

**Elect**  
schools in the state to be named a "5 star" school in 2019.

The special election is set for November 2, 2021. Truett will face his Democrat nominee, Berea business owner, Mae Suramek.

According to a Facebook post by the KDP, Suramek has lived and worked in the state since she came to Berea College in 1991, when she was 18 years old.

Suramek worked as a human rights investigator for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission as well as the North Carolina Human Relations Commission. She served as Berea College's first Asian-American Alumni Director from 2004-2012 and as the executive director of the Bluegrass Rape Center from 2012-2016.

Suramek currently serves on the board of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) and is the founder of owner of Noodle Nirvana, a socially conscious restaurant in Berea.

**Turner**  
County EMS. Hall also said succumbed to her injuries from the accident on Thursday, September 9. The ongoing investigation is being conducted by Kentucky State Police Post 7 Detective Austin Beshear. He was assistant on the scene by Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Jackson County EMS, and McKee Fire Department.

Mrs. Turner, who was fondly known as "Jo", will be sadly missed by all the people that she knew and has touched throughout the years. She and her husband, Emmitt, ran Turner's Grocery, for many years. She was always known for her outstanding work ethic and the compassion she had for her customers and fellow citizens. Funeral services were held at Lakes Funeral Home on Sunday, September 12.

**Bury**  
support the battle, but was pursued by German infantry. He was mortally wounded by German artillery shrapnel and taken to an aid station where he died Nov. 23, 1944, after 1st Battalion had been forced to abandon Clefcy. German troops withdrew from the area several days later, but McQueen's body was not found. He was just 20 years old.

In April 1946, remains later designated X-6093 St. Avold, that had been recovered and buried in a garden in Clefcy following the war, were relocated and interred in the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

Following exhaustive historical and scientific research, officials with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency concluded X-6093 were strongly associated with McQueen. The remains were exhumed in June 2019 and transferred to DPAA's Laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, for analysis.

McQueen was accounted for by the DPAA on July 9, 2021, after his remains were identified using dental, anthropological and mitochondrial DNA and Y chromosome DNA analysis.

His name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Epinal American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Dinoze, France, along with others still missing from World War II. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

For additional information about Pfc. McQueen, go to <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/News-Releases/PressReleaseArticleView/Article/2704132/soldier-accounted-for-from-world-war-ii-mcqueen-b/>

To learn more about the Department of Defense's mission to account for

Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at [www.dpaa.mil](http://www.dpaa.mil), [www.facebook.com/dodpaa](http://www.facebook.com/dodpaa), or call (703) 699-1420/1169.

**Covid**  
monitoring a cluster at the Clay County Detention Center, as of September 10, there are four new confirmed cases among the inmates. These numbers are included in Clay County's weekly total which are 200 confirmed, with the community having 196 and the CCDC having four. There are 34 probable cases, 354 totally recovered, and two deaths.

In Jackson County, there are 99 confirmed cases in this update, 20 probable, 122 recovered. Jackson County has lost three of their citizens this week.

In Rockcastle County, the total confirmed are 31 cases. The community have 22 cases and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center has confirmed nine cases, probable 167 and 96 recovered. They have suffered the loss of two of their citizens this week.

Barrett said their next update will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, as they are now, doing a weekly report instead of a daily report, as they did early this year. For more information, please go to their Facebook page and website.

**Sheriff**  
Likely our people drive a distance to find good paying employment. The things we have that, however, trump most of these inconveniences. We still maintain our individual freedoms. The local government does not control every move we make. Our people can worship as we see fit without interference from others. We can live our Christian heritage and we can stand for our country without apology. We welcome all newcomers to our county and pray that they are here, not necessarily to change what we are, but to work with all of us to enhance our culture for the better. Welcome to Jackson County!

This week the 89th District Republican party, which is made up from parts of Laurel and Madison County and all of Jackson County, selected

a candidate to fill the remaining term of former Representative, Robert Goforth. I was very impressed by the quality of candidates who ran for the office, as well as the individuals who were in charge of the election process. Timmy Truett, a Jackson County resident, was selected as the Republican candidate to fill the remaining term. (To date, no announcement has been made as to a Democratic candidate.) There will be a special election November 2, 2021, so please mark your calendars and vote. We need good, honest and fair representation for the people of the 89th District. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to a fatal traffic accident this week involving a wonderful lady who spent her life in Jackson County. The accident occurred just north of McKee. Deputy Daniel Isaacs, local emergency services personnel and a couple of local citizens jumped into the creek where the vehicle was submerged to pull this lady out of her car. Every attempt was made to save her life, but ultimately she passed away. Mrs. Turner and her husband ran a business in Sand Gap for many years and she was always known for her outstanding work ethic. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Mrs. Turner. This accident was investigated by the KY State Police.

