

Hospital ready for surge



Officials at Rockcastle Regional Hospital have created an emergency triage area outside the emergency department in what they are calling "an abundance of caution" during the COVID-19 situation. Officials say the area will be available in the event of a sudden surge of cases in the county. At press time, there have been three individuals test positive for the virus in Rockcastle.

First cases reported— COVID-19 virus is now in county

By: Mike French
Editor

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD) reported that an individual in Rockcastle County tested positive for COVID-19 virus Monday. The report did not say when the individual was tested.

Then Tuesday afternoon, two additional cases were reported in the county.

According to the first press release, the first individual has only mild symptoms and is recovering without hospitalization. Their age was not given.

The press release says "All people who were

found to have been in close contact with the individual have been notified and educated on proper self-quarantine measures to safeguard their own health and the (See "COVID" on A6)

Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus. The line will be operated from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week. Calls made during off hours will be forwarded to the State of Kentucky COVID-19 Hotline.

Or you may visit kycovid19.ky.gov for more information. For assistance concerning the COVID-19 virus, the call center number is (606) 256-7385

City closures

The Splash Pad at the Lake Linville Park and all basketball courts at all city parks in Mount Vernon are closed until further notice. The lobby of City Hall is also closed.

Races cancelled

Races and events planned at the Rockcastle Speedway have been cancelled until further notice.

Latest reports

According to the latest reports at press time, Kentucky has had nearly 600 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 11 deaths which is 1.8 percent of reported cases. Three of the cases are in Rockcastle County.

Local city parks partially closed

By: Mike French
Editor

At press time Wednesday, there has been three cases of the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County reported and businesses, and local officials are taking measures to avoid further spread of the disease.

In fact, the City of Mount Vernon has officially closed all basketball courts at the city park and Lake Linville, as well as the Splash Pad at the lake.

Mayor Mike Bryant says officials are working on signs to post at the local parks with guidelines and rules until the threat is over. "The Splash Pad will only open after the crisis has passed," he

Possible library service?

The Rockcastle County public Library is considering starting a curbside service Monday, April 6. Call 256-2388 for information.

Stay home

Officials recommend that all elderly citizens stay at home whenever possible. In fact, Governor Andy Beshear suggests that all Kentuckians remain home unless an emergency arises.

said. "There will be signs with additional temporary rules for the park put up soon."

For now, city officials plan no legal action but ask that all rules be followed to avoid such measures. "Noncompliance or worsening of the situation we are facing would

necessitate our completely closing the parks, which we don't want to do. We are asking for cooperation from everyone to help us in getting through this devastating attack on our world, our country and our state," Bryant said. "Together, we will get to the other

New rules coming

side of all this."

As of Wednesday, three cases of the virus had been reported in Rockcastle. "Although health experts are telling us COVID-19 is expected to get worse, Mount Vernon and Rockcastle

County have been blessed to not have been impacted as much as other parts of the state so far."

But Bryant says he understands the impact the threat has caused locally

(See "PARKS" on A6)

RTEC providing one-on-one service

By: Mike French
Editor

In 15 counties in the southeast, including Rockcastle County, a lot of people depend on R-TEC (Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated) to get around.

But now that the COVID-19 virus has caused many business closures and cancellations, R-TEC has had to make adjustments as well.

Officials have asked everyone in America to remain at least six feet apart (social distancing) and to halt all public gatherings and events in an effort to slow the spread of the flu virus, which is said to be especially deadly to elderly citizens.

By order of Medicaid Services, R-TEC is no longer allowed to provide transportation for more than one person at a time, unless that person is required to have an escort.

The transportation service is also practicing daily cleaning of all "high-touch areas" to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

Officials of R-TEC have published public apologies for any inconvenience but feel that such measures are required for the safety of all

partons as well as drivers and staff of R-TECH.

The popular Trolley Cafe is closed till further notice and is not offering curbside service.

The lobby of R-TEC is closed to all walk-in customers but the office is staffed to take phone calls and other requests.

Officials of R-TEC say they have provided drivers and staff with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and are suggesting that all employees take extra precautions and use the recommended guidelines of washing hands and social distanc-

Trolley Cafe closed

ing.

For more detailed information about R-TEC and their plans for deal-

ing with COVID-19, visit their website at ridertec.org or call (606) 256-9835.

Extension Service provides help for countless needs

By: Mike French
Editor

You may have heard the old saying "I don't

have a green thumb." The complaint usually comes from someone who wishes they could grow a garden or a flower bed or even house plants but just can't seem to have any luck getting things to grow.

But now, thanks to the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and some very well trained professionals, this problem no longer exists.

The Rockcastle County Extension Office is housed in a building near the end of Main Street in Mount Vernon. But, the dedicated workers there spend a lot of their time out in a garden or field or pasture. Your garden, your field or your pasture.

After the retirement of John McQueary and Tom (See "HELP" on A6)

COVID-19 safety orders affect the entire state of Ky.

But really more like suggestions

By: Mike French
Editor

When asked how he plans to enforce his new rule that Kentuckians do not cross state lines except for certain acceptable excuses, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear said, "The only way...is because people agree to."

Most of the executive orders by the governor, and mayors across the state, seem to be under similar guidelines.

Currently those who cross state lines against the executive order will not be arrested or even fined. They are simply asked to stop.

Locally, the City of Mount Vernon has closed (See "ORDERS" on A6)

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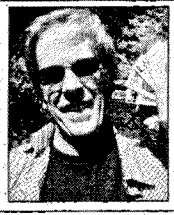
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Just speaking for myself, I'm kind of liking this social distancing, self-quarantine, stay home stuff that the governor thinks I'm doing because I am six years old.

I have always been somewhat of a homebody. In high school I never went to parties and in college I didn't join a fraternity. I guess I just like staying home.

People around me have wanted to go on vacations and travel and see the world and experience new things all my life.

I have spent my entire life gathering up things I like and things I enjoy having and making my home comfortable and convenient. And people want me to leave all that behind and go somewhere that I have none of that stuff.

If I want to sit in my comfortable chair and cut my fingernails, I know right where the clippers are. I can get a good, cold Pepsi out of my fridge and I have all my favorite snacks one room away.

If I do get bored, I can walk out back and target practice or work in the garden or sit under a huge shade tree and enjoy the cool breeze

But as I doze off under the shade of the huge Oak tree, if I decide I want to, I can grab my old guitar and play a few tunes in the cool of the day.

Everything I need, is ten seconds away and I don't have to deal with cashiers who act as though I am interrupting their phone texts, or hotel clerks who tell me how much it will cost if I dare smoke a cigarette.

Also, staying home, I won't have to deal with the old fellow in the pick up truck doing 22 mph, or the tractor-trailer doing 90 on a wet interstate, or the vehicle-destroying potholes that the state can never seem to keep up with fixing.

And at night, instead of jumping into a hard bed that someone else slept in last night, I can crawl onto my pillow-top, memory foam mattress under my mother's handmade quilt with my better half and my ashtray and cold Pepsi, and remote that actually works on the night stand beside me.

I know this sounds like I don't like people very much but that isn't true. I love people. I just love home too.

As for seeing the world, I have noticed some people drive for 12 hours and spend the entire week and thousands of dollars coming to central Kentucky to see water falls and caves and creeks and log cabins, while I am a few yards away from all of that.

As for experiencing new things, I don't care for that idea. If it is something I have never done before, there is probably a reason I never did it.

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Opinion: During Global Pandemic, Buy Local

Opinion submission from
Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner
Dr. Ryan Quarles

Last week, Kentucky farm families celebrated "National Agriculture Week," but as you can imagine, our annual celebration was quieter than usual, given our on-going fight against the global COVID-19 pandemic. As I talked to members of the media and neighbors to promote the celebration, they bombarded me with the following questions: Are we going to run out of food? Is our food supply safe? How can I support local farmers and agribusinesses?

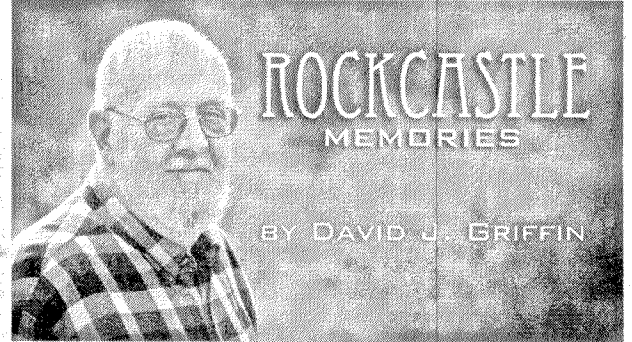
The good news is that America has the safest, most abundant food supply in the world and all evidence suggests that COVID-19 cannot be transmitted via food or livestock, provided you sanitize and prepare food as you would normally.

During this time of national shutdown, individuals and communities ought to support and honor the American farmer even more. A recent study from a national

organization reported that the local and regional food system – think farmers' markets, farm to school programs, and the like – could see a nearly \$700 million decrease in sales. It is more important now than ever before that consumers support farmers, agribusinesses, and retailers. Luckily for you, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture has developed several resources for consumers to find local food and other value-added agricultural products during this time.

• Have a craving for your favorite Kentucky Proud meal? Visit kyproud.com/takeout for a list of restaurants that

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Sharing the Beauty of Spring

The arrival of spring coincided with receiving a note from our family's dear friend Clinton Helton, who sent me a beautiful photo of a weeping cherry tree in his yard in Maryland. Clinton's message also gave us a chuckle

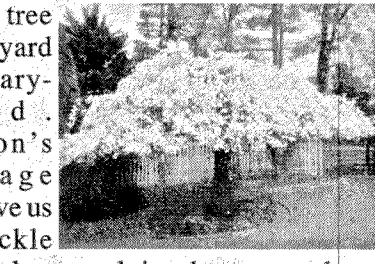
new tree has sprung up!

