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Ella Painter reading to local children.

of Russell County last week. Fairy Tale Courtroom cast members Ella Painter (Little Red Riding Hood) and Abby Ramsey (Sleeping Beauty) helped spread the love of reading and acting by sharing new versions of fairy tales with children at the Russell County Public Library, Jamestown Elementary, and ArtWorks Smart Start!

The cast and crew would like to invite everyone out to see Fairy Tale Courtroom at the Star Theater on April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26. Saturday shows begin at 7:00p.m. Sunday shows begin at 2:00p.m.



Kadie Foster, creator and designer for Fairy Tale Courtroom logo.

Rogers Scholars Alum

Donavyn Coffey enjoys career as freelance science and health reporter

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As a small town girl growing up in rural Kentucky, Rogers Scholars alum Donavyn Coffey has come a long way from the rolling hills of Russell County to the streets of New York City.

Coffey, a 2009 graduate of The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program, is a freelance science and health reporter working in New York and operating her own freelance business.

While Coffey is pursuing a career in journalism, it was her experience as a Rogers Scholar that helped direct and motivated her to plan for the future.

"Meeting the other Scholars encouraged and inspired me to dream a little bigger," Coffey said. "It was the first step in the right direction."

Eleven years later, Coffey is well on her way to following her dreams. She graduated from New York University in 2019 with a master's degree in journalism and started working as a freelance science and health reporter.

Coffey attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture biotechnology. After graduating from UK, she moved to Denmark to study molecular nutrition, specifically the connection between food and disease, on a Fulbright Fellowship and graduated from Aarhus University

with a master's degree in molecular nutrition and food technology.

Coffey later moved back to Lexington to work at a biotech company, but soon discovered that was not the career path she wanted to follow in life.

"After a while I realized, I liked to talk about science more than I liked to run experiments," Coffey said. "So, I first became a science writer and then moved to New York to pursue journalism."

She is the daughter of Troy and Allison Coffey of Russell County.

Rogers Scholars is a one-week intensive summer program that provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to help seize their potential as the region's next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

Coffey also attended The Center for Rural Development's Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) during the summer of 2009. ELI is a one-week summer program for high school students interested in business, leadership, and entrepreneurship.

Both programs are provided free of charge to students and supported solely through financial contributions and donations.

To make a tax-deductible donation to The Center's youth programs, visit www.cen-



terityouthprograms.com, contact Allison Cross at across@centertech.com, or call 606-677-6019.

Established in 1996 through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), and other leaders, The Center for Rural Development is a nonprofit organization fueled by a mission to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. In its 45-county primary service region, The Center provides innovative programs in leadership, public safety, technology, and arts and culture. The Center is committed to constantly expanding its capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.

Reel Java & Creamery

Continues Giving back to the Community

Cheyenne Popplewell
The Times Journal

Supporting small businesses in our little town does truly matter! Here is one example of the "why". Every month Reel Java & Creamery picks a new give-back group to receive 10% of RJC coffee & ice cream sales! For the month of January, Bernard Ridge Church of Gods Youth Group was honored to fill this spot and were thankful to receive a check to help sponsor a worship trip for the young adults.

After speaking with Heather Weaver, owner of RJC, she told me that RJC has been able to pour over \$5,500 back into local groups and the community over the last year!

February's "Give-Back" from RJC is going towards RCHS Seniors who apply for Reel Java & Creamery's Scholarship. Heather and her husband Al told me that they want to encourage young adults to pursue their dreams and never want a financial burden to be the reason they don't follow through.

This is the first year that RJC has offered a scholarship and they look forward to continuing it for many years. Russell County High School Seniors can apply for the scholarship at, <http://form.jotform.com/200327801301034>. The application deadline is April 10th, 2020.

To nominate a deserving group for RJC monthly give-back please follow this link and nominate, <http://bit.ly/2BodbTO>

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There's also an informative video series about common outage questions on the utilities' YouTube page.

•Be safe: Always assume any downed wire is an energized power line. Stay away and report it immediately. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 and KU customers should call 800-981-0600. Visit lge-ku.com/storm for important safety information concerning portable generators, food storage and electric service.

Before severe weather strikes, LG&E and KU prepare by monitoring weather conditions, placing field crews and business partners on alert and readying operating equipment and material. When responding to major power outages across the utilities' service territory, priority is given to critical-care organizations, such as hospitals, fire and police stations and nursing homes. LG&E and KU crews also focus on restoring service to schools, airports and other utility infrastructure, such as water and sewer pumping stations.

In making repairs, the goal is to fix problems that will restore power to large groups of customers simultaneously, so hundreds or even thousands of customers come back online at one time. LG&E and KU must first repair any critical infrastructure that might be damaged, like transmission lines and substations that carry electricity into neighborhoods and commercial areas, before power can be restored to those locations. Crews then move to restore neighborhoods and then continue to address issues that affect power to individual streets and homes.

In addition to using the numbers above, customers can also report outages by texting OUTAGE to 454358 (4LGEKU) and request updates on their outage by texting STATUS to the same number. While every storm is unique and presents distinct challenges to utility crews, LG&E and KU remain committed to restoring power safely and as quickly as possible — and keeping customers informed.

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Date: March 28, 2020, 6:00-11:00 PM
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Late registration fee after March 12th \$35
Check out our Facebook page and registration link.
Russell County High School Class of 1990

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RCHS Class of 1990
300 Knob Road
Russell Springs, KY 42642

Paypal link:
<https://www.paypal.me/rchslaksof1990>

"Back in the day" photos are needed for slide show and up to 3 current day photos to share.
Email photos and/or questions to: rchslakers1990@gmail.com

Need more information? Call or text Carla Smith-Hart @ 270-866-1794; Tish Bernard Cucic @ 270-585-7538; or Pam Johnson Wilson @ 270-585-1625

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CLASS OF 1990 30TH YEAR REUNION!!