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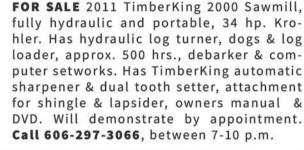
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

To: Harley Ratliff, putative biological father of Walker Martin Smith, whose last address is 6394 N. Highway 201, Webbville, Kentucky 41180-8973:

You are hereby notified that on April 22, 2019, a Petition for Adoption of Walker Martin Smith, a male child born to Stacy Noel Marcum on January 3, 2019 in Boyd County, Kentucky, was filed in the Superior Court of Oconee County, Georgia, Adoption No. 2019-AD-0004-N.

All rights you may have with respect to the minor child will be lost and you will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child unless, within thirty (30) days from the final publication of this notice, you: (1) file a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to Georgia Code Section 19-7-22; (2) file notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the adoption action is pending, and (3) provide notice to the undersigned attorney for the petitioners seeking to adopt the child.

This 1st day of May 2019.

Clerk of Superior Court Oconee County, Georgia

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No. 864-0255

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Big Sandy Land Company, LLC, 280 American Way, Louisa, KY 41230 has applied for Phase I Bond Release on Increment 6 of permit number 864-0255, which was last issued on 10/05/17. The application covers an area of approximately 160.8 acres located approximately 0.41 miles southwest of KY Route 1760's intersection with Right fork Georges Creek Road, Lawrence County.

The bond now in effect for Increment #6 is a Surety Bond for \$80,800.00. Approximately 60% of the bond in the amount of \$48,480.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; fertilizing, seeding, mulching and the establishment of an initial growth of vegetation completed Spring 2019.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Department for Natural Resources Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by September 19, 2019.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 20, 2019 at 10:00. at the Department for Natural Resources Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 19, 2019.

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Taking a summer vacation: Are we there yet?

When warmer weather rolls around one of the items that is most likely to be thought about is will this be the year when we will be able to take a summer vacation?

Since I was raised on the farm the topic of vacation was for those folks who weren't tied to the land as much as the farmer. At least I think that was the reason as we took maybe two that I can recall. Other than that mom and dad would load us all up and we would go down to Canal City Kentucky to the annual Benton reunion. (That is way down in Morgan County and if you are a kid it just wasn't much fun.) There I said it after all these years. But that was our time away from home

After I was married my wife and I think took one long trip out to Virginia but when we got home we learned that that was to be the last one without children since we learned we were expecting. Adding a family slows down or brings to a halt thinking about long vacations. We did do stayations as they are called these days. We would visit exciting places such as Woodland Mound, or Grants birthplace or even Serpent Mound. All could be said to be interesting but the word exciting was never used. My wife never complained as the situation at the time was where we just couldn't. But in 1988 we had bought a house and we spent that year working on it so as to reflect that we were living there now.

However in 1989 I learned that there was a man who lived around the area who would rent out his chalet (fancy word for A Frame.) up in the

Smokey Mountains just outside of Gatlinburg, Tennessee and would rent it very reasonably and it came completely furnished. We talked it over briefly and decided our two children were old enough to

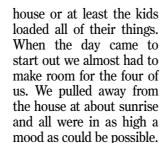
be good at travel. Meghan was 12 and Brendan was 6 and this sounded good. So we reserved the chalet for a Monday until a Friday morning.

As we got closer to the vacation date which as I recall in August we realized our cars were nearing time to be traded and we were Leary of traveling that far in them. Now my mom had a fairly new Pontiac nine passenger station wagon and since she had retired from teaching she seldom drove it. (Also when you are 4'11' tall it was better we took it for a while.) So we ask if we could borrow it and there was no way she would have said no to her grandchildren it was a done deal.

neither Now since child nor their parents had packed for a vacation with children we weren't expeirienced. I think it took days as we loaded just about everything in our

Mason County Clerk - Stephanie G. Schumacher

A copy of the completed audit of the Mason County Clerk's 2017 fee account is on file at the County Clerk's Office and available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the County Clerk's Office a copy of the complete audit report including financial statements and supplemental information. Citizens requesting a personal copy of the County Clerk's audit report will be charge for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five cents per page. Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the County Clerk's Office or by mail at Mason County Clerk Stephanie G. Schumacher, P.O. Box 234, Maysville, Kentucky 41056

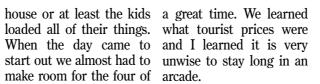


In 1983 there was a movie made entitled National Lampoons' Vacation and we all began to sing the song from it loudly, and entitled "Holiday Roads". It **RICK** is safe to say that **HOUSER** anything can be

> overdone and I have to feel that song was sung over twenty times before we had reached Maysville Kentucky! I t could have been more.

> As we headed into Lexington to get onto Interstate 75 South the early morning rise and all the excitement wore the kids into slowly dozing off. To me the drive to Gatlinburg is a pretty scenery drive and the closer to our destination the prettier and more into the mountains we were headed but all had gone to sleep and I was the only one to enjoy looking at the sights. Also we learned that with all that was packed and as the steeper the hills became the harder it was on that big old station wagon. (I had forgot it was only a six cylinder and it was very full.)

> We finally arrived later that afternoon and after climbing straight up a 2.8 mile road to the chalet we then had to carry all that we packed up 22 steps to just get it to the door and once inside most was to go to the second floor. (Here is where I will tell you we never ever packed much again.) The great part is once we hit Gatlinburg and also Pigeon Forge we had



One day we decided to load up and drive up into the Smokey Mountains as that was why Gatlinburg was originally established there. The mountains are awesome to see firsthand and I will tell you I was amazed at what Mother Nature created. As for my two kids they were not in the least interested in anything outside of the corporation limits. So as I drove and my wife and I looked all over our children wore headsets that were at that time hooked up to cassette players. To this day they have never really seen the **Great Smokey Mountains** but they came home with

T shirts that had big old bears on the front and right above the bear were the words "Great Smokey Mountains."

For four nights and five days we were on a family vacation and I can't speak for the rest but I never gave home much of a thought. We had sunshine those days we were there and hot weather but we did see Dollywood and many of the sights people go there for. It was so enjoyable that we returned many times with less clothes and toys but we did return with gifts for family and friends. From time to time when we as a family are gathered together we bring this story out of retirement and before the story is told someone will begin to sing the chorus to "Holiday Roads" and we all smile very much.

One part that they never remember was that they ask more than they sang "are we there yet'? To which I will still answer no not yet why not sing that song one more time. Good times are supposed to leave us with good memories and I will say it as will my family and that is we had a really good vacation.

Rick Houser grew up on a farm near Moscow in Clermont County and loves to share stories about his youth and other topics. If you care to read more of his writing he has two books out on the market and can be purchased. He can be reached at houser734@yahoo.com or mail him at P.O. Box 213 Bethel, Ohio 45106.

Sheriff: Man accused of damaging school was 'bored'

Sarah Brookbank

The Kentucky Enquirer

Three former Conner High School students have been arrested and charged after damaging the high school and a nearby elementary school, according to deputies. The Boone County Sheriff's Office said the men did tens of thousands of dollars' worth of damage to the high school and a nearby business in part, because one of them was bored. On July 12, officers responded to the Conner High School campus for damage and shortly afterward, discovered more damage at a business in the 1600 block of Burlington Pike.

Anthony Collins and Brian Kerr, both 18, and both of Erlanger were arrested and charged with two counts of criminal mischief and one count of

Kyle Kerr, 18, of Burlcharged with one count of in Burlington. Then Col-

criminal mischief and one count of burglary. Brian Kerr and Kyle Kerr are brothers, deputies said.

All three suspects have confessed, deputies said. Collins told deputies he "committed the crimes because he was bored."

According to his citation, Collins also told deputies he would "likely be back at it again" when he was asked if it was his last time. At the vacant office space in the complex containing the Buttercream Boutique and Galaxy Vapors, the Kerr brothers and Collins flooded the sinks and damaged the walls and ceilings in that building, deputies said.

According to court documents, the Kerr's mother owns a business next to the vandalized space. "The flooding caused damage to a separate, attached business next door," deputies said. After leaving Burlington Pike, Kyle Kerr was ington was arrested and dropped off at his address since posted bond and

lins and Brian Kerr traveled to the Conner High School Campus, including Goodridge Elementary. and committed more damage, deputies said.

The two damaged the ticket booth and press box in and around the Conner High School football field by shattering multiple windows with a baseball bat.

"They then proceeded to flooding and damaging the women's bathroom, knocked over the Conner Cougar statue, damaged the flag pole and stole the Kentucky State Flag along with the Conner High School flag, among other things," deputies said. "Lastly, they proceeded to Goodridge Elementary where they damaged the playground area behind the school."

Collins was lodged at the Boone County Jail and is being held on a \$30,000 bond.

The Kerr bothers have have been released.



MIKE HARMON **AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

The Honorable Joseph P. Pfeffer, Mason County Judge/Executive The Honorable Stephanie Schumacher, Mason County Clerk Members of the Mason County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Mason County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with

practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Mason County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting

other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably

determinable, are presumed to be material. **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present $fairly, in accordance \ with \ accounting \ principles \ generally \ accepted \ in \ the \ United \ States \ of \ America, \ the \ financial$ position of each fund of the Mason County Clerk, as of December 31, 2017, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Mason County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2017, in accordance and the property of the propertwith the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 8, 2019, on our consideration of the Mason County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing on internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government $Auditing \ Standards \ in \ considering \ the \ Mason \ County \ Clerk's \ internal \ control \ over \ financial \ reporting \ and$ compliance.

