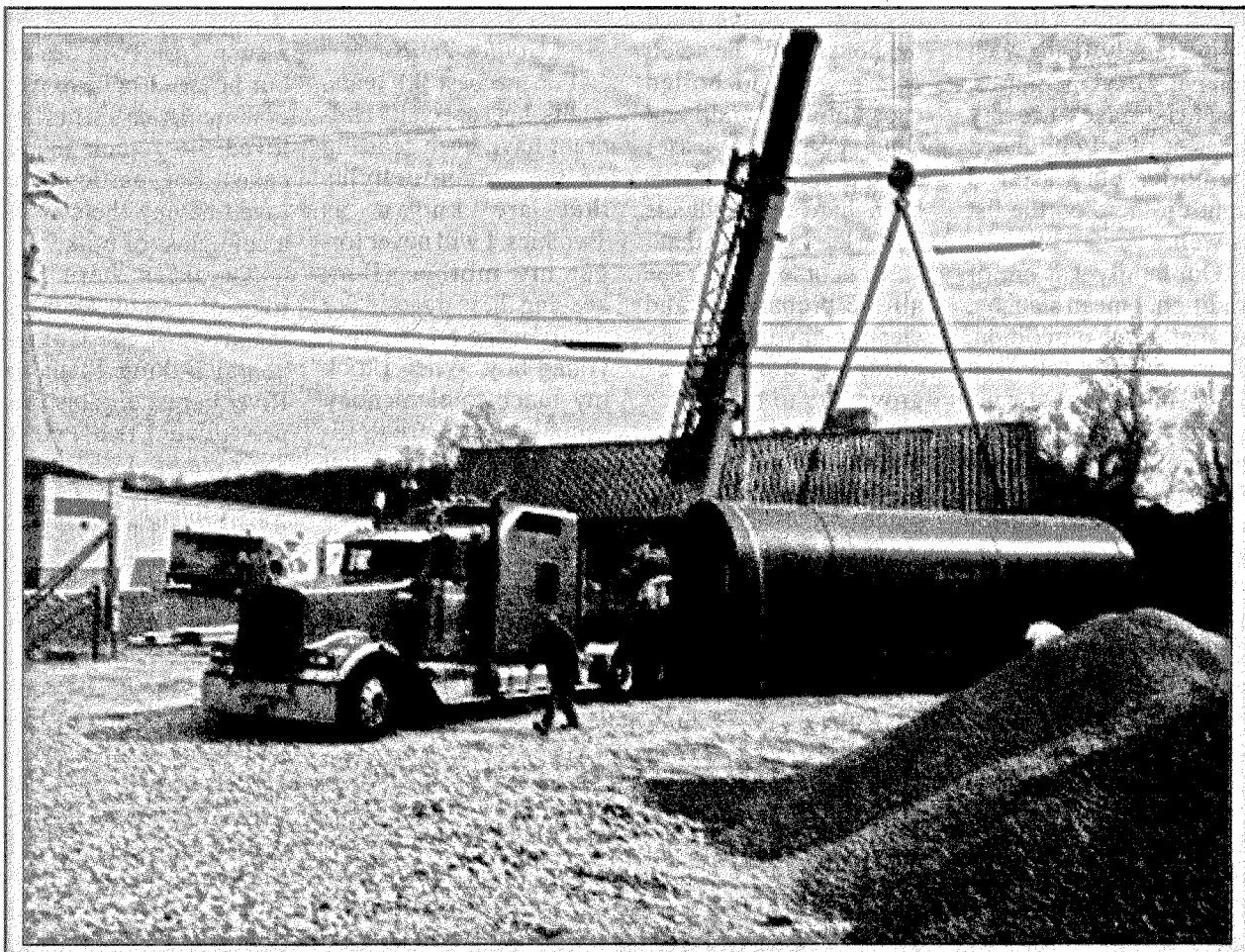


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The 20,000 gallon gas tank was placed this week at the new Marathon Station in Livingston and officials say the project is still on schedule. Mayor Jason Medley says the station beside the new Family Dollar Store will be a huge asset to the entire community of Livingston and he is proud to welcome another business to the town. Plans are to open the station to customers this summer.

COVID-19 Eight cases reported In Rockcastle County

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has eight confirmed cases of the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Three cases were reported last week. The fourth case, a 7-year-old child was reported Wednesday, April 1 and the fifth case, a 50 year old female, was reported Saturday, April 4. A sixth case, a 35-year-old male, was reported Monday, April 6 and a seventh case, a 52-year-old female was reported on Tuesday, April 7. Officials say now the first case in the county, a 20-year-old male, has now recovered and is out of isolation.

No cases of the virus have been reported by a patient at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Health Department nurses have begun the contact investigations and will work with individuals who have been exposed to assist with self-quarantine and symptom monitoring for 14 days. Anyone who is self-quarantined because they have been exposed to a person who has the virus should contact their health care provider or the Rockcastle Regional COVID-19 Hotline at 256-7835 if they develop any symptoms.

RCIDA deals with COVID-19 local effects

**By: Mike French
Editor**
As a sign of the times, the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) was held via conference call Tuesday morning in order to avoid social contact and adhere to Governor Beshear's orders to halt public meetings.

While the agenda included all the typical monthly subjects, Executive Director Jeff VanHook said projects nationwide, and in Rockcastle County, have

slowed dramatically due to the pandemic. "Our focus has had to change somewhat," said VanHook. "We have been delayed on all our projects. We are usually

busy talking to people who may potentially locate here but that's on hold right now. We will begin those talks on the other side of this."

that we are all going through here and it has an effect on everything we are working on." VanHook presented good news and bad news to the board.

But the fact that the meeting was held over the phone did not change the agenda as some board members performed their duties from home and others from work. Chairman Corey Craig said he hopes the social changes due to the COVID-19 virus will not last much longer and "things will get back to normal."

City closes all public parks

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Mount Vernon City Parks are now closed to the public. "We tried to keep them open but not enough people would practice social distancing. We continued to get complaints from the public and we felt it was best for everyone to close them until further notice," said Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. Bryant says all city projects are currently on

hold due to the COVID-19 threat as well. "All of our projects have come to a screeching halt during this time," he said. "We have cut our staff to minimal personnel and will be holding the city council meeting virtually with audio and video," he said. "We are doing all we can to follow the President's and the Governor's advice and protect as many as we can." The city has also found

Local officials use conference calls to meet

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Several public meetings have been cancelled or postponed since the governor's orders that public gatherings be halted to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. However, Kentucky law includes specific requirements concerning public meetings and the press, which is one reason the press is listed as "essential services" during the stay-home orders from Governor Beshear. The Brodhead City Commission has an-

nounced the April regular meeting will be cancelled since they were able to hold their regular monthly meeting in March. No makeup date has been scheduled for the April meeting but officials say one missed meeting is allowed by law under certain circumstances. However, many other local meetings were missed in March and local officials have been researching ways to hold their April meeting while observing public gathering

Meeting cancelled

The Brodhead City Commission meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 13, has been cancelled.

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m. However, the meeting will be held by conference call only. To access the meeting live, call 1-712-432-3900. You will be prompted for an ID number. The ID number is 433828#.

City Closures

All public city parks in Mount Vernon are now closed to the public until further notice by order of Mayor Mike Bryant.

School closure extended

By order of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Governor of Kentucky, Rockcastle County schools will now be closed through Friday, May 1. Classes are currently scheduled to begin on Monday, May 4. The April school board meeting will be held by conference call only.

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 local call center number is (606) 256-7385

Loans help small businesses in Rockcastle also

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Many businesses are suffering from the governor's orders to close their doors to the public during the COVID-19 scare. **McConnell's statement** U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) issued the following statement Tuesday regarding additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program. (See "Statement" on A6)

However, according to officials, there are new loans and grants available related to the virus that are intended to help small businesses. Corey Craig, President and CEO of Citizens Bank in Mount Vernon, said one such loan is called the PPP loan (Paycheck Protection Program). Craig said the new loan is set up so that a business may borrow money that may later be forgiven. Craig told the RCIDA Board Tuesday (See "PPP" on A6)

McClure named as director of public safety at Transylvania

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Past Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Casey McClure has been named Director of Public Safety for Transylvania University in Lexington. McClure says that his roots in Rockcastle County have helped him prepare for the high public safety position at the

university and has helped to develop his attitude towards public safety agencies in general. "I want people to see more than a badge and a gun. I want them to know our names and build a link between the citizens and public safety," he said. McClure started two weeks ago in his new position. (See "SAFETY" on A6)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I consider this period of time the uneasiest of my lifetime. I have to think there is something we are not being told about this virus because I cannot understand the extreme measures being taken for the first time in this country.

The HINI Virus in 2009 infected 20% (1.4 billion) of the population in this country and the Spanish Flu (which killed my grandfather) in 1918 infected 30% of the country with no shut-downs.

Using Dr. Tony Fauci's (a member of President Trump's Coronavirus Task Force) possibility of 200,000 deaths in this country, the infection rate would have to be 60% of Americans, or 210,000,000 people even with lockdowns across the country.

