

Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

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Be Kind, Stay Home, Wash Your Hands

As of press time, CNN was reporting that coronavirus has been “eliminated” in New Zealand. Randolph Hollingsworth submitted this reflection in late March.

Here in New Zealand we have been battling the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus early and collectively. New Zealand effectively closed its borders to people, especially those from pandemic hotspots and those vacationing on cruise ships. In addition, the government emphasized self-isolation along with community-based support to allow people to make this happen. Early in the process of doing this, the Prime Minister announced that “the best protection for the economy is containing the virus. A widespread outbreak will hurt our economy far more in the long run than short term measures to prevent a mass outbreak occurring.” To date, New Zealand has, relative to other countries, a small number of cases, and the government has successfully managed to trace every one of those cases and contact everyone impacted.

News about the pandemic is widespread and available in every medium here in New Zealand. Every day, health experts and Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern present press briefings *via* television, radio and social media with information on the

number of confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand, the number of people who have recovered, how many people are/have been in the hospital for the disease, and the number of cases by district, age and gender. When our first casualty from the disease was announced, the Prime Minister published a very personal tribute *via* Facebook emphasizing, once again, her humble empathy and powerful eloquence in times of grief and terror.

The official website, written in 12 languages, can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>. The government of New Zealand relies on sophisticated data analysis to help us understand the impact of COVID-19 and to inform their response strategy. The reports come from researchers at the University of Otago in collaboration with university colleagues from Germany. The models present a number of potential scenarios and are revised based on feedback from peer reviewers, the Ministry of Health’s Chief Science Advisor, and public health officials here in New Zealand. Then the political leaders here make decisions on when, how much, and for how long the country undertakes certain steps. The series of reports used by the government, led by the Ministry of Health, are published and available freely *via* the government website.

In addition to the generous attention and care already given to every resident here in New Zealand, the government passed



a \$12B support package that focuses on people in need and uses creative approaches such as:

- a three-month wage subsidy for employees at risk of layoff;
- a 6-month freeze on residential rent increases, mortgage repayment deferrals;
- increased protection from having tenancies terminated to halt any possibility of homelessness and to enable families to self-isolate.

The teddy-bear campaign (people posing stuffed bears in the window to entertain their neighbors when out on walks) has been a silent reminder to be kind to each other. I’m not sure if the bears are Paddington or Pooh, but they are wonderful.

I miss everyone in Kentucky, but I feel more and more proud every day to be a “Kiwi.”

Gun Violence In America as of 4-30-20

2020 (year to date)

Killed	4,989
Suicide	7,986
Wounded	8,699

2019 (annual)

Killed	15,208
Wounded	29,501

Source: www.gunviolencearchive.org

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Social distancing at the Catholic Action Center

Of the 41 residents of the Catholic Action Center who have been tested for the coronavirus, there have been no positive results, according to director Ginny Ramsey. Although they have not taken new residents since mid-March, people are also not required to stay on site through the day, Ginny said. "We can't make them stay here during the day, but they're being cautious. They've got 'interesting' immune systems, because of the way they've lived."

Ginny pointed out that the uncertainty, fear and isolation that many people are living with during the pandemic, is the way people who experience homelessness live from day to day. "They have a stronger sense of community now than they've ever had." This sense of community, Ginny said, is evident every week during Sunday's 1 p.m. community meeting.

Like many Americans, there are residents of the Catholic Action Center, 1055 Industry Road in Lexington, who received stimulus checks. Some used the unexpected money to buy themselves some privacy by going to a motel.

In early to mid-March, 40-plus members of the CAC community who fall

into a high risk category — those over age 60 and others with chronic medical conditions — moved to the Cliffview Retreat Center in Garrard County. In late 2019 the property was leased to the CAC by the Catholic Diocese of Lexington to be used as a drug treatment center. The center was still being readied for the new use when Ginny decided to allow a group of residents to "go to camp," as she said. The move has been a benefit to the "campers" as well as the individuals who are still living at the Industry Road community.

In addition to the Industry Road and Cliffview communities, the CAC manages apartments for veterans, for a total of 156 people in its care. Lundy's Catering is providing 800 meals a day for residents. Folks who do not stay at the center but often eat in the dining room receive take-out meals at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 and 6 p.m. Meals are distributed in Lexington's low-income inner-city neighborhoods and are taken to Cliffview in Garrard County daily.

Ginny is in frequent contact with Governor Andy Beshear's office about when it will be safe for the center to resume "business as usual."

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Social distancing = jishuku

Lexington resident Yoshia Togami made his regularly scheduled visit to Japan to visit family on March 10. His grown children cancelled their plans to travel with him because of the coronavirus, although it was not declared to be a pandemic by the World Health Organization until March 11.

