

Families and friends

School is out: Means sleeping in and playing all day

By MARTHA WENNING

Hello Everyone – I hope all are enjoying June. School is out and it's summer vacation time. Vacation time back in the 1960s just meant sleeping in and playing all day. We didn't go on a 'vacation trip', we just had fun at home with cousins and friends. There was a lot to do during summer vacation.

The Feel Better list follows. When you have time, please send a prayer or positive thought to those that are listed. If you know someone not feeling well and isn't listed, please think of them also. Thank you.

Linda Brown; Linda Combs; Cassel Boggs; Opal Boggs; Donald Banks; Midge Banks; Sherrie Brown; Mindy Dreffer; Freda Gross; Rebecca Henemyre; Kelsey Day; Kenny Harvey; Sue Harvey; Robert Sword; Ron Lester; Barry Miles; Connie Halcomb Sams; Rose Ballard; Brian Baker; Roger Sturgill; Theresa Sturgill; Johnny Napier; Janet Napier; Bob Fisher; Robert Caudill; Mike Harris; Betty Palmer; Freida Johnson; Bob Hall; Herbie Adams; Kevin Day; Barbara Caudill Halcomb; Patsy Adams; Jimmy Cook; Faye Cook; Jean-

nie Bates; Annette Akers; Lee Anna Mullins; Juanita Caudill; Dock Frazier; Jan Sexton; Stephanie Brashears; those in the nursing homes and hospitals; and the caregivers.

Vacation Bible School will run from June 15 – 18, 2025 at Little Cowan Primitive Baptist Church on Highway 2035. It will start at 9 am and go until noon. VBS is open to all ages and all are welcome.

Helen Roberts of Cowan attended her 50th class reunion. The Whitesburg High School Class of 1976 had an amazing time at their reunion. Over 50 classmates and some spouses joined together for a fantastic weekend. The celebration kicked off on Friday night at James W. Craft Park and was followed by a Saturday evening gathering at The Pine Mountain Grill. The Class of 1976 definitely knows how to have fun!

Caressa, Bucky and Easton Brooks, and Briley Hall of Little Cowan took a cruise to the ABC Islands (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacas). They had a wonderful time and the photos are great.

Joe Stamper of Lexington came in to visit his mother, Susan Stamper of Little Cowan. Joe works on Susan's place when he is in.

Laura Harris of Lexington and her grandson Carter Blanchard came in to visit Bob Caudill and Robert Caudill of Little Cowan. Laura and Carter did spend some time with Doris Ison of Little Cowan. Carter enjoyed playing in Aunt Dora's pool.

Cowan

Susan Stamper of Little Cowan spent a few days in Lexington. She visited family while there.

Helen and Dan Roberts of Cowan have their granddaughter Scarlett Arms of Bardstown staying with them. They're all enjoying their time together.

While in Ohio, Mike and I camped for three nights at Hueston Woods State Park. Kevin Wenning of Coldwater, Ohio camped also. He was there for four nights. Mark Wenning of Monroe, Ohio came out to visit us all three evenings. Greg Wenning of West Milton and dog Hank came out one evening. It was good seeing the sons.

We tent camped on this adventure which was enjoyable. We have an air tent which is tall and roomy. We spent a lot of time just sitting and talking. Our campsite was one of the best for tents. One

morning, I heard another camper telling Kevin he always liked the site Mike and I had. Kevin had his camper in the site across from us. The weather was perfect while we were there and the trees kept our site cool and cozy. When we lived in Ohio, we camped at Hueston Woods State Park quite a bit. It was nice to go back to the campground.

CAT was glad to see us when we got home. He's been hanging close since we got back. One evening while on the porch, CAT caught a mouse and brought it to us. It took a

while but Mike was able to get the mouse from CAT. Luckily CAT and mouse were on the porch.

If you have any graduation announcements you would like mentioned in this column, please send to CowanNews@aol.com. Graduate name, school from where graduating, parents/grandparents, future plans and a photo should be sent. Thank you.

There are two quotes for this week. The first quote is attributed to L. M. Montgomery: "I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it

was always June."

The second quote is attributed to John Lubbock: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

If you have any news or photos or birthdates or graduation announcements to share, please send to CowanNews@aol.com. Thank you.

Have a good week and stay dry. Be kind to all you meet and continue to keep our county clean.

There is only 24 notes in Taps

By FREDDY GROVES

There are over 400 funerals each day at the National Cemeteries. Depending on the veteran and the location of the cemetery, the honors are likely to include two uniformed members of the military, folding and presentation of the flag, three rifle volleys, a horse-drawn caisson and the playing of Taps. At a very minimum, we expect this. We expect to hear Taps at a veteran funeral. It's part of how we say goodbye, hearing the National Song of Remembrance.

In some parts of the country, however, especially in rural cemeteries, there aren't enough buglers, and Taps is played via a CD recording or a special electronic gadget inserted into a bugle that plays a prerecorded Taps. Live buglers are, of course, preferred.

Can you help? Are you willing to be a bugler at veteran funerals in your area?

Before you decline, consider: If you took a semester of band, even in junior high, you're halfway there. If there is

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bugle (or trumpet) in your attic, you're halfway there. Is there a high school or college with a music department near you? The department head will help you fine tune the playing of Taps. Best of all, there are only 24 notes in Taps.

Take a look at the organizations that provide buglers for veteran funerals:

• Bugles Across America (www.BuglesAcrossAmerica.org) has been providing this service for 26 years now. Read about Tom Day and why he started the group. According to the most recent Bugler's Post newsletter, last year the group's buglers

provided 32,000 hours of their time. Members have provided Taps at 350,000 funerals since the group began in 2000. They have volunteer buglers in 49 states; only South Dakota is missing from the list.

• Taps For Veterans (www.TapsForVeterans.org) is headed up by former military musicians. See the website for more information and how to audition.

At this point, one-quarter of living veterans are over the age of 65; the number of veteran funerals is not going to decline anytime soon.

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June brings two square dances

June means there are two Carcassonne Square Dances. Appalshop's Seedtime on the Cumberland has hosted one on June 6, and the traditional second-Saturday of the Month dance at Carcassonne Community Center will be Saturday, June 13.

This dance is presented by Carcassonne resident Mike Dixon, who will also host the first Appalachian Fim Night on Friday, June 12. The first featured film will be Gurney Norman's "Fats Monroe." Admission to this showing is free.

The Square Dance is Saturday night. Door will open for dinner at 5:30

p.m. Music will begin at 6 p.m. and culminate with our traditional Virginia reel by 9 p.m. Music by Bluegrass Friends, with caller Will Bowling. The menu for the night is a pulled pork or pulled chicken dinner, with a variety of BBQ sauces available. Dinner includes a drink and dessert, for \$8.

We have a wonderful playground for kids, and cakewalk(s) around 7:30. Admission for adults is still \$5, students 6-18, \$3 and children under 6 are free with a paying adult. Come join us for a night of friendship, food, and traditional music and dance.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Letcher County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from June 15th through June 30th, 2026. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due about October 15, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator located at 156 Main Street, Suite 105, Whitesburg, Ky 41858. The tax roll may be inspected Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

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Your appeal must be filed with the Letcher County Clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the Property Valuation Administrator.

- (1) They must list under protest (for certification) what they believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) They must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Ricky R. Rose
Property Valuation Administrator

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