Said Dr. Fauci, who in 2009 dismissed HINI as a "bad flu" and wrote an article about how people were overly panicked by Ebola, is a well-known supporter of Hillary Clinton which doesn't engender the utmost confidence in his non-biased opinions. He, at least, had the decency to say "don't hold me to that" when making the 200,000 prediction.

I will probably wind up with the virus since I have seemed flippant about the disease in several ramblings... I have written since its onset. I don't really intend to be but I do wonder about the death toll figures being published.

There have been accusations (from several credible pundits) about the padding of these figures. Even if this is true, however, the figures published do not begin to compare with the deaths attributable to the common flu this season which are in the tens of thousands.

Besides all of this, we also have to contend with the passage of a \$2T Coronavirus Response bill which included: \$25 mil-

lion for the Kennedy Center (who are in the process of furloughing 60% of their employees); \$75 million for National Public Radio (whose main purpose in life, best I can tell, is to attack the President and the Republican Party); \$7.5 million for the Smithsonian and \$150 million each for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

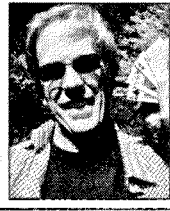
The bill also: strengthened private sector unionizing, gave \$250 million to the IRS, \$350 million to the state department for migration and refugee assistance -- to help minimize the virus spread among vulnerable populations, \$400 million to federal election assistance commission to assist states with "election security grants," \$30.8 billion to the department of education for state fiscal stabilization funds for grants to support elementary and secondary education (\$13.5 billion), higher education (\$14.25 billion) and state flexibility grants (\$3 billion).

These, of course, are all absolutely necessary to fight the spread of the Coronavirus in our country

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Everyone has great childhood memories. When you have a loving, caring family, that's what you get. Great memories.

Christmases are my greatest of all childhood memories but Easter is right up there on the list as well.

Our family was one of tradition. I mean staunch, no-matter-what tradition. Each year we followed the same pattern at each holiday or event. Each celebration was held at the same place, at the same time, no matter what.

Easter was at my mother's sister's house in Winchester. Mary Ruth Babb hosted the entire family on Easter. And we were quite a large family.

Winchester was a long drive for us since in those days a trip to the store was a big deal. But, along with all family members, we spent the previous day coloring eggs and putting together Easter baskets.

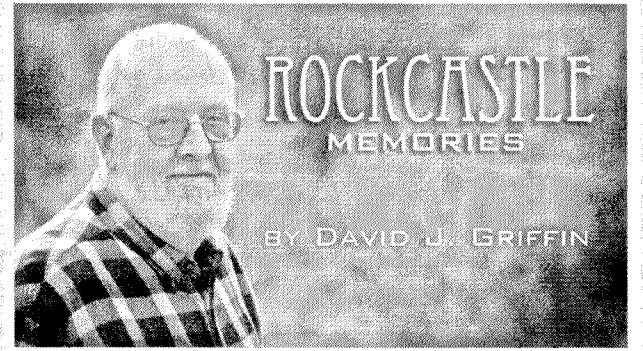
Mom would let me have the little wax pencil

to draw on each egg before it got dipped into the egg dye. That dye filled the house with the smell of vinegar and boiled eggs but mom and I had a blast doing it. At least I did. For her it must have been hard work but she never let me know that.

Of course I didn't see all the preparation and clean-up involved in egg coloring until I was grown. So to me, it was all just a joy. But when you have a loving, caring mother, that's what you get.

There were about 15 of us kids still of the egg-hunting age and we got so tired of waiting inside

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Golden Treats

For the past 90 years, adults, but especially children, have been feasting on the golden delights that are known as Twinkies. I will never forget my mother (Bee) keeping these treats in our pantry when I was a very young boy. When I took my lunch to elementary school at Mt. Vernon Elementary, I could count on one being placed inside my paper sack. It was all I could do to wait until lunch to get into the bag and retrieve my Twinkie.

As I recall, Bee always made certain that we had

a supply of Twinkies at our house. I believe everyone in my family loved the golden snack cakes. She particularly loved having them with a cold glass of milk.

Twinkies were the idea of James Dewar, manager of the Continental Baking Plant in River Forest, Illinois. He produced the first Twinkie in 1930. The two-pack snacks were priced for a nickel. Remember, this was during the Great Depression of 1929. Mr. Dewar lived to be eighty-eight years old, and it is said that he consumed Twinkies to the very end.

Needless to say, the original recipe is no longer used—and we old folks can actually tell the difference. The original contained eggs, milk, and butter, but today's treat has 39 ingredients. Eight of them are corn-based. What a change! I suppose this is what is known as "progress."

As I have noted before, Kenneth Hansel and I often took picnics to Big Fill Cave when we were boys. If my mother prepared the bagged lunch for us, we could count on there being a couple of Twinkie packages in our brown bag. She was thoughtful that way. And, as young boys, we were ever grateful.

When I was about

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Last week's paper hadn't been on the street for more than hour before someone sent me a facebook message saying they would give up reading before they'd do it on an ereader. Almost simultaneously another message bearer wanted to know what brand of android tablet I'd recommend.

As I've already mentioned, I have a Kindle Fire that is 12 years newer than my first kindle. Brother Andy is still us-

ing the first one. It is over 15 years old, and still running great, on the original battery! It did not have a lighted screen, was only useful for reading books sold by Amazon and we had to use a reading light.

The new Fires (Amazon and Kindle are identical) will run any android/smart phone application as well as serving as book readers and they don't need a reading

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



On Lockdown

Dear Journal,
For the last several days the United States has almost come to a standstill, being locked away from the Covid-19 virus. It seems to be more in the larger cities than here in the rural sections. Living out in nowhere does have its advantages.

I've been laid off for almost a month and staying close to home. I'm at high risk for catching the virus due to health conditions and age. I've kept myself busy with this and that and have enjoyed sleeping in late. I'm usually up by 8 AM, though. It's not like I have somewhere to go and a lot to do at home. Well, actually, I have plenty to do at home if I only had the strength to do it. This last surgery has wiped me out. It just takes time to recover.

Last Saturday was so very beautiful I couldn't resist sitting out on the front porch. It seemed that a lot of local folks were out and about. I heard neighbors mowing their yards, and I saw a few tractors passing on their way to begin the tilling and plowing of the gardens. It looks like there will be more gardens and garden produce canned or frozen than

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Ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

and Congress passed this legislation in the nick of time -- yes, I'm being a smart aleck.

But only in the world of Democrats can House Speaker Nancy Pelosi accuse President Trump of being behind in helping the American people when she was the one directly responsible for holding up passage of the \$2T bill, for a week, while she was loading it up with as much pork as possible.

And, only in America, can New York Governor Andrew Cuomo release inmates (including those convicted of child rape) from state prisons because of concerns over the Coronavirus, but then house them in a local motel - which evidently has magi-

cal powers to keep the virus at bay - while mandating that regular citizens shelter in place.

Looking at the number of cases and deaths from the COVID-19 virus, it seems to me if we would quarantine off the east and west coasts, the rest of us could pretty much go about our business, using some sensible precautions.

81% (8,887) of the 10,993 in this country (as of Tuesday morning) have occurred in ten states with eight of them either being on the East or West Coast and one (Louisiana) on the Gulf Coast. The remaining 2,106 deaths are spread out over 39 states and DC. Kentucky has had 60 deaths but there are eight states with nine or fewer deaths. No deaths have been reported in Wyoming.

Again, I don't mean to treat this disease lightly -- you've heard the old saying

that the severity of any illness depends on if you or I have it -- but I honestly don't understand this draconian measure which is destroying the entire country's economy. I am not sure how many small businesses (the real backbone of our economy) will be able to come back from this.

I do know that I only have the utmost admiration and respect for all our healthcare workers who are continuing to do their jobs under the most stressful of conditions and should be given hazardous duty pay at the very least.

"Aces"

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while the adults hid them all.

When we finally got the word, it was a mad rush out the old, wooden screen door and into the steep back yard.

For me, it was a little competitive. I was never any good at any form of sports and the race to find the most eggs just never really interested me. But it seemed important to my dad that I find some. So I would scrounge around and he would occasionally use his toe to point out where one egg just might be.

One year, they hid the eggs in the snow. Yes, it snowed on Easter Sunday.

To be perfectly honest, I never even liked the taste of boiled eggs. I would always peel one and eat it just because that's what we were supposed to do. But I didn't like it very much.

But, it was always clear that the egg hunt wasn't the point. Oh it was fun and we screaming, running children were having a wonderful time.

But the point was always made clear to me. Because when you have a loving and caring family, that's what you do.

The point was, Jesus, being together and enjoying each other's company and celebrating a day that changed the world.

Eggs didn't have anything to do with it. Easter baskets and bunnies and new clothes didn't have anything to do with it. That was all just part of the fun.

I was taught that the day is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus and that it is because of what happened on that day, (and two days earlier) that I can go to Heaven.

It must have taken a special effort by parents to make sure that message was involved amid all the hoopla and excitement of egg hunts and fancy clothes. But when you have a loving, caring family, that's what you get.

And now, it's way too

many years later and I still think of those days every Easter. Not only of the fun times we had as a family, but the message I learned from those who were teaching me.