Most of us notice the coming of spring by observing the flowering trees and shrubs in and around our own homes. As most of my readers are aware, I have always

loved trees...and especially the flowering trees of spring.

When I was a very young boy, living with my mother (Bee) on a steep hill above Old US 25 (about two miles south of Mt. Vernon), we were given a truly beautiful gift each spring. In front of our house, on the bank above US 25, were multiple eastern redbuds that bloomed with magenta pink colors and made the area come alive. I can recall Bee sitting on our front porch swing as she observed the redbuds. Their beauty never failed to bring a smile to her face.

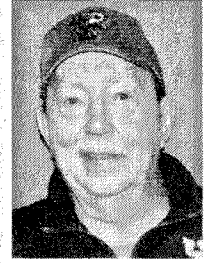
When my wife and I moved to Furnace Mountain in Powell County, nearly 30 years ago, we lived in an A-frame house that was surrounded by woods. We eventually purchased the woods beside our home and across KY 213 in front of our house. In the spring, redbuds ushered in the season by giving the mountains splashes of that lovely pink hue. We always looked forward to



When I explained, "When we set out the tree in our yard, our youngest grandchild saw it and said, 'Look, Mommie, a

Points East

By Ike Adams



I had email last week from retired Perry County educator, Mike Caudill, who now lives at Carcassonne in Letcher County. Mike is an avid reader and is doing his part to encourage folks to read while we are all supposed to be at home, riding out this Covid19 virus epidemic. Knowing that I read a lot and often recommend books in this column, he suggested that I up the ante and commence touting one of my favorite reads at the end of every column.

I'm going to take that suggestion a step further

and devote a whole column to it before waiting to put something in the last couple of paragraphs. Last week I briefly touched upon the notion that I don't understand why most avid readers don't pursue their reading habit with a kindle or other digital reading device.

Since most libraries and book stores are closed right now and are apt to stay that way for several weeks, a digital tablet or kindle-like device may well be the best

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Christmas is Now Past but the Lesson Learned was Short Lived

Dear Journal,
Today I find myself in a situation that I've never experienced, as well as many others. We're on lockdown in an attempt to save our lives from the dreaded Covid-19 virus. I don't have to tell you about all of the closings... in short just about everything is closed or will be closed soon. There is no certain date of when or if things will open again. What a situation!

On the TV they said something that made me laugh until I almost cried

and would have if things hadn't been so hopeless. Some poor misguided soul said that times like this brought out the best in people. I'd like to know where they live.

From what I've seen and heard, it is everybody for themselves. Snatch, grab, fight, wallow around in the store aisle over what we need. Can killing be far behind? It isn't that there is a shortage of anything but greed has taken hold of the country and hoarding is in control...or should I point the finger of blame where the root of the problem really is? It is Satan, the master of greed and all things related. People have just let him take control and he knows how to work in the minds of men. The mind is his playground.

It's only been less than three months ago since Christmas when most everyone was caught up in the spirit of peace, joy and goodwill to our fellow man. We had those warm fuzzy feelings of giving, sharing and love toward all. We just couldn't do enough for the elderly, poor, sick and needy. Now it's taking what we need for ourselves no matter who we have to take advantage of to get it. Hoard that food from the children and the elderly and sick plus other essentials. Don't forget that God is so pleased with you. No, not at all. He may curse you more than you could ever imagine possible.

Then, there are those who are upset about missing church services. Well, it's always been my belief that God sees and hears us wherever we are. He hears our prayers, leads us in our Bible study and even knows our thoughts. He knows exactly what we have need of before we even ask and one day we each will have to give an account of every idle word we've ever uttered and

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“Aces”

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source and support local farms, and who remain open, offering carryout or delivery with updated operating hours.

• Going to the grocery store is great, and is something you should do to support workers in your community, but many of Kentucky’s farmers’ markets will open in the coming weeks. To locate the freshest food from a farmer near you, visit kyproud.com/farmers-markets. While these sites are considered life-sustaining and will open, you should still avoid congregating, exercise a social distance of 6 feet, and wash your hands before and after a visit to your local farmers’ market.

• Why not look into buying shares of a CSA – community supported agriculture? A farmer offers a certain number of “shares” to the public. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a “membership” or a “subscription”) and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week from the farm’s harvest – in some cases right to your doorstep. Fresh farm products can include fruits, eggs, meats, herbs and flowers. We’ve even got a site for that, too. Visit kyproud.com/csa to locate a CSA in your area.

• You can also stay current with other buy local opportunities, like our upcoming Kentucky Proud Virtual CSA fair, by liking the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and Ken-

tucky Proud pages on Facebook. Promotions start on April 1 and the CSA event begins on April 16.

Farmers do not get the credit they deserve, even though in Kentucky they are responsible for \$45 billion of economic impact. As National Review writer Victor Davis Hansen wrote recently, “in our age of necessary shutdowns and staying home, one thing we must do is eat – and eat well to stay healthy. And that means a lot of people have to go to work and produce food.” That’s why the KDA advocated for an exemption for agriculture to stay open for business. Over the course of the last century, farmers have become so good at what they do that they are seemingly invisible. While many Kentuckians can telecommute from their homes, farmers will rise before dawn and work late into the evening to provide food and fiber for us and our families.

So while it is good to thank a farmer, remember one of the best ways to show your gratitude is by purchasing from farmers and businesses. And if you make a habit of it, you can celebrate agriculture all year long.

“Quarles”

(Cont. from A2)

Anyway, this staying home and going nowhere is my kind of life. And now I have an excuse besides being lazy. “Sorry honey, governor’s orders.”

At least the point I’ve been making for years is proven correct now.

All a governor has to do is say, obey my every command and attack those who disagree by calling them unpatriotic and self-centered, and the sheep will fall in line.

Anyway, social distancing is a great idea. Every flu season.

Staying home is a great idea, always.

Washing your hands is a great idea. I hope we have all been doing that for 6,000 years or so.

Helping those in need is a great idea. I think Jesus came up with that one.

Staying away from nursing homes and hospitals if you have a cold or flu is a great idea. Duh.

As for me, I’m headed to my oak tree this weekend. I am blessed to have a beautiful place to sit near a flowing creek with plenty of targets and plenty of rounds to practice with.

Enjoy your home time and your family time. It’s where I would always prefer to be.

Everyone say it with me...come on...let’s say it together...come on everyone...let’s say it out loud...“There’s no place like home.”

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

way to find handy reading material that you are going to find during the next several weeks. If you can use a cell phone, you can operate a digital reader so please don’t whine about not being able to master the technology.

My first Kindle ereader was a Christmas present about 15 years ago. In retrospect, I believe that Loretta bought it more for herself than for me. My wife is a light sleeper. My paper page turning and flickering reading light were bothersome enough to keep her awake and my favorite spot was, and still is, in the bed. She constantly complained that I was keeping her awake. To make a long story short, the Kindle solved her sleep problems and I fell in love with the convenience.

I’ve had many friends tell me that the heft and weight of a book and the turning of pages is a large part of their reading enjoyment. I get my enjoyment out of reading the stories and, simultaneously, keeping the peace in my bedroom. I’ve read several thousand books on a Kindle and enjoyed nearly every one of them. The ones I didn’t care for had nothing to do with the reading device.

In the early days of ereaders, there were only a couple or 3 digital “book readers” on the market and they were rather pricey. In today’s world, any Android tablet can be used as an ereader. I’ve had people tell me that they put the free Kindle app on their cell phones, but that seems to be a bit of a stretch and more trouble than it’s worth. Others have told me they read books on their laptop computers but that, too, has a lot of disadvantages, especially when it comes to taking one to bed.

I would recommend that readers purchase an android tablet in the 8 inch screen size. You can find them, refurbished, on ebay, for less than \$40.00, including shipping charges. In my experience, refurbished electronics are as good as brand new and cost less than half as much. As I previously mentioned, the kindle app is a free download that only takes a few seconds and enables you to read practically every book ever written. Ask a ten-year old for assistance if you need technical help.

Call your local library for help in getting the device connected to them and check out any number of free lending libraries available online. I use “Internet Archive” and haven’t really needed anything else.

In the meantime, if you want to read a series of books that are suitable for everybody in your family

between the ages of 8 and 180, check out Kentucky author, Jan Watson’s Troublesome Creek series.

The stories document the fictional life of a young girl growing up in eastern Kentucky during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I simply can’t think of anything more appropriate and more emotionally settling for your reading pleasure, especially during these troubling times. Check out a synopsis of the books on the author’s website.

“T. J.’s”

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every action we’ve ever done.

So, go ahead and hoard that hand sanitizer. Keep it for yourself or sell it for a little profit. Keep in mind that it could be YOUR elderly parents, grandparents or children who catch the virus and die because someone somewhere couldn’t sanitize properly due to there being no sanitizer. I guess the best thing for this country to do is fall down on our collective knees and ask God to forgive us for all of our sins and trespasses against Him and beg Him to forgive us and have mercy on us. The virus isn’t here in Rockcastle County so far as I understand. We still have a chance. If there are a few prayer warriors in this county who still believe in the power of prayer and the hope of forgiveness, let’s all pray at least once a day for God to work a miracle for this county. “Let no plague come to our door campaign”, so to speak and forgive us, renew our hope. He can hear us right from our home or wherever we are. I know because I’ve just received two tremendous miracles in my life and the hand of

God was in the works of both. I don’t believe He is through yet!

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

the redbuds popping out on Furnace Mountain.

When Kathy and I walked through the path we created through our woods, we could see the redbuds and flowering dogwoods that grew on the mountains surrounding our home. For that reason, we looked forward to spring each year.

As I have recounted previously, my wife and I recently sold our home in Powell County and moved to a home in Mt. Sterling. Our new home has a huge backyard, and a few days ago, we were delighted to see a large redbud budding in the center of our backyard. The smiles it brought to me and to my wife were automatic. The tree is close to our patio and makes a lovely scene in our backyard.

