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Russell County Schools Safety Director Jackie Grider spoke about vaping devices (foreground) seized by school officials.

“It’s Exploding” School Board addresses vaping

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

Curious eyes and inquisitive faces peered at an array of colorful items spread like a rainbow across a table.

Some thought they saw pens, markers, thumb drives - but what was laid out in front of them was potentially dangerous and deceiving.

“They look innocent, don’t they?” Russell County Schools Safety Director Jackie Grider asked.

Grider went before the Russell County School Board last Wednesday to sound a warning about vaping in local schools.

Just this semester alone, “well over 100” vaping devices have been seized by school officials.

“Most of these are from the last three or four weeks,” Grider said - pointing to the plethora of seized items. “It’s exploding.”

He said the issue involves much more than just vaping on school grounds.

“What concerns me is what they’re lacing them with, what’s going in them,” he said.

Grider said illegal substances such as fentanyl and marijuana are being placed in

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Russell County School Superintendent Michael A. Ford said the entire community needs to work together to combat vaping among local youth.

Help sought with return of Kids Fishing Derby

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, the popular Catch a Rainbow Kids Fishing Derby is returning.

The 34th annual event, held at the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, is hoping to be better than ever...but help is needed, Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Vice-President Shevawn Foley said.

Foley said the Friends of Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, which co-sponsors the derby along with the hatchery and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is seeking volunteers, sponsors and even temporary members.

“We need help asking for donations, and possibly doing fundraisers to fund the event,” she

said.

The widely-attended event, set for Saturday, June 4, has participants from all 50 states, Foley said.

“We usually have around 1,500 registered participants and around 3,500 people in attendance,” she said.

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Kathy Campbell, of Campbell's Creelsboro Country Store, outside the new speciality grocery/restaurant in the southern part of the county.

Campbell's Creelsboro Country Store Opens to Rave Reviews

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

In Creelsboro, there's few people ingrained in the quaint, country community as much as the Campbell family.

“As a child, my husband (Mike Campbell) came by rowboat across the Cumberland (River) to school in Creelsboro” Kathy Campbell said. “His father rowed him every day until he was big enough to row himself across the river.”

“My father was raised just two miles

down the road,” Kathy said. “I came here as a young adult and raised my family on my family farm, so we both share deep history here.”

As a youth, Mike Campbell spent a lot of time at the old Irvin and Polston stores which were a fixture in the once-thriving river town.

“So he's got a lot of sentimental attachment here,” his wife said.

Little did the Campbells know that

one of those old stores would become a big part of their lives...

Mike Campbell retired from the military, and Kathy retired as a Hospice nurse last spring.

“We farm,” Kathy said, “and we decided we were going to travel.”

But life has a way of changing the best laid plans...

The Campbells were

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Special Day for “Dr. K”

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

The community gathered this past Sunday to offer well-wishes to a popular physician as he enters retirement.

Dr. John D. Kilgallin retired last week, and a reception was held in his honor Sunday at the Jamestown Christian Church.

Well-known throughout Russell County and the entire Lake Cumberland area,

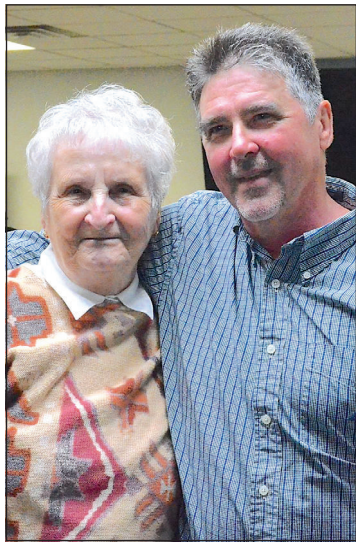
Dr. Kilgallin was a respected Family Medicine Specialist, and an exemplary ER physician.

“Dr. K,” as he is known, plans to continue working in ER on occasion.)

He plans to spend time with his grandchildren, and continue pursuing hobbies such as water skiing and work with the Emaus community.

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Dr. John Kilgallin, right, with long-time nurse Fran Thomas, left, at a retirement reception for the physician this past weekend.

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