I learned a lot. But of all the lessons I learned, one stands out among them as the greatest lesson of all.

A man died on a cross for me and you and three days later he rose again so that we could join Him someday in Heaven. But when you have a loving Father, that's what you get.

Happy Easter.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

lamp. There are at least a dozen other tablet brand names out there, but size was the most important consideration for me. I find the 7 or 8.1 inch screen sizes to be ideal for nighttime reading because they are book page size and much more convenient, size wise, for my particular reading tastes and habits. I have 2 larger (11.5 inch) tablets but it has never occurred to me to try reading a book on one that large. They are simply too cumbersome.

On the other hand, if you insist on reading books that are only printed on paper and can't find one to borrow, there are dozens of mail order used book stores online. I've had better luck finding what I wanted at great prices on ebay. I haven't bought a paper book for myself in over 10 years but I frequently shop for friends and kin folks. Amazon also has tons of used books but they are usually much higher priced than ebay sellers. Both places will usually have almost any title or author you may be looking for.

I just did ebay searches for 20 different titles, randomly selected off the top of my head. Every title had at least half a dozen listings and every one had at least one listing priced less than \$5.00 including shipping and handling. Several were hard cover even at the lowest price point.

I actually saw three different listings for much pricier books with same titles where the sellers claimed that their book had only been read one time and, presumably, that made it worth far more than one that had been read more than once. I have yet to find a book that was good or bad because the paper was fresher or, conversely, showed signs of heavy use.

I have previously

touted the advantages of reading digital books, for free, from your local library or one of the free online libraries but I must confess that I get far more books from online book sellers than do from the libraries. My kids usually give me Amazon gift cards that add up to over \$200.00 each year. Most of it goes to authors like Robyn Carr, Carla Neggers, Donna Leon, Elizabeth George or some other author whose latest book will not be available at the library without getting in a 6 months waiting line.

I've also acquired a couple or 3 hundred titles from BookBub.com, a free and/or heavily discounted seller. At least once a week I will get a free kindle title, read a couple pages and decide it's not my dose of medicine.

Deleting the entire book takes less than 2 seconds. On the other hand, I often find free books that I can't put down. Invariably they will turn out to be one in a series of anywhere from three to more than

a dozen titles that continue a story line. I will wind up spending anywhere from \$10.00 to \$200.00 buying and reading the entire series. I have never once regretted getting hooked by that first freebie.

Jan Karon's "The Mitford Years", a 13 books, series started out as a freebie and easily cost me over \$200 between 2005 and 2017. Sometimes touted as "religious" books, I think of them as simply clean and very entertaining reading. They certainly are not sermons. The lead character does happen to be a preacher but he spends scarce time in the pulpit.

Set in fictional, rural, Mitford North Carolina, two of the main characters, an adolescent boy and girl will appeal to young readers and a large cast of eccentric town folks will appeal to adult readers. If you don't find yourself realizing that you know someone like some of the "laugh out loud" characters, you have lead a very, very sheltered life.

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 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.
Health Dept. Good Friday Notice
 The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Friday, April 10th in observance of Good Friday.
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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delivering mail through pandemic...

Dear Editor,

The United States Postal Service is committed to delivering your mail and packages throughout the current pandemic. We are proud of our role in providing an essential service to every community. The one constant throughout this crisis has been our commitment to fulfilling the vital mission of the Postal Service.

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We know it is a challenge to find ways to connect with family and friends at this time. Please remember anything without postage and not related to USPS business should not be placed in mailboxes.

It is important to note the CDC, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Surgeon General have all said there is very low risk that this virus is being spread through mail.

Our mission to bind the nation together is achieved through the tireless efforts and sacrifices of our dedicated employees. The outpouring of support you have shown has had a great impact on everyone at the Postal Service. Knowing how much you care means everything to us. On behalf of all employees at the Mount Vernon Post Office - Thank you.

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Obituaries

Glessie Marie Hubbard

Glessie Marie (Overbay) Hubbard, 83, of Livingston, died Thursday, April 2, 2020, at Madison Health and Rehab Center, in Richmond. She was born February 24, 1937 in Rockcastle County, to the late Richard and Ida Mae (Jones) Overbay. She married Frank Hubbard on October 24, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2007, after 53 years of marriage. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed quilting, going to yard sales, gardening, flowers, and canning.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Jerry Hubbard of Mt. Vernon, Frank Edward Hubbard of Lawton, OK, and Alice (Eugene) Mason of Livingston; 15 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and one sister, Kathrine Sue.

Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by: her children, Billy Gene Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, infant Linda Kay Hubbard, Dallas Hubbard, and Connie Brewer; one grandson, Stacy Mason; one infant great great granddaughter, Kaitlyn Little; one brother, Richard Earl Overbay; three sisters, Flossie Jones, Hazel Lee Dargavell, and Rosie Mae Dargavell; and daughter-in-law, Sue Hubbard.

There was a private interment at Sand Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Vernie Decker

Vernie Decker, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Fountain Circle Nursing Home in Winchester.

Mr. Decker is survived by his wife, Novera; two children, Scott (Carol) Decker and Kimberly Sandusky, both of Mt. Vernon; a stepdaughter, Jessica Knuckles of Corbin; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Jennifer Feltner.

No funeral services will be held.

Gilbert Blakely Tanner

Gilbert Blakely Tanner, 79, was born in London, on July 30, 1940, and returned to our Heavenly Father on April 7, 2020. His parents, Opal (Mullins) and Gilbert Tanner, preceded him in death.

Blake received his BA and MA from the University of Kentucky and attended law school at the University of Louisville. He was a skilled athlete, playing basketball and baseball at London High School, where he was inducted into the Laurel County Hall of Fame in 2005. He continued playing those sports at Lees Junior College and then received a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Kentucky. It was at UK that Blake met Faye, the love of his life.

After completing his Master's degree, Blake worked in the UK School Relations Office. Shortly thereafter, he accepted a position as the Housing Director and then later became the Student Financial Aid Director for the University of Louisville. Following the birth of his two sons, Blake devoted his spare time to coaching them on many sports teams and supporting them in their academic pursuits.

Upon retiring from U of L after 32 years in student financial aid, Blake served for 10 years as the Chief Operating Officer for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). He also served as director of the Kentucky Student Financial Aid Administrators and was a member of the Southern and National Associations for Student Financial Aid Administrators. Blake was passionate about helping students receive high quality education. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to help procure financial assistance for thousands of students across Kentucky so they could attend college.

As a member of Southeast Christian Church, and prior to that Woodland Baptist Church, Blake made many life-long friends and was dedicated to supporting his community. He and Faye loved to travel, and visited many countries around the world, often with cherished family or friends. He also loved spending time with his sons and grandchildren as well as cheering on his U of L Cardinals and UK Wildcats.

Blake leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 54 years Faye (Hardiman), his sons Scott (Tracy) and Wes (Kary), and three grandchildren - Riley, Blakely, and Avery. As an only child, Blake shared a special bond with his Tanner and Mullins cousins, as well as Faye's four brothers, who he considered his brothers. He leaves a legacy of laughter and hard work, while loving his wife and children with all his heart and soul. Blake was a model of unconditional love.

Blake is the grandson of the late Loid and Hattie Morris Mullins and the nephew of Roland Mullins of Mt. Vernon.

In accordance with current health and safety recommendations, funeral services will be private at Cave Hill Cemetery with a memorial service to be held at a later date. The family would like to extend a special thanks to The Forum at Brookside, the Masonic Homes Sam Swope Health Center, and Hosparus for the compassion and comfort they offered to Blake and his family. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Association, Kaden Towers, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville 40205 or Hosparus, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr., Louisville 40205.

James "Mike" Clark

James Michael "Mike" Clark, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He was born December 3, 1968 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Arvil and Ethel (Carpenter) Clark. He married Tammy Lynn Sutton on May 8, 1992, was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and enjoyed KY Basketball and spending time with his family.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 27 years, Tammy Clark; one daughter, Jamie (James) Daniels of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Dakota Evans, Jordan Evans, and Addison Daniels; three sisters, Donna (George) Kirby, Linda Lawson, and Goldie (Terry) Kirby; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Doug, Danny, Rick and Joe Clark; and one sister, Nora Dooley.

Cremation rites were performed.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Barry L. Moses

Barry L. Moses, 58, of Scottsville, died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at his residence. The West Chester, OH native was a former employee of Spry Lawn Care and a son of the late George Kelcie Moses and Martha Marie Alexander Moses.

He is survived by: his wife, Tina Marie Hamer Moses of Scottsville; one son, Steven Grant Hamer of Scottsville; one daughter, Debra Lynn Moses, of Scottsville; one brother, Frank (Linda) Moses of Portland, IN; two sisters, Darlene (Roger) Kilman of Bradley, IL, and Sheila (Mike) Metcalfe of Hamilton, OH; his fur grandbabies; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephew.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Ray Moses and Joe Moses.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ruth Miller

Ruth Annetta (Griffin) Miller, 98, of Mt. Orab, Ohio died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Salyer Adult Group Home in Hillsboro, Ohio. She was a farmer and a member of the Buckeye Christian Church in Renfro Valley. She was born December 8, 1921 in Renfro Valley, the daughter of the late Claude and Bertha (Franklin) Griffin, Sr.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by: one sister, Linda Kessinger of Leitchfield; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Pam and Larry Miller.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, private graveside services were held Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Confidence Cemetery in Georgetown, Ohio. The Cahall Funeral Home in Georgetown, Ohio is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.cahallfuneralhomes.com

Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

Dr. Charles Hedrick, Jr.