Even though we have been instructed to stay at home because of the Covid 19 virus that is sweeping across America, we can still take in the “purple haze” of the redbud in our new yard. We never ceased to be amazed at the grace of our Dear Lord. Ironically, only days before, my wife expressed her deep longing to see the redbuds blooming!

If you have flowering trees in your yard, maybe a friend or family member would be cheered by receiving a photo of the way spring is exhibiting itself to you. It certainly was appreciated in our case. And, if you do take up the suggestion, I wouldn’t mind having a copy sent to me as well! As they are saying, we are all in this together!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You to James Renner

Dear Editor,
I am writing to express my gratitude to James Renner, Rockcastle Co. Solid Waste Coordinator.

I have been in contact with James off and on for over twenty years.

Every time I have called James, regarding trash that has been illegally dumped and/or thrown out a car window, he has taken appropriate action to remedy the problem. Many times James has picked up the trash and, many times, he has gone the extra mile of tracking down the culprit.

In addition, James arranges free trash and tire drop-off days for the community, as well as being involved with community groups and individuals picking up trash.

James is also involved in educating the public/schools on the importance of proper waste disposal and the negative impact of trash in the environment.

These are just a few of the efforts I am aware of that James is involved in to alleviate trash problems in this community.

Thank you James for your dedication and all you do for this community, as well as the impact it plays on a global scale.

Sincerely, Kathy Horrar

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Rockcastle Library Information
Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice.

RCHS Alumni Banquet
The First Annual RCHS Alumni Banquet is postponed and will be rescheduled ASAP for the classes of 1973 through 1985. Details, go to rchs.alum.assoc.org or the Facebook group page at Rockcastle co. High School Alumni Association.

Change in hours for Circuit Clerk’s office
The Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk’s office will not be open on Saturdays until further notice, due to COVID-19 staffing regulations, according to Eliza York-Hansel Circuit Court Clerk.

Hot Rod Sign-Ups
Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy’s from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

Celebrate Sobriety Service
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies, Men Only, Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only, Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

DAR Meetings
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

American Legion Post 71
American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries

Gregory Ryan Scott Bradley

Gregory Ryan Scott Bradley, 42, of Eubank, died Monday, March 23, 2020, at his residence. He was born October 20, 1977, in Mt. Vernon, to William Hayes and Regina Cash. He was a member of the Northside Baptist Church, worked as a concrete finisher, and enjoyed music, playing guitars, UK sports, baseball, and writing music.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Regina (Richard) Cash; father, William (Rhonda) Hayes; one special person, Amanda Jones; three special children, Jaeligh Hayes, Braydon Issacs and Karleigh Issacs; two brothers, Adam (Kelsey) Woodall of Lancaster and Tyler Carrier of Eubank; two nieces, Rayna Wilhoit and Ashlynn Woodall; one nephew, Alex Woodall; and one uncle, Tim Bradley.

He was preceded in death by: his stepfather, Teddy Woodall; three brothers, Jason Bradley Woodall, William "Billy" Hayes and Tony Hayes; and grandparents, Joe (Aroma) Bradley, Elizabeth Woodall, and Christine McFerron.

In accordance with current state mandates, services for Ryan Bradley will be private for immediate family only. Interment will be at McKinney Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at:
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April is National Donate Life Month

Each National Donate Life Month we celebrate, a ramped-up, month-long initiative to focus attention on the life and death issues surrounding organ/tissue donation and transplantation. Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL) partner with Donate Life America (DLA) to share the importance of donor registration, to honor deceased and living donors, and celebrate the lifesaving and healing gift of transplantation.

"April is when we focus our efforts to educate as many Kentuckians as possible, that everyone can help save lives," states Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk. "Becoming an organ and tissue donor takes less than a minute and gives hope to the over 1,000 people in Kentucky who are currently waiting for a transplant. The decision to register as a donor is the first chapter of an extraordinary story, a chapter which can bring life and healing to those in need, their families, and their friends."

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential to state that registering as an organ donor can be done while social distancing per Governor Beshear's recommendations. Visit www.donatelifeky.org or RegisterMe.org to quickly register as a donor.

In accordance with social distancing and healthy practices, Donate Life Month will be celebrated virtually via TFL and Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) social media pages. Each day in April, communities are encouraged to participate in the comfort of their home. Highlighted events include:

- April 10, 6 p.m. EST: Fireside Chat with Aftercare
- April 13: Life Lift Competition (Win a Yeti Cooler)
- April 15, 6 p.m. EST: Donation Class with Lauren Salyer
- April 17, 10:08 a.m.: Pause to Give Life Flag-

raising

- April 26, 10 a.m. EST: 'Church' Service with kidney recipient and donor family, Andreas Price

- April 29: Coloring Contest

- April 30: Donor Remembrance Day (<https://www.aopo.org/donor-remembrance-day/>)

To celebrate National Donate Life Month, people across Kentucky who have been touched by the Donate Life mission are invited to participate in the Gift of Life Stories project. The Gift of Life Stories project is a collection of personal testimonials that brings awareness that brings awareness year-round to the great need for organ donation and the miracle of transplantation.

These stories include transplant recipients, friends, and family of recipients, donor family members or friends, patients and family/friends of those on the transplant waiting list, family/friends of those who have lost their lives waiting, and living donors. Advocates from all states are welcome. These inspirational stories can be seen on the online dedication wall at <https://donatelifeky.org/stories/>.

It is the hope of Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks that sharing these personal stories will inspire everyone to join the registry online via www.donatelifeky.org.

We will honor this month on Friday, April 17 which is National Donate Life Blue & Green Day. The day when the public is encouraged to wear bright blue and green Donate Life colors to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. There is also a public Blue & Green Day photo contest through the Donate Life America Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DonateLife/> for everyone to show their creative blue and green spirit. More information and public resources are available at <https://www.donatelifeky.org/blue-green-day/>.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Edible Landscaping & Gardening
(Introducing a series)

Growing a garden and finding a spot for fruit or nut bearing trees and shrubbery has always been something I have tried to do on a personal level for many a year, and for the past two decades have quite often suggested it to my clients and friends. I've written about it before, also. But, just like in the days of WWII and the "victory gardens" it may well be that having a dependable supply of fresh fruits and vegetables this summer will depend upon your own actions, as rationings and shortages will obviously increase and persist this year in the markets way beyond the meat and tissue aisles. So, let's explore things we might do in our own yards. This introduction will be a prelude to coming topics.

With readers in USDA planting zones 6a to 8a, and likely beyond, not every suggestion will work out for everyone. And some municipalities and states may have restrictions on something I recommend; currants come to mind, but Kentucky and Tennessee have no restrictions on them. So, let the reader decide what to implement and what to reject based upon their own needs and locations of their domiciles.

For many a year I have personally worked in fruiting plants into the yard and have often grown a garden; sometimes even a half acre. When the opportunity arises, I often suggest to clients and friends to grow some edibles. As in the years of WWII, when "victory gardens" were encouraged by the government, it may well be such a recommendation comes this year from our President. But, in any case, gardening and working some edibles into the landscape is a great practice, and looks especially like a really smart thing to do this year.

Vegetables are a way to a quick return. Put a plant or seed in the ground, and within weeks or months you have a harvest. Cabbages, broccoli, asparagus and a any number of other plants can look great while providing food for the table. Zucchini is an easy one, so is okra and tomatoes. Flowers such as nasturtiums are pretty in leaf and bloom, and a tasty addition to a salad. Shamrocks also, but they are a perennial that comes back each year.

In addition to annual vegetables and flowers, there are perennials, both the herbaceous ones and the woody

kind that produce for many years. I mentioned asparagus, and would add blackberries and raspberries.

Blueberries, gogi ber-

ries, honeyberries, currants, figs, are examples of the woody types.

Tree planting is a long term way to use the landscape of one's home to also grow things for the kitchen.

Usually there is a year or more wait for any fruit from trees. But, if your yard needs some trees for shade, for windbreaks, for privacy, for screening out a view you're tired of looking at—perhaps this is the time to get started planting long lived trees that also can produce an abundance of fruits or nuts over many years. Apples, pears, cherries, plums, serviceberries, jujubes, are just a few fruiting trees most of us can grow. And hickory, walnut, pecan, oaks, filberts, ginkgos are a few that produce nuts edible to both humans and wildlife. Even junipers with their blue berries are an edible landscape plant, even though you may never have considered it so.

Today starts the topic, and we will have a mix of gardening and fruiting stories along with other landscaping subjects as this season rolls along. I highly encourage those who can to grow a garden, for it will be a benefit in many ways, not just the food. And making the yard more like paradise has been my writing objective with this column, entering it's 20th season as of the current month of March 2020.

Let us look ahead to time in the yard and garden, especially when there are so many restrictions on going and doing other things.

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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

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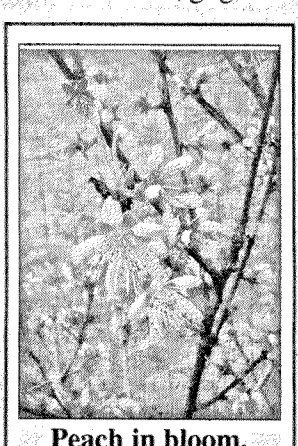
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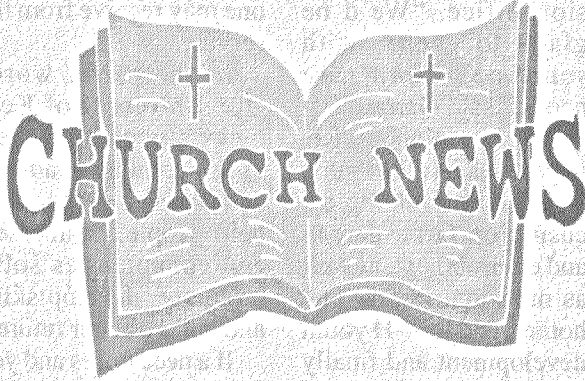
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Peach in bloom.



Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Group says U of L closely involved in abortion clinic

The Family Foundation announced recently, at a press conference in the state capitol, that it and 35 state legislators are asking Attorney General Daniel Cameron to investigate the University of Louisville Medical School's Ryan Residency Program to determine whether it is violating state laws prohibiting taxpayer-funded abortions. The group cited documents it had obtained, showing the close relationship between U of L's medical school and an abortion clinic in Louisville.

"These documents suggest that the only remaining abortion clinic in Kentucky is being run as an official or quasi-official arm of the University of Louisville's Medical School," said Martin Cothran, spokesman for the group. "Not only is U of L involved in the abortion clinic's activities, but the clinic operates, for all practical purposes, as an extension of the medical school's program."

The group said it had copies of court testimony, depositions and correspondence from UofL Medical School outlining the school's involvement.

"According to the documents, the abortion clinic, EMW Women's Surgical Services, is staffed by U of L physicians, physicians who are hired by UofL partly to do abortions and are paid by the University for working at EMW, where they perform the abortions. One physician said explicitly that she was hired by the program to 'provide abortion services.' She considered it 'part of her job.' She said she thought it was a 'part of her contract' with the University. They are, according to court testimony, paid for working at EMW, where they perform the abortions.

The group called the school's involvement 'very disturbing,' and possibly illegal.

The Misunderstood Baptism

Baptism is a very misunderstood doctrine. Hebrews 6:2 Tells us that baptism is a doctrine. Jesus said Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This sounds simple enough, until some preacher comes along as says this little word for means (because of). Youngs Concordance defines this word little (for) with a view to. Thayer defines this little word (for) Thayer defines it as unto, towards. Because of gives the impression that our sins are already forgiven before baptism. This also sets the stage for misrepresentation of all the other places where baptism is mentioned. Some say that baptism is only outward expression of an inward conviction. This is not found in the Holy scriptures.

So, what does baptism accomplish? 1. We have read that baptism is the act that removes sin. 2. Baptism saves. (1 Peter 3:21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now saves us. 3. Baptism puts us into Christ. Know ye not, that so many of us that was baptized into Jesus Christ was baptized into his death. (Romans 6:3). (Colossians 1:18) Christ is the head of the body the church.

Baptism is not a work. Work is something we continue to do. Baptism is an act of obedience. Romans 6:17-18 God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Baptism is what frees us from sin when it is obeyed from the heart. Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.

Saul, who later became the apostle Paul, thought he could pray and fast and be saved, but the Bible tells us in Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. I hope and pray you read your Bible just for the pleasure of reading and studying it, it will do you much good. (There can never be peace in a man's soul until he obeys God.)

Thank you for reading this message, I pray you remember the Lord in all things, and remember if we have the faith of a grain of mustard seed we can move mountains. God bless and keep you safe another week.

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RCHS Agriculture Program receives grant

Agriculture teacher Matthew Whitaker wants to update the greenhouse facilities at Rockcastle County High School and add new opportunities for his students to learn about growing food for themselves and the community.

Whitaker applied for the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Ag Achiever Grant to help with refurbishing the greenhouse and with purchasing much-needed equipment, like an overhead irrigation system and a heater. Additionally, Whitaker plans to start a community garden with his students. His goal is that students will both learn about greenhouse production practices and actually grow plants for the community garden, which they will plant and maintain in cooperation with other county organizations.

"The funding for Ag Achiever grants comes from money raised by the \$10 donation people are able to make when they renew their ag license tags as well as from the generous donation by our friends at Universal Leaf," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We know the best thing we can do with those dollars is put them back into local communities to give ag teachers an opportunity to have an impact."

"Children are the future of agriculture, and by partnering with programs such as Kentucky FFA's Ag Achiever Grant, we are all working towards the common goal of developing strong leaders who will understand the importance of agriculture and its role in the global economy," said Lindsay Efrid, Universal Leaf representative.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships which support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact nearly 14,000 FFA members in 158 FFA chapters across Kentucky.



Rockcastle County ag program student Kyle Coffey carries a tray of plants in the school greenhouse.

And CSAs during COVID-19 Pandemic

New web pages for Kentucky Proud takeout

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles encourages consumers to continue supporting Kentucky farmers through Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants and Community-Supported Agriculture. Quarles challenged Kentucky consumers to order

takeout from Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants and to share photos on social media channels with #KyProudTakeout. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo)

FRANKFORT (March 26, 2020) — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is announcing two new web pages for consumers to support Kentucky farm families during the COVID-19 global pandemic, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles announced today.

"The nation is mobilizing for war against an invisible enemy: the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles. "Just because you are working from home does not mean you have to stop supporting Kentucky farm families. My office has developed a web page for consumers to find Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants offering carryout, curbside, and delivery during this time. Additionally, we have developed a new page dedicated to Community Supported Agriculture, commonly called a CSA."

Kentucky Proud® Buy Local Restaurants source from and support local farms. Offered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, this program rewards participants for enhancing their menus with locally sourced Kentucky Proud® farm ingredients.

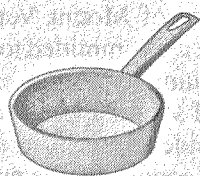
For Kentucky Proud® Buy Local Restaurants offering takeout options during the COVID-19 pandemic, go to kyproud.com/takeout.

"I encourage Kentuckians to go to kyproud.com/takeout to find a list of Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants you and your families can support while you are working and staying at home," said Quarles. "Be sure to snap a photo and share it to social media with #KyProudTakeout to encourage people in your social network to buy local, too."

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a food production and distribution system that directly connects farmers and consumers. Consumers buy "shares" of a farm's harvest in advance and then receive a portion of the crops throughout the harvest. Many Kentucky Proud CSAs have pick-up and delivery options. For Kentucky Proud CSAs, go to kyproud.com/csa.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BLT PASTA SALAD

1 pound thick cut bacon
1 pound bow tie pasta
1 cup zesty Italian salad dressing
1/2 cup creamy Ranch salad dressing
2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
10 leaves romaine lettuce, chopped into bite sized pieces
1/3 cup red onion, diced
Salt and pepper, to taste
Fry bacon until crispy; transfer to a paper towel lined plate.
Crumble when cool enough to handle.
Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain pasta and rinse under cold water until cool. Place pasta in a large serving bowl; set aside.

In a small bowl combine zesty Italian dressing and ranch, mix well. Add dressing to pasta and toss well to coat pasta. Add bacon, lettuce, tomato, and onion to the pasta bowl, mix well to combine, and season with salt and pepper as desired. Serve at once, or chill until needed.

ROASTED BEET SALAD

2 cans (15 ounces each) sliced beets, rinsed, drained, dried
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste
1 and 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup sliced black olives
1/4 cup chopped green onion

Line a jelly roll pan or large rimmed cookie sheet with foil. Spray foil with non-stick cooking spray. Place dried beets in single layer. Place under hot broiler, turning every 2 to 3 minutes until edges start to brown. Watch carefully to avoid burning. Broil for 8 to 10 minutes total. Remove from oven and allow to cool at room tempera-

ture. Mix oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, and garlic powder until blended. Pour over beets and add remaining ingredients. Stir gently so you don't break up the beets. Serve.

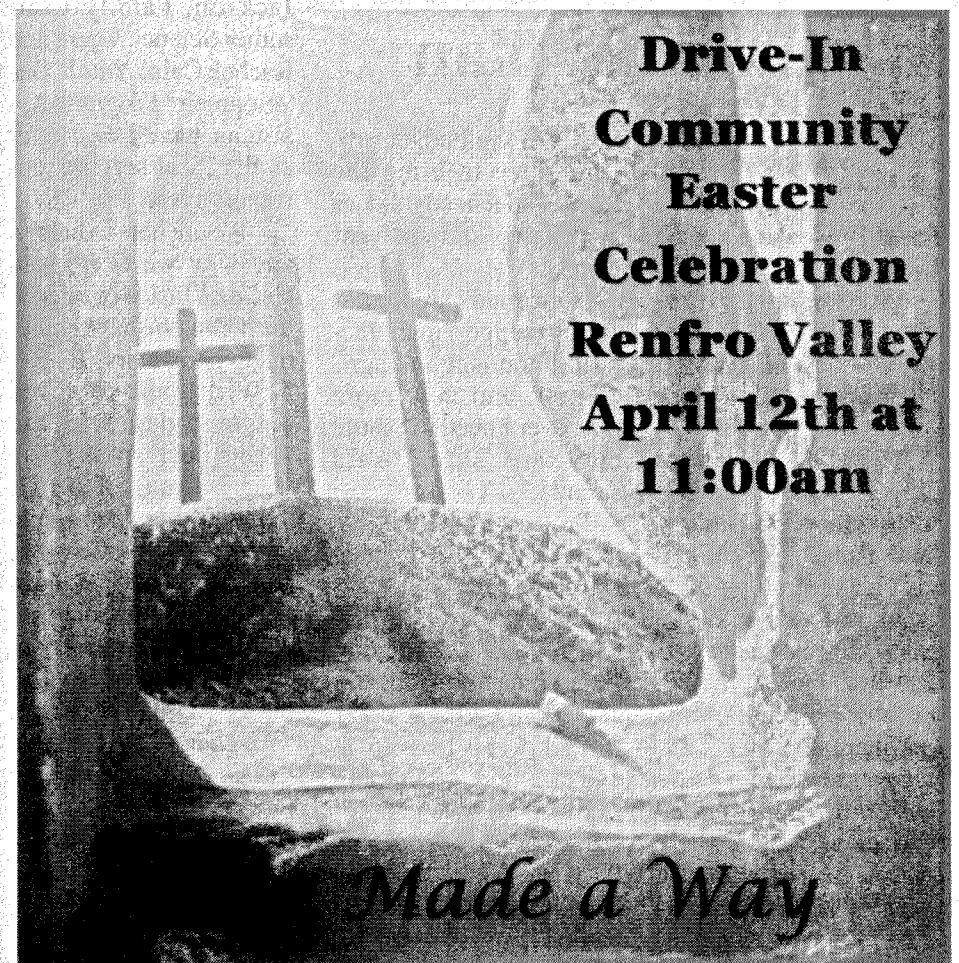
BROCCOLI SALAD

One of my BHS classmates and very good friend Wanda Faye gave me this recipe. It is one of her favorites and now it is my favorite.
1 small head of broccoli, chopped
1 small head of cauliflower, chopped
2 tomatoes, diced
1 can black olives, halved
1/2 red onion, diced
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing
1/2 C blue cheese dressing
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine the veggies; toss with both dressings. Add sunflower seeds and crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste.

