


Ronald McDonald House Charities® of the Bluegrass



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# Electric cooperatives collecting items for Ky.’s Ronald McDonald Houses

Licking Valley RECC is collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass during July.

For many years, Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives have partnered with the two Houses in the commonwealth. We’re asking members to bring items from the House’s Wish List.

**Top Needs**

Copy Paper, Clorox Wipes, Kaboom Cleaner in a Can, Swiffer Wed Pads, Windex, Tupperware/Meal Containers, Snack Crackers, Individual Packs of Nuts, Breakfast Bars, Apple Juice Boxes

**Additional Items Needed:**

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Poptarts, Microwavable Soup Cups, Quart & Sandwich Ziploc Bags.

**More Info**

The items will be taken to the House in August. Last year, more than \$18,000 of much-needed items for Ronald McDonald Houses are located in Lexington and Louisville. Since 2017, co-ops have collected items from employees and the public.

We support the Ronald McDonald Houses, which are not-for-profit homes that enable families to be near their hospitalized children, especially during summer months when donations tend to be low.

Commitment to community is one of the cooperatives’ core values, and helping families of sick children fits the bill perfectly.

“Our cooperatives are proud to support this organization and the priceless service they provide to families during their times of greatest need,” said Travis Stacy, manager of Corporate Services.

The Wish List Drive ends July 31.

Drop off at the Licking Valley RECC business office at 271 Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Uncommon Sense

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



## Is Church a Waste of Time?

Is church a waste of time? Is it a waste of time for you to refuel your car? If you do not stop occasionally at the convenience store or fueling station, your car will just be a piece of metal beside the road. Your automobile requires gasoline or charging to keep going.

Your automobile will not run efficiently if you do not occasionally have it serviced. Wheel balancing, alignments, brake pads and more are just part of routine maintenance.

Gathering in our faith groups is critical to refueling and recharging our spiritual engines and batteries. The scripture reminds us to not forsake the assembling of ourselves, Hebrews 10:25. Worship brings us together to hear encouragement, scriptural insights, teaching and fellowship with others who are on the same journey as us. An ember will soon lose its glow but when stirred back into the fire it burns brighter and hotter.

I’ve been in and around church worship my entire life. My life is better because of Christian people and worshipping with others.

However, I am not alone when I say I don’t want to feel my time has been abused or even wasted. I don’t mind a 90-minute worship service if the music is great and the message is well prepared and worthwhile. I don’t want to sit through 90 minutes of bad music and a sermon that was preached off the cuff and unprepared. I don’t want to hear the same announcements, appeals, promotions Sunday after Sunday. Put the announcements in a bulletin, on a screen or on a website. Use the worship time to present good songs, scripture, prayer and a good message.

My hometown pastor had this word of wisdom for all ministers to follow, “Preach about God and preach about twenty minutes.” Most people can handle 25 minutes but after that the minister starts losing people unless it’s really an exceptional sermon. Many ministers think all their sermons are exceptional and love to keep hearing themselves for 40 to 50 minutes or more. Stop doing this to your people!

A good worship service can be easily carried out in an hour. Twenty minutes for good prepared music sets a good mood and tone. Ten minutes for prayer and scripture reading should be plenty. This allows the minister to have 25 to maybe even 30 minutes to present the message. I’m not saying this is the golden rule but I would say it’s a good silver rule.

There is nothing spiritual or godly in keeping people inside the church building 90 to 120 minutes. Chances are, if this is the practice of your church, you probably have a small congregation. I know someone will write me making an exception and there are always exceptions but there aren’t many on this one.

When you refuel or service your car you don’t want it take half of your day. When it happens, it’s a tiring and aggravating experience. Church was never meant to be this way.

