

# Mount Vernon Signal

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## Hospital ready for surge



Officials at Rockcastle Regional Hospital have created an emergency triage area outside the emergency department in what they are calling "an abundance of caution" during the COVID-19 situation. Officials say the area will be available in the event of a sudden surge of cases in the county. At press time, there have been three individuals test positive for the virus in Rockcastle.

## First cases reported— COVID-19 virus is now in county

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD) reported that an individual in Rockcastle County tested positive for COVID-19 virus Monday. The report did not say when the individual was tested.

Then Tuesday afternoon, two additional cases were reported in the county.

According to the first press release, the first individual has only mild symptoms and is recovering without hospitalization. Their age was not given.

The press release says "All people who were

found to have been in close contact with the individual have been notified and educated on proper self-quarantine measures to safeguard their own health and the

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## Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus. The line will be operated from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week. Calls made during off hours will be forwarded to the State of Kentucky COVID-19 Hotline.

Or you may visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov) for more information. For assistance concerning the COVID-19 virus, the call center number is (606) 256-7385

## City closures

The Splash Pad at the Lake Linville Park and all basketball courts at all city parks in Mount Vernon are closed until further notice. The lobby of City Hall is also closed.

## Races cancelled

Races and events planned at the Rockcastle Speedway have been cancelled until further notice.

## Latest reports

According to the latest reports at press time, Kentucky has had nearly 600 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 11 deaths which is 1.8 percent of reported cases. Three of the cases are in Rockcastle County.

## Local city parks partially closed

By: Mike French  
Editor

At press time Wednesday, there has been three cases of the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County reported and businesses, and local officials are taking measures to avoid further spread of the disease.

In fact, the City of Mount Vernon has officially closed all basketball courts at the city park and Lake Linville, as well as the Splash Pad at the lake.

Mayor Mike Bryant says officials are working on signs to post at the local parks with guidelines and rules until the threat is over. "The Splash Pad will only open after the crisis has passed," he

said. "There will be signs with additional temporary rules for the park put up soon."

For now, city officials plan no legal action but ask that all rules be followed. "Noncompliance or worsening of the situation we are facing would

necessitate our completely closing the parks, which we don't want to do. We are asking for cooperation from everyone to help us in getting through this devastating attack on our world, our country and our state," Bryant said. "Together, we will get to the other

## New rules coming

side of all this."

As off Wednesday, three cases of the virus had been reported in Rockcastle. "Although health experts are telling us COVID-19 is expected to get worse, Mount Vernon and Rockcastle

County have been blessed to not have been impacted as much as other parts of the state so far."

But Bryant says he understands the impact the threat has caused locally

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## RTEC providing one-on-one service

By: Mike French  
Editor

In 15 counties in the southeast, including Rockcastle County, a lot of people depend on RTEC (Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated) to get around.

But now that the COVID-19 virus has caused many business closures and cancellations, R-TEC has had to make adjustments as well.

Officials have asked everyone in America to remain at least six feet apart (social distancing) and to halt all public gatherings and events in an effort to slow the spread of the flu virus, which is said to be especially deadly to elderly citizens.

By order of Medicaid Services, R-TEC is no longer allowed to provide transportation for more than one person at a time, unless that person is required to have an escort.

The transportation service is also practicing daily cleaning of all "high-touch areas" to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

Officials of R-TEC have published public apologies for any inconvenience but feel that such measures are required for the safety of all

partons as well as drivers and staff of R-TECH.

The popular Trolley Cafe is closed till further notice and is not offering curbside service.

The lobby of R-TEC is closed to all walk-in customers but the office is staffed to take phone calls and other requests.

Officials of R-TEC say they have provided drivers and staff with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and are suggesting that all employees take extra precautions and use the recommended guidelines of washing hands and social distanc-

## Trolley Cafe closed

ing. For more detailed information about R-TEC and their plans for deal-

ing with COVID-19, visit their website at [ridertec.org](http://ridertec.org) or call (606) 256-9835.

## Extension Service provides help for countless needs

By: Mike French  
Editor

You may have heard the old saying "I don't

have a green thumb." The complaint usually comes from someone who wishes they could grow a garden or a flower bed or even house plants but just can't seem to have any luck getting things to grow.

But now, thanks to the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and some very well trained professionals, this problem no longer exists.

The Rockcastle County Extension Office is housed in a building near the end of Main Street in Mount Vernon. But, the dedicated workers there spend a lot of their time out in a garden or field or pasture. Your garden, your field or your pasture.

After the retirement of John McQueary and Tom

(See "HELP" on A6)

## COVID-19 safety orders affect the entire state of Ky.

But really more like suggestions

By: Mike French  
Editor

When asked how he plans to enforce his new rule that Kentuckians do not cross state lines except for certain acceptable excuses, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear said, "The only way...is because people agree to."

Most of the executive orders by the governor, and mayors across the state, seem to be under similar guidelines.

Currently those who cross state lines against the executive order will not be arrested or even fined. They are simply asked to stop.

Locally, the City of Mount Vernon has closed

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



Just speaking for myself, I'm kind of liking this social distancing, self-quarantine, stay home stuff that the governor thinks I'm doing because I am six years old.

I have always been somewhat of a homebody. In high school I never went to parties and in college I didn't join a fraternity. I guess I just like staying home.

People around me have wanted to go on vacations and travel and see the world and experience new things all my life.

I have spent my entire life gathering up things I like and things I enjoy having and making my home comfortable and convenient. And people want me to leave all that behind and go somewhere that I have none of that stuff.

If I want to sit in my comfortable chair and cut my fingernails, I know right where the clippers are. I can get a good, cold Pepsi out of my fridge and I have all my favorite snacks one room away.

If I do get bored, I can walk out back and target practice or work in the garden or sit under a huge shade tree and enjoy the cool breeze

But as I doze off under the shade of the huge Oak tree, if I decide I want to, I can grab my old guitar and play a few tunes in the cool of the day.

Everything I need, is ten seconds away and I don't have to deal with cashiers who act as though I am interrupting their phone texts, or hotel clerks who tell me how much it will cost if I dare smoke a cigarette.

Also, staying home, I won't have to deal with the old fellow in the pick up truck doing 22 mph. or the tractor-trailer doing 90 on a wet interstate, or the vehicle-destroying potholes that the state can never seem to keep up with fixing.

And at night, instead of jumping into a hard bed that someone else slept in last night, I can crawl onto my pillow-top, memory foam mattress under my mother's handmade quilt with my better half and my ashtray and cold Pepsi, and remote that actually works on the night stand beside me.

I know this sounds like I don't like people very much but that isn't true. I love people. I just love home too.

As for seeing the world, I have noticed some people drive for 12 hours and spend the entire week and thousands of dollars coming to central Kentucky to see water falls and caves and creeks and log cabins, while I am a few yards away from all of that.

As for experiencing new things, I don't care for that idea. If it is something I have never done before, there is probably a reason I never did it.

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# Opinion: During Global Pandemic, Buy Local

Opinion submission from  
Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner  
Dr. Ryan Quarles

Last week, Kentucky farm families celebrated "National Agriculture Week," but as you can imagine, our annual celebration was quieter than usual, given our on-going fight against the global COVID-19 pandemic. As I talked to members of the media and neighbors to promote the celebration, they bombarded me with the following questions: Are we going to run out of food? Is our food supply safe? How can I support local farmers and agribusinesses?

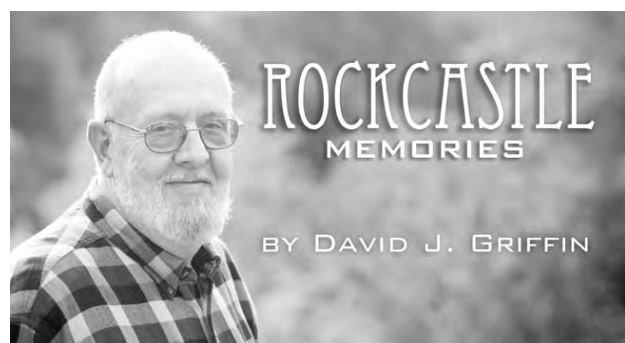
The good news is that America has the safest, most abundant food supply in the world and all evidence suggests that COVID-19 cannot be transmitted via food or livestock, provided you sanitize and prepare food as you would normally.

During this time of national shutdown, individuals and communities ought to support and honor the American farmer even more. A recent study from a national

organization reported that the local and regional food system – think farmers' markets, farm to school programs, and the like – could see a nearly \$700 million decrease in sales. It is more important now than ever before that consumers support farmers, agribusinesses, and retailers. Luckily for you, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture has developed several resources for consumers to find local food and other value-added agricultural products during this time.

• Have a craving for your favorite Kentucky Proud meal? Visit [kyproud.com/takeout](http://kyproud.com/takeout) for a list of restaurants that

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Sharing the Beauty of Spring

The arrival of spring coincided with receiving a note from our family's dear friend Clinton Helton, who sent me a beautiful photo of a weeping cherry tree in his yard in Maryland. Clinton's message also gave us a chuckle when he explained, "When we set out the tree in our yard, our youngest grandchild saw it and said, 'Look, Mommie, a



new tree has sprung up!"

Most of us notice the coming of spring by observing the flowering trees and shrubs in and around our own homes. As most of my readers are aware, I have always

loved trees...and especially the flowering trees of spring.

When I was a very young boy, living with my mother (Bee) on a steep hill above Old US 25 (about two miles south of Mt. Vernon), we were given a truly beautiful gift each spring. In front of our house, on the bank above US 25, were multiple eastern redbuds that bloomed with magenta pink colors and made the area come alive. I can recall Bee sitting on our front porch swing as she observed the redbuds. Their beauty never failed to bring a smile to her face.

When my wife and I moved to Furnace Mountain in Powell County, nearly 30 years ago, we lived in an A-frame house that was surrounded by woods. We eventually purchased the woods beside our home and across KY 213 in front of our house. In the spring, redbuds ushered in the season by giving the mountains splashes of that lovely pink hue. We always looked forward to

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# Points East

By Ike Adams



I had email last week from retired Perry County educator, Mike Caudill, who now lives at Carcassonne in Letcher County. Mike is an avid reader and is doing his part to encourage folks to read while we are all supposed to be at home, riding out this Covid19 virus epidemic. Knowing that I read a lot and often recommend books in this column, he suggested that I up the ante and commence touting one of my favorite reads at the end of every column.

I'm going to take that suggestion a step further

and devote a whole column to it before waiting to put something in the last couple of paragraphs. Last week I briefly touched upon the notion that I don't understand why most avid readers don't pursue their reading habit with a kindle or other digital reading device.

Since most libraries and book stores are closed right now and are apt to stay that way for several weeks, a digital tablet or kindle-like device may well be the best

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# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Christmas is Now Past but the Lesson Learned was Short Lived

Dear Journal,

Today I find myself in a situation that I've never experienced, as well as many others. We're on lockdown in an attempt to save our lives from the dreaded Covid-19 virus. I don't have to tell you about all of the closings... in short just about everything is closed or will be closed soon. There is no certain date of when or if things will open again. What a situation!

On the TV they said something that made me laugh until I almost cried

and would have if things hadn't been so hopeless. Some poor misguided soul said that times like this brought out the best in people. I'd like to know where they live.

From what I've seen and heard, it is everybody for themselves Snatch, grab, fight, wallow around in the store aisle over what we need. Can killing be far behind? It isn't that there is a shortage of anything but greed has taken hold of the country and hoarding is in control...or should I point the finger of blame where the root of the problem really is? It is Satan, the master of greed and all things related. People have just let him take control and he knows how to work in the minds of men. The mind is his playground.

It's only been less than three months ago since Christmas when most everyone was caught up in the spirit of peace, joy and goodwill to our fellow man. We had those warm fuzzy feelings of giving, sharing and love toward all. We just couldn't do enough for the elderly, poor, sick and needy. Now it's taking what we need for ourselves no matter who we have to take advantage of to get it. Hoard that food from the children and the elderly and sick plus other essentials. Don't forget that God is so pleased with you. No, not at all. He may curse you more than you could ever imagine possible.

Then, there are those who are upset about missing church services. Well, it's always been my belief that God sees and hears us wherever we are. He hears our prayers, leads us in our Bible study and even knows our thoughts. He knows exactly what we have need of before we even ask and one day we each will have to give an account of every idle word we've ever uttered and

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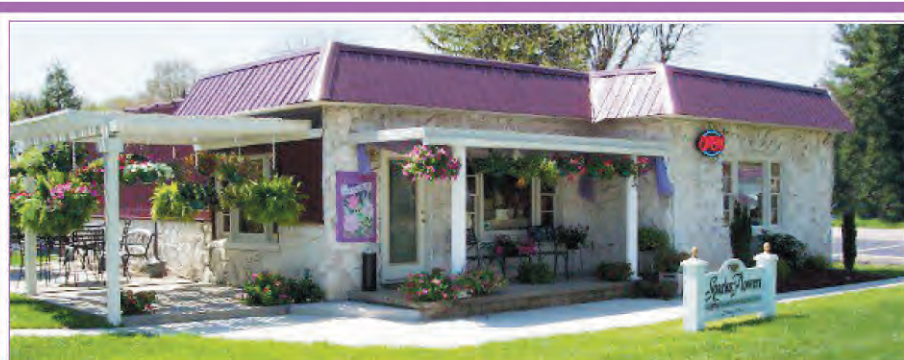
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## “Aces”

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source and support local farms, and who remain open, offering carryout or delivery with updated operating hours.

• Going to the grocery store is great, and is something you should do to support workers in your community, but many of Kentucky’s farmers’ markets will open in the coming weeks. To locate the freshest food from a farmer near you, visit [kyproud.com/farmers-markets](http://kyproud.com/farmers-markets). While these sites are considered life-sustaining and will open, you should still avoid congregating, exercise a social distance of 6 feet, and wash your hands before and after a visit to your local farmers’ market.

• Why not look into buying shares of a CSA – community supported agriculture? A farmer offers a certain number of “shares” to the public. Interested consumers purchase a share (aka a “membership” or a “subscription”) and in return receive a box (bag, basket) of seasonal produce each week from the farm’s harvest – in some cases right to your doorstep. Fresh farm products can include fruits, eggs, meats, herbs and flowers. We’ve even got a site for that, too. Visit [kyproud.com/csa](http://kyproud.com/csa) to locate a CSA in your area.

• You can also stay current with other buy local opportunities, like our upcoming Kentucky Proud Virtual CSA fair, by liking the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and Ken-

tucky Proud pages on Facebook. Promotions start on April 1 and the CSA event begins on April 16.

Farmers do not get the credit they deserve, even though in Kentucky they are responsible for \$45 billion of economic impact. As National Review writer Victor Davis Hansen wrote recently, “in our age of necessary shutdowns and staying home, one thing we must do is eat – and eat well to stay healthy. And that means a lot of people have to go to work and produce food.” That’s why the KDA advocated for an exemption for agriculture to stay open for business. Over the course of the last century, farmers have become so good at what they do that they are seemingly invisible. While many Kentuckians can telecommute from their homes, farmers will rise before dawn and work late into the evening to provide food and fiber for us and our families.

So while it is good to thank a farmer, remember one of the best ways to show your gratitude is by purchasing from farmers and businesses. And if you make a habit of it, you can celebrate agriculture all year long.

## “Quarles”

(Cont. from A2)

Anyway, this staying home and going nowhere is my kind of life. And now I have an excuse besides being lazy. “Sorry honey, governor’s orders.”

At least the point I’ve been making for years is proven correct now.

All a governor has to do is say, obey my every command and attack those who disagree by calling them unpatriotic and self-centered, and the sheep will fall in line.

Anyway, social distancing is a great idea. Every flu season.

Staying home is a great idea, always.

Washing your hands is a great idea. I hope we have all been doing that for 6,000 years or so.

Helping those in need is a great idea. I think Jesus came up with that one.

Staying away from nursing homes and hospitals if you have a cold or flu is a great idea. Duh.

As for me, I’m headed to my oak tree this weekend. I am blessed to have a beautiful place to sit near a flowing creek with plenty of targets and plenty of rounds to practice with.

Enjoy your home time and your family time. It’s where I would always prefer to be.

Everyone say it with me...come on...let’s say it together...come on everyone...let’s say it out loud...”There’s no place like home.”

## “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

way to find handy reading material that you are going to find during the next several weeks. If you can use a cell phone, you can operate a digital reader so please don’t whine about not being able to master the technology.

My first Kindle ereader was a Christmas present about 15 years ago. In retrospect, I believe that Loretta bought it more for herself than for me. My wife is a light sleeper. My paper page turning and flickering reading light were bothersome enough to keep her awake and my favorite spot was, and still is, in the bed. She constantly complained that I was keeping her awake. To make a long story short, the Kindle solved her sleep problems and I fell in love with the convenience.

I’ve had many friends tell me that the heft and weight of a book and the turning of pages is a large part of their reading enjoyment. I get my enjoyment out of reading the stories and, simultaneously, keeping the peace in my bedroom. I’ve read several thousand books on a kindle and enjoyed nearly every one of them. The ones I didn’t care for had nothing to do with the reading device.

In the early days of ereaders, there were only a couple or 3 digital “book readers” on the market and they were rather pricey. In today’s world, any Android tablet can be used as an ereader. I’ve had people tell me that they put the free Kindle app on their cell phones, but that seems to be a bit of a stretch and more trouble than it’s worth. Others have told me they read books on their laptop computers but that, too, has a lot of disadvantages, especially when it comes to taking one to bed.

I would recommend that readers purchase an android tablet in the 8 inch screen size. You can find them, refurbished, on ebay, for less than \$40.00, including shipping charges. In my experience, refurbished electronics are as good as brand new and cost less than half as much. As I previously mentioned, the kindle app is a free download that only takes a few seconds and enables you to read practically every book ever written. Ask a ten-year old for assistance if you need technical help.

Call your local library for help in getting the device connected to them and check out any number of free lending libraries available online. I use “Internet Archive” and haven’t really needed anything else.

In the meantime, if you want to read a series of books that are suitable for everybody in your family

between the ages of 8 and 180, check out Kentucky author, Jan Watson’s Troublesome Creek series.

The stories document the fictional life of a young girl growing up in eastern Kentucky during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I simply can’t think of anything more appropriate and more emotionally settling for your reading pleasure, especially during these troubling times. Check out a synopsis of the books on the author’s website.

## “T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

every action we’ve ever done.

So, go ahead and hoard that hand sanitizer. Keep it for yourself or sell it for a little profit. Keep in mind that it could be YOUR elderly parents, grandparents or children who catch the virus and die because someone somewhere couldn’t sanitize properly due to there being no sanitizer. I guess the best thing for this country to do is fall down on our collective knees and ask God to forgive us for all of our sins and trespasses against Him and beg Him to forgive us and have mercy on us. The virus isn’t here in Rockcastle County so far as I understand. We still have a chance. If there are a few prayer warriors in this county who still believe in the power of prayer and the hope of forgiveness, let’s all pray at least once a day for God to work a miracle for this county. “Let no plague come to our door campaign”, so to speak and forgive us, renew our hope. He can hear us right from our home or wherever we are. I know because I’ve just received two tremendous miracles in my life and the hand of

God was in the works of both. I don’t believe He is through yet!

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

the redbuds popping out on Furnace Mountain.

When Kathy and I walked through the path we created through our woods, we could see the redbuds and flowering dogwoods that grew on the mountains surrounding our home. For that reason, we looked forward to spring each year.

As I have recounted previously, my wife and I recently sold our home in Powell County and moved to a home in Mt. Sterling. Our new home has a huge backyard, and a few days ago, we were delighted to see a large redbud budding in the center of our backyard. The smiles it brought to me and to my wife were automatic. The tree is close to our patio and makes a lovely scene in our backyard.

Even though we have been instructed to stay at home because of the Covid-19 virus that is sweeping across America, we can still take in the “purple haze” of the redbud in our new yard. We never ceased to be amazed at the grace of our Dear Lord. Ironically, only days before, my wife expressed her deep longing to see the redbuds blooming!

If you have flowering trees in your yard, maybe a friend or family member would be cheered by receiving a photo of the way spring is exhibiting itself to you. It certainly was appreciated in our case. And, if you do take up the suggestion, I wouldn’t mind having a copy sent to me as well! As they are saying, we are all in this together!

*(You can reach me at [themtnman@att.net](mailto:themtnman@att.net) or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)*

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### Rockcastle Library Information

Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice.

### RCHS Alumni Banquet

The First Annual RCHS Alumni Banquet is postponed and will be rescheduled ASAP for the classes of 1973 through 1985. Details, go to [rchs.alum.assoc.org](http://rchs.alum.assoc.org) at the Facebook group page at Rockcastle co. High School Alumni Association.

### Change in hours for Circuit Clerk’s office

The Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk’s office will not be open on Saturdays until further notice, due to COVID-19 staffing regulations, according to Eliza York-Hansel Circuit Court Clerk.

### Hot Rod Sign-Ups

Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy’s from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

### Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

### VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

### Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.

Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

### Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.

Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

### Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe.

Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

### Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:

Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

### DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

### Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

### Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

### American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank You to James Renner

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my gratitude to James Renner, Rockcastle Co. Solid Waste Coordinator.

I have been in contact with James off and on for over twenty years.

Every time I have called James, regarding trash that has been illegally dumped and/or thrown out a car window, he has taken appropriate action to remedy the problem. Many times James has picked up the trash and, many times, he has gone the extra mile of tracking down the culprit.

In addition, James arranges free trash and tire drop-off days for the community, as well as being involved with community groups and individuals picking up trash.

James is also involved in educating the public/schools on the importance of proper waste disposal and the negative impact of trash in the environment.

These are just a few of the efforts I am aware of that James is involved in to alleviate trash problems in this community.

Thank you James for your dedication and all you do for this community, as well as the impact it plays on a global scale.

Sincerely, Kathy Horrar

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# Obituaries

## Gregory Ryan Scott Bradley

Gregory Ryan Scott Bradley, 42, of Eubank, died Monday, March 23, 2020, at his residence. He was born October 20, 1977, in Mt. Vernon, to William Hayes and Regina Cash. He was a member of the Northside Baptist Church, worked as a concrete finisher, and enjoyed music, playing guitars, UK sports, baseball, and writing music.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Regina (Richard) Cash; father, William (Rhonda) Hayes; one special person, Amanda Jones; three special children, Jaeleigh Hayes, Braydon Issacs and Karleigh Issacs; two brothers, Adam (Kelsey) Woodall of Lancaster and Tyler Carrier of Eubank; two nieces, Rayna Wilhoit and Ashlynn Woodall; one nephew, Alex Woodall; and one uncle, Tim Bradley.

He was preceded in death by: his stepfather, Teddy Woodall; three brothers, Jason Bradley Woodall, William "Billy" Hayes and Tony Hayes; and grandparents, Joe (Aroma) Bradley, Elizabeth Woodall, and Christine McFerron.

In accordance with current state mandates, services for Ryan Bradley will be private for immediate family only. Interment will be at McKinney Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at:  
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## April is National Donate Life Month

Each National Donate Life Month we celebrate, a ramped-up, month-long initiative to focus attention on the life and death issues surrounding organ/tissue donation and transplantation. Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL) partner with Donate Life America (DLA) to share the importance of donor registration, to honor deceased and living donors, and celebrate the lifesaving and healing gift of transplantation.

"April is when we focus our efforts to educate as many Kentuckians as possible, that everyone can help save lives," states Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk. "Becoming an organ and tissue donor takes less than a minute and gives hope to the over 1,000 people in Kentucky who are currently waiting for a transplant. The decision to register as a donor is the first chapter of an extraordinary story, a chapter which can bring life and healing to those in need, their families, and their friends."

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential to state that registering as an organ donor can be done while social distancing per Governor Beshear's recommendations. Visit [www.donatelifeky.org](http://www.donatelifeky.org) or RegisterMe.org to quickly register as a donor.

In accordance with social distancing and healthy practices, Donate Life Month will be celebrated virtually via TFL and Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) social media pages. Each day in April, communities are encouraged to participate in the comfort of their home. Highlighted events include:

• April 10, 6 p.m. EST: Fireside Chat with Aftercare

• April 13: Life Lift Competition (Win a Yeti Cooler)

• April 15, 6 p.m. EST: Donation Class with Lauren Salyer

• April 17, 10:08 a.m.: Pause to Give Life Flag-

raising

• April 26, 10 a.m. EST: 'Church' Service with kidney recipient and donor family, Andreas Price

• April 29: Coloring Contest

• April 30: Donor Remembrance Day (<https://www.aopo.org/donor-remembrance-day/>)

To celebrate National Donate Life Month, people across Kentucky who have been touched by the Donate Life mission are invited to participate in the Gift of Life Stories project. The Gift of Life Stories project is a collection of personal testimonials that brings awareness year-round to the great need for organ donation and the miracle of transplantation.

These stories include transplant recipients, friends, and family of recipients, donor family members or friends, patients and family/friends of those on the transplant waiting list, family/friends of those who have lost their lives waiting, and living donors. Advocates from all states are welcome. These inspirational stories can be seen on the online dedication wall at <https://donatelifeky.org/stories/>.

It is the hope of Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks that sharing these personal stories will inspire everyone to join the registry online via [www.donatelifeky.org](http://www.donatelifeky.org).

We will honor this month on Friday, April 17 which is National Donate Life Blue & Green Day. The day when the public is encouraged to wear bright blue and green Donate Life colors to spread awareness about organ and tissue donation and transplantation. There is also a public Blue & Green Day photo contest through the Donate Life America Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DonateLife/> for everyone to show their creative blue and green spirit. More information and public resources are available at <https://www.donatelifeky.org/blue-green-day/>.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Edible Landscaping & Gardening  
(Introducing a series)

Growing a garden and finding a spot for fruit or nut bearing trees and shrubbery has always been something I have tried to do on a personal level for many a year, and for the past two decades have quite often suggested it to my clients and friends. I've written about it before, also. But, just like in the days of WWII and the "victory gardens" it may well be that having a dependable supply of fresh fruits and vegetables this summer will depend upon your own actions, as rations and shortages will obviously increase and persist this year in the markets way beyond the meat and tissue aisles. So, let's explore things we might do in our own yards. This introduction will be a prelude to coming topics.

With readers in USDA planting zones 6a to 8a, and likely beyond, not every suggestion will work out for everyone. And some municipalities and states may have restrictions on something I recommend; currants come to mind, but Kentucky and Tennessee have no restrictions on them. So, let the reader decide what to implement and what to reject based upon their own needs and locations of their domiciles.

For many a year I have personally worked in fruiting plants into the yard and have often grown a garden; sometimes even a half acre. When the opportunity arises, I often suggest to clients and friends to grow some edibles. As in the years of WWII, when "victory gardens" were encouraged by the government, it may well be such a recommendation comes this year from our President. But, in any case, gardening and working some edibles into the landscape is a great practice, and looks especially like a really smart thing to do this year.

Vegetables are a way to a quick return. Put a plant or seed in the ground, and within weeks or months you have a harvest. Cabbages, broccoli, asparagus and a any number of other plants can look great while providing food for the table. Zucchini is an easy one, so is okra and tomatoes. Flowers such as nasturtiums are pretty in leaf and bloom, and a tasty addition to a salad. Shamrocks also, but they are a perennial that comes back each year.

In addition to annual vegetables and flowers, there are perennials, both the herbaceous ones and the woody

kind that produce for many years. I mentioned asparagus, and would add blackberries and raspberries.

Blueberries, gogi ber-

ries, honeyberries, currants, figs, are examples of the woody types.

Tree planting is a long term way to use the landscape of one's home to also grow things for the kitchen.

Usually there is a year or more wait for any fruit from trees. But, if your yard needs some trees for shade, for windbreaks, for privacy, for screening out a view you're tired of looking at—perhaps this is the time to get started planting long lived trees that also can produce an abundance of fruits or nuts over many years. Apples, pears, cherries, plums, serviceberries, jujubes, are just a few fruiting trees most of us can grow. And hickory, walnut, pecan, oaks, filberts, ginkgos are a few that produce nuts edible to both humans and wildlife. Even junipers with their blue berries are an edible landscape plant, even though you may never have considered it so.

Today starts the topic, and we will have a mix of gardening and fruiting stories along with other landscaping subjects as this season rolls along. I highly encourage those who can to grow a garden, for it will be a benefit in many ways, not just the food. And making the yard more like paradise has been my writing objective with this column, entering it's 20th season as of the current month of March 2020.

Let us look ahead to time in the yard and garden, especially when there are so many restrictions on going and doing other things.

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The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

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# RCHS Agriculture Program receives grant

Agriculture teacher Matthew Whitaker wants to update the greenhouse facilities at Rockcastle County High School and add new opportunities for his students to learn about growing food for themselves and the community.

Whitaker applied for the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Ag Achiever Grant to help with refurbishing the greenhouse and with purchasing much-needed equipment, like an overhead irrigation system and a heater. Additionally, Whitaker plans to start a community garden with his students. His goal is that students will both learn about greenhouse production practices and actually grow plants for the community garden, which they will plant and maintain in cooperation with other county organizations.

"The funding for Ag Achiever grants comes from money raised by the \$10 donation people are able to make when they renew their ag license tags as well as from the generous donation by our friends at Universal Leaf," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We know the best thing we can do with those dollars is put them back into local communities to give ag teachers an opportunity to have an impact."

"Children are the future of agriculture, and by partnering with programs such as Kentucky FFA's Ag Achiever Grant, we are all working towards the common goal of developing strong leaders who will understand the importance of agriculture and its role in the global economy," said Lindsay Efind, Universal Leaf representative.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships which support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact nearly 14,000 FFA members in 158 FFA chapters across Kentucky.



Rockcastle County ag program student Kyle Coffey carries a tray of plants in the school greenhouse.

And CSAs during COVID-19 Pandemic

## New web pages for Kentucky Proud takeout

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles encourages consumers to continue supporting Kentucky farmers through Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants and Community-Supported Agriculture. Quarles challenged Kentucky consumers to order

takeout from Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants and to share photos on social media channels with #KyProudTakeout. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo)

FRANKFORT (March 26, 2020) — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) is announcing two new web pages for consumers to support Kentucky farm families during the COVID-19 global pandemic, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles announced today.

"The nation is mobilizing for war against an invisible enemy: the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles. "Just because you are working from home does not mean you have to stop supporting Kentucky farm families. My office has developed a web page for consumers to find Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants offering carryout, curbside, and delivery during this time. Additionally, we have developed a new page dedicated to Community Supported Agriculture, commonly called a CSA."

Kentucky Proud® Buy Local Restaurants source from and support local farms. Offered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, this program rewards participants for enhancing their menus with locally sourced Kentucky Proud® farm ingredients.

For Kentucky Proud® Buy Local Restaurants offering takeout options during the COVID-19 pandemic, go to [kyproud.com/takeout](http://kyproud.com/takeout).

"I encourage Kentuckians to go to [kyproud.com/takeout](http://kyproud.com/takeout) to find a list of Kentucky Proud Buy Local Restaurants you and your families can support while you are working and staying at home," said Quarles. "Be sure to snap a photo and share it to social media with #KyProudTakeout to encourage people in your social network to buy local, too."

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a food production and distribution system that directly connects farmers and consumers. Consumers buy "shares" of a farm's harvest in advance and then receive a portion of the crops throughout the harvest. Many Kentucky Proud CSAs have pick-up and delivery options. For Kentucky Proud CSAs, go to [kyproud.com/csa](http://kyproud.com/csa).

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**Let the Bible Speak**  
Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614. **AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

## Group says U of L closely involved in abortion clinic

The Family Foundation announced recently, at a press conference in the state capitol, that it and 35 state legislators are asking Attorney General Daniel Cameron to investigate the University of Louisville Medical School's Ryan Residency Program to determine whether it is violating state laws prohibiting taxpayer-funded abortions. The group cited documents it had obtained, showing the close relationship between U of L's medical school and an abortion clinic in Louisville.

"These documents suggest that the only remaining abortion clinic in Kentucky is being run as an official or quasi-official arm of the University of Louisville's Medical School," said Martin Cothran, spokesman for the group. "Not only is U of L involved in the abortion clinic's activities, but the clinic operates, for all practical purposes, as an extension of the medical school's program."

The group said it had copies of court testimony, depositions and correspondence from UofL Medical School outlining the school's involvement.

"According to the documents, the abortion clinic, EMW Women's Surgical Services, is staffed by U of L physicians, physicians who are hired by UofL partly to do abortions and are paid by the University for working at EMW, where they perform the abortions. One physician said explicitly that she was hired by the program to 'provide abortion services.' She considered it 'part of her job.' She said she thought it was a 'part of her contract' with the University. They are, according to court testimony, paid for working at EMW, where they perform the abortions.

The group called the school's involvement 'very disturbing,' and possibly illegal.

## Mamaw's Kitchen



By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### BLT PASTA SALAD

1 pound thick cut bacon  
1 pound bow tie pasta  
1 cup zesty Italian salad dressing  
1/2 cup creamy Ranch salad dressing  
2 large ripe tomatoes, diced  
10 leaves romaine lettuce, chopped into bite sized pieces  
1/3 cup red onion, diced  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Fry bacon until crispy; transfer to a paper towel lined plate.  
Crumble when cool enough to handle.

Bring a large pot of salted water to boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain pasta and rinse under cold water until cool. Place pasta in a large serving bowl; set aside.

In a small bowl combine zesty Italian dressing and ranch, mix well. Add dressing to pasta and toss well to coat pasta. Add bacon, lettuce, tomato, and onion to the pasta bowl, mix well to combine, and season with salt and pepper as desired. Serve at once, or chill until needed.

### ROASTED BEET SALAD

2 cans (15 ounces each) sliced beets, rinsed, drained, dried  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup red wine vinegar  
Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste  
1 and 1/2 cups crumbled feta cheese  
1/2 cup sliced black olives  
1/4 cup chopped green onion

Line a jelly roll pan or large rimmed cookie sheet with foil. Spray foil with non-stick cooking spray. Place dried beets in single layer. Place under hot broiler, turning every 2 to 3 minutes until edges start to brown. Watch carefully to avoid burning. Broil for 8 to 10 minutes total. Remove from oven and allow to cool at room tempera-

ture. Mix oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, and garlic powder until blended. Pour over beets and add remaining ingredients. Stir gently so you don't break up the beets. Serve.