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Drive-In Community Easter Celebration Renfro Valley April 12th at 11:00am



“COVID”

(Continued from front) health of the community.”

The two new cases reported Tuesday, a 73 year-old male and a 54 year-old female, are currently self-isolating and monitoring symptoms at home, according to the press release.

Nurses from the Rockcastle County Health Department are working closely with the two latest cases to identify people who may have been in contact with them during their infectious stage.

CVDHD Public Health Director Christie Green said the department is collaborating with local emergency management, first responders, hospitals and health care providers to be prepared to address cases as they appear in the community. “Our health departments in the Cumberland Valley District are committed to protecting the health of our communities. We have well-trained nurses, environmentalists and staff who are working hard to stay abreast of the changing nature of this pandemic,” she said.

A Pandemic is defined as an epidemic that has spread into a wider area.

According to the CVDHD, about 80 percent of those who test positive for the new virus do not require hospitalization and may have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all leaving 20 percent of those who test positive needing hospitalization.

Those at higher risks however are individuals with serious health conditions such as lung disease, heart disease or diabetes. Also, anyone over 60 years old is considered more vulnerable, according to the release.

Officials at the CVDHD says as more people in the county are tested, positive cases may increase.

Officials at the CVDHD also say that in cases where an individual tests positive and has had few contacts with others, health department nurses will contact those people individually. However, in cases where a large number of people may have been exposed, the health department will release information to the public to help inform them of the risk.

For general questions about the Coronavirus COVID-19, call 1-800-722-5725.

Officials say they will report any other cases

that appear in Rockcastle County and citizens should expect a much greater local impact in the area soon.

“ORDERS”

(Continued from front) basketball courts but officials say they are aware that some will simply play basketball somewhere else.

Police display the same attitude and no officials have publicly announced they will arrest or fine anyone breaking any executive orders concerning the COVID-19 virus.

However, that could change. Most officials agree that they hope such legal actions are never required and that people will obey all of the new Coronavirus-related rules and restrictions by choice.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin says his duty is to protect and serve the citizens of the county but these new guidelines cast a different light on communities. “I look at this as a chance for citizens to protect and serve citizens,” said Franklin. “And it is our job to facilitate their ability to do just that. We are all facing sacrifices during this time and if we work together, and help each other, everyone can come out of this fine.”

When asked if he plans to enforce the governor’s rule forbidding gatherings of more than 10 people in public, the sheriff’s answer was similar to other law enforcement officers. “We encourage and practice social distancing to comply with the governor’s order, orders from the Kentucky Supreme Court and the health department.”

Franklin pointed out Governor Beshear has established a hotline to report noncompliance regarding business or public gatherings. That number is 1-833-597-2337. “The health department has been given authority regarding response to those complaints,” said Franklin. “The goal is to protect our citizens and help our citizens to protect one another. Of course if the health department requests our assistance, we are always here to help.”

Though most of the COVID-19 rules and restrictions by governors, mayors and judge/executives across the state, are currently unenforced, officials say there are indeed statutes that would allow enforcement measures to be taken if the

virus spreads more than expected.

However, Franklin has a message for all citizens. “I encourage everyone to follow the recommendations to slow the spread of the virus and keep case numbers at manageable levels. These are the best tools we have at this time.

Those in high-risk groups should self-isolate and follow the advice of your doctor.

All of us at your Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office extend our prayers and our support to all of our citizens. We are here to protect you and your rights and we remain at your service.

You will continue to see us patrolling the streets and responding to emergencies. Call 911 if you have an emergency and the dispatch non-emergency numbers for other requests for service.”

Those numbers are: 256-2121, 256-4508 and 256-1327.

“PARKS”

(Continued from front) and has seen citizens helping others every day. “This pandemic has been life changing for all of us. I want to thank so many in the community for stepping up and meeting this challenge with such compassion, care, help and optimism.”

According to Bryant, city business is continuing though there have been some changes in daily procedures. “At the City of Mount Vernon, we are committed to continuing to provide essential services to all of our residents and businesses. Of course, for the protection of our employees and others, we too have had to take steps to mitigate the potential impact the virus could have on our area,” he said.

Those steps include closing the lobby at city hall, reducing the number of staff in various departments and implementing various other safeguard measures, the mayor said.

Governor Andy Beshear recently said during a daily news conference that mayors and other who witness citizens congregating in a park should “shut them down.”

However, for now, Bryant is hoping such action will not be necessary. “We are asking for cooperation. We can get through this together.”

“Help”

(Continued from front) Miller at the local office, Garrard Coffey, Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, Hazel Jackson, Family Consumer Science Agent and Rachel Cain, Youth Development Program Assistant, have taken over as the local service representatives.

“We are here to help in any way we can,” said Coffey. “Inside or outside the home. We have someone who can help.”

With their required masters degrees, the agents have spent many years learning all there is to know about plants and insects and gardens, as well as crops and farm animals and they are on call for anyone in Rockcastle County for too many needs to count. “We go to people’s home to help with everything from quilting to soil conservation and livestock assistance,” said Garrard.

Garrard says between

the trained agents on hand, anyone can call the local service and ask for help with most any problem concerning growing vegetables, crops, grass, beef cattle, and much more.

Garrard says most of his calls in the area concern beef cattle and Jackson focuses a lot on in-home needs, including nutrition and quilting while Cain focuses most of her attention on the local 4-H program.

But these are only a few of the many needs that may come their way on any given day at the office.

In fact, if a local resident just wants their grass to be a little darker green than their neighbor’s

yard, call the local extension office. “We’d be glad to help with someone’s lawn care needs,” said Garrard.

The extension service, in general, has four main areas of programing focusing on farm, garden and environment, as well as nutrition, family and homes, and on 4-H youth development and finally on community and economic development. Within each of these programed areas, are many sections of farming or home operations.

The agents are trained in countless areas that many are not aware of, including their effort to lower obesity rates in Kentucky and their efforts are stated among the

brochures and handouts one may receive from the service.

In their own words “the University of Kentucky Cooperative Service provides practical education you can trust to help people, businesses, and communities solve problems. develop skills and build a better future.”

If a need arises and you wonder who to call to solve a problem on your farm or in your home, officials at the service say “whether you are a commercial-scale farmer, a backyard gardener, an avid outdoor person, or anything in between, our experts can help you grow your food, understand the food system and protect the environment.”

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FSA will consider guaranteed lender requests for: Temporary payment deferral consideration when borrowers do not have a feasible plan reflecting that family living expenses, operating expenses and debt can be repaid; and Temporary forbearance consideration for borrowers on loan liquidation and foreclosure actions.

Contacting FSA

FSA will be accepting additional forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 2.625%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 3.250%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%

Emergency Loans = 3.625%

Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 1.375%, 5 yrs. = 1.375%, 7 yrs. = 1.500%

10 yrs = 1.625%, 12 yrs = 1.625%, 15 yrs = 1.750%

Commodity Loans = 2.500%.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

FSA Makes Changes to Farm Loan, Disaster, Conservation and Safety Net Programs to Make it Easier for Customers to Conduct Business
FSA Services Available by Phone Appointment Only

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices are open by phone appointment only until further notice, and FSA staff are available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Additionally, FSA is relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need.

FSA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into to the office, they will be working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools whenever possible.

“FSA programs and loans are critical to America’s farmers and ranchers, and we want to continue our work with customers while taking precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus,” FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. “We recognize that farm loans are critical for annual operating and family living expenses, emergency needs and cash flow through times like this. FSA is working to find and use every option and flexibility to provide producers with credit options and other program benefits.”

FSA is delivering programs and services, including: Farm loans; Commodity loans; Farm Storage Fa-

cility Loan program; Disaster assistance programs, including sign up for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (this includes producers now eligible because of losses due to drought and excess moisture in 2018 and 2019); Safety net programs, including 2020 sign up for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs; Conservation programs; and Acreage reports.

Relaxing the Farm Loan-Making Process

FSA is relaxing the loan-making process, including: Extending the deadline for applicants to complete farm loan applications; Preparing Direct Loans documents even if FSA is unable to complete lien and record searches because of closed government buildings. Once those searches are complete, FSA would close the loan; and Closing loans if the required lien position on the primary security is perfected, even for loans that require additional security and those lien searches, filings and recordings cannot be obtained because of closed government buildings.

Servicing Direct Loans

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

Servicing Guaranteed

Rockcastle included in state road plan

By: Mike French Editor

State Representative Travis Brenda announced Tuesday that Rockcastle County is slated to receive \$3,575,000 under the state road budget, which passed the House Wednesday, March 18.

According to the Kentucky Republican Caucus press release, Kentucky road funds are raised through the motor fuels tax, motor vehicle usage tax, vehicle and boat registration, motor vehicle operator’s licenses, tolls and interest.

Brenda says the Governor’s proposed road plan moved many projects further out but he was able to work with of-

ficials of the budget subcommittee to bring the Rockcastle needs closer in the two and six year plans.

