

50th Wedding Anniversary



Doyce Wayne Tucker and Phyllis Elaine Tucker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 16. They were married in Green County May 16, 1970.



Photos submitted



Projects to be rescheduled due to COVID

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SPECIAL TO THE R-H

Since the posting of our previous article, Kentucky WMU and the Russell Creek Baptist Association have continued to consider the impact of the COVID-19 virus pandemic in our churches and communities.

After much prayer, advisement, and recommendations from local, state, and national levels, the decision has

been made to cancel our Kentucky Changers projects this summer and reschedule them for next summer.

All applications that were previously submitted will be kept on file and re-evaluated for 2021 project.

The group appreciates the patience and understanding of the community during this time, and they request prayers for wisdom and guidance as they prepare for 2021.

Mt. Lebanon to resume services

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church reopens its sanctuary Sunday, May 24 for worship.

The congregation has been worshipping in

the parking lot for several weeks during this Covid 19 pandemic.

There are several restrictions that the church has put into place to help keep the

congregation safe. These include proper social distancing for a seating plan, along with wearing masks and avoiding close contact. Hand sanitizer will

be available in the sanctuary and worshipers are asked to follow all the CDC guidelines but are welcome to attend worship this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. CT.

Mary Poppins, Jr. Musical was no-go this year

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R-H SPORTS

Green County schools added an option for those interested in the performing arts, drama, after holding multiple interest surveys and a forum in the latter portion of the 2018-2019 school year.

Green County's chorus director Amy Durham was joined by band director drama teacher Nathan Willoughby and auditions/casting for the Mary Poppins Jr. Musical began.

Hours were added to the cast members' busy schedules as chorus and drama began rehearsing for one of the most successful Disney Musicals.

Durham had a seasoned group of seniors

in her class, she said.

Josie Pruitt, Haley Johnson, Andrew Tucker and Hannah Kidd have all been in chorus since seventh grade.

Kelly Turner and Amanda Milby also joined in seventh grade, but missed a year in high school due to scheduling conflicts.

Kayla Stephens moved into the school district during high school and was a member of the chorus the past two years.

March 12 would be the final time the cast, crew, and directors would be together.

COVID19 concerns shut down schools across the United States abruptly. The musical's opening night, scheduled for March 20, arrived and the senior



Josie Pruitt

members of the Choral Department ensemble performance was cancelled.

Josie Pruitt, senior, plans to use her passion for music to earn a degree until she reaches her goals. Pruitt was cast as Mary Poppins.

While uncertainty loomed for the cast, each choral and drama member worked on their

own, trying to improve and stay focused for the call-back. Unfortunately, the call back never came. Seniors Taybren Manners, Kelly Turner, Andrew Turner, Heaven Cooper, and Haley Johnson, were unable to perform to close out their high school career.

The in-person play was cancelled, but this



Haley Johnson

group had pristine work ethic. Choral Director Durham was never able to bid a final fare-

well to her senior group, but wanted to share how special each was.

"Kayla Stephens joined us during high school after moving to the community," said Durham. "From the very first, she was enthusiastic and ready and willing to be a part of our ensemble. Kayla portrayed Miss Smythe in 'Mary Poppins.' We will miss her greatly!"

Amanda Milby, longtime member of the choir program, played a "park stroller" and "kite flyer" in Mary Poppins.

"Had we been able to perform for the public, Amanda would've been seen at various times with a frilly umbrella and a colorful kite," said Durham.

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Gatton Academy students awarded NSLI-Y Scholarships

WKU NEWS

Ten students at The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at WKU have received nationally-competitive National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) Scholarships for immersive, critical language study this summer and next academic year. Green County's Michael Givens is one of the ten.

NSLI-Y scholarships are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, funding summer and academic year programs in which participants study critical languages. Typically, the programs are carried out through immersive study abroad, with participants taking intensive language courses, living with a host family, and visiting culturally-significant sites of their host nation.

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, all 2020 summer awards are being carried out through five-week NSLI-Y Virtual Summer Intensives. Participants will still engage in daily language learning, cultural learning, and intercultural understanding—all online.

The Gatton Academy has three critical language tracks in Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, and Russian called STEM + Criti-



Michael Givens

cal Languages. These programs are carried out through collaborations with the WKU Department of Modern Languages and the Chinese Language Flagship Program at WKU. Through these optional curricular tracks, students choose to pair progressively rigorous critical language study each semester alongside the classic STEM curriculum offered to all Gatton Academy students.

This marks the 10th-consecutive year that Gatton Academy students have received NSLI-Y Scholarships. Recipients are noted below, with their sending school in parentheses.

Michael Givens (Green County High School) received the summer scholarship to study the Chinese language. Givens is a graduating Gatton Academy student from Greensburg and is the

son of David and the late Lynne Givens. "With an expected career in international business, the ability to communicate with and appreciate foreign cultures are valuable traits to have," Givens said.

Cat Appelman (Elizabethtown High School) will continue her study of Chinese this summer through her award. She is a graduating student in The Gatton Academy's STEM + Chinese track taking Chinese classes in WKU's Department of Modern Languages.

Melanie Grimm (Paul G. Blazer High School) will study the Korean language through her NSLI-Y Virtual Summer Intensive.

Margot Hare (Rowan County Senior High School) will continue her study of the Russian language through her award this summer. She is a graduating student in The Gatton Academy's STEM + Russian track taking Russian classes in WKU's Department of Modern Languages.

Krupa Hegde (Larry A. Ryle High School) will study Turkish through her NSLI-Y Virtual Summer Intensive. Hegde is a Gatton Academy junior.

Jada Hunter-Hays (LaRue County High School) will continue her study of the Chinese language this

summer. She is a first-year Gatton Academy student studying Chinese through the STEM + Chinese track.

Sarah Pedersen (Corbin High School) received an academic year offer for the NSLI-Y program in Taiwan during the upcoming academic year. She is a graduating student in The Gatton Academy's STEM + Chinese track taking Chinese classes in WKU's Department of Modern Languages.

Lauren Taylor (Campbell County

High School) will continue her study of the Arabic language this summer. She is a first-year student in The Gatton Academy's STEM + Arabic track taking Arabic classes in WKU's Department of Modern Languages.

Sasha Taylor (Dixie Heights High School) will continue her study of the Russian language this summer. She is a first-year Gatton Academy student studying Russian through the STEM + Russian track.

Janessa Unseld (South Warren High School) will continue her study of Chinese this summer through her award. She is a first-year student in The Gatton Academy's STEM + Chinese track taking classes in the Chinese Language Flagship program at WKU.

Established in 2007, The Gatton Academy is Kentucky's first residential two-year program for gifted and talented junior and seniors.

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Honor special GCHS graduates and the entire Class of 2020 in the May 27 issue of the Record-Herald.

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