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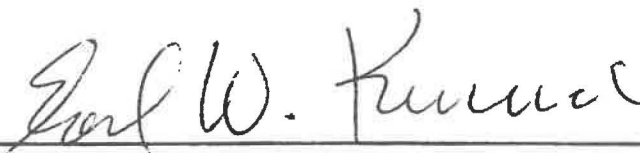
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I, Earl W. Kinner, Publisher and Manager, of The Licking Valley Courier, newspaper published in West Liberty, Kentucky, and having the largest circulation of any newspaper in Morgan County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that from my own knowledge and a check of the files of this newspaper that the advertisement of **Rate Adjustment** was inserted in The Licking Valley Courier on **12-17-20, 12-24-20 & 12-31-20**



Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, by Earl W. Kinner, this **1st** day of **February, 2021**.



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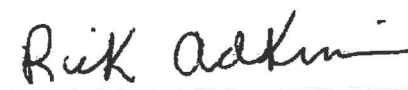
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In Testimony whereof, witness my signature this 7 day
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The Newspaper Office

BY Petrea Allison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of
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My Commission expires: May 2, 2023

Melissa Mitchell
Notary Public

OPINIONS

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THY PERFECT LIGHT



Heaven Is A Lot Like Kentucky

By Charles Mattox

100 YEARS AGO: Christmas Season 1920, downtown Carlisle, Kentucky. Children have gathered at the courthouse and they sing in unison

Three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar. Fidd and fow-we-tain, moor and moor-wa-tain. Following yonder star

The children made their way across the lawn of the courthouse mingling with the crowd as easily as the snowflakes that fell to the ground around them.

The smell of fresh candy and baked goods of every description floated across the courthouse square and along the shops that lined the streets of downtown Carlisle.

LD Young sat with friends on the courthouse steps, quietly listening to the little angelic voices and taking in the view of Main Street, and its

bustling sidewalks that were filled with local friends and their families.

He was almost 80-years-old and was happy to see Christmas come again. Life was filled with wondrous awe, especially for LD, a man who had cheated death more times than he had ever liked giving serious thought too.

Lieut. Lot Dudley (LD) Young was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky in 1842. At the age of twenty he joined a band of citizen soldiers known as the "Flat Rock Grays," a Kentucky militia unit that would eventually become Company H of the Fourth Kentucky Infantry Battalion, First Kentucky Infantry Brigade, Confederate States of America, known across the annals of time simply as The Orphan Brigade.

O Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy Perfect Light

A snowball was thrown in his midst and it smacked against the courthouse wall scattering snow all over him. The cackling of children as they rushed by gave him and his old friend's reason to stand and shout at the little tykes as they raced and slipped and slid across the frozen ground around the courthouse. LD and the others laughed and shook their head. He enjoyed seeing the children, enjoyed

seeing their glows with the promise of presents in their home this Christmas and their genuine excitement at Christmas. He was glad most of the boys had made it home from Europe at the end of World War One.

But there just for a brief moment, the sound of the snowball striking the courthouse wall... well it sounded just like the sound he had heard so many times of a bullet striking someone near him.

He knew some of the WW I veterans were having trouble adjusting to civilian life again, he knew all about that, the sleepless nights and those wretched nightmares when sleep finally came. He wasn't sure which was worse. He tried not to dwell on those things and he tried not to dwell on the foolish commanders he and his fellow Orphans had been forced to serve.

None compared to that, the despicable imp known as General Braxton Bragg, who was commanding officer of the Army of Tennessee, which the Orphan Brigade fought with. Bragg had dealt the Orphans so many tragic blows due to his vile impetuous and hatred of Kentucky. He had even ordered the execution of one of the Orphans: Asa Lewis, the day after Christmas in 1863. That had been one of many lows for the Orphans. And most considered their commanding General Bragg as a greater enemy than any Yankee they had met on any field of battle.

