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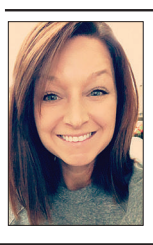
'Goodbye' to Larry Rowell – interim editor, friend

Someone told me Larry wanted to be buried in a pine box... he didn't want any of that riff raff at his funeral.

That's what he got. Interim Editor Larry Rowell passed away early Friday morning after a short battle with a vicious form of cancer. He was 63.

His funeral was Monday at Campbellsville Baptist Church. He was buried in the most beautifully simplistic pine box I've ever seen.

Let me start by saying I'm not a crier. I've been described as a lot of things around here—a straight-shooter, blunt, and my personal favorite, a firecracker—but never a crier. Friday morning, I was in tears. I sobbed like a



Crystal Cecil
 Record-Herald Staff

baby after I heard of Larry's passing. It hit me hard.

You see, Larry came to me unexpectedly and I swear he was wearing a halo.

He was hired as an interim editor in late May 2018 after Record-Herald editor Tom Mills suffered a stroke. He walked in, sat at Tom's desk, and picked up as if he'd been here for years. I was taken aback at first. Who is this guy? I was drowning, so to speak, but I'm not one who likes to be rescued

either. We're a small staff and everyone has their own jobs. I'll be honest, I don't like change and I *for sure* have some trust issues when it comes to getting the job done right.

I quickly realized Larry Rowell was a Godsend. The man was a blessing.

Larry was eager to learn about the happenings in Greensburg. He soaked up every story I told him. He jumped right in and started attending meetings and looking for stories. 2018 was an election year, so there was plenty to write and talk about.

Super educated, Larry obtained a BA in Journalism from Western Kentucky University at the age of 52. He had a Masters of Religious Education

degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a BS degree in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State College.

Larry was the former editor at the Casey County newspaper and a pastor at Beech Grove Baptist Church in Black Gnat.

Born in Moultrie, Ga., he was an avid Georgia fan, and made sure everyone knew it. (I didn't hold it against him, because he cheered for the Cats too.)

He and his wife, Edwina, were missionaries to one of the poorest and most isolated countries in Africa. Larry was a powerful preacher I have heard. On top of that, he could put on a red suit and be one heck on a Santa



Facebook photo

Larry Rowell and his wife Edwina, loved to travel. He often based his Record-Herald columns on his experiences. Larry passed away last week after a short battle with cancer. His full obituary is on page 4A in this issue.

Claus I'm told.

A go-to-guy Larry Rowell was; a remarkable man.

He was a true journalist. I never asked

why he wanted that late-in-life journalism degree, but he was made for it.

See Larry, page 12A

Former DYW participant is hero

By **TONI HUMPHRESS**
 ADAIR CO. COMMUNITY VOICE

Kaitlyn Grant, an Adair County participant in the 2015 Green County Distinguished Young Woman program, is a local hero.

Grant had a lot of deliveries to make for her job at North Century Pharmacy in Columbia last Wednesday, and during one of those deliveries she found a barefoot, cold and soaked 3-year-old child on the side of the roadway.

"I drove by him and thought 'there's no way that was a child, but I had to turn around, when I got back up there it was him.'"

Kaitlyn said when she stopped on Milltown Church Road, the child didn't have on shoes, was wet from the rain and crying.

"I opened my door and he got right in the



R-H file photo

Kaitlyn Grant, the 2015 Adair County Distinguished Young Woman who participated in the Green County DYW program, found a toddler on the side of the road last week.

car with me. I called 911 and told them I had found a little boy and they told me they would get an officer on

the way to me."

Kaitlyn and the toddler waited in her car on the side of the roadway for help to arrive, with

the little boy in the delivery vehicle trying to dry off and warm up. This all took place during a drenching downpour of rain.

"I happened to have stickers in my purse, so we drew pictures and played while we waited," Kaitlyn said.

Deputy Sheriff Brandon Hitch arrived on scene after being dispatched at 1:55 p.m.

After an investigation, the location that the child walked from was three-tenths a mile up the roadway from where Grant located him.

When law enforcement arrived at the residence no one was home but while on scene the 22-year-old brother of the child returned. The brother stated he had left to run an errand and get gas and admitted he left the child there.

See Grant, page 12A

Gartin is guest at Black History event Saturday

By **CRYSTAL CECIL**
 R-H STAFF

The Greensburg/Green County League of Citizens Foundation will sponsor its 20th annual February Black History program this Saturday at 5 p.m. CT at Green County High School.

Greensburg native Billy "Bid" Gartin will be the featured speaker at the event.

Gartin, a Green County High School alumni, is a current Raleigh, NC, police officer. Gartin.

Gartin, who left Greensburg in 1998, earned the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Marines. He has been employed for 16 years with the Raleigh Police Department, and



Bud Gartin

is currently serving as sergeant over the Reality Based Training Unit. In 2013, he was awarded the department's highest honor; The Medal of Valor.

See Gartin, page 12A

Basketball Homecoming Candidates



Photo by Crystal Cecil

Green County High School Basketball Homecoming is set for Friday night during the game against LaRue County. Homecoming candidates are, front, from left: Emma Renfrow, Sidney Jones, Lani Bradshaw, Romana Fernandez; back: Lexi Beard, Gracie Thompson and Serenity Greer. McKynzee Gumm was absent from the photo.

Magistrates hear Coroner's request

By **CLEVIS JEFFRIES**
 STAFF WRITER

The Green County Fiscal Court, in a special called meeting January 23, considered Coroner Carol Ray's request for an additional deputy.

Magistrates took no action on the request and the matter died due to a lack of a motion.

"The magistrates weighed all their options regarding an additional deputy coroner request, and after considering all factors, the request failed to receive a motion and therefore died for lack of a motion," said Judge-Executive John Frank.

In other business, the court approved:

request for a market manager at the local farmers market.

"This grant would be a pass-through grant whereas the fiscal court would be the fiscal agent for the farmers market grant," said Judge-Executive Frank.

(2) The 2019 Kentucky Waste Tire Amnesty Agreement.

Also, Judge-Executive John Frank informed the court about the Kentucky Revised Statute regarding a salary increase for coroners.

"After Coroner Carol Ray's request for a salary increase, it was brought to the attention of the magistrates that per KRS the coroners' salary can only be changed at specified times," Frank said.

(1) A \$2,000 grant