Old Billy

By C.D. Long

I have titled this little article "Old Billy" because he was my first dog. We were living in the old log house in the hollow. Billy was snow white except for one black spot on his left hip about the size of a biscuit. He was just a little boy's pet, I was five years old and needless to say was not a big time hunter, I'm still not. Anyway one of my older brothers who was still at home at the time, told dad he ought to get rid of Old Billy, he wouldn't hunt and a field mouse could whip him. I heard dad tell him no that Billy was my dog. Well, anyway, I don't remember how long it was, Billy came up missing and I never saw him again. I am sure my older brother convinced dad to let him shoot Billy. That has been many years ago, but I have never forgotten "Old Billy."

Since then I have been friends with countless dogs. I don't think of my owning a dog, we are friends and share the same space, so to speak. I know this is a partial list: Old Billy, Drum, Peanut, Tramp, Lady, Clifty, Fido, Carlos, Roger, Simba, Buster and Lobo. I have always let the dog determine it's name by it's personality. It has worked pretty well over the years ..

Back in the Spring, Louise saw a notice on the bulletin board at Doctor Holbrook's Vet Clinic saying a Ms. Benton had Lab Mix pups for free. It seems they had been dropped off near her home. So, now we have Molly Bea and Sada Marie for companions.

We weren't exactly prepared for them. First thing was to pick up nearly everything on the car-port and lawn. Sometimes we forget some thing, and whoops, we have to pick up the pieces. We had to build a lot to keep them in at night, another dog house they couldn't use the one I sleep in. Ha! Then came their shots, spaying, flea and tick medicine, heart worm capsules. I have so much invested in them, I cannot afford to let them go. Our current dog, Fido and Jasmine are thirteen or fourteen years old. They are both very feeble and we know they don't have long to live. As Louise said the other night, with tears in her eyes, they have grown old with us.

We have buried a lot of dogs on the farm. The most recent one was in 2005, a yellow lab about six months old, Simba. Louise almost lost it when she found him lying in the road in a pool of blood. The tears in my eyes made it very difficult to bury him. For several days afterward old Fido and Jasmine kept walking the path that led to his grave.

Louise took a kitten this Spring. She was reading about knights and named him Kilbert after the knight she had read about. A brave knight he is not. Our other cat "Old Mama" beats up on him. He had been hiding up in the grille on Louise's car, a bad mistake. He happened to be sitting in the wrong place when she started the engine. He was lucky only his right front leg was broken and he lost part of his tail. So, with his treatment for his injuries, neutering and shots, we now have a \$100.00 cat that isn't worth two cents, but we love him.

These dogs and cats give us love, companionship, faithfulness, and laughter at their antics. Just Heinz 57 strays, but they mean a lot to us.

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

CHILD FIND

The Wolfe County School District keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Wolfe County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Wolfe County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request (5) Five years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Wolfe County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student’s name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children in a public elementary and secondary education program who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student’s ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

Children eligible for the State–Funded Preschool program include three-and four-year old children identified with disabilities and four-year-old children who are at-risk, as defined by federal poverty levels up to 150%. Preschool children eligible for special education must have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) instead of a 504 plan to receive State-Funded Preschool program services.

The Wolfe County School District has an ongoing “Child Find” system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district’s “Child Find” system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Wolfe County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Wolfe County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Wolfe County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Wolfe County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call (606) 668-8002 or send the information to:

TRACY CREECH  
Director of Special Education

Wolfe County Schools  
P.O. Box 160  
Campton, KY. 41301  
Phone (606) 668-8002

TRACY CREECH  
Section 504 Coordinator

Wolfe County Schools  
P.O. Box 160  
Campton, KY. 41301  
Phone (606) 668-8002

If you know of a child who attends a private or home school within the boundaries of the Wolfe County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call (606) 668-8002 or send the information to:

TRACY CREECH  
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
WOLFE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
P.O. BOX 160  
CAMPTON, KY. 41301  
PHONE (606) 668-8002

“Child Find” activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Wolfe County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through “Child Find” is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District’s requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and “Child Find” activities. There are copies in the Principal’s office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Wolfe County Board of Education  
P.O. Box 160  
Campton, KY. 41301  
Ph. (606) 668-8002

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Wolfe County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel*, the *Director of Special Education* or the *Section 504 Coordinator* at the address or phone number listed above for the Wolfe County Schools.

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