

Kudos: Praising positives

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Today's list of praiseworthy notices concentrates on efforts to overcome COVID-19 restrictions. The virus has impacted all aspects of community life, but more and more adjustments and modifications allow life to move forward.

STILL JAMMING. Like many businesses, the Lincoln Jamboree was forced to close for public health reasons.

Eventually, the performers were able to stage a series of drive-in concerts and last month resumed events inside its facility with new safeguards in place.

"It's been a long time getting it done but we've done it right," Jamboree co-manager Jay Henderson said.

Last weekend, the Jamboree marked its 66th anniversary with a three-day weekend of events highlighted of course by live music.

The event was notable also by the absence of Jamboree founder Joel Ray Sprowls, who suffered a series of strokes and resides at Sunrise Manor Nursing Home. Finding a way for Sprowls to participate in future performances is on the drawing board, Henderson said.

HONORING ERIC YATES. The Army ROTC program at Western Kentucky University continues to protect the memory of 1st Lt. Eric D. Yates. Not even the COVID-19 pandemic could get in the way.

The 11th annual Eric D. Yates Memorial Run is scheduled for Sept. 24. It will be virtual in nature but that perhaps might allow for even more participants complete the 5K run or two-mile walk on their own course with social distancing in mind. The event benefits the 1st Lt. Eric Yates

Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Yates, a 2008 WKU graduate and 2003 graduate of John Hardin High School, was killed in action Sept. 17, 2010, after an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol in Afghanistan.

Donations can be made at wku.edu/chf/eric-yates-sf/index.php. Organizers also are encouraging the posting of photos of your run or walk on social media using the #LTYatesRun or tag the WKU Army ROTC page.

A Rineyville resident, Yates was taken from us far too early. It's exciting that WKU's ROTC continues to honor him.

SUPPORT FOR CLARITY. Another benefit walk important to the community took place last weekend.

Clarity Solutions' charity event called Walk for Life made some adjustments because of COVID which allowed this key fundraising event to be held as scheduled. And its supporters responded.

Having examined the numbers year over year, Executive Director Laura Dickinson was pleased with the 2020 total.

"Comparable or better than last year," she said. "We're so grateful for the community's support."

Clarity provides free and confidential pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and nurse consultation. In addition, Clarity has a complete program designed to support and educate new moms and dads with classes about pregnancy, parenting and life skills plus mentoring and material resources.

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