Covid continues to ravage the lives of many people throughout the country. Hospitals are full to overflow as doctors and nurses do all they can to save the lives of so many sick people. I have spoken to many medical professionals regarding this matter. Nearly all the medical professionals who see, first-hand, what is occurring to people who are sick, are begging the public to take the Covid shots. Many people have personal reasons why they resist taking the vaccinations, and it is true that some people who have had the shots still come down with Covid. The extreme vast majority of people who become critical or die, however, did not take the Covid vaccinations before they became ill. The ones who had the shots but became ill, in most cases, recovered. I want to again encourage all citizens to reconsider their decision, and take the Covid vaccinations to protect you and others from this terrible disease. Just do the research on your own and make an educated decision. Thank you.

Last week, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to 105 calls for service. We investigated two traffic accidents, arrested one individual on various charges. Our office waits on the courts and serves countless criminal and civil papers throughout the county. We always strive to patrol all areas as much as possible as a preventative measure. We ask for your good thoughts and prayers for all our personnel as we do all in our power to protect and serve the people of Jackson County. God Bless.

**Fiscal**  
Judge Gabbard reported that his office had spent the last couple of weeks making sure the money the Fiscal Court received from the American Rescue Act was reported and allocated properly. Gabbard stated he has been working with Compass Municipal Advisors to get the first required quarterly report ready. The report was submitted by Judge Gabbard on August 30, 2021, just ahead of the August 31 deadline. Everything the Fiscal Court has allocated so far has been approved and lined up with the criteria set by the US Treasury Department. We are working with Compass Municipal Advisors on ideas we have that will enhance our community with these funds. This is a great opportunity for development and enhancement, but it has to be done properly. The Fiscal Court engaged Compass at the August meeting to assist with expenditures.

The magistrates addressed the Fiscal Court on the need of guardrails in some areas of the county, specifically county roads. We have been paying attention to areas that are accident prone and will be looking at the possibility of adding guardrails in those areas. Magistrate Garvin Baker reported on the improvements made in the sharp curve on Lodge Hall Road. The County Road Department worked on the curve on Lodge Hall Road after the Fiscal Court purchased the land in the curve with the intent of widening the curve. The improvements made to the curve have already made a great difference of the safety of the road.

Magistrate Dale Vaughn reported that the work on the bridge on Vaughn Cemetery Road is now completed. The work completed will provide safer access for citizens on the road. Magistrate Danny Todd reported of improvements and safety enhancements made to Lakes Creek Road. There is still more work to be completed on Lakes Creek Road.

Sheriff Paul Hays was unavailable for this month's regular meeting due to him being at a conference.

Jailer Brian Gabbard reported that the Jackson County Detention Center had brought in over \$58,000 in revenue this month through inmates and inmate programs.

The Fiscal Court received only one bid for review for new ambulance

service stretchers. The bid was made by Stryker Inc. These are state of the art stretchers that will provide easier transport for patients and easier loading for the EMT's. The final cost for two stretchers is \$37,740.00. This will be paid from CSEPP grant funds.

In order to close a county road or a portion of a road, according to KRS 178.050, there has to be two people appointed by the Fiscal Court to view the road. These two people cannot have an vested interest in the road. The Fiscal Court voted to appoint Dion Combs and Greg Rose to view TM Lakes Cemetery Road for partial closure.

At the August Fiscal Court meeting, the court approved to start the process of closing a section of TM Lakes Cemetery Road that serves no public interest. A public hearing will be held at the October meeting to make a decision on closure of the road.

The Fiscal Court approved the request from the Jackson County McKee IDA asking permission from the Fiscal Court to allow us to ask the Department of Local Government (DLG) to let us use CDBG funds to pay off a loan to Jackson Energy from the Rural Economic Development Loan/Grant (REDLG) the IDA secured for Phoenix Products. The request is from funds already paid by Phoenix Products and the sale of equipment from the foreclosure of PPI. The fund has over \$450,000 and we will ask the DLG for \$203,700. We have reason to believe the DLG will approve the request.

Also approved at this month's meeting was to accept the county Taxing Districts 2021 Tax Rates on county tax bills. The property tax bills should be out by October. The Fiscal Court set the county Fiscal Court Property Tax Rate at 0.068%. This has been the rate for several years now.

The court approved the request for American Rescue Act Funds for the joint splashpad project with the City of McKee. The next step is to draw up a scope of work, figure a project budget and request bid proposals for the splashpad project on the proposed site of the Highway 89 park behind the courthouse.

There were no comments or announcements. All treasurers bills and transfers were approved. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, October 11, at 1:00 pm.

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The Property that was purchased on Lodge Hall