Dr. Charles Hedrick, Jr., 79, of Campbellsville, son of the late Dr. John Charles Hedrick, Sr. and Christine Jones Hedrick, was born April 7, 1940 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He died at 11:25 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in Louisville.



He served God for nearly 60 years as Senior Pastor, IMB Missionary in Nigeria and as a transitional and Interim Pastor. His current membership was Campbellsville Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School as long as his health permitted. He also served as an assistant to the President of Campbellsville University in Church Relations.

As a boy Dr. Hedrick traveled with his father, a Southern Baptist Minister, who conducted tent revivals and established 13 Southern Baptist Churches in West Virginia.

Dr. Hedrick was married to Carrie Faye Stears Hedrick for 40 years before God called her to her Heavenly home. He is now married to Sharon Watson Hedrick.

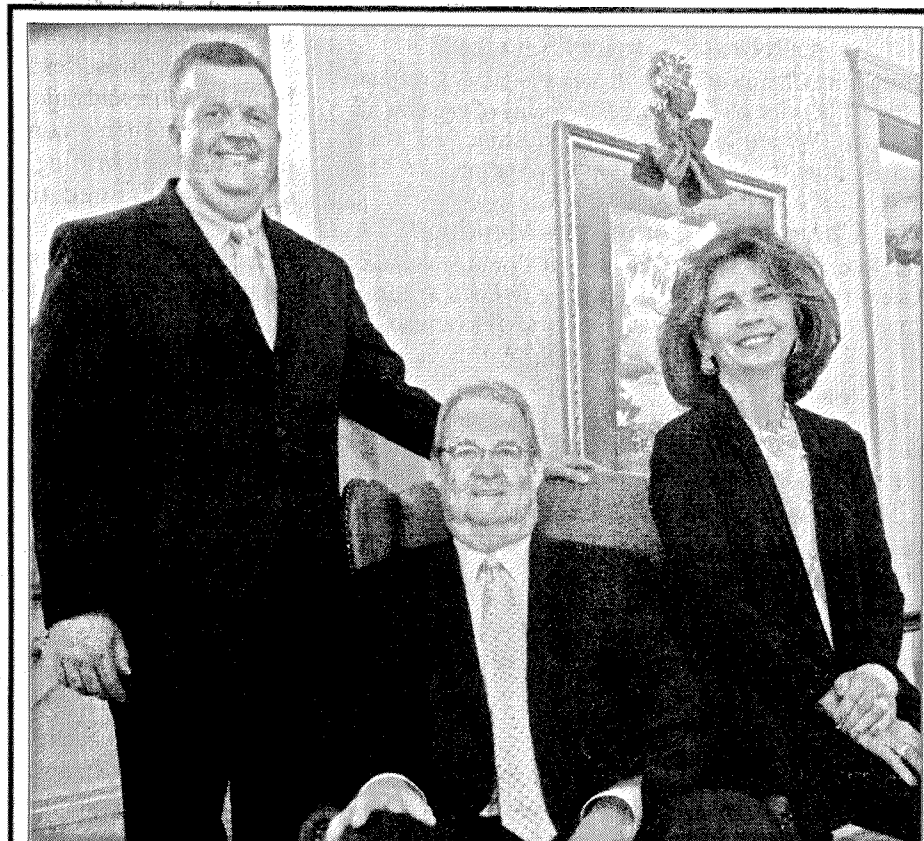
Besides his wife, Sharon Watson Hedrick of Campbellsville, he is survived by: two daughters and one son, Cindy Carole (Dwight) Butler of Campbellsville, Rebecca Ann "Becky" (Bruce) Treon of Owensboro and Charles Allan (Kim) Hedrick of Florence; 14 grandchildren, Greg Butler of Louisville, Adrienne (Steven) Gilbert of Campbellsville, Christina (Trace) Smith of Campbellsville, Elizabeth Butler of Campbellsville, Allison (Doug) French of Mt. Vernon, Amanda (Dewey) McFerron of Brodhead, Josh (Alana) Treon of Louisville, John Treon of Elizabethtown, Arthur, Henry and Kaylee Hedrick of Florence, Lisa Mink of Brodhead, Dreama (Jason) Roberts of Mt. Vernon and Billy Brewer of Richmond; 12 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one brother and two sisters, Donnie (Joan) Hedrick of Owenton, Mary Frances "Susie" (George) Garrett of Louisville and Katherine Ann "Kathy" Reuter of Campbellsville; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dr. David Hedrick, and a brother-in-law, Terry Reuter.

A public memorial service is planned when the pandemic is over. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy are requested to be donations to Gideon's International to purchase Bibles, Campbellsville University Students Scholarship Funds, Book-Link International or other local Christian Ministries he would approve.

Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



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Frankfort Update

**By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative**
*Lost jobs? hours cut?
Frequently Asked Questions as Kentuckians turn to safety net of unemployment insurance*

Our daily lives have changed a great deal since the first Kentuckian tested positive for COVID-19 in early March. Our schools have closed, businesses shut down, and terms like "social distancing" and "flatten the curve" have become part of our daily conversations.

According to the state's COVID website (www.kycovid19.ky.gov), as of April 2 the Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed cases in 78 of our 120 counties. That does not mean we have no cases in the remaining 42 counties, but that they have either not been tested and/or confirmed with the DPH. Our medical providers are working nonstop to treat patients and prepare for what they expect will be a big surge in cases. Public health officials continue to warn us away from any activity that might expose groups of people to the virus. Manufacturers are changing their production lines to reflect COVID needs, including making personal protection equipment, while our distilleries have gone from making bourbon to hand sanitizer. This pandemic is a big health threat, but Kentuckians are doing what needs to be done to get through it.

Our state's health is the top priority right now. However, that does not mean we can turn a blind eye to the impact COVID-19 is having on jobs and our economy. Going into the beginning of the year, our state enjoyed the lowest unemployment rates in history. More Kentuckians were working and more jobs were coming as we also saw record investment in expanding and building new companies. This was the result of pro-jobs legislation passed by the legislature, measures that placed an "open for business" sign on our state. We are still very committed to growing our economy, but our short term goals have now changed as we focus our efforts on re-

pairing the damage done by COVID-19. In late March, we passed a COVID-relief bill that made major changes to our unemployment insurance system. They included eliminating the waiting period, expanding those allowed to receive benefits to include the self-employed, and allowing employees who have been reduced to part-time to draw a partial benefit. The bill also protects small business owners from having their rate negatively impacted because they were forced to lay employees off as a result of COVID-19. Congress and the President have also made changes to unemployment insurance, including almost tripling the weekly benefit and extending the number of benefit weeks from 26 to 39.

Why did we make so many changes to unemployment insurance? It is quite simple, unemployment insurance (UI) is one of the most effective safety nets for both workers and the economy. Like most insurance policies, we pay into it when we do not need it in order to have it when we do. In the case of UI, employers pay into it based on the number of employees they have. If an employee loses their job through no fault of their own, as we are seeing right now, they then draw payments. Those payments are based on a rate set by the government and not a dollar for dollar match for the income they have lost, but they do help pay bills and provide for basic needs. That, in turn, keeps money in our state's economy.

If you need to apply for benefits, please visit kewes.ky.gov. In the meantime, here are a few answers to frequently asked questions that might help you through the process. These are from the state's unemployment insurance website.

Q: When do I need to re-quest my first payment?

Kentuckians affected by COVID-19 will receive payment for their first two weeks automatically after 13 days from the day the initial claim was filed. You will need to request your next payment by either by calling 1-877-369-5984 or www.kewes.ky.gov. You will receive further information for subsequent check requests via email after the first payment is processed.

Q: How much can I expect as my weekly benefit

amount?
You may estimate your weekly benefit amount by going to <http://apps.kcc.ky.gov/career/WuiCalculator.aspx>
•Enter your earnings into the appropriate quarters.
•You can log into your account 24 hours after submitting your claim, go to the Account Summary page and it will display your benefit amount.

Q: I tried to create an account but it says my information already exists?
The system you are accessing may contain information back to 2003. If your attempt to register as a New User shows an error stating that social already exists in our system, you will need to click "Cancel". From the Log In screen, click "Forgot" PIN. When prompted, enter your social security number and any name variation you may have used since 2003 (maiden, former married, shortened name i.e. John instead of Johnathan, etc.). Also note that if you have a suffix (Jr, Sr, etc), those fields are spacing and punctuation sensitive. Attempt with and without punctuation. If you are still unable to access the system, contact the UI Assistance line at (502) 564-2900, option 5, then option 6.

Q: What is available for the self-employed/contractors?
Unemployment Insurance benefits have been expanded due to COVID-19 to include groups that are typically not covered by UI:
•Self-employed
•Independent contractors
•Freelance workers
•Substitute teachers
•Childcare workers employed by religious-affiliated organizations and non-profits
It also includes people leaving employment because of COVID-19 due to:
•Reasonable risk of exposure (self-quarantine)
•Caring for a family member affected by COVID-19

I can be reached through the toll-free legislative message line at 1-800-372-7181, or by emailing travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov. For the latest information on the novel coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit kycovid19.ky.gov or email kycovid19@ky.gov. If you believe you may have symptoms, please call the hotline at 1-800-722-5725.

Legislative Update

**By Jared Carpenter
State Senator**

The Kentucky General Assembly wrapped up its final day before the start of a veto recess by passing a one-year Executive Branch budget.

The Senate met its constitutional obligation to pass a state budget this week, but the spending plan was truncated because of COVID-19. It's simply unclear how severe the disease's impact will be on the amount of taxes collected or the citizenry's well-being.

Instead of trying to pass a two-year financial plan with so many unknowns, legislators came together and crafted a 12-month budget using the most pessimistic revenue forecast considered by the state's nonpartisan economic forecasters. The heart of the spending plan is the executive branch budget found in House Bill 352, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers.

With economic uncertainties in mind, the Kentucky General Assembly had to reset sights from what was widely envisioned earlier this year where drafts of the budget proposal outlined increased school funding as well as pay raises for teachers and state employees. House Bill 352 would eliminate all salary increases included in earlier budget proposals but would hold SEEK base appropriation at \$4,000 per pupil. The acronym stands for Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, the formula used to allocate state tax dollars to local school districts. In other education-related funding, House Bill 352 would provide \$7.4 million for school-based mental health service providers. Their services are required based on the language in the 2019 School Safety and Resiliency Act.

Other highlights of House Bill 352 include \$938,000 for the "rocket docket," a program to expedite court cases to save on legal fees, administrative expenses, and even jail costs while ensuring timely access to the courts. Supporters of the expenditure said the rocket docket will be even more important because of COVID-

19. The disruption in people's lives caused by the disease is likely to place additional stress on our court system.

House Bill 352 would also provide \$1.6 million to support medical services at county jails and additional cash for the Kentucky Poison Control Center, which is running the state's COVID-19 hotline. No money would be taken from accounts held by professional and occupational boards and commissions under House Bill 352. Many of these professions, such as nursing, are on the frontline of the COVID-19 response.

Additionally, House Bill 352 would freeze funding contribution requirements for so-called quasi-governmental organizations, like health departments and community mental health centers, at the current 49 percent of employee pay. There were concerns that escalating pension costs could weaken the organizations as they are called upon to respond to COVID-19.

Unfortunately, House Bill 352 wouldn't add additional money to the state's budget reserve trust fund (our state "savings" account). It is also not clear how much of the more than \$300 million that was expected to be available in the fund will actually be there once the fiscal year ends on June 30.

A related revenue bill, known as House Bill 351, was amended in the Senate to include language that would grant the governor, secretary of state, and the board of elections additional flexibility in conducting the 2020 primary election, now set for June 23. The language would allow for the change in the "manner" of an election in case of a state of emergency. Current law permits the governor and secretary of state to change the time or place, but not the "manner" of an election. This would allow the two elected officials, in conjunction with the board, to develop an election procedure more open to absentee voting, which may be necessary because of COVID-19.

The Senate also passed the judicial and legislative branch budgets in addition to the state's highway plan, which would still extend over 24 months. All of the budget-related bills have been delivered

to the governor, including House Bill 351.

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, the Senate has decided to recess for as much time as possible to minimize everyone's potential exposure to the virus. However, we plan to return on April 13 to begin considering any veto overrides and possibly give final passage to a handful of other bills. But our leadership will continue to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and make adjustments in our schedule accordingly. The Kentucky Constitution prohibits the legislature from conducting business in even-numbered years beyond April 15.

A number of other bills initially on track this session have not been acted upon. Those bills can be refiled for the 2021 Regular Session. That was the original purpose of the "short" session in Kentucky. The Senate will also have to consider the next 12-month budget during that session—unless we are called into a special session beforehand by the Governor.

While we are all "hunkered" down in our homes enjoying our families and the beginning of spring, I would urge everyone to please make sure they have filled out the questionnaires for the 2020 Census. This is vital for federal funding and future projections for our communities.

One can watch upcoming legislative business by going to the Kentucky Educational Television website www.ket.org, clicking on the "legislative coverage" link near the top right corner, and selecting a video feed.

Feedback about the budget or bills to be taken up can be left by visiting the Kentucky Legislature website at legislature.ky.gov, clicking on the "legislators" drop-down menu in the upper left corner, and selecting "contact a member."

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.

Yards to Paradise

**By Max Phelps
Buying Local Food and
Crafts Always Made
Sense**

(But in these troubling times, the local dairy, bakery, farm market, may not be there next year without your buying from them—governments bail out the big guys, not your neighbors.)

It remains to be seen if the Coronavirus (aka COVID-19) or the response to it will create the most misery.

What is already obvious is some businesses and some industries will be much different when the current crisis is over. Take milk, there was already a glut on the supply side. Now, with consumption down as much as 40 percent, mostly due to school lunches not being served and cafeterias not open, the price of a days milk at a big dairy is way below the cost of producing it (unless the farmer has a milk contract at a higher price). The Krogers and Walmarts will survive, but Uncle Bert and Aunt Mildred down on the farm can't sell milk at a loss for too long. They sell their cows for hamburger instead! But, even there, the demand from the farm is low, because food processors are also dealing with more regulations and declining buyers.

If Aunt Mildred and Uncle Bert go bankrupt, the stores will probably still have milk. But, it will be coming from Wisconsin or California or somewhere, not Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio or North Carolina. And it will cost more when the small and weak are forced to close up and sell

the farm. So, I don't have all the solutions. But, together, if we can buy from the local grower, producer, craft maker or winery, rather than one on the other side of the country or even the other side of the world, it will help the neighborhood economy, rather than the economy of China, Mexico or Chile.

Gardening will obviously be up this year, and seed sellers, such as Johnny's Select Seeds or Jung's or Gurney's are sold out of the most popular items. Including bean seeds, seed potatoes, heirloom seeds, etc.

But instead of buying from Washington or Maine or California, would you be willing to pay a little extra to get your seeds at Sutton's Feed & Seed or at the CoOp? Or maybe the little cottage garden center where you are greeted with a smile and good customer service? (Even though it costs a bit more than at the big box store.)

Tempting though it may be to get online and order from Amazon a case of dried fruit from Turkey at half what it can be purchased for locally, how does that help junior find a job after school or Granny Simpson find part time work baking pies at the roadside apple house? Maybe with so many at home and online or reading the papers, more of us will not only have time to garden or plant things, but will have time to stop and think about the consequences of buying from strangers who offer merchandise from a strange or distant place.

Then, there's the envi-

ronment. I have my doubts about an impending environmental doomsday, unless we set off some nuclear bombs, but trucks must drive for thousands of miles with that load of Mexican tomatoes or that trailer of Australian wine or apples. From a port on the ocean to warehouses, then to a store near you, where you shop at the super center and purchase these things and serve them for dinner. So, local sourcing must be better for the environment, too.

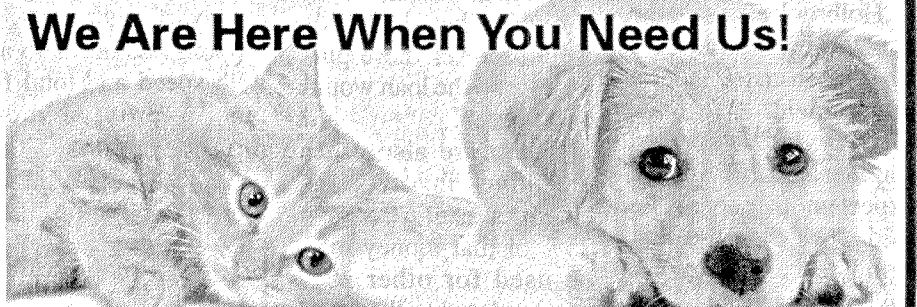
The Postal Service even loses money on every package from Amazon they deliver to your door. So, your postman may be out of a job sooner if the postal service goes belly up (or taxpayers give them more money).

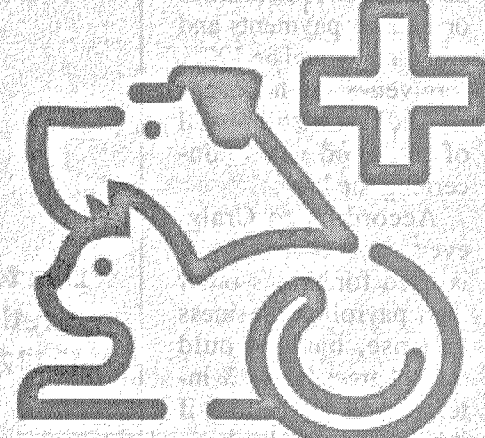
A 10% rise in stamp pricing and a 15% rise in post office box rents seemingly should be enough to operate with.

Maybe today's column is a little bit different sort of gardening advice. But the little market in your community hasn't been doing so well, and the advice for everyone to stay at home may be the last straw. They may not be able to pay the lease next month or the payroll next week. Or the vendor who has always sold to them with 30 days free credit. Let us consider helping our neighbors more than ever this year, by getting out and shopping the local farmers market, local fabric shop, local brewery, or whatever locally produced goods are made in your neighborhood.

The author is a landscaper. Visit www.rockcastles.net Suggestions for future stories welcome.

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“RCIDA”

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Livingston is still on schedule,” he said. “But there are some delays in bidding on the Farmer’s Market now and the tap fee for the natural gas line is not as favorable as we had planned. We are waiting to begin renegotiations on that once this situation is over. There are a lot of things on hold right now but we will pick up as soon as we can.”

Craig asked Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook to provide an update on how the community is dealing with the Coronavirus.

“We had several complaints about churches holding services but I think they have all begun parking lot services now. Some are doing radio services and some on social media,” said Holbrook. “This week, we haven’t had any complaints about that. All our restaurants and stores have been working very hard to comply with the governor’s orders. Businesses in Rockcastle County have stepped up and local leaders have as well. Mount Vernon and Brodhead have closed their parks and the gates are locked at Quail Park. Things are going very well and we are taking things day by day.”

Holbrook also addressed a situation at the local Excelsa plant that has caused countywide conversation. “As everyone knows, Excelsa had a positive case but they worked very well with us and with the health department,” said Holbrook. “It is my understanding that they had a third party clean and disinfect the building top to bottom and have contacted all their employees and are keeping us all updated on the situation.”

Holbrook also said the county is receiving PPE supplies from the federal government. “We have already received two shipments of PPE and we expect another soon,” he said. “We disperse that equipment among our local health facilities.”

Doctor George Griffith, RCIDA Board member said the Rockcastle Regional Hospital is in good condition and prepared for a surge in cases.

“The hospital has been very proactive and being the type of hospital we are, we are very well equipped with ventilators and other respiratory equipment,” said Griffith.

The doctor also said there have been no cases of COVID-19 in the local hospital. “None of the six cases reported in the county have required hospitalizations.”

Griffith also said he agrees with the governor’s orders concerning social distancing. “Those who do not listen to that order will not do so good,” he said.

Craig ended the meeting with well wishes for the community and asked everyone to keep a positive attitude. “There are amazing things going on in our community,” said Craig. “I’d like to see front page stories about good, positive things happening and we, as leaders of the community, should spread good news and keep things positive.”

“PARKS”

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other ways to help citizens by negating late fees and penalties as well as taking other measures on a case by case basis, he says.

However, Bryant says the city is still providing essential services. “We are making sure we are serving our water and sewer customers and doing all we can to keep serving the public until this time has passed.”

The mayor says he is proud of the town during the virus scare. “I am very proud of our entire community,” he said. “I see people stepping up every day to help others and doing things to make sure they are complying with directions. A major part of our populous is trying really hard to comply.”

Though the lobby at city hall is also closed, citizens may continue to call city hall with any needs and Bryant says everyone will be taken care of if possible. “So far, so good,” he said. “We are taking care of everything and not falling behind while following the instructions of our governor. We want everyone to know we are staying on top of things.”

“PPP”

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that the PPP Loan is available to any business suffering from the COVID-19 shutdowns.

According to Craig, a business owner may add up all their monthly expenses related to payroll, including insurance and other incentives, multiply that number by 2.5 and then borrow that money without collateral or a personal guarantee.

Craig said after eight weeks that same person may bring documentation showing that the funds were used for those purposes, and the loan would be forgiven.

There are also other incentives involved including a section that says 25% of that money may be used for other purposes related to the business such as rent, utilities or interest payments and still there would be 100% forgiveness of the loan.

And that is still not all of the good news concerning the loan.

According to Craig, even if part of the money is used for things other than payroll or business expense, banks would only charge about 1% interest rates on the loan if it has to be paid back.

Craig says his bank alone has already processed and approved over 50 applications since the COVID-19 Virus arrived.

Craig told the board there are other loans available also including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Though this loan is more of a “traditional loan” according to Craig, it too has a clause that can be a big benefit to borrowers. “Once an individual has applied for the loan, they may request a \$10,000 advance,” said Craig. “Then at the end of the note, that \$10,000 would be forgivable.”

For more information or specific details about this or any of the new the loans available during the COVID-19 crisis, contact your bank.

“Statement”

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gram:

“Twelve days ago, the Senate passed the largest rescue package in American history. Our bipartisan CARES Act provided more than \$2 trillion in relief for workers and families, resources for hospitals and healthcare providers, and emergency lending to blunt mass layoffs and help workers continue to get paid.

“As the Administration works to implement this historic legislation and push money out the door, Senate Republicans believe any potential further action will need to be tailored to the actual needs of our nation, not plucked off preexisting partisan wish lists.

“Even as the CARES Act continues to come online, one such need is already clear: The small-business Paycheck Protection Program needs more funding. This bold legislation from Chairman Marco Rubio, Chairman Susan Collins, Senator Ben Cardin, and Senator Jeanne Shaheen is providing emergency liquidity to Main Street businesses nationwide to keep paychecks coming.

In just a few days, this program has become overwhelmingly popular. Thanks to the hard work of small businesses and lenders, billions of dollars have already landed and tens of billions more are already in the pipeline. Jobs are literally being saved as we speak. But it is quickly becoming clear that Congress will need to provide more funding or this crucial program may run dry. That cannot happen. Nearly 10 million Americans filed for unemployment in just the last two weeks. This is already a record-shattering tragedy and every day counts.

Congress needs to act with speed and total focus to provide more money for this

uncontroversial bipartisan program. I will work with Secretary Mnuchin and Leader Schumer and hope to approve further funding for the Paycheck Protection Program by unanimous consent or voice vote during the next scheduled Senate session on Thursday.

“SAFETY”

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sition, after working at the university since 2017.

McClure will oversee 12 full time officers and hopes to involve the force in many Transylvania activities such as fund raisers and education about public safety.

A release from the university says McClure brings a passion for community building to his new role as director.

Along with his years of experience in law enforcement in Rockcastle County, McClure brings a four year degree in human services and psychology and a masters in justice administration to the university. He was also recently accepted into a Ph.D program in leadership studies with a concentration on criminal justice.

“MEET”

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ing guidelines.

Most have agreed on conference calling as the preferred method of meeting for April.

Officials from Brodhead, Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County all agree they will wait to make decisions about the regular May meetings.

Officials say phone numbers will be announced so that citizens may call in to take part in the Mount Vernon City Council meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m.

The number to participate in the fiscal court meeting is 1-712-432-3900 and ID # 483828#.

The City of Mt. Vernon has not yet released the number needed to take part in their meeting.

Senate bill 150 recently passed allowing audio or video meetings as long as the public is aware of such meetings and the agenda is followed.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

eight-years-old, Bee purchased our first television, which was a 13-inch, black-and-white model. One of my favorite programs was The Howdy Doody Show. The host, Buffalo Bob Smith, would hold up a Twinkie package and remind our mothers to include one in their children’s lunches. Apparently, Bee paid attention to him.

Remarkably, before the Twinkie factory line was automated, workers stuffed each little cake using a machine they operated with their feet! If the Twinkies were overstuffed, they exploded. (I’d bet a lot of exploded Twinkies were consumed by the workers.)

My lifelong attraction to Twinkies continues to this day, even though I know what it will do to my youthful figure. (Ha!) So I usually resist and purchase another healthier snack.

But it is hard to resist

the feather-light sponge cake filled with sweet vanilla cream. I may have to pick up a 10-pack the next time I visit my local grocery. I bet they would be great with a hot cup of coffee.

(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 39 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

“T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

ever before due to this last food scare. If we could only raise some toilet paper, sanitizer, and milk. I also saw the spring song birds all about our front yard. Stanley’s bird feeder and suet bar has really brought in the cardinals. I saw a few squirrels and rabbits, too. Our turtles, Terry and Tilly, should be coming in about a month.

Two weeks ago, I had commented that as far as I knew the virus wasn’t in the county. I’ve learned since that it is here. This should make us all the more careful when we go out but I’ve seen more out without masks than with masks. I’m not sure as to why...the unavailability or just what.

I sure hope all of this gets over soon and life gets back to normal. However, I’ve heard several saying that this will be the new normal. I wonder if that could be true.

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Agenda

- Roll Call
- Called To Order
- New Business:
 - A. Minutes of March 10, 2020
 - B. Minutes of March 17, 2020
 - C. Rockcastle County Industrial Authority
 - D. Rockcastle Development Board
 - E. KYTC Rural and Municipal Aid Culvert Replacement Project #11872 – \$6,530.00
 - a. Resolution
 - b. Agreement
 - F. KACO Unemployment Insurance Premiums
 - a. Jail - \$4,451.48
 - b. Sheriff - \$1,211.78
 - c. General - \$2,365.94
 - G. Rockcastle Extension District Board Proposed Budget 2020-2021
 - H. Trash Drop Off Day date change – May 30th, 2020
 - I. Livingston Gym
 - J. Mountain Advocate Maintenance Agreement – Fiscal Court Clerk’s Office
 - K. Solid Waste Reports
 - L. Quail Park Report
 - M. Road Department Truck
 - N. Double L
 - O. Joseph Clontz, Treasurer
 - a. Monthly Financial Report
 - b. Claims
 - c. Transfers

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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Bill Davis**
bhbp@ymail.com

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

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
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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Channel 3 - New Wave
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Pastor: **Travis Gilbert**
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Secretary: **Jo Roberts**
Music Director: **Dan Dull**

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)

Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
606-308-2794
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
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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.
Children's Programs:
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Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.
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

Brush Creek Holiness Church
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
Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Hall, Pastor

Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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Worship Service
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
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Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings: 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.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

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Dennis Wilder, Pastor
Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
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606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor: **James Blanton**

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
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 Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
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.

Higher Praise Ministries
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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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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
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
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Sunday Worship Noon
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
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Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
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1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor

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Holy Days 5 p.m.
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Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
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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.

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Berea, Ky. 40403
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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
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 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 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
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Sand Springs Baptist
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Sunday Worship 11 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.
Pastor: **Bro. James Hardin**

Skaggs Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: **Bro. Richard West**
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Mt. Vernon
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Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: **Clyde Hodge**

Union Chapel Pentecostal
Pastor: **Eugene Webb**
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Six tips for keeping energy use in check

For many, more time at home during the ongoing pandemic means more cooking, more washing dishes, more lights and TVs on, and maybe even some added equipment to enable virtual work and learning. Because all of these can add up to increased energy use and energy bills, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are sharing simple tips for keeping energy use in check while following the state's request and staying "Healthy at Home."

1. Put it to sleep – Set computers automatically to switch to sleep mode or manually turn off computers and monitors when they're not in use. If the computer has a power management setting, make sure it's activated.

2. Switch it out – Replace your most used incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star certified LEDs. Turn off lights when they are not in use.

3. Air dry it – Only run full loads when washing dishes and clothes. Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle and use a clothesline or drying rack to air dry clothing.

4. Seal up leaks – If you already have them around the house, applying tools like insulation, caulk and weather strip-

ping can close gaps around doors, windows and duct work. This helps keep cool air in and warm air out and helps HVAC systems operate more efficiently.

5. Change your filter – Keep your HVAC system in tiptop shape by changing the air filter each month or according to the manufacturer's instructions. Date your filter or set a reminder to help keep track of when it's time for a new one.

6. Grill out – Taking cooking outdoors will eliminate energy drawn from using other, larger cooking appliances like your stove, and will keep your kitchen – and your whole house – cooler.

With adult supervision, several of these and other suggested tips are energy-related activities that can be done with kids.

As we continue to navigate the ongoing situation together, LG&E and KU remain committed to providing the critical energy services our customers and communities depend on.

Visit lge-ku.com/tips for more energy-saving tips. Customers having difficulties paying their bill should contact LG&E and KU to establish payment arrangements and to be connected with other billing assistance programs.

Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 as soon as possible



The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is taking part in the 2020 Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign. Every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to learn about the signs of child abuse and how to prevent it. The annual observance is dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse.

Call 811 before digging

April is National Safe Digging Month

As spring gives way to warmer weather, social distancing and staying "healthy at home" may mean digging into more DIY projects outside. During National Safe Digging Month, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are reminding area residents to contact Kentucky 811 and make sure underground lines are marked before projects begin.

Kentucky 811 is a free statewide computer-operated communication system that provides a communication link between excavators and operators of underground utilities. The service enables consumers to submit a "locate request," which is passed on to each mem-

ber company that provides natural gas, electric, telephone, cable, sewer and water service in the requested area. Each company will then either mark its underground lines or notify the individual if there are no underground lines. Using the service helps to protect public safety; avoid costly repairs and fines; and guards against the potential for disrupting service to an individual or entire neighborhood.

Kentucky law requires all excavators – professionals and general public alike – to have lines marked in advance before beginning any excavation projects. Recent updates to penalties for failing to have lines marked give the Ken-

tucky Public Service Commission the authority to levy fines for failing to comply with the requirements of the Kentucky statute related to protection of underground utilities. Penalties for violating the statute range from \$1,250 for the first violation, to \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

Consumers can access Kentucky 811 through its online option "811Now," which provides an online form to request facility markings at a single address, or by dialing 8-1-1. Both are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Four steps to safe digging:

1. Contact Kentucky

811 online or by phone at least two business days in advance.

2. Wait the required amount of time.

3. Respect the marks that outline the underground utility lines and equipment and the tolerance zone of 18 inches on each side.

4. Dig with care.

All LG&E and many KU service territory locations are included under the 811 call center. KU customers should visit KU's Call Before You Dig web page or call 800-981-0600 to determine the appropriate area contact for having underground electric lines marked.

If considering home improvement projects, be

(Cont. to B3)

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OP-ED

Coronavirus response and American Rescue

By Congressman Hal Rogers

When 2020 began just three months ago, many of us hoped it would be a year of clarity - a year of new vision. The Big Blue Nation, of course, was counting on another year when the Cats would but cutting down the nets after winning a ninth national title. Yet here we are, less than 100 days into 2020, and the world we now face could not be further from what we expected - but be encouraged; hope is on the way.

The novel coronavirus has changed our focus in Kentucky and across America. Our priorities have shifted - not because we want to, but because we must. COVID-19, the scientific name that now fills common conversation, has commanded a new daily routine in our lives. As we find ourselves protecting the ones we love with new habits and restrictions, we are now laser focused on what we cherish the most - healthy families and a secure future.

With uncertainty spiking fear in the heart of America, we have been desperate for some hope to hold onto. The urgency for a timely response, as

American lives hang in the balance, is certainly reflective of a wartime footing in our country. Yet, our frontline soldiers are wearing street clothes and medical jackets, rather than camouflage and combat boots.

As I consider the vast number of healthcare professionals who have risked their own health to test and treat individuals for the coronavirus - often without the protective gear they need - I am reminded of the "Unknown Warriors" that Winston Churchill applauded during World War II. Although this is a much different battle, we have countless individuals "who will render faithful service in this war but whose names will never be known, whose deeds will never be recorded."

It is with those professionals across Kentucky in mind, that I voted for the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the first of three federal funding packages to attack COVID-19 with approximately \$8 billion. This bill supplies essential equipment for medical responses, expedites vaccine and therapeutic de-

velopment, expands telehealth services, and ramps up state and local efforts, including more than \$7 million for Kentucky.

The routine dynamics of our daily lives are nearly unrecognizable today, as millions of Americans are self-quarantined and sacrificing critical paychecks to limit this viral reach. With more students at home and senior citizens' programs on hold to protect the health of those most at-risk in our communities, I voted for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the second phase of our federal response. It is providing free COVID-19 tests for individuals who need it, expanded paid sick and family medical leave, more food aid for students and seniors, as well as relief for small businesses.

I want you to know that I have heard you loud and clear over the challenges presented by this silent threat. The fear of making ends meet without a paycheck, and employers searching for ways to meet payroll while production is halted are among the harshest realities we are experiencing in Southern and Eastern Kentucky right now. However, we will also win this battle. I voted for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the third and largest phase of the legislative response. The CARES Act sends checks directly to individuals and families, protects our small businesses with emergency loans, ex-

pands unemployment insurance for self-employed and non-profit employees, supports hospitals through this crisis, provides relief for major industries to help workers, and provides some stability for our small local governments.

As we continue to march forward, this expansive federal response aims to help rescue our American way of life and restore hope in our nation. While the number of positive COVID-19 cases surpass 160,000 nationwide, at least 3,000 people have perished across the country, according to John Hopkins University. Yet, we can find hope in the number of recovered patients now reaching approximately 6,000 to date - and growing every day.

Our response is working, and when the impact of this comprehensive federal legislation is fully realized, I am confident that we will rise as a stronger, healthier, more compassionate and humble nation.

I applaud every single person who has made the extra effort to check on neighbors, loved ones and friends through this national emergency. With an overwhelming amount of information funneling to our region in the days and weeks ahead concerning new funding and programs available to assist you, your family or your business, please contact my office toll-free at 1-800-632-8588 or visit halrogers.house.gov/coronavirus.

It is through the darkest of times that the American spirit shines the brightest and you are leading the way here in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Lineman Training

Jackson Energy accepting applications for scholarship

Jackson Energy is accepting applications for the 2020 Lineman Scholarship Program. One winner will receive a full scholarship to attend the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center.

The deadline to apply is May 22nd. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school. The applicant, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member and their primary residence or business must be served by the cooperative.

To download the application, visit <https://www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-lineman-program-scholarship>. The lineman training program is an eight-week course held in Somerset. More than 90% of the Somerset

Community College Lineman Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs with either electric utilities or electric contractor companies.

"The Lineman Training Center was established to provide men and women an opportunity to learn the basic, yet necessary, skills and hands-on experience that are essential to enter the utility industry at an apprentice level," says Jackson Energy President & CEO, Carol Wright. "The training center's criteria is a proven success to the linemen that complete the course. The experience and knowledge that the students gain at the training center give them an explicit advantage when they enter the workforce."

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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 278.183 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 diffuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom 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, RTODD, 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 \$0.75 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 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TOOP), 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 33,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.68. TODS customers using 208,133 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.49. TOOP customers using 1,294,865 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,542.53. 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 51,873,998 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$659.76 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.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.kje-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.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BAKED VEGGIE BITES

1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted, divided
1 egg
2 teaspoons water
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups fresh bite-sized pieces broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, zucchini
1 to 2 cups grated or shredded parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 450°. Using 1 tablespoon of the melted butter, brush bottom of 9 x 13 baking dish. Beat egg and water in a small bowl. In another bowl blend flour and salt. Dip a few vegetables in egg mix. Remove one piece at a time and place in flour mixture to coat. Place in prepared baking dish. Repeat until all veggies are coated and on pan. Pour remaining butter or margarine over each piece of veggie. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Drain and sprinkle with parmesan cheese, if desired.

OVEN-BAKED ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

2 medium zucchinis, trimmed, peeled and grated
1 teaspoon salt
1 garlic clove, pressed
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon baking powder

2 large eggs
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
3/4 cup breadcrumbs (I used Panko)
Place grated zucchini in a mesh strainer over a bowl. Sprinkle with salt, stir to evenly distribute it. Let the zucchini sit like that or 20 minutes, so they can release liquid. After 20 minutes squeeze out as much liquid out of the zucchini as you can. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a bowl combine drained zucchini, garlic, olive oil, baking powder, eggs, feta cheese, and breadcrumbs. Shape about 2 tablespoon patties and place them on the baking sheet, leaving some space in between. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes.

ONION PATTIES

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 t baking powder
1 tablespoon cornmeal
2/3 cup milk
2 and 1/3 cup chopped onions
Mix all together. Heat oil in large skillet. Form onion mixture into patties and place in hot skillet. Cook on one side until that side browned. Turn patty over and cook until browned on other side.

God An Awesome Reality

The power and majesty of the opening words of the Bible brings awe to our hearts. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The creative power of the Almighty is beyond our understanding. David wrote Psalms 33 Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was done, he commanded, and it stood fast. The first of his recorded words were, Genesis 1:3 Let there be light, and there was light. Genesis 1:16 He also made the stars. It just shows to us the greatness and the power of the God we serve. The more we learn about the universe, the greater our awe at the power of God.

There are some who say there is a God, but there is also evolution. One scholar said that he thought Adam and Eve were probably some sort of animal. Do we realize what he did? Paul wrote, Romans 1:22 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. I really believe that God is angered by the foolish thoughts of mankind. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:21 the world by wisdom knew not God. The so called wisdom of men, leads man away from the knowledge of God.

The wrath of God is awesome in its destructive power. The same voice that spoke to create, can speak to destroy. Genesis 1:27 says, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. Then he said to them be fruitful and multiply. God gave man the ability to procreate. Satan took the procreation urges and invented homosexuality and prostitution. These are not for procreation, but for the satisfying of the fleshly lusts. God was so outraged by man's acceptance of these inventions, that he rained fire and brimstone down from Heaven. Jude 1:8 these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:6 turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.

Living a life like this can only make one's life worse because it takes him away from his creator, and will cause him to believe a lie. Never should anyone ever allow themselves to live a life away from the safety of God. But if man chooses this life the apostle Paul tells us, Galatians 6:7 For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. Thank you for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you count your blessings every day. (It should give every sinner hope every time he comes in contact with a Christian.) If you would like to get in contact with one of the brethren we would love to hear from you, you can reach someone at these numbers: Bro Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

WHIP+ Eligibility

WHIP+ will be available for eligible producers who have suffered eligible losses of certain crops, trees, bushes or vines in counties with a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration or a Secretarial Disaster Designation (primary counties only). Disaster losses must have been a result of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms or wildfires that occurred in 2018 or 2019. Also, producers in counties that did not receive a disaster declaration or designation may still apply for WHIP+ but must provide supporting documentation to establish that the crops were directly affected by a qualifying disaster loss.

A list of counties that received qualifying disaster declarations and designations is available at farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus. Because grazing and livestock losses, other than milk losses, are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, those losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

Eligible crops include those for which federal crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage is available, excluding crops intended for grazing. A list of crops covered by crop insurance is available through USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) Actuarial Information Browser at webapp.rma.usda.gov/actuarialinformationbrowser. The WHIP+ payment

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We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

Use COVID-19 crisis to make good spending decisions

By Jim Waters

COVID-19's spread, which doesn't stop for anyone or anything – including for legislators' constitutional duty to pass a budget determining how state revenues will be spent – is forcing a very different spending plan than the one envisioned by many when this General Assembly session began.

This isn't all bad news for taxpayers who were largely spared the type of pre-COVID-19 spending-and-taxing bonanza envisioned by some politicians.

Gone is a planned increase in fuel taxes or any hope of removing constitutional barriers to local governments adding to taxpayers' burdens.

Missing are raises for teachers, state employees and social workers, which were originally in Gov. Andy Beshear's budget proposal to the legislature this year.

Still, the \$11.6 billion spending plan for the next budget year, which begins on July 1 and now awaits Beshear's signature, isn't truly an austere plan, through some in Frankfort would have you believe otherwise.

Rather, it simply spends about the same as last year's budget.

While House leaders made the right decision to help protect members from the coronavirus scourge by allowing them to vote remotely and thus practice social distancing, they made indefensible spending decisions even when factoring in the arrival of COVID-19.

They apparently felt the health crisis could provide political cover to reduce spending for critically important areas involving public safety and students while funding disastrous and failed projects like Kentucky Wired, the broadband boondoggle ripped to shreds by State Auditor Mike Harmon.

Perhaps the worst of it is that the House Republican majority actually reduced spending in the final version of the budget on state police, corrections and the SEEK funding, which are the dollars directly tied to public-school students, compared to what they proposed in their original budget proposal filed in January.

Yet, spending wasn't reduced for Kentucky Wired, which – while state police saw a \$12 million reduction from the earlier GOP plan – will get a whopping and

wasteful \$46 million despite the Senate's attempt to limit the program's funding to \$12 million.

This is in addition to earlier-passed legislation forcing taxpayers to loan \$35 million to the University of Louisville to bail out ailing Jewish Hospital.

Which is worse – reducing spending for prisons, state police and students while propping up a failed and costly government-owned broadband network, or cutting dollars for those critical areas while loaning money to a cash-flush university to bail out a single urban hospital despite many ailing rural medical facilities across the commonwealth?

It's bad enough the loan is partially forgivable but even shoddier that some politicians apparently hope for a political mask made of COVID-19 while increasing our state's debt burden.

Such a covering would be much more righteously used to cut spending for – instead of justifying funding of – boondoggles and pet projects or otherwise unwarranted uses of taxpayer dollars.

Beshear, a Democrat, could set the example for Republican legislative leaders by using the crisis as cover to forego his own crown jewels of giving teachers a raise and spending more on public education.

We'll see what the governor does with this budget.

He can accept or veto it entirely or parts of it, which legislators can override in the two days they've reserved to come back and finish their work in mid-April.

Beshear said in the beginning days of the coronavirus crisis that he's "done with politics" and is focused on making decisions "that if you were viewing them from a political sense would be really unpopular every day."

Along with quarantining the state, shutting down businesses and affecting Kentuckians' livelihood, wouldn't such decisions also involve ensuring that financial resources – scarcer and more precious than ever – be spent more carefully than ever before?

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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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47fn

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25fn

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Patricia Gail Reynolds, P.O. Bx 13441, Lexington, Ky. 40583 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of James Ivan Cummins on March 30, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Patricia Gail Reynolds or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 30, 2020. 11x3

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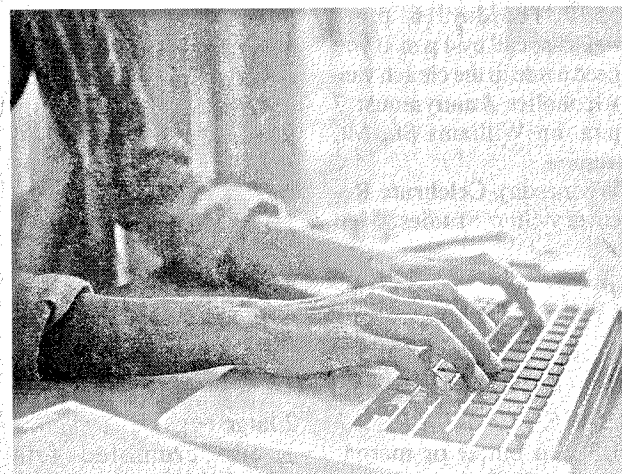
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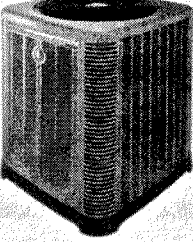
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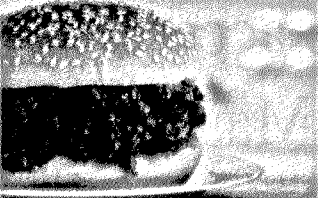
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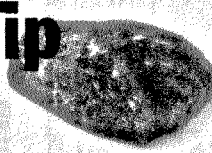
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