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ly initiated. Russell County Schools Food Service Director Keith Emerson said approximately 850 breakfast and lunches are being provided to students daily.

"This average includes both deliveries and meals picked up," he said.

Emerson said immediate action was required to combat even the thought of children going hungry

"This week has been a good week," Emerson said, "because we believe we have been able to identify and reach those students who are most at risk."

Everyone involved in the process - from food workers, to those in the supply line, to administration - are all onboard to provide immediate action and relief, Emerson said.

He said he is appreciative to "our amazing cafeteria staff for getting all of our meals ready to be served... and for all of the hard work they do throughout the year."

Entities such as the local Family Resource Centers and Youth Services Centers have been instrumental in coordinating food deliveries.

"(The) coordinators have done an

outstanding job," Emerson said, "(and) we couldn't have done it without some of our school employees volunteering to deliver the meals."

Although facing ever-changing circumstances, Emerson is confident local needs will be met.

"We are taking this one day at a time," he said. "As most of you know, things seem to be changing quickly."

Emerson noted some school districts have had to make some adjustments to their meal plans, "and this may be the case for us as well at some point in time."

"We are in close communication with our families that we have been delivering the meals to and will do everything in our power to make sure that our students are taken care of during this unexpected time off from school," he said.

Parents are encouraged "to come to school and pick up meals if possible, but if unable, we will try to do our best to assist," Emerson said.

In addition to lunch, a "breakfast bag" will also be included for the next morning.

Meals for students enrolled in multiple schools may be picked up at one

school.

For more information, contact Keith Emerson (Food Service Director) at 270-866-6300.

(Listed below are the contacts for each school if assistance/delivery is needed. Included is the designated location at each school for drive thru and pick up options. Students will not be eating on campus.)

**Jamestown Elementary** - (270) 343-3966

**Family Resource Center** - (270) 343-2056

*Diane Blankenship: Principal  
Jan Brumley: Family Resource Coordinator*

**Pick Up Location:** Back door leading into the cafeteria

**Russell Springs Elementary** - (270) 866-3587

**Family Resource Center** - (270) 866-7850

*Rene' Gossage: Principal  
Gordon Lester: Family Resource Coordinator*

**Pick Up Location:** Daily student drop off and pick up area

**Salem Elementary** - (270) 866-6197

**Family Resource Center** - (270) 866-7850

*Kimberlee Webb: Principal*

*Gordon Lester: Family Resource Coordinator*

**Pick Up Location:** Cafeteria door coming in from the patio area

**Russell County Middle School** (270) 866-2224

**Youth Services Center** - (270) 866-8822

*Wayne Ackerman: Principal  
Sherry Coffey: Youth Service Center Coordinator*

**Pick Up Location:** Side door of Middle School cafeteria

**Russell County High School** (270) 866-3341

**Family Resource Center** - (270) 866-8822

*Darren Gossage: Principal  
Sherry Coffey: Youth Service Center Coordinator*

**Pick Up Location:** Front entrance

**Russell County Board of Education**

(270) 343-3191

*Michael Ford, Superintendent*

Emerson said the current meals/delivery will continue until school is back in session.

"We will keep our school families posted if any further changes are necessary," he said.

## Jamestown City Council



Jamestown City Council Meets keeping distance to follow orders from Governor due to COVID19 Pandemic.

**Cheyenne Popplewell**  
The Times Journal

The Jamestown City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 19 at Jamestown City Hall.

Minutes, cash disbursements, and financial statements were voted on and approved by the Council members. The meeting was brief due to COVID-19. However, it was a very productive meeting.

Mayor Nick Shearer opened the meeting in discussion about The Kentucky League of Cities. They wanted Mayor Shearer to bring Resolution 2020-02, House Bill 484 CRS Retirement Fund before the Council to vote on to get an approval. Shearer said this would keep them in the Ken-

tucky State Retirement System but allow them to be apart of a more centralized 17-person panel that would only concentrate on city and county employees. He said that we as a city are invested more in the retirement system than anywhere else in the state. The Council members wondered why they hadn't been a part of this before. Mayor Shearer said this has been tried to take place for 16-17 years, and at the meeting this was the first time it had been heard. The members all voted in favor.