Yoshia returned to Lexington on March 31 and self-quarantined until April 14 when he made his first trip to the grocery store. While he was in Japan, schools were closed and people were asked to use "self-restraint," which Yoshia parallels to the concept of social distancing.

While the subways and buses were crowded in Tokyo, about 98 percent of the riders wore masks, which was common before the pandemic, he said. "Many people, especially the elderly routinely wear masks in public, especially if they have colds or allergies. People were packed like sardines on the subway and if someone coughed, people would look at them."

When Yoshia flew from Tokyo to Sukuoka, another large city in Japan, he saw fewer masks, but people were "out and about, even though they had been cautioned

to use self-restraint, "jishuku."

At that time, Japan had fewer cases, although a *Newsweek* story on April 15 said that Japan's health ministry projected that 400,000 people could die if there were no social distancing measures in place. There has been criticism of the government because it was slow to shut down. The reluctance to close was based on concerns for the economy and the approaching Olympics, Yoshia said. The games have since been postponed until 2021.

Although public transportation in Japan was still being used, traffic was lighter and Yoshia saw very few people on his way home to Lexington. "In some places, there were more agents than passengers," he said. Airplanes were only half-full (allowing for the needed social distancing) and when he arrived in Atlanta, he was the only passenger on a tram that is usually crowded with straphangers.

"The pandemic has made me realize how interconnected we are," Yoshia said. "We're all in this together and to get through it, we all need to do our part. It forces me to think of others more than myself."

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Mon., May 4

CKCPJ health care action committee, 5-6 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to attend the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjmq47@twc.com

Tues., May 12

CKCPJ peace action committee, 4:30-6 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to attend the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjmq47@twc.com

Mon., May 18

CKCPJ steering committee meeting, 5 - 6:30 p.m. The committee will meet online *via* Zoom. To receive the needed link to participate in the meeting, email Richard Mitchell at rjmq47@twc.com

PFLAG Central Kentucky

PFLAG Central Kentucky, Second Tuesday 6:30-8:30 p.m., St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Meetings are suspended, but support is available at info@pflagcentralky.org or by phone, 859-338-4393

Christian-Muslim Dialogue

Monthly Meetings Last Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon. Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden. Meetings have been cancelled until Fall, when the speaker will be Tom Eblen, an independent journalist, writer and photographer based in Lexington. Watch *Peaceways* calendar page for the specific date.

Tues., June 23

Election Day, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. The primary has been moved from May 19. The ballot will include the presidential and senatorial races. In an executive order dated April 24, Gov. Andy Beshear ordered the expansion of absentee voting and the creation of drive-through voting that will allow for less contact between voters and workers. For more information see governor.ky.gov. The general election is Nov. 3.

Rescheduled for September

BUILD, Nehemiah Action, Heritage Hall, 430 Vine Street, Lexington.

Peaceways was hoping against hope not to need a bingo card for May, but here we are, still in quarantine. As was true for April you can win fabulous prizes for this bingo game, albeit virtual. Some suggestions for either a straightline or coverall bingo are: Peace on earth; \$1000 (because that's the prize for a coverall at Kentucky's charitable bingo halls); the pandemic goes away; big party with family and friends; trip to somewhere besides Kroger; award your own prize whatever you want. Please email results to peacewayseditor@gmail.com. Prizes carry over because there was no winner in April

H	O	M	E	!
Watched Andy at 5 <i>(aka Beer with Beshear)</i>	Washed my hands	Read a classic I forgot to read in high school	Scheduled a Zoom call with my family	Heard the phrase Healthy at Home
Binge-watched a Netflix series	Bought chips instead of vegetables at the grocery	Stayed up until 3 a.m., slept 'til noon	Heard the phrase Healthy at Home	Spent too much time looking at Facebook
Took a virtual museum tour	Bought vegetables instead of chips at the grocery	FREE <i>me from this house (still)</i>	Tried a new recipe	Attended a meeting using a screen
Went to Kroger	Heard the phrase Healthy at Home	Gave blood	Listened to a new podcast	Took a bike ride
Heard the phrase Healthy at Home	Tried a new skill using a Youtube video	Washed my hands	Participated in a virtual event at the library	Ate three healthy meals (in one day)

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ThriveKY Coalition urges an expanded safety net

CKCPJ was one of several groups that added its name to the letter sent by the ThriveKY Coalition to Kentucky's congressional delegation (Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul and Representatives Andy Barr, James Comer, Brett Guthrie, Thomas Massie, and Hal Rogers and John Yarmuth). The letter urges Congress to expand COVID-19 health measures through consumer protections and economic relief.