### BROCCOLI SALAD

One of my BHS classmates and very good friend Wanda Faye gave me this recipe. It is one of her favorites and now it is my favorite.

1 small head of broccoli, chopped  
1 small head of cauliflower, chopped  
2 tomatoes, diced  
1 can black olives, halved  
1/2 red onion, diced  
1/4 cup sunflower seeds  
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing  
1/2 C blue cheese dressing  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Combine the veggies; toss with both dressings. Add sunflower seeds and crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste.

### The Misunderstood Baptism

Baptism is a very misunderstood doctrine. Hebrews 6:2 Tells us that baptism is a doctrine. Jesus said Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This sounds simple enough, until some preacher comes along as says this little word for means (because of). Youngs Concordance defines this word little (for) with a view to. Thayer defines this little word (for) Thayer defines it as unto, towards. Because of gives the impression that our sins are already forgiven before baptism. This also sets the stage for misrepresentation of all the other places where baptism is mentioned. Some say that baptism is only outward expression of an inward conviction. This is not found in the Holy scriptures.

So, what does baptism accomplish? 1. We have read that baptism is the act that removes sin. 2. Baptism saves. (1 Peter 3:21) The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now saves us. 3. Baptism puts us into Christ. Know ye not, that so many of us that was baptized into Jesus Christ was baptized into his death. (Romans 6:3). (Colossians 1:18) Christ is the head of the body the church.

Baptism is not a work. Work is something we continue to do. Baptism is an act of obedience. Romans 6:17-18 God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Baptism is what frees us from sin when it is obeyed from the heart. Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.

Saul, who later became the apostle Paul, thought he could pray and fast and be saved, but the Bible tells us in Acts 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. I hope and pray you read your Bible just for the pleasure of reading and studying it, it will do you much good. (There can never be peace in a man's soul until he obeys God.)

Thank you for reading this message, I pray you remember the Lord in all things, and remember if we have the faith of a grain of mustard seed we can move mountains. God bless and keep you safe another week.

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# “COVID”

(Continued from front) health of the community.”

The two new cases reported Tuesday, a 73-year-old male and a 54-year-old female, are currently self-isolating and monitoring symptoms at home, according to the press release.

Nurses from the Rockcastle County Health Department are working closely with the two latest cases to identify people who may have been in contact with them during their infectious stage.

CVDHD Public Health Director Christie Green said the department is collaborating with local emergency management, first responders, hospitals and health care providers to be prepared to address cases as they appear in the community. “Our health departments in the Cumberland Valley District are committed to protecting the health of our communities. We have well-trained nurses, environmentalists and staff who are working hard to stay abreast of the changing nature of this pandemic,” she said.

A Pandemic is defined as an epidemic that has spread into a wider area. According to the CVDHD, about 80 percent of those who test positive for the new virus do not require hospitalization and may have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all leaving 20 percent of those who test positive needing hospitalization.

Those at higher risks however are individuals with serious health conditions such as lung disease, heart disease or diabetes. Also, anyone over 60 years old is considered more vulnerable, according to the release.

Officials at the CVDHD says as more people in the county are tested, positive cases may increase.

Officials at the CVDHD also say that in cases where an individual tests positive and has had few contacts with others, health department nurses will contact those people individually. However, in cases where a large number of people may have been exposed, the health department will release information to the public to help inform them of the risk.

For general questions about the Coronavirus COVID-19, call 1-800-722-5725.

Officials say they will report any other cases

that appear in Rockcastle County and citizens should expect a much greater local impact in the area soon.

# “ORDERS”

(Continued from front) basketball courts but officials say they are aware that some will simply play basketball somewhere else.

Police display the same attitude and no officials have publicly announced they will arrest or fine anyone breaking any executive orders concerning the COVID-19 virus.

However, that could change. Most officials agree that they hope such legal actions are never required and that people will obey all of the new Coronavirus-related rules and restrictions by choice.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin says his duty is to protect and serve the citizens of the county but these new guidelines cast a different light on communities. “I look at this as a chance for citizens to protect and serve citizens,” said Franklin. “And it is our job to facilitate their ability to do just that. We are all facing sacrifices during this time and if we work together, and help each other, everyone can come out of this fine.”

When asked if he plans to enforce the governor’s rule forbidding gatherings of more than 10 people in public, the sheriff’s answer was similar to other law enforcement officers. “We encourage and practice social distancing to comply with the governor’s order, orders from the Kentucky Supreme Court and the health department.”

Franklin pointed out Governor Beshear has established a hotline to report noncompliance regarding business or public gatherings. That number is 1-833-597-2337. “The health department has been given authority regarding response to those complaints,” said Franklin. “The goal is to protect our citizens and help our citizens to protect one another. Of course if the health department requests our assistance, we are always here to help.”

Though most of the COVID-19 rules and restrictions by governors, mayors and judge/executives across the state, are currently unenforced, officials say there are indeed statutes that would allow enforcement measures to be taken if the

virus spreads more than expected.

However, Franklin has a message for all citizens. “I encourage everyone to follow the recommendations to slow the spread of the virus and keep case numbers at manageable levels. These are the best tools we have at this time.

Those in high-risk groups should self-isolate and follow the advice of your doctor.

All of us at your Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office extend our prayers and our support to all of our citizens. We are here to protect you and your rights and we remain at your service.

You will continue to see us patrolling the streets and responding to emergencies. Call 911 if you have an emergency and the dispatch non-emergency numbers for other requests for service.”

Those numbers are: 256-2121, 256-4508 and 256-1327.

# “PARKS”

(Continued from front) and has seen citizens helping others every day. “This pandemic has been life changing for all of us. I want to thank so many in the community for stepping up and meeting this challenge with such compassion, care, help and optimism.”

According to Bryant, city business is continuing though there have been some changes in daily procedures. “At the City of Mount Vernon, we are committed to continuing to provide essential services to all of our residents and businesses. Of course, for the protection of our employees and others, we too have had to take steps to mitigate the potential impact the virus could have on our area,” he said.

Those steps include closing the lobby at city hall, reducing the number of staff in various departments and implementing various other safeguard measures, the mayor said.

Governor Andy Beshear recently said during a daily news conference that mayors and other who witness citizens congregating in a park should “shut them down.”

However, for now, Bryant is hoping such action will not be necessary. “We are asking for cooperation. We can get through this together.”

# “Help”

(Continued from front)

Miller at the local office, Garrard Coffey, Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent, Hazel Jackson, Family Consumer Science Agent and Rachel Cain, Youth Development Program Assistant, have taken over as the local service representatives.

“We are here to help in any way we can,” said Coffey. “Inside or outside the home. We have someone who can help.”

With their required masters degrees, the agents have spent many years learning all there is to know about plants and insects and gardens, as well as crops and farm animals and they are on call for anyone in Rockcastle County for too many needs to count. “We go to people’s home to help with everything from quilting to soil conservation and livestock assistance,” said Garrard.

Garrard says between

the trained agents on hand, anyone can call the local service and ask for help with most any problem concerning growing vegetables, crops, grass, beef cattle, and much more.

Garrard says most of his calls in the area concern beef cattle and Jackson focuses a lot on in-home needs, including nutrition and quilting while Cain focuses most of her attention on the local 4-H program.

But these are only a few of the many needs that may come their way on any given day at the office.

In fact, if a local resident just wants their grass to be a little darker green than their neighbor’s

yard, call the local extension office. “We’d be glad to help with someone’s lawn care needs,” said Garrard.

The extension service, in general, has four main areas of programming focusing on farm, garden and environment, as well as nutrition, family and homes, and on 4-H youth development and finally on community and economic development. Within each of these programmed areas, are many sections of farming or home operations.

The agents are trained in countless areas that many are not aware of, including their effort to lower obesity rates in Kentucky and their efforts are stated among the

brochures and handouts one may receive from the service.

In their own words “the University of Kentucky Cooperative Service provides practical education you can trust to help people, businesses, and communities solve problems. develop skills and build a better future.”

If a need arises and you wonder who to call to solve a problem on your farm or in your home, officials at the service say “whether you are a commercial-scale farmer, a backyard gardener, an avid outdoor person, or anything in between, our experts can help you grow your food, understand the food system and protect the environment.”

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

*FSA Makes Changes to Farm Loan, Disaster, Conservation and Safety Net Programs to Make it Easier for Customers to Conduct Business*  
*FSA Services Available by Phone Appointment Only*

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices are open by phone appointment only until further notice, and FSA staff are available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Additionally, FSA is relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need.

FSA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into to the office, they will be working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools whenever possible.

“FSA programs and loans are critical to America’s farmers and ranchers, and we want to continue our work with customers while taking precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus,” FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. “We recognize that farm loans are critical for annual operating and family living expenses, emergency needs and cash flow through times like this. FSA is working to find and use every option and flexibility to provide producers with credit options and other program benefits.”

FSA is delivering programs and services, including: Farm loans; Commodity loans; Farm Storage Fa-

cility Loan program; Disaster assistance programs, including signup for the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (this includes producers now eligible because of losses due to drought and excess moisture in 2018 and 2019); Safety net programs, including 2020 signup for the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs; Conservation programs; and Acreage reports.

*Relaxing the Farm Loan-Making Process*

FSA is relaxing the loan-making process, including: Extending the deadline for applicants to complete farm loan applications; Preparing Direct Loans documents even if FSA is unable to complete lien and record searches because of closed government buildings. Once those searches are complete, FSA would close the loan; and Closing loans if the required lien position on the primary security is perfected, even for loans that require additional security and those lien searches, filings and recordings cannot be obtained because of closed government buildings.

*Servicing Direct Loans*

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

*Servicing Guaranteed*

*Loans*  
Guarantee lenders can self-certify, providing their borrowers with: Subsequent-year operating loan advances on lines of credit; Emergency advances on lines of credit.

FSA will consider guaranteed lender requests for: Temporary payment deferral consideration when borrowers do not have a feasible plan reflecting that family living expenses, operating expenses and debt can be repaid; and Temporary forbearance consideration for borrowers on loan liquidation and foreclosure actions.

*Contacting FSA*

FSA will be accepting additional forms and applications by facsimile or electronic signature. Some services are also available online to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

FSA encourages producers to contact their county office to discuss these programs and temporary changes to farm loan deadlines and the loan servicing options available. For Service Center contact information, visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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*Important program dates and Interest Rates*

- Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 2.625%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 3.250%
- Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%
- Emergency Loans = 3.625%
- Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 1.375%, 5 yrs. = 1.375%, 7 yrs. = 1.500%
- 10 yrs = 1.625%, 12 yrs = 1.625%, 15 yrs = 1.750%
- Commodity Loans = 2.500%.

# Rockcastle included in state road plan

By: Mike French Editor

State Representative Travis Brenda announced Tuesday that Rockcastle County is slated to receive \$3,575,000 under the state road budget, which passed the House Wednesday, March 18.

According to the Kentucky Republican Caucus press release, Kentucky road funds are raised through the motor fuels tax, motor vehicle usage tax, vehicle and boat registration, motor vehicle operator’s licenses, tolls and interest.

Brenda says the Governor’s proposed road plan moved many projects further out but he was able to work with of-

ficials of the budget subcommittee to bring the Rockcastle needs closer in the two and six year plans.

“Our roads are necessary to support manufacturing, tourism and agriculture, and now more than ever I need to ensure they are safe,” said Brenda.

Projects for Rockcastle in the year 2021 include US 25 paving.

The six-year plan, which totals \$32,152,000 throughout the state, includes improving KY 421 from US150 to I-75 at exit 62, and a planning study of improvements of US 25 from I-75 beside Renfro Valley and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhop@gmail.com

## Berea Gospel Tabernacle

231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sunday Night 6 p.m.

## Bible Baptist Church

100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.

## Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., &  
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Associate Pastor/Youth:  
Bro. Jeremy Ellis  
Secretary: Jo Roberts  
Music Director: Dan Dull

## Blue Springs Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Marcus Reppert

Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
606-308-2794  
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.

## Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.

Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
Ralph Baker, Pastor  
Brodhead Christian

237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Tracy Valentine, Preacher

606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

## Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.

## Terry Orcutt, Pastor Brush Creek Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

## Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor Buffalo Baptist Church

Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988

## Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Bill Hall, Pastor  
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor  
Calloway Baptist Church

76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

## George Renner, Pastor 606-224-4641

## Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Bro. Philip Scott

## Church of Christ on Fairground Hill

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

## Climax Christian Church

Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

## Climax Holiness Church

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.

## Community Worship Church of God

758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

## Conway Missionary Baptist

116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Bobby Turner, Pastor 606-758-4007

## Crab Orchard Pentecostal

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Donald King  
606-355-7595

## CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553

## Crossroads Assembly of God

Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Cupps Chapel Holiness

Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

## Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church

Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor

## Fairview Baptist Church

520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.

## Vaughn Razor, Pastor 606-256-3722

## Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

## First Baptist Church

340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth

website: www.fbcvmkyorg  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.,  
Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: AWANA and  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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Sundays at 11 a.m.

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Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-  
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

## First Christian Church

West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister

Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

## Flat Rock Missionary Baptist

504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

## Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
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## Freedom Baptist Church

Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331

## Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor: Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

## Higher Praise Ministries

4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Chris Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

## Lighthouse Assembly of God

Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7 p.m.

## Little Country Church

Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Livingston Baptist

Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Arthur Hunt, Minister

## Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

## Jim Miller, Pastor 606-256-1709

## Living Word Community Church

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246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

## Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor 606-308-4312

## Macedonia Baptist Church

6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

## Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor Maple Grove Baptist

Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.

WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Maretburg Baptist Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.

Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

## McNew Chapel Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor

## Mt. Vernon Church of God

1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church

606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

## New Heights Church

316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightsky.net  
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
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ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action

## Steve McDaniel, Worship Leader New Hope Baptist Church

Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor Northside Baptist Church

777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
Kenny Allen, Pastor  
Sunday  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.

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Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9  
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Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.

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## Ottawa Baptist Church

1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship  
Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Service 7 p.m.  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

## Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

525 Williams St  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.  
Father Gary Simpson,  
Pastor

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

## Philadelphia United Baptist

834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368

## Pine Hill Holiness

5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

## Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church

81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
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# Letter to Our Community from Rockcastle Regional Hospital

To our patients and community:

As the spread of COVID-19 impacts the health of many communities around us and throughout the nation, and upends our daily living, we want to assure everyone that Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center remains committed to our mission of delivering the highest quality of care to those we serve. Our focus continues to be on the safety of our patients, employees, and our community.

At this time, Rockcastle Regional doesn't have any cases of COVID-19 in the facility; but since the organization serves the entire state of Kentucky and many surrounding states, we are being ever so vigilant.

Here are some of the things we've done so far:

- We have implemented infection control protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our facility, including restriction of visitors to our acute care hospital and our Respiratory Care Center, with visitation limited to patients receiving critical care.
- All visitors to our facility are met by a healthcare professional who conducts a screening upon entrance that includes a temperature check, a questionnaire, and education on hand washing and COVID-19.
- In response to the Governor's recommendations, we have rescheduled non-emergent medical procedures or appointments. For those appointments that can be completed by phone or video chat (telemedicine), our care providers have worked with our patients to establish the means to do so.
- We have activated our emergency preparedness plan to stage areas throughout the facility if our community begins to see positive cases of COVID-19. In the event patient volumes grow beyond our typical threshold, or what is referred to as a "surge," we can immediately initiate the next level in our emergency preparedness plan. An example of this is the tented triage area that has been staged outside our emergency department. The area consists of several tents and stands ready to serve as a triage area to allow those who present to the emergency department with respiratory symptoms to be routed to a different area than potential patients who are in need of traditional emergency care, should a "surge" in COVID-19 cases occur locally.

We encourage everyone to be vigilant in not only caring for yourself during this time, but also thinking about how your actions can affect others and the further spread of this outbreak. The CDC provides recommendations on how you can best do this:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away, or cough and sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet between you and others.

If you suspect you might have COVID-19 or have come in contact with someone who has COVID-19, please call Rockcastle Regional's Hotline at (606) 256-7385. Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, body aches, runny nose, or sore throat. A medical professional answering the call will assess your symptoms and advise you of the steps you should follow.

Calling in when symptoms are mild, rather than coming in to see the doctor, will prevent potentially exposing healthcare workers and others to the virus. If you are unsure what to do based on your symptoms, please use these guidelines recommended by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Rockcastle Regional:

If you are worried-well, please stay home, call the Kentucky State Hotline at (800) 722-5725, or the Rockcastle Regional Hotline at (606) 256-7835. Going to a hospital or doctor's office adds to a higher concentration of people and further overwhelms the healthcare system.

If you are ill, but would not have sought care if not for COVID-19, do not seek in-person care at an emergency department, hospital, or doctor's office. Instead, please call your healthcare provider or Rockcastle Regional's Hotline at (606) 256-7865.

If you are sick and feel you have an emergency, please call your healthcare provider or seek medical care. Rockcastle Regional stands ready to serve you.

We encourage everyone seeking additional information about COVID-19 to refer only to reliable sources such as the CDC at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019), the Kentucky Department of Public Health at [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.kycovid19.ky.gov), or our website at [rockcastleregional.org](https://www.rockcastleregional.org).

Even as we each do our parts to social distance and remain isolated, we must remember our family, friends, neighbors, and the community that we are all fighting to protect.

Sincerely,

Board, Administration, Physicians, and Staff of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center





# WHEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, WE ARE THERE WITH YOU.

**By Peter Baniak**  
**Past President**  
**Kentucky Press Association**

When Kentucky's first cluster of COVID-19 cases emerged in rural Harrison County, The Cynthiana Democrat newspaper took immediate action to help keep its community informed. The weekly paper, which has two reporters, published a special section with essential information on the novel coronavirus and sent it out to every household in the county.

"Don't Panic," said the banner headline. "But instead be prepared."

These are unprecedented days in communities throughout Kentucky, the United States and the world, as the novel coronavirus spreads, wreaking medical and economic damage in its wake.

Kentucky's community newspapers, large and small, in digital and in print, are taking action to keep our communities informed on everything from the latest news about the virus itself to the importance of social distancing. We're providing resources and connecting citizens in our communities who are affected by the unprecedented steps being taken to stop the spread of the virus. And newspapers are stepping up for their communities even as we're directly affected, too – with

our staffs working from home and many of our advertisers shutting their doors, at least for now.

Newspaper sites throughout the Commonwealth have removed their digital paywalls on stories about COVID-19 and its effects, making this essential information free so it can reach as many citizens in our communities as possible.

Kentucky's community newspapers are providing essential information to our towns and cities in other ways, big and small.

The Crittenden Press in Crittenden County, Ky., is hosting a local video news conference each Friday with community leaders, spreading it widely on social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat and YouTube.

"We, too, are in a survival mode on the business side, but there's little time to count nickels right now because as the town crier of community, we are pledged to keep crucial, reliably consistent and verified information on the streets," said Chris Evans, editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press.

Newsrooms from Bardstown to Lexington to Pikeville to Adair County are helping restaurants spread the word with guides listing curbside and takeout ser-

VICES and compiling free lists of resources for community members who may be dealing with sudden unemployment, health crises, or childcare needs.

Jobe Publishing increased the font size of its newspapers in south-central Kentucky given the increased demand among seniors who can't leave their homes under social-distancing guidelines.

The Kentucky News Group's sites are helping funeral homes live-stream funerals at the request of families, so services can be experienced by loved ones even amid restrictions on social gatherings.

Our staffs are working around the clock to knock down rumors and to report, check and distribute verified information to help our communities in a time of need like none we've seen before. As we do this essential work for you, we ask that you consider subscribing, support advertisers in our issues and if your business is strong and stable perhaps help by placing an advertisement. In essence helping your local newspaper is "paying it forward" for the communities we serve.

Now more than ever, Kentucky's newspapers will be here to help our communities when they need us most.

## KET devotes daytime schedule to at-home learning to help families and educators

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on schools, KET has modified the weekday daytime schedule on its main channel as of Monday, March 30. As part of KET's mission to ensure Kentucky students of every age have access to high-quality, free educational resources, the program schedule is changing to provide educational content that educators and parents can use to support learning at home.

KET's normal Monday through Friday lineup that airs on the main KET channel from 7 a.m. ET to 5 p.m. ET has been replaced with a special lineup containing programming specific to at-home learning for PreK-third grade, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. Viewers can visit [KET.org/learnathome](http://KET.org/learnathome) for an updated weekly schedule.

With these broadcast programs, paired with a rich library of online resources, KET is helping address the critical need for quality distance learning resources. Families and educators can visit [KET.org/learnathome](http://KET.org/learnathome) for a toolkit that provides

free high-quality educational resources for children of all ages.

"With students at home, we know teachers, parents and caregivers are doing their best to keep everyone learning," said Shae Hopkins, KET executive director and CEO. "We're here to help with educational resources for students of all ages. Education is at the heart of our mission, and we're here to serve Kentuckians during this crucial time."

Said Kentucky Interim Education Commissioner Kevin C. Brown: "For over 50 years, KET has used technology to respond to the needs of Kentuckians. Keeping with that tradition, I am so grateful for KET's recent efforts to increase the number of educational programs for use by Kentucky's students during the COVID-19 crisis. Generation after generation, KET has evolved using new technology and ways to reach all Kentuckians with quality programming. Now KET continues to lead by responding quickly during a time of crisis."

KET is available over the air statewide, on cable

systems, and via livestream, at [KET.org/live](http://KET.org/live), on the KET app for Android and Apple devices, and on YouTube TV.

KET's daytime programming lineup:

- From 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. ET, KET will air programming for children in PreK - third grade. The

lineup features trusted PBS KIDS programs such as Wild Kratts and Peg + Cat that focus on math and science.

- From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET, KET will air programming for grades 4-8.

- From 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. ET, KET will air programming for grades 9-

## Senator McConnell applauds Senate passage of CARES Act

U. S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) praised Senate passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The legislation, introduced by Senator McConnell earlier this month and passed by the Senate last night, takes bold action on four urgent priorities.

The CARES Act directs financial help for the American people, provides rapid relief for small businesses and their employees, takes significant steps to stabilize our economy and protect jobs, and delivers more support for the brave healthcare professionals and the patients who are fighting the coronavirus on the front lines.

"Ten days ago, I laid

out four urgent priorities for new Senate legislation to help our nation through this crisis. I led Republicans and Democrats to work together around the clock to make the bill even better. And I am proud to say the Senate stood together, acted together, and passed this historic relief package," Senator McConnell said. "In the coming days and weeks, our nation is going to meet new heroes. Heroes who rush toward the sick, and wash their hands until they bleed, and work around the clock to heal our friends and our families. When our nation comes through this and takes flight again on the other side, it will be because American heroes won this fight. All the

Senate can do is give them the resources to do it. So that's exactly what we did."

The Bipartisan CARES Act will help stabilize the economy, provide recovery checks and unemployment insurance, support small businesses, and surge funding for hospitals and medical equipment.

The CARES Act Provides Direct Assistance To Families And Workers Through Recovery Checks And Expanded Unemployment Insurance As Well As Relief On Student Loan Payments

- Provides recovery checks to most taxpayers, providing cash immediately to individuals and families. Individuals are eligible for checks up

turn to the KET PBS KIDS channel, which is available over the air and via livestream at [KET.org/kids](http://KET.org/kids). The KET PBS KIDS channel is also available for streaming on YouTube TV and via the free PBS KIDS app on Apple TV, Roku, Android TV, Chromecast, and Amazon Fire TV.

to \$1,200 and married couples filing jointly are eligible for checks up to \$2,400, with an extra \$500 for each child. Even people with no income and or only Social Security income are eligible. So that relief is focused on those who need it most, eligibility for recovery checks is reduced starting at \$75,000 in income for individuals and \$150,000 in income for joint filers. Individuals with income exceeding \$99,000 and joint filers with income exceeding \$198,000 are ineligible. Eligibility is based on 2019 tax returns, or 2018 returns if the 2019 return has not yet been filed.

- Strengthens and expands unemployment in-

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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### Circuit Civil Suits

Stephen Charles Howerton v. Melissa Carol Howerton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerusha Mae Robinson v. Rick Bryan Robinson, verified petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00065

### Marriage Licenses

Bayleigh Breanne Mullins, 23, Berea, unemployed and Joseph Dewayne Parker, 28, Lancaster, Bluegrass Army Depot. 3/21/20

Katherine Mary Sizemore, 40, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Jason Boyd Stewart, 40, Brodhead, scrap yard. 3/24/20

Lauren Rachelle Pagedtt, 22, Berea, daycare asst. teacher and Lance Michael Hostetler, 22, Berea, unemployed. 3/25/20

### District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. William Convery, \$4,246 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Terry Harding, \$735 plus claimed due.

Merchants Acceptance, Inc. v. John Burton, et al, \$2,201 plus claimed due. C-00063

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### “CARES”

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insurance for Americans who cannot work due to the coronavirus. It expands unemployment benefits to the self-employed, independent contractors, gig workers, and others. The bill provides additional benefits to each recipient of unemployment insurance for up to four months and an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits after state benefits are no longer available. For people who were employed on March 1 and have lost their job due to coronavirus, the bill provides paid leave for them as well. The bill also helps states pay for certain additional unemployment insurance costs.

- Permits students to defer their student loan payments for 6 months and keep their Pell grants.

The CARES Act Provides Crucial Assistance To Small Businesses To Keep Operating And Keep Their Employees

- Provides nearly \$350 billion in federally guaranteed loans via the Paycheck Protection Program to provide eight weeks of cash-flow assistance to small businesses who maintain their payroll during this emergency. If employers maintain their payroll, the loans would be forgiven, which would help workers to remain employed and affected small businesses and our economy to quickly snap-back after the crisis.

- Allows the Paycheck Protection Program to cover payroll costs, paid sick leave, supply chain disruptions, employee salaries, health insurance premiums, mortgage

payments, and other debt obligations to provide immediate access to capital for small businesses impacted by the coronavirus.

- Provides \$17 billion in small business debt relief by requiring the Small Business Administration to pay all principal, interest, and fees on all existing SBA loan products for six months to provide relief to small businesses negatively affected by the coronavirus.

- Provides \$10 billion for expanded eligibility for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans, including emergency grants, an advance of \$10,000 within three days to maintain payroll, provide paid sick leave, and to service other debt obligations.

The CARES Act Surges Funding To The Front Lines Of The Coronavirus Fight: Hospitals And Health Care Providers, The CDC, VA Facilities, FEMA, And Purchases Of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) And Ventilators

- Provides a \$340 billion surge in emergency funding to combat the coronavirus outbreak. More than 80% of the funding package goes to state and local governments and communities.

- Includes \$100 billion for hospitals and health care providers to ensure they receive the support they need for coronavirus-related expenses and lost revenue.

- Includes \$16 billion to procure personal protective equipment (PPEs), ventilators, and other medical supplies for federal and state response efforts via the Strategic National Stockpile.

- Includes \$11 billion

for vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and other preparedness needs, with at least \$3.5 billion of that to advance construction, manufacturing, and purchase of vaccines and therapeutic delivery to the American people. This is in addition to the billions already provided for these activities in the first supplemental.

- Includes \$4.3 billion for the Centers for Disease Control.

- Includes \$45 billion for the FEMA disaster relief fund.

- Includes over \$19 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs to support increased demand for health care services at VA facilities and through telehealth, including the purchase of medical equipment and supplies, testing kits, and personal protective equipment. Also enables VA to provide additional support for vulnerable veterans.

The CARES Act Reinforces Health Care Providers, Ensures Free Tests For Patients, Makes Sure Medicare Beneficiaries Can Access Care, And Increases Critical Supplies Of Medical Equipment And Drugs

- Increases the supply of drugs and critical equipment, including

ventilators and masks.

- Boosts hiring for coronavirus-related health care jobs.

- Ensures all coronavirus tests are free for patients.

- Speeds the development of new vaccines and treatments.

- Ensures Medicare patients can access treatment for coronavirus by increasing payments for providers, and eliminating charges for an eventual vaccine. It also ensures Medicare Part D beneficiaries access to prescription drugs during the emergency.

The CARES Act Helps Stabilize The Economy And Offers Relief To Businesses As They Keep Employees On Payroll

- Provides \$500 billion to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Exchange Stabilization Fund for distressed industries.

- Authorizes the Federal Reserve to provide approximately \$4 trillion in direct aid to various industries and local governments.

- Safeguards taxpayers by requiring strict criteria for loans.

- Establishes oversight through an independent Inspector General and Congressional Oversight Panel.

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# Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter  
State Senator

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly returned to Frankfort on Thursday with the primary goal of advancing the state's biennial budget plan. While negative economic impacts due to the coronavirus are inevitable, I am confident in the legislature's ability to reconcile political differences and craft a balanced two-year financial plan for the Commonwealth.



Economic relief for COVID-19-impacted businesses and workers passed both chambers with overwhelming bipartisan support. Senate Bill 150, which originally dealt with out-of-network insurance billing, was amended in free conference negotiations between the House and Senate. A key provision would extend unemployment eligibility to the self-employed, including many small business owners and independent contractors who were not previously eligible for unemployment benefits under Kentucky law.

The budget conference committee began meeting this week. This bipartisan and bicameral group is tasked with reexamining the current budget document and determining the most financially responsible avenue moving forward, given the economic climate. To get a clearer view of what the state's financial future could look like, the committee heard a report from the State Budget Director who offered a less than optimistic projection with an estimated \$300 million in revenue losses over the next two years. These difficult financial conversations and budget revisions will be ongoing until a final version of the budget is agreed upon.

We are constitutionally required to pass a budget prior to adjourning the legislative session. Therefore, it is anticipated that both chambers will vote on the finalized budget bill when we reconvene on our next legislative day on Wednesday, April 1. We will be in veto recess until the session's final days on April 14 and 15.

There are many ways for you to stay informed on legislative happenings as we continue our work in Frankfort. Livestreamed video feed is available for all General Assembly meetings. Kentucky Educational Television (KET) currently livestreams Senate and House proceedings as well as many committee sessions. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) will livestream any committee meetings that aren't covered by KET on YouTube.

To see the daily meeting schedule with links to livestreams visit:

L R C : legislature.ky.gov (The link to watch is on the homepage.)

KET: ket.org/legislature

I understand that these are troubling times, and it feels like there are more questions than answers. However, I believe it is important that all Kentuckians are informed of the resources that have been made available to help with any questions or concerns that you may have. I would ask for your assistance in sharing this information with those in your community as well.

The COVID-19 hotline is still available to those in need: 1 (800) 722-5725. The hotline is a service operated by the healthcare professionals at the Kentucky Poison Control Center who can provide advice and answer questions. They ask that you first review their website, kycovid19.ky.gov, before calling. Guidance and updated information is being

provided as it becomes available.

The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is working expeditiously to better serve those who have been displaced from work during this frustrating and challenging time. To expedite the process, Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims will be filed on a specific day of the week based on the first letter of your last name:

- Sunday: A – D
- Monday: E – H
- Tuesday: I – L
- Wednesday: M – P
- Thursday: Q – U
- Friday: V – Z (and all who missed their day)

Please be on the lookout for UI information and other updates from the

cabinet via social media and its website: [www.kcc.ky.gov](http://www.kcc.ky.gov).

As we maneuver through the final legislative days of the 2020 Regular Session, I encourage you to utilize the resources mentioned to stay updated on the coronavirus situation and budget discussions. Take care of each other and stay healthy. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issues, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me at [Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov](mailto:Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov). You can also review the Legislature's work online at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).



**James Kirby, plant manager for Hanson Aggregates Laurel Quarry, pictured with operations manager Darrell Owsley, was recently presented a plaque to commemorate his 45 years of service with the company. Kirby joined the company in 1975 serving in a variety of roles. In 1997 he moved the Laurel Quarry at Somerset as a mechanic where his natural leadership qualities were quickly recognized and he was soon promoted to plant manager, a position he still holds today.**

By R. Travis Brenda  
State Representative

State legislature responds to COVID-19 with crucial relief bill

On Thursday, March 27, the Kentucky General Assembly convened for day fifty of the 2020 Regular Session. Though our top priority is passing a budget, it also falls to the legislature to help provide relief to Kentuckians suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are, after all, the only branch of state government that can pass laws. Thousands of Kentuckians are struggling through no fault of their own. Parents can not work, children can not go to school, and business owners who are the backbone of our communities have had to close their doors.



Governor Beshear, our public health officials, and medical providers throughout the state are doing an admirable job putting our fellow Kentuckians at ease and implementing policies to help slow the spread. Our priority is the health and safety of our people. We all recognize that these actions come at a cost felt by all Kentuckians, and the Kentucky General Assembly is already at work to lessen the burden.

Of course, this is not the first time in our history that we have been called to make sacrifices. In the first half of the 20th Century, this country faced two World Wars, the Spanish Fever Pandemic, and an economic crisis that crushed the American economy. When the dark days were over, Americans switched from recovery to rebuilding. With vision, leadership, and cooperation, we can do the same.

Before leaving Frankfort, I was honored to cast a vote for SB 150, referred to as the "COVID relief bill." The bill does a number of things to move us through both the health and economic repercussions of COVID-19.

SB 150 provides relief for Kentucky workers: Those who lose their jobs or see their hours cut because of COVID-19's impact on the economy will be able to access unemployment benefits immediately as SB 150 removes the seven-day waiting period. The measure also extends benefits to self-employed and others who would typically not be eligible. The bill's provisions also allow employees who have been reduced to part-time status to draw a partial benefit. We have seen a record number of people reach out to unemploy-

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ment insurance, and that number will only grow in the weeks to come.

SB 150 also includes help for business owners: Its provisions include language that prevents a business owner's unemployment insurance rate from being adversely impacted because they had to lay off employees as a result of COVID-19. The bill also permits the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to seek assistance from the federal government and use other resources to reimburse the unemployment insurance trust fund. We have seen a record number of people apply for unemployment insurance, and I think that number will only grow in the weeks to come. I believe that SB 150 makes the unemployment insurance program even more valuable as a safety net and helps set the stage for our recovery.