Mayor Shearer discussed The Downtown Water Project. He said that the job was on track and for bids to start coming in during May. At the next City Council meeting, en-

gineers will be present to show what roadways and areas will be affected downtown with the Water Project.

In other Jamestown City Council news, spring movie night in Beck Park has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Mayor Shearer hopes to bring this back in the fall.

The council met in Executive Session with no action taken.

To end the meeting, the Council voted and approved Jeff Kearns as the new Jamestown Police Chief effective April 1.

Jamestown City Council will meet again April 16. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

## NASCAR News

### The Great Unknown

When NASCAR President Steve Phillips addressed the media last week about what the future held in store for the Cup Series about the only thing for certain was that the earliest the schedule would resume would be May 9th at Martinsville. The races at Atlanta, Homestead-Miami, Texas, Bristol, Richmond, Talladega and Dover had already been postponed and a return to racing at Martinsville is by no way a given.

Phillips went on to say during his press conference that the sanctioning body intended to run all 36 points races as well as the All-Star race. There are seven races that have to be made up if the racing does return at Martinsville but the remainder of the schedule only has two open weekends on June 26 and August 2. That portion of the schedule is televised by NBC and they had to have those two weekends open because of their broadcast of the Olympic Games.

NASCAR would like to finish the season at Phoenix and keep the 10-race Playoff portion of the schedule intact. In order for that to happen the seven races that have already been postponed would have to be rescheduled before the last race of the regular season on September 6th at Darlington Raceway.

There has been so much speculation and rumors about the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series schedule that we may get an early glimpse of what to expect when NASCAR goes back to racing and announces how it will make up the postponed races. There has always been talk of mid-week races and the series will compete in its first doubleheader weekend later this season at Pocono, so it could be that we may have the rest of this season once it resumes to prepare ourselves for what we might be seeing in 2021.

Doubleheaders may seem like the easiest way to get the races in as four of the postponed races at Texas,

Bristol, Richmond and Talladega all have another race later in the season but all four are in the 10-race Playoff portion of the schedule. By that time of the schedule all of the races that are to be rescheduled will have no bearing on the Playoffs as far as points go and it would be another race that a network would have to go up against either the always TV friendly NFL or college football.

NASCAR's only other option to get the entire 36-race schedule in would be to hold midweek races which has already been talked about for the last couple of years. Just like the doubleheader races, any race moved to a weekday would have to have the approval of either FOX or NBC. NASCAR would also have to take in consideration of the location of the following weekend's race as such a quick turnaround would put a hardship on many of the race teams especially the low budget teams.

There will be no easy solution for making up the races but there is the possibility that the Olympics schedule for the summer may be postponed as Canada became the first nation on Sunday to announce that it would not be sending its athletes. Many of the United States athletes have voiced their concern about going and it could be that the games will be pushed back to the summer of 2021. While racing every weekend until the final race at Phoenix in November would be very taxing on the teams, it would make the job of getting the full schedule in so much easier.

Of course, all of this is just speculation because the gravity of what is taking place in our country and around the world is so fluid that it seems to change hourly. It's not about racing, it's about the safety of my family and yours. It's about our friends, the country that we love and the life that we all took for granted for so long.

## Wee School Cancelled Remainder of Year

Wee School will be cancelled the remainder of the year according to one of the teachers, Mrs. Mary Beth Gosser the rest of the school year. She stated that even if the school resumes session after Spring Break, she felt it was best to call it off for the year. She said her plan is to start back in September of 2020.

Mary Beth had positive words to say about this decision and stated, "Like they say about the RC Fair, it will be bigger and better next year! Stay well and we will see you in September."



Wee School is for children ages 3-5 years old who are not currently enrolled in public schools or head start. Wee School is a free program, which is funded by the Family Resource Center. The program gets chil-

dren ready for learning and social skills before starting the full school year.

Please be watching for new updates coming about Wee School in *The Times Journal*.

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