

Weather Record

Date	2-26	2-27	2-28	3-1	3-2	3-3	3-4
High	57.7	65.2	50.3	37.3	42.3	39.8	28
Low	24.1	29.2	34.4	34.2	35.6	28.2	16.7
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Reporting period for each day runs from midnight to midnight. Statistics from Kentucky Mesonet's Bengal Station.

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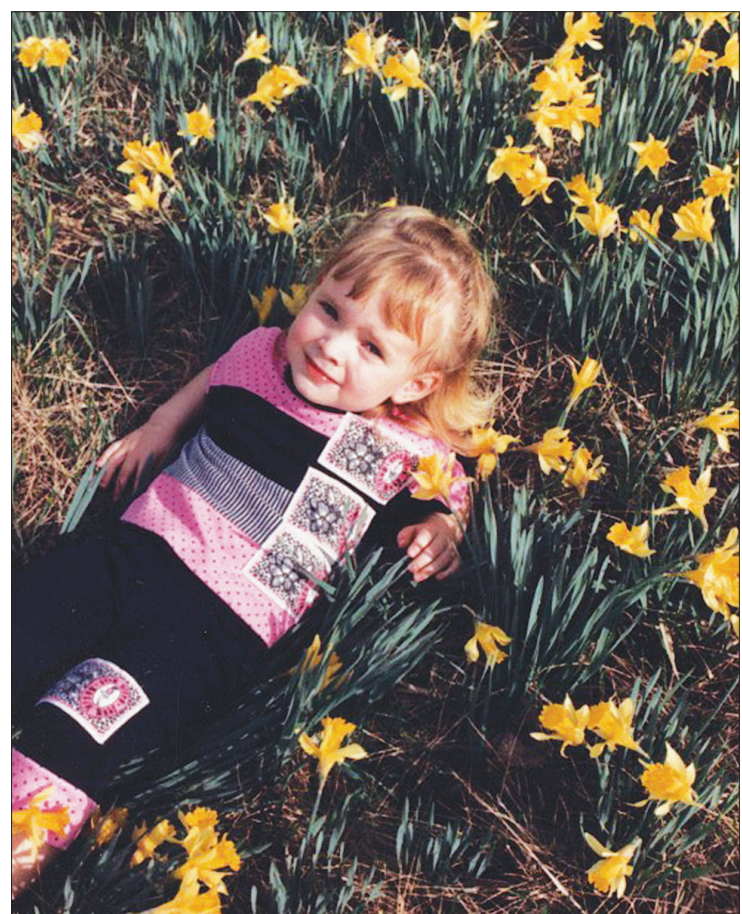
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Photos submitted

Diane Simmons is pictured with her mother, Evelyn Simmons on the family property on Buckner Hill. The property is home to thousands of March Lilies every early spring. The beautiful scenery is an annual photo opportunity for many.



Paige Hall-Squires, daughter of the late Chopper and Melinda Hall, has taken photos in the March Lilies nearly every year, now with her own children.

History: March Lilies of Buckner Hill

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Many of my earliest and best memories of my childhood are of growing up on Buckner's Hill, and the excitement and joy of picking the flowers and seeing all the people of the town who came to enjoy the view and take a few home.

For many years of my childhood, the Community Easter Sunrise Service was held on Buckner's Hill. My grandfather devised a large wooden cross, which he erect-

ed at the top of the hill for the service. It was a glorious sight to see the sunrise over the March Lilies on Easter Sunday morning and experience the community come together.

Depending on the winter weather, some years not too many flowers make it until spring, but in most years there is a good show. It is a favorite spot for photographers, both amateur and professional, to capture babies and children, and yes, adults too!

There is nothing more joyous than lying

in a field of flowers on a sunny day, and I have done it many times. This field is entrusted to my care now, and I would encourage everyone to enjoy it and treat it gently. Pick a few flowers, but leave the masses for others to enjoy.

A bit of history

No one knows why we call them March Lilies.

The flowers are more properly known as daffodil or narcissus, but I will never call them anything but March Lilies.

How long they have been there?

At least since the mid-to-late 1800s. I spoke to Mr. Frank Cantrell in the early 1970s to ask him about his memories. His parents owned the property from 1895 to 1944. He was born in 1887 and remembered the flowers being there in his childhood.