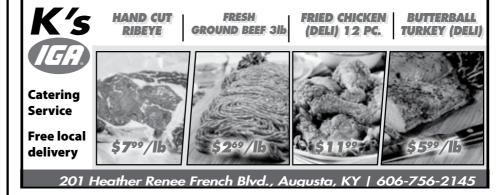


March 8, 2019

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Benches created in memory of domestic violence victim

James Mayse

Messenger-Inquirer

OWENSBORO — After Erica Owen was killed in her home last summer, and a man she had a protective order against was charged with murder in her death, Owen's family wanted to do something to keep her memory alive and to encourage victims of domestic violence to escape from abusers.

Martina Billings, Owen's aunt, came up with the idea of placing purple plastic benches around town in her memory. Purple was chosen because the color is a "symbol of courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending domestic violence," according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

"I just wanted to do something," Billings said. "I was praying for two benches."

Last Wednesday, Owen's family began placing the nine plastic benches at a number of locations, including the RiverPark Center, OASIS Domestic Violence Shelter, a local hotel and at the schools where Owen had been a student or had worked while obtaining her nursing degree. Other benches were delivered but have not yet been installed to other places, and the family has collected enough plastic to have several more

"Erica was absolutely the most quirky, put-together girl that I knew," Billings said. "The way I describe

her to people is she could put on a dress, a pair of muck boots and pearls and pull it off.

"The world is definitely a darker place without her being able to touch lives through nursing, and just being her," Billings said.

Owen's family collected plastic for the benches through bottle cap donations. Lisa Greer, Owen's mother, said each bench requires about 200 pounds of plastic.

'We had no idea what to expect," Greer said. "We were totally overwhelmed at the number of donations.'

The benches cost about \$300 each to make, which is about half the normal cost because the plastic was donated. The benches were

made by Green Tree Plastics, an Evansville company that makes items entirely from recycled plastic.

The family held a brief remembrance at OASIS on Wednesday morning at the garden spot where shelter officials installed one of the purple benches in Owen's honor. Owen's father, Maurice Owen, said the benches are a reminder "for everyone to take a stand against domestic violence."

Owen said he hopes when people see the purple benches, "they are reminded domestic violence is real.'

benches More planned.

"In another two to three months, we'll have another 10," Greer said.

Andrea Robinson, execu-

tive director of OASIS, said the shelter wanted one of the benches to honor Erica Owen, and the benches should remind people "that domestic violence happens to anybody."

"It sees no color, age or background," economic Robinson said. "Domestic violence affects everyone." The benches will hopefully be a reminder that resources are available to people victimized by domestic violence, including shelter, help and support, she said.

"I wouldn't say it's an issue of not knowing where to get help. The biggest issue is fear," Robinson

The "level of control victims experience" can be frightening and difficult to break away from, she said.

Greer said placing the benches around town Wednesday was partly about "giving people the courage to come forward" and flee domestic violence situations.

"It's bittersweet, I guess I'd say," Greer said. "... It's a reminder she's not here, but it's a way to make sure she is never forgotten."

Matthew A. Adams, 27, of Utica is charged with murder (domestic violence), first-degree burglary, tampering with evidence and violation of a domestic violence order in Owen's death. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Adams and the trial is currently set for next

Woman shares 'amazing story' of aliens in Kentucky

Caroline Eggers

Bowling Green Daily News

BOWLING GREEN — The story goes like this: On a hot summer night in August 1955, a farming family in the Christian County town of Kelly experienced an "invasion" from gray "little men."

A shootout ensued, as well as a brief investigation by a couple dozen police officers, soldiers and reporters. But they found no fur, no blood, no guts and no bodies. Just ammunition shells and holes in the woodwork.

That's the short version. On Tuesday (July 23) at the Warren County Public Library's Bob Kirby Branch, Geraldine Sutton Stith, the daughter of one of the event's supposed witnesses, narrated the longer story as if she was opening the inciting incident of a science-fiction novel.

"Our hound dog, flying by, tail tucked, ears tucked, (came) running under the porch," said Stith, who spoke with a rural Kentucky accent and appeared in bell bottoms and a black choker with a green alien pen-

Then young family members saw "a silver object" with a rainbow floating behind it. Before long, little gray men started appearing at the house, and a couple family members began firing rifles.

"These were country boys. They could shoot a squirrel running through the tree," Stith said.

At one point, Stith's grandmother questioned whether the little men were actually dangerous.

"My grandmother was a very kindhearted person. She probably would have invited Bigfoot in if he needed help," Stith

Then there was quiet, and the family fled in their trucks to the Hopkinsville Police Department.

Soon after, "a caravan of vehicles drove to little bitsy Kelly. There were soldiers, officers and reporters," Stith said.

subsequently, And people flooded Kelly and started camping in the family's yard. The family moved within two weeks of the incident to escape the circus. But they never found peace of mind

about the situation.

"Everyone was making fun of the situation," Stith said. "They chalked it up to uneducated hillbillies. They're going to hide that stuff. That's just how it is.

"I was 8 years old when I was told the story and it scared the bejesus out of me. Until the day my dad died, I think that fear stayed in his mind."

Over the years, folks told Stith they wished the events happened to them. Stith rejects the notion: "No you wouldn't, you'd pee your pants and run away. Or you would get your shotgun out."

Throughout the presentation, Stith reiterated numerous times that "it's an amazing story."

That's why she helped launch the annual Kelly

Little Green Men Days Festival, and provided insight for a fictional film based on the event, called the "Invasion of Kelly."

"We don't know everything out here. ... We need to have some fun out here," she said.

After the discussion, some people gathered outside the library to discuss weird tales they had heard or experienced.

Craig Kemp of Bowling Green attended with his grandparents, who live in Hopkinsville. "It's wild to believe,"

Kemp said, expressing that he was of mixed mind about the story's credibility.

Bob Deane, a selfdescribed fan of "The X-Files" television show and resident of Bowling Green, thought the presentation was decent.

"I think stuff like that can happen. I think it would be presumptuous for us to assume there aren't any beings on other planets," he said.

Miller Majorie Scottsville had never heard of the Kelly incident, but she regularly attends events at the library.

"I thought it was a very interesting. I was surprised I'd never heard about it," Miller said. "It's believable."

Joseph Perkins of Bowling Green was also unaware of the tale. But he was a little more skeptical.

"They've never found a Bigfoot," Perkins said.

But he bought the film, and might even visit the farm in Kelly.



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Mail ballot to: The Ledger Independent 120 Limestone St. Maysville, KY 41056

Vote for your favorite business in each of the over 100 categories listed. Businesses must be located in Mason, Lewis, Fleming, Bracken, Robertson, Montgomery & Rowan counties in Kentucky and Brown and Adams in Ohio.

Census officials want every person counted in 2020

Tonya S. Grace

Kentucky New Era

An estimated one million preschoolers, youngsters from birth through age 4, weren't counted in the 2010 U.S. Census, costing local communities across the country a combined \$675 billion per year in federal funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and other initiatives.

That's huge when one considers the census said Crystal Boyett, a child on the form. census partnership specialist who is assisting counties in the Pennyrile region with next year's count.

"We've attributed it to multiple reasons," said Boyett, noting that youngsters may split their time with Mom and Dad or live with a different relative altogether, a grandparent perhaps.

Because it's not a traditional household, the rela-

occurs every 10 years, tive may forget to list the

The 2020 U.S. Census begins in earnest next March, when households will receive an invitation to complete their form either by telephone, using a paper form or online.

It will be the first time U.S. citizens are offered an online option for completing the census, and one local official said census workers are thinking of ways to ensure everyone is counted.

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Laid-off coal workers go to court hearing to plead for back pay

Chris Kenning

Louisville Courier Journal

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — They started their day sipping coffee at 4:30 a.m. in a darkened Harlan parking lot, coal mining helmets tucked under their arms.

By dawn, more than 40 laid-off Kentucky coal miners — who spent the week blocking a Blackjewel coal train in a protest gone viral — were singing "You'll never leave Harlan alive" as their bus snaked through four hours of Appalachian mountain roads.

The Harlan County miners piled out in front of a Charleston federal court

wearing "Pay the Miners First" T-shirts, aiming to press a judge overseeing coal producer Blackjewel's bankruptcy to grant millions in owed wages after the company's July 1 collapse sent paychecks bounc-

The out-of-work miners sat silently as the court worked to approve the sale of the mining company's auctioned assets in front of a legion of lawyers for Blackjewel, buyers and creditors.

"Our goal is to let them know Harlan isn't backing down," said Coleen Pennington, who was with her coal miner husband.

Tennessee-based Kopper

Glo Mining bid \$6.3 million and \$9.1 million in royalties for Harlan County's Lone Mountain and Black Mountain mines, leaving the miners hopeful they might soon be put back to work under a financially healthier com-

The company has agreed to set aside nearly \$1 million over time for back pay they owe the miners they laid off.

An attorney for Kopper Glo declined to say whether the idled mines would reopen and reemploy more than 220 miners in Harlan County. And some creditors and lien holders objected to the purchase, fearing they would not get what

they are owed.

In the meantime, fedbankruptcy Judge Frank Volk said he wanted the train that the miners blocked and that was loaded with more than \$1 million worth of coal to stay put until it can be determined if part of it can be used to fund back pay.

Volk praised the miners but didn't make any prom-

"Sometimes you can make a very powerful statement without speaking at all," he said.

The hearings were still going on as the miners left Monday evening. Some were optimistic.

"I feel better. I feel like

I'll get the money I'm owed and I'll have a job back, even if it takes time," said Caleb Blevins of Harlan.

Others were less optimis-

"It's bull," said Cumberland miner Darrell Raleigh. Another said, "They should talk less and do more."

And Brandon Pierson climbed back on the bus saying "it's sad" that some companies seemed to care more about securing equipment than paying miners.

Ned Pillersdorf, an East-Kentucky attorney representing miners who believes the bankruptcy may be "a shell game" designed to shed financial

obligations, said his consultants have found that the \$50 million in proposed sales to various coal companies won't offset the \$100 million in debts, leaving creditors to fight.

"Stay on the tracks," he told a roomful of miners during a break in the proceedings, arguing the publicity and outcry from supportive politicians gives the miners leverage.

On the bus ride, miners talked about third shifts, deer hunting, budget woes, marriages and what the news might mean to them sang songs with made-up lyrics that left everyone laughing about the steep mountain passes.

Dunnigan statue unveiled in Russellville

OJ Stapleton

News Democrat & Leader

This past weekend's 33rd annual Emancipation Celebration in Russellville was extra special because the statue of Alice Allison Dunnigan was officially unvieled to the public on Friday evening.

The statue was uncovered by members of the Dunnigan and Allison families as dozens in attendance watched. Prior to the unveiling ceremony, members of the Dunnigan's family and others spoke to the audience about her life and times.

The statue now stands on the grounds of SEEK Museum: Struggles for **Emancipation and Equality** in Kentucky on the corner of East 6th and South Morgan streets as part of a new park area dedicated to civil rights.

This year's festival theme was "Alice Is Coming Home" in honor of the statue celebration.

Dunnigan was born in Russellville in 1906, the daughter of a tenant farmer and a laundress. After grad-

Knob City High School in Russellville, she completed a teacher's course at what is now known as Kentucky State University and began an 18-year career as a teacher in Logan and Todd counties. During World War II, Dunnigan moved to Washington, D.C., and began working for the Associated Negro Press. She became head of its Washington Bureau on Jan 1, 1947. In August of that year, after she had successfully lobbied for a change in the rules of the U.S. Senate to allow African American journalists to attend presidential press conferences, Dunnigan began her career reporting on all branches of the federal government.

In 1948 Dunnigan again made history by being the first African American woman to travel with and report on a Presidential tour when she went on the whistle-stop tour with President Truman. She personally paid the expenses for this trip after her boss told her "Women don't make trips like that." Her statue has been on its own whistle-stop tour, having



NDL Members of Alice Allison Dunnigan's family unveil her statue on Friday in Russellville.

seum in Washington, D.C., the University of Kentucky. the Truman Presidential Library and Museum, and Kentucky State University. The statue was created by Amanda Matthews and uating from the segregated been displayed at the New- Brad Connell, owners of Civil Rights, Journalism and "The Fascinating Story

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Dunnigan received more than 50 awards during her lifetime and has been inducted into the Ken-

and Writers, and the Hall of Fame for the National Association of Black Journalists. She authored two books: "A Black Woman's Experience from the School tucky Halls of Fame for House to the White House"

of Black Kentuckians: Their Heritage and Traditions."

OJ Stapleton, News Democrat & Leader

In addition to the unveiling ceremony, a special dinner was held on Thursday that raised almost \$12,000 for a scholarship in Dunni-

Judge: Feds can argue Grimes' father gave illegally in state races

Bill Estep Lexington Herald-Leader

Prosecutors can present evidence that former state Democratic Party chief Jerry Lundergan made alleged illegal contribu-

tions to the campaigns of his daughter, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, in 2011 and 2015 as they try to prove he broke federal law in her 2014 U.S. Senate campaign, a federal judge has ruled.

Lundergan has not been charged in connection with Grimes' successful state

However, he is scheduled to go on trial this week for allegedly making illegal contributions through his

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companies to Grimes in her unsuccessful 2014 bid to unseat Kentucky's senior Republican U.S. senator, Majority Leader Mitch

McConnell. Prosecutors argued that evidence Lundergan made illegal contributions to Grimes in the two state races is relevant to "establish that he knew and intended to use these same methods to contribute corporate money" to Grimes

in 2014. Lundergan is charged with Dale Emmons, a prominent Kentucky political consultant, with conspiring to make illegal contributions to Grimes in her 2014 race.

Lundergan is charged with directing campaign consultants and vendors to send bills to one of his companies for work they did on Grimes' federal campaign.

Emmons is charged with consulting for the campaign but billing one of Lundergan's companies for the work.

The two also allegedly caused Grimes' campaign to file false reports. They have denied the charges.

The indictment said Grimes did not know of the alleged illegal contributions from her father in the 2014 race.

Prosecutors alleged in a motion that Lundergan illegally spent more than \$325,000 through companies he owns — which include catering services - to help his daughter in 2011 and 2015, paying for services such as campaign mailers.

Emmons received more than \$70,000 of that total during periods when he was providing services to Grimes' campaigns, prosecutors said.

Defense attorneys urged U.S. District Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove to bar prosecutors from presenting evidence about alleged illegal contributions in Grimes' 2011 and 2015 races.

The defense attorneys argued that letting in such evidence would create a risk jurors would return a guilty verdict on the "impermissible theory that if Lundergan violated campaign finance laws in the past, he probably did so" in

2014 as well.

In a ruling last week, however, Van Tatenhove said prosecutors can present evidence of alleged wrongdoing by Lundergan in the state races.

Evidence of other contributions benefiting Grimes by companies owned by Lundergan and Emmons will help "complete the story" of the alleged 2014 conspiracy for jurors, the judge said.

"These are the same actors involved in the indicted charges, engaging in the same conduct as alleged in the indictment," Van Tatenhove said in the decision.

The potential that evidence about 2011 and 2015 will create unfair prejudice against Lundergan and Emmons does not outweigh the value of that evidence in trying to prove the charges against them, Van Tatenhove said.

Jury selection in the trial against the two is scheduled to begin Thursday, with opening arguments set for Aug. 13. The trial is expected to last four weeks.



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Stevie L. and Martha Susan Miller to William and Arbia

Adams, lot, Lacroix Estates. Virgil L. and Cathy C. Mills to Derrick E. Ross, lot, Sutton

and Strother addition. Arthur E. Jr. and Marsha W. Walker to Walker Construction and Materials LLC, parcels, no property listed.

James M. and Meg Kristin Cole to Ron and Margaret Rowland, acres, Whitaker

Larry W. and Charlene Tipton to Timothy and Sally Cundiff, property, Ky. Hwy. 11.

Judy Stone Johnson to Joellen Jones, lot, Bridgett

Iron Works Properties LLC to Mills Realty Group LLC, property, U.S. 460 (Camargo Road).

and Mary W. Bobby Anderson to Jack Dalton Segura, property, Betty Hadden property.

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Sarah Beth Hatton and Justin Cane West to Sarah Beth Hatton and Justin Cane West, acres, Steele Road.

Stuart Rentals LLC to Elizabeth Chetette Thompson, lot, Classic Village subdivi-

of Veterans Secretary Affairs to Walter Ballard, tracts, Town Branch.

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Estates. Bernard and Sharlene Salmons to Jay and Stacie Garrett, tract, Salmons propertv.

Shawn A. and Mary L. Planck to Wesley D. and Lindsey Adkins, tracts, Town Branch Road/Lot L. Martin Meadows

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Jacqueline Howard and

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Clyde Allen Johnson and Deborah Lynn Faulkner.

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Christopher Charles Goodpaster vs. Tia Clarine Goodpaster.

Inez Jane Darnell vs. Jeffrey Lane Darnell.

Jennifer Hope Johnson vs. Emerald Dean Hall Jr. Madison Craft Bryant vs. James Lloyd Bryant.

DISTRICT COURT **JULY 11**

Ray Howard Hamilton, failure to or improper signal, guilty plea, fined, court costs. James D. Lawson, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, first, guilty plea, 90 days, probated/ suspended two years, conditions, no further violations, restitution.

Ellen Jean Robinson, improper equipment, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Randall Lee Shanks, disregarding stop sign, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Cody A. Smallwood, failure to wear seat belts, failure to or improper signal and no/ expired Ky. registration receipt, 12 month diversion.

Brian A. Marsh, failure to or improper signal, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Eric D. Walls, failure to wear seat belts, six month diversion, conditions, no further offenses.

Jeremy Kostura, public intoxication of a controlled substance, guilty plea, 30 days, probated/suspended two years, conditions, no further offenses, fined, court costs.

Brandon Mullins, assault fourth degree (child abuse), 12 month diversion, conditions, no other offenses.

Colton Cecil, alcohol intox-

ication in a public place, first and second offense, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Scott Michael Miller, alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offense, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Jesse Shane Crouch, theft by unlawful taking, guilty plea, 60 days, probated/suspended two years, conditions, no further violations, court costs community service.

Sarah R. Lewis, theft by unlawful taking, 12 month diversion, conditions, no further offenses, community ser-

Buddy Ray Blevins, public intoxication of a controlled substance, guilty plea, 90 days, consecutive, probated/ suspended two years, conditions, no further violations; public intoxication of a controlled substance (separate case), guilty plea, 90 days, consecutive, probated/suspended two years, conditions, no further violations.

Daniel C. Wilson, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, guilty plea, 90 days, consecutive to other case, probated/suspended two years, conditions, no further violations of law; operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license (separate case), guilty plea, sentenced to 90 days, to serve 30 days, consecutive to other case, remaining probated two years, conditions, no other offenses, credit for time served.

Aisha Renee Brooks, theft by unlawful taking, 12 month diversion, conditions, no further offenses, community ser-

DISTRICT COURT JULY 15

Stanley B. Anderson, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Burley Ray Sutton, failure to wear seat belts, guilty plea, fined; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, guilty plea, fined; failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transportation, guilty plea, fined, court costs.

Thomas O. Crouch, improper passing, guilty plea, sts, court costs.

Margaret Audrey Morrison,



Heavy rainfall and storms July 17 caused only minor damage throughout the county. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office reported that evening that a large tree was down, pictured at left, and blocking U.S. 60 at Sunny Lane. The roadway was later reopened after the highway dept. responded. Greg Beam, Montgomery County **Emergency** Management director, said there was some minor flooding on Reffitt Road, Whitaker Lane and Camargo-Levee Road as well as some of the usual locations downtown. He added there were no problems from the heavy rainfall throughout the day Monday. Photo courtesy Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

POLICE BEAT

• The Mt. Sterling Police Dept./ Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to the following reports during the period between July 15-22.

MT. STERLING **POLICE**

• Narcotics overdoses reported: July 17 at 227 Richmond Ave.; July 19 at 491 Spring St.

• Thefts reported: July 16 at 301 W. High St.; July 18 at 105 Stone Trace Drive; Doe Run Drive. July 19 at 35 S. Bank St.

• Burglaries reported: July 15 at 213 Apperson Heights.

• Injury accidents reported: July 16 at 805 Indian Mound Drive; July 18 at Commonwealth Drive/ Indian Mound Drive; July 20 at Camargo Road/ Indian Mound Drive; July 21 at 1201 Indian Mound

Drive. • Counterfeit bills reported: July 19 at 511 Alexa Drive.

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• Assaults reported: July 15 at 3037 Estes Court; July 16 at 601 Second St.; July 18 at 2940 Ky. Hwy. 213 S.; July 18 at 1919

• Burglaries reported: July 15 at 1305 Shadelawn Drive; July 15 at 8310 Main St. in Jeffersonville; July 15 at 8325 Main St. in Jeffersonville; July 16 at 2930 Cooper Lane.

• Thefts reported: July 15 at 2999 Quisenberry Road; July 15 at 1925 Fogg Pike; July 16 at 164 Summer Ridge Road; July 16 at 11345 Hope-Means Road; July 16 at Chandler Lane/ Owingsville Road; July 18

at 1 Court St.; July 18 at

604 Brentwood Drive; July 19 at 505 Oaklawn Drive; July 19 at 111 Lovely Lane; July 20 at 1104 Nest Egg Road; July 21 at 3310 Bunker Hill Road.

• Injury accidents reported: July 15 at 113 mile marker I-64 eastbound; July 15 at McCormick/ Spencer roads; July 16 at Welch Road/Ky. Hwy. 213 S.; July 22 at Rocky Branch Road/Main Street in Jeffersonville.

• Stolen vehicles reported: July 15 at U.S. 460 at Menifee County line; July 18 at 205 Paul Court; July 18 at 209 Winiford St.; July 21 at Reffitt/Bedford roads; July 22 at 100 Russ Willoughby Road.

operating a motor vehicle under the influence, first offense, guilty plea, fined, license received, court costs; theft by unlawful taking (separate case), guilty plea, fined, sentenced to six months, to serve 30 days, to run concurrent, remaining days probated two years, conditions, no

offenses. Mercedes Oakley, theft by unlawful taking, guilty plea, sentenced to 30 days, to serve 10 days, remaining days probated two years, conditions, no other offenses, court costs, credit for time served.

other offenses, court costs;

criminal trespassing, second degree, guilty plea, sentenced

to 90 days, to serve 30 days,

remaining days probated two

years, conditions, no other

Jonathan Patrick Pranger, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, guilty plea, fined, license received, fees, court costs, sentenced to six days, remaining days probated two years, conditions, no other offenses.

CIRCUIT COURT JULY 9

Roy Thomas Cline, violation, stipulated, probation revoked, original sentence imposed.

CIRCUIT COURT JULY 11

Kari Arledge, flagrant nonsupport, two years, probated five years, conditions.

Nathan Scott Henderson, promoting contraband, first degree, three years, probated five years with alternative sentence.

Thomas E. Mayrand, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine), sentenced to three years, probated five years, conditions, restitution.

Josh Ross, probation violation (for felony offense), probation extended one year.

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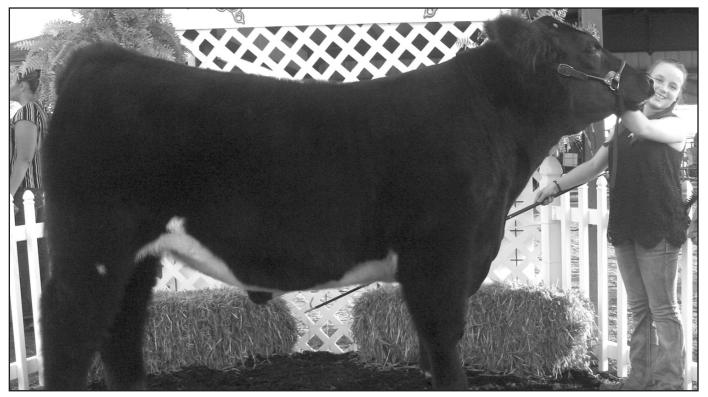
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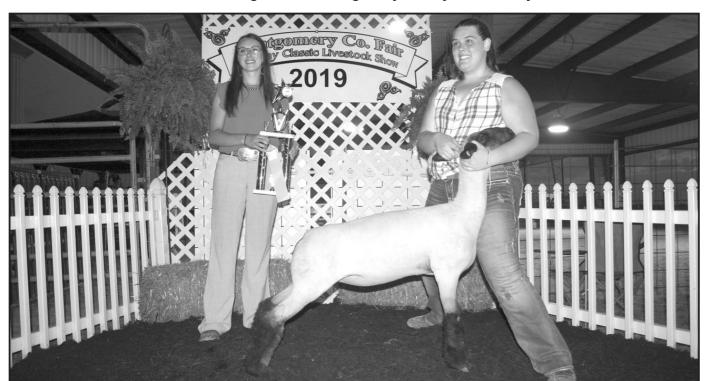
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RESERVE CHAMPION STEER—Addison Arnett, above, exhibited the Reserve Champion Market steer at the 4-H and FFA Market Steer Show during the 2019 Montgomery County Fair recently.



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB—Jacie Morton showed the Reserve Champion 4-H and FFA market lamb at the Montgomery County Fair Youth Market Lamb Show recently. She is shown above with her lamb along with show judge Callie Hicks, who is holding the reserve champion trophy.





RESERVE CHAMPION—Nathan Mullins showed the Reserve Champion Novice Division market hog at the Montgomery County Fair Youth Market Hog Show recently. Mullins is pictured holding the banner. Pictured, from left, are Laken Masters, Mullins, show judge Jeremiah Cupps and Mary Jane Pettit.

RESERVE CHAMPION HOG—Landon Smith, photo at left, exhibited the Reserve Champion 4-H and FFA market hog at the Montgomery County Fair Youth Market Hog Show recently. Pictured, in back from left, are show judge, Jeremiah Cupps; Smith's sister, Lillie; and Smith.



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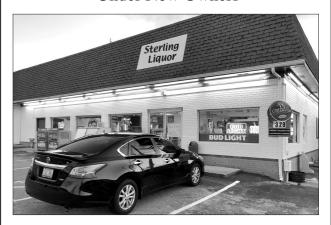
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Montgomery County celebrates National Farmers' Market Week

The Montgomery County Farmers' Market joins markets across Kentucky in celebrating National Farmers Market Week from Aug. 4-10.

"The local food movement is real and it's visible in Kentucky's thriving farmers' market scene," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles. "With more than \$10 million in gross sales reported last year by vendors at markets in 113 counties, we have a lot to be proud of this National Farmers' Markets Week. I hope Kentuckians of all backgrounds will visit a farmers market in their community this week."

celebration, County Montgomery Farmers' Market will host its annual Customer Appreciation Day from 7 a.m. through noon Saturday, Aug. 10, at its new pavilion location at 153 S. Maysville. St. in downtown. There will be door prizes, sausage sandwiches, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, live music and more.

Market President Martha Payne and Market Manager Whitney Thorpe are coordinating the local event.

"We have had such a successful Customer Appreciation Day the last two years, that we wanted to

continue the tradition," Payne said. "We are able to do so through the support we have received from the community and in particular from our sponsor, Traditional Bank. We have great customers that have been very supportive of our local market. Most of our farmer vendors will be in attendance on Customer Appreciation Day with our usual bounty of produce and baked goods and crafts, but we will also be accompanied by local groups that will participate in a variety of ways."

Complimentary sausage sandwiches will be prepared on-site (while supplies last). Several members from the Montgomery County 4-H, This Land Is Our Land Youth Leadership Group will be on hand this year to pitch in with a variety of tasks such as assembling and distributing sandwiches to customers. The 4-H Junior Chef team will take over the grill around mid-morning and prepare sample tastings of their recipe that will be used in competition at the upcoming Kentucky State Fair.

The Montgomery County Health Dept. will conduct blood pressure checks and face painting for children. Radio station WMST/ WKYN will be at the market hosting live coverage of this

provided by the New Beckham County Ramblers. Several local businesses have donated gift baskets and certificates to be given away as door prizes throughout the morning and a grand prize will be offered courtesv of Lowe's. Traditional Bank's Festival Market team will be on hand to help coordinate the activities in their role as event sponsor. In addition, there will be other booths and volunteers from the community with education, activities, resources, freebies and more.

Local farmers' market vendors will again have their own popular door prizes of bushel baskets filled with their donated produce and other items such as jams, jellies, baked goods, dried herb products, etc. The farmers' market is also donating five \$10 certificates to be redeemed at any vendor's booth during the remainder of the 2019 market season.

Do not forget that the market is now accepting SNAP (EBT). SNAP can be used on vegetables, baked goods and canned goods. And it continues to accept WIC and Senior vouchers.

The Montgomery County Farmers Market is open every Wednesday Saturday from 7 a.m.-noon.

Adopt A Pet



Jasper

Meet Jasper! Jasper is a 2-year-old, handsome Beagle mix. He is a very friendly boy, enjoys the company of people and affection. He's the perfect size for any household, at roughly 40 pounds. If you're interested in adopting Jasper (ID No. 403), please call the Montgomery County Animal Shelter at 498-8751. You can also stop in and meet Jasper at 115 Adena Drive. Adoption fee is \$68, which includes his plus 5 shot, neuter and county tag. The shelter is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7 to 3:30: Tuesday/Thursday 7 to 5; and Saturday 9 to noon.



Juan and Pedro

Meet Juan and Pedro! These brothers were brought in from the same home and are now on the lookout for their forever family! These brothers are roughly 2 years old and have lots of love to give. They are friendly, sweet and social boys. If you're interested in these brothers, please also take time to meet Barney, who came in from the same home. Please call 498-8751 for more information, or you can meet these boys at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter at 115 Adena Drive. The adoption fee per cat is \$55, which includes neutering.

Please visit the Montgomery County Animal Shelter on Facebook to view all of the available dogs and cats looking for their lifelong family.



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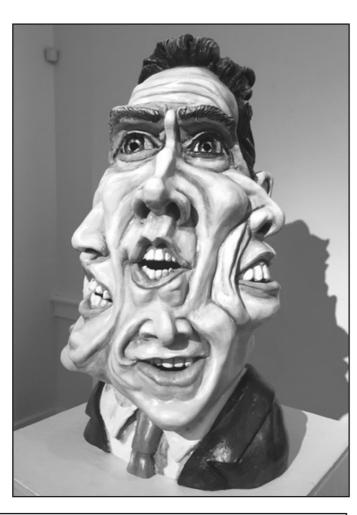
WELCOMES **NEW** STYLIST—Take 3 Style Studio at 220 Suite B, Windsor-Spur Drive, would like to welcome Ashley Chaney to its team. Chaney specializes in all areas of salon styles, cuts, etc. The salon welcomes any walk-ins in addition to regular clients, release said. To get in touch with Chaney, whether her client or a newcomer, call 498-9888 and ask for Ashley Wednesday-Saturday. Chaney graduated from Academy Cosmetology. Pictured back, from left, are: Sandy Walters, Karen Crouch, Ashley Chaney and Courtney Nixon. Front row, from left, are: Tara Rice and Betty Linville.

'Bending Reality' featured this month at arts center

The Gateway Regional Arts Center opened the exhibit for artist Ron White titled "Bending Reality" during the First Friday Market Aug. 2. Presented by Mound TV and Jenny and Jeff Rosania, White brings characters to life through ceramic and charcoal that are illusive, charming and in some cases idealistic. This Akron artist uses his work to personify human nature as well as manipulate materials to bring out taboo and stereotypical behaviors. This can be seen in the voted People's Choice of "The Politician."

"Bending Reality" is on exhibit at the Gateway Regional Arts Center, 101 E. Main St., through Aug. 31. More information can be found at grackentucky.org or by calling 498-6264.

Pictured at right is "The Politician," which was voted People's Choice.



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Local student signs with college to teach agriculture

From staff reports

Lexington - Students from across the state gathered together at the Kentucky FFA State Convention on June 12 to sign letters of intent to become agriculture teachers with their respective universities.

Kyley Shinall, of Nicholasville, was one of the students that signed to teach agriculture.

When asked why she wanted to become an agriculture educator, Shinall stated, "I want to become an Agricultural Educator so that I can show others the true meaning of agriculture and share my passion of it."

Agricultural education teaches students about agriculture, food and natural resources. Through these subjects, agricultural educators teach students a wide variety of skills, including science, math, communications, leadership, management and technology.

Agricultural Education uses a threecircle model of instruction: classroom and laboratory instruction, leadership development and experiential learning. The successful integration of each of these three components results in a strong program that produces well rounded individuals who are prepared to be leaders in agriculture, business and industry.

Officials say it is estimated that there will be hundreds of unfilled positions across the United States this year, simply because not enough students are choosing to be agricultural educators.

This Teach Ag Signing Day event is a component of the National Teach Ag Campaign, an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. It is funded by the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer, and Growth Energy as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National Teach Ag Campaign raises awareness of the need to recruit and retain quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourages others to consider a career in teaching agriculture, and celebrates the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in their schools and communities.

For more information about the National Teach Ag Campaign, please visit www.naae.org/teachag.



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Kyley Shinall, of Nicholasville, was one of the students that signed to teach agriculture when students from across the state gathered together at the Kentucky FFA State Convention on June 12.

A1: HEARTLAND

Nicholasville from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Friday, with Family Fun Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Those who attend the event will also be able to tour the facility.

Smithers said the idea came to them because the heat is hot this summer and their class wanted to offer refreshments and a time to visit with the community. The event was also organized with the idea in mind to show local first responders Heartland Academy's appreciation.

"We hope that we can continue to help the school children and their families in our community," Smither said. "Heartland Academy is a Christian based center and we teach our children about helping others and an act of kindness can change a person's day or circumstance. We want to lead by example, and at some point, in each one of our lives, the kindness of others has made an impact on your own life."

Local vendors who will be on site during the event include: Kona Ice, California Crafted, Gigi's on Main, Sirius Bling, Hey Y'all Company and Land and Lee.

Heartland Academy offers childcare services from six- weeks to 12 years old. The academy also offers a prekindergarten readiness program. Open enrollment for all classrooms are currently being conducted. Residents may sign up until Friday at noon. Silent Auction items Friday night include: gift cards from local stores and restaurants, gift baskets and personalized items for the home.

"We take the heart in Heartland very seriously," Smithers said. "We love our children and their families, and we become a part of their daily lives. We celebrate in their good times. We have cried when a family has faced hardships and loss. We try to be encouraging and offer peace knowing that we are diligently watching over their child while they are in our care. Please come out and join us for a cold glass of lemonade, and then come back and join in the festivities later that evening in our Friday Fun Night."

For more information call 859-887-

A1: POWERHOUSE

has its products in more than 130 restaurants and thousands of grocery stores. Michael said both brands strive to please.

"We understand what it takes to please our guests and our families, young and old," Michael said. "I mean, our mission every day is to bring smiles to the guests that come to our door."

Gary Holland, CEO of One Holland Corporation, a franchisee for LaRosa's, Skyline and First Watch, said he's excited for the new Nicholasville location.

"We have received a warm welcome from everyone in Central Kentucky by opening our first Skyline down here and our first LaRosa's, and now we get the chance to continue that development and bring it to Nicholasville, which we consider to be a major player in the expansion of Lexington moving forward," Holland said. "As Lexington grows, it seems to be growing south, and this is the epicenter of that growth."

The Nicholasville LaRosa's location will offer dine-in, pick-up and delivery of its pizzas and other Italian products and will have a dining room with a 160-person capacity

Nicholasville's Skyline will sell its chili, Coneys and Ways, and will seat 96 customers and come equipped with a drivethru window.

During the groundbreaking, Holland presented a \$1,000 check to The Hope Center, a nonprofit organization. The Hope Center's Director of Development Carrie Thayer said the center aims to address underlying causes of homelessness and serves over 800 people per day. She said she is thrilled The Hope Center is partners with Skyline and LaRosa's.

"With their help, we're helping our clients overcome addiction and mental health issues and homelessness, and we also help homeless veterans, so it's a great partnership," Thayer said.

At the end of the groundbreaking event, Buddy LaRosa blessed the ground with LaRosa's secret sauce.

He said it's called a secret sauce because it's made from tomatoes from a location that receives a certain amount of rainfall.

The sauce, he said, is made with love, care and attention and has been with his family for almost 80 years.

Buddy spooned the sauce out of a large metal pot, which he said has been in his family for 75 years but is younger than him, as he will turn 89 next month. He asked Michael and LaRosa's president Mark LaRosa to hold the pot as he blessed the ground with the sauce.

"Will you hold this for me, like we're doing benediction?" he asked them, and the crowd laughed.

With a metal ladle, Buddy spilled the sauce into the shape of a cross onto the freshly dug-up soil to bless the ground, which Holland said Buddy did to ensure a successful store opening and people would enjoy the shop.