Thank you for the actions you have taken to sustain our Commonwealth through the COVID-19 pandemic. Swift passage by Congress of the Families First Coronavirus Act and the CARES Act were critical steps in supporting state and local efforts to contain COVID-19 and helping Kentucky families, providers, and small businesses cope with the pandemic's health and financial impact. As this crisis continues, it is clear that much more needs to be done to protect Kentuckians and to ensure a full economic recovery.

COVID-19 has created a public health emergency far greater than any we have seen in generations, affecting families across the Commonwealth, from every Congressional district, from every region, and from every socio-economic level.

In just one month, nearly 400,000 Kentuckians have filed for unemployment insurance, roughly a fifth of our workforce. As Kentuckians lose work and income because of social distancing practices that are saving lives, the struggle to keep food on the table, pay for needed medications, and make rent is deepening for many families.

This pandemic has highlighted weaknesses in Kentucky's safety-net that have been ignored for far too long. Our public health workforce has been shrinking for more than a decade. In the last two years, new policies in SNAP have cut 30,000 Kentuckians and their families out of needed benefits. Former drug felons who have served their sentences – up to 23 years ago – continue to be banned from SNAP. Despite the coverage gains we have made since 2014, we still have 223,400 Kentuckians living without health insurance. And no state or federal laws exist that require employers to provide paid sick leave, putting us all at greater risk during a pandemic.

COVID-19 has also exposed deep inequities embedded in our health care system, disproportionately affecting black Kentuckians who make up about 8.4 percent of our population, while accounting for 11.6 percent of the positive coronavirus cases and 22 percent of the deaths that have been reported.

Access to high-quality health care and the ability to obtain testing and treatment should not depend on your ZIP code, the color of your skin, the language you speak, the work you do, or the size of your bank account. Viruses don't discriminate along these lines.

This pandemic reminds us that we all benefit when our friends, families, neighbors, and coworkers are healthy. Every Kentuckian deserves access to affordable health care and workplace policies that don't force us to choose between paying the bills and spreading a communicable disease.

As Congress takes action to advance "phase 4" legislation responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned organizations strongly urge you to build on past bipartisan efforts to advance legislation that will continue to protect Kentuckians from the health and economic fallout of COVID-19 as efforts are made to "re-open" our economy by ensuring equitable access to care and extending additional relief to individuals, families and safety-net providers. More is also needed to equip states with sufficient financial support and testing materials to combat the crisis until the economy has fully recovered. This package should:

- Raise the temporary federal match rate for Medicaid from 6.2 percent to 12.4 percent to help states absorb the economic impact of this crisis and related economic downturn and to prevent deep state budget cuts to other critical services.
- Eliminate the SNAP drug felon ban and help struggling families keep food on the table by increasing the maximum SNAP benefit by 15 percent.
- Prioritize funding for larger direct payments to individuals and families, and create a TANF emergency fund to assist low-income Kentuckians in meeting their basic needs.
- Boost emergency assistance to expand

homeless Kentuckians' access to shelter.

- Provide rental assistance to prevent mass evictions and increased homelessness.
- Guarantee paid sick leave for all working Kentuckians and safe working conditions for essential workers.
- Boost funding for child care assistance to the families of essential workers.
- Increase funding for child welfare programs to prevent abuse and neglect as families are sequestered at home, experiencing extraordinary levels of uncertainty and economic stress.
- Invest in a sustainable public health infrastructure for this and future outbreaks, with emergency supplemental funding to support state testing, monitoring, and reporting.
- Require standardized COVID-19 data collection and reporting by race, ethnicity, sex, and language to track inequities across states, regions, cities, and towns.
- Bolster funding for safety-net providers, including Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics serving those hit hardest by the pandemic, such as communities of color and those in rural areas.
- Invest in consumer assistance to help Kentuckians access affordable care, navigate the healthcare system, enroll in benefits, and connect with social supports.
- Open and strengthen the individual health insurance market to the uninsured by providing enhanced premium tax credits and COBRA subsidies.
- Enact comprehensive consumer protections from surprise medical bills and predatory debt collection.

Again, thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. This pandemic has affected every person in America, from every walk of life. A robust safety net can help us all stay healthy and safe and create the right conditions to support economic recovery.

Why Matt Jones decided against running — despite good reasons

Mitch, Please! How Mitch McConnell Sold Out Kentucky (and America, Too).

By Matt Jones with Chris Tomlin. 531 pages. Published March 30, 2020 by Simon & Schuster, New York.