It encourages the production of PPEs and other supplies: Because many manufacturers and other businesses have voiced an interest in joining the ef-

forts against COVID-19, we granted immunity to those that can switch to making products like personal protective equipment or personal hygiene supplies.

It cuts through red tape to help our farmers: We know our agricultural community is working even harder to get food and other goods to market. Through SB 150, we suspended a requirement that they get a temporary restricted CDL license for farm-related activities.

It helps the medical providers who are dealing with COVID-19: These men and women are mothers, fathers, children, and parents who balance their own needs while trying to keep us healthy, heal the sick, and find ways to stop the spread. They deserve our prayers, our attention, and our support. SB 150 will help support them by deeming physical and occupational therapists essential health care providers during this state of emergency. It also provides legal immunity for health care providers who

in good faith render care or treatment during the state of emergency. The state boards of Medical Licensure, Emergency Medical Services, and Nursing will also be able to waive or modify certain laws. With this, we give flexibility to those who have the experience and knowledge to make the best decisions.

SB 150 has now been signed by the Governor. The General Assembly will return to Frankfort on April 1, when we will wrap up the budget and adjourn. Until then and in the weeks and months to come, we will continue working to help move Kentucky – and Kentuckians – through this crisis. In the meantime, I can still be reached through the toll-free message line if you have any comments or questions, just call 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at [travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov). You can also keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

# Governor limits out-of-state travel

Gov. Andy Beshear on Monday issued an order to limit Kentuckians out-of-state travel and offered a 10-step plan to fight the spread of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Right now we have more cases in other states, the Governor said. What it means is your likelihood of getting infected and potentially bringing back the coronavirus may be greater in other states than ours. You need to be home anyways.

The decree allows for a range of exemptions, including travel to other states for work and groceries, to care for loved ones, to obtain health care and when required by a court order. Kentuckians arriving back in the commonwealth from out of state are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.

We want you to remain Healthy at Home, La Tasha Buckner, chief of staff and general counsel for Gov. Beshear, said of the new orders goal.

The Governor issued the order under provisions of the State of Emergency declaration that he issued on March 6, 2020, the day of the states first positive case.

Gov. Beshear previously advised Kentuckians to avoid travel into Tennessee, which did not as quickly adopt some of the more stringent measures Kentucky has enacted.

Stay Healthy at Home is the very first item on a new 10-step plan to fight the coronavirus that Gov. Beshear unveiled Monday.

Beyond staying home and avoiding unnecessary travel, the 10 steps to fight COVID-19 include tips on sanitation and social distancing as well as information for those seeking help with unemployment, mental health issues and health care benefits.

Were trying to make sure were putting all of those steps that people need to take into one place, the Governor said.

Gov. Beshear also signed Senate Bill 150, the coronavirus relief bill, into law. The Governor thanked lawmakers for their quick action, which codifies many of the measures already being taken. During the current state of emergency, SB 150 creates flexibility in our telehealth system, prohibits non-emergent procedures, allows for the delivery of alcohol and creates flexibility in deciding who is eligible for unemployment insurance.

The Governor said officials are continuing efforts to expand the states health care resources. The commonwealth currently has about 18,500 hospital beds, 1,300 ICU beds and 1,352 ventilators.

**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY**

**RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00060, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Grant and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater diffuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Grant generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTOOD), Wholesale Fire Department Service (WFD), All Electric School (AES), and All Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTOD, and WFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.45. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.75 up to \$20.88. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3,573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 174 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.30.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% increase with a maximum increase of 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 23,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.68. TODS customers using 205,135 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.40. TODP customers using 1,294,955 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$9.04 up to \$1,543.53. RTS customers using 4,504,865 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$34.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,959 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$89.74 up to \$45,945.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying and/or surcharging KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion, within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00060. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.ku-ky.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.



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**For Rent Maple Street Storage of Brodhead** 606-308-2491

## Property For Sale

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## Posted

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on property on both sides of Mahaffey Hollow Road. 10x4

**Posted:** No trespassing on property belonging to John Polly at Hummel. Violators will be prosecuted. 8x8

**Posted:** No trespassing on the late Murphy Martin property in the Red Hill area. 8x10

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging

to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

**No Trespassing of any kind,** and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47ftn

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25ftn

**Fort 9 ft. Rotary Mower.** \$4,500. 606-308-8452. 8x4p

## Miscellaneous For Sale

**Cemetery Plot** in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 29xntf

**Cresthaven Cemetery Plots.** Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

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The 20,000 gallon gas tank was placed this week at the new Marathon Station in Livingston and officials say the project is still on schedule. Mayor Jason Medley says the station beside the new Family Dollar Store will be a huge asset to the entire community of Livingston and he is proud to welcome another business to the town. Plans are to open the station to customers this summer.

## COVID-19 Eight cases reported In Rockcastle County

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has eight confirmed cases of the Coronavirus, COVID-19. Three cases were reported last week. The fourth case, a 7-year-old child was reported Wednesday, April 1 and the fifth case, a 50 year old female, was reported Saturday, April 4. A sixth case, a 35-year-old male, was reported Monday, April 6 and a seventh case, a 52-year-old female was reported on Tuesday, April 7. Officials say now the first case in the county, a 20-year-old male, has now recovered and is out of isolation.

No cases of the virus have been reported by a patient at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Health Department nurses have begun the contact investigations and will work with individuals who have been exposed to assist with self-quarantine and symptom monitoring for 14 days. Anyone who is self-quarantined because they have been exposed to a person who has the virus should contact their health care provider or the Rockcastle Regional COVID-19 Hotline at 256-7835 if they develop any symptoms.

## RCIDA deals with COVID-19 local effects

By: Mike French  
Editor

As a sign of the times, the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) was held via conference call Tuesday morning in order to avoid social contact and adhere to Governor Beshear's orders to halt public meetings.

But the fact that the meeting was held over the phone did not change the agenda as some board members performed their duties from home and others from work.

Chairman Corey Craig said he hopes the social changes due to the COVID-19 virus will not last much longer and "things will get back to normal."

While the agenda included all the typical monthly subjects, Executive Director Jeff VanHook said projects nationwide, and in Rockcastle County, have

slowed dramatically due to the pandemic. "Our focus has had to change somewhat," said VanHook. "We have been delayed on all our projects. We are usually

busy talking to people who may potentially locate here but that's on hold right now. We will begin those talks on the other side of this."

Still, Vanhook said plans in the county won't change in the long run. "We can't change our plans or our goals but all this will have an effect on some things we are doing. This is a very big ordeal

that we are all going through here and it has an effect on everything we are working on."

VanHook presented good news and bad news to the board.

"Kentucky Pharmaceutical is moving ahead, actually faster than Microfoodery did, and the Marathon Station in

(See "RCIDA" on A6)

## City closes all public parks

By: Mike French  
Editor

Mount Vernon City Parks are now closed to the public.

"We tried to keep them open but not enough people would practice social distancing. We continued to get complaints from the public and we felt it was best for everyone to close them until further notice," said Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant.

Bryant says all city projects are currently on

hold due to the COVID-19 threat as well. "All of our projects have come to a screeching halt during this time," he said. "We have cut our staff to minimal personnel and will be holding the city council meeting virtually with audio and video," he said. "We are doing all we can to follow the President's and the Governor's advice and protect as many as we can."

The city has also found (See "PARKS" on A6)

## Local officials use conference calls to meet

By: Mike French  
Editor

Several public meetings have been cancelled or postponed since the governor's orders that public gatherings be halted to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

However, Kentucky law includes specific requirements concerning public meetings and the press, which is one reason the press is listed as "essential services" during the stay-home orders from Governor Beshear.

The Brodhead City Commission has an-

## McClure named as director of public safety at Transylvania

By: Mike French  
Editor

Past Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Casey McClure has been named Director of Public Safety for Transylvania University in Lexington.

McClure says that his roots in Rockcastle County have helped him prepare for the high public safety position at the

nounced the April regular meeting will be cancelled since they were able to hold their regular monthly meeting in March. No makeup date has been scheduled for the April meeting but officials say one missed meeting is allowed by law under certain circumstances.

However, many other local meetings were missed in March and local officials have been researching ways to hold their April meeting while observing public gather-

(See "MEET" on A6)

## Loans help small businesses in Rockcastle also

By: Mike French  
Editor

Many businesses are suffering from the governor's orders to close their doors to the public during the COVID-19 scare.

### McConnell's statement

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) issued the following statement Tuesday regarding additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program.

(See "Statement" on A6)

However, according to officials, there are new loans and grants available related to the virus that are intended to help small businesses.

Corey Craig, President and CEO of Citizens Bank in Mount Vernon, said one such loan is called the PPP loan (Paycheck Protection Program).

Craig said the new loan is set up so that a business may borrow money that may later be forgiven.

Craig told the RCIDA Board Tuesday (See "PPP" on A6)

## Meeting cancelled

The Brodhead City Commission meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 13, has been cancelled.

## Fiscal Court

The regular monthly fiscal court meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m. However, the meeting will be held by conference call only. To access the meeting live, call 1-712-432-3900. You will be prompted for an ID number. The ID number is 433828#.

## City Closures

All public city parks in Mount Vernon are now closed to the public until further notice by order of Mayor Mike Bryant.

## School closure extended

By order of the Kentucky Department of Education and the Governor of Kentucky, Rockcastle County schools will now be closed through Friday, May 1. Classes are currently scheduled to begin on Monday, May 4. The April school board meeting will be held by conference call only.

## Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus.

The line will be operated from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week. Calls made during off hours will be forwarded to the State of Kentucky COVID-19 Hotline or you may visit kycovid19.ky.gov for more information.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I consider this period of time the uneasiest of my lifetime. I have to think there is something we are not being told about this virus because I cannot understand the extreme measures being taken for the first time in this country.

The HINI Virus in 2009 infected 20% (1.4 billion) of the population in this country and the Spanish Flu (which killed my grandfather) in 1918 infected 30% of the country with no shutdowns.

Using Dr. Tony Fauci's (a member of President Trump's Coronavirus Task Force) possibility of 200,000 deaths in this country, the infection rate would have to be 60% of Americans, or 210,000,000 people even with lockdowns across the country.

Said Dr. Fauci, who in 2009 dismissed HINI as a "bad flu" and wrote an article about how people were overly panicked by Ebola, is a well-known supporter of Hillary Clinton which doesn't engender the utmost confidence in his non-biased opinions. He, at least, had the decency to say "don't hold me to that" when making the 200,000 prediction.

I will probably wind up with the virus since I have seemed flippant about the disease in several ramblings... I have written since its onset. I don't really intend to be but I do wonder about the death toll figures being published.

There have been accusations (from several credible pundits) about the padding of these figures. Even if this is true, however, the figures published do not begin to compare with the deaths attributable to the common flu this season which are in the tens of thousands.

Besides all of this, we also have to contend with the passage of a \$2T Coronavirus Response bill which included: \$25 mil-

lion for the Kennedy Center (who are in the process of furloughing 60% of their employees); \$75 million for National Public Radio (whose main purpose in life, best I can tell, is to attack the President and the Republican Party); \$7.5 million for the Smithsonian and \$150 million each for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The bill also: strengthened private sector unionizing, gave \$250 million to the IRS, \$350 million to the state department for migration and refugee assistance -- to help minimize the virus spread among vulnerable populations, \$400 million to federal election assistance commission to assist states with "election security grants," \$30.8 billion to the department of education for state fiscal stabilization funds for grants to support elementary and secondary education (\$13.5 billion), higher education (\$14.25 billion) and state flexibility grants (\$3 billion).

These, of course, are all absolutely necessary to fight the spread of the Coronavirus in our country

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Everyone has great childhood memories. When you have a loving, caring family, that's what you get. Great memories.

Christmases are my greatest of all childhood memories but Easter is right up there on the list as well.

Our family was one of tradition. I mean staunch, no-matter-what tradition. Each year we followed the same pattern at each holiday or event. Each celebration was held at the same place, at the same time, no matter what.

Easter was at my mother's sister's house in Winchester. Mary Ruth Babb hosted the entire family on Easter. And we were quite a large family.

Winchester was a long drive for us since in those days a trip to the store was a big deal. But, along with all family members, we spent the previous day coloring eggs and putting together Easter baskets.

Mom would let me have the little wax pencil

to draw on each egg before it got dipped into the egg dye. That dye filled the house with the smell of vinegar and boiled eggs but mom and I had a blast doing it. At least I did. For her it must have been hard work but she never let me know that.

Of course I didn't see all the preparation and clean-up involved in egg coloring until I was grown. So to me, it was all just a joy. But when you have a loving, caring mother, that's what you get.

There were about 15 of us kids still of the egg-hunting age and we got so tired of waiting inside

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### Golden Treats

For the past 90 years, adults, but especially children, have been feasting on the golden delights that are known as Twinkies. I will never forget my mother (Bee) keeping these treats in our pantry when I was a very young boy. When I took my lunch to elementary school at Mt. Vernon Elementary, I could count on one being placed inside my paper sack. It was all I could do to wait until lunch to get into the bag and retrieve my Twinkie.

As I recall, Bee always made certain that we had

a supply of Twinkies at our house. I believe everyone in my family loved the golden snack cakes. She particularly loved having them with a cold glass of milk.

Twinkies were the idea of James Dewar manager of the Continental Baking Plant in River Forest, Illinois. He produced the first Twinkie in 1930. The two-pack snacks were priced for a nickel. Remember, this was during the Great Depression of 1929. Mr. Dewar lived to be eighty-eight years old, and it is said that he consumed Twinkies to the very end.

Needless to say, the original recipe is no longer used—and we old folks can actually tell the difference. The original contained eggs, milk, and butter, but today's treat has 39 ingredients. Eight of them are corn-based. What a change! I suppose this is what is known as "progress."

As I have noted before, Kenneth Hansel and I often took picnics to Big Fill Cave when we were boys. If my mother prepared the bagged lunch for us, we could count on there being a couple of Twinkie packages in our brown bag. She was thoughtful that way. And, as young boys, we were ever grateful.

When I was about

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Last week's paper hadn't been on the street for more than hour before someone sent me a facebook message saying they would give up reading before they'd do it on an ereader. Almost simultaneously another message bearer wanted to know what brand of android tablet I'd recommend.

As I've already mentioned, I have a Kindle Fire that is 12 years newer than my first kindle. Brother Andy is still us-

ing the first one. It is over 15 years old, and still running great, on the original battery! It did not have a lighted screen, was only useful for reading books sold by Amazon and we had to use a reading light.

The new Fires (Amazon and Kindle are identical) will run any android/smart phone application as well as serving as book readers and they don't need a reading

## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### On Lockdown

Dear Journal,

For the last several days the United States has almost come to a standstill, being locked away from the Covid-19 virus. It seems to be more in the larger cities than here in the rural sections. Living out in nowhere does have its advantages.

I've been laid off for almost a month and staying close to home. I'm at high risk for catching the virus due to health conditions and age. I've kept myself busy with this and that and have enjoyed sleeping in late. I'm usually up by 8 AM, though. It's not like I have somewhere to go and a lot to do at home. Well, actually, I have plenty to do at home if I only had the strength to do it. This last surgery has wiped me out. It just takes time to recover.

Last Saturday was so very beautiful I couldn't resist sitting out on the front porch. It seemed that a lot of local folks were out and about. I heard neighbors mowing their yards, and I saw a few tractors passing on their way to begin the tilling and plowing of the gardens. It looks like there will be more gardens and garden produce canned or frozen than

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# Ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

and Congress passed this legislation in the nick of time -- yes, I'm being a smart aleck.

But only in the world of Democrats can House Speaker Nancy Pelosi accuse President Trump of being behind in helping the American people when she was the one directly responsible for holding up passage of the \$2T bill, for a week, while she was loading it up with as much pork as possible.

And, only in America, can New York Governor Andrew Cuomo release inmates (including those convicted of child rape) from state prisons because of concerns over the Coronavirus, but then house them in a local motel - which evidently has magi-

cal powers to keep the virus at bay - while mandating that regular citizens shelter in place.

Looking at the number of cases and deaths from the COVID-19 virus, it seems to me if we would quarantine off the east and west coasts, the rest of us could pretty much go about our business, using some sensible precautions.

81% (8,887) of the 10,993 in this country (as of Tuesday morning) have occurred in ten states with eight of them either being on the East or West Coast and one (Louisiana) on the Gulf Coast. The remaining 2,106 deaths are spread out over 39 states and DC. Kentucky has had 60 deaths but there are eight states with nine or fewer deaths. No deaths have been reported in Wyoming.

Again, I don't mean to treat this disease lightly -- you've heard the old saying

that the severity of any illness depends on if you or I have it -- but I honestly don't understand this draconian measure which is destroying the entire country's economy. I am not sure how many small businesses (the real backbone of our economy) will be able to come back from this.

I do know that I only have the utmost admiration and respect for all our healthcare workers who are continuing to do their jobs under the most stressful of conditions and should be given hazardous duty pay at the very least.

## “Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

while the adults hid them all.

When we finally got the word, it was a mad rush out the old, wooden screen door and into the steep back yard.

For me, it was a little competitive. I was never any good at any form of sports and the race to find the most eggs just never really interested me. But it seemed important to my dad that I find some. So I would scrounge around and he would occasionally use his toe to point out where one egg just might be.

One year, they hid the eggs in the snow. Yes, it snowed on Easter Sunday.

To be perfectly honest, I never even liked the taste of boiled eggs. I would always peel one and eat it just because that's what we were supposed to do. But I didn't like it very much.

But, it was always clear that the egg hunt wasn't the point. Oh it was fun and we screaming, running children were having a wonderful time.

But the point was always made clear to me. Because when you have a loving and caring family, that's what you do.

The point was, Jesus, being together and enjoying each other's company and celebrating a day that changed the world.

Eggs didn't have anything to do with it. Easter baskets and bunnies and new clothes didn't have anything to do with it. That was all just part of the fun.

I was taught that the day is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus and that it is because of what happened on that day, (and two days earlier) that I can go to Heaven.

It must have taken a special effort by parents to make sure that message was involved amid all the hoopla and excitement of egg hunts and fancy clothes. But when you have a loving, caring family, that's what you get.

And now, it's way too

many years later and I still think of those days every Easter. Not only of the fun times we had as a family, but the message I learned from those who were teaching me.

I learned a lot. But of all the lessons I learned, one stands out among them as the greatest lesson of all.

A man died on a cross for me and you and three days later he rose again so that we could join Him someday in Heaven. But when you have a loving Father, that's what you get.

Happy Easter.

## “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

lamp. There are at least a dozen other tablet brand names out there, but size was the most important consideration for me. I find the 7 or 8.1 inch screen sizes to be ideal for nighttime reading because they are book page size and much more convenient, size wise, for my particular reading tastes and habits. I have 2 larger (11.5 inch) tablets but it has never occurred to me to try reading a book on one that large. They are simply too cumbersome.

On the other hand, if you insist on reading books that are only printed on paper and can't find one to borrow, there are dozens of mail order used book stores online. I've had better luck finding what I wanted at great prices on ebay. I haven't bought a paper book for myself in over 10 years but I frequently shop for friends and kin folks. Amazon also has tons of used books but they are usually much higher priced than ebay sellers. Both places will usually have almost any title or author you may be looking for.

I just did ebay searches for 20 different titles, randomly selected off the top of my head. Every title had at least half a dozen listings and every one had at least one listing priced less than \$5.00 including shipping and handling. Several were hard cover even at the lowest price point.

I actually saw three different listings for much pricier books with same titles where the sellers claimed that their book had only been read one time and, presumably, that made it worth far more than one that had been read more than once. I have yet to find a book that was good or bad because the paper was fresher or, conversely, showed signs of heavy use.

I have previously

touted the advantages of reading digital books, for free, from your local library or one of the free online libraries but I must confess that I get far more books from online book sellers than do from the libraries. My kids usually give me Amazon gift cards that add up to over \$200.00 each year. Most of it goes to authors like Robyn Carr, Carla Neggers, Donna Leon, Elizabeth George or some other author whose latest book will not be available at the library without getting in a 6 months waiting line.

I've also acquired a couple or 3 hundred titles from BookBub.com, a free and/or heavily discounted seller. At least once a week I will get a free kindle title, read a couple pages and decide it's not my dose of medicine.

Deleting the entire book takes less than 2 seconds. On the other hand, I often find free books that I can't put down. Invariably they will turn out to be one in a series of anywhere from three to more than

a dozen titles that continue a story line. I will wind up spending anywhere from \$10.00 to \$200.00 buying and reading the entire series. I have never once regretted getting hooked by that first freebie.

Jan Karon's "The Mitford Years", a 13 books, series started out as a freebie and easily cost me over \$200 between 2005 and 2017. Sometimes touted as "religious" books, I think of them as simply clean and very entertaining reading. They certainly are not sermons. The lead character does happen to be a preacher but he spends scarce time in the pulpit.

Set in fictional, rural, Mitford North Carolina, two of the main characters, an adolescent boy and girl will appeal to young readers and a large cast of eccentric town folks will appeal to adult readers. If you don't find yourself realizing that you know someone like some of the "laugh out loud" characters, you have lead a very, very sheltered life.



## Delivering mail through pandemic...

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The United States Postal Service is committed to delivering your mail and packages throughout the current pandemic. We are proud of our role in providing an essential service to every community. The one constant throughout this crisis has been our commitment to fulfilling the vital mission of the Postal Service.

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We know it is a challenge to find ways to connect with family and friends at this time. Please remember anything without postage and not related to USPS business should not be placed in mailboxes.

It is important to note the CDC, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Surgeon General have all said there is very low risk that this virus is being spread through mail.

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### Rockcastle Library Information

Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice.

### RCHS Alumni Banquet

The First Annual RCHS Alumni Banquet is postponed and will be rescheduled ASAP for the classes of 1973 through 1985. Details, go to rchs.alum.assoc Postponed at the Facebook group page at Rockcastle co. High School Alumni Association.

### Health Dept. Good Friday Notice

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Friday, April 10th in observance of Good Friday.

### Change in hours for Circuit Clerk's office

The Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk's office will not be open on Saturdays until further notice, due to COVID-19 staffing regulations, according to Eliza York-Hansel Circuit Court Clerk.

### Hot Rod Sign-Ups

Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

### Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

### VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

### DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

### Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

### Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

### American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.



# Obituaries

## Glessie Marie Hubbard

Glessie Marie (Overbay) Hubbard, 83, of Livingston, died Thursday, April 2, 2020, at Madison Health and Rehab Center, in Richmond. She was born February 24, 1937 in Rockcastle County, to the late Richard and Ida Mae (Jones) Overbay. She married Frank Hubbard on October 24, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2007, after 53 years of marriage. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed quilting, going to yard sales, gardening, flowers, and canning.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Jerry Hubbard of Mt. Vernon, Frank Edward Hubbard of Lawton, OK, and Alice (Eugene) Mason of Livingston; 15 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and one sister, Kathrine Sue.

Besides her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by: her children, Billy Gene Hubbard, Larry Hubbard, infant Linda Kay Hubbard, Dallas Hubbard, and Connie Brewer; one grandson, Stacy Mason; one infant great great granddaughter, Kaitlyn Little; one brother, Richard Earl Overbay; three sisters, Flossie Jones, Hazel Lee Dargavell, and Rosie Mae Dargavell; and daughter-in-law, Sue Hubbard.

There was a private interment at Sand Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at  
[www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Vernie Decker

Vernie Decker, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Fountain Circle Nursing Home in Winchester.

Mr. Decker is survived by his wife, Novera; two children, Scott (Carol) Decker and Kimberly Sandusky, both of Mt. Vernon; a stepdaughter, Jessica Knuckles of Corbin; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Jennifer Feltner.

No funeral services will be held.

## Gilbert Blakely Tanner

Gilbert Blakely Tanner, 79, was born in London, on July 30, 1940, and returned to our Heavenly Father on April 7, 2020. His parents, Opal (Mullins) and Gilbert Tanner, preceded him in death.

Blake received his BA and MA from the University of Kentucky and attended law school at the University of Louisville. He was a skilled athlete, playing basketball and baseball at London High School, where he was inducted into the Laurel County Hall of Fame in 2005. He continued playing those sports at Lees Junior College and then received a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Kentucky. It was at UK that Blake met Faye, the love of his life.

After completing his Master's degree, Blake worked in the UK School Relations Office. Shortly thereafter, he accepted a position as the Housing Director and then later became the Student Financial Aid Director for the University of Louisville. Following the birth of his two sons, Blake devoted his spare time to coaching them on many sports teams and supporting them in their academic pursuits.

Upon retiring from U of L after 32 years in student financial aid, Blake served for 10 years as the Chief Operating Officer for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). He also served as director of the Kentucky Student Financial Aid Administrators and was a member of the Southern and National Associations for Student Financial Aid Administrators. Blake was passionate about helping students receive high quality education. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to help procure financial assistance for thousands of students across Kentucky so they could attend college.

As a member of Southeast Christian Church, and prior to that Woodland Baptist Church, Blake made many lifelong friends and was dedicated to supporting his community. He and Faye loved to travel, and visited many countries around the world, often with cherished family or friends. He also loved spending time with his sons and grandchildren as well as cheering on his U of L Cardinals and UK Wildcats.

Blake leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 54 years Faye (Hardiman), his sons Scott (Tracy) and Wes (Kary), and three grandchildren - Riley, Blakely, and Avery. As an only child, Blake shared a special bond with his Tanner and Mullins cousins, as well as Faye's four brothers, who he considered his brothers. He leaves a legacy of laughter and hard work, while loving his wife and children with all his heart and soul. Blake was a model of unconditional love.

Blake is the grandson of the late Loid and Hattie Morris Mullins and the nephew of Roland Mullins of Mt. Vernon.

In accordance with current health and safety recommendations, funeral services will be private at Cave Hill Cemetery with a memorial service to be held at a later date. The family would like to extend a special thanks to The Forum at Brookside, the Masonic Homes Sam Swope Health Center, and Hosparus for the compassion and comfort they offered to Blake and his family. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Association, Kaden Towers, 6100 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville 40205 or Hosparus, 3532 Ephraim McDowell Dr., Louisville 40205.



## James "Mike" Clark

James Michael "Mike" Clark, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He was born December 3, 1968 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Arvil and Ethel (Carpenter) Clark. He married Tammy Lynn Sutton on May 8, 1992, was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and enjoyed KY Basketball and spending time with his family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 27 years, Tammy Clark; one daughter, Jamie (James) Daniels of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Dakota Evans, Jordan Evans, and Addison Daniels; three sisters, Donna (George) Kirby, Linda Lawson, and Goldie (Terry) Kirby; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Doug, Danny, Rick and Joe Clark; and one sister, Nora Dooley.

Cremation rites were performed.

Condolences may be made at:  
[www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Barry L. Moses

Barry L. Moses, 58, of Scottsville, died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at his residence. The West Chester, OH native was a former employee of Spry Lawn Care and a son of the late George Kelcie Moses and Martha Marie Alexander Moses.

He is survived by: his wife, Tina Marie Hamer Moses of Scottsville; one son, Steven Grant Hamer of Scottsville; one daughter, Debra Lynn Moses, of Scottsville; one brother, Frank (Linda) Moses of Portland, IN; two sisters, Darlene (Roger) Kilman of Bradley, IL, and Sheila (Mike) Metcalfe of Hamilton, OH; his fur grandbabies; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephew.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Ray Moses and Joe Moses.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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## Ruth Miller

Ruth Annetta (Griffin) Miller, 98, of Mt. Orab, Ohio died Sunday, April 5, 2020 at the Salyer Adult Group Home in Hillsboro, Ohio. She was a farmer and a member of the Buckeye Christian Church in Renfro Valley. She was born December 8, 1921 in Renfro Valley, the daughter of the late Claude and Bertha (Franklin) Griffin, Sr.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

She is survived by: one sister, Linda Kessinger of Leitchfield; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Pam and Larry Miller.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic, private graveside services were held Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at Confidence Cemetery in Georgetown, Ohio. The Cahall Funeral Home in Georgetown, Ohio is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at:  
[www.cahallfuneralhomes.com](http://www.cahallfuneralhomes.com)

## Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

## Dr. Charles Hedrick, Jr.

Dr. Charles Hedrick, Jr., 79, of Campbellsville, son of the late Dr. John Charles Hedrick, Sr. and Christine Jones Hedrick, was born April 7, 1940 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He died at 11:25 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in Louisville.



He served God for nearly 60 years as Senior Pastor, IMB Missionary in Nigeria and as a transitional and Interim Pastor. His current membership was Campbellsville Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School as long as his health permitted. He also served as an assistant to the President of Campbellsville University in Church Relations.

As a boy Dr. Hedrick traveled with his father, a Southern Baptist Minister, who conducted tent revivals and established 13 Southern Baptist Churches in West Virginia.

Dr. Hedrick was married to Carrie Faye Stears Hedrick for 40 years before God called her to her Heavenly home. He is now married to Sharon Watson Hedrick.

Besides his wife, Sharon Watson Hedrick of Campbellsville, he is survived by: two daughters and one son, Cindy Carole (Dwight) Butler of Campbellsville, Rebecca Ann "Becky" (Bruce) Treon of Owensboro and Charles Allan (Kim) Hedrick of Florence; 14 grandchildren, Greg Butler of Louisville, Adrienne (Steven) Gilbert of Campbellsville, Christina (Trace) Smith of Campbellsville, Elizabeth Butler of Campbellsville, Allison (Doug) French of Mt. Vernon, Amanda (Dewey) McFerron of Brodhead, Josh (Alana) Treon of Louisville, John Treon of Elizabethtown, Arthur, Henry and Kaylee Hedrick of Florence, Lisa Mink of Brodhead, Dreama (Jason) Roberts of Mt. Vernon and Billy Brewer of Richmond; 12 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one brother and two sisters, Donnie (Joan) Hedrick of Owenton, Mary Frances "Susie" (George) Garrett of Louisville and Katherine Ann "Kathy" Reuter of Campbellsville; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dr. David Hedrick, and a brother-in-law, Terry Reuter.

A public memorial service is planned when the pandemic is over. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy are requested to be donations to Gideon's International to purchase Bibles, Campbellsville University Students Scholarship Funds, Book-Link International or other local Christian Ministries he would approve.

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# Frankfort Update

**By R. Travis Brenda  
State Representative**  
*Lost jobs? hours cut?  
Frequently Asked Questions as Kentuckians turn to safety net of unemployment insurance*

Our daily lives have changed a great deal since the first Kentuckian tested positive for COVID-19 in early March. Our schools have closed, businesses shut down, and terms like “social distancing” and “flatten the curve” have become part of our daily conversations.

According to the state’s COVID website ([www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov)), as of April 2 the Department of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed cases in 78 of our 120 counties. That does not mean we have no cases in the remaining 42 counties, but that they have either not been tested and/or confirmed with the DPH. Our medical providers are working nonstop to treat patients and prepare for what they expect will be a big surge in cases. Public health officials continue to warn us away from any activity that might expose groups of people to the virus. Manufacturers are changing their production lines to reflect COVID needs, including making personal protection equipment, while our distilleries have gone from making bourbon to hand sanitizer. This pandemic is a big health threat, but Kentuckians are doing what needs to be done to get through it.

Our state’s health is the top priority right now. However, that does not mean we can turn a blind eye to the impact COVID-19 is having on jobs and our economy. Going into the beginning of the year, our state enjoyed the lowest unemployment rates in history. More Kentuckians were working and more jobs were coming as we also saw record investment in expanding and building new companies. This was the result of pro-jobs legislation passed by the legislature, measures that placed an “open for business” sign on our state. We are still very committed to growing our economy, but our short term goals have now changed as we focus our efforts on re-

pairing the damage done by COVID-19. In late March, we passed a COVID-relief bill that made major changes to our unemployment insurance system. They included eliminating the waiting period, expanding those allowed to receive benefits to include the self-employed, and allowing employees who have been reduced to part-time to draw a partial benefit. The bill also protects small business owners from having their rate negatively impacted because they were forced to lay employees off as a result of COVID-19. Congress and the President have also made changes to unemployment insurance, including almost tripling the weekly benefit and extending the number of benefit weeks from 26 to 39.

Why did we make so many changes to unemployment insurance? It is quite simple, unemployment insurance (UI) is one of the most effective safety nets for both workers and the economy. Like most insurance policies, we pay into it when we do not need it in order to have it when we do. In the case of UI, employers pay into it based on the number of employees they have. If an employee loses their job through no fault of their own, as we are seeing right now, they then draw payments. Those payments are based on a rate set by the government and not a dollar for dollar match for the income they have lost, but they do help pay bills and provide for basic needs. That, in turn, keeps money in our state’s economy.

If you need to apply for benefits, please visit [kewes.ky.gov](http://kewes.ky.gov). In the meantime, here are a few answers to frequently asked questions that might help you through the process. These are from the state’s unemployment insurance website.

**Q:** When do I need to request my first payment?

Kentuckians affected by COVID-19 will receive payment for their first two weeks automatically after 13 days from the day the initial claim was filed. You will need to request your next payment by either by calling 1-877-369-5984 or [www.kewes.ky.gov](http://www.kewes.ky.gov). You will receive further information for subsequent check requests via email after the first payment is processed.

**Q:** How much can I expect as my weekly benefit

amount?  
You may estimate your weekly benefit amount by going to <http://apps.kcc.ky.gov/career/WuCalculator.aspx>  
• Enter your earnings into the appropriate quarters.  
• You can log into your account 24 hours after submitting your claim, go to the Account Summary page and it will display your benefit amount.

**Q:** I tried to create an account but it says my information already exists?

The system you are accessing may contain information back to 2003. If your attempt to register as a New User shows an error stating that social already exists in our system, you will need to click “Cancel”. From the Log In screen, click “Forgot” PIN. When prompted, enter your social security number and any name variation you may have used since 2003 (maiden, former married, shortened name i.e. John instead of Johnathan, etc.). Also note that if you have a suffix (Jr, Sr, etc), those fields are spacing and punctuation sensitive. Attempt with and without punctuation. If you are still unable to access the system, contact the UI Assistance line at (502) 564-2900, option 5, then option 6.

