

KY Electric Cooperatives provide youth tours

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“Commitment to community” is one of seven guiding principles that serve our state rural electric cooperatives. Mary Beth Dennis, Director of Cooperative Outreach at Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, mentioned the importance of youth involvement within the different communities served by the rural electric

cooperatives across the state of Kentucky. Dennis presented to Greensburg Rotary members Oct. 15 opportunities available to high school students through programs offered by the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives. She believes that youth in communities served by the cooperatives are our future. Even though scholarships are available to high school students, Dennis said,



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Mary Beth Dennis, Director of Cooperative Outreach at Ky. Electric Cooperatives, received a “Cow Days Makes Me Happy Cow” after speaking to the Greensburg Rotary Club Oct. 15. Rotary President Gaye McCubbin, left, and Mary Korns made the presentation.

“Our big flagship program is the annual youth tour (to Washington, D.C.).” “We take about 150 students from all across the state to Frankfort for a day.” The Outreach Director noted that students are exposed to a number of educational opportunities, typically including the observing of the state legislature in action, touring the state capitol and governor’s mansion, participating in discussions with po-

litical leaders, as well as hearing about the different state rural electric cooperatives. “We take about 90 of those students to Washington, D.C. for a week,” Dennis said. In order to partake in these cooperative programs, students must reside in homes that are served by a participating rural electric cooperative and meet eligibility requirements. See Rotary, page 4B

Retired Teachers Appreciation is this Oct. 21-27

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The Kentucky Retired Teachers Association is the only organization in the state that has as its main purpose to look out for the welfare of retired educators. From its inception KATA has continued to grow in numbers and respect. Through its commitment to priorities set forth by the leadership, more than 32,000 member enjoy numerous benefits, both individually and as a group. The lobbying efforts in Frankfort have gained much respect from state government officials. Three standing committees: Membership, Legislative, and Insurance, along with the volunteers who comprise them, exemplify KRTA’s commitment to

the concerns of retirees. The Biennial Legislative Program is aimed at soliciting support for, and commitment to, the Association’s priorities, from equality and fairness to cost of living adjustments to affordable health insurance. Fall Workshops in the 14 districts bring together representatives from the 118 local units to discuss common concerns and get information to be shared with fellow retirees. In the spring, the State KATA Leadership Convention brings together all districts/locals for camaraderie and unification. The membership under the leadership of elected officers and delegates, determines the direction of the Association.

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Raising Domestic Violence Awareness



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. An “In Their Shoes Relay Race” was held Saturday in Greensburg which featured participants running in high heels. The program, which was meant to bring attention to domestic violence victim’s and what it would be like “in their shoes,” was under the guidance of the Green County Victim Assistance Program.



Photos by Wanda Long

The community came together Saturday to raise awareness for Domestic Violence. Competitors ran a short relay race in some form of heeled shoe. Some participants were, Adair/Green DCBS Melanie Minor, County Attorney Russ Goff, PVA Sean Curry, Deputies Adam Rainwater and Jemarko Mitchell.



Saturday’s event was held to promote a conversation within the local area about intimate partner violence. The idea, according to the Green County Victim’s Advocate Office, was that it’s often easy to see the billion reasons why someone should get themselves out of a bad or toxic situation, but not so easy to see why that person may stay. A special thanks should be given to the community supporters who made the event possible.

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