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Sondra Gayle Tillery Parker

Sondra Gayle Tillery Parker was born February 21, 1970 in Laurel County and departed this life Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at her residence in East Bernstadt, being 48 years old. She was the daughter of Larry & Sue (Harris) Tillery of McKee.

In addition to her parents, Sondra is also survived by a granddaughter, Avery Parker; brother, David Tillery & Sheila of McKee and by three sisters; Sherry Warren & Alex of

Richmond, Christie Dean of Tyner and Misty Neeley and Nathan of McKee. She is also survived by her boyfriend, Dallas Paul Hunter.

Sondra was preceded in death by her daughter, Melinda Parker.

Funeral service 2:00 PM Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Don Tillery, Bro. Brian Gabbard and Bro. Bobby Harris officiating. Burial to follow in the Harris & Parker Cemetery. Pallbearers were Devin Dehart, Dale Hunter, Trenton, Noah, Jordan, Anthony & Gary Dale Tillery, Nathan Neeley, Alex Wassen & Jesse Jones. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Southern States Raising Funds for FFA

Farm supply retailer Southern States Cooperative is holding a month-long fundraiser to help raise money for FFA at the local, state, and national levels.

Southern States is holding its annual FFA Paper Emblem campaign throughout the month of March where customers can donate \$1 or more at checkout and sign their name on an "I'm Supporting FFA" emblem that will be displayed in the store's window.

"Young farmers are the future of food production," says Jeff Strobberg, president and CEO of Southern States. "As a farmer-owned cooperative, we take tremendous pride in investing in the young farmers of America and will continue to contribute to their development as future leaders in agriculture."

Half of all funds collected will benefit a local FFA chapter in the community; the other half will benefit the National FFA Foundation. Ten percent of all donations will go to the state FFA Association.

"We are deeply appreciative of Southern States and the company's assistance to raise financial support for FFA and heighten community awareness about our organization," said National FFA Foundation President, Molly Ball. "Money donated by Southern States customers will help ensure that we're able to continue to develop students' leadership, growth and career success potential."

The campaign kicks off March 1st. For more information and participating locations, visit southernstates.com/FFA.

Plants Available at Extension Service!

Once again the Jackson County Extension Service will have the following plants for sale:

- Strawberry plants for sale. Varieties are Allstar and Earliglow and cost will be \$4.00 per 25 plants. Both varieties are very productive and have good firmness. Earliglow is an early maturing medium berry sized variety and Allstar is a later maturing larger berry variety. Earliglow has the best freezer rating of the two. Both are excellent varieties for our area.
 - Natchez Thornless blackberry plants for sale at \$3 per plant. The variety is highly recommended for our area and is a semi-erect variety that will need to be trellised.
 - Blueberry plants, Blue Crop and Patriot, at a cost of \$6 each. You will need to purchase at least one of each variety for cross pollination purposes. Blueberry plants require an acid soil, so if you are considering them you will need to take measures to lower the pH in the areas where you plan to plant and you need to start soon. You can lower pH by mixing peat in the soil and by applying sulfur. We have information for you when the plants arrive.
 - Raspberry Plants, Tula Magic Red or Bristol Black at a cost of \$3 per plant. These varieties are highly recommended for Kentucky
 - Jersey Knight Asparagus at a cost of \$1 per plant. This variety is also highly recommended for Kentucky. For a family of four, about ten asparagus plants are recommended to give you an idea of what to order if you have an interest.
 - Candy Onion Plants at a cost of \$4 per bundle (60 per bundle).
- We will be taking orders until late March. For more information on any of these plants or to place an order contact the Jackson County Extension Service at (606) 287-7693.

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Public Health Issues Guidelines Related to Severe Flooding

The Department for Public Health (DPH), within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), reminds Kentuckians to follow safety guidelines following severe flooding and water run-off events from recent rainfall across the state.

"We urge Kentuckians to use caution in flooded areas, and once floodwaters recede and the clean-up begins, to keep yourself and your family safe," said Dr. Jeff Howard, DPH Commissioner.

"Taking the time to follow safety guidelines related to food safety, mold removal and other issues helps prevent unnecessary injury and illness."