**Q:** What is available for the self-employed/contractors?

Unemployment Insurance benefits have been expanded due to COVID-19 to include groups that are typically not covered by UI:

- Self-employed
  - Independent contractors
  - Freelance workers
  - Substitute teachers
  - Childcare workers employed by religious-affiliated organizations and non-profits
- It also includes people leaving employment because of COVID-19 due to:
- Reasonable risk of exposure (self-quarantine)
  - Caring for a family member affected by COVID-19

I can be reached through the toll-free legislative message line at 1-800-372-7181, or by emailing [travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov). For the latest information on the novel coronavirus in Kentucky, please visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov) or email [kycovid19@ky.gov](mailto:kycovid19@ky.gov). If you believe you may have symptoms, please call the hotline at 1-800-722-5725.

# Legislative Update

**By Jared Carpenter  
State Senator**

The Kentucky General Assembly wrapped up its final day before the start of a veto recess by passing a one-year Executive Branch budget.

The Senate met its constitutional obligation to pass a state budget this week, but the spending plan was truncated because of COVID-19. It’s simply unclear how severe the disease’s impact will be on the amount of taxes collected or the citizenry’s well-being.



Instead of trying to pass a two-year financial plan with so many unknowns, legislators came together and crafted a 12-month budget using the most pessimistic revenue forecast considered by the state’s nonpartisan economic forecasters. The heart of the spending plan is the executive branch budget found in House Bill 352, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both chambers.

With economic uncertainties in mind, the Kentucky General Assembly had to re-set sights from what was widely envisioned earlier this year where drafts of the budget proposal outlined increased school funding as well as pay raises for teachers and state employees. House Bill 352 would eliminate all salary increases included in earlier budget proposals but would hold SEEK base appropriation at \$4,000 per pupil. The acronym stands for Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, the formula used to allocate state tax dollars to local school districts. In other education-related funding, House Bill 352 would provide \$7.4 million for school-based mental health service providers. Their services are required based on the language in the 2019 School Safety and Resiliency Act.

Other highlights of House Bill 352 include \$938,000 for the “rocket docket,” a program to expedite court cases to save on legal fees, administrative expenses, and even jail costs while ensuring timely access to the courts. Supporters of the expenditure said the rocket docket will be even more important because of COVID-

19. The disruption in people’s lives caused by the disease is likely to place additional stress on our court system.

House Bill 352 would also provide \$1.6 million to support medical services at county jails and additional cash for the Kentucky Poison Control Center, which is running the state’s COVID-19 hotline. No money would be taken from accounts held by professional and occupational boards and commissions under House Bill 352. Many of these professions, such as nursing, are on the frontline of the COVID-19 response.

Additionally, House Bill 352 would freeze funding contribution requirements for so-called quasi-governmental organizations, like health departments and community mental health centers, at the current 49 percent of employee pay. There were concerns that escalating pension costs could weaken the organizations as they are called upon to respond to COVID-19.

Unfortunately, House Bill 352 wouldn’t add additional money to the state’s budget reserve trust fund (our state “savings” account). It is also not clear how much of the more than \$300 million that was expected to be available in the fund will actually be there once the fiscal year ends on June 30.

A related revenue bill, known as House Bill 351, was amended in the Senate to include language that would grant the governor, secretary of state, and the board of elections additional flexibility in conducting the 2020 primary election, now set for June 23. The language would allow for the change in the “manner” of an election in case of a state of emergency. Current law permits the governor and secretary of state to change the time or place, but not the “manner” of an election. This would allow the two elected officials, in conjunction with the board, to develop an election procedure more open to absentee voting, which may be necessary because of COVID-19.

The Senate also passed the judicial and legislative branch budgets in addition to the state’s highway plan, which would still extend over 24 months. All of the budget-related bills have been delivered

to the governor, including House Bill 351.

Because of the COVID-19 emergency, the Senate has decided to recess for as much time as possible to minimize everyone’s potential exposure to the virus. However, we plan to return on April 13 to begin considering any veto overrides and possibly give final passage to a handful of other bills. But our leadership will continue to monitor the COVID-19 emergency and make adjustments in our schedule accordingly. The Kentucky Constitution prohibits the legislature from conducting business in even-numbered years beyond April 15.

A number of other bills initially on track this session have not been acted upon. Those bills can be refiled for the 2021 Regular Session. That was the original purpose of the “short” session in Kentucky. The Senate will also have to consider the next 12-month budget during that session—unless we are called into a special session beforehand by the Governor.

While we are all “hunkered” down in our homes enjoying our families and the beginning of spring, I would urge everyone to please make sure they have filled out the questionnaires for the 2020 Census. This is vital for federal funding and future projections for our communities.

One can watch upcoming legislative business by going to the Kentucky Educational Television website [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org), clicking on the “legislative coverage” link near the top right corner, and selecting a video feed.

Feedback about the budget or bills to be taken up can be left by visiting the Kentucky Legislature website at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov), clicking on the “legislators” drop-down menu in the upper left corner, and selecting “contact a member.”

Take care of each other and stay healthy. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issues, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181, or email me [Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov](mailto:Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov). You can also review the Legislature’s work online at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov).

# Yards to Paradise

**By Max Phelps  
Buying Local Food and Crafts Always Made Sense**

(But in these troubling times, the local dairy, bakery, farm market, may not be there next year without your buying from them—governments bail out the big guys, not your neighbors.)

It remains to be seen if the Coronavirus (aka COVID-19) or the response to it will create the most misery.

What is already obvious is some businesses and some industries will be much different when the current crisis is over. Take milk, there was already a glut on the supply side. Now, with consumption down as much as 40 percent, mostly due to school lunches not being served and cafeterias not open, the price of a days milk at a big dairy is way below the cost of producing it (unless the farmer has a milk contract at a higher price). The Krogers and Walmarts will survive, but Uncle Bert and Aunt Mildred down on the farm can’t sell milk at a loss for too long. They sell their cows for hamburger instead! But, even there, the demand from the farm is low, because food processors are also dealing with more regulations and declining buyers.

If Aunt Mildred and Uncle Bert go bankrupt, the stores will probably still have milk. But, it will be coming from Wisconsin or California or somewhere, not Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio or North Carolina. And it will cost more when the small and weak are forced to close up and sell

the farm. So, I don’t have all the solutions. But, together, if we can buy from the local grower, producer, craft maker or winery, rather than one on the other side of the country or even the other side of the world, it will help the neighborhood economy, rather than the economy of China, Mexico or Chile.

Gardening will obviously be up this year, and seed sellers, such as Johnny’s Select Seeds or Jung’s or Gurney’s are sold out of the most popular items. Including bean seeds, seed potatoes, heirloom seeds, etc.

But instead of buying from Washington or Maine or California, would you be willing to pay a little extra to get your seeds at Sutton’s Feed & Seed or at the CoOp? Or maybe the little cottage garden center where you are greeted with a smile and good customer service? (Even though it costs a bit more than at the big box store.)

Tempting though it may be to get online and order from Amazon a case of dried fruit from Turkey at half what it can be purchased for locally, how does that help junior find a job after school or Granny Simpson find part time work baking pies at the roadside apple house? Maybe with so many at home and online or reading the papers, more of us will not only have time to garden or plant things, but will have time to stop and think about the consequences of buying from strangers who offer merchandise from a strange or distant place. Then, there’s the envi-

ronment. I have my doubts about an impending environmental doomsday, unless we set off some nuclear bombs, but trucks must drive for thousands of miles with that load of Mexican tomatoes or that trailer of Australian wine or apples. From a port on the ocean to warehouses, then to a store near you, where you shop at the super center and purchase these things and serve them for dinner. So, local sourcing must be better for the environment, too.

The Postal Service even loses money on every package from Amazon they deliver to your door. So, your postman may be out of a job sooner if the postal service goes belly up (or taxpayers give them more money).

A 10% rise in stamp pricing and a 15% rise in post office box rents seemingly should be enough to operate with.

Maybe today’s column is a little bit different sort of gardening advice. But the little market in your community hasn’t been doing so well, and the advice for everyone to stay at home may be the last straw. They may not be able to pay the lease next month or the payroll next week. Or the vendor who has always sold to them with 30 days free credit. Let us consider helping our neighbors more than ever this year, by getting out and shopping the local farmers market, local fabric shop, local brewery, or whatever locally produced goods are made in your neighborhood.

*The author is a landscaper. Visit [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net) Suggestions for future stories welcome.*

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## “RCIDA”

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Livingston is still on schedule,” he said. “But there are some delays in bidding on the Farmer’s Market now and the tap fee for the natural gas line is not as favorable as we had planned. We are waiting to begin renegotiations on that once this situation is over. There are a lot of things on hold right now but we will pick up as soon as we can.”

Craig asked Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook to provide an update on how the community is dealing with the Coronavirus.

“We had several complaints about churches holding services but I think they have all begun parking lot services now. Some are doing radio services and some on social media,” said Holbrook. “This week, we haven’t had any complaints about that. All our restaurants and stores have been working very hard to comply with the governor’s orders. Businesses in Rockcastle County have stepped up and local leaders have as well. Mount Vernon and Brodhead have closed their parks and the gates are locked at Quail Park. Things are going very well and we are taking things day by day.”

Holbrook also addressed a situation at the local Excelsa plant that has caused countywide conversation. “As everyone knows, Excelsa had a positive case but they worked very well with us and with the health department,” said Holbrook. “It is my understanding that they had a third party clean and disinfect the building top to bottom and have contacted all their employees and are keeping us all updated on the situation.”

Holbrook also said the county is receiving PPE supplies from the federal government. “We have already received two shipments of PPE and we expect another soon,” he said. “We disperse that equipment among our local health facilities.”

Doctor George Griffith, RCIDA Board member said the Rockcastle Regional Hospital is in good condition and prepared for a surge in cases.

“The hospital has been very proactive and being the type of hospital we are, we are very well equipped with ventilators and other respiratory equipment,” said Griffith.

The doctor also said there have been no cases of COVID-19 in the local hospital. “None of the six cases reported in the county have required hospitalizations.”

Griffith also said he agrees with the governor’s orders concerning social distancing. “Those who do not listen to that order will not do so good,” he said.

Craig ended the meeting with well wishes for the community and asked everyone to keep a positive attitude. “There are amazing things going on in our community,” said Craig. “I’d like to see front page stories about good, positive things happening and we, as leaders of the community, should spread good news and keep things positive.”

## “PARKS”

(Continued from front)

other ways to help citizens by negating late fees and penalties as well as taking other measures on a case by case basis, he says.

However, Bryant says the city is still providing essential services. “We are making sure we are serving our water and sewer customers and doing all we can to keep serving the public until this time has passed.”

The mayor says he is proud of the town during the virus scare. “I am very proud of our entire community,” he said. “I see people stepping up every day to help others and doing things to make sure they are complying with directions. A major part of our populous is trying really hard to comply.”

Though the lobby at city hall is also closed, citizens may continue to call city hall with any needs and Bryant says everyone will be taken care of if possible. “So far, so good,” he said. “We are taking care of everything and not falling behind while following the instructions of our governor. We want everyone to know we are staying on top of things.”

## “PPP”

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that the PPP Loan is available to any business suffering from the COVID-19 shutdowns.

According to Craig, a business owner may add up all their monthly expenses related to payroll, including insurance and other incentives, multiply that number by 2.5 and then borrow that money without collateral or a personal guarantee.

Craig said after eight weeks that same person may bring documentation showing that the funds were used for those purposes, and the loan would be forgiven.

There are also other incentives involved including a section that says 25% of that money may be used for other purposes related to the business such as rent, utilities or interest payments and still there would be 100% forgiveness of the loan.

And that is still not all of the good news concerning the loan.

According to Craig, even if part of the money is used for things other than payroll or business expense, banks would only charge about 1% interest rates on the loan if it has to be paid back.

Craig says his bank alone has already processed and approved over 50 applications since the COVID-19 Virus arrived.

Craig told the board there are other loans available also including the Economic Injury Disaster Loan. Though this loan is more of a “traditional loan” according to Craig, it too has a clause that can be a big benefit to borrowers. “Once an individual has applied for the loan, they may request a \$10,000 advance,” said Craig. “Then at the end of the note, that \$10,000 would be forgivable.”

For more information or specific details about this or any of the new loans available during the COVID-19 crisis, contact your bank.

## “Statement”

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gram: “Twelve days ago, the Senate passed the largest rescue package in American history. Our bipartisan CARES Act provided more than \$2 trillion in relief for workers and families, resources for hospitals and healthcare providers, and emergency lending to blunt mass layoffs and help workers continue to get paid.

“As the Administration works to implement this historic legislation and push money out the door, Senate Republicans believe any potential further action will need to be tailored to the actual needs of our nation, not plucked off preexisting partisan wish lists.

“Even as the CARES Act continues to come online, one such need is already clear: The small-business Paycheck Protection Program needs more funding. This bold legislation from Chairman Marco Rubio, Chairman Susan Collins, Senator Ben Cardin, and Senator Jeanne Shaheen is providing emergency liquidity to Main Street businesses nationwide to keep paychecks coming.

In just a few days, this program has become overwhelmingly popular. Thanks to the hard work of small businesses and lenders, billions of dollars have already landed and tens of billions more are already in the pipeline. Jobs are literally being saved as we speak. But it is quickly becoming clear that Congress will need to provide more funding or this crucial program may run dry. That cannot happen. Nearly 10 million Americans filed for unemployment in just the last two weeks. This is already a record-shattering tragedy and every day counts.

Congress needs to act with speed and total focus to provide more money for this

uncontroversial bipartisan program. I will work with Secretary Mnuchin and Leader Schumer and hope to approve further funding for the Paycheck Protection Program by unanimous consent or voice vote during the next scheduled Senate session on Thursday.

## “SAFETY”

(Continued from front)

sition, after working at the university since 2017. McClure will oversee 12 full time officers and hopes to involve the force in many Transylvania activities such as fund raisers and education about public safety.

A release from the university says McClure brings a passion for community building to his new role as director.

Along with his years of experience in law enforcement in Rockcastle County, McClure brings a four year degree in human services and psychology and a masters in justice administration to the university. He was also recently accepted into a Ph.D program in leadership studies with a concentration on criminal justice.

## “MEET”

(Continued from front)

ing guidelines.

Most have agreed on conference calling as the preferred method of meeting for April.

Officials from Brodhead, Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County all agree they will wait to make decisions about the regular May meetings.

Officials say phone numbers will be announced so that citizens may call in to take part in the Mount Vernon City Council meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 4 p.m.

The number to participate in the fiscal court meeting is 1-712-432-3900 and ID # 483828#.

The City of Mt. Vernon has not yet released the number needed to take part in their meeting.

Senate bill 150 recently passed allowing audio or video meetings as long as the public is aware of such meetings and the agenda is followed.

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

eight-years-old, Bee purchased our first television, which was a 13-inch, black-and-white model. One of my favorite programs was The Howdy Doody Show. The host, Buffalo Bob Smith, would hold up a Twinkie package and remind our mothers to include one in their children’s lunches. Apparently, Bee paid attention to him.

Remarkably, before the Twinkie factory line was automated, workers stuffed each little cake using a machine they operated with their feet! If the Twinkies were overstuffed, they exploded. (I’d bet a lot of exploded Twinkies were consumed by the workers.)

My lifelong attraction to Twinkies continues to this day, even though I know what it will do to my youthful figure. (Ha!) So I usually resist and purchase another healthier snack.

But it is hard to resist

the feather-light sponge cake filled with sweet vanilla cream. I may have to pick up a 10-pack the next time I visit my local grocery. I bet they would be great with a hot cup of coffee.

(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 39 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

## “T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

ever before due to this last food scare. If we could only raise some toilet paper, sanitizer, and milk. I also saw the spring song birds all about our front yard. Stanley’s bird feeder and suet bar has really brought in the cardinals. I saw a few squirrels and rabbits, too. Our turtles, Terry and Tilly, should be coming in about a month.

Two weeks ago, I had commented that as far as I knew the virus wasn’t in the county. I’ve learned since that it is here. This should make us all the more careful when we go out but I’ve seen more out without masks than with masks. I’m not sure as to why...the unavailability or just what.

I sure hope all of this gets over soon and life gets back to normal. However, I’ve heard several saying that this will be the new normal. I wonder if that could be true.

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### Rockcastle County Fiscal County

Regular Called Meeting

April 14, 2020

4 pm

Rockcastle County Courthouse

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

Pursuant to Senate Bill 150

**Due to the Covid-19 State of Emergency in Rockcastle County the regular meeting will be “live audio” only. The public can call 1-712-432-3900 conf. ID is 433828# to access audio.**

### Agenda

Roll Call

Called To Order

New Business:

- A. Minutes of March 10, 2020
- B. Minutes of March 17, 2020
- C. Rockcastle County Industrial Authority
- D. Rockcastle Development Board
- E. KYTC Rural and Municipal Aid Culvert Replacement Project #11872 - \$6,530.00
  - a. Resolution
  - b. Agreement
- F. KACO Unemployment Insurance Premiums
  - a. Jail - \$4,451.48
  - b. Sheriff - \$1,211.78
  - c. General - \$2,365.94
- G. Rockcastle Extension District Board Proposed Budget 2020-2021
- H. Trash Drop Off Day date change – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- I. Livingston Gym
- J. Mountain Advocate Maintenance Agreement – Fiscal Court Clerk’s Office
- K. Solid Waste Reports
- L. Quail Park Report
- M. Road Department Truck
- N. Double L
- O. Joseph Clontz, Treasurer
  - a. Monthly Financial Report
  - b. Claims
  - c. Transfers



# Church Directory

**Believers House of Prayer**  
156 Scenic View Lane  
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker  
Renfro Valley, Ky.  
*Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Pastor: Bill Davis**  
bhop@gmail.com

**Berea Gospel Tabernacle**  
231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
*Tuesday Night 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6 p.m.*

**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Pastor: Travis Gilbert**  
Associate Pastor/Youth:  
Bro. Jeremy Ellis  
Secretary: Jo Roberts  
Music Director: Dan Dull

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:  
*Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
**Preaching Brethren**  
**Marcus Reppert**  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
606-308-2794  
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
*Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.*  
(Nursery Provided)  
*Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry  
**Ralph Baker, Pastor**  
**Brodhead Christian**  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
**Tracy Valentine, Preacher**  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.  
**Terry Orcutt, Pastor**  
**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

**Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor**  
**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
**Bill Hall, Pastor**  
**Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor**  
**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**George Renner, Pastor**  
606-224-4641

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
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*Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.*  
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**Bro. Dale McNew**  
**Bro. Philip Scott**  
**Church of Christ on Fairground Hill**  
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**Clear Creek Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*

**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*

**Climax Holiness Church**  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.

**Community Worship Church of God**  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.*  
www.cwchurchofgod.com

**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
Youth Meetings:  
*Sunday 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*

**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
606-758-4007

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Donald King**  
606-355-7595

**CrossPoint Church of God**  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
*Sunday 2 p.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Matt Griggs**  
859-582-2553

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
**Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**  
Copper Creek Rd., Brodhead  
*Sunday 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter**

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church**  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Thursday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Robert Miller, Pastor**

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday Services*  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Choir 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Services*  
*Creative Ministry 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.*  
*RAs and GAs 7 p.m.*  
*Mission Friends 6 p.m.*  
**Vaughn Razor, Pastor**  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**  
**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
website: www.fbcvmky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
*Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.,*  
*Sunday Worship:*  
*10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.*  
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Sundays at 11 a.m.  
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**First Christian Church**  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
**Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor**  
**Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister**  
*Sunday School: 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*

**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday 3:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7:30 p.m.*  
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**Pastor: James Blanton**

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday School 10:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.*  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331

**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
**Randal Adams, Pastor**  
*Youth Pastor, Scott Adams*  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Evening 7 p.m.*

**Higher Praise Ministries**  
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
**Chris Davidson, Pastor**  
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

**Lighthouse Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
**Tim Hampton, Pastor**  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.*

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.  
**Jack Weaver, Pastor**  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livingston Baptist**  
*Worship Service 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Prayer Meeting/Bible Study*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*

**Livingston Christian Church**  
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*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*

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*Sun. Discipleship Training/*  
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*Sunday Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jerry Ballinger, Pastor**

**Mt. Vernon Church of God**  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 5 p.m.*

**New Heights Church**  
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**Steve McDaniel, Worship Leader**  
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**Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor**

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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.*  
*Thursday Night 6 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry*

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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Bro. James Hardin**

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*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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## Six tips for keeping energy use in check

For many, more time at home during the ongoing pandemic means more cooking, more washing dishes, more lights and TVs on, and maybe even some added equipment to enable virtual work and learning. Because all of these can add up to increased energy use and energy bills, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are sharing simple tips for keeping energy use in check while following the state's request and staying "Healthy at Home."

1. Put it to sleep – Set computers automatically to switch to sleep mode or manually turn off computers and monitors when they're not in use. If the computer has a power management setting, make sure it's activated.

2. Switch it out – Replace your most used incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star certified LEDs. Turn off lights when they are not in use.

3. Air dry it – Only run full loads when washing dishes and clothes. Air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle and use a clothesline or drying rack to air dry clothing.

4. Seal up leaks – If you already have them around the house, applying tools like insulation, caulk and weather strip-

ping can close gaps around doors, windows and duct work. This helps keep cool air in and warm air out and helps HVAC systems operate more efficiently.

5. Change your filter – Keep your HVAC system in tiptop shape by changing the air filter each month or according to the manufacturer's instructions. Date your filter or set a reminder to help keep track of when it's time for a new one.

6. Grill out – Taking cooking outdoors will eliminate energy drawn from using other, larger cooking appliances like your stove, and will keep your kitchen – and your whole house – cooler.

With adult supervision, several of these and other suggested tips are energy-related activities that can be done with kids.

As we continue to navigate the ongoing situation together, LG&E and KU remain committed to providing the critical energy services our customers and communities depend on.

Visit [lge-ku.com/tips](http://lge-ku.com/tips) for more energy-saving tips. Customers having difficulties paying their bill should contact LG&E and KU to establish payment arrangements and to be connected with other billing assistance programs.

*Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 as soon as possible*



The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is taking part in the 2020 Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign. Every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to learn about the signs of child abuse and how to prevent it. The annual observance is dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse.

*Call 811 before digging*

## April is National Safe Digging Month

As spring gives way to warmer weather, social distancing and staying "healthy at home" may mean digging into more DIY projects outside. During National Safe Digging Month, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are reminding area residents to contact Kentucky 811 and make sure underground lines are marked before projects begin.

Kentucky 811 is a free statewide computer-operated communication system that provides a communication link between excavators and operators of underground utilities. The service enables consumers to submit a "locate request," which is passed on to each mem-

ber company that provides natural gas, electric, telephone, cable, sewer and water service in the requested area. Each company will then either mark its underground lines or notify the individual if there are no underground lines. Using the service helps to protect public safety; avoid costly repairs and fines; and guards against the potential for disrupting service to an individual or entire neighborhood.

Kentucky law requires all excavators – professionals and general public alike – to have lines marked in advance before beginning any excavation projects. Recent updates to penalties for failing to have lines marked give the Ken-

tucky Public Service Commission the authority to levy fines for failing to comply with the requirements of the Kentucky statute related to protection of underground utilities. Penalties for violating the statute range from \$1,250 for the first violation, to \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

Consumers can access Kentucky 811 through its online option "811Now," which provides an online form to request facility markings at a single address, or by dialing 8-1-1. Both are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Four steps to safe digging:  
1. Contact Kentucky

811 online or by phone at least two business days in advance.

2. Wait the required amount of time.

3. Respect the marks that outline the underground utility lines and equipment and the tolerance zone of 18 inches on each side.

4. Dig with care.

All LG&E and many KU service territory locations are included under the 811 call center. KU customers should visit KU's Call Before You Dig web page or call 800-981-0600 to determine the appropriate area contact for having underground electric lines marked.

If considering home improvement projects, be

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Call your provider to see if a telehealth appointment is right for you. For Rockcastle Family Wellness, call (606) 256-5176. For RockPeds, call (606) 256-4148. For Brodhead Family Care, call (606) 758-4748.



# OP-ED Coronavirus response and American Rescue

By Congressman Hal Rogers

When 2020 began just three months ago, many of us hoped it would be a year of clarity - a year of new vision. The Big Blue Nation, of course, was counting on another year when the Cats would but cutting down the nets after winning a ninth national title. Yet here we are, less than 100 days into 2020, and the world we now face could not be further from what we expected - but be encouraged; hope is on the way.

American lives hang in the balance, is certainly reflective of a wartime footing in our country. Yet, our frontline soldiers are wearing street clothes and medical jackets, rather than camouflage and combat boots.

As I consider the vast number of healthcare professionals who have risked their own health to test and treat individuals for the coronavirus—often without the protective gear they need—I am reminded of the “Unknown Warriors” that Winston Churchill applauded during World War II. Although this is a much different battle, we have countless individuals “who will render faithful service in this war but whose names will never be known, whose deeds will never be recorded.”

It is with those professionals across Kentucky in mind, that I voted for the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the first of three federal funding packages to attack COVID-19 with approximately \$8 billion. This bill supplies essential equipment for medical responses, expedites vaccine and therapeutic de-

velopment, expands telehealth services, and ramps up state and local efforts, including more than \$7 million for Kentucky.

The routine dynamics of our daily lives are nearly unrecognizable today, as millions of Americans are self-quarantined and sacrificing critical paychecks to limit this viral reach. With more students at home and senior citizens’ programs on hold to protect the health of those most at-risk in our communities, I voted for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the second phase of our federal response. It is providing free COVID-19 tests for individuals who need it, expanded paid sick and family medical leave, more food aid for students and seniors, as well as relief for small businesses.

I want you to know that I have heard you loud and clear over the challenges presented by this silent threat. The fear of making ends meet without a paycheck, and employers searching for ways to meet payroll while production is halted are among the harshest realities we are experiencing in Southern and Eastern Kentucky right now. However, we will also win this battle. I voted for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the third and largest phase of the legislative response. The CARES Act sends checks directly to individuals and families, protects our small businesses with emergency loans, ex-

pands unemployment insurance for self-employed and non-profit employees, supports hospitals through this crisis, provides relief for major industries to help workers, and provides some stability for our small local governments.

As we continue to march forward, this expansive federal response aims to help rescue our American way of life and restore hope in our nation. While the number of positive COVID-19 cases surpass 160,000 nationwide, at least 3,000 people have perished across the country, according to John Hopkins University. Yet, we can find hope in the number of recovered patients now reaching approximately 6,000 to date — and growing every day.

Our response is working, and when the impact of this comprehensive federal legislation is fully realized, I am confident that we will rise as a stronger, healthier, more compassionate and humble nation.

I applaud every single person who has made the extra effort to check on neighbors, loved ones and friends through this national emergency. With an overwhelming amount of information funneling to our region in the days and weeks ahead concerning new funding and programs available to assist you, your family or your business, please contact my office toll-free at 1-800-632-8588 or visit halrogers.house.gov/coronavirus.

It is through the darkest of times that the American spirit shines the brightest and you are leading the way here in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

## Lineman Training Jackson Energy accepting applications for scholarship

Jackson Energy is accepting applications for the 2020 Lineman Scholarship Program. One winner will receive a full scholarship to attend the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center.

The deadline to apply is May 22nd. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school. The applicant, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member and their primary residence must be served by the cooperative.

To download the application, visit <https://www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-lineman-program-scholarship>. The lineman training program is an eight-week course held in Somerset. More than 90% of the Somerset

Community College Lineman Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs with either electric utilities or electric contractor companies.

“The Lineman Training Center was established to provide men and women an opportunity to learn the basic, yet necessary, skills and hands-on experience that are essential to enter the utility industry at an apprentice level,” says Jackson Energy President & CEO, Carol Wright. “The training center’s criteria is a proven success to the linemen that complete the course. The experience and knowledge that the students gain at the training center give them an explicit advantage when they enter the workforce.”

*If you suspect you might have COVID-19, please call your doctor’s office or Rockcastle Regional’s COVID-19 hotline at (606) 256-7385*

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**NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY**

**RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00066, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control facilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bills beginning in late October 2020.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Ghent and Timble County generating stations and to install a wastewater diffuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Ghent generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTQDE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTQDD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTQDD, and VFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.45. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.75 up to \$38.88. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3,573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 171 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.39.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% increase with a maximum increase of 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TQDS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TQDP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 33,725 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.66. TQDS customers using 205,133 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.41. TQDP customers using 1,294,958 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,543.53. RTS customers using 4,508,868 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$84.85 up to \$45,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,959 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$69.74 up to \$45,045.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00066. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.ku-ky.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.





# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## Use COVID-19 crisis to make good spending decisions

By Jim Waters

COVID-19's spread, which doesn't stop for anyone or anything – including for legislators' constitutional duty to pass a budget determining how state revenues will be spent – is forcing a very different spending plan than the one envisioned by many when this General Assembly session began.

This isn't all bad news for taxpayers who were largely spared the type of pre-COVID-19 spending-and-taxing bonanza envisioned by some politicians.

Gone is a planned increase in fuel taxes or any hope of removing constitutional barriers to local governments adding to taxpayers' burdens.

Missing are raises for teachers, state employees and social workers, which were originally in Gov. Andy Beshear's budget proposal to the legislature this year.

Still, the \$11.6 billion spending plan for the next budget year, which begins on July 1 and now awaits Beshear's signature, isn't truly an austere plan, through some in Frankfort would have you believe otherwise.

Rather, it simply spends about the same as last year's budget.

While House leaders made the right decision to help protect members from the coronavirus scourge by allowing them to vote remotely and thus practice social distancing, they made indefensible spending decisions even when factoring in the arrival of COVID-19.

They apparently felt the health crisis could provide political cover to reduce spending for critically important areas involving public safety and students while funding disastrous and failed projects like Kentucky Wired, the broadband boondoggle ripped to shreds by State Auditor Mike Harmon.

Perhaps the worst of it is that the House Republican majority actually reduced spending in the final version of the budget on state police, corrections and the SEEK funding, which are the dollars directly tied to public-school students, compared to what they proposed in their original budget proposal filed in January.

Yet, spending wasn't reduced for Kentucky Wired, which – while state police saw a \$12 million reduction from the earlier GOP plan – will get a whopping and

wasteful \$46 million despite the Senate's attempt to limit the program's funding to \$12 million.

This is in addition to earlier-passed legislation forcing taxpayers to loan \$35 million to the University of Louisville to bail out ailing Jewish Hospital.

Which is worse – reducing spending for prisons, state police and students while propping up a failed and costly government-owned broadband network, or cutting dollars for those critical areas while loaning money to a cash-flush university to bail out a single urban hospital despite many ailing rural medical facilities across the commonwealth?

It's bad enough the loan is partially forgivable but even shoddier that some politicians apparently hope for a political mask made of COVID-19 while increasing our state's debt burden.

Such a covering would be much more righteously used to cut spending for – instead of justifying funding of – boondoggles and pet projects or otherwise unwarranted uses of taxpayer dollars.

Beshear, a Democrat, could set the example for Republican legislative leaders by using the crisis as cover to forego his own crown jewels of giving teachers a raise and spending more on public education.

We'll see what the governor does with this budget.

He can accept or veto it entirely or parts of it, which legislators can override in the two days they've reserved to come back and finish their work in mid-April.

Beshear said in the beginning days of the coronavirus crisis that he's "done with politics" and is focused on making decisions "that if you were viewing them from a political sense would be really unpopular every day."

Along with quarantining the state, shutting down businesses and affecting Kentuckians' livelihood, wouldn't such decisions also involve ensuring that financial resources – scarcer and more precious than ever – be spent more carefully than ever before?

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### Let the Bible Speak

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### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Broadhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. . . .

•••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men**

**Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### BAKED VEGGIE BITES

1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted, divided  
1 egg  
2 teaspoons water  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups fresh bite-sized pieces broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, zucchini  
1 to 2 cups grated or shredded parmesan cheese  
Preheat oven to 450°. Using 1 tablespoon of the melted butter, brush bottom of 9 x 13 baking dish.  
Beat egg and water in a small bowl. In another bowl blend flour and salt.  
Dip a few vegetables in egg mix. Remove one piece at a time and place in flour mixture to coat.  
Place in prepared baking dish.  
Repeat until all veggies are coated and on pan. Pour remaining butter or margarine over each piece of veggie. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until tender.  
Drain and sprinkle with parmesan cheese, if desired.

2 large eggs  
1 cup crumbled feta cheese  
3/4 cup breadcrumbs (I used Panko)  
Place grated zucchini in a mesh strainer over a bowl. Sprinkle with salt, stir to evenly distribute it. Let the zucchini sit like that or 20 minutes, so they can release liquid. After 20 minutes squeeze out as much liquid out of the zucchini as you can. Preheat oven to 350°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a bowl combine drained zucchini, garlic, olive oil, baking powder, eggs, feta cheese, and breadcrumbs. Shape about 2 tablespoon patties and place them on the baking sheet, leaving some space in between. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes.

### ONION PATTIES

3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 t baking powder  
1 tablespoon cornmeal  
2/3 cup milk  
2 and 1/3 cup chopped onions  
Mix all together. Heat oil in large skillet. Form onion mixture into patties and place in hot skillet.  
Cook on one side until that side browned. Turn patty over and cook until browned on other side.

### WHIP+ Eligibility

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A list of counties that received qualifying disaster declarations and designations is available at [farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus](http://farmers.gov/recover/whip-plus). Because grazing and livestock losses, other than milk losses, are covered by other disaster recovery programs offered through FSA, those losses are not eligible for WHIP+.

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We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31.

