

ASK RUSTY

DEAR RUSTY: The Trump Administration is saying that now there will be no taxes on Social Security benefits. Since we're getting ready to start our 2025 income tax return, can you explain how this all works? Signed: Confused Taxpayer

DEAR CONFUSED TAXPAYER: You are obviously referring to the so-called "one big, beautiful bill" and how that bill affects income tax on your Social Security benefits. And this is because of the publicity surrounding the so-called "one big, beautiful bill" (OBBB) enacted last year, which claims to "eliminate income tax on Social Security benefits."

Well, that bill did, yet technically didn't, fully eliminate income tax on benefits." Allow me to explain.

The OBBB does eliminate income tax on most SS benefits, but it does so in a somewhat unique way – by providing an additional \$6,000 (per person) deduction to your federal taxable income as reported to the

IRS. Thus, you will pay less total income tax when you file your taxes with the IRS because of that additional deduction to your taxable income.

The extra deduction is available to those over age 65 and is meant to offset the income tax which will still be levied by the IRS on the SS benefits you received in 2025.

Essentially, the rules governing income tax on Social Security benefits have not changed. The IRS will still levy income tax on your SS benefits if your combined income from all sources (known as your "provisional income") is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly, or more than \$25,000 if you file as an individual.

If your provisional income is below the threshold for your IRS filing status, you will pay no income tax on your received 2025 SS benefits. But if your provisional income exceeds the threshold for your IRS filing status, then somewhere

between 50% and 85% of your received SS benefits will be taxed (how much SS income to be taxed depends on your combined income in 2025).

By now, you should have received form 1099-SSA which advised of your 2025 Social Security income, including any income tax you had withheld from your SS benefits. This income should be reported when submitting your 2025 income tax return.

If your "provisional income" is over \$32,000 as a married couple filing jointly (or over \$25,000 as an individual filer), then your 2025 SS benefits will still be taxed by the IRS. But when completing your 2025 Income Tax Return, you will also be able to claim an additional \$6,000 per person (\$12,000 if you file jointly), which will likely offset any income tax you must pay due to the SS benefits you received in 2025.

If you use a tax preparer

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GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER REPORT

Between Feb. 22 and Feb. 28, 2026, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

- Served 40 summons and/or subpoenas
- Spent 15 hours serving court
- Served one Emergency Protective Order
- Investigated eight collisions (in county residence)
- Executed one arrest/warrant (out of county residence)
- Drove 979 miles transporting prisoners

Arrest 2/16 – Deputy Lee Jacobs arrested Brian D. Claypool, 46, of Williamstown at 10:34 a.m. on South Main Street, Williamstown via warrant on offense or charge of flagrant non-support. Claypool was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

GRANT COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
Population analysis, March 3, 2026
Total Inmates: 303 (Male:

251, Female: 52)
Inmates by County: 52 Grant 31 Gallatin (Paying) 0 Owen (Paying) 15 Pendleton (Paying): 3 Other (Arrested in Grant County on Warrants, awaiting pickup)
State Inmates: 97 SAP (Substance Abuse Program - Pays Extra) 55 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery, Levels I & II, Pays Extra) 50 Other (Regular Rate)

Kentucky State Police Post 6 traffic safety checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police, Dry Ridge Post, which provides coverage for Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Pendleton, Bracken, Robertson, Harrison, Nicholas, and Bourbon Counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints throughout the post area. These checkpoints

will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence), sobriety, insurance, and registration violations. Checkpoints in Grant County:

- US 25 @ Peartree/ Case Lane
- US 25 @ Gardnersville Road
- US 25 at KY 330 South intersection
- KY 36 at HWY 1132
- US 25 at KY 3025
- KY 22 at KY 36
- US 25 at KY 36 (Hilltop)

Treatment for harmful and invasive roadside vegetation begins soon

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

To prevent infrastructure damage and maintain roadway visibility, transportation crews will soon begin roadside treatments targeting invasive and harmful vegetation. "There's a lot that goes into maintaining the integrity and safety of our roads," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "Our annual treatment of noxious weeds not only minimizes erosion and damage to drainage systems – it protects travelers by reducing unnatural roadside habitat that attracts

wildlife closer to traffic." KYTC is directed to control the following invasive plants and noxious weeds in accordance with KRS 176.051 and 603 KAR 3:100: Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii) Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense) Common Teasel (Dipsacus fullonum) Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Japanese Knotweed (Polygonum cuspidatum) Johnson Grass (Sorghum halepense) Kudzu (Pueraria montana) Marestalk (Conyza

canadensis) Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora) Nodding Thistle (Carduus nutans) Poison Hemlock (Conium maculatum) Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) Noxious weeds like Spotted Knapweed and Canada Thistle often invade and destroy the roadside turf grass, leaving these areas vulnerable to erosion. Aggressive invasive species like Kudzu can smother native plants through rapid reproduction and long-term persistence. Others, like Amur Honeysuckle (a favorite of white-tailed

deer), if left to mature, can grow over 20 feet tall and wide, reducing roadway visibility and attracting wildlife closer to roadways. Kentuckians with noxious weeds on private property

adjacent to state-owned rights of way may request highway crews to treat listed vegetation. Application forms are available upon request from the appropriate KYTC highway district office.

Contact information may be found on the district web pages listed here. Motorists are reminded to use extra caution when crews are out treating roadsides.

