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## County Considers COVID Bonuses for Employees

By Wade Daffron  
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County employees could receive up to \$5,000 each in "essential pay money" under a plan introduced last week.

Last Monday, at the regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson said the county has federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money at its disposal.

"I'm going to make a motion to the give the county employees, recycling, the county garage, and the office help \$5,000 each of that money," Third District Magistrate Mickey Garner said.

"Well, that would apply to all of them...911, the sheriff's department, all county employees," Judge Robertson said.

First District Magistrate Terry Waddell quickly



Russell County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson spoke last week about how American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money can be used.

seconded the motion.

"What about the part-time people?" Judge Robertson asked.

"I thought the 911 had

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## City, County May Collaborate On Lower-End Water Project

By Wade Daffron  
TJ Editor

The City of Jamestown and the Russell County Fiscal Court may collaborate on a project to improve water quality and service in the southern part of the county.

Last week, at the regular monthly meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, discussion ensued about water projects under consideration in the "lower end" (southern part of the county).

Newly-appointed Jamestown Mayor Regena Hinton and Jamestown City Clerk Tyler McGowan - who attended the fiscal court meeting last Monday - gave the county government an update on work they are hoping to do.

"We do have three project profiles," McGowan said.



Jamestown City Clerk Tyler McGowan spoke to the Russell County Fiscal Court last week about water projects.

"Our main one was a new water tank to cover the south end of the county and

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MANGIA!

## New Restaurant, Stropoli's, Hopes to "Feed Everybody"

By Wade Daffron  
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In what could be described as the "feel good" moment of 2022 thus far, plans to bring an Italian eatery to Russell Springs were announced last week.

Thursday, at the regular monthly meeting of the Russell Springs City Council, Jeremy Myers, of Stropoli's Famous Pasta, said he was opening a new restaurant in Midtown Plaza.

"He brought us all a meal, and it was awesome!" Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas said.

"You want something different in town?" Myers asked. "That's what we're doing for you."

"I'm local...been here since 1994," he said.

The Myers family "own a home here in Russell Springs."

"We are Russell Countians through and through and have no desire to be anywhere else," he said.

"We have been working on this project for a little over a year," Myers said, "since about the time of the pandemic, and everything in our world turned upside down."



Jeremy Myers, of Stropoli's Famous Pasta, spoke to (and fed) the Russell Springs City Council last week. Myers plans to open an Italian eatery in Midtown Plaza next month.

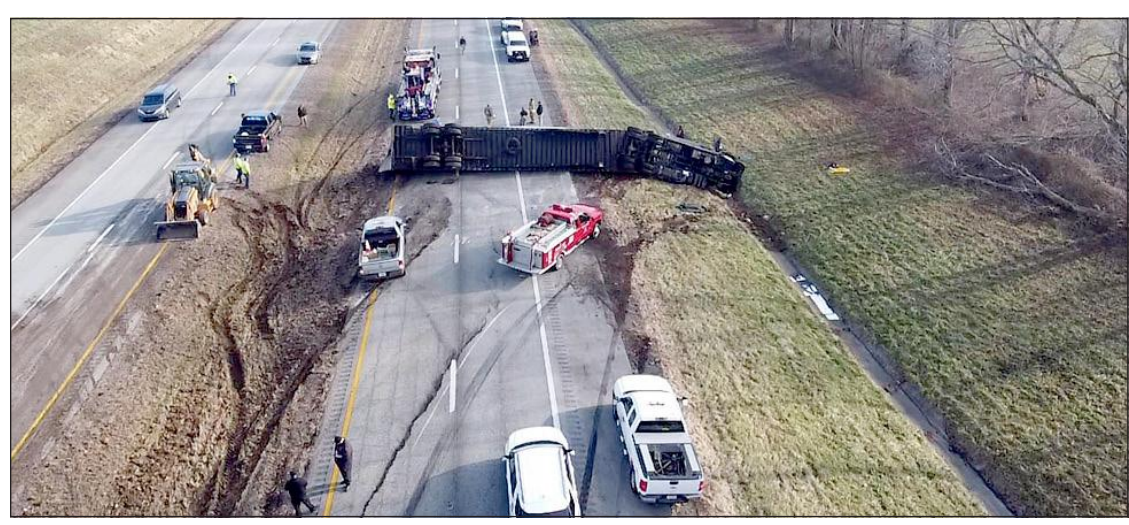
Myers worked for the Don Franklin Family of Dealerships for around 17 years.

"I was thinking it was time to maybe get out of

sales and pursue something we could hand down to the children," he said. "I've got a

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## Semi Crash On Parkway



Authorities on the scene of a crash last week on the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway. (Photo - Somerset Pulaski County Special Response / KY Haz-Mat 12)

Staff Report

Two people escaped injury when a semi truck and trailer overturned last week on the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway.

Tavares Bell, 45, and a

passenger, Pamela Bell, both of Texas, were traveling on the parkway Friday morning when Tavares, the reported driver of the semi, "apparently dozed off...ran into the median, overcorrected...turning to semi and the trailer on its side," Russell

County Sheriff Derek Polston said.

Both occupants were not injured, but the accident scene, near the Eli exit on

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