

Legislative Update

By State Representative

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Remembering the sacrifices of all public servants
Memorial Day has become somewhat of a bookend holiday, a way to mark the beginning of summer followed by the season's Labor Day weekend conclusion.

However, the holiday means much more to our nation. In the maddening rush of day to day life, Memorial Day provides us with the opportunity to remember those who have paid the cost of freedom with their lives and further to recognize the men and women who courageously defended it today.

Memorial Day is one day - out of 365 - that we dedicate the legacy of the men and women who came before us, the countless souls who so valiantly laid their lives on the line for love of their country.

There's only one thing greater than that legacy and that is the men and women themselves. They gave up their dreams, their personal ambitions and their individual rights to honor the prophecies of men like Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. To honor the promise of America.

We must remember the hundreds of thousands of Americans who serve our nation as law enforcement officers, firefighters, and all men and women who dedicate their lives to public service. They defend the frontlines of safety, security and peace. Each knows all too well the risks and dangers that come with even the most routine of assignments.

This year, we remember the 141 men and women who courageously lost their lives during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As our President so eloquently stated, "Their final act on this Earth was to fight a great evil and bring liberty to others." This act of sacrifice is the legacy of our forefathers.

Through the course of our nation's history, more than 41 million Americans have served the cause of freedom and more than a million have died in its name. From the bridge at Concord to the rice fields of Khe Sanh, the beaches of Normandy to the deserts of Nasiriyah, the steel resolve of this great nation was forged through the very fires of the pursuit and defense of freedom.

We've built monuments to honor their losses, and to preserve for future generations the nobility of their sacrifice. Now we must do all we can to ensure the meaning of those monuments isn't relegated to granite and steel. We must remember the reason for them.

We must be adamant in protecting the foundation of liberty, in teaching the noble qualities of American ideals, in setting aside personal interests to advance the cause of freedom. Because, as President Calvin Coolidge once said, "the nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

We enjoy daily the fruits of their labor. But just as we are the beneficiaries of their legacy, we are also the trustees of their legacy. We must bear the awesome responsibility of ensuring the millions of Americans who died on the altar of battle did not give their lives in vain.

Mosquito Control

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department will begin its annual mosquito control program this week. Information concerning the removal of mosquito breeding sites and habitat destruction will be made available at several locations around the county and the public is asked to help reduce the pest problem by taking the steps outlined in the informational pamphlets.

The department relies heavily on its mosquito-fogging program that will be in operation in all parts of the county on a routine basis. Cumberland Valley District is one of the very few areas in the state to have its own state of the art mosquito fogging equipment. This was made possible through contributions by the Fiscal Court and City Governments that are concerned with preventing public health problems and the work of the Environmental Health Staff of the District Health Department.

There were some suspected cases of West Nile Virus (transmitted by mosquitoes) and some positive tests in birds in the district last season. It is our hope that by gaining the cooperation of the public in eliminating the mosquito habitat and getting a head start with the fogging program, we can minimize the pest population and the risk of disease.

If anyone is aware of a particular area (park, recreational area, etc.) that is subject to high public use and has a potential for mosquito problems, please call 256-2242.

Blood Drive

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Every three seconds in the United States, someone receives a blood transfusion. Blood and blood components are used to treat accident and burn victims, cancer patients and other patients undergoing surgeries and medical treatments.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. The complete process takes less than an hour, with the actual donation of one pint lasting 10 minutes. Blood can be donated every 56 days.

Through the support of volunteer donors and drive sponsors like Rockcastle County Hospital, Central Kentucky Blood center provides blood to 65 hospitals in 61 Kentucky counties.

All donors on May 30 receive a free t-shirt for donating. For more information, call Loretta Robinson at 800-775-2522.

"Water"

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eral manager of the association, approximately 600 meters and 100 new customers will be added with the project.

The association will be advertising for bids soon on twelve roads and

I challenge you to carry the spirit of Memorial Day through the rest of the year. Each day, take a moment to savor this feeling of pride that comes with knowing that you are an American, of knowing that as Americans we are all part of something bigger and better than we are individually.

As we celebrate Memorial Day, let's think about what their sacrifices mean to us throughout the year - the opportunities we have today - the hope we have for tomorrow.

As always, please let me know if I can be of service. I can be reached here anytime, or call the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

Those with hearing impairments may leave messages for me by calling the TTY message line at 1-800-896-0305.

"Fletcher"

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publican competitor in the county was L. W. "Buck" Beasley, who garnered 264 votes.

Farmer will face Democrat Alice Woods Baesler, the wife of former Congressman and Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler.

"Real change only occurs when we finally toss out the good-ol-boy political network in Frankfort and replace them with a team that puts people before politics," Fletcher told supporters, in his victory speech.

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persons who live on these roads (see list of roads in advertisement inside this week's Signal) should go to the association's office at Climax and purchase a water service.

"The final decision as to which roads water lines are constructed on will depend on the great number of water services signed up and paid for and the potential of future water services," Corry said.

"Meyer"

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northern Wisconsin. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism and attended the Friedrich Wilhelm University in Bonn, Germany.

Graduation ceremonies are set for Saturday, May 31, beginning at 4 p.m.

"Indicted"

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from the custody of the Rockcastle County Detention Center while on work release after being charged with a felony. No bond was set for Miller.

Temmy Denney of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, was charged with the offense of Flagrant Non-Support, by failing to provide for minor children in the amount of \$5,948. Denney's bond was set at \$6,000.

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Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum Brick Fundraiser

We are now offering everyone the opportunity to be a permanent part of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum, with a tax deductible donation of \$200 or more. In return for your donation, a personalized engraved brick will be placed as one of those paving the front entrance to the Hall of Fame. You may choose your brick to be in a sponsorship or memorial format (up to 30 characters). Names will be added in groups of ten or more and you will be notified when your brick has been finished. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All donations are tax-deductible.

It is our goal to see this walkway completed with 2,500 names of those who have helped to enable the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame to maintain its financial needs. When the bricks are full, this offer will end. So fill out the information requested below and return it with your donation as soon as possible. Any of our staff will be happy to help with any question you may have. Feel free to ask or call us at 1-877-356-3263.

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