“Our roads are necessary to support manufacturing, tourism and agriculture, and now more than ever I need to ensure they are safe,” said Brenda.

Projects for Rockcastle in the year 2021 include US 25 paving.

The six-year plan, which totals \$32,152,000 throughout the state, includes improving KY 421 from US150 to I-75 at exit 62, and a planning study of improvements of US 25 from I-75 beside Renfro Valley and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

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Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhop@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.

Bible Baptist Church
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Travis Gilbert
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

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7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
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Preaching Rethren
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
606-308-2794
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
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Sunday Youth Bible Study
5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Ralph Baker, Pastor
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237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor
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Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
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606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Hall, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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116 Meadow Lark Lane
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Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and
Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007
Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
606-355-7595

CrossPoint Church of God
211 Industrial Park Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
859-582-2553

**Crossroads
Assembly of God**
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead,
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
**Fairground Hill
Community Holiness
Church**
Sunday Evening Service
6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
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Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Youth/Family Minister
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Sunday Worship
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
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Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

**Hickory Grove
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Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday Morning Worship
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.

Little Country Church
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Jack Weaver, Pastor
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist
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Children's Church 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livingston Christian
Church**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/
Sunday Youth Missions
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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606-308-5368

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:00 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller

Sand Springs Baptist
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exactly 5 miles, church on right
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry
Scaffold Cane Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Skaggs Creek Baptist**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Richard West
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Mt. Vernon
606-25605894
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Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

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Pastor: Eugene Webb
1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Berea, Ky. 40403
Organized in December, 1908
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Jeff Draper, Pastor
Wildie Christian
Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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Letter to Our Community from Rockcastle Regional Hospital

To our patients and community:

As the spread of COVID-19 impacts the health of many communities around us and throughout the nation, and upends our daily living, we want to assure everyone that Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center remains committed to our mission of delivering the highest quality of care to those we serve. Our focus continues to be on the safety of our patients, employees, and our community.

At this time, Rockcastle Regional doesn't have any cases of COVID-19 in the facility; but since the organization serves the entire state of Kentucky and many surrounding states, we are being ever so vigilant.

Here are some of the things we've done so far:

- We have implemented infection control protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our facility, including restriction of visitors to our acute care hospital and our Respiratory Care Center, with visitation limited to patients receiving critical care.
- All visitors to our facility are met by a healthcare professional who conducts a screening upon entrance that includes a temperature check, a questionnaire, and education on hand washing and COVID-19.
- In response to the Governor's recommendations, we have rescheduled non-emergent medical procedures or appointments. For those appointments that can be completed by phone or video chat (telemedicine), our care providers have worked with our patients to establish the means to do so.
- We have activated our emergency preparedness plan to stage areas throughout the facility if our community begins to see positive cases of COVID-19. In the event patient volumes grow beyond our typical threshold, or what is referred to as a "surge," we can immediately initiate the next level in our emergency preparedness plan. An example of this is the tented triage area that has been staged outside our emergency department. The area consists of several tents and stands ready to serve as a triage area to allow those who present to the emergency department with respiratory symptoms to be routed to a different area than potential patients who are in need of traditional emergency care, should a "surge" in COVID-19 cases occur locally.

We encourage everyone to be vigilant in not only caring for yourself during this time, but also thinking about how your actions can affect others and the further spread of this outbreak. The CDC provides recommendations on how you can best do this:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away, or cough and sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet between you and others.

If you suspect you might have COVID-19 or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please call Rockcastle Regional's Hotline at (606) 256-7385. Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, body aches, runny nose, or sore throat. A medical professional answering the call will assess your symptoms and advise you of the steps you should follow.

Calling in when symptoms are mild, rather than coming in to see the doctor, will prevent potentially exposing healthcare workers and others to the virus. If you are unsure what to do based on your symptoms, please use these guidelines recommended by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Rockcastle Regional:

If you are worried-well, please stay home, call the Kentucky State Hotline at (800) 722-5725, or the Rockcastle Regional Hotline at (606) 256-7835. Going to a hospital or doctor's office adds to a higher concentration of people and further overwhelms the healthcare system.

If you are ill, but would not have sought care if not for COVID-19, do not seek in-person care at an emergency department, hospital, or doctor's office. Instead, please call your healthcare provider or Rockcastle Regional's Hotline at (606) 256-7865.

If you are sick and feel you have an emergency, please call your healthcare provider or seek medical care. Rockcastle Regional stands ready to serve you.

We encourage everyone seeking additional information about COVID-19 to refer only to reliable sources such as the CDC at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019), the Kentucky Department of Public Health at [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.kycovid19.ky.gov), or our website at [rockcastleregional.org](https://www.rockcastleregional.org).

Even as we each do our parts to social distance and remain isolated, we must remember our family, friends, neighbors, and the community that we are all fighting to protect.

Sincerely,

Board, Administration, Physicians, and Staff of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center



WHEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, WE ARE THERE WITH YOU.

**By Peter Baniak
Past President
Kentucky Press Association**

When Kentucky's first cluster of COVID-19 cases emerged in rural Harrison County, The Cynthiana Democrat newspaper took immediate action to help keep its community informed. The weekly paper, which has two reporters, published a special section with essential information on the novel coronavirus and sent it out to every household in the county.

"Don't Panic," said the banner headline. "But instead be prepared."

These are unprecedented days in communities throughout Kentucky, the United States and the world, as the novel coronavirus spreads, wreaking medical and economic damage in its wake.

Kentucky's community newspapers, large and small, in digital and in print, are taking action to keep our communities informed on everything from the latest news about the virus itself to the importance of social distancing. We're providing resources and connecting citizens in our communities who are affected by the unprecedented steps being taken to stop the spread of the virus. And newspapers are stepping up for their communities even as we're directly affected, too – with

our staffs working from home and many of our advertisers shutting their doors, at least for now.

Newspaper sites throughout the Commonwealth have removed their digital paywalls on stories about COVID-19 and its effects, making this essential information free so it can reach as many citizens in our communities as possible.

Kentucky's community newspapers are providing essential information to our towns and cities in other ways, big and small.

The Crittenden Press in Crittenden County, Ky., is hosting a local video news conference each Friday with community leaders, spreading it widely on social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat and YouTube.

"We, too, are in a survival mode on the business side, but there's little time to count nickels right now because as the town crier of community, we are pledged to keep crucial, reliably consistent and verified information on the streets," said Chris Evans, editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press.

Newsrooms from Bardstown to Lexington to Pikeville to Adair County are helping restaurants spread the word with guides listing curbside and takeout ser-

VICES and compiling free lists of resources for community members who may be dealing with sudden unemployment, health crises, or childcare needs.

Jobe Publishing increased the font size of its newspapers in south-central Kentucky given the increased demand among seniors who can't leave their homes under social-distancing guidelines.

The Kentucky News Group's sites are helping funeral homes live-stream funerals at the request of families, so services can be experienced by loved ones even amid restrictions on social gatherings.

Our staffs are working around the clock to knock down rumors and to report, check and distribute verified information to help our communities in a time of need like none we've seen before. As we do this essential work for you, we ask that you consider subscribing, support advertisers in our issues and if your business is strong and stable perhaps help by placing an advertisement. In essence helping your local newspaper is "paying it forward" for the communities we serve.

Now more than ever, Kentucky's newspapers will be here to help our communities when they need us most.

KET devotes daytime schedule to at-home learning to help families and educators

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on schools, KET has modified the weekday daytime schedule on its main channel as of Monday, March 30. As part of KET's mission to ensure Kentucky students of every age have access to high-quality, free educational resources, the program schedule is changing to provide educational content that educators and parents can use to support learning at home.

KET's normal Monday through Friday lineup that airs on the main KET channel from 7 a.m. ET to 5 p.m. ET has been replaced with a special lineup containing programming specific to at-home learning for PreK-third grade, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. Viewers can visit KET.org/learnathome for an updated weekly schedule.

With these broadcast programs, paired with a rich library of online resources, KET is helping address the critical need for quality distance learning resources. Families and educators can visit KET.org/learnathome for a toolkit that provides

free high-quality educational resources for children of all ages.

"With students at home, we know teachers, parents and caregivers are doing their best to keep everyone learning," said Shae Hopkins, KET executive director and CEO. "We're here to help with educational resources for students of all ages. Education is at the heart of our mission, and we're here to serve Kentuckians during this crucial time."

Said Kentucky Interim Education Commissioner Kevin C. Brown: "For over 50 years, KET has used technology to respond to the needs of Kentuckians. Keeping with that tradition, I am so grateful for KET's recent efforts to increase the number of educational programs for use by Kentucky's students during the COVID-19 crisis. Generation after generation, KET has evolved using new technology and ways to reach all Kentuckians with quality programming. Now KET continues to lead by responding quickly during a time of crisis."

KET is available over the air statewide, on cable

systems, and via livestream at KET.org/live, on the KET app for Android and Apple devices, and on YouTube TV.

KET's daytime programming lineup:

- From 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. ET, KET will air programming for children in PreK - third grade. The

lineup features trusted PBS KIDS programs such as Wild Kratts and Peg + Cat that focus on math and science.

- From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET, KET will air programming for grades 4-8.

- From 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. ET, KET will air programming for grades 9-

12. Programming for both of these age groups include PBS programs that focus on the content areas of social studies, math, science, and English language arts.

To watch the PBS KIDS programs that normally air weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET on KET, viewers can

turn to the KET PBS KIDS channel, which is available over the air and via livestream at KET.org/kids. The KET PBS KIDS channel is also available for streaming on YouTube TV and via the free PBS KIDS app on Apple TV, Roku, Android TV, Chromecast, and Amazon Fire TV.

Senator McConnell applauds Senate passage of CARES Act

U. S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) praised Senate passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The legislation, introduced by Senator McConnell earlier this month and passed by the Senate last night, takes bold action on four urgent priorities.

