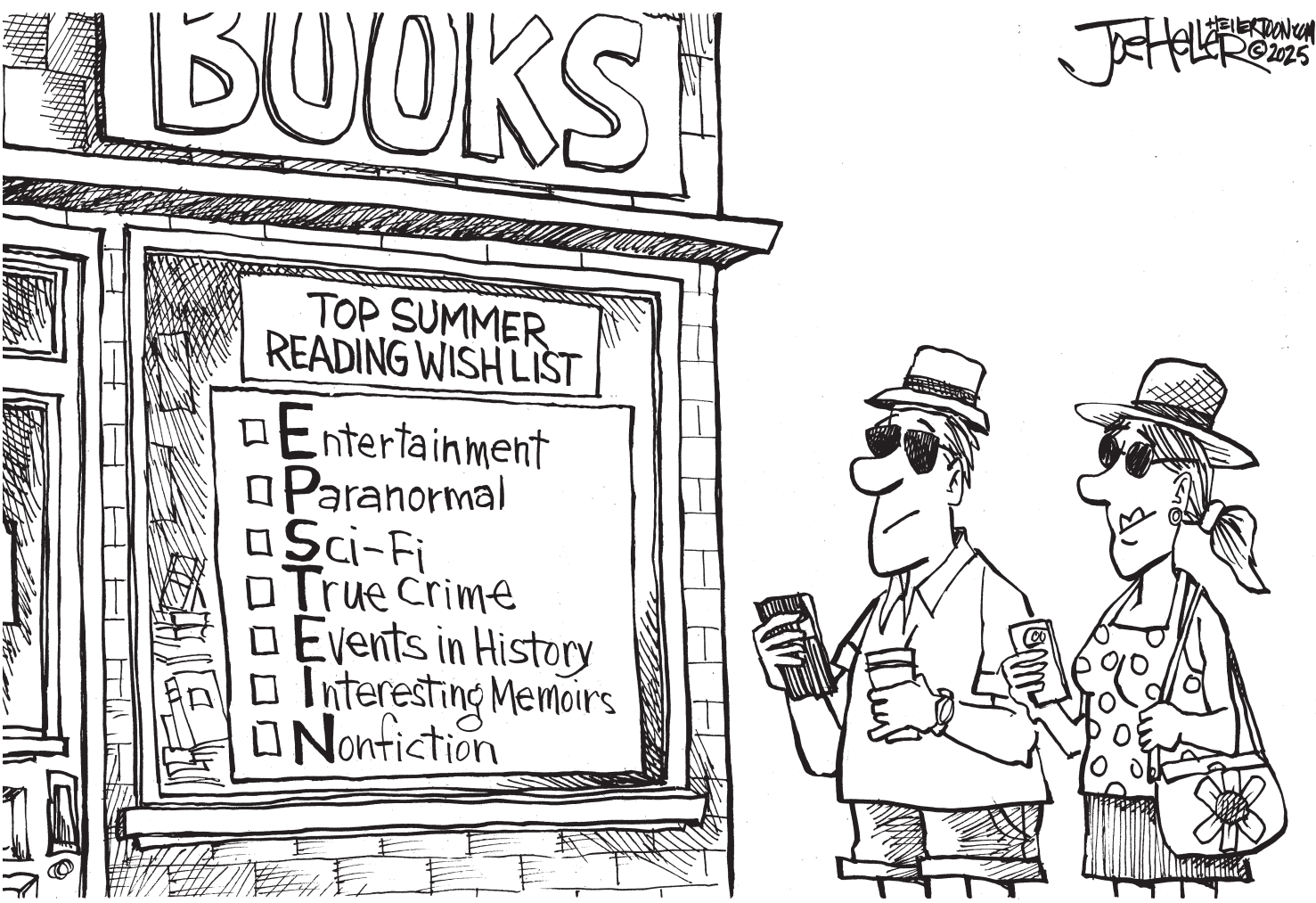


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# OPINION

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## How Will the Passing of Senate Bill 63, Special Equipped Vehicles, Affect Butler County

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On June 27, 2025, Senate Bill 63 was passed, making it legal for off-road vehicles to travel on KY highways. Up to this date, off-road vehicles have not been allowed to use public roads. These are now referred to as special-purpose vehicles, ATVs, and Side by Sides.

Be aware that local governments can prohibit the use of street-legal SPVs (defining SPVs as specially equipped ATVs, UTVs, and other special-purpose vehicles) within their jurisdiction.

If you live in the county and own one of these vehicles, you will need to have them inspected in order to ride them on the roads here and in other places. Inspections will be done by the Sheriff's Office and the County Clerk's office will issue the license plates. The City of Morgantown has not addressed this situation yet, so you can not ride them in the city

limits.