Reviewed by Jim Trammel

Kentucky Sports Radio founder Matt Jones documents his dabble into political activism against six-term Kentucky senior Sen. Mitch McConnell (hereafter MM) in his new road memoir *Mitch, Please!*

Jones finds that the hot-button keys to whether Kentuckians vote Republican or Democratic revolve mostly around abortion rights and gun control. A candidate favoring either one impels a majority of Kentucky voters to find someone else to support.

In profiling Kentuckians, Jones discovers county identity is paramount over party: “We’re not Democrats or Republicans, we’re Marshall Countians.” This volume is thus organized under county headings, but the organization doesn’t stick.

Jones begins to describe each county, unique patches in Kentucky’s quilt, but before long in each chapter he digresses to bludgeoning MM over a relevant issue. Weirdest is in Gallatin County, where Jones’s narrative begins on Kentucky Speedway but takes a hard left into a story about then-rival Amy McGrath.

Some counties and their paired grievances: *Martin*: the water problem Jones’s show successfully spotlighted. *Harlan*: the Blackjewel unpaid-miner standoff. *Marshall*: the 2018 high school shooting. *McCracken*: Paducah’s ongoing radiation-waste cleanup. *Wolfe*: the opioid epidemic. *Morgan*: the 2012 West Liberty tornado. *Shelby* (with the state’s largest Latinx population): the immigration issue. *Metcalfe*: MM blocking gun legislation (inspired by a local gun shop). *Adair*: the unfairness of the North American Free Trade Agreement costing Kentucky four Fruit of the Loom factories. And on and on, around the map – 120 charged MM culpabilities.

In all these cases, Jones says, MM’s actions, oppositions, or indifference have hurt citizens of the state he has represented for most of four decades, leading us to nothing better than “thank God for Mississippi” status. So how does he keep getting re-elected?

- MM gets much Kentucky support despite no one in the counties recalling whether he ever did anything to deserve or reward such loyalty, or indeed ever even visited some of his strongholds;
- At least 60 percent of Kentucky voters love Trump, and because MM has reversed many of his early-career principles to sign on with the new populism, MM benefits;
- Besides those who don’t care, there are those who don’t know. At Murray State, Jones found that only 27 out of 102 students he asked recognized MM at all. No support for an opponent is easily possible there; and
- Kentuckians can’t relate to the bi-coastal and urban platform issues pursued by the national Democratic Party, and MM fills that vacuum as the devil they know.

MM manages to stitch together a 55-percent majority of single-issue zealots plus low-information voters who say, “Okay, it’s election day, who’s running?” (Really, if you let your awareness degenerate that far, take the next step backward and just don’t vote at all. A misinformed vote is worse than none. Clear your mind. Go re-binge “Tiger King” and let the grownups run things.)

By the time Jones has trekked only about halfway through Kentucky’s 120 counties, he seems road-weary, and deadlines are obviously pressing.

In Chapter 9, in Cumberland County, former right-wing firebrand state Senate President David Williams warns Jones that politics will de-humanize him. (And he should know.) By now the reader can see The Decision coming due in Chapter 10. Hardball politics, by the McGrath campaign as well as MM’s, takes a toll. McGrath’s people got Jones suspended from his television show, and MM got the Federal Communications Commission to take him off the radio. Jones assesses his chances, and folds his cards.

McGrath should closely study this concise summary of how Jones says MM’s principle-of-the-moment approach has hurt Kentucky repeatedly – bankrupting tobacco and coal all over the state, impacting manufacturing by supporting the NAFTA export of Kentucky jobs, and generally trimming his philosophical sails



to the winds of power and money, often at the expense of any visible caring for Kentucky’s voiceless working class.

A plus for readers is capsule summaries of the background of long-range Kentucky stories, including the Paducah nuclear-pollution mess, how racial discrimination shaped 20th century Louisville neighborhoods, the backstory on the Ark Park, and the Braidly Industries/“Moscow Mitch” industrial development problem.

One anecdote with wider significance than this Senate race takes place in Mason County’s chapter, written by co-author Chris Tomlin, a native of the northeast Kentucky county. Tomlin recalls a middle school field trip to D.C. where students were warmly entertained by Sen. Wendell Ford. Then MM followed, with a rushed, awkward, and uncomfortable two minutes, looking “as if he had never spoken to anyone under 50.” The discomfited kids then had an unscheduled hallway encounter with another senator, just passing by, who stopped just to be nice to the group and turned out to be as warm and caring as MM had been cold and dismissive. That senator was Delaware’s Joe Biden.

Jones, though not running, will still impact the campaign. This witty and easy-reading but relentless savaging may end up damaging MM’s re-election chances worse than any campaign sound bites and speeches — especially if the Democrats use it as a strategy primer.