The following precautions are recommended by DPH:

Flood Waters

-During flood cleanup, the risk of incurring wounds may be increased. For this reason, cleanup workers should be sure that they are up-to-date with tetanus vaccination, ideally before starting cleanup activities. Adults need a tetanus booster shot every 10 years. Td or Tdap can be used; getting the Tdap instead of Td for one tetanus booster during adulthood is recommended to maintain protection against pertussis. Being up-to-date for tetanus vaccine can greatly simplify the treatment for any wound that might occur. Contact your regular health care provider or your local health department if you believe you may need a tetanus shot.

-Flood-related drowning is also a danger, and often occurs when people become trapped by rising flood waters or when they voluntarily enter flooded areas. Never enter flood waters unless you are escaping immediate danger. Do not attempt to drive a vehicle through flood waters. Carefully monitor the weather conditions and water levels to avoid becoming surrounded by water.

-Floods can damage utilities, leading to downed power lines and a risk of electrocution. Stay clear of damaged power lines. Natural gas and propane systems can produce dangerous gas leaks. If you smell gas, open doors and windows and evacuate the area.

Home Clean-up and Mold Removal

-Use caution during clean-up activities. Wear proper safety equipment, such as work gloves, boots, helmets, eye and ear protection, and chainsaw chaps when operating power tools or machinery. Ensure all electrical tools are properly grounded and use ground fault interrupters (GFI) if available. Never use electrically powered tools in or near standing water.

-Homeowners whose homes sustained water damage are urged to follow recommendations to limit mold growth. Mold fungi can be found indoors and outside and can accumulate in homes affected by flood/water damage. Mold grows best in warm, damp and humid conditions.

-Signs of mold include discolored walls possibly showing water damage, or green or black spots apparent on walls. Mold also has a musty, earthy smell or a foul stench. Allergy sufferers tend to be most affected by mold exposure.

-If mold is growing in your home, you will need to clean up the mold and fix the moisture problem. Mold growth can be removed from hard surfaces with commercial products, soap and water, or a bleach solution of no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water. Severe mold cases may require an expert to clean up.

-DPH recommends that doors and windows be open while cleaning affected areas. Use protective glasses or goggles, rubber boots and water-proof gloves and wash clothing afterwards. If there is heavy mold growth, use a respirator or suitable mask to prevent breathing the mold. Remove all wet items that have been wet for more than 48 hours and cannot be cleaned and dried.

Food Safety

-DPH also cautions people to think about food safety if they have been affected by power outages. This includes keeping freezers closed to maintain the proper temperature for frozen foods. A freezer will hold its appropriate temperature for approximately 48 hours when full and for 24 hours when half full. If you have power outages, it is best to keep freezers closed to help keep frozen food from going bad.

-Refrigerated foods should be safe as long as power is out for no more than four hours. Throw away any perishable food in your refrigerator, such as meat, poultry, lunchmeats, fish, dairy products, eggs and any prepared or cooked foods that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours.

For more information about public health issues related to flooding, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.html> or <https://healthalerts.ky.gov/Pages/FloodSafety.aspx>.

KYEM Continues Supporting Flood Efforts

FRANKFORT, Ky: (February 26, 2019) – Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) is still activated in response to continual flooding conditions throughout Kentucky.

Since February 6, Kentucky has experienced prolonged episodes of storms which have produced heavy rain, strong and gusting wind, flooding and flash flooding, landslides and mudslides across the Commonwealth.

Governor Matt Bevin declared a State of Emergency yesterday for the Commonwealth. The executive order enables the mobilization of state resources to be utilized in support of cities and counties as needed.

KYEM has been coordinating daily with the US Army Corps of Engineers assisting in mitigation efforts in response to record level water releases at Wolf Creek Dam and flood control efforts at the Smithland Levee. KYEM has deployed 32 guardsmen along with 2 cargo trucks to assist with a temporary sandbag cell layer, raising the levee to 55'. The Smithland Levee is projected to crest at 52.5' on March 2 and remain until March 6.

To date, KYEM has received 41 county and 14 city state of emergency declarations.

County Declarations: Ballard, Bell, Breathitt, Carlisle, Carter, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Fulton, Grant, Harlan, Hickman, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Livingston, Magoffin, Marshall, Martin, McCracken, Metcalfe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rockcastle, Russell, Union, Wayne, Webster, Whitley and Wolfe.

Michael Dossett, director of KYEM stated "In cooperation with our partners, we have established a unity of command." Dossett continued, "We also remind citizens there are still dangers as flooding continues throughout the state. Rivers and tributaries will crest shortly but remain at record levels throughout next week."