JOB OPENING



The Grant County Conservation District is accepting resumes for a District Administrative Secretary responsible for maintaining the office, organizing board meetings and managing/implementing on-going and new programs. Wages based on education and experience. Benefits include Health Insurance options, Federal Holidays off, and PTO. The selected applicant will be required to successfully pass a federal background check, be subject to random drug screening and complete a six-month probationary period. Experience in all aspects of office etiquette, excellent organizational skills, and proficiency in QuickBooks, payroll and payroll tax reporting, and Microsoft office programs. Agriculture knowledge is preferred. Resumes or application requests need to be emailed to tishawoodyard@gmail.com. Resumes will be accepted till position is filled.

This district is an equal opportunity employer.

Grant County Judicial Center, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097	Commonwealth of Kentucky OFFICE OF CIRCUIT COURT CLERK FIDUCIARY	Grant Circuit Clerk Grant District Clerk
Doss, Barry Lynn (Dec) Marion, Va	Vanbenschoten, Tonya (Admin) Florence, Ky	2/10/26 8/11/26
Bates, Ethan (Minor) Dry Ridge, Ky	Bates, Daniel Scott (Cons) Dry Ridge, Ky	2/17/26 8/18/26
Simpson, Anna Frances (Dec) Williamstown, Ky	Wood, Teresa Darlene (Exec) Williamstown, Ky	2/17/26 8/18/26
Wilson, Juanita P. (Dec) Crittenden, Ky	Martin, Michelle L. (Exec) Erlanger, Ky	2/17/26 8/18/26
Steinmetz, Sherrie (Dec) Crittenden, Ky	Steinmetz, Will (Admin) Crittenden, Ky	2/24/26 8/25/26
Lambert, Edmund Walker (Dec) Dry Ridge, Ky	Lambert II, Edmund Walker Dry Ridge, Ky	2/24/26 8/25/26
Poor, Margaret Loretta (Dec) Williamstown, Ky	Poor, Loretta Gail (Exec) Williamstown, Ky	FINAL 3/24/26
Clancy, Dorothy (Dec) Crittenden, Ky	White, Michael V. (Exec) Crittenden, Ky	FINAL 3/31/26
Lozier, Richard A. (Dec) Williamstown, Ky	Perry, Amber (Admin) Campton, Ky	3/3/26 9/1/26
Pfister, Martha Ellen (Dec) Williamstown, Ky	Pfister, Robert Morgan (Exec) Morrow, Oh	3/3/26 9/1/26

WRITTEN EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED SETTLEMENTS MUST BE FILED IN THE GRANT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE AT 1:00 PM. IF NO EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED, SAID SETTLEMENTS WILL BE CONFIRMED RECORDED.
Wray J. Jump, Grant Circuit Clerk
BY: /s/ HC, Deputy Clerk

POSTED NO TRESPASSING

**No Trespassing Persons are notified that the land and property belonging to the below listed persons are posted against hunting, fishing, trapping, 4-wheeling or dirt bike riding, walking, horseback riding, woodcutting, dumping or any other kind of trespassing. Owners are not responsible for any accidents.

Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

POSTED PROPERTY LISTINGS ARE BELOW.

Property of Doering Family Ltd. Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.

Dimitt Property 7120 Warsaw Rd Dry Ridge (Old Kelly Martin Farm).

DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA. Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.

MCINTIRE PROPERTY located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

MARTIN PROPERTY - Lots on Sunny Hill Drive, Dry Ridge, KY.

West-Marsh Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown, KY

Henry Family Farm at 1115 Smokey Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097

PICKETT Property located at 10490 Taft Hwy, Williamstown (Route 22 & White Chapel Road)

Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road.

Littrell Property located at 800 & 940 Ashbrook Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING

The Darlington Properties located at Lawrenceville Rd (East of Eagle Creek) Williamstown, Ky. and 10765 Taft Hwy., Williamstown, Ky.

Kathy and James Havens, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 17-CI-079
"Electronically Filed"

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF

VS. **AMENDED NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

LINDA SAMMONS, ET AL DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on February 25, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Walter O. Halfhill and Linda Halfhill, husband and wife, from Raymond Pickett, Jr., single, by Deed dated October 25, 1988 and recorded in Deed Book 171, Page 32 in the Grant County Clerk's Office. Walter O. Halfhill died in 1988, leaving all of his interest vesting in Linda Halfhill pursuant to survivorship clause in said Deed.

Property is subject to a Land Contract between Linda Sammons (formerly Linda Halfhill) and Charles Sammons, her husband, and James Davis and Allie Davis, his wife, dated March 11, 1998 and recorded in Book 242, Page 291 and filed in the Grant County Clerk's Office. Allie Davis died on January 17, 2026, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record, her interest passing to the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devisees of Allie Davis.

Property is also subject to a Land Contract between Linda M. Sammons, single, and Jason L. Hawkins dated May 20, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 390, Page 365 and filed in Grant County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 505 Ragtown Road, Corinth, KY 41010
Map ID: 062-00-00-093.00

There is a mobile home located on the property, but it is NOT included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale for tax year 2012 is the principal sum of \$387.57, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$574.24 through December 2025, for tax year 2013, the sum of \$403.43, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$548.08 through December 2025, for tax year 2014, \$354.46, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$438.96 through December 2025, adjudged plaintiff on its first lien plus administrative fees, interest and attorney fees.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT