

2020 PROGRESS EDITION

Regional Towns Show Progress Despite the Pandemic

by **Chris Woods**

Several judges and mayors in the region were asked two questions - What progress has been made in your community this past year? What do you anticipate for the coming year?

Carlisle County Judge/Executive Greg Terry said that several roads were paved; the county acquired several new pieces of equipment and vehicles for the road department, emergency management and the sheriff's department; and he is still waiting to hear if the county will receive a grant next year for improvements at the county park.

"I think one of the biggest projects of this year is the effort being made by the WAVE group to build a riverport at the Phoenix Paper facility," Terry said. "We have been working with

Ballard County to try and get this project going. We've formed a group called MORCEA, which stands for Mississippi and Ohio River Confluence Economic Alliance. The goal of this group of people is to establish the riverport. We're making progress, and hope to go farther next year."

Bardwell Mayor Philip King said that several city streets were paved with money from the state. Bardwell got a new police truck, city utility truck, mini excavator, and they are awaiting delivery of a new dump truck that will be equipped with a snow plow and salt spreader.

Two new pump stations were installed by city employees. Speaking of city employees, Bardwell will have a new city worker, John Lemons, on September 28, and starting October 1 Casey McGee will start as a part-time police



The City of Arlington's officials pose for a picture in front of the Arlington Walking Trail. Pictured L to R are Lindsey Lemons, Mayor Bobby McGee, Anita Lambert, City Clerk Claudia Fernandez, Paul Gaddie, and Audrey Franklin.

Photo by Chris Woods

officer.

King said that the city has applied for a \$55,000 grant to purchase new extracating equipment for the rescue squad. "We have done well

this year, despite the circumstances," King said. "We hope to get grants next year to replace more of the vehicles that the city uses, and we would then have all new city

equipment."

Arlington Mayor Bobby McGee reported street paving being done as well. Arlington got a new city utility truck, and they replaced a pump at

their water plant.

"We added some memorial benches at our walking trail", McGee stated, "and

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VFW Post 5409 in Bardwell helps local family



Pictured here (from left to right) Jim Henley, Steve Perry, Richard Delong, Joe Cissell, and Julie Mantle Woods

The VFW Post 5409 in Bardwell gave Julie Mantle Woods, Jacob Woods mother, \$200 that they collected.

Jacob had a seizure about a month ago and a MRI revealed he had a brain tumor. Jacob just graduated this spring and was about to start college in

Mississippi.

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Carlisle County Sheriff's Department receives COPS Grant



Carlisle County Sheriff Will Gilbert and Carlisle County Treasurer Kalia Bruer received the good news that the COPS Grant that was completed and submitted by them has been awarded to the Carlisle County Sheriff's Department.

At the June 16 Carlisle County Fiscal Court meeting Sheriff Gilbert announced that the COPS grant that he and Treasurer Kalia Bruer had been working on and submitted to the state has been approved for Carlisle County.

The \$203,106 four-year program will provide funding for two full time deputies, one of whom will be located at Carlisle County Schools as a Resource Officer. The funding will not completely cover the cost of the deputy's salary for

the whole four years, so the county and the school system have agreed to pay the extra amount.

The fiscal court voted to accept the terms of the COPS Grant with a motion from Adams that was seconded by Oliver.

City of Bardwell to create Code Enforcement Board



Members of the Bardwell City Council discuss business at the June 9 meeting. Photo by Chris Woods

The Bardwell City Council talked about plans to create a code enforcement board. This board would present the city council with residents who are in violation of the city's various codes, such as

unkempt properties. The individuals would then receive a letter from the city giving them a time limit to remedy the problem. If they don't respond within that limit, then they would face

finer and a possible court appearance. The council is going to begin this process by picking individuals who would be possible candidates for the code enforcement board.