Nicholasville Rotary donates to Diesel Mechanics Program

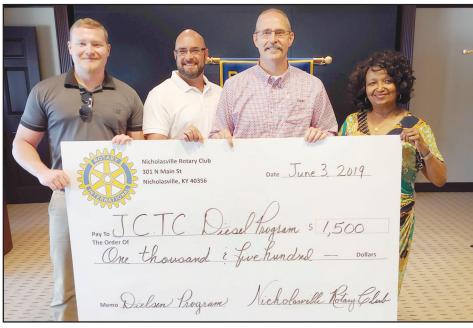


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The Nicholasville Rotary Club showed their support for the Jessamine Career and Technology Center's Diesel Mechanics Program with a check presentation earlier this month. The \$1,500 donation will go toward purchasing diagnostic software with digital schematics that will help technicians in locating specifications and troubleshooting repairs. From left: Diesel Mechanics instructors Hunter Dean and Chris Newton, JCTC Principal Dexter Knight and Rotary Club President Ruby Mason.



DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

Jessamine County Health Department Tuesdays at 5:30 pm • First class begins August 20

This is a **FREE** year-long program with 16 weekly classes that focus on lifestyle changes to prevent type 2 diabetes, followed by monthly meetings to help participants maintain their lifestyle changes.

Are you at least 18 years old and never been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes?

If yes, you may be eligible for the program!





A1: MINOR

hallucinating while allegedly seen holding her one-year-old daughter.

Bowlin had left her seven-year-old daughter for an unknown amount of time alone in the residence and admitted to deputies she left both children inside the residence to go into the woods with her friend, according to the citation.

The male subject on scene was also hallucinating and admitted to using chrystal methamphetamine.

Bowlin was arrested and taken to the Jessamine County Detention Center, according to the citation.

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Arrests

Nicholasville woman arrested for heroin

Andria M. McIntosh, 30, of 307 W. Walnut St in Nicholasville, was arrested July 25 for public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance (heroin), according to a citation released by the Nicholasville Police Department.

Officers received a call from KORT Physical Therapy in reference to McIntosh who was pacing back and

forth in front of the restroom inside the business for an extended period of time before entering the bathroom and continuing to stay inside the restroom for an extended



Andria McIntosh

period of time. When officers arrived they allegedly could hear water running in the bathroom. When McIntosh exited the restroom she was seen holding a small bag. She allegedly shut the door quickly and officers could hear the toilet flush while she was inside the rest-

room, according to the citation. Once exiting the restroom, McIntosh was described as having erratic movements and continued twitching her fingers and toes. She was placed under arrest at which time she allegedly told officers she had "used" earlier that morning and asked if they could let her off with a warning.

After searching McIntosh, officers allegedly found several syringes inside her bag. McIntosh allegedly told officers she had relapsed and was trying to stay clean.

She was transported to the Jessamine County Detention Center and was asked if she had any contraband on her prior to entering the center, to which she stated, "I am pretty sure I flushed everything earlier."

A necklace was removed from her neck and McIntosh allegedly told officers it was her mother's ashes. The contents were a grainy brown substance, suspected to be heroin, according to the citation.

Lancaster man arrested for DUI, marijuana

Keith Douglas Stansell, 34, of 1346 Old Lexington Road Apt. C in Lancaster, was arrested July 26 for DUI and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, according to a citation released by the Nicholasville Police Department.

Officers responded to Circle K on Edgewood Drive in reference to a status check. Stansell was seen passed out in his vehicle at the gas pumps.

A field sobriety test was performed which Stansell failed. Officers allegedly found an open container of Mike's

Hard Lemonade which Stansell alleg-

edly told officers he had drank two to three 12- to 16-ounce cans Marijuana of. was also located inside Stansell's pockets, according to the citation.



Keith Stansell

arrested and taken to the Jessamine County Detention Center.

Nicholasville man arrested for methamphetamine

Mark T. Hill, 45, of 215 S. Main St. in Nicholasville, was arrested July 24 for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), according to a citation released by the Nicholasville Police Department.

Hill was observed at the Marathon

gas station and it was known by officers the had a warrant out for his arrest.

Upon searching Hill, officers confiscated clear ice substance suspected to be methamphetamine. Officers also



Mark T. Hill

located a glass smoking pipe in his pants pocket.

Hill was arrested and taken to the Jessamine County Detention Center, according to the citation.

Nicholasville woman arrested for marijuana

Kristianna Nicole Jones, 26, of 613 Miles Road in Nicholasville, was arrested July 22 for DUI and possession of marijuana, according to a citation issued by the Nicholasville Police Department.

Jones was observed in the driver's

seat of her vehicle at the police department when officers told her a strong odor of marijuana was observed coming from her vehicle. Jones allegedly told officers she had smoked marijuana on the way to the police sta-



Kristianna Jones

tion. A field sobriety test was performed, which Jones failed.

A search resulted in the confiscation of the remaining marijuana in a bag in the front seat of the vehicle.

Jones was arrested and taken to the Jessamine County Detention Center, according to the citation.

The following citations were released by the Iessamine County Sheriff's Office, Nicholasville PoliceDepartment andthe Wilmore PoliceDepartment:

Derek Allen, 29, of 30 Wells Court in Monticello, was arrested July 20 for a Wayne County warrant.

Roy Rogers, 68, of 125 Miller Lane in Wilmore, was arrested July 22 for first-degree wanton endangerment.

 Jorge Diaz Reyes, 26, of 2067 Tamarack Drive in Lexington, was arrested July 22 for failure to appear.

Amanda Maggard, 29, of 133 Centre Parkway #86 in Lexington, was arrested July 22 for operating on a suspended or revoked license.

 Alisha N. Gamble, 33, of 217 Coburn Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 23 for operating on a suspended or revoked license and license to be in possession.

 Thomas R. Hullett, 33, of 1000 W. Market St. in Louisville, was arrested July 23 for failure to appear.

Tinna Brock, 50, of 206 ½ E. Maple St. in Nicholasville, was arrested July 23 for non-payment of court costs.

– Brittany Keisha McGraw, 26, of 549 Mustang Crossing St. in Lexington, was arrested July 23 for speeding 21 mph over the limit, DUI and failure to maintain required insurance.

Christopher joe Evans, 45, of 201 Woodspoint Way in Wilmore, was arrested July 24 for failure to appear.

– David Hurt, 46, of 102 Meadow Lane in Nicholasville, was arrested July 24 for non-payment of court fees.

Jeton Islami, 22, of 498 PinOak Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 24 for failure to appear.

- Savannah Michelle Crawley, 20, of 457 Southbrook Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 24 for failure to appear.

 Jefferey Mondelli, 30, of 116 Wichita Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 24 for a probation violation.

 Charles Johnson, 44, of 107 Applegrove Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 25 for a Garrard County warrant.

 Gary Ingram, 32, of the Jessamine County Detention Center, was arrested July 25 for theft by unlawful taking.

 Anthony Hurt, 33, of the Jessamine County Detention Center, was arrested July 25 for possession of a controlled substance (heroin) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

— Anthony Houp, 46, of the Jessamine County Detention Center, was arrested July 25 for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Joshua Logan Cilinceon, 29, of 412 Bradford Colony Drive in Lexington, was arrested July 25 for fourth-degree assault, intimidating a participant, theft by unlawful taking and failure to appear.

- Justin L. Adams, 31, of 325 Young Drive in Nicholasville, was arrested July 25 for receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and persistent

felony offender. — Britney E. Brown, 27, address unknown, was arrested July 25 for non-payment of court

costs. Nathan G. McQueary, 43, of 270 Feck Lane in Nicholasville, was arrested July 25 for speeding 16 mph over the limit and DUI.

Craig Dean Williams, 25, of 907 Elmwood Court in Nicholasville, was arrested July 25 for being a fugitive from another state.

Joshua Logan Cilinceon, 29, of 412 Bradford Colony Drive in Lexington, was arrested July 26 for failure to appear.

— Michael D. White, 41, of 109 Cottage St. in Nicholasville, was arrested July 26 for failure to

- Roy Rogers, 68, of the Jessamine County Detention Center, was arrested July 26 for failure to appear.

 Joseph Houp, 31, of 199 Leedeen in Nicholasville, was arrested July 27 for failure to appear.

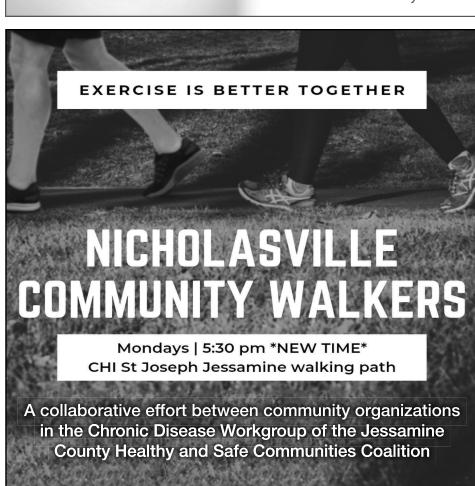
Ashley McDonald, 29, of 316 Wichita Drive #9 in Nicholasville, was arrested July 37 for failure to appear.

 Kristen Herbst, 35, of 172 Eddie St. in Lexington, was arrested July 28 for failure to

— Brandon Bland, 38, of 234 Imperial Point in Nicholasville, was arrested July 29 for failure to appear.







