

Cadet Major Catherine Tompkins Nationally Ranked Individual 3 Position Air Rifle Marksman



Cadet Major Catherine G. Tompkins of the Jackson County High School JROTC Varsity Rifle team competed in the 2019 JROTC National Service Region Championship held February 15-17, 2019 at Camp Perry, Ohio. Catherine competed against 214 of the best advanced sporter marksmen from the Eastern United States, Alaska, and Germany.

During the competition shooters must fire 20 rounds in each of three positions. Prone, standing, and kneeling with a perfect score being 600 points.

At the end of the first day of competition, Catherine was in 17th place overall with a score of 521/600 with 17 bullseyes. On the second day of competition, Catherine shot a 499/600 with 10 bullseyes. Catherine ended the competition with an overall score of 1,020/1200 with 27 bullseyes placing her 37th overall high individual in the nation. Catherine also received her CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) Gold Junior Achievement Medal.

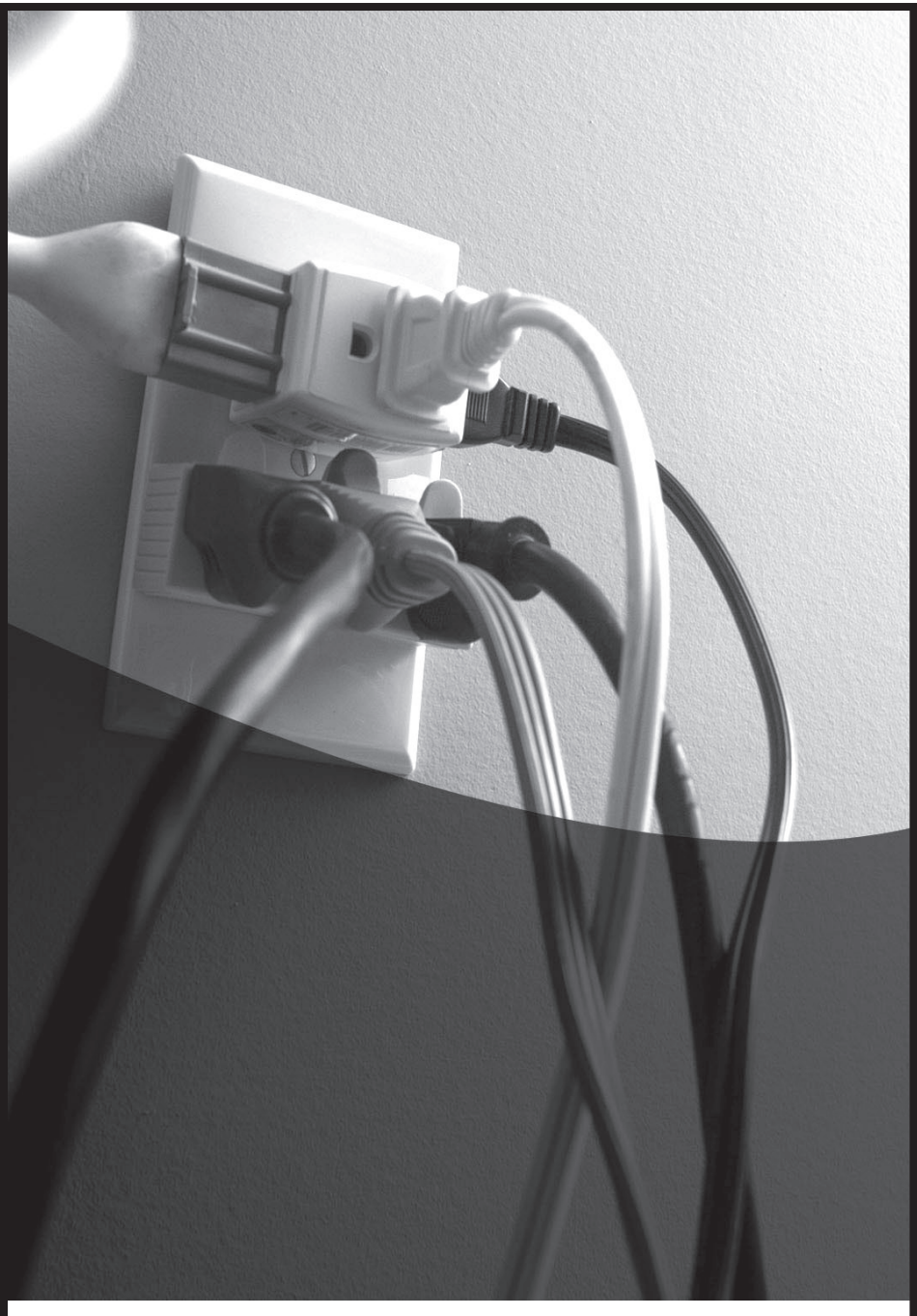
Cadet Major Catherine G. Tompkins is the daughter of John Tompkins and Rachael Hobbs of McKee, Kentucky. Cadet Major Tompkins is currently a senior at Jackson County High School and is the Commander of the Generals Battalion. The Jackson County JROTC is very proud of Catherine's dedication, hard work, and accomplishments.

Rootstock Orders/ Grafting Workshop

We are now taking orders for semi-dwarf apple rootstock at a cost of \$1.00 each. Rootstock will be shipped the week of March 11. Call the Extension Service at 287-7693 to place your order.

A Grafting Workshop will be held on Monday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Service Conference Room. If you want to learn how to do this, or if you simply want a refresher course, make plans to attend.

