, and to pay Fast Partitions invoice online.

The Fiscal Court agreed to advertise for the Public Hearing for Entertainment Permit and set the date for December 14 at 5pm.

Resolution EC26-28 Grant Agreement with Nature Conservancy was approved. This will involve a transfer of the remaining money from the Lock 6 removal project to the county to use for upkeep of the area.

Resolution EC26-27 Fiscal Year 2027 Flex Fund Agreements was approved.

Resolution EC26-28 Interlocal Agreement with Hart County for Woodland Drive was approved. This road goes from Edmonson to Hart several times. All the tax payers live in Hart County and Hart County will be responsible for upkeep for the whole road not just sections.

The following were approved by Fiscal Court pending final audit Sheriff's October Monthly Fee report, County Clerk's October MVAV Collection report, County Clerk's October Deed Transfer Tax report, and County Clerk's October Delinquent Tax Collection report.

The Fiscal Court acknowledged the County Clerk's October Document Fee report pending final audit.

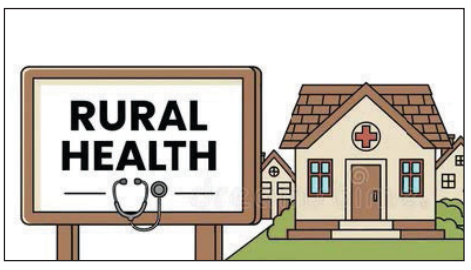
The next Fiscal Court meeting will be November 23, 2026 at 4:00pm in the upstairs courtroom and is open to the public.

Kentucky Awarded $211.3 Million in Second Round of Rural Health Funding

Staff Report

Kentucky has been awarded $211,330,599 in the second round of federal Rural Health Transformation Program funding to support health care services in rural communities across the state.

According to a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) news release, the funding is part of a $10 billion nationwide distribution for fiscal year 2027, with all 50 states receiving awards.



Congress authorized the $50 billion Rural Health Transformation Program in 2025 as part of the federal budget reconciliation law known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, or HR1. The program will distribute funding over five fiscal years, from 2026 through 2030, to help strengthen rural health care.

Half of the annual funding is divided equally among the states, while the remaining half is distributed based on several factors, including state needs and proposed rural health initiatives.

"This next $10 billion will expand access to care, strengthen the rural health workforce, improve prevention, and help states build

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When a Family Cannot Take the Scenic Route

By **Douglas B Vandergraph**

Some drives are meant to be enjoyed. People choose a winding road for the view, slow down to see the trees, and return home with a photograph. Other drives are not choices at all. A family may be headed to a medical appointment, a difficult meeting, or work that cannot wait. For them, the miles are not part of the scenery. They are one more thing to get through.

In a rural county, we understand that distance is real. We may not, however, understand what it costs a person whose vehicle is unreliable or whose schedule depends on someone else. A missed appointment is not always carelessness. An empty chair at an event is not always a lack of interest.

Jesus taught us to look beneath the outward result and see the person. When he told the story of the Good Samaritan, compassion became a series of physical actions: stopping, tending, transporting, and providing for continued care. He did not mistake sympathy for having completed the task.

For neighbors in Edmonson County, the lesson can become simple and specific. Instead of saying, Let me know if you need anything, we might ask, Would a ride on Tuesday help? If someone cannot attend, we can share what happened without making them feel ashamed for missing it. If a family is already stretched thin, we can give them a choice about what help would actually matter.

This does not require knowing every private detail. In fact, good help often preserves privacy. We can respect a person's dignity while offering assistance, and we can accept no for an answer without withdrawing our friendship.

A beautiful road gives us something to look at. A compassionate community gives us someone to count on. The second gift matters most on the days when no one has time to admire the view.

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