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### God An Awesome Reality

The power and majesty of the opening words of the Bible brings awe to our hearts. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The creative power of the Almighty is beyond our understanding. David wrote Psalms 33 Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spoke, and it was done, he commanded, and it stood fast. The first of his recorded words were, Genesis 1:3 Let there be light, and there was light. Genesis 1:16 He also made the stars. It just shows to us the greatness and the power of the God we serve. The more we learn about the universe, the greater our awe at the power of God.

There are some who say there is a God, but there is also evolution. One scholar said that he thought Adam and Eve were probably some sort of animal. Do we realize what he did? Paul wrote, Romans 1:22 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. I really believe that God is angered by the foolish thoughts of mankind. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:21 the world by wisdom knew not God. The so called wisdom of men, leads man away from the knowledge of God.

The wrath of God is awesome in its destructive power. The same voice that spoke to create, can speak to destroy. Genesis 1:27 says, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. Then he said to them be fruitful and multiply. God gave man the ability to procreate. Satan took the procreation urges and invented homosexuality and prostitution. These are not for procreation, but for the satisfying of the fleshly lusts. God was so outraged by man's acceptance of these inventions, that he rained fire and brimstone down from Heaven. Jude 1:8 these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:6 turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.

Living a life like this can only make one's life worse because it takes him away from his creator, and will cause him to believe a lie. Never should anyone ever allow themselves to live a life away from the safety of God. But if man chooses this life the apostle Paul tells us, Galatians 6:7 For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap. Thank you for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you count your blessings every day. ( It should give every sinner hope every time he comes in contact with a Christian.) If you would like to get in contact with one of the brethren we would love to hear from you, you can reach someone at these numbers: Bro Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on property on both sides of Mahaffey Hollow Road. 10x4

**Posted:** No trespassing on property belonging to John Polly at Hummel. Violators will be prosecuted. 8x8

**Posted:** No trespassing on the late Murphy Martin property in the Red Hill area. 8x10

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

**No Trespassing of any kind,** and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47fn

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengue property).

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25fn

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## Two storms hit county



Straight line winds hit Rockcastle County Thursday morning causing damage on 37 properties in Brodhead (shown in top photo) and damaging buildings in Renfro Valley (bottom photo). Then early Monday morning, more high winds caused the collapse of the Webb Block in Livingston (center photo). Some residents were without electricity for several days. See the complete story on page A5.

## Local businesses work together to help many others

By: Mike French Editor

During a crisis, a lot of people rise to meet a challenge and, according to Jana Bray, Community Relations Director for Rockcastle Regional Hospital, local people have stepped up during the COVID-19 crisis as well.

"It simply makes me proud to be a part of this community," said Bray,

speaking recently of those who are donating different items to the hospital. "It is awesome to see so many come together and work for the good of the entire community."

**"They changed the function and operations of their business just to help others and they are indeed helping."**

—Jana Bray

One of those who are making a difference locally is EST Tool and Die Company in Brodhead.

Owner Steve Taylor

(See "Help" on A5)

## Possible cuts next year City/county budgets show virus symptoms

By: Mike French Editor

The restrictions placed due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic by Governor Andy Beshear and other officials have many effects on society. Some are obvious and appear immediately while other will not become known for quite some time.

Officials say all the stimulus money and aid packages being received now, will have to come

from somewhere during next year's budget cycles.

One of the unknown affects of shutting down businesses, losing workers and restricting travel, is how it will affect the long term economy. Not just the federal or state economy, but county and small town budgets across the country as well. If a worker is laid off, the city or the county is not receiving that payroll tax. The same holds

(See "budget" on A5)

## COVID-19 11 cases in county

By: Mike French Editor

After a week of watching closely, only 11 cases of the Coronavirus COVID-19 have been reported in Rockcastle County at press time Wednesday. The newest case is a one year-old

child

During the past week, Jackson County, one of the three counties covered by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, (CVDHD) has exploded with a total of 41 cases now as 34 new cases were reported in one day at the Jackson Manor Nursing Home on Friday.

According to reports, 16 positive cases at the nursing home are staff members. Eight of those staff members are resi-

(See "COVID" on A5)

## County practicing social distancing

### Net Profit deadline extended

By: Mike French Editor

In an effort to observe social distancing, as required by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, the Rockcastle County Fiscal

Court's regular monthly meeting was held by conference call Tuesday evening.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook discussed county employees and how to handle social

distancing. Holbrook told the court he is limiting work crews to 2 people per truck and attempting to create a work schedule that will keep all employees working.

"I have trouble using tax dollars to pay anyone to stay home as some counties are doing," said Holbrook. "So we are trying to work out scheduling and distancing and keep everyone safe."

"Our main priority is to keep our people safe and healthy but so many people are laid off work and still haven't gotten a check yet," he said, "and once laid off, what about

their insurance? We need to keep our people protected and we also need to keep them getting paid and insured." Magistrates agreed that Holbrook was handling the crews properly and supported his decisions to keep workers

on staff but well protected.

"We have plenty of work for our crews and there is some things that can be done from home," he said. "But you can't

(See "County" on A5)

## Ramp to close

By: Mike French Editor

Once again the northbound I-75 ramp at Exit 59 in Rockcastle County will be closed.

The ramp will close beginning Sunday, April

19 at 7 p.m. and reopen Friday, April 24 at 6 a.m.

The closure will allow crews to perform pavement operations as part of the I-75 widening project.

Motorists will detour via US 25 to KY461 and (See "Ramp" on A5)

## Stay Home

Officials recommend that all elderly citizens stay at home whenever possible. In fact, Governor Andy Beshear suggests that all Kentuckians remain home unless an emergency arises.

## School board meets

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting in an unusual way Tuesday evening, in an effort to follow Governor Andy

Beshear's order to avoid public gatherings.

In the shortest meeting in six years, only Superintendent David Pensol, Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Fi-

(See "School" on A5)

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

If this lockdown lasts much longer, my children will probably have to make arrangements, of some kind, for me -- early admission to a nursing home, a live in keeper, or shipping me off to a distant relative. Oh, but wait a minute, we are not allowed to cross state lines, cross that option off.

Of course, it might not be a problem for them at all if I keep fixing those delicious banana splits every night and downing them -- I'll die of obesity. The nights when I don't fix a banana split, I substitute a butter pecan ice cream cone (on a sugar cone, of course), and have been known at times to enjoy both in one night.

This is all while I'm spending my usual four to five hours nightly in front of my TV, usually only stirring to let the dog out occasionally, or to change from one side of the room to the next as the light outside shifts

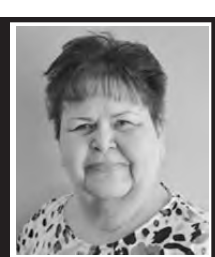
and I have to move to make my TV screen easier to see.

Now mind you, this shifting from one side of my family room to the next is no little project. Nowadays, TVs do not come with just one remote. Oh, no. It's a matter of a remote to turn the TV on, another to shift from regular TV to

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



*I'm Mad and Don't Care Who Knows It*

Dear Journal,

I'll just go ahead and tell you right now this isn't one of those little cutesie-fruity Journals that people love to read, or so they say, and it makes you all warm and cozy and takes you back to happy times.. It is

hardcore and to the point. A few days ago, I wrote in my Journal begging and pleading for people to pray about our county to be spared from the coronavirus and do everything we can do to stop the spread of this pandemic plague.

Well, apparently I have wasted my time. O, there may have been a few here or there that prayed or are still praying. To you, I say thank you. There are a few poor souls who have been staying home, wearing masks, washing their hands and sanitizing (if they can get any sanitizer before the hoarders get it) and in general doing all they could to stop the spread of the virus. To you, I also say thank you. I am one who falls into both categories. It seems that no matter how much the governor, president or anyone else in authority, even medical experts, insist that all obey, the

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Of course I have written 5 columns concerning the flu pandemic -- and I deleted them all. People, in general, do not want to hear my point of view on the subject. I know millions of others agree with me, but Democrats are so enthralled with this dictator governor that is deleting the Constitution and shredding freedom and

destroying liberty for "our own good" that I would be crucified for telling the whole truth.

Since he has convinced so many through repetitive narration and accusations that unless you agree with him you are not a patriot, and unless you obey him you are a mean, self-centered enemy to Kentucky, I'll just watch him pad his numbers, present completely inaccurate crayon charts, have his subjects "say it with him" like 6-year-olds and observe.

But I agree with him on one subject, there was indeed a great generation who answered a "call to duty." A generation who stood tall and fought and died so that no governor could ever tell me I can't

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### Pocket Knives

Recently, one of my regular column followers asked me if I was still collecting pocket knives, how I got started, and what type of knives I have in my collection. It has been several years since I wrote about knives, so I decided to re-visit that topic.

My grandfather (Pop) gave me my first knife when I was about six or eight years old. The knife that he gave me was a Camillus, and it is still in my collection. He chose that particular knife because he said it contained good steel and he could keep it sharp for me. It had white handles and three blades.

After Pop's gift, my interest was piqued and thereafter I became a collector. My hobby has continued for over seventy years. At some point, I discovered the well-known Case brand and concentrated on that company, even though I have lots of other knives as well.

To me, knives are beautiful, useful, and last long enough to become embodied with wonderful memories. Todd, my son who was killed in an automobile accident at the age of 15, had a great appreciation of pocket knives. One Christmas, I gave him a Case "Eisenhower" with stag handles. I think he loved that gift more than anything I ever gave him. Needless to say, that particular knife is one of my most prized.

A few months ago I retrieved both Todd's "Eisenhower" and my Camillus from Pop and held one in each hand. The emotions see-sawed between joy and sorrow as tears filled my eyes. Both of these knives are invaluable to me because of their history. Occasionally, I carry one of these keepsakes just to be able to touch something so closely connected to my loved ones who are now gone.

I have many knives in my collection that were presented to me as special gifts. When I retired from teaching, my col-

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Few things are as pleasant to me, come spring of the year, as the smell of plowed ground. It usually means that if winter isn't over, it's about to be.

Usually, I am out and about, nearly every day, from late February until it's time to start planting main crops in early May. Never a week goes by, during that time frame, that someone alongside the roads between Paint Lick and, take your choice, of Berea, Rich-

mond or Lancaster, has not been out plowing the ground for one agricultural purpose or another. I can usually smell the evidence before I see it and the scent, at least to my nose, is as pleasing as that of a field full of flowers.

This year, however, health conditions and Covid 19 have essentially kept me holed up, hunkered down and homebound since late

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## ramblings...

by; *perlina m. anderkin*  
HDMI 2, or whatever, so I can use another remote to go to Netflix, Amazon Prime, HULU, etc., etc. As I am making the shift from one side to the other, I have to gather up the required three remotes, along with my phone and my kindle, just in case nothing on my 420 channels interests me, along with whatever I'm munching on at the moment -- usually said banana split or ice cream cone.

Don't tell me I don't have anything to occupy my time during this insane lock down.

Now, mind you, my lifestyle is very little different then before the Coronavirus struck and the government decided that I wasn't smart enough to deal with it and had to step in and decide where I could go and with how many people.

It's just that now that I can't head to Richmond to shop or to eat out or to visit somebody, oh do I want to.

If you think about it long enough, it will begin to make you wonder if we

will ever return to normalcy. Will we ever get to where we can once again stop to chat with an acquaintance in the post office without worrying about being infected or infecting them in return? Will we ever be comfortable again sitting at a crowded basketball game or movie theater or next to a friend at church without the required protective mask?

It would make more sense that we have become so paranoid about our interaction with people, if the Coronavirus was a disease that saw the flesh melt off your body and you expired within 24 hours but statistics show that the vast majority of people don't even realize they have it.

As best I can tell, unless there are underlying medical conditions, your chances of expiring from it are pretty slim, less than 2%. Now, if I were living in New York, New Jersey, California, Michigan, or some other costal Democrat stronghold, I would probably refuse to leave my living quarters, but I don't. I live in Kentucky with a little over a

100 deaths and we have shut down the state's entire economy -- except for WalMart, of course and, oh yes, the liquor stores because that would be just too traumatic.

I have no idea how this is going to play out and no one else does because our country has never faced governors being able to take away civil liberties, such as the right to assemble, in church for example, without having the state police take down license plate numbers and threatening quarantine for fourteen days. And, it's not just churches. As I understand it, most states (particularly those with Democrat governors) are prohibiting assembly of any number even in private homes. And, if you're sick enough to be in a hospital, then you are on your own as far as visitors are concerned, even family.

Now, I can understand this to some extent because it's never a good thing to be in the hospital already sick and take a chance on a visitor infecting you with something else but, come on people -- one of my daughter's mother-in-law is very ill in a hospital in northern Ohio and her husband of 60+ years is not able to visit her. Now, as best as I know, he is not ill so why couldn't he be tested for the virus, capped, gloved, gowned and even masked and be able to be with his very sick wife? It's actually inhumane in my opinion.

You are probably tired of reading this rambling rant and, just think, there's absolutely nothing else to occupy my time for the next few weeks, especially since I have caught up on every episode available of *Chicago Fire* and *Chicago PD*.

## "Aces"

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go to church or my children can't play in parks or I can't gather in public. If that generation had been told these things, they would not have run out to buy toilet paper, they would have put a stop to it.

Meanwhile in today's America, the Gestapo will watch you if you go to church and force you to stay home and close our country down when a virus is going around and watch our governor cry when someone dies of the flu while ignoring thousands who die of liver disease, drunk driving or cancer. Let's see green lights when someone dies of cancer.

So, like millions of others, I'll nod and know better, aware that we are

not being told the whole truth, and move on to the next subject. But we aren't all fooled Mr. Governor, sir. Or should I say, Your Majesty?

I am trying my hand at writing a book.

I feel so inadequate at times when I see "real" authors doing television interviews speaking a slightly British accent and using words I have to look up.

But, I was always taught that big words are there to make the writer seem smart and the average reader would prefer words they use everyday.

So, I am hardly the "demiurge" using words rather than being "vociferate" about the subject at hand. See? Boring.

Anyway, I came up with a plot and when I tell people about it, they kind of shiver and get big eyes and say things like "Oh my Gosh." So, maybe it is a good idea.

I guess I will know the whole truth about it when I see if someone is willing to publish it or not.

I am using my twin boys and my better half as the characters right now so that I can keep the names straight but I will have to come up with really cool names later like Garth Presley or something.

So far, everyone that has offered to help with ideas has said if I use their thoughts, I will owe them 5%. Right now I am up to owing 235% of my profit to friends and family if the book ever makes it to a shelf somewhere.

This may be an expensive endeavor.

I have noticed it comes in such sudden bursts. I may go two days without writing a word, then while working on the porch swing, an idea pops into my head, I drop my woodworking tools and head to the computer to write a few paragraphs.

I have no idea how long this will take or even if I will ever finish it. But I do know that if I ever saw a movie trailer with the premise I am writing about, I would rush to go see the movie. So I am hoping for similar thoughts from everyone that sees the book cover someday.

Then, again, I seem to like weird things. Dora tells me daily that no one on earth has the same combination of hobbies and interests that I do.

So maybe only I will enjoy the book if it ever gets done at all.

My biggest cause for enthusiasm about the book's possibilities is that I know most very successful, famous people had no real training for what made them so popular.

Elvis was a truck

driver. Einstein flunked math class. Edison was in his 40s when he invented the light bulb. President Trump ran hotels. Maybe an old country boy, photographer, musician, newspaper man, can be a novelist.

Who knows till you try it. Anyway, if nothing else I will be able to say "I wrote a book."

## "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

leagues gave me a very cool knife from L.L. Bean. It has an elk etched into the handles. My friends surly knew what I loved.

One of my most cherished knives was given to me by my wife

for Christmas one year. It is a Case canoe with Mammoth Ivory handles that are over 12,000 years old. It is probably my most favorite gift from her.

I am very thankful that Pop gave me my first knife at such an early age. He started me on a life-long love of pocket knives. Often I get out my knives just to see if I can remember where I acquired each of them. I suppose I will continue to collect them until I die. It is my hope that one of my grandchildren will keep the tradition going.

(You can reach me at themtmman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)



## Treasure or dump...

Dear Editor,  
Mullins Station Road: Community dump or Community treasure?

When I moved to my family's property on Mullins Station Road over eighteen years ago, I didn't know of the reputation of the road, didn't know to expect the target practice that takes place most days at the quarry, and I didn't know how famous the road was among the cavers of the world. After all of these years, we have built a nice life here, flourished really. What I cannot understand is how people can so clearly value a place for its recreational opportunities that include four-wheeling, caving, fishing and hunting, swimming,

connecting with nature and shooting but use it as THE place to dump all manner of garbage. From fast food trash out the window to bags of household trash, tires, worn out sofas and mattresses. Its also the place that people dump dogs and cats, so, so many of them over the years. There was one summer that I took eighteen dogs and puppies off the road. We have adopted many of them, tried to get homes for all that would come to us and taken many sad and sick animals to the pound before the coyotes could get them. I truly love this place, my home, the place I have lived the longest but which is it? Treasure or dump?

Beth Brickley



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**Change in Hours for Circuit Clerk's office**  
The Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk's office will not be open on Saturdays until further notice, due to COVID-19 staffing regulations, according to Eliza York-Hansel Circuit Court Clerk.

**Celebrate Sobriety Service**  
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**  
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

**VFW Post Item**  
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

**DAR Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**  
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

**American Legion Post 71**  
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# Obituaries

## Rozella Owens

Rozella Owens, 76, of Mount Vernon, died Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was the widow of Byron Douglas Owens, who preceded her in death on January 18, 2014. Rozella was born in Dayton, Ohio on October 13, 1943. She was a daughter of the late John D. and Lucy Kate (Vickers) Isaacs. She had worked as a nurse assistant for Sowder's Nursing Home in Brodhead.

Survivors include: daughters, Rhonda Santo, Lisa Ann (Greg) Angel and Sandra (Bruce) French; sons, Richard Santo, Jr. and Gary A. (Debbie) Santo; sister, Mildred Bectol; brother, Billy (Gayle) Isaacs; several grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rozella was preceded in death by: brothers, Glendon, Linville, Clifton, and Doug Isaacs; and a sister, Lillian Isaacs.

Private funeral services for the immediate family were held Saturday, April 11, 2020. Burial followed at Piney Grove Cemetery.



## Norma Madge Mullins

Norma Madge Mullins, 88, of Renfro Valley, was called home to Heaven on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at her home. She was born on June 4, 1931 to William "Bill" and Anna Adams Coffey in Renfro Valley, where she remained living and working her entire life. She was a restaurant owner and operator for several years with her husband, Harry Dean Mullins, and a retired postmaster in Renfro Valley. She was a faithful member of First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon where she was involved in the Missions Ministry, Willing Workers, and was a Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the local DAR.

Norma attended school and church at Buckeye, "up the road a piece", and watched as Renfro grew into a music hotspot for days to come. She and her sister, Inez, swept the Old Barn floor after the large shows on Saturday nights and were paid a quarter, and with luck finding extra change left behind by the numerous patrons. Her childhood home stood just to the left of the Old Barn shaded by two oaks. When it burned, her family moved to Mt. Vernon, but she remained employed at Renfro through various jobs; developing photos of tourists, serving food at the Lodge Restaurant, and even performing on stage during the Barn Dance as one of the original Coon Creek Girls. During this time, she met another performer, Little Clifford (Harry Mullins). They married and built their home in Renfro Valley with his son, Joe. Joe's mother would've been so pleased that Norma was such a wonderful second mother. Norma later welcomed her own son, James Edward in 1968. Norma and Harry later opened the Dairy Freeze in Mt. Vernon where they fed and delighted school children and adults for years. They were one of the only fast food joints in town. As businesses grew and times changed following many adventures, historic events, and the passing of Harry, the Dairy Freeze was let go and Norma started a new path by becoming a substitute clerk at the Renfro Valley Post Office. The office was relocated a number of times in the Valley, and she moved right along with it retiring as Postmaster after 27 years.

Her greatest and most rewarding work was being a humble servant for her Lord and Savior. She was a faithful attendee of Buckeye Christian Church and later First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon. She was a teacher of both children and adult ladies Sunday School classes, a member of the Willing Workers, was one of the church's mission officers, was active in Vacation Bible School, was a cook at Kentucky Christian Assembly, made home visits to shut-ins and the lost and misplaced, and was a very powerful and faithful Prayer Warrior for God's people.

Norma was always pleasant and uplifting. She enjoyed life's ups and downs by being content with the Lord's blessings. Her many joys in life revolved around her family; her children, grandchildren, and her church family, all of whom surrounded her until she was called home. Now she has the reward and pleasure of living in another valley: the Valley of Peace with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Norma leaves behind: a son, James (Angela) Mullins; a daughter-in-law, Sondra Mullins; grandchildren, Harrison, Susanne, Clark and wife Rachel, Clifford, and Cassey; great grandchildren, Alexis, Joseph, Samuel, Lola, Amelia, Emma, and Nicholas; and brothers, Howard (Sharon) Coffey, and Gary (Jenny) Coffey. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 26 years, Harry Mullins; a son, Clark "Joe" Mullins; a brother, Harold Coffey; and sisters, Joyce Hart, Inez Gilbert, and twins, Dorothy and Doris Coffey.

In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services were private. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Donations are suggested to the First Christian Church Willing Workers at 160 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, or to the Kentucky Christian Assembly at PO Box 71, Brodhead, KY 40409.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.



## Nancy Lynn Parkerson

Nancy Lynn Southard Parkerson, 77, of Brodhead, died Friday, April 10, 2020 after a long illness. She was born in Harlan County on July 24, 1942, the daughter of Boyd Southard and Martha Belcher Southard. She married Buford Shannon Parkerson on August 3, 1963. She began her career with the Rockcastle County School System as a high school teacher at Livingston High/Grade School. Nancy became a high school/elementary school librarian, eventually retiring from Brodhead Elementary where she worked tirelessly to instill a love for books and learning in students of all ages.

When Nancy became a Christian in 1968, her love of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her love of learning came together at her local church where she taught the adult Sunday school class for 30 years. In her 62 years of serving God in many capacities, Nancy was known for her joy, her love of Jesus, her servant's heart, and her love for others. She enjoyed traveling, collecting Longaberger baskets, and was always up for an adventure.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Buford Parkerson. Survivors also include: her sister, Mary Kay Southard Insko of Lexington; three children, daughter Shelley Parkerson of Mt. Vernon, son Shannon (Kim) Parkerson of Mount Vernon, and son Micah (Holly) Parkerson of Vancouver, British Columbia; grandchildren, Corey Parkerson, Misty (Brett) Meeker, and Savannah (Todd) Miracle; as well as five great grandchildren, Arizona Green, Nehemiah Miracle, twins Mia and Nora Miracle, and Owen Meeker.

Due to the current pandemic restrictions, a limited service was held on Sunday, April 12, 2020. Cox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Olive Branch Church, PO Box 1992, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456; or to Christian Appalachian Project's, Rockcastle Respite Program—send donation to Christian Appalachian Project, PO Box 55911, Lexington, Kentucky 40555-5911.

Please note that the donation is to be given to the Rockcastle County Respite Program.

Sign the guest registry at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## Edna Loraine Harrington

Edna Loraine Harrington, 75, of Scaffold Cane, died Saturday, April 12, 2020 at her home. She was born in Covington on April 23, 1944, the daughter of Sam and Ellie Virgie Durham Singleton. She was a retired cook for Proffitt Foods and was of the Baptist Faith.

Edna was the type of person to always give it to you straight. She had a tough personality but was sensible enough to know when to lend out her loving side, which was a lot deeper than it seemed. She could easily take over a room and be the center of attention, but more often than not, she played coy and chose to be a fly on the wall. She had a deep passion for music that never wavered. It was a passion that stemmed from growing up with a multitude of siblings who played instruments, sang, or both. Edna specialized in both, but was the favored singer of the bunch. She had a passion for collecting trinkets as well; ranging from ceramic clowns to miniature bottles of liquor to t-shirts and hats with funny sayings. That was just one way she would let her colorful personality shine to those around her. Throughout her life, traveling to see her family was a constant. Whether it was taking trips to Tennessee to see her sister and nieces and nephews, or to here in Kentucky to see more brothers and sisters, throughout the years, she always made it a priority because, to her, family was first.

Later in her life, she still loved her music, her trinkets, and her family. The trips to see family were still very important to her. When she couldn't travel, however, she always looked forward to phone calls to Tennessee and Kentucky. Whether with family or at home snuggled up in her favorite chair watching Matt Dillon and Doc, or the Bonanza boys, Edna was always her unique self. She will be loved and missed far more than she could ever know. The impression she left on this world is ever-present, everywhere.

She leaves behind: a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Caroline Coots of Scaffold Cane; three grandchildren, Jeff, Jeremy, and Jason; a great grandchild, Lucian; a sister, Lena Lawson of Sweetwater, TN; and a sister-in-law, Stephanie Singleton of Hamilton, OH. She was preceded in death by: her husband, William Harrington; five brothers, Rovie, Tip, David, Millard, and Sam, Jr.; and five sisters, Irene, Ardella, Farrie, Rose, and Christine.

In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services will be private. Burial will be in the Singleton Mountain Cemetery at Orlando.

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## Edward Lacy

Edward Lacy, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 9, 2020 at St. Joseph-London. He was born February 25, 1955 in Lexington, to the late Henry Lacy, Sr. and Pearl May Lacy. Edward loved music, playing his guitar, and long drives in the country looking at the scenery. He enjoyed watching game shows and could sing the National Anthem with the best of them.



He is survived by: one brother, Henry Lacy of Lexington; one sister, Mary Lacy of Versailles; several nieces and nephews; one special niece, Naitai Tillman; special cousin, Jennie Byrd; loving friends, Nadine Faulkner, Tabby Collins, Helen Doan, Lyla Powell, Becky Cameron, Mary Newcomb, Gail Newcomb, Mary West, Darlene Bowling, Angela Hurst, and Natalie Barrett; and many more to mourn his passing. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Lacy, Sr. and Pearl Lacy.

A private graveside service was held for the immediate family. A private burial followed at Briarfield Cemetery in Orlando.

Lake Cumberland Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

If you were unable to attend due to the CDC Guidelines, please feel free to log onto our website at [www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com](http://www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com) where you can sign the online guestbook and send condolences to the family.

## Cemetery Notices

### Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob white Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30 and 31.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

### Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johnetta Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon.

Also, all flowers should be removed from graves as soon as possible so that mowing can commence.

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

February. I'm pretty sure that I caught whiffs of my neighbor, Billy Hale, 200 yards down the road, plowing in late February and my nose suggested that he has stirred his garden up a couple or three times since then.

In the meantime, by April 1, the prospects of raising a garden at my place were becoming bleaker and bleaker as the purple top nettle grew thicker every day. My brother, Andy, and I, due to Covid 19 considerations, had decided we would wait until early May to reevaluate the situation. My level of frustrated depression was also growing exponentially every day.

Then, on the morning of Saturday, April 4, a fellow I didn't know pulled into the driveway riding a big Massey Ferguson tractor with dual turning plows on the back. I never got his name at the time but he said he was a neighbor from a couple or 3 miles up the road and offered to plow our garden for free!! Less than 20 minutes later we had over 7,000 square feet of garden turned under and he hollered that he'd be back to disc it, weather permitting, in a couple or 3 days.

I never even got off porch before he was gone but the sight and smell of that plowed ground made for the best new lease on life that I've experienced in many months. Loretta figured out that he was the husband of Judy Begley, one of her acquaintances, and I quickly tracked Judy down to find out that his name was Thomas.

Two days later, their son-in-law, Jimmy Cox showed up with a disk harrow before I was even out of bed and left us with a garden that is taters, peas, onions and lettuce ready.

Andy and I are trying to figure out how we can best accommodate gardening and stay true to the Covid 19 rules but I am confident that we can pull it off much sooner than we had intended. Still, it absolutely would not be possible had it not been for the amazing kindness of my neighbors, Thomas Begley and Jimmy Cox. If the garden produces, they will be way more than welcome to anything we manage to grow.

In the meantime, here's another holed up and hunkered down reading recommendation. I've been a fan of Scotland Yard mysteries for most of my reading life, but did not get hooked on Ngaio (nigh-oh) Marsh until about 20 years ago.

The first title, A Man Lay Dead, was written in 1934 and still feels as fresh to me as if it was a recent best seller. It is the first title in a 32 novels series featuring gentleman Inspector Roderick Alleyn of the London Metropolitan Police. May I suggest you google the author's name and print out a list of the titles that started in 1934 and ended in 1982. The last book was published after Ms. Marsh died in early 1982.

I doubt that any series of books has ever had me as deeply "gut hooked" as this one and they will be far more relevant and entertaining if you read the books in the chronological order they were written.



# Two storms roll through county

## Brodhead, Livingston both damaged

By: Mike French  
Editor

As if the COVID-19 worries were not enough for some local residents, two separate storms rolled through Rockcastle County in five days last week causing severe damage to several areas.

"We don't believe there were any tornadoes but straight line winds did a lot of damage last Thursday night in Brodhead and then high winds hurt Livingston early Monday morning," said Rockcastle Emergency Management Director David Colson.

The storms rolled through the community after dark and each morning local residents found damage in several areas of the county.

However, it appears that most of the damage was done in a three block area of Brodhead Thursday. "We got hit pretty hard," said Brian Bussell, Brodhead Emergency Management Director. "We still have three houses with no electricity (at press time) and I counted 37 pieces of property with wind damage."

According to Bussell winds damaged barns and trees as well as homes, vehicles and city structures. "The City of Brodhead lost one of the

shelters at the park," said Bussell. "We had several homes damaged and countless trees down and a house with the roof off."

Then, early Monday morning, another storm is believed to be the cause of structural collapse of a building on Main Street in Livingston.

According to the Livingston Fire and Rescue, the building, known as the Webb Block, built in 1934, was severely damaged after strong winds ripped through town at about 4 a.m. Monday.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported from either storm.

Bussell said he does not believe the damage will be extensive enough to qualify for federal or state grant funds and may cost homeowners unexpected expense.

"The electric companies will repair damage done going to the house but their responsibility stops at the weatherhead," said Bussell.

So homeowners must have damage repaired and inspected before an electric service company will turn electric back on at a residence. "That's why some people still have no power," said Bussell. "That takes time to repair and be inspected."

## "Help"

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and son, Brad, had an idea recently and found a way to turn their business into another helping hand for the entire community.

"We had this 3-D printer as part of our business and we had read about being able to make face shields with it," said Steve Taylor. "The company that makes the printer had software available and we started making them immediately."

Bray said Steve Taylor asked Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook where he thought extra face shields might be the most useful and Holbrook suggested contacting the hospital.

Taylor then contacted Conley Durham, the hospital materials manager, and the stage was set.

"This kind of innovative thinking and creativity is awesome," said Bray. "They changed the function and operations of their business just to help others and they are indeed helping."

"We just wanted to do what we can," said the elder Taylor. "We have about 100 shields ready and have the material for quite a few more. We are just going to keep making them until we can't afford to do it anymore or they don't need anymore, whichever comes first."

Bray said such help should be appreciated by the entire community. "I have a long list of individuals and businesses like ISG (Intergrated Signs & Graphics whose executive vice president is former Rockcastle Countian Aaron Anderkin) and the Rockcastle County school system as well as countless individuals who are giving of their time and expense for the sole purpose

of helping others. It is quite an awesome thing to witness. Everyone is pitching in and doing their part and more."

Among many who have donated to help, the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief donated 2,000 M-95 masks, the Christian Appalachian Project donated nearly 1,000 and teachers in Rockcastle County gathered transparencies, which used to be used for overhead projectors, to donate to EST to help make the shields.

Still, though there have been no patients at the hospital with COVID-19, Bray and others at the local hospital say there may be a surge of patients at any time and such PPE (personal protective equipment) is greatly needed.

"We so greatly appreciate those who have found ways to help their community and anyone else who may be interested in helping in any way would be welcomed," said Bray.

Bray suggests those interested in helping the local hospital prepare for a potential surge in COVID-19 patients, should contact the hospital materials handling department.

## "Ramp"

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reconnect with US 25 to access the onramp at Exit 62 in Renfro Valley. Officials say signs will be posted along the detour route.

As always, officials say the starting date and duration of the closure may have to be adjusted because of inclement weather or unforeseeable delays.

For more information, go to [goky.ky.gov](http://goky.ky.gov) or on Facebook at [KYTCDistrict8](https://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8).

## "Budget"

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true when motel taxes and other taxes are not being paid.

"We are working on the budget every day now," said Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray. "There is a lot of uncertainty in revenue forecasting right now."

Luckily, for the City of Mount Vernon, "We have positioned the city to run a budget surplus in the general fund each year. By being good stewards of our tax revenue, we have a decent cushion built up," said Bray. In fact, that cushion has provided relief to the city before and Bray expects it to help during this crisis as well. "We are lucky in that our tax revenue is very diversified and we haven't been impacted as badly as other cities during recessions in the past."

Though he can't be certain yet, Bray suspects that cushion may be enough to help the city through this economic crisis as well.

"Other cities are expecting as much as a 20% reduction next year," he said. "I don't think we will see anything near that. It looks like we will exceed our revenue projections for 2020."

Rockcastle County Treasurer Joseph Clontz said the county will feel the effects of the shutdowns as well but no one can predict how big that affect may be.

"Until this is over, we don't know where we are or where we aren't," said Clontz. "This is going to cause us to make some big changes to next fiscal year's budget but there is just no way to measure how we are being affected right now until we see those numbers at the end of the fiscal year."

Clontz said the three biggest contributors to the county payroll tax are still working but he can't predict what other businesses are doing.

"As long as we have Source HOV, the hospital and the school system still getting paid, we will be okay. But every other business in the county may or may not have layoffs or may lay off a few, or may close all together. Adjusting the budget right now would be no more than a guess," Clontz said.

The fiscal court treasurer said his recommendation to County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook was to wait until such numbers are reported. "Other counties are adjusting their occupational tax downward but we had interstate construction last fiscal year with federal wages and though we know this is going to have an effect on our budget, we have no way to know how much it will affect us," he said.

Clontz said he is hoping for minimal damage to the budget but he and the judge/executive are preparing for the worst case. "It is possible that in July, we will have to make some big changes once these numbers are calculated. But let's hope it isn't that bad."

