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## COVID-19 Pandemic: Sweeping the nation and world by storm

Mary Beth Sallee  
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It is no doubt that the United States is, in fact, facing perilous times. The stock market is

tanking, grocery store shelves are going bare, major events have been canceled, schools are closing, and President Donald Trump has declared the U.S. in a state

of national emergency. All have come as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept the globe by storm.

COVID-19 is the illness

caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, or severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. It has spread to more than 150 countries, killing more than 6,500 and

sickening tens of thousands of people in a matter of weeks.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), coronaviruses

exist as a large family of viruses. Some coronaviruses cause illnesses in people. Common human coronaviruses, includ-

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## Otis B. Johnson

Veteran being honored after 70 years of passing



At left, RET Air Force LTC Larry Rogers, center, RET Navy CW4 Brent Kelsey, and at right, Sharon Johnson York received Otis Johnson's Purple Heart.

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Otis B. Johnson, Korean War Veteran, is being honored after over

70 years of his passing. Johnson joined the forces in March of 1948 and was killed in action in

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## Disagreement Board and Members



School Board Members Sitting several feet apart ready for the board meeting Monday afternoon.

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The Russell County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 16th, 2020 at Russell Springs Ele-

mentary School Library. Just an hour before the meeting started, President Trump Administration suggested avoiding gatherings of 10 or

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## Nick and Drago visits JES Preschool

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Nick Bertram, a Russell County Native and past Jamestown Elementary School Student who is now part of a Protective Security Detail Team, visited Russell County Preschools including Jamestown Elementary with Mrs. Delania Hougue and Ms. Mary Jo Meadows.

Nick brought in his retired dog, Drago, whom was his first dog he had while working overseas. Drago was retired early due to minor health concerns. However, Nick said that after the dogs reach five years of age, they are all retired out. This is due to extensive training and work completed in all weather conditions.

Getting preschoolers to understand that Nick and Drago worked overseas to keep the Embassy Safe for the United States was a task to tackle, but Nick

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Nick talks to Drago and he listens waiting to be rewarded with his ball.

## Students Advance to Finals Governor's School for the Arts

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The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) was established as a program of The Kentucky Center for the Arts and Kentucky Department of the Arts, inaugurated under Governor Martha Layne Collins and The

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Eric Angel a Junior at RCHS applied for GSA Summer Camp in Theatre.



Kadie Foster a sophomore at RCHS applied for GSA Summer Camp in Visual Arts.



Leigha Crumpton a Junior at RCHS applied for GSA Summer Camp in Creative Writing.

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