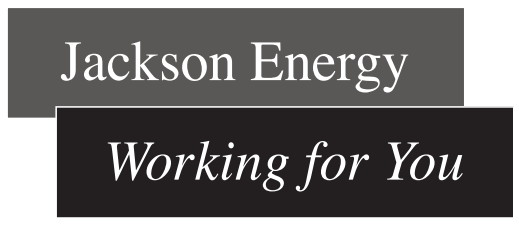
Remember, rootstock is NOT a fruit tree that can be planted. Rootstock must have scion wood grafted onto it to be a tree. You are encouraged to collect scion wood from apple and pear trees prior to the meeting. Last year's growth of at least a foot long makes the best scions. Water sprouts may work if they are above the graft on the original tree. If you have extra scion wood please bring those to the meeting to share and trade with others.



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Senator Albert Robinson's Legislative Update

We are halfway through the 2019 Regular Session, and the Senate is eager to continue making progress in these final weeks.

The General Assembly did not convene on Monday in observation of Presidents Day. Before resuming legislative business on Tuesday, both the House and the Senate reconvened at the historic Old State Capitol in downtown Frankfort.

We passed a wide range of bills concerning issues, including public education, agribusiness, medical licensing, animal safety, and more. Both chambers still have an extensive array of legislation to consider in the weeks ahead.

Several bills are moving to the House following an extremely productive week in the Senate. Among those passed was Senate Bill 34, which amends state law regarding the voter registration database. This bill requires the Kentucky Board of Elections to institute measures to ensure there is no inappropriate use of the voter registration roster. Only county clerks, assistant county clerks, and Kentucky Board of Elections staff will have the authority to access the roster.

A bill designed to reduce drunk driving also passed in the Senate this week. Senate Bill 85 strengthens Kentucky's current ignition interlock device (IID) measure by making these breathalyzer-type devices available to all driving under the influence (DUI) offenders. SB 85 also includes a compliance-based component that incentivizes the use of IID by mandating stiffer penalties for those DUI offenders who choose not to use the device.

For ambitious students who want to be a part of this year's legislative process, the Senate offers page opportunities for all ages. Those interested should contact my office to make a formal request. Full-time page opportunities are also available. If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at Albert.Robinson@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

This Week at the State Capitol

FRANKFORT – Peek into one of the journals that have rested for more than a century on the shelves of the State Capitol's law library and you'll see the issues that captured state lawmakers' attention on March 15, 1908 -- the day the Kentucky General Assembly completed its last legislative session in the Old State Capitol.

Matters under discussion included improving coal mine safety, allowing vacation time for prison guards, keeping kids in school, and restoring a Henry Clay monument.

Some of those issues were still around when lawmakers next convened two years later. But their meeting location was brand new. The Old Capitol was left behind as lawmakers began the 1910 session in a magnificent new Capitol building that remains the center of state government to this day.

Still, the Old Capitol has its historic charm. That's why every decade or so, state lawmakers decide to return to the Old Capitol for a day to celebrate Kentucky history in an architectural treasure that still looks much like it did during the 1800s. That happened again this month as the General Assembly held Feb. 21 proceedings in the Old Capitol's storied Senate and House chambers.

Coming one day after Presidents Day, the Old Capitol activities gave lawmakers a chance to be addressed by an Abe Lincoln impersonator who joked that he was surprised to be invited to the proceedings since Kentucky heavily voted against him in the 1860 presidential race. "Well, ladies and gentleman, all is forgiven," he said, "We come together now as one nation, united, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

While most of the Old Capitol activities were ceremonial in nature, lawmakers moved a number of possible new laws further along in the legislative process during the rest of the week. Bills that advanced between Feb. 19 and Feb. 22 include measures on a range of topics:

Foster children. Children in foster care and other out-of-home care placements would have their own statutory "bill of rights" under a bill that cleared the Kentucky House 99-0. The rights include adequate food, clothing, and shelter, as well as a safe, secure and stable family. The bill has been delivered to the Senate.

Felony expungement. Legislation to extend Kentucky's expungement program to additional people convicted of low-level felonies advanced out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Bill 57 would allow discretionary expungement of additional Class D felonies not involving sex abuse, breach of public office or crimes against children. The bill now goes to the Senate chamber.

Crime victims. Senate Bill 97, which passed the Senate 35-0, would make it possible for sexual assault victims to go online to check the progress of forensic testing in their cases. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Sports wagering. The House Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations Committee approved a bill that would legalize and regulate sports wagering, fantasy sports contests and online poker. Bill 175 would allow licensed wagering on sanctioned professional and college sporting events at Kentucky horse tracks, Kentucky Speedway, or through an app downloaded at one of those locations. Online poker would be regulated by the Kentucky Lottery under the bill. Sports wagering alone would generate an estimated \$20 million in annual tax revenue for the state. House Bill 175 now goes to the House chamber.

Golden alerts. A House committee approved legislation to change how the state issues Golden Alert notifications when an impaired person is missing. It would be up to the Kentucky State Police to initiate a Golden Alert under House Bill 150 if the agency decides an alert is necessary for the safety of someone with a physical, mental or cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's disease. The State Police would work with both state and local agencies to issue an alert using existing resources such as electronic highway signs, the Amber Alert broadcast emergency response system, and electronic media. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

Citizens who want to weigh in on the issues under consideration can share their thoughts with Kentucky lawmakers by calling the General Assembly's toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181.

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