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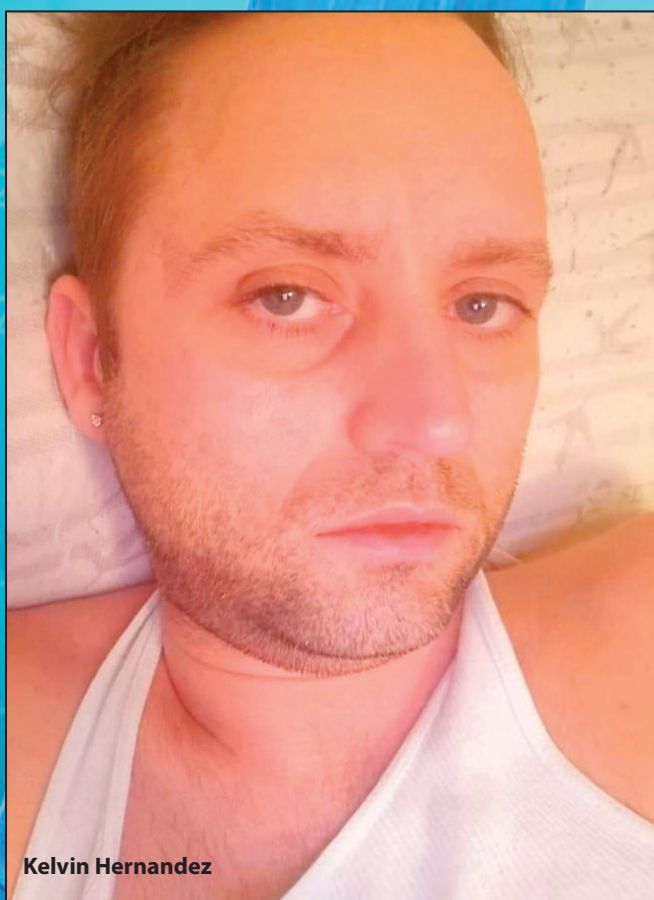
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## Dealing with COVID-19



Kelvin Hernandez

### RC Native gives personal experience

*I will be called to donate my plasma at UK hospital in Lexington to a specialist who will use it to help fight against COVID-19. I will not stop until I knock this virus on the ground during its weakest moment as it did me.*

**Cheyenne Popplewell**  
**Kelvin Hernandez**  
The Times Journal

A Russell County Native, who lives in Lexington, now shares some of his story on his personal experience with COVID-19. The

following is his story as told directly by him via email.

Hello, my name is Kelvin Hernández from Russell County although most people from there know me as Kelvin Passmore. Hernández is my

married last name. I live in Fayette County now but travel to Russell County often because all my family and everyone that I care about is there. I have been very sick since the end of March, and if I could do anything in this entire

world, it would be to ensure that nobody would ever have to experience anything like what happened to me.

Though I had been ill days prior, I saw a doc-

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## Travel Nurses from Kentucky

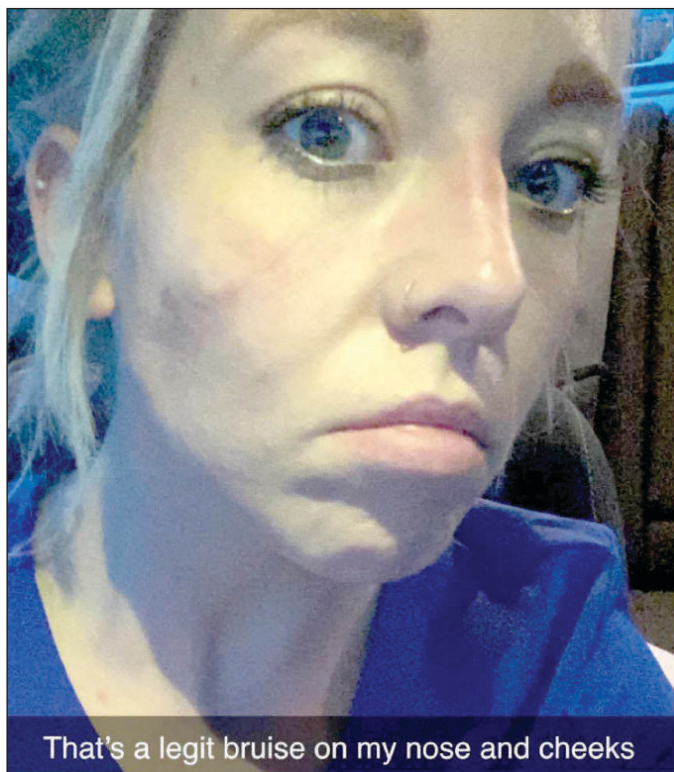
**Cheyenne Popplewell**  
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Nurses and medical staff are essential in everyday life, not just during a pandemic. In America and other countries, our medical staff and nurses have taken a hard hit, almost wiped out in waves it seems. When one nurse gets better it seems an-

other is sick, and the cycle seems like a revolving door.

In bigger city areas, the need for medical staff and nurses are at an all time high due to shortage of some staff but also the increase of patient load. Relief often comes in the

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That's a legit bruise on my nose and cheeks

Joni Marion RN after PPE is removed with bruising on face.

## Fiscal court has FB live meeting

**Cheyenne Popplewell**  
The Times Journal

Russell County Fiscal Court held their monthly meeting on Monday, April 13.

The meeting was held in a different way than normal with a live Facebook video with Judge Robertson, Treasurer Kim Fenske, Mr. HM Bottom, emergency management director and the county's attorney Kevin Shearer.

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## JES Student wins 4H Piggy Bank Contest



Carleen Meyer pictured with her Piggy Bank she created with Kelly May and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear.

**Cheyenne Popplewell**  
The Times Journal

Carleen Meyer, a 5th grader at Jamestown Elementary School and the daughter of Amanda and Jeff Meyer of Russell County, won

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## Gov. Beshear discusses benchmarks to reopen economy

**Mary Beth Sallee**  
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Last week, President Donald Trump unveiled guidelines for reopening America. This is a three-phased approach based on advice from public health experts and

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