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Keeping hungry kids fed during COVID-19 crisis

Staff Report
When the COVID-19 crisis shut down local schools, Food Services sprang into action to serve...literally.

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Russell County Resident Explosive K9 Handler

Cheyenne Popplewell
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Russell County Native Nick Bertram is an Explosive K9 Handler that works for the Protective Security Detail Team Overseas.

Nick graduated from Russell County High School. He not only has a passion for law enforcement, but also his K9 dogs.

Nick has been married to his wife, Angie, for 6 years, and they have 3 sons: Ryder who is 5, Levi who is 4, and Finn who is 1. He left the Russell County Sheriff Department about 11 years ago and decided



Nick Bertram pictures with his K9 Dog Zipp.

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Funding announced for 127 Relocation Project

Staff Report
Russell County is set to receive \$30 million to bridge the gap - literally and figuratively - between Jamestown and neighboring Albany.

Last week, State Rep. Jeff Hoover, R-James-

town, announced funding beneficial to the Highway 127 Relocation Project.

"I am thrilled to announce the state's road plan passed by the House (last) Wednesday.

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State, local officials are encouraging Patience, not panic to combat COVID-19

Staff Report
From Jamestown to Russell Springs to Frankfort, officials are pledging a proactive, cooperative approach to combat the COVID-19 crisis.

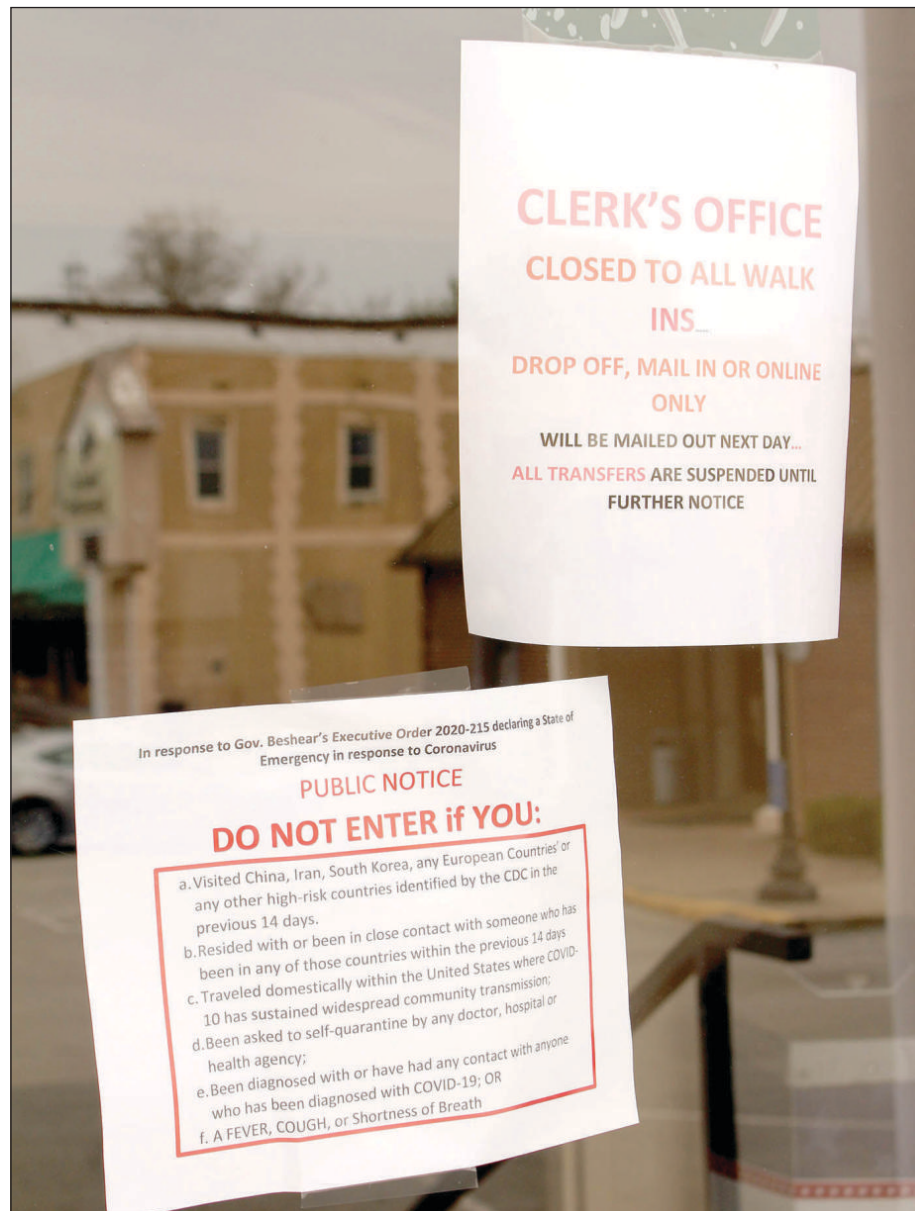
With Governor Andy Beshear's announcement all "non-essential," retail business were to close across the state as of 8 p.m. Monday, local officials were not only ready, but planning ahead.

"I was actually in contact with the Governor's Office this morning," Russell County Judge Executive Gary Robertson said Monday. "I was discussing issues pertaining to Russell County."

"I really hope people follow his (Governor Beshear) mandates... so we can make it through this thing," he said.

Robertson said he believes the Governor is doing what is needed to preserve order and

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Public Notices posted on the front door of the Russell County Courthouse, in Jamestown.

"People need to help each other... check on each other, check on the elderly, the shut-ins, be sure they're OK."

-Judge Robertson

Watch Party Worship Local churches use the web to spread the word

Staff Report
In the wake of COVID-19, "social distancing," and the temporary closure of churches, there's a new kind of worship sweeping through Russell County.

Local churches have taken to the Internet to broadcast church services as their parishioners "shelter in place" to avoid possible exposure to the deadly virus gripping the world.

This past Sunday,

Facebook was filled with area churches offering both live and recorded sermons.

One of those churches, 3trees, which has campuses in Russell Springs, Columbia, and Campbellsville, is

helping others get "The Word" out.

"This weekend, it was a great privilege to get to assist in recording the messages of other pastors for presentation to

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