

**Times Remembered**  
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## Monarch Butterflies

I joined the Four Seasons Garden Club last year that established the Waystation for Monarch Butterflies at West Irvine School a few years ago. I actually was a member in the late 70s, but with working, I didn't continue my membership. But now I belong and I'm enjoying it; especially the Monarch Waystation. It is a beautiful garden that the school children have enjoyed and helped with the project.

I enjoyed seeing the picture of the Monarch Waystation flowers that appeared in the Citizens Voice last week. Thanks Lisa. I didn't know the

history of the Monarchs until joining the garden club. I thought maybe someone might want to learn a little more about them.

Every spring monarch butterflies leave their overwintering sites in the Sierras in Mexico and slowly make their way north to the United States and Canada. Along the way they search for milkweed on which to lay their eggs, as it is the only food monarch caterpillars (larvae) can eat. It will take several months and two to three generations for the butterfly to find its way north culminating in a super generation butterfly, which will ultimately make the amazing return to Mexico in the fall.

Unfortunately, fewer and fewer monarchs make this flight each year. In the last two decades, monarch butterfly populations have declined by an alarming 90%. These incredible creatures depend on the milkweed plant for their very survival, but with shifting land management practices, millions of acres of native milkweed have vanished from our landscape, leaving the monarch's future as a species in dire jeopardy. Recently, the monarch's drastic population decrease has warranted immediate review of its situation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for possible placement on the agency's Endan-

gered Species watch list.

Cincinnati's Nature Center launched "Milkweed to Monarchs," in 2014 in order to raise awareness of the fragile plight of the species, schools, businesses and organizations and to Southwest Ohio and beyond. With the help of the local media and concerned organizations including dozens of businesses distributed free of charge more than 160,000 milkweed seed packets to encourage the planting of milkweed in yards and gardens.

In addition to distributing seeds the Nature Center is collaborating with partners in support of the monarch, as our local garden club has done with West Irvine School.

We all can play a role in helping to save this iconic species by simply growing native milkweed plants in our yards and gardens. In a small act of planting a few seeds, each one of us can ultimately make a difference in the big picture of the monarch's future. Let's try to do something to save this native species.

Plant milkweed and flowers. I have planted a milkweed and a butterfly bush this year. Also adult monarchs like all flowers for their nectar. Monarchs are truly beautiful, they are bright orange color with black markings.

## Estill Co. Library Virtual Book Club

The Estill County Public Library will be hosting its first Virtual Book Club meeting on September 8 at 3:30 via Zoom. Please contact Lesa Ledford, Adult Services for more information at 606-723-3030 or go to our Facebook page for the link to register.

## Poetry Challenge

The Estill County Public Library will be hosting an eight week Poetry Challenge beginning on August 31. The challenges will be released each Monday and you will have a week to submit your poetry. For more information please contact Lesa Ledford, Adult Services for more information at 606-723-3030 or go to our Facebook page to the link to register and receive more information.

## Hargett VFD Auxiliary

The Hargett Fire Department Auxiliary will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a fall fundraiser. Meeting will be held at the Hargett Fire Department, 6932 Winchester Road, Irvine. Please make plans to attend and support our local volunteers.

## St. Elizabeth Sales

**A message Concerning St. Elizabeth Basement Sales**

The Pandemic continues. We continue to be open by appointment only. We are waiting for your call: 606 723 8216! We continue to have new things come in. So you may enjoy shopping..

We have lots of clothing for all ages, especially lots of children's clothing.

So just make that call 606 723 8216 for an appointment. You can come Monday thru Saturday between 9:00 and 5:00, but by appointment only.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE from Estill County Clerk Brian Crowe

Due to the continuing pandemic that still is affecting our Country, the November Election will be similar to the June Primary. All registered voters will have 3 options on how to vote.

- (1) Voters may request an Absentee ballot that can be mailed in or dropped off at my office. Voters can request this by calling our office or going online to the portal [govoteky.com](http://govoteky.com) and request a ballot. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is **October 9th by 12:00 midnight. All ballots must be received or postmarked by November 3, 2020.**
- (2) Voters may Vote early starting October 13th thru November 2nd. Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 and Saturdays from 8:00 to 12:00 at the Old BB&T Bank building at 119 Broadway across from courthouse. **We are encouraging every voter to come in and vote early. It is the fastest and easiest way to vote. No lines and No wait!!!**
- (3) On Election day go to polls. As of August 27, 2020 we are working on how many polling locations we will have. I have to submit a plan to State Board of Elections for approval. Once this is approved I will be advertising the locations of the polling places.


**The last day to register to vote and be eligible to vote in the November election is October 5, 2020**

If you have any questions, please call our office at 606-723-5156.

Thanks

Brian Crowe

Estill County Clerk



## Scholarship Essay Contest:

### September 1 to November 30

High school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or trade school are invited to apply!

To apply, please submit a cover sheet and your essay of 1,000-1,500 words discussing the following:

**“Due to the spread of COVID-19, the year 2020 brought unprecedented challenges that impacted everything from our world economy to our local rural communities. As you continue to plan for your future, how will these changes we have experienced impact you moving forward? Also, what plans and provisions could be implemented for our local communities, businesses and schools to assist them in overcoming existing obstacles, turning their deficits into profits, staying successful moving forward - all while keeping everyone safe and healthy?”**

Mail cover sheet and essay to:  
Jackson Energy Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships,  
115 Jackson Energy Lane, McKee, KY 40447  
or email cover sheet and essay to:  
[scholarship@jacksonenergy.com](mailto:scholarship@jacksonenergy.com)

Essays will be accepted through November 30, 2020

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