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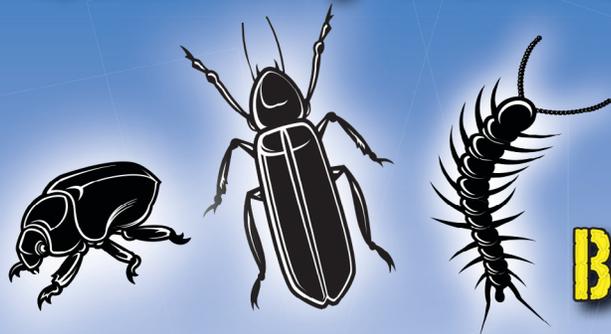
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HWY 58 W and West Clay Street in Clinton, the site of the new city park.

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we also put white rock around the path.”
 As far as next year goes, McGee said that he hopes the situation with the pandemic gets better for everyone, and that Arlington can continue to make improvements.

Clinton City Clerk Shannon Payne said that the city’s biggest project that has been started this year and will continue into the next is the new Clinton City Park. Land was donated to the city with the request that it be made into a park. The site is located on HWY 58W and West Clay Street. City workers have cleared the land at this point, and work is continuing in the area.

Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin said that they have a lot of projects that are in the works. “Our hallmark project is

the new industrial park that is being planned for Fulton,” Martin said. “This is a collaboration between Fulton and Hickman County. A new railroad between Hickman Riverport and Union City is on the agenda for next year as well.”
 “Our ambulance service is in its third year, and it’s doing great,” Martin said. “The ambulance serves Fulton, Hickman, South Fulton and the surrounding rural areas. I think it’s great that the towns all came together to create the ambulance service for the people.”

“We also plan on building a Farmers’ Market and Artisan Village in Fulton, and we want to make improvements to our city parks. These projects are on the slate for next year.”

Calloway County Judge/Executive Kenny Imes said that

the county received recycling grants, and did some road resurfacing. They are doing a feasibility study for a possible road going to the lake area.

The county is looking into internet expansion and updates for the coming year.

Mayfield Mayor Cathy S. O’Nan said that the city received \$92,000 in Discretionary Funds for road paving.

A new city park was constructed with a basketball court. The city fire department added three new employees. Several demolition projects that were halted because of the pandemic have started back up again, and they plan to revamp their city parks next year. “It’s been kind of a crazy year at times, but I think we’re starting to come out on the other side now”, stated O’Nan.

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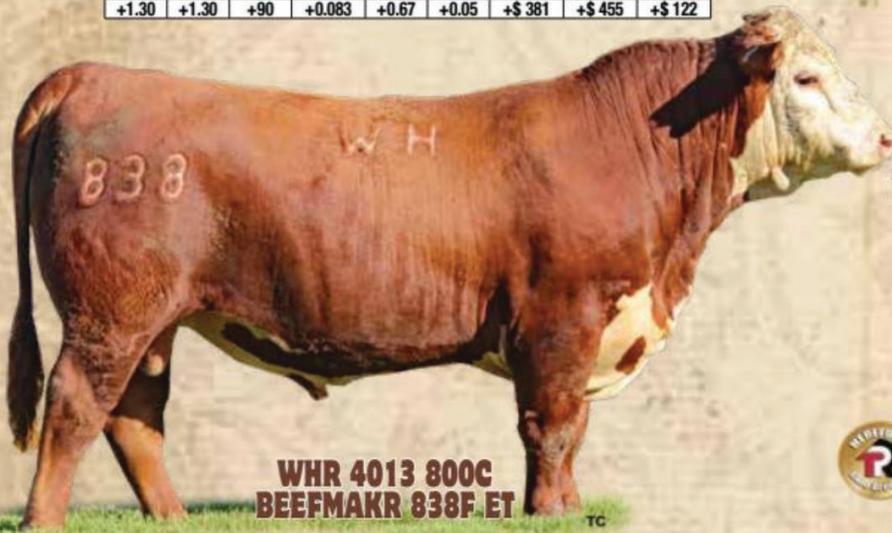
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New industrial site comes to Fulton



The new Fulton industrial site is located on Highway 307 less than 1 mile from the Purchase Parkway (future I-69 corridor). Aerials show the entire site (124 acres purchased PLUS 46.5 acres optioned) and where the new entryway will be constructed (yellow dot at intersection of Hwy 307 & Holland Road).