Though it is among the major factors, budget concerns aren't the only worry that city and county officials have during the shutdowns, according to Bray.

"We are very concerned with our budget and working hard to continue to do the right thing for the city. But what re-

ally worries me at the moment are the employees," said Bray. "You never know what our police and fire people are going to run into on a daily basis even without an invisible killer out there. We are making certain they have all the equipment they need to stay as safe as possible. While this is a difficult enemy to fight, we are doing all we can to help protect them all."

And then there is also the daily worry of city services at risk. "Just one positive Coronavirus test among our water crews or water plant or sewer plant employees would be devastating to our daily operations," he said. "We have to watch each department all day, every day to keep our people safe."

Clontz agreed that the recent restrictions and closures may be affecting life for cities and counties in ways that haven't yet begun to appear. "All we can do is prepare for the worst and hope for the best," he said.

## "COVID"

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dents of Jackson County.

Of the three new cases in Rockcastle, since our last publication, two new cases were reported last Thursday bringing the total to ten cases and the 11th case was reported Monday.

According to the CVDHD's last press release, no new cases have appeared in Rockcastle Tuesday or Wednesday and there are still no cases reported in Clay County.

Anyone who is self-quarantined because they have been exposed to a person who has the virus should contact their health care provider or the Rockcastle Regional COVID-19 Hotline at 256-7835 if they develop any symptoms.

## "School"

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nance Director Jenny Sweet and the *Mount Vernon Signal* were present at the meeting. Vice Chair Susan Jordison and board members Jeff VanHook, Misty Lakes and Anna Stevens-Goff joined the meeting via speaker phones. No department heads were able to attend the April meeting.

After housekeeping approvals such as minutes and operations and actions, Pensol presented the SBDM Allocations schedule to the board for approval.

The allocations show a student/teacher ratio of 24 to 1 at RCHS and RCMS and 22 to 1 in the elementary schools. The SBDM is funded at \$140 per child in instructional money as it was last year. This provides \$109,900 for RCHS, \$82,880 to RCMS, \$52,780 to Brodhead Elementary, \$75,740 to MVES and \$32,340 to Roundstone Elementary. Pensol says this does not include special education staff or administration.

Pensol told the board he plans to submit a revised school calendar during the May meeting. The calendar will reflect changes involved from all the missed days of school due to the Coronavirus and the NTI days that have been allowed. However, though KDE officials say they

will approve all the needed NTI days, they are not yet officially approved on paper.

The superintendent is waiting for that to happen before the new calendar is adjusted. Still, Pensol said he has a very good idea about how it will look. "I believe we can say safely that the last day of school will be about the same as we had planned all along," said Pensol. The original planned last day of school was May 14.

Pensol also reported that NTI days are "going very well. I believe nothing replaces classroom, face-to-face education, but the NTI days are going as well as they can go," he said.

Pensol also reported that the central office has remained open during this time of social distancing and closures and that schools have remained closed although principals have reported to their school every day in order to "maintain things and check on freezers and equipment and make sure everything is okay in the building itself. We are also keeping up with all the meals and continuing to feed those students in need," Pensol said. "We are supplying food to identified students and taking groceries instead of hot meals. We were partnered with CAP who was a tremendous help but when they closed, our food service staff jumped in and took off running. We haven't missed a meal."

During the presentation of the financial reports, board member Misty Lakes said she would vote to accept the reports but she has some questions about those reports. "I'll vote to approve but I have some questions about some things," said Lakes over the speaker phone. "I'll get with Jenny (Sweet) tomorrow and go over them in person."

The financial reports were approved unanimously.

In somewhat of a somber addition to the agenda, Mink interjected to discuss the screening process and the replacement of Pensol, after his retirement, with the board members while they were on the phones.

Mink said the screening committee has narrowed the applicants to the top four candidates and all agreed to hold a "zoom meeting" in closed session next week to meet and talk to the four applicants virtually. Board members will have access to each candidate's entire profile, application and resume files with their application. Pensol plans to retire at the end of this school year.

The Superintendent's Personnel report showed only one listing this month with the retirement of MVES teacher Thana Connelly. Pensol said he is currently working towards posting the position to replace Connelly.

## "County"

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patch a roadway from home."

Holbrook also said the local dog catcher will not be going to homes to retrieve animals until the COVID-19 virus has dwindled, but citizens may bring animals to the shelter and employees will come to the vehicle and take the animal.

One magistrate asked about a homeowner's right to shoot a dog on their own property.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said Kentucky statutes allows a property owner to shoot a dog or other animal if they observe the animal attacking livestock or causing other property damage.

"It is not okay to shoot someone's pet because it walked across your property," said Rowe. "But if you observe the animal attacking, you have the right to protect that property."

Holbrook also announced that the AOC's (administrative office of the court) rent allocation of \$78,200 last year has been dropped to \$39,100 this year. Holbrook showed contracts from the AOC demonstrating less rental income from the ACO (for the building annex which houses the circuit clerk offices and courtrooms) and a letter from the AOC stating that the allocation was dropped this year from 4% to 2% of the budget.

Toward the end of the meeting, Holbrook said one of the local cases of COVID-19 involved a homeless man who would be on the streets of Rockcastle County among the public. In an effort to avoid public contact, the Judge/Executive said he and the local health department worked together to acquire a motel room for the man to be quarantined for 14 days.

Magistrates agreed the county will pay the motel bill until the isolation period has ended. "We really didn't have a choice in the matter. The health department called us asking for help and we can't have a positive case in contact with the general public," the judge said.

The court also agreed to pay unemployment insurance premiums of \$4,451 for the jail, \$1,211 for the sheriff's department and \$2,365 for general insurance.

Holbrook said every department within the county is spending extra time cleaning and disinfecting surfaces to protect workers. "If we have one case of COVID-19 show up in the road department it would basically shut us down."

The court also voted to extend the net profit tax deadline for businesses to July 15 to match new state and federal requirements.

In other action, the court voted to transfer \$200,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and \$75,000 from the general fund to the jail fund.

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**Let the Bible Speak**

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.

•••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery**

**Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.**

Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.**

Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

**Mamaw's Kitchen**

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



**SHIZU'S JAPANESE FRIED RICE**

Shizu Hoskins (Will's aunt)

This recipe was also found in a cookbook the Oliver Springs United Methodist Church published the late 1970's.

- 2 cups regular rice
- 2 cups cold water
- 1/2 cup chopped chicken (or other meat)
- 1/2 medium green pepper
- 1/2 medium carrot
- 1 medium onion
- 5 mushrooms
- 5 tablespoons catsup
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- Garlic salt

**TO COOK RICE JAPANESE STYLE:**

wash rice, drain and soak in cold water 25 minutes. Cook on high heat until rice comes to a boil. Reduce to very low heat, cover and cook 15 minutes without removing lid. Remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes. Rice will be stiff and dry. Sprinkle chicken with garlic salt and stir fry in corn oil. Remove from skillet. Stir fry carrots, pepper, onion and mushrooms which have been chopped very fine in the same skillet as the chicken. Add catsup and soy sauce. Stir. When vegetables are done, add cooked chicken back to skillet: add rice last.

**Cook slowly until dry. CHICKEN FRIED RICE**

- 1 T vegetable oil
- 4 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast, in 1-inch chunks
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons garlic butter, plus more to taste
- 1 cup onions, diced
- 1/4 cup carrots, diced
- 1/4 cup green onions, thinly sliced
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds

Add oil to a skillet and set over medium heat. Meanwhile, season the chicken with salt and pepper. Cook the chicken (stirring occasionally) until lightly-browned, firm, and opaque throughout. Add the garlic butter and stir to coat the chicken. Set aside.

Using the same pan, cook the onions, carrots, and green onions until softened. Set aside.

Wipe out the pan, then scramble the eggs (season the raw egg with salt and pepper to taste). Add the rice, soy sauce, sesame seeds, chicken, onions, carrots, and green onion to the pan and cook until the rice is warm and browned. Serve hot.

**Six local students selected for summer youth programs**

The Center for Rural Development honors six Rockcastle County students for being selected for its annual youth programs, Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers.

"We hope our communities will join us in congratulating the students on their selection for these highly competitive programs," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development.

Kylie Martin, a sophomore at Rockcastle County High School, was selected for the Rogers Scholars program. She is the daughter of Jon and Monica Martin, of Brodhead.

Five Rockcastle County Middle School students were selected for the Rogers Explorers program.

Callie Bengel, daughter of Eric and Starla Bengel, of Brodhead.

Ella Bussell, daughter of James and Gina Bussell, of Brodhead.

Kaliece Collins, daughter of Latoya Lamb and Michael Collins, of Berea.

Brock Mason, son of Bobbie and Christopher Mason, of Somerset.

Bailey Terry, daughter of Denise Brummett and Jeremy Terry, of Brodhead.

Due to the nature of the COVID 19 pandemic, The Center has had to make the difficult decision to forgo plans to host all of its summer camps during the summer of 2020.

"The Center's youth programs are near and dear to my heart," Lawson said. "This was not an easy decision to make and we did not make it lightly. Due to the State of Emergency restrictions and the severe nature of this crisis, we feel it is in the best interest of all of our staff, the students, and their families, that we do not take any risks. The health and wellbeing of our students has always been a top priority when we conduct our summer programs. We had optimis-

tically hoped that we could find a way to proceed normally, but we do not feel that is possible. We recognize all of the hard work and dedication our students put into their applications for these programs and we hope they continue working towards their goals for a successful future."

Rogers Scholars is a youth leadership program targeted towards rising high school juniors throughout The Center's 45-county service area. Students spend a week on one of two college campuses -- Lindsey Wilson College and Morehead State University. They are introduced to topics such as leadership, community service, civic engagement, entrepreneurship, technology and more. There were 62 students selected for this year's program.

Rogers Explorers is a youth leadership camp targeted towards rising high school freshmen. Students spend three days on one of seven college campuses through Kentucky including Asbury University, Eastern Kentucky University, Lindsey Wilson College, Morehead State University, Union College, University of the Cumberlands, and University of Pikeville. Students focus on topics of leadership, community service, and STEM career pathways such as chemistry, biology, health sciences, engineering, space science, agriculture sciences, and more. There were 210 students selected for this year's program.

Since 1998, more than 3,000 middle and high school students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky have graduated from The Center's Youth Programs. Rogers Explorers and Rogers Scholars are provided at no cost to students.

For more information about The Center's Youth Programs, contact Amy Ellis, Executive Assistant at The Center, at aellis@centertech.com or call 606-677-6020.

*Signal office closes at noon Thursday and re-opens at 9 a.m. on Monday until further notice*

**Verses That Guide Us In Knowing God**

**Romans 10:4**—You must know who God is before you can know him.

**Isaiah 55:6,8,9**—God's ways are incomprehensible, but if we seek him, he will be found.

**Jeremiah 1:5**—We can know God because he made us.

**Psalms 34:8,9**—Know God by tasting his goodness.

**Psalms 46:10**—Know God by seeking him in stillness.

**John 14:6,9**—If you know Jesus Christ, you know God.

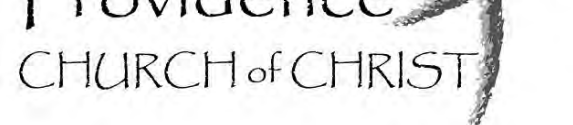
**John 10:27**—Know God by obeying his commands.

**I Corinthians 2:10-12**—The Holy Spirit helps us understand deep things about God.

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**We Are Added To The Church**

We find today in the religious world in general, there seems to be many ways to be added to the church. There are almost as many ways to be saved, as there are to be added to the church. We find in Acts 2:47 and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Those of us who are added to this church by our Lord, become part of the family of God. Galatians 3:26-27 For ye all are the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. We can see what we must do to have entrance into this family and becoming a part of this family we all become one in Jesus Christ.

Those of us who have had our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ, become a part of God's family, God becomes our Father, and we become his children. Hebrews 12:23 The general assembly and the church of the first born, which are written in Heaven, the spirits of just men made perfect. (We are known in the world as the church of Christ.) Hebrews 10:17 Tells us God will remember their sins and iniquities no more. It is the place we can start a new life the past is forgotten. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things become new. God will cast our past into the sea of no remembrance and as long as we remain faithful to the calling of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we will be saved.

We are no longer the servants of sin but of righteousness, Romans 6:17-18 But God be thanked, ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then being made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

What form of doctrine did they obey from the heart to receive this forgiveness, when you buried in baptism, it shows you are dying to sin, you are buried in water, and you are raised a new creature in Jesus Christ, just as Christ arose from the grave, we arise from the watery grave of baptism. This is the place the Bible teaches we become free to live for Jesus as willing servants in his Kingdom.

This is the place we begin to walk in the light: 1 John 1:7 If you walk in the light as he is in the light the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. The Bible also tells us if we remain faithful unto death, we will receive a crown of life. Revelations 2:10

Voting on people to be accepted into the body of Christ is foreign to the word of God, whatever you do, don't accept these manmade teachings for salvation, or to be added to some roll book, invented by man. (Remember you have one soul, guard it with your life).

Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. I pray you have had a blessed week, and that you give God the thanks in all things. We would love for you come and worship with us at the Church, our worship times are Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday evening 7:00 p.m. If you would like to contact one of the brethren you can contact us at Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021

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**Lower fuel costs help hold down LG&E and KU energy bills**

Customers concerned about increases in their energy bills can take solace in the fact that lower natural gas commodity costs are helping hold bills down. In fact, Louisville Gas and Electric Company's natural gas customers could potentially see their overall bill decrease 8% beginning in May.

At the end of March, LG&E filed its quarterly gas supply clause (GSC) with Kentucky Public Service Commission for the months of May, June and July. If approved, LG&E's residential natural gas customers' total bill will be 16% lower than the same time period in 2019, and 8% lower than the three previous months based on gas use of 60 Ccf/month. LG&E is passing along to customers some of its lowest natural gas costs since August 1995, and that is good news for customers. LG&E recovers from customers only the actual cost of the natural gas that it incurs.

In addition, lower costs of natural gas are helping hold down LG&E and KU customers' electric bills as well.

The lower fuel costs are reflected in the "Fuel Adjustment Clause" line item on customers' electric bill.

"This is a much-needed break for our customers who are dealing with the financial impacts of the coronavirus," said Paul Thompson, chairman, CEO and president. "As a company, we are taking additional steps to help our customers minimize and manage their energy bills and providing support for the communities we serve. The lower natural gas costs will mean more money for our customers during this difficult time."

Customers who are having difficulty paying their bill are encouraged to contact LG&E and KU. Customer care representatives will work with customers to develop payment arrangements and connect them with available resources for additional financial support.

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**Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs**

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

**The following items may be recycled:**

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

**Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:**  
Brodhead (at the back baseball field)  
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Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)  
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

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# Church Directory

## Believers House of Prayer

156 Scenic View Lane  
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker  
Renfro Valley, Ky.  
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhop@gmail.com

## Berea Gospel Tabernacle

231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sunday Night 6 p.m.

## Bible Baptist Church

100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.

## Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., &  
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Associate Pastor/Youth:  
Bro. Jeremy Ellis  
Secretary: Jo Roberts  
Music Director: Dan Dull

## Blue Springs Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Marcus Reppert

Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
606-308-2794  
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

## Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs

Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
Ralph Baker, Pastor  
Brodhead Christian

237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Tracy Valentine, Preacher  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

## Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.

Terry Orcutt, Pastor  
Brush Creek  
Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

## Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Bill Hall, Pastor  
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor  
Calloway Baptist Church

76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.

George Renner, Pastor  
606-224-4641

## Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
"Central Time" Radio  
Broadcast

WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.  
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.  
Transportation and Nursery  
provided for all services  
Home of Well of Pure Water

Radio - 93.3 FM  
Mark Eaton, Pastor  
Church of Christ at  
Chestnut Ridge

2 miles south of Mt. Vernon  
Turn left off US Hwy 25  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Bro. Ova Baker  
Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott

## Church of Christ on Fairground Hill

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church  
Hwy. 1912

308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.

## Community Worship Church of God

758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
www.cwchurchofgod.com

## Conway Missionary Baptist

116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Bobby Turner, Pastor

606-758-4007  
Crab Orchard Pentecostal  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Donald King  
606-355-7595

## CrossPoint Church of God

211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553

## Crossroads Assembly of God

Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Cupps Chapel Holiness  
Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead

Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter  
Fairground Hill  
Community Holiness  
Church

Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor

## Fairview Baptist Church

520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.

Vaughn Razor, Pastor  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

## Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.

Jack Carpenter, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcvmkyorg  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net

Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.,  
Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesdays: AWANA and  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM  
Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Broadcast on New Wave Cable  
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-  
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

## First Christian Church

West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876

Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

## Flat Rock Missionary Baptist

504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

## Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
Pastor: James Blanton

## Freedom Baptist Church

Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331

## Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

## Higher Praise Ministries

4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Chris Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

## Lighthouse Assembly of God

Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7 p.m.

## Little Country Church

Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Livingston Baptist

Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

## Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Arthur Hunt, Minister

## Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

## Living Word Community Church

"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor  
606-308-4312

## Macedonia Baptist Church

6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor  
Maple Grove Baptist  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873

Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Maretburg Baptist Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

## McNew Chapel Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor  
Mt. Vernon

## Church of God

1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church

606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

## New Heights Church

316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightsky.net  
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Midweek Gathering for all  
ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action

## Steve McDaniel, Worship Leader

## New Hope Baptist Church

Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Northside Baptist Church

777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
Kenny Allen, Pastor  
Sunday

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.

## Tuesday Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9

## Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.

Time Warner Cable  
Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

## Ottawa Baptist Church

1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship  
Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Service 7 p.m.  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

## Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

525 Williams St  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.  
Father Gary Simpson,  
Pastor

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

## Philadelphia United Baptist

834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368

## Pine Hill Holiness

5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

## Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church

81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &  
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting  
monthly every  
2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

## Pleasant Run Missionary

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
1st Sunday in Month Church at  
2 p.m. at Rockcastle  
Respiratory Care

## Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor

## Poplar Grove Baptist

145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Providence church of Christ

1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618  
758-8524  
Robby Cable, Evangelist  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

## Red Hill-Union Baptist

4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bill Hammond, Pastor  
606-392-1826

Everyone invited to come and  
worship with us

## Roundstone Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

## Sand Hill Baptist Church

Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller

## Sand Springs Baptist

Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go  
exactly 5 miles, church on right  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

## Scaffold Cane Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

## Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

## Skaggs Creek Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
Everyone Welcome!

## Tabernacle of Love

244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
606-25605894  
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Clyde Hedge

## Union Chapel Pentecostal

Pastor: Eugene Webb  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

## United Gospel of Christ

4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.  
Church welcomes everyone  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

## Valley Baptist Church

4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December, 1908  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

## Jeff Draper, Pastor

## Wildie Christian Church

1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

## Brodhead Pharmacy

Main Street • Brodhead  
606-758-4373

Howard Saylor Pharmacist  
Open: 9:30 to 5:30 Mon. - Fri.  
David Collins Owner

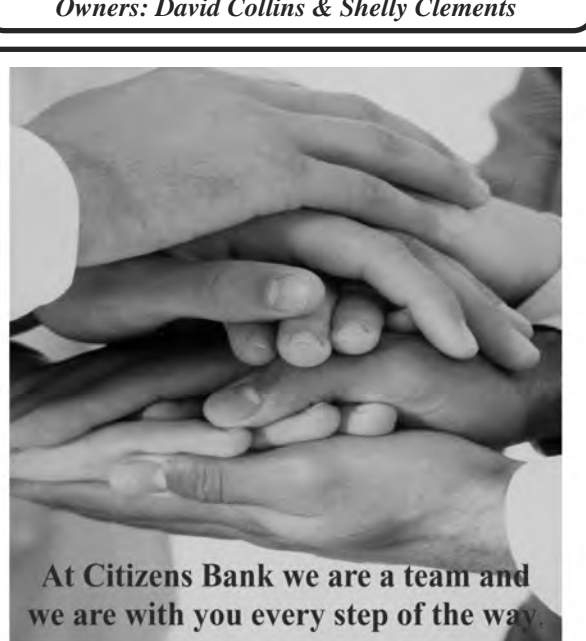
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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### Circuit Civil Suits

William C. Singleton v. Jeanie Singleton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carlene Allison v. Signature Health Care, et al, complaint.

State Farm Bank v. S.S.B. v. Joseph C. Smith, \$72,671 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. David Conner, complaint for child support.

John C. Newland III and others, v. Deborah Newland, complaint. CI-00071

on Hammonds Fork Road, to Darrell Brown. Tax \$23

Diane Jennings, property in Rockcastle County, to Reta Ballinger. Tax \$1

John G. and Connie Hamm and John E. and Sheila Clontz, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to Chandler S. and Cortney Hunter. Tax \$11

### District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank v. Justine Alcorn, \$3,382 plus claimed due.

Crown Asset Management v. Karen Brummett, \$878 plus claimed due. C-00065

### Marriage Licenses

Mayme Lucille Addison Woods, 23, London, Walmart and Travis Matthew Hammock, 21, London, unemployed. 4/1/20

Lanna Jo Prewitt, 21, Mt. Vernon, medical assistant and John Matthew Harris, 21, Mt. Vernon, engineer. 4/2/20

Kelsey Lynn Maness, 22, Richmond, account intern and Seth W. Johnson, 21, Richmond, self-employed. 4/2/20

Emily Jade Corn, 19, Richmond, cashier and Alan Garrett Hunter, 25, Georgetown, safety coordinator. 4/3/20

Retha Mae Sandlin, 54, Richmond, student record officer and Herbert Ansel Roe, Jr., 55, Richmond, parts counterman. 4/7/20

Kelly Nicole Ballard, 22, Richmond, office assistant and Joshua Andy Lee Mason, 24, Richmond, factory. 4/10/20.

### Deeds Recorded

Douglas G. Estridge, Herbert Coffey property, to Corinna C. Estridge. No tax

Corinna C. Estridge, Herbert Coffey property, to Brandon Wayne Baker. Tax \$10

James H. and Bertie Parsons and Larry Dale and Norma Faye Parsons, property on Wildie Road, to Amy Gilleand. Tax \$72

Rissie Griffin-Wolfe, property on Tar Kiln Road, to George and Rebecca Griffin. No tax

Daniel and Cristina Forbes, property on Tar Kiln Road, to George and Rebecca Griffin. No tax

Thomas M. and Karen A. Flaherty, property on waters of Clear Creek, to Young J. Yu. Tax \$32

Brenda and David Paul Ruybol, and others, property in Cromer and Lambert Subdv., to Chris Ramsey and Chris Jarvis. Tax \$85

Donald Dees, property

## Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk earns gold for organ donation promotion

Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk's office earned gold status in the 2019 Legends Campaign, sponsored by the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL). The Legends Campaign kicked off on January 1, 2019 as an effort to educate all Kentuckians about the mission of organ and tissue donation. Last year, the Circuit Clerks offices were empowered to create community projects, school outreach, civic club involvement, and other promotions to educate their communities on joining the organ, tissue, and cornea donor registry. All Kentucky counties went above and beyond in their efforts have been recognized for their generous efforts, thus earning gold status.

"The Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' have supported this mission since 1992. With more than 1,000 Kentuckians waiting for a lifesaving transplant, we know this education is needed more than ever," explained Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk, Eliza York-Hansel.

2019's Legend Campaign had a major impact on the increasing the number of people who joined the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Last May, TFL announced there were over two mil-

lion people who have joined the registry.

"Rockcastle is commended for going above and beyond to help residents understand that everyone can 'Be a Legend' by registering as an organ, tissue and corneal donor. There are no limitations. Everyone is welcome to join the registry," said Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life and Vice President of Strategic Partnerships of Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates.

"Each day in America, 22 people lose their life because an organ did not come in time. If someone I loved needed a transplant, I'd certainly want them to receive it. We are honored to educate our community that everyone is welcome to join the registry. Every 'YES' is a symbol of hope to families in need," York-Hansel said.

All citizens are invited to help their Circuit Court Clerk in the 2020 Legends Campaign by getting involved and registering as a donor at [www.donatelifeky.org](http://www.donatelifeky.org).

"I am so proud of my team for reaching gold status, but we work so hard because we want to help families. We want to save lives - that is our mission" York-Hansel said.

## Make college more affordable by saving on intangible costs

When it comes to comparing the costs of various colleges, remember that on the broadest level, costs can be tangible or intangible. To save money, follow these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Tangible costs include tuition and fees and room and board.

Intangible costs include everything else: textbooks and supplies; computers; and personal items, such as shampoo, clothes, entertainment, laundry, and other expenses.

You can save money, sometimes a significant amount, by controlling the discretionary costs of your lifestyle. That doesn't mean skimping on shampoo, soap, food and doing your laundry; but you can cut costs by finding sales or using coupons. Always be looking out for buy one, get one free deals.

You can also save quite a bit of money by cutting back on treats such as entertainment and dining out. Doing those things less often will make them even more special when you do treat yourself.

Remember: The less you spend on the intangibles, the less you'll need to take out in student loans. That means that after you graduate you can afford more of the things you enjoy.

KHEAA is the agency that administers the state's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com> and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com).

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery receipts.

For more information about Kentucky scholar-

ships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

## "T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

more delight there is in breaking the rules. I've lost a lot of respect for a lot of people, I'm very sad to say.

I've always heard that you can't fix a certain condition and I guess it is the truth. Some are putting innocent small children in danger, the elderly, those who are in compromised health conditions, and the general public of all ages and health conditions. Why? Is it that important that you make that "certain impression" by not going by the orders all are supposed to be following? Is it in defiance of authority? I'd really love to know...seriously.

Maybe try living in China where your door is welded shut. In North Korea, if found positive with the coronavirus you're shot dead on the spot. According to the China Free Press, it has been reported that those living near crematoriums have heard the maddening screams of those terminally infected being burned alive. You see, over there if the elderly test positive they aren't taken to the hospital. I guess they figure, why waste their time and supplies. This is a worldwide pandemic and it is killing literally thousands by the day. I don't know what more I or anyone else can say. Do a few more thousand have to die? Do a few more thousand jobs have to be lost? Maybe thousands of businesses close? Maybe the whole country go broke? Maybe a close family member of YOURS die..a spouse, a parent or your child? What will it take?

Look, if you're in a big

hurry to die, it's your business, but you don't have to take other innocent lives with you. The ones who really get me fired up are those who insist on going to church. (I love to go to church as well as anyone...love it, as a matter of fact.) Just like you have never missed church in your life, and for a lot more flimsy excuse, may I add? Do you just want that impression of being "religious" that much? Christ once told a man who was making a big show of praying so all could see and hear that indeed, he had his reward (the fact that he got noticed and put on his little show and made his impression). Christ also said that where there are two or three gathered together in His name, He will be in their midst. Can't that be enough in times like these? This just makes me mad enough to bite a nail in two.

Then there are those who want to blame the whole thing on President Trump, but that is another nail biting mad subject. Don't guess he ever did anything right in his life, did he? Why didn't he do more about the virus people ask. At the time he should have been seeing more about the well-being of the country's health possibly being in danger, he was involved in a witch hunt. Well, now is the time that you can fix him. Just return that stimulus check he is sending you and don't come at me with it was the House and Senate that made it happen. Trump could have vetoed the whole thing, or so I think. I'll check it out. Wise up y'all before it is too late.

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# Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda  
State Representative

Have you completed your Census? This year's count is crucial for Kentucky

A couple of months ago, you probably received a card in the mail inviting you to participate in the U.S. Census.

If you are like me, you put it with other important mail and then promptly went on with your life. Just after that,



you got a letter about the Census, followed by yet another letter. Maybe you finally got around to completing yours – I did – but if you have not, there is no time like the present to make sure you “count” in our state’s population.

You may remember from high school civics that the U.S. Constitution requires a census, really just an official national headcount, every ten years. It is a big task with an even greater purpose. The federal government uses cen-

sus figures to determine how many congressional representatives each state gets, as well as how much of our federal tax dollars get returned to us. The data is used to determine funding levels for programs that serve Kentuckians across the state, such as schools, hospitals, infrastructure, parks, and disaster relief planning. Kentucky currently receives approximately \$15.8 billion per year in funding using census data. These allocations account for at least \$2,021 per Kentuckian. An undercount of just one percent of our population or about 45,000 people, would cost Kentucky almost \$91 million a year - and Kentucky would experience this loss for ten years. Remember, these are taxes you already pay. We are just talking about an opportunity to invest more of that tax money here.

The Census is available online, by mail, or by phone. I know that some folks view the Census as meddling and interfering. In reality, there are a handful of basic questions, including how many people live in your home and how old they are. It is important to note that the Census is safe to complete, and the information you provide will not be shared. The Census will not ask about your income, education level, political party, or Social Security numbers and will not affect any status of benefits.

Please remember to include all family members when you complete the Census. Surprisingly a large number of families do not count children on their household’s census form, especially young children under age five. In 2010, an estimated more than 12,500 young Kentucky children did not get counted. This mistake cost the Commonwealth approximately \$12 million per year in funding for five federally funded programs. I can tell you that there are many ways we could invest that estimated \$120 million in our classrooms and universities.

The U.S. Census Bureau concludes most attempts to collect census numbers by August 14, 2020, as they will only have a few months left in the year to compile all the collected data and send off state population results to the President.

As you can see, the Census data impacts Kentucky in several different ways. So, take five minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire. For more information or to fill out the Census, please visit <https://my2020census.gov>.

As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 if you have any comments or questions. You can also contact me via e-mail: [Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov). You can also keep track through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at [legislature.ky.gov](http://legislature.ky.gov).

# Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Pawpaw: Forgotten Native Fruit

Pawpaws are a relative of the papaya, and are the largest fruits that are native to America. Found in rich bottom lands and at woods edges from Ontario to Florida and west to Texas and Nebraska; let's take a fresh look at the forgotten pawpaw patch tree and it's fruit.



Historically, enjoyed by natives and frontiersmen, pawpaws are relatively unknown except to perhaps the kayaker or fisherman, or a few old farmers. The short shelf life keeps it from being a grocery store staple, but the occasional farm market or organic market may offer them in season.

A favorite dessert of George Washington's, and a staple at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the recent movement to grow natives, to grow natural, has brought this old-timer some renewed interest.

Pawpaws need some shade in order for the seeds to sprout, and for growth the first year or two. Seeds also need at least 60 to 90 days of chilly weather (or refrigeration) before they will break dormancy, which they then do when it's 70 or 80 degrees and past freezing weather. Older and larger seedling trees will do just fine in the sun. I think the first ones I saw were growing along a stream after the owner had taken an axe to all the other saplings and brush. Exposed thusly, they grew and fruited abundantly.

Mature trees can be 30 feet tall and six inches in diameter, with lots of root sprouts and seedlings coming up also to create a “patch” or thicket of pawpaws. If you keep the seedlings mowed or removed, a pawpaw makes a great shade tree. It somewhat resembles a deciduous magnolia with it's six to twelve inch leaves. Burgundy little bells hang in April and May as the tree blooms, and in fall the autumn leaf color is a golden yellow. The trees do have a taproot, making transplanting somewhat difficult, so a containerized tree is better than a bare-root or b&b one.

Pawpaws are very high in proteins as well as vitamins A and C, potassium, phosphorus, magnesium and sulphur (more so than apples, oranges, grapes or peaches), plus they have antioxidant and insecticidal properties. They are even being studied as a source of possible cancer fighting drugs. Fruits are usually oval to peanut shaped, mature late summer and early fall, and

taste somewhat like a banana or avocado or muskmelon. They are loved by humans, as well as raccoons, opossums, deer and several bird species.

The larva of the tiger swallowtail butterfly depend on pawpaw leaves for food, but these butterflies aren't so plentiful as to destroy pawpaw trees or bushes.

For good fruit set, plant more than one variety of pawpaw, or wild ones from more than one parent tree. If there are pawpaws in a neighbor's yard, or along the woods edge, you may get fruit without planting two with different genetics. Actually, planting two or three in one planting hole and creating a multi-trunked tree, such as is common with birch trees, is a good idea.

A few more tidbits; the fruits weigh from 2 or 3 ounces to around a pound, the seeds are larger than pumpkin or watermelon, and fruit dimensions is usually 3 to 6 inches in

length and less than half that in diameter. The peel resembles a papaya, it is not eaten. The green peel will turn a bit yellowish or whiteish when ripe, and give a little when squeezed softly. That's the time to harvest, as they bruise and will keep only a day or two if they've fallen on the ground. (Not that wildlife will leave them lay on the ground more than one night anyhow!) Properly harvested, they can keep two or three weeks in refrigeration. Since there are few pests or diseases, the pawpaw works well for the organic grower and homeowner.

Photo courtesy Clifford England, a source of grafted seedlings. I have a few nongrafted from seeds. And Kentucky State University will give 10 seeds from their orchards upon request. Their website is [www.pawpaw.kysu.edu](http://www.pawpaw.kysu.edu). Planting a pawpaw at your place can make it a bit more like paradise.

The author is a landscaper. (606) 416-3911 or (865) 360-6951 [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)

# Prisoners being ROR

An update from Chief Justice Minton

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

Supreme Court issues emergency release schedule, pretrial drug testing standards to protect criminal justice partners and defendants in county jails

The Supreme Court has issued a new emergency release schedule and emergency pretrial drug testing standards to help protect the health and safety of our criminal justice partners and defendants housed in county jails. Administrative Order 2020-25, dated April 14, 2020, will be in effect through May 31, 2020.

The emergency release schedule temporarily expands the current Administrative Release Program as follows:

- Defendants who are charged with, or arrested for failure to appear on, any nonviolent/nonsexual misdemeanor and/or Class D felony (including defendants arrested on an indictment warrant) and have not been assessed as a high risk for new criminal activity shall be released on recognizance.

- Defendants who are charged with any nonviolent/nonsexual Class D felony, are a high risk for failure to appear, or have previously failed to appear on any nonviolent/

nonsexual misdemeanor or Class D felony shall be supervised by Pretrial Services.