About 4500 men initially made up the units of The Orphan Brigade when the American Civil War began, but that number was reduced to 530 when they finally surrendered one month after General Lee surrendered the army of Virginia.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign

The reason the Brigade would become known as The Orphan Brigade was that they never returned home to Kentucky once hostilities commenced and also due to the fact that their leaders perished frequently in battle, thus orphaning them.

The Battle of Jonesboro in late August of 1864 marked the end of hostilities for Young and many of the few remaining Orphans who had survived the war up to that point. Young had survived the previous carnage of Shiloh, Lookout Mountain, Vicksburg, Utoy Creek, Dallas, Re-saca, Ringgold Gap, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and dozens of lesser known locations of conflict that had tried to lay him low, as it had so many of his comrades.

He was nearly killed at Jonesboro, but fared luckier than his dearest friends who perished in that horrific battle. Lord have mercy, all of his dearest friends were

slaughtered in that horrible war. He had written a book about his exploits during the war, calling it "Reminiscences of a Soldier of the Orphan Brigade," and he wrote it for support of the WW I veterans. He had volunteered to serve with them during the war, but the Secretary of Defense denied his honorable request.

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When he left for the American Civil War, all those years ago, he left the woman he so dearly loved in Carlisle. When he returned she had long been gone; married to another. LD's heart had been broken but he eventually shook off his melancholy gloom and married Belle Davis, of Middletown.

The couple had five children. All things must end and LD knew he had lived a long and prosperous life. He had been a frequent featured speaker at various political rallies and Confederate Soldier Reunions held across the Bluegrass. His advice was sought by many, near and far, for his wisdom was great and his truthful nature was beyond question. He enjoyed his life in Nicholas County. He enjoyed his visits to Carlisle and his friendly town.

Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh, Proper and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God most high

And so it came to pass that not long after that day, LD sat down with quill and paper and wrote his final wish to be followed as instructed by his survivors when death came for him.

"I have deemed it proper and appropriate and it is my earnest desire and request, after long and mature deliberation, that my remains should be buried in the manner-as near as possible that they would have been, had I fallen in battle when a soldier," he wrote.

He asked to be buried in a plain pine or cypress coffin which was put together with the old-fashioned square nails with the lid fastened with screws. He wanted to be buried in his Confederate uniform with the Confederate flag in his left hand and the American flag in his right. Both Confederate and Union veterans were asked to serve as pall bearers. Young died April 3, 1926 being buried in Carlisle, Kentucky.

His final wishes were followed to the letter.

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By Cecil Lawson

All of the COVID-19 restrictions over the past several months, as well as additional duties on the job, have led me to daydream about more time outdoors.

I often idealize my hiking trips and excursions, but the reality is usually different. In the summer, it's ticks, chiggers, and spiders; in the winter, cold and wet feet and hands. And at all times, there's ripped pants and shirts from crossing barbed wire fences and going through brambles, and the chance of a sprained ankle and blistered feet.

One time I was out in the woods helping my dad cut wood, and I somehow pushed a dead tree that decided to fall the other way and fall straight onto my head.

Another time I took a run and tried to leap over a steep crevasse over a creek and didn't quite make it, plunging into cold water and mud

below.

And then there was the time I watched a nice, fat black bear sprint across the road in front of me while walking my late dog Max. Apparently it had business elsewhere, but Max's desire to attack and my thumping heart led me to return to the house.

But the most dangerous trip I ever took was not so many years ago, when I decided to get out one day and hike in early February along a section of the Shelbourn Trace Trail, from Cave Run Dam north toward Morehead.

I had never been in that direction before, and from my map study, it looked like I would have a smooth walk along a long ridgeline with great views for several hours that afternoon after hoofing up a steep part of the path.

It was barely 20 degrees outside, and there were a few inches of snow and ice on the ground, but it was sunny, so I bundled up in several layers of clothes, hoisted my backpack full of water and protein bars, and started on the trail.

Surprisingly I met 3 different people, including one on a bike, on the early part of the trail. I rarely meet people in the woods, so it was nice to

see some kindred spirits.

The steep hill turned out to be a bit steeper than I thought, and it was slippery and muddy under the midday sun. It probably took me a good half hour to get to the top of the ridge, and I had warmed up and was sweating.

That's when things went downhill fast, even as I had reached the proverbial mountain top.

Since the rest of the trail wasn't strenuous, my sweat began to cool me off - in 20 degree weather. I pressed on, but the further along I got, the more I could feel my body temperature struggling to stay up. I ate my snacks, and drank my water, but nothing seemed to help.

I was starting to shiver when the wisper part of my brain suggested that I turn around and head back. I had pressed on for two hours on the trail, so I had that much time to cover on my way back.

I could feel my insides to start to quiver as my body simply wasn't able to stay warm anymore.

The wind was also picking up on the ridgeline. I was well on my way to becoming a textbook hypothermia case.

COLD IN MY BONES

I'm not sure what drove me except my innate stubbornness, but I shivered my way for another two hours, slid down the steep hill, and was singing fitful hallelujah

choruses when I finally got the heater on in my car and got my core temperature back up. I slept well that night. The moral of the story, if

there is one, is the obvious - know your weather, and know your body.

I learned a tough lesson, but I still love the winter. Stay safe out there.

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HINDSIGHT IS 2020



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By Charles Mattox

"When you teach your son, you teach your sons' son."

Excerpted from, 'The Talmud,' a central text of Rabbinic Judaism. It is also traditionally referred to as Shas, a Hebrew abbreviation of shisha setarim, the 'six orders', a reference to the six orders of the Mishnah. It is the record of rabbinic teachings that spans a period of about six hundred years, beginning around the 3rd century A.D.

"Simplicity, patience, compassion: these three are your greatest treasures."

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage."

Lao Tzu, also known as Laozi, an ancient Chinese philosopher and author of 'Te Tao Ching' and the founder of Taoism.

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race [is] not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

Book of Ecclesiastes, King James Bible, Chapter 9, Verse 11. The author of the book calls himself "The Preacher," "The son of David," and "King in Jerusalem."

"You have to carry the fire."

"I don't know how to." "Yes, you do." "Is the fire real? The fire?" "Yes it is."

"Where is it? I don't know where it is."

"Yes you do. It's inside you. It always was there. I can see it."

Excerpted from, "The Road" by Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, Cormac McCarthy.

2020 is finally over. The year marked historic changes in the very fabric of society across the nation, state and county.

From civil unrest, which came about as part of a greater movement of challenging police tactics and in particular the perception of the unfair treatment of the black community by police, to a devastating pandemic which left over

340,000 Americans dead before the year ended; to the at-times, complete paralysis of our systems of education, justice and government; to a controversial presidential election and its ongoing aftermath; 2020 will likely be remembered for decades to come as the "worst year ever" in a long time for our nation, collectively.

And, contrary to the oft-parroted, ultra-conservative conspiracy mania, which was echoed over and over and over, by those less susceptible to comprehending facts from fiction, the November election did not see the miraculous disappearance of the Covid-19 virus as many of our fellow Kentuckians and local citizens insisted would be the case.

As it turns out science is real, and the Covid-19 virus was, and continues to be, serious and deadly, and it has no political agenda, unlike many of those who spread such false statements.

As a student of history and an obsessive researcher, I am presented with troubling realities about the spread and severity of the pandemic as well as the utter disbelief of the causes and preventions by my fellow citizens, many of whom continue to go into public with no consider-

ation about social distancing or face coverings. I guess that shouldn't come as any real surprise when you examine the situation closer. These folks never had any respect or consideration for you or I before, so... why would they now?

That kind of behavior continues to boggle my mind, and for a large part, I don't think it was the deadly pandemic that caused as much concern for me and millions of others, rather than the bizarre behavior it seemed to produce among some of our citizens.

I just never really considered we as a nation were that divided and dug into our own personal beliefs and politics to the point where we not only disagreed with our fellow citizens, we blatantly and aggressively denounced and attacked them both verbally and physically in the streets.

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-19. In the United States it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-

third of the world's population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.

There are no guarantees in this beautiful, but often fragile, life.

There never has been. Every day is a blessing and it is up to us and no one else to make the best of it, regardless of the cards that life has dealt us. I don't say that with light conviction. My cards were so horrible there at one period in my life I seriously considered 'throwing in the cards.'

We live with some troubling truths collectively and individually as the sun rises and sets each day. I can't remember a year, in this section of my little world that is northeast Kentucky, where I have seen so many individuals bear so much grief, and though I believe in a higher power, I seek understanding in the woods and streams and I therefore am heartbroken for the individuals who find understanding and meaning to their lives in any particular church which has suffered from social restriction placed upon this year.

If someone told me I wasn't allowed to go into

the woods or along the streams to seek peace and understanding, I know I would be real, 'not ok' with that.

So I have to say, as an often-critical witness to the social behavior of our small communities in Fleming, Nicholas, Bath, Rowan, Menifee and some surrounding counties, that I am impressed with the general perseverance of my fellow Kentuckians and their strength they exhibit when trying to go about their lives with some sort of normalcy.

And now we find ourselves with 2020 in hindsight and perhaps we can grow from that as thoughts of New Years resolutions filter into our collective consciousness.

I often found myself in the past year on the verge of panic for fear of what the future might bring, instead of embracing the joy I had surrounding me every day of my life, which I took for granted.

We live, we learn, we adapt and we overcome.

I'm glad you are reading this as our brave new year begins, dear reader.

Stay strong and keep carrying the fire.



By Cecil Lawson

Earlier this week I was perusing Google Earth and noticing old paths in the landscape, roadways no longer open to vehicle traffic but still listed in the map.

More than once I'm sure these roads have led many contemporary drivers, including myself, astray.

I often wonder how it is these old paths came to fall by the wayside.

Last year I think I divined an old road that used to run from Farmers in Rowan County, through Moores Ferry through Shillet Branch in Prestonsicks, to Prickly Ash outside of Owingsville, all the way up Tunnel Hill and West Tunnel Hill Roads, all the way North Middletown and Paris and beyond.

If you look closely (and carefully) while driving on US 60 going out of Owings-

ville, you can see remnants of the old Midland Trail on the S-curve going down the hill, as well as along Rose Run Creek. There are even the remnants of stone abutments for two bridges still there.

In the same vicinity Old Peasticks Road used to connect to the current day Peasticks Road at the top of the hill, before I-64 came through in the mid-1960s.

All of my life I've marveled at how Moores Ferry Road (211 North) comes to an end at the Licking River in Bath County but continues on the other side on Rowan and through Fleming Counties through Spurlock Gap.

If the road was busy enough to have a ferry crossing (as it was at the old town of Wyoming), why was no bridge built over the river there? Who made that decision? I know of families that were at the very least inconvenienced, and at the most, cut off from one another, because of that decision.

Taking it another step further, who decided it was a good idea to cre-

ate bypasses around most local towns around us in the 1980s and 1990s? That gave the big box stores carte blanche to move in and essentially ruin the character of own downtowns, even as they brought jobs and new businesses. There was even a plan for a bypass around Owingsville at one time.

All things change, it is true, but not all change is inevitable.

As Axl Rose sang many years ago, "You can't stay free from when it's not in your hands." Government bureaucrats and elected officials in league with big business have their own agendas for our communities, but as I've observed on the job for the past decade, there seems to be little interest on the part of the public in standing up or speaking out or even providing input with it comes to such plans, whether they are good for our communities or not.