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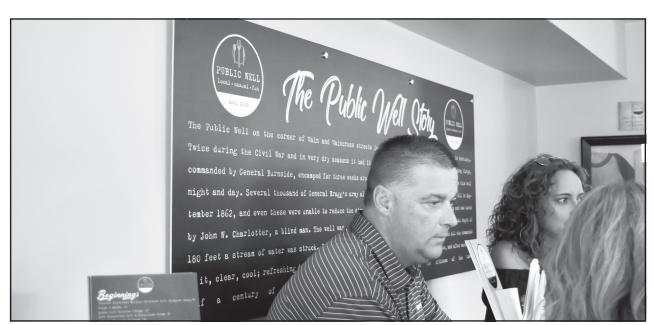




Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Public Well



PHOTO BY OLIVIA MOHR



The Jessamine Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for Public Well, a bar and restaurant located at 104 S. York Street in Nicholasville, on Aug. 2. Charlie Hensley, the restauranteur who established the restaurant and also founded Public Well's sister restaurant, Euro Wine & Tapas Bar, in 2008, according to Public Well's website, cut the ribbon at the event. Public Well has been open for seven months and serves street tacos and drinks, including alcoholic drinks, as well as other food items. It is open 4 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Saturday and also serves brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The menu and other information is available at the restaurant's website, publicwellky.com.









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COMMUNITY

Local student to participate in ACLU Summer Institute in Washington D.C.

2019 Class Includes Young Leaders from Salt Lick and Across the United

Students Will Lobby Members of Congress to Address Inhumane Treatment of Immigrant Families in Detention

This week, the American Civil Liberties Union is hosting its annual Summer Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. for rising junior and senior high

school students that will give students the tools they need to engage in their communities on issues around civil liberties and civil rights.

Katherine Stepp from Salt Lick is joining almost 1,000 students from every state in the country for the opportunity to receive firsthand experience from lawyers, lobbyists, community activists, and other experts dedicated to defending these constitutional rights.

From July 20-26, participating students will engage with lawyers and political activists to build expertise and knowledge in advocacy - including issues such as criminal justice reform, voting rights, and religious freedom, participate in debates, and develop successful media and social networking strategies, all while observing policy de-

with a lobby day on July 25 where students will participate in meetings with elected officials and/or congressional staff on Capitol Hill to bring attention to the cruel and inhumane conditions immigrant families are held in at the border, as well as the threat ACLU National Political Diposed by law enforcement officers overreaching by using facial recognition technology. The day will

The week will culminate conclude with a large rally at the Capitol.

This year's Summer In-

- stitute speakers include: Anthony Romero, ACLU Chief Executive Of-
- David Cole, ACLU Na-
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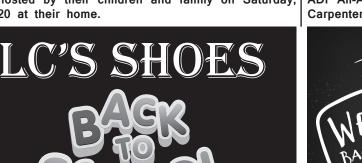
ment activity whistleblower



Photo by Cecil Lawson Members of the Bath County High School Ladycats Softball Team were recognized during the Student Spotlight at Monday evening's Board of Education meeting. Several Ladycats have racked up post-season honors, and on Monday, the recently graduated seniors were honored for being named Academic All-State, and junior Jesselin Miller was recognized for being named to the Ashland Daily Indpendent's All-Area Team. above are, from left, Savannah Hamilton (Academic All-State 1st Team), Kylen Messer (Academic All-State 1st Team), Allison Karrick (Academic All-State 1st Team), Assistant Coach Davey Moore, Head Coach Kenny Williams, Brianna Day (Academic All-State 2nd Team), Supt. Harvey Tackett, Jesselin Miller (ADI All-Area Team, Southeast Ky Coaches Association All Start Futures Game participant), High School Principal Melanie Erwin, and McKenna Moore (Academic All-State 1st Team, Southeast Ky. Coaches Association Junior/ Senior Game participant). Also recognized but not present were Talyn Alderman (Academic All-State 1st Team), Kennedy Thomas (Academic All-State 1st Team, ADI All-Area Team Honorable Mention), and Rhianna Carpenter (Academic All-State 2nd Team).



Charlene and Bill Tapp of Bethel celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2019. The couple was married in Sharpsburg on July 22,1961. A small party was hosted by their children and family on Saturday,



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Church founder, Pastor James Allen will share the story of God's blessings on the Lakeview Church down through the years.

> Special singing will be by the Lakeview Community Church Choir and the Southern Gospel group God Sent.



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There will be a delicious meal served.

COMMUNITY

Public pension relief passed in special session

100 quasi-governmental agencies in Kentucky to get a handle on their rising pension costs have passed the Kentucky General Assembly in a five-day special session.

The options found in House Bill 1 would allow the state's approximately 118 quasi-governmental agencies—including local health departments, regional state-supported universities and community colleges, domestic violence shelters and others—to keep their employees in the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems (KERS) nonhazardous plan at increased costs, or move all or a portion of their employees to an alternative retirement program. Agencies that leave KERS would have to pay their unfunded li-

installments. The bill was approved on a 27-11 vote in the Senate Wednesday morning after passing the House by a vote of 52-46 on Monday. It was signed into law by Gov. Matt Bevin in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday afternoon.

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HB 1 sponsor Rep. James Tipton, R-Taylorsville, said during Monday's House floor debate on HB 1 that Kentucky's quasi-governmental agencies provide essential services that are at financial risk without passage of the legislation. He said the KERS nonhazardous plan currently has only 12.9 percent of the funds it needs to pay future benefits.

"And, while legally these quasi entities have a legal obligation to pay ... we understand the difficulties they have and the problems that might arise without passage of legislation that might provide them some relief," Tipton told the House.

Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Taylor Mill, who is chair of the Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee, also spoke in support of the bill.

"House Bill 1 addresses the issues confronting some of the agencies that provide critical services on behalf of the commonwealth in every commugional universities, public health departments, rape crisis centers, mental health agencies. They all provide services that are the foundation or safety net for so many in our so-

"If we want to continue to have a great university tinue to have social service safety nets ... these are the actions we must take at this particular time in history," McDaniel

The cost of implementing HB 1 is projected to potentially be \$58.5 million in fiscal year 2021 and \$110.5 million in fiscal year 2022, according to a fiscal note attached to HB 1. Included in the cost is the rate freeze, the employer cost to leave the KERS plan, and continued state General Fund appropriations of around \$50.2 million per year.

HB 1 would work by extending the one-year freeze on employer retirement contribution rates quasi-governmental agencies in the KERS nonhazardous plan into fiscal year 2019-2020 while giving agencies the choice to remain in the KERS plan or to voluntarily leave the plan as of that date. Agencies would have between April 1, 2020 and May 1, 2020 to file a resolution stating their intention to

stop participating in plan. Agencies that choose to leave the KERS nonhazardous plan would be required to set up a new defined-contribution, 401(k)-type retirement plan for their employees and pay their unfunded liabilities to KERS. Agencies that remain in KERS would have to pay the full actuarial cost of that decision as determined by system actuaries in accordance with HB 1. Agencies could also allow employees hired before 2014 to remain in KERS by paying the full actuarial

Employees now in the nonhazardous defined-benefit plan who are moved to a new plan would retain their earned benefits, but would not be eligible for a defined-benefit plan under HB 1.

Tipton credited a 2015 law allowing certain quasigovernmental employers in KERS and CERS to be voluntarily or involuntarily removed from the state pension system as the basis for HB 1. That legislation, 2015 HB 62 sponsored by then-State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, requires employers to pay their unfunded liabilities to the system by lump sum or installments.

Unlike the 2015 law, HB 1 would not impact CERS and includes some other differences.

House State Government Committee Chair Jerry Miller, R-Louisville, told the House before it voted on the bill that HB 1 "gives options to avoid layoffs, to avoid bankruptcies." He challenged an assertion made by some opponents to HB 1 that the bill violates what is known as the "inviolable contract"— language in state law that many say guarantees public pension benefits earned.

Miller said officials with the Kentucky Retirement Systems did not see HB 62 as a violation of the inviolable contract at the time of that bill's passage

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"What's the difference between 2015 and now? Ask yourselves that," Miller told the House. "We have to take action... It's time to take action to solve things.'

House Minority Caucus Chair Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, who voted against HB 1, said 2015 HB 62 was a response to a federal bankruptcy ruling in the case of Seven Counties Services, a Louisvillebased community mental health center that was allowed to withdraw from the state pension system after the agency filed bankruptcy.

Floor amendments proposed to the bill in both the House and Senate were defeated before the final votes on the bill were taken in both chambers.

Rep. Joe Graviss, D-Versailles, who filed HB 2 as an alternative bill this special session, said his bill defeated by a vote of the House State Government Committee last Satur-

sound. He also challenged a nonseverability clause in HB 1 requiring that the legislation be voided if any of provision in the bill is found unconstitutional or unenforceable. He called the clause "throwing the baby out with the bath wa-

Also proposed but voted down in committee was HB 3, sponsored by Rep. Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg. Hatton's proposal had the singular goal of enacting a retroactive oneyear freeze on employer contribution rates for quasi-governmental agencies and regional state universities and colleges to serve as what she called "insurance" in case other legislation considered this special session hits a roadblock.

Both Graviss and Hatton were among those in the House voting against HB 1. Among those voting against the bill in the Senate was Minority Floor Leader Sen. Morgan Mc-

Garvey, D-Louisville. "We didn't want to come in here and just gavel out. In fact, we wanted to come in here and take the time to pass a bill that wouldn't generate the type of debate we saw today and instead have more unanimous, broad support because we do care about our workers. We do care about our institutions. We care about their jobs and the stability of the entire

system," McGarvey said on the Senate floor. The week's special session was not unexpected. The governor indicated that he would call a special session on quasi-governmental pension reform when he vetoed 2019 HB 358, legislation passed in the final hours of the 2019 Regular Session to address the quasi-governmental pension crunch

HB 1 includes an emergency clause, requiring that it take effect immediately after it is signed into law by the governor.