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JT also reviewed the Senator’s biography in this column a couple of years ago. Besides, the Equal Time rules apply only to broadcasting.

Submissions to *Peaceways*

Articles submitted to *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ's mission and concerns.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity.

Please include references in the text for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End-notes or footnotes are not used.

Please query submissions to peacewayseditor@gmail.com before writing a feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author's name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text.

If you submit material that has been published or that you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this.

Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article, for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story.

Submissions should be made in Word format *via* email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor, but we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

Submission deadline is the 10th of each month. *Peaceways* is published monthly except January.

*Afflict the
comfortable;
give comfort
to the afflicted.*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Check with website for times when meetings are resumed

CKCPJ Steering Committee Meetings, third Monday, 5 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. More info: (859) 488-1448 or peaceandjusticecky@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace, every Thursday, 5:30 - 6 p.m. at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main Street) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell, (859) 327-6277.

Migrant Network Coalition, first Monday, noon - 1:15 p.m., GLOBAL LEX, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Lindsay Mattingly, lmatingly@lexpublib.org, (859) 231-5514.

PFLAG Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family members, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. Visit info@pflagcentralky.org or (859) 338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky, second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, chair, (859) 951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wednesday Night GLSO "Heart to Heart" discussion group, 7 p.m., Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky's only Pride Center, where they have quietly provided services to the GLBTQQIA community for decades. More info, Pride Center hours, and other links at www.glsso.org.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky, first Thursday, 7 p.m., Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd., Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Child care is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or (859) 797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Diocese Mission House at Fourth St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Beth Howard, (859) 276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups, every Sunday, 2:30 - 4 p.m. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Ct., Lexington. Call (859) 272-7891 or visit www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program, fourth Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call (859) 277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, the program promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Dance Jam, every Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave. Move to the extent you are able. Sponsored by Motion Matters, \$7 per session to cover space rental. Contact Pamela, info@motionmatters.org, (859) 351-3142.

Movies with Spirit, second Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 p.m., film at 7.

National Action Network, third Thursday each month, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Lexington.

Showing Up for Racial Justice, second Tuesday of the month, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wild Fig Coffee and Books, 726 N. Limestone, Lexington.

To include a regular meeting of your organization in this space, contact Margaret Gabriel, peacewayseditor@gmail.com.

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*It isn't enough to talk about peace.
One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it.
One must work at it.*

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

How many museums can you visit this week?

We're reading, writing, playing games, working puzzles, attending meetings *via* Zoom calls, cooking more, learning new skills and so on and so forth. But have you been to a museum this week?

Museums in 2020 have websites. And while browsing a website isn't as generally satisfying as visiting a museum, there are several that will give you a feeling that you've learned something.

Check out the Dayton International Peace Museum, a member of the International Network of Museums for Peace, which has members in 27 countries.

A spin around its website reveals live-streaming of the "Make Your Peace" podcast, information about upcoming events and a discussion of the museum's plans for a "post-virus world." See daytonpeacemuseum.org.

Sign on to fraziermuseum.org and you'll see "VIRTUAL FRAZIER: While we are closed to the public for the next little while, you can access free entertainment and educational content through our site. We will be adding new content and activities daily."

On April 27, a short video introduced five Kentuckians of historical significance in five minutes.

An affiliate of the Smithsonian, in 2018 The Frazier History Museum is the official starting point for the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. The museum is located at 829 W. Main Street in Louisville.

The home page of The Kentucky History Museum, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, (history.ky.gov) gives information about the work that

will continue. The public is invited to enter the site as a virtual visitor and conducts live virtual tours *via* Facebook Live at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Sign on *via* the Kentucky Historical Society Facebook page.

The website also includes links to virtual museum offerings across Kentucky, including the Henry Clay Estate, the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center at Berea College, and walking tours of Bardstown that have been created for smartphones and tablets.

During racing season, a spin through the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville might ease the sting of



A recent virtual tour at the Kentucky History Museum included the museum's Southern Exposition to learn about victorian inventiveness. "Bring your thinking cap and some recyclable materials. You will be challenged with designing your own patent and creating a model of your own invention!"

the postponement of the big race.

If none of these tickle your fancy, Google your favorite museum and see what it has to offer.



After you get finished with your virtual trip to the International Peace Museum, and your tour of Victorian inventiveness, give yourself a chuckle by touring sadanduseless.com/recreatedart. People are invited to recreate famous paintings using clothing and items they have around the house. Find your favorite, try one yourself, take a picture and send it to Peaceways!