

Jerry Gentry Day



Staff Report
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Russell County Judge Executive Gary Rob-

ertson proclaimed that March 16th would be Jerry Gentry Day. Jerry Gentry has been walking the main roads,



back roads, sidewalks and grocery stores for over well over 20 years collecting cans and getting his steps in. Rob-

ertson signed the Proclamation on the 16th of March, which is Jerrys birthday, and presenting him with it that day.

ASSISTANCE

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Sonny Perdue urging flexibility for school districts to serve meals and supporting the Kentucky Department of Education's waiver request for non-congregate feeding amid the COVID-19 pan-

demic. The KDE received the waiver on March 14. An updated list of feeding sites is available at <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

LWC students will take all classes online for the remainder of the semester

According to Lindsey Wilson College President William T. Luckey Jr., college officials made the unprecedented decision on Wednesday in response to a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control to discourage gatherings of ten or more people.

Lindsey Wilson initially announced the transition of face-to-face instruction to online instruction last week -- an arrangement that was intended to end on March 29. At the time, the college was unsure if the new arrangement would remain for the rest of the school year.

The college also announced plans to close all residence halls.

There are no known reports of the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 in Columbia, Ky., or in any of the surrounding communities.

LWC is making exceptions for students who cannot return home to remain in campus housing with access to meals. Essential personnel will be available to help those students and campus services will remain available.

The spring 2020 athletic sports season has been officially canceled due to COVID-19. The announcement came on Monday from the NAIA and the Mid-South Conference.

The spring 2020 commencement ceremony will not take place on the A.P. White Campus in May. College officials are exploring other options. LWC will provide more details in the coming days. Diplomas will be mailed.

The college has also made the decision to postpone all other campus events until further notice.

The Doris and Bob Holloway Health & Wellness Center will remain closed until the threat of COVID-19 has passed. Community membership accounts will be deferred until the facility reopens.

For more information and future updates, access our Coronavirus webpage at <https://www.lindsey.edu/news/Coronavirus/index.cfm>.

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•Project Learning Tree, an award-winning environmental education program, has free activities for families available for download on their website, <https://www.plt.org/activities-for-families/>.

The Nature Conservancy has Nature Treasure Hunts available free on their website, <https://www.fws.gov/international/pdf/education-nature-treasure-hunt.pdf>.

Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom has 32

Pinterest boards with fun activities related to agriculture, life sciences, environmental and earth sciences, and more. Visit <https://www.pinterest.com/teachkyag/>.

For more information, contact the Russell County Extension Office at (270) 866-4477 of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. (Source: Ashley Osborne, 4-H specialist)

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Russell County 4-H Updates

4-H Camp applications will be accepted at a later date. Check the

Russell County 4-H webpage for further updates at russell.ca.uky.edu and proceed to the 4-H Youth Development tab.

All 4-H clubs, events, and activities are postponed until further guidance from the UK Cooperative Extension Service.

Russell County Extension Office is closed to walk-ins until further instruction from the University of Kentucky. Please contact the office at (270) 866-4477 for assistance.



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