In the coming years we will be looking at potential developments at Crve Run Lake and the Red River

Gorge. The COVID-19 pandemic increased tourism visits at the Lake and Gorge this past summer to record levels. The region seems to be in the midst of a new housing boom as interest rates have bottomed out and new people from all over the country are moving here. There has notably increased on the local country roads. Alcohol sales have been legalized in Bath and Fleming Counties, and that is going to have long-term and unforeseen consequences (and not all bad) for our region.

Bath County and Nicholas County are getting new judicial centers. AppHarvest opened in Rowan County in October, and Commonwealth Cooperaerage, another massive multi-million dollar business, will soon be located across the road from AppHarvest. Developer Patrick Madden, who made Hamburg, Place a re-

ality in Lexington, is now working a \$32 million retail development in Morehead.

Are we ready for all this? Are we prepared for the

road ahead of us, heading in a direction we may not get to choose?

Just food for thought in the new year.

WHAT FALLS BY THE WAYSIDE?

If You Received a Bargain Hunt Show Receipt This Showroom Means That You Have 30 Days To Your Credit/Debit Card Merchant, Your Rights May Be Affected By A Class Action Settlement. This information is equally relevant to you. What is this lawsuit about? The lawsuit alleges that companies who issue a credit or debit card number printed on the receipt, despite their denial any wrongdoing but is settling the claims in this lawsuit. Who is included in the Settlement? You are included in the Settlement if you used your personal credit or debit card at any Bargain Hunt store and you were provided with an electronically-printed customer receipt between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 that shows more than the last 5 digits of your card number. What are my rights? In the Settlement, you are eligible for any money you need submit a claim form by March 22, 2021 along with your credit card or copy of a receipt from any Bargain Hunt store between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 showing more than the last 5 digits of your credit/debit card number. An original or copy of your credit/debit card statement showing your first and last name, and information about the Settlement, including the long form Notice and Claim Form, please mail to: SettlementAdministration.com or write Bargain Hunt Settlement, PO Box 43346, Philadelphia, PA 19171-2546 or call 1-833-913-4213.

NOTICE
Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Licking Valley") intends to propose a general adjustment of its existing rates by filing an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("KPS-C") on December 18, 2020 in Case No. 2000-00336. The application will request that the proposed rates become effective January 18, 2021. Licking Valley intends to propose an adjustment only to certain rates. The present and proposed rates for each customer classification to which the proposed rates will apply are set forth below:

Table with columns: Rate Class, Present, Proposed, Increase, Percent. Includes Residential, Small Commercial, Large Commercial, Large Comm Rate, Lightbulb, and Total.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 10:00 A.M.
AT BATH COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX
19 E. MAIN STREET, OWINGSVILLE, KY/BATH COUNTY
HOUSE AND LOT 61 OBERLINE STREET, OWINGSVILLE, KY 40360
It consists of a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, and one bath. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development, Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs. Open house will not be held. Property may be made available for viewing on a case by case basis and by appointment only.
The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$26,800.00.
Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.
Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Rowan County Rural Development Office within 30 days.
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Bath County Courthouse Annex, 19 E. Main St., Owingsville, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$41,796.80, as of June 26, 2019 which includes the amount of \$21,622.62 in subsidy interest credits. Interest is accruing on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of \$4.8630 per day after June 26, 2018, until the date of entry of judgment herein and interest thereafter on the judgment amount at the rate of 1.55 percent per annum, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. S:19-CV-00225-GJVT on the Lexington District of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on January 15, 2020, in the case of United States of America vs. Unknown heirs of Bernice Wright, et., al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:
House and lot located at 61 Oberline Street, Owingsville, KY 40360
TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U.S. Marshal) on the date of the sale will go to the U.S. Marshal for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.55 percent per annum until paid, due and payable in 60 days and sold bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the Proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court. This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain in a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.
Inquiries should be directed to: Paula Smith, Single Family Housing Specialist, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA OFFICE, Morehead, Kentucky - Telephone: 505-784-6447

