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Judge Steve Mays shares PRTC plans for new internet infrastructure

"I'm thrilled to announce some wonderful news for our community. Phase 1 of the PRTC fiber internet build in Lee County officially begins this week!

This first phase will include 78 miles of fiber, representing an investment of around \$5 million into our local infrastructure. The areas included in this phase are:

- Big Andy Ridge
- A portion of KY 52 West (including Belle

- Point Road)
- Fox Hollow
- Dunigan Branch
- The Athol area
- Farmer's Ridge
- Congleton

Once Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 is expected to begin in late spring of 2026, adding another 125 miles of fiber and approximately \$8 million more in investment.

This project represents a major step toward improving broadband access, increasing quality of life, and supporting

the growth and income potential of the wonderful people who call Lee County home.

A big thank-you to PRTC (Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative) for their continued partnership and investment in our community.

We're committed to ensuring that Lee County remains connected, competitive, and ready for the future!"

— Judge Executive Steve Mays

Fiscal Court meets in October regular session

The Lee County Fiscal Court met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the Lee County Courthouse with Judge Steve Mays and Magistrates Dean Noe, Tim Brandenburg, Rodney Ross and Dennis Pelfrey in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Angie Williams and Magistrate Pelfrey lead those in attendance in prayer followed

by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Mays called for department reports as the first order of business. In the absence of Solid Waste Director Mitch Cornelius Judge Mays reported that the Fall Cleanup was a big success with 244 vehicles and trailers depositing trash and filling up 13 roll off containers. Judge Mays thanked all those who

worked to make this a success in cleaning up the county.

Road foreman Kevin McIntosh reported that his department had been very busy with blacktopping. The Ambulance department reported that they had made 201 runs in September with 162 of them being billable runs. Economic Develop-

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Beattyville Main Street Board attends Conference

Board members from Beattyville Main Street attended the Kentucky Main Street Fall Conference in Carrollton, Kentucky earlier this week. They took part in workshops on new ways to use technology and apps to help promote small businesses, learned about updating bylaws for nonprofits, and toured downtown Madison, Indiana; the first Main Street community in the United States and a Great American Main Street Award winner.

On the last day, Beattyville Main Street Director/Tourism Board Member Teresa Mays and Tourism Director/Main Street Board Member Dedra Brandenburg, gave a presentation about how the City of Beattyville,

Beattyville Main Street, and Tourism have worked together to stay strong and resilient through two historic floods over the past four years.

Beattyville Main Street
Beattyville/Lee County Tourism
City of Beattyville
Kentucky Main Street

Pictured are; Rebekah Hogan, Amy Clemons, Dedra Brandenburg, Kitty Dougoud Ky State Main Street Coordinator and Teresa Mays.



NOT a woolly worm...

(Top photo) With the upcoming Woolly Worm Festival next weekend (Oct. 24-26), this little grasshopper wanted his fair share of attention as he rested on this beautiful yellow mum before it was placed with care in town decorations Sunday. (Bottom photo) "Mum Alley" behind the Three Forks Historical Center awaiting placement throughout town Sunday when the Festival Committee decorated.

IMPORTANT - Woolly Worm Festival information

Main Street Beattyville will be closed Thursday afternoon, October 23rd, beginning at 5 pm until Sunday, October 26th at 9 p.m. Call Don Begley at 464-2961 to register for the parade. WE NEED WOOLLY WORMS

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