The Fulton County Fiscal Court

recently received a grant for \$146,500 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for design and construction of a new entryway into the industrial park which is owned by the Fulton County Industrial Development Authority.

We're hoping to begin comprehensive site preparation for future prospective tenants in summer 2021.

Site attributes:

- 124 acres purchased in May 2019 (former Bluegrass Bioenergy site)
- 46.5 acres (contiguous) is optioned for a total potential site of 170 acres
- Future industrial park entryway is .6 miles from the Highway 307/Purchase Parkway interchange
- Site is bordered by Canadian National Railway (class 1 rail)

Fulton pastor keeps jail ministry active despite virus

By Chip Hutcheson
Kentucky Today

FULTON, Ky. (KT) — Pastoring during the coronavirus has presented many challenges, and in some cases interrupted normal pastoral duties, such as hospital or nursing home visits.

But Stephen Cavness, pastor of Fulton First Baptist Church, has not had his ministry to jail inmates interrupted by the virus.

While jail visits are not allowed as a result of COVID-19, Cavness can meet with inmates for teaching and counseling opportunities because he is a deputized staff member of the Fulton County Detention Center.

His schedule of having a worship service every other week has been put on hold during the coronavirus, but he's still been able to pray with inmates, offer grief counseling when needed or answer Bible

questions. All that's needed for those one-on-one times is for an inmate to fill out a form requesting a meeting. Cavness goes to the jail at least once a week to pick up forms from inmates.

Cavness started an every-other-week Bible study at the jail in October 2018, then was asked to be the jail chaplain, a position he has filled since January 2019. In that role, he is available to be an advisor for not only inmates but jail staff as well. In that role, he went through jail staff training and was deputized.

Prior to the pandemic, Fulton County Detention Center housed more than 500 inmates, but that census is down in the 300 range now.

"I'm available for one-on-one counseling, prayers, or spiritual and Bible questions," he said. "There are times when the jail needs to

give a death notice to an inmate when a family member or close friend has died, and I help deliver that news."

Evidence of the impact of his jail ministry is seen in the instance of an inmate who had an opportunity to be released months before completing his sentence. "Because the Lord did a work in his life, he voluntarily stayed six months longer so he could finish discipling some guys he was working with."

Since beginning his chaplaincy, he has baptized a number of individuals, but he tries to determine if the conversion is genuine. "I don't just baptize someone because they want to be baptized," he said. "Jailhouse religion is a real thing. I'm not unreasonable, but I do more than just ask if they want to go to heaven. I talk to the correctional officers and jailer to see if a



Pastor Stephen Cavness leads inmates through a Bible study at the Fulton County Detention Center in late 2019.

Submitted photo

change is evident in that person's life. I've baptized a handful who seem to be genuinely converted."

Building relationships in the jail allows Cavness opportunities to share the gospel.

He met recently with one inmate who revealed that he was "terrified

he would get in trouble" and wind up back in jail. He asked Cavness, "Tell me what to do so I won't be back in here." That question "left me wide open to share the gospel."

The worship services often find inmates giving testimonies about the change in their lives.

"They tell how they pray for other inmates. Some have started praying for guards to be saved," Cavness noted.

While coronavirus problems have arisen in a number of jails and prison, Cavness said he was thankful that no inmates have tested positive for COVID-19.

Carlisle County Fiscal Court declares State of Emergency



At the March 10, 2020 Fiscal Court meeting Carlisle County Public Safety Director Josh Glover reported that the fiscal court and

emergency management declared a state of emergency in Carlisle County because of the Corona virus threat. Glover emphasized that

there would be no price gouging tolerated by businesses because of the current situation. As they say the rest is history!

Countryside parade brings smiles to residents



Nursing homes in the state of Kentucky have been closed to visitors due to COVID-19. Residents everywhere are missing their families and friends during the quarantine. But in April Countryside Center in Bardwell came up with a creative way for families to be reunited.

The nursing home posted on Facebook that it would host a parade for the residents. Families and friends were asked to drive in the back entrance of the nursing home and parade through the parking lot while residents were assigned parking places to sit and wave at their loved ones.