The CARES Act directs financial help for the American people, provides rapid relief for small businesses and their employees, takes significant steps to stabilize our economy and protect jobs, and delivers more support for the brave healthcare professionals and the patients who are fighting the coronavirus on the front lines.

"Ten days ago, I laid

out four urgent priorities for new Senate legislation to help our nation through this crisis. I led Republicans and Democrats to work together around the clock to make the bill even better. And I am proud to say the Senate stood together, acted together, and passed this historic relief package," Senator McConnell said. "In the coming days and weeks, our nation is going to meet new heroes. Heroes who rush toward the sick, and wash their hands until they bleed, and work around the clock to heal our friends and our families. When our nation comes through this and takes flight again on the other side, it will be because American heroes won this fight. All the

Senate can do is give them the resources to do it. So that's exactly what we did."

The Bipartisan CARES Act will help stabilize the economy, provide recovery checks and unemployment insurance, support small businesses, and surge funding for hospitals and medical equipment.


The CARES Act Provides Direct Assistance To Families And Workers Through Recovery Checks And Expanded Unemployment Insurance As Well As Relief On Student Loan Payments

- Provides recovery checks to most taxpayers, providing cash immediately to individuals and families. Individuals are eligible for checks up

to \$1,200 and married couples filing jointly are eligible for checks up to \$2,400, with an extra \$500 for each child. Even people with no income and or only Social Security income are eligible. So that relief is focused on those who need it most, eligibility for recovery checks is reduced starting at \$75,000 in income for individuals and \$150,000 in income for joint filers. Individuals with income exceeding \$99,000 and joint filers with income exceeding \$198,000 are ineligible. Eligibility is based on 2019 tax returns, or 2018 returns if the 2019 return has not yet been filed.

- Strengthens and expands unemployment in-

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Stephen Charles Howerton v. Melissa Carol Howerton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerusha Mae Robinson v. Rick Bryan Robinson, verified petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00065

Deeds Recorded

Russell and Anna Poynter, property on Copper Creek Road, to Eddie Dwayne and Tracy L. Simpson. Tax \$21

Billy Joe Smith and Penny Nicely, property on Bussell St., Brodhead, to Bryon C. and Lisa Michelle Mason. Tax \$35

TLS Unlimited, property on Main St., Livingston, to Jeffrey and Dawn Carpenter. Tax \$10

Paul Rice, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Roger and Rebecca Isaacs. No tax

Virgil F. Lefler III and Sarah B. Lefler, property on Chestnut Grove Rd., to Billy D. Mason II and Michele M. Mason. Tax \$115

Marriage Licenses

Bayleigh Breanne Mullins, 23, Berea, unemployed and Joseph Dewayne Parker, 28, Lancaster, Bluegrass Army Depot. 3/21/20

Katherine Mary Sizemore, 40, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Jason Boyd Stewart, 40, Brodhead, scrap yard. 3/24/20

Lauren Rachelle Pagedtt, 22, Berea, daycare asst. teacher and Lance Michael Hostetler, 22, Berea, unemployed. 3/25/20

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. William Convery, \$4,246 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Terry Harding, \$735 plus claimed due.

Merchants Acceptance, Inc. v. John Burton, et al, \$2,201 plus claimed due. C-00063

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“CARES”

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insurance for Americans who cannot work due to the coronavirus. It expands unemployment benefits to the self-employed, independent contractors, gig workers, and others. The bill provides additional benefits to each recipient of unemployment insurance for up to four months and an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits after state benefits are no longer available. For people who were employed on March 1 and have lost their job due to coronavirus, the bill provides paid leave for them as well. The bill also helps states pay for certain additional unemployment insurance costs.

- Permits students to defer their student loan payments for 6 months and keep their Pell grants.

The CARES Act Provides Crucial Assistance To Small Businesses To Keep Operating And Keep Their Employees

- Provides nearly \$350 billion in federally guaranteed loans via the Paycheck Protection Program to provide eight weeks of cash-flow assistance to small businesses who maintain their payroll during this emergency. If employers maintain their payroll, the loans would be forgiven, which would help workers to remain employed and affected small businesses and our economy to quickly snap-back after the crisis.

- Allows the Paycheck Protection Program to cover payroll costs, paid sick leave, supply chain disruptions, employee salaries, health insurance premiums, mortgage

payments, and other debt obligations to provide immediate access to capital for small businesses impacted by the coronavirus.

- Provides \$17 billion in small business debt relief by requiring the Small Business Administration to pay all principal, interest, and fees on all existing SBA loan products for six months to provide relief to small businesses negatively affected by the coronavirus.

- Provides \$10 billion for expanded eligibility for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans, including emergency grants, an advance of \$10,000 within three days to maintain payroll, provide paid sick leave, and to service other debt obligations.

for vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and other preparedness needs, with at least \$3.5 billion of that to advance construction, manufacturing, and purchase of vaccines and therapeutic delivery to the American people.

- Includes \$4.3 billion for the Centers for Disease Control.

- Includes \$45 billion for the FEMA disaster relief fund.

- Includes over \$19 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs to support increased demand for health care services at VA facilities and through telehealth, including the purchase of medical equipment and supplies, testing kits, and personal protective equipment. Also enables VA to provide additional support for vulnerable veterans.

The CARES Act Reinforces Health Care Providers, Ensures Free Tests For Patients, Makes Sure Medicare Beneficiaries Can Access Care, And Increases Critical Supplies Of Medical Equipment And Drugs

- Increases the supply of drugs and critical equipment, including

- Includes \$100 billion for hospitals and health care providers to ensure they receive the support they need for coronavirus-related expenses and lost revenue.

- Includes \$16 billion to procure personal protective equipment (PPEs), ventilators, and other medical supplies for federal and state response efforts via the Strategic National Stockpile.

- Includes \$11 billion

ventilators and masks.

- Boosts hiring for coronavirus-related health care jobs.

- Ensures all coronavirus tests are free for patients.

- Speeds the development of new vaccines and treatments.

- Ensures Medicare patients can access treatment for coronavirus by increasing payments for providers, and eliminating charges for an eventual vaccine. It also ensures Medicare Part D beneficiaries access to prescription drugs during the emergency.

The CARES Act Helps Stabilize The Economy And Offers Relief To Businesses As They Keep Employees On Payroll

- Provides \$500 billion to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Exchange Stabilization Fund for distressed industries.

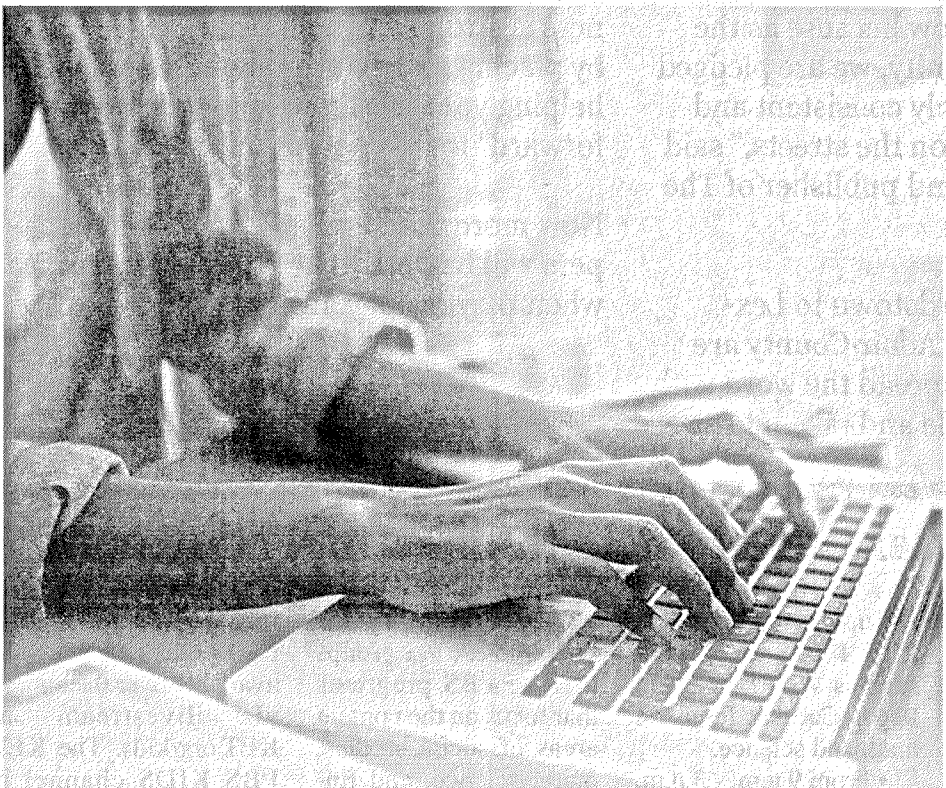
- Authorizes the Federal Reserve to provide approximately \$4 trillion in direct aid to various industries and local governments.

- Safeguards taxpayers by requiring strict criteria for loans.

- Establishes oversight through an independent Inspector General and Congressional Oversight Panel.

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If you suspect you might have COVID-19, please call your doctor's office or Rockcastle Regional's COVID-19 hotline at (606) 256-7385



Shape your future START HERE > United States Census 2020

The 2020 Census is fast approaching. Data collected in the census will inform the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to states and communities each year for things like infrastructure, health care, and food assistance. It's important that we all respond to shape the future of Rockcastle County.


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Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly returned to Frankfort on Thursday with the primary goal of advancing the state's biennial budget plan. While negative economic impacts due to the coronavirus are inevitable, I am confident in the legislature's ability to reconcile political differences and craft a balanced two-year financial plan for the Commonwealth.



Economic relief for COVID-19-impacted businesses and workers passed both chambers with overwhelming bipartisan support. Senate Bill 150, which originally dealt with out-of-network insurance billing, was amended in free conference negotiations between the House and Senate. A key provision would extend unemployment eligibility to the self-employed, including many small business owners and independent contractors who were not previously eligible for unemployment benefits under Kentucky law.