- Defendants who are served with a warrant for nonpayment of court costs, fees or fines or with a warrant for failure to appear on a violation shall be cited and released and a show cause hearing shall be set after May 31, 2020.

- Defendants who are arrested for contempt of court on civil matters (excluding any violation of a protective order), nonpayment of child support or nonpayment of restitution shall be released on recognizance and a show cause hearing shall be set after May 31, 2020.

- Defendants not released under this schedule or under the current Administrative Release Program shall be reviewed by a judge within 12 hours of their arrest.

The pretrial drug testing standards provide guidelines for our pretrial drug testing providers to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for both the providers and defendants.

Thank you once again for all you are doing for the people of Kentucky. And as always, you can email your questions to [covid19@kycourts.net](mailto:covid19@kycourts.net) and find updates at COVID-19 and the Courts.

# COVID-19 and the Courts

An update from Chief Justice Minton

Justices, Judges, Circuit Court Clerks and Kentucky Court of Justice Personnel:

With the COVID-19 state of emergency still in place in Kentucky and nationwide, the Supreme Court today extended the effective dates of three orders that govern court operations during the pandemic. The three orders described below were to expire May 1, but will now be effective through May 31, 2020.

In-person services suspended, court proceedings to be conducted remotely

The Supreme Court has restricted dockets, jury trials and jury service from taking place in-person at court facilities. Administrative Order 2020-22, dated April 14, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-16, dated April 1, 2020. The effective date of the order has been extended through May 31, 2020.

50/50 staffing schedule implemented for offices of circuit and appellate clerks

The Supreme Court has extended the 50/50 staffing schedule for the offices of circuit and appellate clerks through May 31. Administrative Order 2020-23, dated April 14, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administra-

tive Order 2020-18, dated April 3, 2020. The 50/50 staffing schedule reduces the risk to our front-line employees by allowing circuit and appellate clerks to divide their workforce into teams so that they can rotate when they will be at work in two-week blocks.

Special Emergency Directed Leave offered to Judicial Branch employees

Last week the Supreme Court approved the use of Special Emergency Directed Leave for employees who cannot telecommute and who are considered at high risk for infection per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. Administrative Order 2020-24 dated April 14, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-20, dated April 7, 2020. To request Special Emergency Directed Leave, please complete this form and submit it to the AOC Department of Human Resources at [COJHR2@kycourts.net](mailto:COJHR2@kycourts.net).

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- Wash your hands:** Wash your hands and/or use sanitizer both before and after shopping. If you wear gloves, change them at each location you visit.
- Wear a mask:** The CDC now recommends that you wear a cloth mask that covers your mouth and nose while in public.
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**Notice is given** that Roger Hasty has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of Barbara Fetters. A hearing on said settlement will be held May 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 12x1

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*For remainder of school year*

## In-person classes cancelled

By: Mike French  
Editor

School will remain closed through the remainder of the year in Rockcastle County. Also, all school summer activities are cancelled, according to Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent David Pensol.

After a conference meeting between Governor Andy Beshear and superintendents of Kentucky Schools Monday, Pensol announced that

classes will not resume this year.

Classes were cancelled by order of the Governor to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus: COVID-19 in mid-March but plans at the time were to reopen schools after the virus began to subside.

However, after the meeting Monday, Beshear advised that all Kentucky schools remain closed throughout the rest of the school year and all

(See "Classes" on A5)

## Great Salt Petre Cave Open House cancelled

"As much as we hate to do so, Open House is being cancelled at Great Salt Petre Cave for 2020, according to Neena Jud, of the Management Committee of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy.

May 16th & 17th, 2020 would have been the 30th annual event but the governors of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky have

issued stay at home orders to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many volunteers live quite a distance from the cave in areas with many more cases of this disease.

Officials say they don't want to take a chance of bringing it to visitors, their friends in Kentucky,

(See "Cave" on A5)

Classes will not resume this year as all Kentucky schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Superintendents met with Governor Andy Beshear Monday when the decision was made to cancel classes for the rest of the year. Graduation ceremonies and other school activities have also been cancelled by the Governor's orders. However, local Superintendent David Pensol said he and others are looking for ways to celebrate senior accomplishments once it is safe to do so. Rockcastle County High School took the opportunity this past week to show some love to this year's graduating class.

## Plans underway to reopen state

On Friday, Gov. Andy Beshear discussed benchmarks that the commonwealth must meet in order to start reopening the state's economy while keeping Kentuckians safe from the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). The steps reflect federal guidance announced Thursday by the White House.

"We believe our approach is very much in line with the White

House. The plan put out by the White House has certain thresholds that states should meet before we start taking certain steps," Gov. Beshear said. "The benchmarks are being driven by public health. We are all on the same page about what keeps people safe."

The governor acknowledged Kentuckians' sacrifices and said we must all stay resilient as we work our way out of the situation.

"We have to make sure we do it smart, we do it safely," he said. "That we don't let our guard down, that we don't start focusing on the next game until we win this game."

Gov. Beshear said that the state's seven bench-

marks to be assessed will determine the phases for reopening parts of the economy.

### Message from Circuit Clerk

We have received an order from the Supreme Court of Kentucky extending the current court and office protocols through May 31.

This includes holding emergency hearings and other time sensitive hearings, conducting Skype/Zoom hearings and meetings, rotating team staffing plans in the office, and no driver's license issuance.

Expiration dates on driver's licenses have been extended 90 days and you will receive a court notice in the mail if you have a court date scheduled during this time.

Please make sure we have your most current mailing address.

If you need to pay a fine or probation fee, this can be done over the phone.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office at 606- 256-2581

Eliza Jane York-Hansel  
Circuit Court Clerk.

### Benchmark criteria for Kentucky to move to the first stage

- 14 days where cases are decreasing
- Increased testing capacity and contact tracing
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) availability
- Ability to protect at-risk populations
- Ability to social distance and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on large gatherings

(See "Reopen" on A5)

## Twelve cases here

As of press time, the Cumberland Valley Health Department has reported 12 people in Rockcastle County have tested positive for the COVID-19 Coronavirus. The latest case tested positive Wednesday, April 15. No one has been hospitalized due to the virus in Rockcastle. Nine of the 12 cases have recovered.

## Ramp closure

The northbound I-75 off-ramp at exit 59 will be closed beginning Sunday, April 26 until May 1 at 6 a.m. The closure is part of the I-75 widening project. Times may vary depending upon weather.



The Brindle Ridge Fire Department was assisted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department, the Brodhead Fire Department and the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department, as well as the Rockcastle EMS, during this structure fire Monday afternoon on North Wilderness Road. Officials are not yet certain of the cause of the fire but the unoccupied building was listed as a total loss.

# Coronavirus: COVID-19

## Cities continue business

### Livingston

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Livingston, like all other Kentucky cities, have closed public parks and public buildings but, officials, say business is still being conducted.

"We have cancelled the April City Commission meeting but we are all in contact with each other at all times," said Livingston Mayor Jason Medley. "Though we can't allow the public to enter the lobby of city hall, we are still providing all city services to the people of Livingston."

According to Medley, the Depot Building is closed along with the visitor center. But the Family Dollar

(See "Livingston" on A5)

### Brodhead

By: Mike French  
Editor

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, there was no Brodhead City Commission meeting during the month of April. However, Becky Bussell, Brodhead City Clerk, says the city is continuing to handle business on a daily basis.

"Though the doors to city hall are closed to the public, we still have staff on hand here in their office taking care of anything that arises each day," she said.

All the city's bills are being paid since Bussell says all of the city commissioners are in contact with her and all employees of the city.

"Our commissioners are a text or a phone call

(See "Brodhead" on A5)

### Mount Vernon

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has joined all other cities in the state by closing public parks and buildings, but officials say the inner workings of the city are "business as usual."

"The mayor and council are in contact with each other as well as the health department and all health officials and we are conducting business," said Josh Bray, City Administrator.

Mayor Mike Bryant said he and the councilmembers, as well as employees in every department, are "committed to continuing to provide

(See "Mt. Vernon" on A5)

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Received a pretty mean letter to the editor from subscriber Brent Laswell of Texas recently concerning my April 9th ramblings.

It seems Mr. Laswell took offense at my "hate tirade" and denigration of Italian Americans and Democrats.

His letter stated, "In response to the editorial in "Ramblings" in the April 9th Signal, I am appalled that in the middle of this national health crisis, you would use your column as a hate tirade, not only at Democrats but also at Italian-Americans. I think that is pretty low. At times such as this, all Americans need to stay united and using the crisis to denigrate people of a different political stance and ethnic background is not the way to do it. Whatever Mrs. Anderkin believes, she needs to keep her biased opinions to herself."

Normally I would just print the letter in our letter to the editor column and go on about my business but I was particularly incensed by Mr. Laswell's last comment that I should keep my "biased opinions" to myself.

That is so anti-everything I, or anyone else who believes our Constitution protects everyone's right to express our opinion on any subject, believes. I have always been a firm believer in the saying "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

I don't know if Mr. Laswell has ever heard that quote but he should know that the First Amendment guarantees me the right to my own opinion and my owning a newspaper guarantees me the right to use my opin-

ion page to state my opinion.

As to my denigration of the Democrat party and Dr. Fouci (because he is an Italian-American), I will plead guilty to being very outspoken in my opposition to the majority of the beliefs held by this party, particularly their belief that life doesn't begin until they say so and making it legal to kill a baby up to birth and calling it women's "health care."

As to my denigration of Dr. Fauci because he's an "Italian-American" that thought had never occurred to me but only points out Democrats' proclivity for "identity politics." My disagreement with Dr. Fauci comes from his support of all things Democrat, especially Hillary Clinton, and has nothing

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have never in my life had anyone say to me, "Mike, you are a very patient fellow." However, I have heard the opposite about a billion times.

And again my impatience rears its ugly head. COME ON SUMMER!

I am just plain done with cold, wet, rainy, nasty, uncomfortable, overcast days. I want to plant my garden

I have already started some landscaping as I wear three layers and a 'boggin while spreading mulch and planting shrubbery.

But I want to plant my tomatoes and corn and cucumbers and such.

I have mowed the lawn a couple of times already but it didn't really need it. I just wanted

to feel a hint of summer-like activities.

There was even a day that my son and I rode our motorcycles to Lexington and back. But of course we had gloves and coats and foot warmers in our boots.

It is easy to remember my mom and dad out in the garden with a hoe as mom chopped weeds while dad ran the tiller.

A garden was such a primary part of life in those days. Mom canned everything. I never understood why it was called "canning" when she used glass jars.

But a great memory is that of pouring the steaming hot veggies into those jars and waiting to hear the "pop" as the lid told mom she had done a good job.

Apparently, if the lid didn't make that popping sound, the veggies in the jar were contaminated somehow and we wouldn't eat them. But 99% of mom's jars popped.

My dad would stand for hours and do nothing

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### Dogwood Winter

Dogwood Winter arrived in Mt. Sterling this past weekend. Even though my wife and I have no dogwood trees in our yard, two of our neighbors (just across the street) have several in their yards. The view from our front door is absolutely spectacular.

The sudden cold snap in the first few weeks of spring has been called by a variety of names. Those that I am familiar with are: Redbud Winter, Blackberry Winter, Locust Winter, and Dogwood Winter. One name is new to me, Linsey-Woolsey Britches Winter.

All of my seventy-plus years on this earth, I have heard of all of the above names for the spring cold snap, except for Linsey-Woolsey Winter. After some internet searches, I learned where that term came from, and surpris-

ingly, it hit home with me.

Linsey-Woolsey is an old nickname for long Johns. This end-of-spring cold snap marked the time period after which the long Johns could be packed away for the summer. This information could not help but remind me of my grandfather (Pop).

Pop wore long Johns all winter, and I believe that he was relieved when he could finally get out of his spring and summer underwear. He certainly always seemed to be more comfortable.

Why is this time of the year called Dogwood Winter? This cold snap usually falls during late April or early May, just about the time dogwood trees begin to bloom in many regions. Most farmers knew it wasn't safe to plant their crops until after the dogwoods bloomed. Pop, too, paid close attention to this sign when he was getting ready to plant his garden.

When my mother (Bee) and I lived above Old US 25, south of Mt. Vernon, she was always glad to sit on her porch to observe the blooming of the dogwood trees that sat on the edge of the woods both above and below our house.

She once explained to me the story of why the dogwood flower is so special to Christians. The petals of the flower form the shape of a cross. The middle of the flower has a tight grouping, resembling a "crown of thorns." And the tips of each bloom are indented, as if they bore the hole of a nail. There are even colors in the petals that bring to mind the drops of blood that spilled during the crucifixion.

It is because of her story concerning the dogwood blooms that I have always considered the flowers to be very special. I will never forget that Bee relayed this story to me as a young boy. She was special in

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### Old Days and the New Normal

Dear Journal,

Today, for lunch I had a sandwich, chips, a Mountain Dew and a moon pie for dessert. The Dew was diet and the moon pie was so small I just about had to put on my glasses to see it. (I'm diabetic, anyway). Actually, this is one of my favorite meals. I, being of the older generation, remember the size a moon pie used to be. Back when I was growing up a moon pie was about the size of a saucer. There was only chocolate, vanilla and ba-

nana flavors, then butterscotch came along. They cost either a dime or nickel...a dime, I think. You could get a moon pie, a bottle of pop and have change left for bubble gum out of a dollar. This is a good start to becoming diabetic. I worked all of it off, though. I'd play tennis for about three to five hours almost every day with a girlfriend from school who lived near us. Can you believe it, seeing me now?

Since I've been off from work, I only do what I can around the house and try to get a little rest here and there. I usually make lunch simple. I've been cooking quite a bit at home, lately. You have to, as it is impossible to go to eat in a restaurant, anymore. We really miss that. We quite often ate out with friends but we've just about forgotten what they looked like, it has been so long since we have seen them. We even had to eat our anniversary dinner in the front seat of Stanley's car. We got a steak dinner at the Limestone Grille to-go and went down to Lake Linville to

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Old timers on Blair Branch, when I was growing up in the 1950s and 60s, used to predict that thunder in February was a sure sign that it would frost in May. I can tell you, for sure, that on Charlie Brown Road, we had late night thunder at least three times during February, so loud and rumbling that it shook the house and woke me up. Then, on each occasion, it kept on thundering for another few minutes to make sure I knew what was going on.

For that reason, I was not in any big hurry to commence starting tomato plants and finally got about 6 dozen peat pots seeded, with 10 varieties of heirloom tomatoes, on April 6. As of early morning, April 18, 3 tiny seedlings had popped up over night.

I'm not counting any chickens before they hatch, but I'm taking this as a good sign. All 3 babies were from different varieties. So far so good.

I originally planned to start the plants and simply give them away to friends and neighbors who were/are more physically able to raise gardens than it looked like I was going to be. Planting and helping stuff grow is simply in my blood, even if I never see a bite of the end results. However, now that the garden is plowed and double tilled, the chances that some mater plants will find their way into it are vastly improved.

All the seeds I planted this year, with one exception, were saved in the late summer of 2018. I grow a variety I call

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## ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

to do with the fact that he's "Italian-American" and Mr. Laswell immediately going there to slam my column only points up the Democrats constant attempt at division in this country by grouping everyone by something other than American.

Evidently Mr. Laswell's "staying united" means to be silent and allow our Constitutional rights to be trampled by the Democrat powers-that-be.

No thank you.

## "Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

but stare at his garden. It was like he was waiting for a corn stalk to peep up out of the ground.

I also never understood the pride he took in how straight the rows were. I just thought that if the corn grows up and you can eat it, what difference did it make if one of the stalks was "out of line."

Dad used to tell me stories about his father planting a garden and the rows were shaped like "a dog's hind leg." For whatever reason, that was completely unacceptable to dad.

I just use the corner of

the hoe and make a line down the garden and walk along dropping seeds in it. Then I use the old-fashioned "foot-scooting method" of covering them up with dirt. Where ever they grow is fine with me as long as I can eat the stuff.

Dad used to give away a lot of his veggies. He always had the prettiest garden around and he told me that was because he gave away what he couldn't eat. So, God blessed his patch, he said.

At least I have my tomato patch tilled already and am still searching desperately for someone with a tractor to plow my garden area.

I remember the days when people would almost argue over who would get to come to your house and plow a garden for you. But getting someone to do it now is like pulling teeth.

Anyway, here's hoping that soon (VERY soon) we can have summer back in Kentucky and if I can get our Governor's permission, I'm going to plant a big garden this year.

Some of my tomatoes are already out. Of course a frost is coming tonight so time to get out the sheets.

Good luck my fellow gardeners.

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

Molly Helton Sunburst which, I believe, is a cross between Old German and Pink Brandywine and has a fruit that is conspicuously larger than either. It has the same deep yellow/purple stripes as an Old German with a taste more like Pink Brandywine. I dug some Molly Helton seeds dated 2012 out of the freezer and at least one of them sprouted last night.

All the 2018 seeds were saved and packaged by my adopted granddaughter, 13 year-old Alyssa Edwards who lives in Mount Vernon. I saved and Alyssa packaged over 2,000 tiny, plastic, zip lock seed packets that I mailed to more than 200 readers of this column. I've already lost track of the exact number and don't figure we'll be doing that again. On the other hand, Alyssa says she is willing and able if the Covid situation makes it possible and the chicks hatch as planned.

I started this particular column at 9:00 AM this morning. It is now 9:00 PM and well over a dozen more seeds have sprouted over the last 12 hours. I'm only good for about one short paragraph per hour and then I need to take a rest. Stay tuned for a mater plant update next week and don't be in any hurry to get stuff subject to killing frostbite growing in your garden.

In the meantime, here's this week's reading recommendation. I first got hooked on Robyn Carr early in 2007 when a colleague at work gave me a copy of Virgin River. I couldn't lay it down and couldn't wait for the next title in what promised to be an ongoing series. I found myself checking her website weekly and preordering every title weeks before it was released. The books combine adventure, intrigue, and human drama laced with boy gets girl (or vice versa) romantic themes. I'm addicted to this stuff.

I had purchased 5 titles in paper at about \$20.00 each before the first Kindle was even on the market. I went on to purchase the remaining 14 titles on Kindle, at less than half the price of print editions, until the series ended in 2012 or thereabouts. Since then I've read every novel she has ever published and I'm thinking she has about 50 or more titles, including 3 other multi-title series.

The Virgin River series is now a Netflix television series. The first season, completed in late

2019, turned out to be as good as the first couple of book titles. Loretta and I keep checking to see when the second season will start but, so far, Netflix is only promising that it is in production. I figure all the secrecy is designed to simply keep suckers, like me, to keep coming back to the website.

## "T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

eat it. The weather was too cold and windy to eat at a table. There was no dinner out and a movie, etc., for this anniversary celebration. We called ahead and someone from the restaurant brought the meal to the car, wearing a mask and gloves. It's a sign of the times we will probably have to face and get used to. If people would only obey the rules, this virus could have been over by now. Unfortunately, some are just selfish and think only of themselves and are going to do what they want no matter the consequences. I'll just stop there before I get started on a rant.

We may not like the times as they are now, but these may be the "new normal". For some of us old codgers, it will be difficult to get used to. It hurts me to think about trying to go shopping and hope to get most, but not all, of the things you need much less would like to have. It got so bad here at our house that we ran out of toilet paper and had to use lettuce leaves. After we went through that last head, we didn't know what we'd do. We guessed it just "romain"-ed to be seen. LOL

When and if this virus ever ends, I'm going to throw one of the biggest "coming out" parties this county has ever seen. We'll sit in each other's laps and hug all over each other and get about two inches apart and talk. We'll eat and dance 'til the cows come home. Sounds good!!!

## "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

that way.

I so enjoyed the photos that I received in answer to my request regarding blooming trees! I am, therefore, including a photo of a dogwood blossom. And, once again, I invite my readers to share with me their photos of this blooming and beautiful spring.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.

I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

## "Years of Life" Lost

Submitted by  
Kent Ostrander  
Executive Director of  
The Family Foundation

It's been roughly seven weeks since the coronavirus entered Kentucky, causing citizens to wrestle with its grim realities. As of April 19th, according to the Governor's calculations, there have been 148 COVID-19 related deaths in the Commonwealth. Using the Governor's "Age of Death" chart and a 90-year life-span estimate (see calculations at bottom), those deaths total 2,075 "years of life" lost - over two millennia!

Certainly, ALL life is valuable, including those last, precious years of life of our elderly.

Loss of life, of course, is why Gov. Beshear exercised his authority to limit in-person contact, including the suspension of all elective medical procedures. His decision, however, has abortion providers ignoring his orders and continuing their elective medical services.

Since March 1, there have been 610 abortions at the abortion clinic in Louisville, creating a staggering 54,900 "years of life" lost - well over 50 millennia! (90 years times 610 abortions). That's over 25 times greater than the number of years lost through virus. (By the way, Planned Parenthood has also opened in Louisville and is doing abortions. It opened in late March, DURING the COVID-19 crisis.)

These lost "years of

life" were not overlooked by the Kentucky General Assembly. The Kentucky legislature passed Senate Bill 9, a bill that, if allowed to become law, provides clear legal standing for the Attorney General to enforce Gov. Beshear's executive order on elective medical procedures, including abortion. The Governor's action or inaction on SB 9 will have a lasting impact on generations to come.

In addition, with SB the Attorney General could look into why the two University of Louisville School of Medicine professors do ALL the surgical abortions at the Louisville abortion clinic. He could determine IF any state money was involved. (That's against the law.) AG Cameron could also evaluate whether the medical clinic guidelines for COVID-19 are being evenly applied or if the elective abortion clinics are favored. (Heart surgeries are being postponed across the Commonwealth while the abortion clinic keeps cranking.)

The bottom line: "Gov. Beshear, please allow SB 9 to become law." Most of all, SB 9 requires that any baby born alive will receive medical attention. That would make us wonderfully different than New York and Virginia.

And, that's what the people of Kentucky really want - to be FOR every life.

## BFD gets grant for modern equipment

By: Mike French  
Editor

Thanks to a \$3,200 100% grant from the Kentucky Fire Commission, the Brodhead Fire Department now has two new thermal imaging cameras.

"These cameras will be a big help to our department and to the community," said Assistant Fire Chief Brian Bullock.

Through modern technology, the cameras can basically see through smoke and flames that humans can't see through, Bullock said.

"The cameras are essential for modern day

fire suppression and prevention," he said. "They locate hot spots and help firefighters navigate through low to no visibility."

Bullock said all the volunteer firefighters are glad to have the equipment. "We are grateful for this grant," he said. "We will put these cameras to good use."

Bullock said the cameras make it possible to search for downed victims through heavy smoke among other uses. "These cameras could easily mean the difference between life and death for a victim or for a firefighter."

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**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**  
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.  
**VFW Post Item**  
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.  
**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.  
**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.  
**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.  
**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe.** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.  
**DAR Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.  
**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**  
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.  
**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.  
**American Legion Post 71**  
American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.



# Obituaries

## Ralph Kenton Tipton

Ralph Kenton Tipton, 82, of Mt. Vernon, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital with his wife by his side. He was born in Estill County on April 3, 1938, the son of the late William Arthur and Stanley Reed Tipton. He is a retired employee of IBM, Lexington and NAACO, Berea and was a member of Livingston Baptist Church. He was a beloved husband, father, and papaw. He will be remembered for his love for God, for his family and for all children, and, of course, for Kentucky Wildcats Basketball.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his wife of 30 years, Elizabeth "Liz" Tipton; children, Billy and Michelle Tipton of Eddyville, Vickie and Gary Howard of Harrodsburg, Leslie Tipton of Winchester, Lori Gill of Berea, Melissa and Ronnie Owens of Somerset, and Melody and Chastity Ware of California; siblings, Norelyne Goodlett and William Kenneth Tipton, both of Lexington, Eldean "Peggy" Hall of Nicholasville, and Jerry and Betty Tipton of Winchester; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Tipton of Nicholasville; 13 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and one great grandchild. A host of nieces and nephews, as well as special pastors, Gary "Shank" Parker and Randy McPherson, also survive.

He was preceded in death by: a son, Randy Tipton; a brother, Robert "Buster" Tipton; a son-in-law, Barry Gill; sisters-in-law, Betty Tipton and Dorothy Tipton; and a great grandson, Colton Crouch.

In accordance with social distancing and our current health and safety concerns, a celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family of Mr. Tipton would like to extend a special thanks to all the Rockcastle Regional Hospital Staff and Rockcastle EMS.

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## Edna Loraine Harrington

Edna Loraine Harrington, 75, of Scaffold Cane, died Saturday, April 11, 2020 at her home. She was born in Covington on April 23, 1944, the daughter of Sam and Ellie Virgie Durham Singleton. She was a retired cook for Proffitt Foods and was of the Baptist Faith.

Edna was the type of person to always give it to you straight. She had a tough personality but was sensible enough to know when to lend out her loving side, which was a lot deeper than it seemed. She could easily take over a room and be the center of attention, but more often than not, she played coy and chose to be a fly on the wall. She had a deep passion for music that never wavered. It was a passion that stemmed from growing up with a multitude of siblings who played instruments, sang, or both. Edna specialized in both, but was the favored singer of the bunch. She had a passion for collecting trinkets as well; ranging from ceramic clowns to miniature bottles of liquor to t-shirts and hats with funny sayings. That was just one way she would let her colorful personality shine to those around her. Throughout her life, traveling to see her family was a constant. Whether it was taking trips to Tennessee to see her sister and nieces and nephews, or to here in Kentucky to see more brothers and sisters, throughout the years, she always made it a priority because, to her, family was first.

Later in her life, she still loved her music, her trinkets, and her family. The trips to see family were still very important to her. When she couldn't travel, however, she always looked forward to phone calls to Tennessee and Kentucky. Whether with family or at home snuggled up in her favorite chair watching Matt Dillon and Doc, or the Bonanza boys, Edna was always her unique self. She will be loved and missed far more than she could ever know. The impression she left on this world is ever-present, everywhere.

She leaves behind: a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Caroline Coats of Scaffold Cane; three grandchildren, Jeff, Jeremy, and Jason; a great grandchild, Lucian; a sister, Lena Lawson of Sweetwater, TN; and a sister-in-law, Stephanie Singleton of Hamilton, OH. She was preceded in death by: her husband, William Harrington; five brothers, Rovie, Tip, David, Millard, and Sam, Jr.; and five sisters, Irene, Ardella, Fannie, Rose, and Christine.

In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services will be private. Burial will be in the Singleton Mountain Cemetery at Orlando.

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until further notice

## Deborah Diane Bustle

Deborah Diane Bustle, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born July 12, 1955 in Glendale, OH to Luther Bustle and the late Cleo (Sowder) Bustle. She was of the Christian faith, a dog and horse lover, collector of knives, and cigarette lighters, and was a member of the NRA and KY Wildlife Association.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Lance Lovell of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Andrea Lovell, Cammie Tow; her father, Luther Bustle; four sisters, Brenda (Robert) Adkins of Hamilton, OH, Sylvia Vance of Mt. Vernon, Shelia Neal-Leger (Mike) of Brodhead and Lisa Cummins of Mt. Vernon; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cleo (Sowder) Bustle; one son, Luther Lovell; and one sister, Linda Couch.

Services will be private.

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## Virginia Earls

Virginia Griffith (Jenny) Earls, 69, of Winchester, died March 29, 2020 at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Berea on December 3, 1950 to Loyd and Pearl Holt Griffith, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Crestview Christian Church in Winchester.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Bill Earls of Winchester; two sons, James Earls of Winchester and William (Karina) Earls of Ohio; two granddaughters, Kaylee and Addison; two sisters, Colleen (Gary) Langford of Mt. Vernon and Joyce (Gary) Day of Ohio; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Cemetery Notices

### Maple Grove

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob white Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

### Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johnetta Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Also, all flowers should be removed from graves as soon as possible so that mowing can commence.

### Roberts Cemetery

Donations needed! Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery, c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Pittman Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for maintenance of the Pittman Cemetery, located on East Fork Skaggs Creek Road, Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Please send donations to: Betty Mullins, 46 Lilac Circle, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Telephone: 859-893-8881.

## Mossie Jane Sowder

Mossie Jane Sowder, 86, of Richmond, died Friday, April 17, 2020 at the Kenwood Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on November 1, 1933, the daughter of George Myrt and Nettie Evans Isaacs. She was a retired press operator for Dresser Industries and a member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

She is survived by: her children, Kenneth Earl, Jr. and Kathy Sowder, Daniel Dale and Crystal Sowder, Deborah G. and GERAL Richardson, and Preston D. and Sandy Sowder; nine grandchildren, Janie Ann Willis, Richard Sowder, Daniella M. Barren, Joshua Sowder, Seth Sowder, Rodney Richardson, Janel Richardson, Paul Caleb Richardson, and Cortney Baldrige; 13 great grandchildren, Conner, Madison, Jasmine, Jared, Grayson, Austin, Cloe, Kendall, Hope, Karter, Caleb, Ava, and Audrey; and a great great grandchild, Emery Leigh. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Sowder.

In accordance with current state mandates, funeral services for Mrs. Sowder were private. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## Lyndsey Nicole Cook

Miss Lyndsey Nicole Cook, 29, of Berea, died Saturday, April 11, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born March 11, 1991 in Somerset to Angelia Cook. She was of the Christian faith and enjoyed animals and writing in her journals.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Angelia Cook (Jon Stewart) of London; grandmother, Lillie Cameron of Mt. Vernon; and childhood friends, Ellie Bryant, Kayla DeBord, and Takina Cottrell. Lyndsey was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Larry Cook.

Cremation rites were performed. A memorial service will be planned later.

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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### Circuit Civil Suits

Veronica Waddles v. Stephen Waddles, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Samantha Butler v. Michael Butler, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kathern Dawson v. Jason Dawson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Courtney Smith v. Mark Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kenneth Bolin v. Sherri Bolin, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00075

### Marriage Licenses

Sallie Stallsworth, 47, Mt. Gail

### "Classes"

(Continued from front) summer activities be cancelled.

Parents and students had been concerned about graduation ceremonies for RCHS seniors, saying on social media pages that students should not miss out on graduation ceremonies.

Pensol agrees that seniors should be recognized for their education efforts with a graduation ceremony.

"We will do something for our seniors when we are told it is safe to do so," said Pensol. But what that graduation ceremony may look like is undetermined at this time and officials are looking at several different options. "Ideas are currently being shared administratively as we review what that could look like for our seniors, their families and our high school," he said.

The governor announced there will be no face-to-face possibilities at any school in Kentucky this year or this summer, Pensol said.

### "Cave"

(Continued from front)

or picking it up from another visitor and taking it back home.

"If you've been to an Open House, you know full well that there is no way to maintain the necessary social distancing while standing in line or touring the cave. And trying to keep the numbers less than ten people? That's a joke. Last year there were 2,000 visitors each day (of the event)," said Jud.

Volunteers say they look forward to seeing guests each year. "We thoroughly enjoy sharing the cave and the preserve grounds with you," he said.

Jud says she will miss the event. "We know many of you relish chatting with your friends and relatives while eating soup beans and cornbread. So many sto-

marks, the White House provided guidance on what the first stage of reopening would look like:

#### Guidance for the first stage of reopening Individuals

- Individuals should continue to practice good hygiene
- People who feel sick should stay home
- All vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place
- All individuals, when in public, should maximize physical distance from others

• All individuals should avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, unless precautionary measures can be strictly observed

• Minimize non-essential travel and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel

#### Employers

- Should continue to encourage telework
- If possible, should return to work in phases
- Close common areas
- Minimize non-essential travel and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel

• Strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable population

Specific types of employers:

- Schools and organized youth activities that are currently closed should remain closed
- Visits to senior living facilities and hospitals should still be prohibited
- Large venues (sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing protocols
- Elective surgeries can resume, as clinically appropriate, on an outpatient basis at facilities that adhere to CMS guidelines
- Gyms can reopen if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols
- Bars should remain closed

For more information on the White Houses criteria and all three proposed phases of reopening, visit [whitehouse.gov/openingamerica](http://whitehouse.gov/openingamerica).

The governor reminded Kentuckians how important it is to stay fluid and flexible based on the severity and number of cases in the state and the status of a vaccine and treatment options.

"We think that following these benchmarks, possibly before May we could see some loosening in the health care area," Gov. Beshear said. "We could see the ability to open up in some small ways before May, during May and beyond, but this will be a phased approach based on our benchmarks and recommendations from many groups. We have to ensure any actions we take protects the sacrifices that so many Kentuckians have made."

"We are carrying on with business as usual as far as the city goes," said Medley. "We are just having to do it by phone or text or some other method."

Any Livingston resident who needs to pay a city bill, may mail the

payment, phone in the payment or drop it off in the slot in the city hall door.

The mayor and staff aren't spending time at city hall but Medley says he is taking care of business just the same. "We are keeping our distance as the governor ordered and practicing cleaning protocol and keeping our people safe," he said. "But we still answer the phone and take care of our city every day just like before any of this happened."

In fact, just last week a broken water line in Livingston brought the mayor and workers out to repair the damage. "Whatever comes up, we are here for our citizens and we are completely transparent on our Facebook site to keep everyone informed about anything going on in our city."

Medley says he is in daily contact with Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and the local health department to help structure plans for the future.

"Until this is over, everyone should know we are still here and still conducting business."

### "Brodhead"

(Continued from front) away," she said. "We are all staying in constant contact and everyone in the city government is aware of daily operations."

In fact, Mayor Walter Cash is often still at his desk at city hall, Bussell said. "The mayor is continuing his duties as well and we are all working together."

Bussell said all city employees, staff and officials are continuing to practice social distancing and have adopted routine cleaning and disinfecting procedures throughout city hall.

Public parks in Brodhead are also closed as ordered by Governor Andy Beshear.

"We have been blessed that no cases of the virus have appeared in Brodhead that I am aware of and we are doing everything we can to keep the citizens of Brodhead safe," she said.

Bussell says anyone wishing to make a water or sewer payment may either mail the payment to city hall or drop the payment off in the dropbox at city hall.

"We are looking forward to the end of this situation," said Bussell. "We enjoy seeing people coming into the office and, like everyone else, we miss the usual activities that are always going on in our town."