Webb wins title of World's Jr. Miss Kentucky Tourism 2020

ARLINGTON, KY - Riley Webb, of Arlington, KY, recently won the title of World's Jr. Miss Kentucky Tourism 2020. She will represent Kentucky and the Tourism pageant system during her reign at various events throughout her community and state over the next year.

Riley will travel to Pigeon Forge, TN in July 2020 for the National competition. Delegates from across the United States and the world will compete in interview, state costume, evening gown, photogenic and fashion modeling for a prize package that includes, trips, faux furs and many other prizes. The pageant represents beauty on the inside and focuses on community service and academics.

Riley is a first grader at Carlisle County Elementary School and is the daughter of Kyle and Misty Webb. She enjoys hunting, fishing, being



Riley Webb, of Arlington, KY, named World's Jr. Miss Kentucky Tourism 2020.

outside and of course, pageants.

Riley is very excited to help out in her hometown and state as Worlds Jr. Miss Kentucky Tourism

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Comer meets with Carlisle County's Karen Elliott in Washington, D.C. office

Karen Elliott of Carlisle County met with Congressman James Comer in his Washington, D.C.

office in January of 2020 to discuss issues affecting school nursing programs.



Congressman James Comer (center) is pictured with Carlisle County's Karen Elliott (left), Kentucky Director for the National Association of School Nurses, in his Washington Office.

Ashland Chemical donates hand sanitizer



In July Ashland Chemical donated 16 seven gallon containers of hand sanitizer to Mayfield Independent Schools. The school district thanks the company for helping in the fight against COVID-19 within the school walls. Pictured left to right are Joe and Kent Murphy, employees of Ashland Chemical, with the containers of hand sanitizer.

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New Agreement Could Make Cairo, Illinois' Port a Model for 21st Century Container Shipping

CAIRO, Ill., September 15, 2020: A new agreement announced today could position Cairo, Illinois as a national logistics and distribution hub for the rapidly expanding intermodal container shipping industry. The agreement between the Alexander Cairo Port District, Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District and American Patriot Container Transport would make the proposed Cairo river port terminal a model for 21st century inland waterway shipping and key logistics terminal for the newest inland waterway vessels that are larger, faster and more efficient than anything on US waterways today.

The Alexander Cairo Port, being developed in Illinois at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and the Plaquemines Port, located at mile 50-55 on the Mississippi River, both agreed to provide intermodal contain-

er-handling services for American Patriot Container Transport's next-generation container shipping vessels.

American Patriot's patented designed Liner vessels can transport 2,375 twenty-foot length containers (TEUs) – the equivalent of six trainloads of cargo or 2,375 semi-trucks, while the Hybrid design can carry up to approximately 1700 TEUs. The vessels can safely travel upriver at three times the speed of traditional inland tows, providing faster shipping times and cost savings of up to 45% over other options. By maximizing cargo capacity and running on LNG fuel, the American Patriot vessels can greatly reduce the carbon footprint and environmental impact of shipping while decreasing rail and truck congestion and logistics cost.

Plaquemines Port announced on August 13th that is developing a state-of-the-art contain-

er terminal capable of handling 22,000-TEU class container vessels moving goods to and from international markets via the Gulf of Mexico. The Cairo port would serve as a vital link between the Midwest, the new Plaquemines terminal, and global markets.

On August 4th, Governor J.B. Pritzker announced that the State of Illinois would invest \$40 million in the development and construction of the Cairo port through the Rebuild Illinois capital plan. The state's investment will allow the Cairo project to take advantage of the container shipping opportunities created by the agreement.

Container shipping plays a critical role in the global trade of items ranging from agricultural products and building materials to consumer goods. With demand for container ports projected to increase 260% by 2025, industry players

are looking at Cairo, Illinois as a new option to provide faster, more reliable, cost efficient and "greener" container shipping for international trade.

"The shipping industry is evolving rapidly and creating a huge opportunity for state-of-the-art inland ports like the one being developed here in Cairo," said Sal Litrico, CEO of American Patriot Container Transport. "We're proud to partner with Alexander Cairo Port District as we develop a cost efficient and more environmentally friendly shipping option to help keep America more competitive in the global markets."

