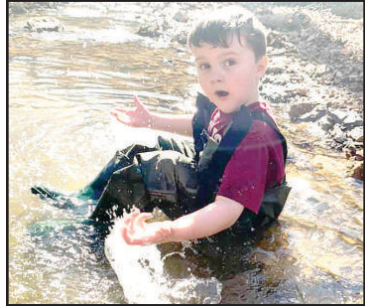




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Masks, Masks, Masks

being made and donated by local citizens



Kathy Gossage's grandson Evan helping making masks.

Cheyenne Popplewell
The Times Journal

Readers, you may have read or watched on TV the past few weeks that there is a shortage on face masks along

with other PPE items. A lot of the masks and items are being used at a very fast pace in the medical field due to the COVID-19 pan-

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Essential for our Communities: In COVID-19 crisis, KY newspapers step up

Peter Baniak
Past President
Kentucky Press Association

When Kentucky's first cluster of COVID-19 cases emerged in rural Harrison County, The Cynthiana Democrat newspaper took immediate action to help keep its community informed. The weekly paper, which has two



reporters, published a special section with essential information on

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The True Essentials



Russell Co Hospital Family Practice Associates- Plus Lab

Cheyenne Popplewell
The Times Journal

The coronavirus, COVID-19, has become a part of every-

day living not only nationally speaking but as well as internationally. Here in Russell County and surrounding areas, schools and

daycares have closed until further notice. In-person traffic to businesses to pay your insurance or even sit down at a restaurant

have been stopped. Most all churches are broadcasting online, and several jobs have

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Banners of hope



The City of Jamestown placed banners on the Doughboy Monument in the center of town last week to express an encouraging message for all citizens facing the COVID-19 crisis.

Judge urges diligence

as cities, county declare State of Emergency

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As the COVID-19 crisis continues, the governing bodies for both cities, and the county, have issued "State of Emergency" declarations.

Last Wednesday, Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas signed an Executive Order declaring a "State of Emergency" for the city.

"Officially declaring a State of Emergency gives our city access to more resources during these trying times," the mayor said. "The best things we can do to get through the weeks ahead are to remain calm, practice good social distancing, and be a good neighbor. By doing this, we will be saving the lives of our most vulnerable."

In announcing the order, Thomas encouraged citizens to practice "social distancing"

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