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Heaven Is **A Lot Like Kentucky**

By Charles Mattox

Every moment of every day is a blessing, dear read-

We are reminded of this as we struggle to overcome adversities, large and small, as we make our way through this beautiful, but often-fragile, life.

There are no guarantees in life, but as Old Pete used to tell me as we stood outside his junk-yard, amid the desert, scrub-grass of Texas, "Tough times don't usually last son, but tough people usually do."

I met Old Pete early one morning, with one of my army buddies I was stationed with in Fort Hood, Texas, back in 1984.

I was with Bill Foraker, a real-life, rootin', tooting. and fairly-straight-shootin',

Bill was a bull-rider before he joined the 'big green machine' and from his photos and trophies, he was evi-

FROG-GIGGING WITH BILL FORAKER, AND THE ZEN OF OLD PETE

dently a pretty good one.

Bill had a short fuse though, spoke in a straight forward fashion, wasn't one to tolerate fools gently.

I once saw him walk up to a man's car in the aftermath of a dangerous, near collision, reach through the driver's window and break the turn signal lever from the man's steering column and toss it out into the street with a sneer.

"Since you don't know what this *&%\$ thing is for, I reckon you don't need it,'

Luckily, the driver-a large man as I remember, never said a word or exited his vehicle.

On the evening before I met Old Pete, Foraker and I were driving around lost, out in the middle of sorta-central-Texas, within a couple hundred miles of Fort Hood.

After a few beers, we felt a strong compulsion to go frog-gigging, and though we ran out of beer, we had several, nice, skinned frog legs, cooling in the cooler.

Since the cooler was full of frog legs, we decided to try to find our wav back to Fort Hood, and there in the middle of nowhere, we come upon a tiny, little, seemingly abandoned, country store, with a soda machine on the porch.

"Hey Mattox!" he said as

he shoved my head against the passenger window, waking me from my stupor. "I only got fifty cents so you can have a swig of my pop if you want. I know you spent all your money last night," Foraker said, as he searched the contents of his pocket, as he ambled toward the store.

"Hey, I recognize this place!" He added. "I know where we are!"

I mumbled something derogatory about his cowboy hat and how many he needed and what he could do with each of them, then stretched and noticed how the crimson dawn was starting to come alive, across that vast stretch of Texas sky.

To make a long story short, Foraker lost his fifty cents, because, the soda machine 'robbed him' he said, and since he had neither soda, nor another fifty cents, he did something rather predictable for those of us that knew him

He grabbed a log chain from the bed of his truck; secured one end to his truck hitch and the other end around the soda machine and down the road we went in that old Ford 150 truck, which he valued as much as life itself; dragging the raggedy pop machine behind us.

Old Pete, another true

cowboy, who had befriended Foraker months earlier, ended up with what was left of the soda machine, when we pulled into his junk-yard about two miles

I sometimes think of Foraker, Old Pete, and the other dynamic personalities, regarding those days gone by.

I reconnected with my old 'Fort Hoodlum' buddy, Mike Bates, who served with me then, and went on to serve our country abroad, and even recently completed a dangerous tour -of-duty in Afghanistan.

I made a lot of friends in my 13 years of active and reserve military status. I didn't exactly have it easy, but I was never in combat, though I was activated during Desert Storm and was involved in other active operations, some of which were, and I believe still remain, "classified."

I took a shine to armor gunnery and was in charge of two different armor gunnery ranges on my last tour-of-duty, and though I subsequently lost most of my hearing on the M1 gunnery ranges of Fort Knox, (Baum Range and Yano Range), I got to meet some outstanding soldiers, including several Israeli armor officers.

I turned them on to Ale

and holes in mountains

Outside tonight, thun-

They were a pretty lively bunch, though they took the seriousness of armor gunnery to heart and "didn't play."

I did get shot at a few times, a couple of those times was while supervising the gunnery ranges, and were more than likely "accidental", but those are somewhat complicated stories, best left to be told at a later date. No one was ever hurt on any range I was ever on or supervised, though fatalities a common occurrence across Fort Knox, due to the nature of the business we were engaged in.

An M1 Tank is only designed for two things: Death and Destruction.

I received an Honorable Discharge in 1995, and though I wouldn't take a million dollars for that experience, I sure wouldn't give a nickel to ever do it

Given the nature of the world we live in, and the sometimes oppressive and domineering attitude our national leaders have engaged in, within recent years and decades-I could not enthusiastically encourage any person to join the military, though I will say I was proud to have served my country when I did and value the experi-

I feel as if I received some of the greatest training from the most-capable teachers the military had, or even still, has.

However, there is no greater teacher for any soldier, than experience.

Old Pete was an infantry soldier during the Korean Conflict and my father had been a military police officer at the tail-end of World War II and the actions leading up to the Korean Conflict, while he was stationed near the current "Demilitarized Zone" or DMZ, that separates North and South Korea, so there was instant chemistry between myself and Old Pete.

It was Old Pete who first told me that, "every moment of every day is a blessing.

He sure hit the nail on the head with that one. Another of his sentiments was "no matter how bad things may be son, always be thankful they aren't worse... because they can always be worse."

Old Pete had the scars, and the nightmares, compliments of the Chosin Reservoir, to back that up.

We all experience pain, and life is not always fair.

But every moment of every day is indeed a blessing, dear reader.

I hope this day finds you content, amid your bless-



By Cecil Lawson

There are some weeks when I sit down at my laptop to type this column, and I just don't have much to say. This is one of those

I've been busy for most of the past week helping my girlfriend with various craft vendor events in the been slowly getting ready published this year, which may come later, and that Honkey Tonk Women,

region, and I've watched life carry on about me.

The two terrible mass shootings in El Paso and closer to home in Dayton happened over the weekend, leaving me somewhat numb, and all of this interwoven with a lot of hateful political rhetoric and imagery between politicians for upcoming elections. Local political controversy also brews, which I'll be writing about for next week's edition.

The school year is getting ready to start, as are fall school sports, and I've

for that. I have been reading an interesting book, Apocalyptic Planet: Field Guide to the Future of the Earth, by Craig Childs, published in 2012, which looks at various very, very long-term scenarios such the spread of deserts, the melting of glaciers, rising oceans, super volcanoes, species extinction, and global warming.

I also just finished another book by one of my favorite writers, Robert Macfarlane, Underland: A Deep Time Journey,

FINDING MY WAY looks at humanity's relationships with caves, underground rivers, mines,

and glaciers.

der rolls to the north, accompanied by flashes of lightening, and a little rain. For the first time in what seems like years, we've gone for a stretch of several days without any

Writers sometimes just have to admit to themselves that the words aren't really there, that the spark of inspiration you must carry on.

This job has taught me there's no such as writer's block, but sometimes, there's not much to engage the writer's interest.

I have read about how legendary Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards took time off from touring with the band in 1967-68 and began learning to play a five-string guitar tuned to Open G. That helped him to spark a burst of creativity which led him to write some of their biggest hits, such as Street Fighting Man,

Brown Sugar, and Start Me Up.

I've often wondered how to apply that lesson to my own writing. Richards said it helped him to learn to love playing guitar all over again. I'll have to study on that some more and see what I can

come up with. Some days you just can't find your groove, but I've learned that's okay. Take a break, give your mind a rest, and try again later. The best words, the best sentences, the best stories, are always lurking

NOTICE OF TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO REVISE ITS ACCELERATED MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM RIDER TARIFF AND AUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

Pursuant to the Public Service Commission's regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") gives notice that a tariff filing will be made with the Public Service Commission on July 29, 2019 seeking approval to revise and rename its Accelerated Main Replacement Program ("AMRP") Rider Tariff as its Safety Modification and Replacement Program ("SMRP") Rider Tariff and provide for the inclusion of a two-year enhancement project to low-pressure systems. Columbia does not propose any immediate change in rates, however, rates could change in the future. The present and proposed rates per month are shown below. There is no change in the average customer bill.

Rate Schedule	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change In Rate
Rate GSR, Rate SVGTS – Residential Service	e \$3.32	\$3.32	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate GSO, Rate GDS, Rate SVGTS – Commercial or Industrial Service	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate Schedule IUS, Rate IUDS	\$103.34	\$103.34	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate IS, Rate DS ¹ /, Rate SAS 1/ - Excluding customers subject to Flex Provisions of Rate Schedule DS	\$649.39	\$649.39	\$0.00 / 0%

If Columbia's tariff is accepted, Columbia will be authorized to construct necessary improvements for the safety and reliability of its low pressure operating systems to the benefit of Columbia's customers and the general public. In the future, Columbia may propose other projects for inclusion under Rider SMRP, subject to the review of the Public Service Commission. The revised tariff will go into effect August 28, 2019, or sooner if approved by the Public Service Commission. The proposed revisions in this notice are the rates, terms and conditions proposed by Columbia, but the Public Service Commission may order rates, terms and conditions that differ from those contained in this notice.

Any corporation, association, or person may within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing this notice of the proposed rate change, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the commission may take final action on the tariff filing

sion through its web site at http://psc.ky.gov/ or mailed to the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Written comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commis-

Copies of Columbia's tariff filing may be obtained or viewed at no charge from Columbia at 2001 Mercer Road, Lexington, Kentucky or online at www.columbiagasky.com. The tariff filing and all documents filed with the Public Service Commission may also be viewed at the Public Service Commission's office at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or downloaded at the Public Service Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov/.



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