"The Mississippi River is the key to unlocking the Midwest's supply chain advantages, and the new port in Cairo will provide a direct link to the global maritime trade sector that is set to double in the next 10 years," said Sandy Sanders, Executive Director of

the Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District. "We're looking forward to working with Cairo to help drive economic growth all along the Mississippi River."

"The Alexander Cairo Port will provide a resource that American industry needs to reach national and global markets, while creating economic growth and good jobs for Southern Illinois in the process," said Larry Klein, chairman of the Alexander Cairo Port District. "We're honored to partner with these leaders in the industry and look forward to building a facility that is ready for the future of global shipping."

"The Cairo port is designed to serve growing, high-value markets in order to create long-term success for all of our partners," said Todd Ely, lead consultant for the port district and president of Ely Consulting Group. "The agreements we're

announcing today move us toward that goal and will attract a wide range of industries to Cairo."

The Alexander Cairo Port Authority has spent years developing a new Mississippi River port terminal that would include a state-of-the-art intermodal rail design capable of handling both containers and other valued cargoes, high speed cranes and other terminal capabilities needed to support modern container shipping logistical requirements. The port will also serve as a hub for moving bulk agricultural products and other materials for domestic and global markets. Eighty percent of inland barge traffic in the U.S. passes by Cairo's strategic location. The new port will be serviced by Class 1 railroads and several major highways and will be protected from flooding by recently reinforced levees.

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A visit from the Self Reliant Roadshow



The Self Reliant Roadshow made a stop in Ballard County. Pictured: Prepsteader Bob and Mrs. B (left) with Lee and Teresa Pearson (right).

The YouTube channel Self Reliant Roadshow passed through the area in February of 2020, helping several families with needs.

Prepsteader Bob and Mrs. B, the stars of The Self Reliant Roadshow traveled the country helping others learn how to be self reliant in their lives by growing and raising their own food and living a more frugal and self sufficient lifestyle.

After spending a few days in Troy, TN helping a disabled veteran, Nathan Sampson, then

a quick stop in Clinton, KY meeting Debbie Springard, who follows Bob and Mrs. B on Youtube, the bus made the stop in Barlow to stay overnight with Lee and Teresa Pearson.

Bob said, "We're two old people and one old dog, and we travel across the country and take our time, tools and talents to help people."

"We advocate living a simpler, debt free lifestyle," Bob said.

Traveling in a former school bus they renovated for under \$2,000, pulling a trailer

of tools, Bob and Mrs. B showed up at homes, farms and ranches, and helped folks, with no labor costs involved. "It's something we feel like the Lord wants us to do to give back," Bob said.

Prepsteader Bob, Mrs. B. and their 11-year-old Rottweiler are headed home to rest, reunite with family and possibly get sponsors for a Season 3.

You can check out their journey on YouTube at The Self Reliant Roadshow. Also check out Prepsteader Bob on YouTube.

KentuckyCare relocated to better serve community

In June KentuckyCare moved to a new location at 1206 Paris Rd., Suite B, in Mayfield to better serve the community of Mayfield/Graves County.

The clinic provides medical care for the whole family, from

babies to older adults. Providers oversee all medical issues related to the family from vaccinations and wellness checks to acute and chronic illnesses.

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New restaurant opens in Cunningham



Maimee's Restaurant, owned by Gaytha Spalding, is open for business in Cunningham, KY. They feature burgers and hot dogs, corn dogs and chili cheese dogs, several kinds of tacos and burritos, milk shakes and ice cream, and baked goods including cakes and pies. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., and they close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Their phone number is 270-642-2798.

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Governor Beshear Announces Funding for Access Roads to Industrial Parks in Warren, Barren and Fulton Counties

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 31, 2020) – Gov. Andy Beshear today announced funding for access roads to spur development at industrial parks in Warren, Barren and Fulton counties.

“Even as we battle and sacrifice to save lives and control the spread of COVID-19, we still are working to grow our Kentucky economy,” Gov. Beshear said.