NEWSPAPER AFFIDAVIT
Application Number 2020-00358

I, Lisa Robinson of the **Beattyville Enterprise** newspaper, published in Beattyville, KY (Lee Co.), do hereby certify that from my own knowledge and check of the files of this newspaper that the advertisement of General Adjustment of Existing Rates for Licking Valley RECC was inserted in the **Beattyville Enterprise** on the following dates:

Date: 12/16/2020 Page 6 Column 4-6

Date: 12/23/2020 Page 6 Column 4-6

Date: 12/30/2020 Page 6 Column 4-6

Date: _____ Page _____ Column _____

Date: _____ Page _____ Column _____

Signature: Lisa Robinson

Subscribed and sworn before me by: Lisa Robinson, this 3rd day of February 2021.

Notary Shelby Rattell

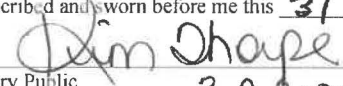
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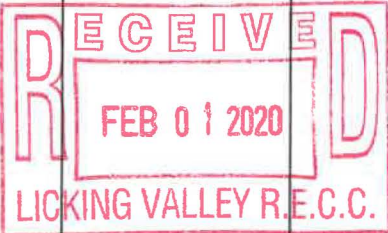
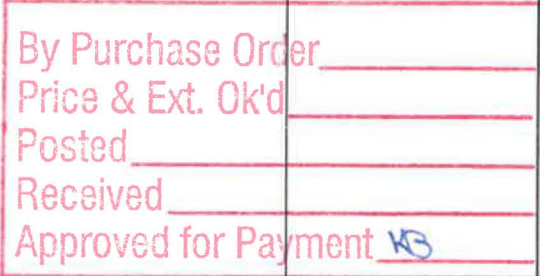
Breathitt Advocate
 PO Box 1015
 Jackson, KY 41339

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
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Bill To
LICKING VALLEY RECC MADIE NICKEL PO BOX 605 WEST LIBERTY, KY 41472

Affidavit of Service Rendered
State of Kentucky - County of Breathitt The undersigned having been duly sworn, deposes that the following billed ads were printed in the Breathitt Advocate on the date shown in the item description section of this invoice on the page number listed on this invoice.
Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>31</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 20 <u>20</u> .
<i>Pay</i>  Notary Public
My commission expires: <u>3-2-2024</u>

Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
	Advertisement	Rate Adjustment Notice 12/16/2020 page 9	120.00	120.00
	Advertisement	Rate Adjustment Notice 12/23/2020 page 8	120.00	120.00
	Advertisement	Rate Adjustment Notice 12/30/2020 page 9 <u>01/06/2021</u>	120.00	120.00
				
			Total	<u>\$360.00</u>

AFFIDAVIT

The affiant, Kendra L. Bell, being first duly sworn states the following under oath:

1. I am the Customer Service Representative/Designated Employee of Licking Valley RECC.


2. As part of my duties as Customer Service Representative/Designated Employee of Licking Valley RECC I am responsible for the customer notice publications or mailings.

3. The attached Notice to Customer of the proposed rate increase was mailed to Rowan County Water Treatment Plant on December 14, 2020.

4. The attached Notice to Customer of the proposed rate increase has also been posted at Licking Valley RECC's principal place of business, on Licking Valley RECC's website and on its social media pages. The notice will remain posted until the Commission has issued a final decision in this matter.

5. I sent the customer notice to the Breathitt Advocate which published the customer notice for three consecutive weeks with the first being December 16, 2020 prior to the Application being filed. However, I subsequently learned that this newspaper did not have a large customer base and sent the customer notice to the Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice to make sure the customer notice was received by a larger group of customers. The customer notice also ran three consecutive weeks in the Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice with the first being December 30, 2020.

FURTHER, the affiant sayeth naught.


KENDRA L. BELL

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
)sc
COUNTY OF MORGAN)

Subscribed, sworn and acknowledged to before me by Kendra L. Bell this 03rd day of February, 2021.

My Commission Expires: 05/29/2024.



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