

Food Check-Out week is celebrated annually by Kentucky Farm Bureau. This is the week each year that Americans have earned enough money to pay for their food for the entire year. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, American consumers spend, on average, just over 10 percent of their disposable income for food. That means the average household will have earned enough disposable income—that portion of income available for spending or saving – to pay for its annual food supply in about seven weeks. That is only about 49 days, however, Americans must work approximately 99 days to earn enough money to pay federal taxes according to the Tax Foundation.

In recognition of this, Jackson County Farm Bureau celebrated Food Check-Out week by asking customers to come by the office to pick up more information on Food Check-Out and enter a drawing for a gift certificate to the local Save-A-Lot grocery store. The winners of the two \$25.00 gift certificates were Lonnie Cook of Tyner and Vincent Estep of McKee.

### KSP Angel Initiative Offers Help, Not Handcuffs, For Those Seeking Addiction Treatment

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 1, 2018) – Gov. Matt Bevin today joined the Kentucky State Police (KSP) to announce the launch of the Angel Initiative. The Angel Initiative encourages individuals suffering with a substance use disorder (SUD) to visit a local KSP post for assistance with treatment.

The program encourages individuals seeking addiction treatment to visit a KSP post, where he or she will be paired with a local officer who will assist with locating an appropriate treatment program. It is completely voluntary, and the individual will not be arrested or charged with any violations if he or she agrees to participate in treatment. The program will be operated in conjunction with Gov. Bevin's "Don't Let Them Die" campaign, aimed at raising awareness of the opioid epidemic and offering treatment resources to fight addiction.

"The Angel Initiative is a valuable tool in our fight against the opioid epidemic and the scourge of drug addiction impacting our communities," said Gov. Bevin. "The strategic geographic locations of our 16 KSP posts will allow ready access for individuals across the Commonwealth who are seeking help. Breaking the cycle of addiction will require increased efforts by many, and innovative public-private collaborations like the Angel Initiative have the power to transform the lives of Kentuckians and communities we live in."

KSP Commissioner Rick Sanders called the initiative a forward-thinking and open-door approach for those combating addiction, stating, "KSP is acutely aware of the breadth and reach of the drug problem throughout the state. Our troopers, as well as local law enforcement officials, see firsthand the devastation addiction causes for families. That's why our agency is committed to face this scourge head on."

Lethal overdoses claimed more than 1,400 lives in Kentucky in 2016, a 7.4 percent increase from the prior year. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times more potent than heroin, was a factor in 623 deaths, while heroin contributed to 456 deaths.

Kentucky Justice Cabinet Secretary John Tilley praised KSP for this innovative program. "Substance abuse has been overwhelming our criminal justice system since the 1970s, and after four decades of strife, it's time to find pragmatic solutions that produce better results," Secretary Tilley said. "The Angel Initiative will connect those suffering from addiction with a safe place to come for assistance without fearing retribution."

In 2017, KSP designated posts in Pikeville and Richmond to serve as pilot projects for the Angel Initiative. Local KSP captains in those areas built partnerships with treatment and medical programs, faith-based initiatives and federal, state and local law enforcement.

"It is not always an easy task to gather leaders from numerous agencies, all with different missions, at one table," said KSP Captain Jennifer Sandlin. "But the need was urgent as all of the agencies were witnessing the impact of addiction in the local community. What we found is that we were able to do much more when we pooled all of our resources together."

Commissioner Sanders says launching the Angel Initiative on a statewide scale will not be without its challenges.

"People have to learn to trust the program and understand that they are not under threat of arrest as long as they seek help by voluntarily turning themselves in at a KSP post," Sanders said. "However, if a person is pulled over or otherwise apprehended by state police and is found to be under the influence of, or in possession of drugs, they will be arrested."

Sanders says the initiative is not a free pass to drug dealers and traffickers.

"This is not being soft on crime — it's being smart on crime," said Sanders. "KSP is as dedicated as ever to pursuing and stopping drug dealers. When those suffering from addiction are released from prison without any treatment, our prisons become revolving doors. If our communities are ever to be free of the cycle of addiction, treatment is necessary."

"We can't arrest our way out of this problem," he added. "We want

to provide help to citizens battling addiction."

After spending more than 24 years working for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Sanders firmly believes the Angel Initiative is a more effective approach to battling drugs in our communities.

"Our posts have helped people who enter our doors since 1948. That has never changed," Sanders said. "With the Angel Initiative we now have a predetermined response with a focused mission that will help those suffering from addiction when they need it most."

### Grimes Leads Board of Elections in Move to Require Voter-Verified Paper Trails in Kentucky Members Reaffirm Commitment to Election Integrity, Accuracy, and Security

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 27, 2018) – The State Board of Elections on the recommendation of Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes on Tuesday moved to require all future election equipment purchased in Kentucky to provide a voter-verified paper trail.