“The work of growing our economy includes creating a favorable environment for manufacturing. That, in turn,

requires more than just acreage. It requires investment in vital infrastructure, which includes access roads,” Gov. Beshear said. “We want our communities to be able to capitalize on development opportunities, but opportunity has to be met by preparation.”

Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said the new projects show how good streets and roads are indispensable to economic development. “The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is proud to be part of Team Kentucky and to

have a role in preparing the ground for new, job-creating industrial sites,” Secretary Gray said.

In Fulton County, KYTC has agreed to provide up to \$146,500 to Fulton County Fiscal Court toward design and construction of a boulevard entrance to a new industrial park that is a joint venture of Fulton and Hickman counties. The site, which is in the City of Fulton, is contiguous to rail lines and less than a mile from the Interstate 69 corridor. It will be able to accommo-

date as many as seven small manufacturers or distribution companies, potentially providing hundreds of jobs.

“This park is a joint venture between Fulton and Hickman counties,” said Fulton County Judge-Executive Jim Martin. “We appreciate that Governor Beshear understands the value of our counties working together. Thank you, Governor Beshear and Secretary Gray, for supporting this park and our partnership with funding of this access road. This industrial park represents new

economic opportunity for our counties.”

Hickman County Judge-Executive Kenny Wilson also expressed sincere appreciation for the funding. “The joint venture of economic development between Fulton and Hickman counties will be jump-started with this funding award. This award is an integral part as we strive to bring new jobs and greater economic opportunity to Fulton and Hickman counties,” Judge Wilson said.

City of Fulton Mayor David Prater said the

project is significant not just for Fulton and Hickman counties but for the entire Jackson Purchase.

“On behalf of the City of Fulton, I would like to thank Governor Beshear and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for their forethought in awarding funds to energize our joint venture Industrial Park. I look forward to the future economic growth of both Fulton and Hickman Counties due to this award,” Mayor Prater said.

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Citizens Deposit Bank opened Cunningham branch



Hays Construction of Cunningham started work on the new Citizens Deposit Bank in June, 2020 that was built in Carlisle County on HWY 62 in Cunningham. Photo by Chris Woods

D&B Farm became a 2020 Certified Farm Market

D&B Farm of Graves County was one of the 103 markets across the Commonwealth accepted into the 2020 Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Certified Farm Market Program.

In joining the KFB Certified Farm Market Program, D&B Farm, has committed to offering quality products and service to their customers. Acceptance by Farm Bureau tells customers that this market meets the highest standards of quality, freshness, and marketing appeal.

Located across from H&R

Agri-Power on Broadway in Mayfield, D&B Farm raises local produce, flowers, garden plants, locally processed canned goods, spices, and local honey. For more information call 270-970-0926.

In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, Certified Farm Market members around the state are implementing recommended best practices for keeping employees and customers safe during the pandemic. Our markets are working hard to provide Kentucky consumers with a safe and

local food source.

“As we reach an exciting 25-year milestone within the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Farm Market program, I would like to thank all those who have been participating for so many years, and I welcome our new members,” said KFB President Mark Haney. “It is such an important time in the life of our local markets as more and more people discover the benefits of good, wholesome, locally grown and produced goods. We look forward to another 25 years of continued success.”

Markets certified through this program are identified by the KFB Certified Farm Market logo and listed in our online directory. The program also provides collective advertising, promotional items, educational tour opportunities, and other marketing benefits with the intent to increase the net farm income of member markets.

The KFB Certified Farm Market Rack Card is available at Kentucky welcome centers, state resort parks, local chambers of

commerce/tourism centers, and county Farm Bureau offices. Consumers can also go to the KFB Certified Farm Market website – kyfb.com/certified – for a complete list of markets or download the KFB App.

KFB is proudly celebrating its 25th year of offering the Certified Farm Market program. To learn more, visit kyfb.com/certified, e-mail kfbcertified@kyfb.com, or “Like” the Certified Farm Market Facebook page at [facebook.com/KYCertifiedFarmMarket](https://www.facebook.com/KYCertifiedFarmMarket).