There are some regulations and limits imposed on these vehicles. Mopeds are not included in the description, nor are motorized bicycles. The following will be required along with registration and insurance; one or more headlamps, one or more tail lamps, one or more brake lamps, a trail lamp or other lamp constructed and placed to illuminate the registration plate with a white light, one or more red reflectors on the rear of the vehicle, an amber electric turn system, one on each side of the front of the vehicle, an amber or red electric turn signals, braking system, other than a parking brake, a horn or other warning device, a muffler, rearview mirrors on the right and left side of the driver, windshield, unless the operator of the vehicle wears eye protection while operating the vehicle, speedometer, illuminated for nighttime operation, a seat designed for passengers; and tires that have at least two thirty-seconds (2/32) of an



inch or 7 greater tire tread. Vehicles cannot be ridden more than a distance of 20 miles. Vehicles must be equipped with a roll bar or roll cage and seatbelts, as required by federal motor vehicle safety standards; this excludes vehicles primarily engaged in farm or agricultural activities. Lastly, vehicles must be inspected by a certified inspector before submission of an application for a title. There is a long list of who qualifies and who doesn't, so check beforehand if you plan to license and insure your vehicle.

### Extension Notes

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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

### Skillful 4-H Work Takes the Spotlight at Kentucky State Fair | Exclusives

By **Lloyd G. Saylor**, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

Source: **Kimberly Schrader**, extension specialist, 4-H Youth Development

Kentucky 4-H youth will be showcasing their hard work and talents at the upcoming 2025 Kentucky State Fair, to be held August 14–24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville. This annual event marks the culmination of months of dedication through 4-H project work in counties across the Commonwealth.

A 4-H project is more than just a hobby—it's a hands-on learning experience that empowers youth to explore their interests while developing essential life skills. Kentucky 4-H offers a wide variety of project opportunities for young people to pursue in seven core areas:

natural resources; agriculture; communication and expressive arts; family and consumer sciences; health and wellness; leadership; and science, engineering, and technology.

Throughout the year, 4-H members spend six or more hours working individually or in clubs to master specific skills within their chosen project area. Along the way, they gain valuable competencies, such as public speaking, record-keeping, and decision-making, that lead to 4-H members who thrive and are beyond ready for what the future may hold.

The Kentucky State Fair serves as the pinnacle event for 4-H project work every year. Youth who earn champion status at the county level are invited to compete at the state level, where their projects are displayed for thousands of fairgoers to admire—from livestock exhibits in the West Hall to creative arts and STEM displays in Cloverville, located in the South Wing.

“All 4-Hers who participate in county, regional, or state fairs are winners,” said Kimberly Schrader, extension specialist for 4-H Youth Development. “They walk away with more than ribbons—they gain confidence, skills, and a sense of accomplishment that lasts a lifetime.”

All members of the public are invited and encouraged to visit the 4-H Cloverville exhibit during the fair to celebrate the achievements of Kentucky's youth and to learn more about the impact of 4-H in their local communities.

For more information about Kentucky 4-H projects and participation at the Kentucky State Fair, contact the Butler County Extension office 270-526-3767.

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mutual aid and assistance agreement, Butler County Tourism financial statement, 1st District Volunteer Fire Department financial statement in the amount of \$205,600 balance, MOA for resurfacing Grancer Road in the amount of \$628,000, Public Assistance grant for Feb. floods reimbursement in the amount of \$133,000, litter abatement payments, financial statement for 2024-25, hazard mitigation for BRADD Administration Cost for Butler County Road stabilization project contract, Rochester monthly bills in the amount of \$786.70, fourth quarter treasurer's report, monthly treasurer's report, transfer \$20,000 from general fund to 911 fund, transfer \$70,000 from General Fund to Jail fund, (this is larger due to holiday causing two payrolls falling into the same time frame), and all other bills and transfers with the exception of check #3917 to be stricken as this was a over payment.

Judge Executive Flener reminded everyone that weather radios will be distributed at each of the fire departments on Aug 9, 2025, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

### •VETERANS

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involved were veterans who were pulled into the scam. There was a veteran who was a police officer. There was a veteran who was an airline pilot. There was a veteran who was with the Department of Homeland Security, and several more. They even dragged a wife, mother and sister into the fraud.

In exchange for cash upfront, the veterans were all able to receive high disability ratings after being told what to put on their paperwork and what to say during medical exams.

Of course they're all going to pay. Some of them, if convicted, could get up to five years in prison, and some could receive up to 20 years if convicted of the crimes that included mail and wire fraud.

Remember: You never have to pay for help in filing for benefits. You never have to give someone a percentage of what you get. Free help is available from various Veterans Service Organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and even the VA itself. Don't let yourself be used in a scam against the VA.

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