

Livingston welcomes Redbud bike riders

The Livingston Lions Club welcomed over 600 road bike riders at the city's trailhead last Saturday.

This is the second year that Livingston has participated as a stop for the bike riders. The event is organized annually by London/Laurel Tourism.

Rest stops were placed approximately 15 miles apart on the 100 mile route which started in London.

Each stop provided food and drink to keep the riders energized and to add some competitive fun, each location created a theme.

This year Livingston converted the trailhead into a 50's malt shop with a mural created by students at the middle school depicting a malt shop counter.

50's music was provided by Charlie Napier. Tents were furnished by Ford Brothers and Mike Mink's Autos displayed vehicles from the 40's and 50's.

Livingston is continuing their effort to be designated a Trail Town and events such as this gives the city great exposure to outdoor enthusiasts. The bike riders were very impressed with the scenic beauty of the area and the beautiful weather made a perfect day for a bike ride.

Over a thousand riders preregistered for the event.

Republicans preparing for 75th Annual Fifth District Lincoln Day Banquet

Hundreds of Republicans from across Kentucky will gather for the 75th Annual Fifth District Lincoln Day Banquet on Saturday, April 20th at 6 p.m. at the Corbin Technology Center.

Keynote speakers include two of the nation's most powerful Republican leaders in federal office, Kentucky's own U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and U.S. House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers, in addition to newly selected Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers.

Each year, the Fifth District Lincoln Club honors men and women from across Kentucky who have dedicated their lives to promoting the conservative principles of the Republican party and serve as advocates for civic literacy.

Besides Rogers and McConnell, some well-known Hall of Fame inductees include former U.S. Senator Jim Bunning.

In celebration of this 75th milestone, the following Republican leaders will be added to the club's Hall of Fame: Tim Conley, Morgan County Judge Executive; Albey Brock, Bell County Judge Executive; George Flynn, Pulaski County Circuit Court Clerk and his wife, Resa Flynn, a long-time leader in the Pulaski County Republican Party; and Ruth Smith, the first-ever president of the Wayne County Republican Club.

The Corbin Technology Center is located at exit 25 off of I-75 at 222 Corbin Center Drive. Tickets are available at the door for \$30 each. For more information, contact Shannon Rickett at 606-309-7197.

Community art project slated for April 27th

A four panel mural that depicts the four seasons in Rockcastle County will be installed in Mt. Vernon in June. Many community members have contributed seasonal scenes or icons of Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. On Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Church Street Community Art Center (located behind the old Hiatt's 5&10 building) will be open to the public. If you are interested in creating a piece of art to include in the mural project, please come by.

This project has been funded by an ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) Grant which encourages community involvement and capacity building. The Rockcastle County Development Board applied for and received this grant. Students from the middle and high school have contributed along with many of our local artists.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Courtney Hale at 392-9264, Janetta Begley at 256-1357 or Lynn Tatum at 308-4646.



Over 600 road bike riders were welcomed to Livingston last Saturday by the Livingston Lions Club as part of the annual Redbud Ride.



The Livingston Lions Club worked hard to provide food and drink to over 600 road bike riders last Saturday as part of the annual Redbud Ride. The stop provided food and drink to keep the riders energized. The trailhead at Livingston was converted into a 50's malt shop.

Karen Kelly passes torch to Tammie Wilson at PRIDE

The Board of Directors of Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., has named Tammie Wilson as its interim President/Chief Executive Officer until May, when the board will meet to make her selection permanent.

Wilson, who is currently the PRIDE Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, replaces Karen Kelly at the helm of PRIDE. Kelly is leaving PRIDE to become District Administrator for Congressman Harold Rogers (KY-5). Kelly had

been directing both PRIDE and the anti-drug initiative Operation UNITE since 2008.

"It was my privilege to help establish PRIDE when I was a Field Representative for Congressman Rogers in 1997, when he and General James Bickford joined forces to provide the resources that citizens and local leaders needed to restore their region's natural beauty," Kelly said. "From those early days through my years as PRIDE director, I watched in awe as tens of thousands of volunteers turned out every year to transform their environment."

"It is with great confidence that I pass the torch of leadership to Tammie Wilson," Kelly said. "With her education and experience, she is well qualified to steward PRIDE into a new era of success. She has managed day-to-day operations at PRIDE for several years now, so I expect there will be a seamless transition as I move on."

"Karen has helped build PRIDE into the well-respected, effective organization it is today, and she will be missed," Wilson said.

"I appreciate the Board of Directors for entrusting me to lead PRIDE forward,"

Wilson said. "We have an excellent staff and thousands of dedicated supporters across our 42 counties, including elected officials, business leaders, teachers, students and volunteers. I look forward to building new partnerships as we find ways to make our region look its best."

Wilson has been the second in command at PRIDE since 2005. Prior to that, she administered grants for PRIDE and other nonprofit organizations in her position at The Center for Rural Development, where she began working in 2001.

Wilson earned her Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Midway College in 2007. She also has an Associate's degree in Business Administration from Somerset Community College. Through Management Certifications for grant recipients and for entities that pass-through grant funds to other recipients. Wilson is a 2006 graduate of Leadership East Kentucky and a 2008 Graduate of Leadership Kentucky.

Wilson is a native of McCreary County and graduate of McCreary Central High School. She and

her son, Codi Duncan, have resided in Pulaski County for 12 years.

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE is a grassroots initiative that promotes "Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment" in 42 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. Citizens, local officials, schools, businesses and other groups cooperate to achieve the PRIDE goals of cleaning waterways, reducing trash problems and promoting environmental education. Since inception in 1997, more than 387,000 people have volunteered with PRIDE.

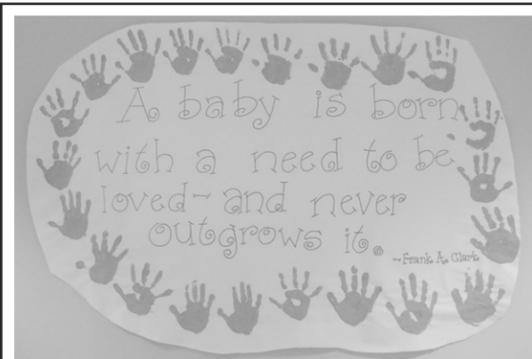
Free tree seedlings

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be giving away tree seedlings while supplies last on Friday, April 19th and on Earth Day, Monday, April 22nd. Varieties available are White Pine, Pecan, Northern Red Oak, and Flowering Dogwood.

The seedlings will be available at the USDA Service Center on 2019 New Brodhead Road (Hwy. 150) between the hours of 8:30 am-4:30 pm. while supplies last.



Tammie Wilson will serve as the interim President/Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., the nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental cleanup and education in 42 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky.



Students in K-2nd grade at Brodhead Elementary School submitted posters in honor of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis recently signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Looking on is seated: Kim Holcomb, Supervisor - DCBS and Jeremy Rose, Assistant County Attorney. Back row from left: Barry Adams, MVPD; Kayce Hayes, DCBS; Rose Mullins, DCBS; Jennifer White, DCBS; Katina Saylor, DCBS and Missy Bundy, DJJ.