Full Plate Project helping to feed locals

In light of the current restrictions, what would have been the fourth annual WAVE Ag Day cannot be held this year as scheduled. However, the committee had decided to pursue something else in its place this year: The Full Plate Project.

“It is unfortunate that we are having to postpone this year’s event, but in order to keep everyone safe in our communities, we believe it is best to wait until 2021,” said WAVE Ag Consultant Steven Elder. “But we want all of our partners and communities to know that our mission is more than just one day, or just one event.

“We want to use this year’s partnership dollars – money that would have been used for our annual event – to help feed our friends and neighbors who have been affected by this pandemic,” he said.

“We are here to support our community and agriculture in good times and in difficult times.”

The group’s goals are to work with its Kentucky Proud partners and also to help support the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s successful Feeding America campaign. “We are blessed to work with our local pantries and food banks to assist those in need,” Elder said. “The WAVE AG River Counties initiative looks for ways to give back, and this year with the impact of COVID-19, it is really needed.”

Partners have been encouraged to continue investing in the WAVE Ag Initiative. “We know many businesses are resetting and restarting after months of quarantine,” Elder continued. “We would love for them to continue at their current level of partnership, but

understand that in some cases, that may not be possible at this time. However, we urge them – and all of you – to invest in this important project, at the level at which you are able to do so.”

Deadline for investments is July 15. Checks may be mailed directly to WAVE Ag Full Plate Project at 8230 Slater Road, Wickliffe, KY, 42087, or you may email kywave.elder@gmail.com, or call 270-970-5393 or 270-727-2704 for more information.

“We hope folks are able to support us in this new project, in whatever measure, at such a crucial time for all of us. Our friends and neighbors need us now more than ever,” Elder said.

“People may not realize, but our WAVE AG Committee meets monthly on issues related to agriculture in the four river counties. Although we



Early partners for WAVE Ag Initiative’s Full Plate Project. Shown from left are David Smart, West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative president/ CEO; Georgeann Lookofsky and Kevin Crider, WKRECC board members; Greg Terry, Carlisle County judge-executive; Steven Elder, WAVE Ag consultant; and Bob Wilson, WAVE Ag chairman.

will postpone the AG Day, we will continue to meet virtually or in person to seek out those opportunities to bring to our four counties.”

The initiative works diligently all year to create positive change, momentum, and economic development, and shines a light on

the four river counties through its advocacy efforts. “WAVE AG Day brings people from different agribusinesses together and has brought state and national dignitaries to our region,” Elder said. “Although this year’s WAVE Ag Day is postponed, we will still

engage with our partners and leaders to continue promoting agriculture.”

For more information about the Full Plate Project, WAVE Ag Day, or the WAVE Ag Initiative, please contact Elder at kywave.elder@gmail.com, or call 270-970-5393.

Union City's Mike Cox Helps Kick Off Discovery Park of America Giving Campaign with Significant Gift

Union City, Tenn. – Union City businessperson and philanthropist Mike Cox is helping Discovery Park of America kick off its 2020 giving campaign in a big way with a gift of \$50,000, making him the first “Sustaining Donor.”

“I just love what Discovery Park is doing, I love everything about it, and I want to show my support by making this donation in memory of my parents, Eddie and Mickey Cox,” he said.

Cox added that Sept. 1, 2020 is also the 51st anniversary of his business, and he felt this was a good way to acknowledge this milestone. A graduate of The University of Tennessee at Martin, he is the founder of Cox Oil Company, Inc. Cox’s gift

helps support the museum and heritage park that his good friends Robert and Jenny Kirkland built to give back to the hometown they all loved while providing an educational facility for this region. Discovery Park’s annual giving campaign also begins on Sept. 1, 2020 and runs through Dec. 1, 2020, a day nationally recognized as Giving Tuesday.

Sustaining Donors who, like Cox, give \$50,000 or more to Discovery Park will be acknowledged on the donor wall in the lobby of the museum and each year in the annual impact report.

