

## Gera Jones, Rural Kentucky Writer Donates Proceeds from Novels (The Gunpowder Series)

Rural Kentucky writer, Gera Jones, visited the Gateway House Homeless Shelter in Morehead, Kentucky to donate copies of debut novel, Painted Windows (Book 1), the sequel novels--Dashboard Lights (Book 2) and Ruby Ring (Book 3)—and a cash donation from the initial sales of the three books in the Gunpowder Series. Marilyn Smith, Director of the Gateway House, which provides refuge to the homeless from an eight-county rural region, gratefully accepted the books for the shelter's Reading Nook and the donation. The monetary donation will assist residents of the shelter to once again claim a stable lifestyle. The books will offer shelter residents hours of entertainment through a three-part story of encouragement and second changes.



Writing a novel had been part of Gera Jones' life plan since she learned to read and write. As a child, she was an avid reader, making weekly trips to our local library on foot, each time coming home with more than the limit of books allowed to be checked out. Then, she added writing stories, "publishing" them with hand-drawn covers secured by staples. She also began keeping a journal in grade school, a daily habit that has followed her for forty plus years.

It's no surprise that she earned a bachelor's degree in English/Creative and Technical Writing; however, her professional life focused more on the technical aspects of writing rather than the creative. Working in the investment banking industry, writing business plans were her focus. Then, making a switch to higher education, she wrote grants while employed with the TRIO program, the Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center at Morehead State University. Jones also freelanced in the 1990s for the Fleming Shopper writing articles focusing on Fleming County communities.

"It was always my dream to write a novel," Jones stated. "but honestly, a sheer lack of confidence stalled my dream...until the character Ruby emerged." Ruby arose as a composite based on several foster children that Jones' kept over the years, some of which had experienced homelessness. "Ruby had a story that needed to be told, that itched to find its way into words and onto paper. The overwhelming love for my character, finally convinced me to put my fears aside, and my first novel, Painted Windows, emerged—a story about a homeless girl and second chances." Jones' invites you to step inside this book...into Ruby's world...and share her experience!

Jones' second book, Dashboard Lights, the sequel to her debut novel, focuses on Ruby's continued search for her identity and struggle to leave her past in the distance. Additionally, the third book in The Gunpowder Series, Ruby Ring, released in early April 2022, takes a historical slant incorporating the effects of a world pandemic on the lovely town of Gunpowder and its resident's lives! The novels are available for purchase at Amazon.com in either paperback or eBook format. Additionally, if you are a Kindle Unlimited subscriber, the books are free! Proceeds from the three Gunpowder Series novels will go to local charities for the homeless and the betterment of our communities.

Jones' fourth book, The Woodman, released in May 2022, finds teenage Kellianne Lee moving from New York City to live with her father in eastern Kentucky. Kellianne befriends the odd-turned Woodsman and learns about the area's timber industry as she adjusts to her new life and uncovers coveted secrets. Fernlee (November 2022) is Jones' fifth novel follows Fernlee as the only world she has known is upended and she finds herself in a foster home being raised by strangers. Despite her many experiences, the optimistic and faith bound Fernlee struggles to find 'the good' in everyone and in every situation.

Jones has several other novels in progress, and she is researching and outlining additional projects that she hopes to begin working on soon.

"In my novels, I try to focus on and highlight a circumstance or situation in humanity and in our communities that does not get recognition or that the average citizen may not think about or want to think about." Jones said. "My goal is to bring greater awareness to those issues."

*Gera Jones lives in Muses Mills, Kentucky on Heaven's Gait Farm with her husband, their three dogs and two cats. In her spare time, Jones farms, gardens, keeps bees, cans vegetables and makes homemade jellies from berries on the farm. She works full-time in higher education at a Morehead State University, attends St. Charles Borromeo Church, and is the owner of Geralogy, LLC, a business making customized jewelry and apparel items from repurposed items. Additionally, Jones has a passion for making hand-sewn, hand-crafted journal books, also from reclaimed materials, which she also sells and profits are donated to charity.*

# EKC Honors



Pictured are Austin Trent, Isaac Frye, Aiden Johnson and Dylan DeAtley

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1st Team All EKC: Dylan DeAtley, Isaac Frye and Aiden Johnson

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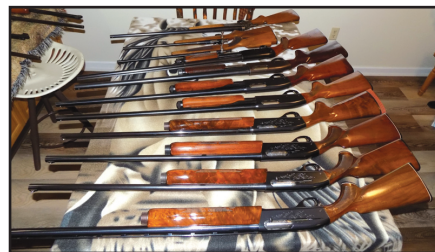
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## Womack Family Scholarships To Western Kentucky

Our family established two scholarships for graduating seniors from Fleming County High School to attend WKU in the fall of 2023. The scholarship is for \$10,000 each year for four years until graduation. In addition WKU has agreed to waive tuition of approximately \$8000 plus if the student is from Ky and qualifies for a Pell Grant due to finances.

Yearly renewal of the scholarship based on keeping B or better average, continue on program to finish and graduate in four years, and be involved in college life and activities.

If no one takes advantage locally of the scholarships we will expand to surrounding counties. In addition to the scholarship money and waived tuition those students eligible will also qualify for lottery money based on grades up to approximately \$2000 a year as well. Basically this is full free ride with no debt on graduation if student stays on course.

Biggest negative is four hours from Moma as WKU in Bowling Green and approximately 200 miles away by interstate. In addition for those students who fortunate enough to have parents wealthy enough to not qualify for a Pell grant and are interested in the sciences math and biology, etc., we have another source on scholarship for those individuals, especially if interested in teaching occupation.

Interested students, parents, grandparents or guardians can contact me at: [glennwomack@windstream.net](mailto:glennwomack@windstream.net) via email or send note to me at PO Box 29, Flemingsburg, Ky. 41041. Or they can contact person much more knowledgeable than me at Fleming County High School and that is Cindy Jolly, School Counselor by calling the school or emailing her at [cindy.jolly2@fleming.kyschools.us](mailto:cindy.jolly2@fleming.kyschools.us)

Not everyone needs to go to college but everyone needs opportunity to succeed and not use money as reason for not obtaining their full potential.

Dr. Womack and Family