The budget conference committee began meeting this week. This bipartisan and bicameral group is tasked with reexamining the current budget document and determining the most financially responsible avenue moving forward, given the economic climate. To get a clearer view of what the state's financial future could look like, the committee heard a report from the State Budget Director who offered a less than optimistic projection with an estimated \$300 million in revenue losses over the next two years. These difficult financial conversations and budget revisions will be ongoing until a final version of the budget is agreed upon.

We are constitutionally required to pass a budget prior to adjourning the legislative session. Therefore, it is anticipated that both chambers will vote on the finalized budget bill when we reconvene on our next legislative day on Wednesday, April 1. We will be in veto recess until the session's final days on April 14 and 15.

There are many ways for you to stay informed on legislative happenings as we continue our work in Frankfort. Livestreamed video feed is available for all General Assembly meetings. Kentucky Educational Television (KET) currently livestreams Senate and House proceedings as well as many committee sessions. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) will livestream any committee meetings that aren't covered by KET on YouTube.

To see the daily meeting schedule with links to livestreams visit:

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legislature.ky.gov (The link to watch is on the homepage.)

KET: ket.org/legislature

I understand that these are troubling times, and it feels like there are more questions than answers. However, I believe it is important that all Kentuckians are informed of the resources that have been made available to help with any questions or concerns that you may have. I would ask for your assistance in sharing this information with those in your community as well.

The COVID-19 hotline is still available to those in need: 1 (800) 722-5725. The hotline is a service operated by the healthcare professionals at the Kentucky Poison Control Center who can provide advice and answer questions. They ask that you first review their website, kycovid19.ky.gov, before calling. Guidance and updated information is being

provided as it becomes available.

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is working expeditiously to better serve those who have been displaced from work during this frustrating and challenging time. To expedite the process, Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims will be filed on a specific day of the week based on the first letter of your last name:
Sunday: A - D
Monday: E - H
Tuesday: I - L
Wednesday: M - P
Thursday: Q - U
Friday: V - Z (and all who missed their day)

Please be on the lookout for UI information and other updates from the

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative

State legislature responds to COVID-19 with crucial relief bill

On Thursday, March 27, the Kentucky General Assembly convened for day fifty of the 2020 Regular Session. Though our top priority is passing a budget, it also falls to the legislature to help provide relief to Kentuckians suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are, after all, the only branch of state government that can pass laws. Thousands of Kentuckians are struggling through no fault of their own. Parents can not work, children can not go to school, and business owners who are the backbone of our communities have had to close their doors.



Governor Beshear, our public health officials, and medical providers throughout the state are doing an admirable job putting our fellow Kentuckians at ease and implementing policies to help slow the spread. Our priority is the health and safety of our people. We all recognize that these actions come at a cost felt by all Kentuckians, and the Kentucky General Assembly is already at work to lessen the burden.

Of course, this is not the first time in our history that we have been called to make sacrifices. In the first half of the 20th century, this country faced two World Wars, the Spanish Flu Pandemic, and an economic crisis that crushed the American economy. When the dark days were over, Americans switched from recovery to rebuilding. With vision, leadership, and cooperation, we can do the same.

Before leaving Frankfort, I was honored to cast a vote for SB 150, referred to as the "COVID relief bill." The bill does a number of things to move us through both the health and economic repercussions of COVID-19.

SB 150 provides relief for Kentucky workers: Those who lose their jobs or see their hours cut because of COVID-19's impact on the economy will be able to access unemployment benefits immediately as SB 150 removes the seven-day waiting period. The measure also extends benefits to self-employed and others who would typically not be eligible. The bill's provisions also allow employees who have been reduced to part-time status to draw a partial benefit. We have seen a record number of people reach out to unemployment

cabinet via social media and its website: www.kcc.ky.gov.

As we maneuver through the final legislative days of the 2020 Regular Session, I encourage you to utilize the resources mentioned to stay updated on the coronavirus situation and budget discussions. Take care of each other and stay healthy. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issues, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.



James Kirby, plant manager for Hanson Aggregates Laurel Quarry, pictured with operations manager Darrell Owsley, was recently presented a plaque to commemorate his 45 years of service with the company. Kirby joined the company in 1975 serving in a variety of roles. In 1997 he moved the Laurel Quarry at Somerset as a mechanic where his natural leadership qualities were quickly recognized and he was soon promoted to plant manager, a position he still holds today.

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ment insurance, and that number will only grow in the weeks to come.

SB 150 also includes help for business owners: Its provisions include language that prevents a business owner's unemployment insurance rate from being adversely impacted because they had to lay off employees as a result of COVID-19. The bill also permits the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to seek assistance from the federal government and use other resources to reimburse the unemployment insurance trust fund. We have seen a record number of people apply for unemployment insurance, and I think that number will only grow in the weeks to come. I believe that SB 150 makes the unemployment insurance program even more valuable as a safety net and helps set the stage for our recovery.

It encourages the production of PPEs and other supplies. Because many manufacturers and other businesses have voiced an interest in joining the ef-

orts against COVID-19, we granted immunity to those that can switch to making products like personal protective equipment or personal hygiene supplies.

It cuts through red tape to help our farmers: We know our agricultural community is working even harder to get food and other goods to market. Through SB 150, we suspended a requirement that they get a temporary restricted CDL license for farm-related activities.

It helps the medical providers who are dealing with COVID-19: These men and women are mothers, fathers, children, and parents who balance their own needs while trying to keep us healthy, heal the sick, and find ways to stop the spread. They deserve our prayers, our attention, and our support. SB 150 will help support them by deeming physical and occupational therapists essential health care providers during this state of emergency. It also provides legal immunity for health care providers who

in good faith render care or treatment during the state of emergency. The state boards of Medical Licensure, Emergency Medical Services, and Nursing will also be able to waive or modify certain laws. With this, we give flexibility to those who have the experience and knowledge to make the best decisions.

SB 150 has now been signed by the Governor. The General Assembly will return to Frankfort on April 1, when we will wrap up the budget and adjourn. Until then and in the weeks and months to come, we will continue working to help move Kentucky - and Kentuckians - through this crisis. In the meantime, I can still be reached through the toll-free message line if you have any comments or questions, just call 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can also keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov.

Governor limits out-of-state travel

Gov. Andy Beshear on Monday issued an order to limit Kentuckians out-of-state travel and offered a 10-step plan to fight the spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Right now we have more cases in other states, the Governor said. What it means is your likelihood of getting infected and potentially bringing back the coronavirus may be greater in other states than ours. You need to be home anyways.

The decree allows for a range of exemptions, including travel to other states for work and groceries, to care for loved ones, to obtain health care and when required by a court order. Kentuckians arriving back in the commonwealth from out of state are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.

We want you to remain Healthy at Home, La Tasha Buckner, chief of staff and general counsel for Gov. Beshear, said of the new orders goal.

The Governor issued the order under provisions of the State of Emergency declaration that he issued on March 6, 2020, the day of the state's first positive case.

Gov. Beshear previously advised Kentuckians to avoid travel into Tennessee, which did not as quickly adopt some of the more stringent measures Kentucky has enacted.

Stay Healthy at Home is the very first item on a new 10-step plan to fight the coronavirus that Gov. Beshear unveiled Monday.

Beyond staying home and avoiding unnecessary travel, the 10 steps to fight COVID-19 include tips on sanitation and social distancing as well as information for those seeking help with unemployment, mental health issues and health care benefits.

Were trying to make sure were putting all of those steps that people need to take into one place, the Governor said.

Gov. Beshear also signed Senate Bill 150, the coronavirus relief bill, into law. The Governor thanked lawmakers for their quick action, which codifies many of the measures already being taken. During the current state of emergency, SB 150 creates flexibility in our telehealth system, prohibits non-emergent procedures, allows for the delivery of alcohol and creates flexibility in deciding who is eligible for unemployment insurance.

The Governor said officials are continuing efforts to expand the states health care resources. The commonwealth currently has about 18,500 hospital beds, 1,300 ICU beds and 1,352 ventilators.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00060, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.163 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Ghent and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater effluent in the Ohio River and construct a Bellevue Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Ghent generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTOD, and VFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.46. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.76 up to \$38.88. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3,573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 171 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.38.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.06% increase with a maximum increase of 2.90% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 34,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.46 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,356 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.88. TODS customers using 208,133 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.49. TODP customers using 1,294,865 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,443.53. RTS customers using 4,908,868 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$94.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,099 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$69.76 up to \$45,695.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00060. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

Copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on property on both sides of Mahaffey Hollow Road. 10x4

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to John Polly at Hummel. Violators will be prosecuted. 8x8

Posted: No trespassing on the late Murphy Martin property in the Red Hill area. 8x10

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging

to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

No Trespassing of any kind, and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford, P.S.C., 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

Radio Station W249DT, Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Post-Filing License Renewal Announcement. On December 24, 2018, W249DT was granted a license by the Federal Communications Commission to serve the public interest as a public trustee until August 1, 2020. Our license will expire on August 1, 2020. We filed an application for license renewal with the FCC. A copy of this application is available for inspection at 235 Red Foley

Road. It contains information concerning the station's performance over the last eight years. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application, and to whether this station has operated in the public interest, should file comments and petitions with the FCC by July 1, 2020. Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process is available at 235 Red Foley Road or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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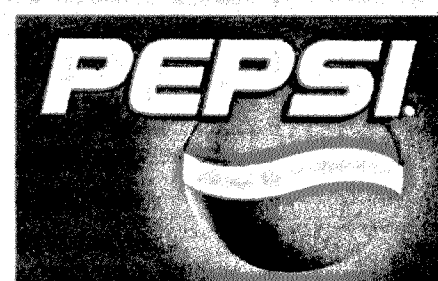
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