“I hope everyone understands that as generous as the Kirkland Foundation was and continues to be, other individuals and com-

panies must support this incredible resource we have here in our community,” said Cox, who has served on the board of directors for the park since before it opened in 2013. “When donors support Discovery Park, they can know their gifts are going to change lives of the children and adults in this region.”

According to development director, Mary Nita Bondurant, Cox’s gift could not have come at a better time. “We are beginning our 2020 giving campaign today,” said Bondurant, “and Mike’s thoughtful gift is getting us off to a great start.”

Discovery Park opened in Nov. 2013 and has since provided a powerful interactive and educational experience for more than 1.8

million guests. Discovery Park is a 501(c)(3) public charity funded by generous individuals, corporations and foundations. Other funding comes from ticket sales and event rentals which, like other similar organizations, has seen a significant decline because of the threat of the coronavirus COVID-19.

“As we move into the future, it is even more important now that we form partnerships and relationships with this community and this region so that people and organizations who believe in what we are doing can be a part of it,” Bondurant explained. “From expanding our volunteer program to launching a giving campaign, we are always looking for ways to let the communities

we serve join us in our mission.”

Discovery Park’s 2020 giving campaign will focus on raising money for the annual operating fund, and gifts will support every aspect of the museum and park. From regular maintenance and day-to-day operations to feeding the animals in the Regional History Gallery and creating new educational programs, financial donations go to work immediately to help deliver transformational experiences to guests of all ages.

Scott Williams, president and CEO of Discovery Park, acknowledged a great sense of gratitude for the gift on behalf of the board and staff. “Mike’s gift is so appreciated, and it will contribute to creating a place where inspiration

will continue to happen every single day,” said Williams. “That means inspiration to learn, inspiration to grow, inspiration to consider new ideas and inspiration to see beyond wherever an individual is in life, regardless of age or education. And just like support like this generous gift is crucial to us being able to implement that mission today and in the future.”

Discovery Park’s 2019 Impact Report and a video with more about how the organization is implementing its mission can be found at DiscoveryParkofAmerica.com/mission. To find out more about the giving program at Discovery Park, call 731-885-5455 or go to the park’s website and click “give.”



Several citizens attended the Carlisle County Fiscal Court meeting to discuss the Second Amendment Resolution.

Resolution for support of the Second Amendment

At the Carlisle County Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the fiscal court discussed a Resolution for support of the Second Amendment, which concerns the right to bear arms. Legislators have been considering some changes that would include having control over

what people would be allowed to own in the way of guns and certain types of ammunition. Several counties in Kentucky have adopted these resolutions saying that they don’t agree with these changes. County Attorney Hogancamp told the group that an ordinance could not be adopted, because towns and counties

don’t have the right to have ordinances that disobey state laws and regulations. However, it is legal for a Resolution to be drawn up and adopted. Judge Terry and the fiscal court members decided to have Hogancamp draw up the resolution, and it was adopted at the next fiscal court meeting.

Carlisle County Courthouse reopened to public June 1



Ethan Perry is shown taking the temperature of Doris Polivick.

Photo by Chris Woods

In New Business, the fiscal court agreed to open the courthouse to the general public on June 1.

There will be stipulations for customers that include temperature checks, limited customers, and the use of masks.

The circuit clerk will have state guidelines to follow.

Ethan Perry has been hired by the Carlisle County Courthouse to take temperatures of people who enter the building.



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CCHS Ag Program received grant from FFA Foundation



Mallory Wilson and preschool students learning about how to care for vegetable plants and create a garden at home.

The greenhouse at Carlisle County High School will soon be receiving a much-needed update, thanks in part to a \$1,250 Ag Achiever grant from the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

Since it was built in 2002, the greenhouse has served as a learning lab for the agriculture program at Carlisle County

High School. It has served many students and sustained a lot of wear and tear. Mercedes Smith, the agriculture teacher at the high school, plans to use the funds to replace the cooling and irrigation systems as well as purchase new tables.

“The funding for Ag Achiever grants comes from money

raised by the \$10 donation people are able to make when they renew their ag license tags as well as from the generous donation by our friends at Universal Leaf,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

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