"The Board of Elections takes the integrity of our Kentucky elections very seriously, and we want Kentucky voters to be assured that their votes count and the results are accurate," said Grimes, chair of the Board. "In a time when bad actors and misinformation campaigns try to undermine confidence in our democratic process, making sure voters can verify their vote is critical to building up and protecting our process."

Most Kentucky counties already allow voters to cast votes with a paper trail. Many also utilize paperless direct-recording electronic (DRE) voting machines that provide accessible features to allow voters with disabilities to cast ballots independently and privately.

In recent months, though, members of the Department of Homeland Security, cybersecurity experts, and researchers have called into question the ability of DRE voting machines to provide an adequate method for auditing vote counts as well as the machines' cybersecurity integrity.

The Board also called on the Kentucky General Assembly and Congress to provide funding to upgrade Kentucky's voting machines starting with allocating the remaining funds due to the Commonwealth under the Help America Vote Act.

"This move sends a clear message that all future equipment purchased in Kentucky must meet this standard that voters expect," Grimes said.

The Board on Tuesday also unanimously approved a resolution highlighting its pledge to strengthen the security of Kentucky's election processes by reaffirming its partnership with CyberScout, an industry-leading cybersecurity firm.

Since last year, CyberScout has spent countless hours conducting meetings with the State Board of Elections, its staff and county clerks, as well as inspecting election equipment and monitoring elections to assess and audit Kentucky's procedures and processes.

"The security of Kentucky's elections is the top priority for the Board of Elections. Our members expressed unequivocally today that CyberScout is a vital partner in the work we do to ensure our elections are carried out in a secure and effective manner," said Grimes.

### The Kentucky Crafted Market – By the Numbers

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 28, 2017) — The largest gathering of Kentucky artists under one roof will convene at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville March 2-4 as the Kentucky Arts Council kicks off The Kentucky Crafted Market.

The Market is Kentucky's premier arts marketplace for the best of the Commonwealth's art, craft, artisanal food products, books and music. Visitors to The Market can also participate in hands-on art activities and hear a wide variety of musical acts each day on the Kentucky Stage.

1 – The 2018 Kentucky Crafted Market will mark the first visit of the Kentucky Arts Council's "Makings of a Master" exhibit to Jefferson County.

2 – Active military members with identification, seniors and state employees with identification get a \$2 discount on tickets at the door.

3 – For the first time in history, The Market will be open to the public for three days. Public hours open on Friday, March 2, 5-8 p.m. The Market is open on Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5 – Admission for the Friday hours, 5-8 p.m. is only \$5!

7 – The Market exhibitors include seven Kentucky Crafted artists who have never shown at The Market before: Brad Holman, Kimberley Mahlbacher, Chao Ma, Joanne Price, Justine Riley, Ted Tarquinio and Elizabeth Foley.

13 – Number of Kentucky Proud food vendors at The Market this year.

19 – The Kentucky Stage, a collection of live music by some of the top performing groups from the arts council's Performing Artists Directory, features 19 acts.

36 – The Market is in its 36th year and is hosting artists from 36 Kentucky counties.

80 – The Kentucky Documentary Photographic Project, on exhibit at The Market and included with general admission, features photography spanning more than 80 years of Kentucky's history, from the Great Depression through today.

200 – Nearly 200 visual and craft artists will exhibit at The Market.

### Vote For Raymond Rose on May 22, 2018. #1 on the Ballot

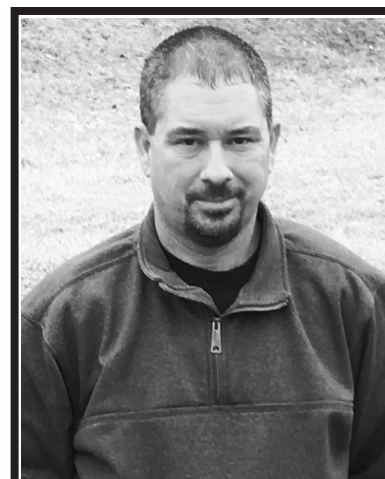


I am Raymond Rose, and I'm running for Magistrate in District #3. I will do my best to maintain all the roads and the cemeteries.

I am for the people of District #3.

Paid for by Raymond Rose.

### Vote To Elect Billy "Buck" Abner Constable District #3



My name is Billy "Buck" Abner and I am your current Constable in District #3.

Most of you know my parents, Barbara and Clifford Abner, who reside in Sand Gap.

In the past 3 years that I have been your constable, I have been a dedicated officer and have given it my best for all illegal activities and have focused on the drug problem in our community. I have worked with the sheriff's department and the KY State Police to try to make District #3 a safe environment for our citizens and our children. In the last 3 years, I have issued 41 citations, served 241 warrants, I have 286 arrests and 7 DUI arrests. I have multiple cases with charges currently pending.

I am asking for your support and vote on Tuesday, May 22nd, to allow me to continue working for our families against illegal activities in our district.

Paid for by Billy "Buck" Abner.