Judge Richard Alyette Buckner built the brick house in the early 1800s, and there is a Buckner Cemetery in the corner of the March Lily field.

My grandparents, Garnett and Ethel Milby, bought the house and farm in 1944. The farm remains in the family today, jointly owned by my cousins Melinda Hall, Jan English, Terri Talbott, and me. Our parents, Walter and Nancy Milby, and Morris and Evelyn Simmons passed the farm to us upon their deaths.

I was born in the Buckner House in 1949, and now own the March Lily field. Our roots grow deep on Buckner Hill.

My father, Morris

Simmons, would periodically disc the field to spread the bulbs.

And in recent years, Sherfield DeSpain considered it almost a sacred duty to care for the field for the people of the community to enjoy.

I invite you to enjoy the flowers and the beauty of the earth on Buckner's Hill, while being mindful of the property owners nearby and their privacy. I wish to honor the past of this historic property, while conserving it for generations to come.

Senator Givens says legislative activity is in full swing

As we approach the latter days of the 2019 Regular Session, the Capitol remains as busy as ever. Countless visitors from across Kentucky advocated important issues in a week that had no shortage of legislative activity.

Significant bills are heading to Governor Bevin's desk with the hope that they will soon be signed into law. As the result of months of discussion and collaboration, Senate Bill 1, the School Safety and Resiliency Act, passed

with overwhelming bipartisan support in the House. SB 1, sponsored by Senator Max Wise, would boost school safety by improving the type of personnel, systems and structures, and student culture in Kentucky's schools.

While in the House, improvements were added to the language such as creating the position of the state school safety marshal, whose role would be similar to that of a state fire marshal. We are hopeful that this pivotal school safety

bill will soon be signed into law.

Senate Bill 4 is also awaiting a signature from the Governor. SB 4, sponsored by Senator Damon Thayer, would require all candidates running for a public office in Kentucky to electronic-

ly file their campaign finance reports starting in 2020. This bill eliminates the option of filing a paper report with the exception of candidates whose campaigns raise less than \$3,000.

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Hodgenville Family Medicine accepting new patients

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HERALD NEWS

LaRue County community leaders and HMH officials celebrated the completion of Hardin Memorial Health Medical Group's newest location - HMH Medical Group Hodgenville Family Medicine Thursday, Feb. 28.

The new 7,400-square-foot state-of-the-art facility located at 145 Lincoln Drive in Hodgenville began caring for patients Monday, March 4.

Dr. Wesley Moore, D.O. and an advanced practice nurse practitioner will continue seeing existing patients from the Magnolia clinic as well as new patients in the new facility by appointment. Along with primary care, lab and diagnostic services will soon be available at the new location.

HMH hosted a community open house on Thursday that included a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the LaRue County Chamber of Commerce, and tours

of the facility.

During the open house event, HMH President and CEO Dennis Johnson touted the facility's increased capacity; more than double that of the Magnolia location, and its central location for LaRue Countians as well as residents in neighboring Taylor and Green Counties.

The new facility includes 14 treatment rooms, which is an increase from the three available at Magnolia. This new facility consolidates the services provided in Magnolia, as the last day of operation was last Friday.

"We want to serve people close to home throughout HMH's 10-county service region," said Johnson. "That is precisely why we built HMH Hodgenville Family Medicine - to provide a convenient location with primary care, lab and diagnostic services all under one roof with a full-time physician of Dr. Moore's caliber."

Dr. Moore, a Hartford, KY native, his wife,

Lesley Miller Moore, a LaRue County native, along with their three children, Charlie, Lily, and Emma, reside in Hodgenville, said he was excited to serve the community he calls home in a first-class facility.

Moore is a graduate of the University Of Pikeville College Of Osteopathic Medicine and did his residency at the University of Kentucky and has been seeing patients at Magnolia Family Medicine since January while the new facility was under construction.

"It's a privilege to serve the community my family calls home and where my wife grew up," Moore said. "To do that in this wonderful new facility where we can better serve our patients makes it all the more meaningful."

Moore stated as they accept new patients, and continue to care for existing patients, it is important to establish the relationship for preventative care.

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Hardin Memorial Health Medical Group's newest location, HMH Medical Group Hodgenville Family Medicine, is located at 145 Lincoln Drive in Hodgenville. A ribbon cutting and open house event was held Thursday.