Officials say they have not made a decision yet about the May City Commission meeting but Bussell said she will inform the public about any decisions concerning the city.

### "Mt. Vernon"

(Continued from front)

essential services to all our businesses and residents."

Though city hall and all other public buildings are closed to the public, residents may pay their city bills via the drive through at city hall or by calling and arranging a payment by phone.

In fact, the usual fee for using a credit card for city bills has been waived during this time, according to Mayor Bryant.

The mayor said he is

in contact with other local mayors and the judge/executive, as well as health officials. on a regular basis and all local cities and the county are working together to keep citizens safe from the COVID-19 virus while continuing to take care of daily operations of the city.

The City of Mount

Vernon plans its first "Zoom" meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m.

"By working together, we will get to the other side of all of this," said the mayor.

Officials plan to let the public know of any changes in the current closures and plans for reopening parks or public offices in the future.



Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR Regent, Karen Adams presented awards to Debbie Brown and Jean Gentry. Mrs. Brown's award was in recognition of outstanding membership recruitment and Mrs. Gentry was honored for her outstanding work in recruitment, research and as membership chairman. Pictured above are Jean Gentry and Karen Adams.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Edible Landscaping:  
Utilizing Common Edibles for Landscaping

Edible landscaping can be replacing a dying shade tree with an apple or pecan tree, and working a few tomatoes and some chives in among the flowers. Edible landscaping also can be only using things you can eat as the plants you landscape with. Most modern homeowners want a nice looking yard, not a World War II victory garden that takes up every inch of their yard in a jumble of plants. I'd like to show you a pretty landscape and one that is also edible can be obtained with similar budgets. You can have a lovely landscape and eat it, too.

Lovely landscaping needs a design, it needs organizing. But there is no reason it can't use attractive plants that will resemble other shrubs, but which are also fruit bearing, or have lovely leaves or blossoms and furnish some food for humans as well as birds, bees and butterflies, and maybe other critters. Landscaping that begins with the hardscape, then the trees and major shrubs, then on down to small bushes, perennials and cute annuals—can just as easily be edible as not.

Besides a flowering Bradford pear or a flowering crabapple, could you use a fruiting pear, or at least a crabapple with fruit big enough for the birds to enjoy, and maybe some for jelly-making? Instead of the sweet bay magnolia, could you use a service berry? And instead of the redbud tree, could you use a pawpaw or persimmon or jujube?

The mulberry makes a lovely tree, and the fruit is oh-so-delicious (if you beat the birds to it). The kousa dogwood and the cornelian cherry dogwood produce edible fruits, along with lovely blooms in springtime.

Apples, pears, peaches, plums and cherries are often used exclusively in an orchard setting; but, can you not put one or two in the landscape rather than a red maple or Bradford pear? Chestnuts instead of sweetgum, hickory and ginkgo instead of elms and pin oaks? Some oak acorns

are edible, with a bit of special care. In fact, ground White Oak acorns or Burr Oak acorns make a rather nice flour for baking or cooking with.

The beech tree has small nuts and is lovely in appearance. The Kentucky coffee tree would be just as well as a honeylocust, with benefit of some beans that could substitute for coffee in a pinch. Walnut trees are messy, but they can make great shade. And for the evergreen tree, try Swiss or Korean stone pines, or in western USA try pin-yon pine. Pine "nuts" or seeds are delicious. For a large-leaved evergreen, in areas where it always stays above zero, try the loquat tree.

Using a few traditional landscape items, such as a maple tree, a spruce tree, some burning bushes but planting the edibles in and around them may make it easier for you, tying everything together. Maybe creeping evergreen junipers mixed with compact blueberry bushes, or tall currant bushes or cranberry viburnum bushes instead of the forsythia or barberry. Maybe the Oregon grape rather than traditional holly bushes. And you don't need to do anything with the daylilies, for they are edible-- the blossoms, the buds and the tubers.

A dwarf cherry might well substitute for a flowering peach, and you could plant some hazelnuts that bear fruit instead of the Harry Lauder walking stick. Even the snowball bush has a version with edible little berries.

Good landscapes do have some annual flowers usually. You could try cabbages, kale, purple mustard, chard, asparagus and horseradish, just to name some easy starters. Most everyone could manage a tomato somewhere. The little cherry tomatoes are most prolific and bear for the longest period of time. How about garden peas or scarlet runner beans on a trellis, some lattice or a porch railing? And maybe carrots and lettuce and parsley and nasturtiums, pansies and shamrocks, too!

The author is a landscaper. Comments welcome. Contact: [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net), [rockcastles@gmail.com](mailto:rockcastles@gmail.com).





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**Let the Bible Speak**

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m..

\*\*\*Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

**Mamaw's Kitchen**

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



**TRIPLE LAYER COOKIE BARS**

1/2 cup butter  
1 and 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 package (about 14 ounce) flaked coconut  
1 can (14 ounce) Eagle Brand® condensed milk  
1 pkg. (12 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

Preheat oven to 350°. In a 9 x 13 baking dish, melt margarine in oven. Sprinkle crumbs evenly over butter. Mix coconut with sweetened condensed milk. Spread over crumbs. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt chips with peanut butter. Spread evenly over hot coconut layer. Cool 30 minutes. Chill thoroughly. Cut into bars. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

**CREAM CHEESE BARS**

1 box butter recipe yellow cake mix  
3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts  
3/4 cup butter, melted  
2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
3/4 cup chopped pecans or walnuts  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 9 x 13 baking dish. Combine cake mix, 3/4cup pecans,

and melted butter in large bowl. Stir until blended. Press mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Combine cream cheese with brown sugar in medium bowl. Stir with spoon until well mixed. Spread evenly over crust. Sprinkle with remaining 3/4cup pecans. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until edges are browned and cheese topping is set. Cool completely. Cut into 24 bars and refrigerate.

**GERMAN CHOCOLATE BARS**

1 box (18 ounce) German chocolate cake mix  
2/3 cup cold butter, cubed  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1 can (15 ounce) coconut-pecan frosting  
1/4 cup milk  
Place cake mix in a large bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Press 2 and 1/2 cups into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes; immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Drop frosting by tablespoonfuls over the chips. Stir milk into remaining crumb mixture; drop by teaspoonfuls over top. Bake 25 to 30 minutes longer or until bubbly around the edges and top is cracked. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate for 4 hours before cutting.

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**Kentucky Chamber unveils plan to prepare state for reopening**

We have now completed a month of the "Great Pause," grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, we find a desperate need to ask what's next. In recent weeks, we have seen not only major manufactures like Ford and Toyota temporarily close their facilities but also many of their suppliers. Many small businesses that did not meet the essential business category have had to lay off employees, raising our unemployment rate to unprecedented rates. Not only do we find ourselves in a health pandemic, but also an economic plummet which is challenging the spirit of the American worker and business person. Many workers question even when the government says it is safe to go back, and businesses re-open, will they truly be safe?

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is here to navigate these questions in uncertain times. Do we have all the answers? No. Can we pull together the most capable group of professionals and business leaders in the country to solve this new equation for which we find ourselves challenged? Absolutely.

As the state's premier business advocate, the Kentucky Chamber is uniquely positioned to convene top medical professionals, economists, and small and large businesses, including Ken-

tucky-based, global companies that employ some of the most sophisticated thinkers as their executives.

During the last month, business leaders and their employees have stepped up to protect Kentuckians by donating, procuring, and manufacturing personal protective equipment. Kentucky employers have shown they are responsible stewards of their resources and have put the safety of this state and their workers above all else. To slow the spread of this pandemic, many businesses have put their own financial stability at risk. It's now time we start the conversation on how we methodically and responsibly re-open Kentucky's businesses and unleash the unbridled spirit of our Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Chamber knows we are stronger together against this common enemy as we mount our restart. The Chamber will provide education, guidance, policy recommendations, connect job seekers with employers, and recommend best practices to prepare business to restart our economy. The Chamber will call on key industry leaders to guide our work to give Kentucky every opportunity to unleash our potential.

Kentucky businesses are strong and our people are resilient. It's time to safely prepare our restart.

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**Not Just Any Way**  
There is a blessing when men follow the Lord's way. Our Bible speaks of men who believed it was very important to continue in the Lord's way when it comes to serving God.  
Consider King Hezekiah. At the young and tender age of 25, he began to reign as King of Judah, and he reigned for twenty-nine years. 2 Kings 18:3 records- that he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did. There were many ways this young man could have chose to worship. Hezekiah considered those ways notice the route he chose. Verse 4 He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent. This young leader did not choose the way of idols.  
We have today in religion to choose the idol of materialism, the idol of popularity, or the idols of lust. Hezekiah chose none of these. He trusted in the Lord God of Israel. 2 Kings 18:5 the Bible says that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that was before him.  
2 Kings 18:6 For he clave to the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses. When man listens to God and obeys his word, things in his life changes for the better. 2 Kings 18:7 And the Lord was with him, and he prospered whithersoever he went forth. It was because he remembered the Lord in good times and bad times this young man did not change his focus. 2 Chronicles 31:21 his desire was to seek God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered. It is easy to see this young king didn't live by the notion, any way will work, when it came to his service to the Almighty God.  
Today in 2020 We are many years down the streams of time, but we are still facing decisions as creatures of choice. We can choose from many ways. However, the Psalmist says 119:30 I have chosen the way of truth. If we raise a generation, that are allowed to believe ever time a crisis arises we can change things, we are allowed to compromise, I wonder what will our worship look like, will our service to God, will it allow us to prosper, will our worship being accepted by our Lord? What will our worship look like?  
Hopefully, we are like Ezra that our heart and our soul is seeking the right way. Ezra 8:21 Ezra desired the right way of God for us and for our little ones and for all our substance.  
Thank you as always for reading this article (Let's not ask of others what we are not willing to do ourselves.) This article has been submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. If you would like to reach someone from the church, we would love to hear from you. Our numbers are Bro. Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 and Bro. Ova Baker: 606-878-8104. I pray you have a safe week and God blesses you with everything you need. Don't forget to give him thanks in everything.  
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To our patients and community:

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During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucially important patients stay well and manage chronic conditions as well as any new onset of medical concerns or symptoms. While non-emergent procedures and some visits have been rescheduled, many of our care providers have the capability to conduct various visits through telemedicine, or video chat.

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- Waiting area chairs are disinfected in between patients throughout the facility.
- All staff’s temperatures are monitored twice per shift and all signs and symptoms of respiratory illness are monitored throughout shifts.
- All staff are educated on the steps necessary to care for patients or residents who are symptomatic or have been diagnosed with COVID-19, as recommended by the CDC.

If you are experiencing a life-threatening situation, call 911 as video visits are not meant for emergency needs. The emergency department also remains open and ready to address any emergent needs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Sincerely,

Physicians and Staff of Rockcastle Regional Rural Health Clinics



# City Council to Zoom meeting

By: Mike French  
Editor

Zoom!  
If you haven't heard of it, you are among millions who hadn't until the past few months.

However, the smart phone or tablet app now has over 100 million downloads since cities and boards across the country have begun using the app to hold meetings in order to observe social distancing.

KRS Statutes require that city commissions and city councils, as well as many public boards, hold regular monthly meetings. But governors across the country, including Kentucky, have ordered that public gatherings or public meetings be halted until the COVID-19 virus threat is over.

So, many councils and boards have now begun holding their public meetings using the free app that can be downloaded to any smart device. The app

provides video sharing for up to 100 guests.

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting that was scheduled for last week, April 16, was postponed due to the governor's restrictions. But now officials are planning to hold the monthly meeting via Zoom this Thursday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

According to Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray, it took some work and a lot of investigation, but officials have now worked out a way to hold the monthly meeting without being in the same room with other people thanks to Zoom.

According to Bray, all councilmembers and department heads will receive an invitation to join the meeting when it begins and the agenda will be followed as usual.

The meeting will also be livestreamed on the City of Mount Vernon's Facebook page so that citizens may attend the meeting virtually.

# Grateful Bread Food Pantry has reopened

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First Zoom meeting

## City council talks budget and virus

By: Mike French Editor

For the first time, the Mount Vernon City Council meeting was held via Zoom but experts, and some city officials agree, it will not be the last time. In fact, even if the state restrictions for social distancing and public gatherings are lifted, many believe zoom meetings may eventually become the "new normal."

One of the reasons Zoom meetings are expected to become more typical, is convenience. Most councilmembers and department heads in Mount Vernon and across the country, attended their monthly meeting and handled usual business from the comfort of their own home this month.

While city councilmembers did discuss the city budget and the minutes of the February meeting (since the March meeting was cancelled) the huge majority of the meeting was spent discussing the Coronavirus and the affects of shutdowns and government restrictions have had on the city.

Mayor Mike Bryant,

and all councilmembers, were present from their own home, except Councilman Wayne Bullock

See "City" on A5)

## Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus. (606) 256-7385

## Thirteen cases

As of press time, the Cumberland Valley Health Department has reported one new positive test of the Coronavirus COVID-19 in Rockcastle County. The latest case was reported Monday. Of the 13 local cases, 11 have recovered. There have been no cases requiring hospitalization..

## Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held a special called meeting Tuesday. Among the items on the agenda was the 20/21 Fiscal Budget. Due to press time changes because of the Coronavirus, The Mount Vernon Signal will have the full story next week.



Workers at Rockcastle Regional Hospital have started drive through testing for COVID-19. Shown above, staff were rushed from car to car as local residents drove into the garage near the hospital to be tested from their vehicle Monday. Officials say they may test up to 100 people per day until Friday afternoon but residents must register by calling the COVID Hotline (606-256-7385) in order to assign a time to be tested..

## Drive-thru testing now available at Rockcastle Regional Hospital

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle Regional hospital has been conducting COVID-19 drive-thru testing this week.

According to the hospital, they have the ability to test 100 people per day.

Anyone who wishes to be tested must first contact the COVID-19 Hotline at 256-7385 to register and schedule your testing time. Registration will be conducted over the phone.

It is recommended that anyone desiring a test, have all personal information at hand before

calling the hotline to register but you do not have to show COVID-19 symptoms to be tested.

Testing is performed in the parking garage below the Rockcastle Family Wellness Building and officials say signs will be posted.

No one will be tested until they have registered

by phone.

It is also recommended that everyone who receives the test self isolate themselves until the test results are received.

Testing will be held each day Monday through Friday from noon until 6 p.m. at the Wellness Center.

## At Rockcastle Regional

## Three phase plan to normal operations

Rockcastle Regional, Hospital, along with other Kentucky hospitals, will begin taking steps to return to normal pre-COVID-19 operations by the end of April.

The process will be a three-phased approach that will be carefully implemented to ensure patient safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19 or a resurgence of the virus throughout the state.

"We are excited and ready to begin the gradual

process of returning to our normal patient care operations," said Rockcastle Family Wellness primary care physician

Dr. Karen Saylor. "This three-phased plan is the smart and safe approach for our organization to begin providing elective

healthcare for the community again. Just as the rest of the community, we are all anxious for the return to our normal daily

lives. But we must remember to do this safely and with caution to ensure

See "Plan" on A5)

## RCCHS Prom Cruise May 8

By: Mike French Editor

They may not dance, but there will be music. They may not dress up, but they will be comfortable. They may not deco-

rate a gym, but they will decorate the entire town.

One of the restrictions placed on citizens by Governor Andy Beshear to avoid the flu, is that high school students may not hold prom or graduation

ceremonies in Kentucky.

Thousands of students would miss a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to say their farewells and create memories that would last forever.

Twelve years of effort would not be recognized or celebrated in the traditional ways.

To thousands of students, parents, teachers

See "Prom" on A5)

## County behind on 2020 Census

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County is slightly behind the averages when it comes to filling out the census forms, according to the United States Census Bureau.

While the national response is listed as 53.2 percent, Kentucky's response is listed at 56.2 percent.

However, Rockcastle County's response is listed as 51.1 percent at press time.

Local officials say having every citizen fill out the census may play a big part in the amount of grant funding that is available for the county.

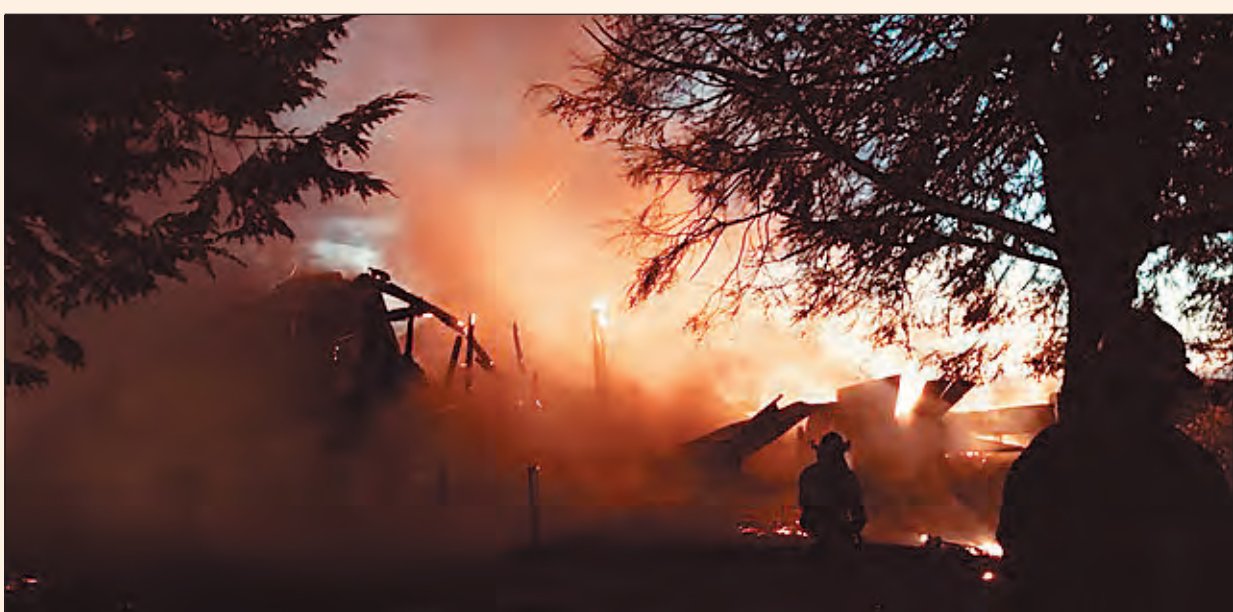
In fact, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook says a single household avoiding the census could cost the county over \$10,000 in available grants to repair roads and

See "Census" on A5)

## Ramp closed?

The closure of the I-75 northbound off ramp at exit 59 was scheduled to close for paving last week. Apparently due to five days of rain, the closure did not occur. Officials now say the closure has been postponed until "next week" with no dates or times available.

## Fatal fire



Robert Brutus Cox was pronounced dead by the Rockcastle County Coroner after he was unable to escape this fire at his home on Three Links Road in Rockcastle County. The call came to the Climax Volunteer Fire Department at 5:48 a.m. on Sunday, April 25 but the home was completely engulfed when firefighters arrived. Climax Volunteer and Board Chairman Ken Holt said Kentucky State Police Arson Investigators sifted through the remains for several hours after the fire. Cox will undergo an autopsy, Holt said. Assisting at the scene were Sand Gap, Livingston and Red Lick Fire Departments as well as the coroner's office, and the Kentucky State Police.

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Our printing company in London has had to change their schedule, due to several daily papers they print changing to only a two-three day a week publication. Therefore, our deadline has had to change for news/ads from noon Tuesday to Mondays at 4 p.m.

I was quite taken aback yesterday when I saw the news item that our governor has decreed that, beginning May 11th, no one is allowed out in public without a face mask. It really upset me because, with my moderate COPD, the psychological effect of wearing a mask presents something of a problem, not to mention the fact that I feel completely stupid running around like a masked bandit or member of the antifa gang.

My family is waging that they will have to band together to bail me out when I'm arrested for refusing to wear said mask but, I don't know, I think the dictator-theme of our government for the past two months has worn me down to where I'm getting weary of continuing my fight against their intrusions on my civil liberties.

I'm incensed somewhat that I am not being given enough credit to know not to visit every public site possible if I have the symptoms associated with the flu, something that I have done for years even though I have never been diagnosed with having the flu - in all of my 78 years.

I have also never taken a flu shot and will refuse to take a vaccine for COVID-19, especially if said vaccine comes from billionaire entrepreneur Bill Gates' company.

I'm not sure why globalist Bill Gates, who made his vast fortune in computer products, is involved in creating a vaccine anyway but I sure wouldn't introduce a vaccine into my body created by his people.

I think we have crossed the line of letting government unconstitutionally take our civil rights away and I am not sure if we will ever regain our rightful upper hand again.

I think this pandemic has been exacerbated by those who are intent on regaining the White House this November by any means and the vast majority of this country is suffering for it and will continue to suffer for it as long as long as it can be drawn out.

I find it strange that Tennessee, a state with a

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Though I completely and totally oppose any and all executive orders, by our new dictator in Frankfort, and totally disagree with his every spoken word and action, at least there is one positive thing from all this destruction of freedom and liberty -- Zoom!

I attended my first ever Zoom meeting last week, of the Mt. Vernon City Council, and I loved it.

For one thing (no offense) but the huge majority of us in the meetings I attend aren't exactly teenagers anymore. We don't have perfect hearing. To be honest (again no offense) in some other meetings, a couple of the officials tend to talk amongst themselves while others are talking, and some like to basically whisper and I just

can't hear a lot of the words spoken at some public meetings.

But the Zoom meeting was perfectly clear.

Then, when the meeting was over, there was no driving home at night. We were already home with family and friends and ready for supper. It was great.

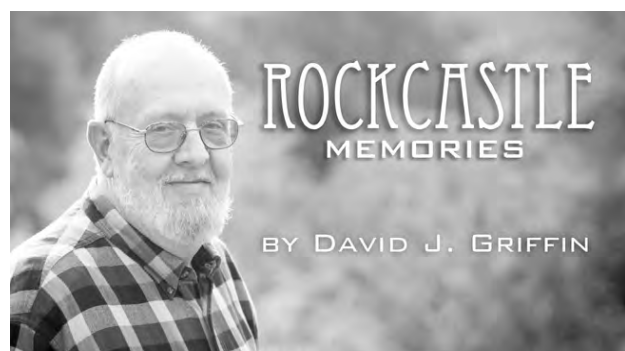
Thank you Josh Bray. That was a monumental task to have everyone's paperwork ready and have everyone in attendance and organize the entire meeting. I do not envy that task. But you handled it perfectly.

Kudos to Josh and Mayor Mike Bryant for taking extra care to make certain the press was at the meeting. It was very aboveboard and transparent and I believe it to be evidence that they care deeply that the citizens they serve are informed and a part of their decision-making process.

Every councilmember was present and all business that needed handled, was handled.

The only thing I

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A teacher remembered

A few days ago, my wife and I decided we would get out of the house and take a ride in our new Explorer. We wanted to visit our woods on Furnace Mountain in Powell County and to see the new growth of spring.

We both love old rock-and-roll music, so we selected the 60's channel on Sirius XM. As we drove along, we heard several songs that reminded us of our college days, which prompted a conversation between us about certain classes that we took.

I recounted my experience in a class I had at UK when I was a freshman in 1962. The class that I attended prior to it took place near the old Jerry's Restaurant, and my English Composition class was literally on the other side of campus. It made it quite impossible for me to get to my English class on time, so I decided that I had best inform my English professor as to why I was al-

ways late to his class.

After class, I stayed behind to explain the dilemma I was experiencing. He asked my name and thanked me for telling him why I was perpetually late every day. He simply told me to come on to class, to slip in quietly, and to take my seat. He was most understanding—which frankly I had not expected.

After our conversation, he began to call on me in his class discussions. One day he asked the class, "How many of you have ever written a poem in high school?" I sheepishly raised my hand, along with approximately four other class members.

He then said, "Mr. Griffin, could you recite your poem to the class?" Nervously, I began to recite my very brief and simple attempt at poetry. It was as follows:

*I looked up one street and  
down another.  
No one did I see, except  
Ruth Jane's brother.  
What I saw set my mind  
a whirl.  
That bum was flirting  
with my best girl.*

The class members got a good laugh at my lame attempt to write poetry. However, the professor liked my humor and asked a few questions. "Who was Ruth Jane?" he asked.

I explained that she was the sister of one of my good friends in high school. My professor went on to make a few positive comments about my poem, which I cannot remember after nearly 60 years. He must have used it to point to the most basic tenets of poetry.

For some reason, my professor began to call on me frequently. I remember him well because he taught us to diagram sentences, which helped me to compose sentences more effectively. I learned a lot from him, and I received a "B+" in that class.

I believe that English class helped me to be a better teacher and, later in life, a better columnist. I wish I could remember his name and could thank

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



In Desperation at the Cook House

Dear Journal,  
As probably 99% of the world knows by now, the Corona virus is plaguing the whole world. Here at the Cook house, we're staying close to home. Stanley is going to work and only makes brief stops for the absolute necessities. I go out very little, maybe only three or four times in about a month. I'd take some radiation if I thought it was safe to get out.

This past weekend it became necessary to go to Walmart. We both went last Sunday afternoon. I

have noticed that more people are wearing their face masks. Too bad I can't say everyone. I'm saving a lot of money like this. If you stay out of Walmart, you can save. I save even more when I get to Walmart and there is only a partial charge on the power scooters. You can only get to a certain amount of things and go through the check out. I get only what I have to have and head for the front.

We would like to go and eat at a restaurant buffet after shopping but there wasn't a chance. Nowadays, it is drive-through or nothing. I've had to eat so many meals balancing everything on my lap, console, and dash it looks like a balancing act. It doesn't make for a pleasant meal. We usually spill some of it. It is a good season for detail shops, if they are open.

This trip, we got desperate. We went through the drive-through at Little Caesar's and got a cheese pizza, dipping sauce, and drinks. Shall we go to the park? It is a long haul on out to the park. By the time we drove around and found a nice place to park and

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Loretta spent a few hours on the phone, one day last week, trying to locate several varieties of garden seeds and plants that her husband holds near and dear. She never did find Yellow Sweet Spanish onion sets, Boston Bib Lettuce nor Oregon Sugar Pod II peas, but she only called about half a dozen of the nearby places in Madison County that normally have all 3 varieties in abundance. It took 5 tries to locate Yukon Gold seed taters, but they are now in the ground and my conscience is clear that I didn't talk her into violating any Covid restrictions.

All the places we were searching, except for the one that still had Yukon Gold, had sold completely out of the varieties I wanted and some of

them had reordered and sold out twice or three times. I sincerely hope that all these seed buyers know what they are getting themselves into and raise more vegetables that have been locally grown than we've seen since the Victory Gardens of World War II.

Then, last Friday, we decided to get on the phone and see if we could track down some burpless cucumber seeds. Two different store clerks actually laughed at me. "How bout Poinsette," I politely asked to even more laughter? Long story short, 4 out of 6 stores that usually have around a dozen varieties of cucumbers were down to only "straight eights" and that variety may be better than having no cucumbers at all, but just barely, in my humble

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## ramblings...

by; *perlina m. anderkin*

larger population than Kentucky, who resisted forcing its businesses to close as long as possible, has wound up with a lower death count than Kentucky. Go figure.

I also find it strange that I am desperately trying to find a black market haircut while liquor stores, abortion clinics, Walmarts, Lowes and other supposedly "essential" businesses are allowed to remain open.

It's a conundrum that's obviously way beyond my pay grade but one that was created by -- wait for it -- politicians and primarily those of the leftward persuasion.

We'll have to wait and see how it plays out but I'm going to be one unhappy camper if I am forced to mask up to survive in this world.

And, don't even get me started on "contact tracing."

## "Aces"

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missed was the handshakes. But I'll do that the next time our authoritarian governor allows it.

School Superinten-

dent David Pensol and Chairman of the School Board Angie Stallsworth-Mink put in the same extra effort during the school board meetings, making certain the press was there. I take that as a very strong sign that they also take their duties seriously and wish to keep the public informed of their decisions concerning the use of tax dollars, regulations and budgets.

Thank you to those who made that happen and I predict that will be part of this "new normal" the dictator (Beshear) talks about. Since he clearly hates the "old normal" (like freedom and independence and the Constitution and rights and liberty) Zoom is one of the "new normals" I can live with.

And, just for the record, if a governor can completely halt any and all parts of your life that he sees fit and call it "for your own good" then you never had rights to start with. You had permission. The only real "right" that you have under this dictator, is to murder an innocent child.

This fake, power-hungry beast we have unleashed had better be stopped. This is a farce.

On a different note, I watched some soap operas on tv this week. Wow!

I used to watch some of them as a youngster because my mom would never "miss my shows." She enjoyed them very much but my grandmother thought they were actually the real lives of those people in the soap.

I would try to explain it to her, but grandma always won the argument when she would say, "My lips may lie, but my eyes don't. I know what I saw!"

She once saw one of her soap actors on another program and I think she almost locked completely up like a computer in a "for/next loop." (Only you old-time basic programers will get that one.)

She just stared at the screen and then acted like she never saw it.

But I sure can't believe how much soaps have changed over the years.

If I remember correctly, the soaps I watched as a child seemed rather ethical and even had some sort of moral values to them.

Though I did watch the doctors walk through hospital hallways with a cigarette in their lips, they seemed rather calm to me.

But, this week, I watched two grown men actually making out. I mean with each other! Actually on my tv screen

I was glad I had a remote control because I would have felt dirty if I had to touch the television set to change channels.

It was disgusting. Here's hoping I can find some good old fashioned, black and white movie this weekend just to try to get that image out of my head.

## "Memories"

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him for his kindness as well as his proficiency as a teacher. But I can't. And that is not unusual. Teachers, particularly good ones, do not experience much in the way of thanks. However, they keep teaching and expanding minds just the same.

*(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)*

## "T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

eat, the food would be cold and we would have wasted a quarter tank of gas. Just across the street was the A. R. Dyche Memorial Cemetery. We decided to drive over there to eat. It was "dinner with the dearly departed". Truly, it was a beautiful place with landscaping here and there. Years ago, Mom and I would drive over there and have a meal when out shopping. It was cool and shady and a real treat on a hot summer day. They have beautiful surroundings...so peaceful. Morbid? It depends on how you look at it. Our family has always loved cemeteries and rather drawn to them. There is a lot of history there. We did see some people had passed that we thought were still with us. It was a shock for us and sad, too. Believe it or not, several other people had the same idea and were here and there milling about even in the rain. We are all getting creative in our activities, folks. There is no telling what will come next. "Necessity is the mother of invention", I've always heard.

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

opinion. The other 2 stores had no cuke seeds, period.

I found 3 different varieties of burpless cucumber seeds on ebay, as well as the coveted Poinsettes we so dearly love. All 4 orders promised to be in my mailbox before the end of April. The orders were placed on April 24. I'm hoping to get them started in seedling peat pots on the front porch by May 1. Unless you are a gambler, it's still 2 weeks too early, in my opinion, to be direct seeding anything in your garden that is prone to frostbite. I still have some saved, open-pollinated, English cuke seeds but I don't plant them until mid July.

I have a feeling that a lot of people are going to find out what manual labor is all about for the first time in their lives. I'd also bet a few bucks that these, apparently "new", gardeners are going to have a far higher level of appreciation for the produce sections of their grocery stores well before the summer is over.

On the other hand, I absolutely could not be more pleased with the fact that so many people are taking up gardening. I sincerely hope that every single one of them gets as much pleasure out of the effort and the eating as I do and that includes the blisters to go with hoeing.

In the meantime, if it hasn't already happened, I expect a huge run on work gloves by mid May. Swiping cell phones isn't going to be of much help when it comes to raising a garden unless folks are looking for websites that have gardening lessons. And swiping the packets is not going to make the seeds go into the ground.

This week's reading recommendation is Kentucky author, Janice Holt Giles. During my last 2 years of grade school and first 2 years of high school, I could hardly wait it to get my hands anything she had written that I had not already read. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, I devoured them all again. I'm getting ready to do it for the third time around.

Set mostly in the late 18th and 19th centuries, her fictional accounts of life in the hills of Kentucky make for some of the best reading America

has ever experienced. Her autobiographical (non fiction) title, Forty Acres and no Mule, detailing her experience of moving from Louisville to a rundown farm in Adair County, Kentucky during 1949 and the early 1950s is one of my top 10, nonfiction reads of all time. Her novel, Hannah Fowler is in my top 20 fiction reads.

Google the author, read her Wikipedia bio-

## Governor urges vigilance as state takes reopening steps

On Sunday, Gov. Andy Beshear asked Kentuckians to remain vigilant in the fight against the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) as the state takes an initial step toward reopening certain health care operations Monday.

Tomorrow is the first day since this virus hit that instead of adding restrictions, we are reopening some areas, the Governor said. We are starting with health care for some very simple reasons. First, people have not been able to go in to some types of visits and important appointments to keep themselves healthy. And people can grow unhealthy or have other issues that are unrelated to COVID-19.

Second, we need to get our health care industry moving again because as we want to test more people we will need our health care industry to be operating at a greater level to make that happen. And third, in thinking about how to do this gradually in a way that protects people, in a way that we can always take a temperature as we move forward, health care is the place to start.

Gov. Beshear says the phased reopening of health care services is the first step under the Healthy at Work initiative he introduced to help businesses restart operations safely when the time is right.

The initiative set out public health benchmarks for reopening Kentucky's economy. These benchmarks closely follow the White Houses Guidelines

graphical summary and try to read her books in chronological order if you can. See how many adolescent readers you can get hooked on Janice Holt Giles, who, in my opinion, all said and done, is the best Kentucky fiction writer I have ever read. I should be halfway through Giles' "The Enduring Hills" for at least the third time, by the time this column hits your newspaper.

for Reopening America.

On April 27, health care practitioners can resume non-urgent/emergent health care services, diagnostic radiology and lab services in:

- Hospital outpatient settings;
- Health care clinics and medical offices;
- Physical therapy settings, chiropractic offices and optometrists;
- Dental offices (but with enhanced aerosol protections)

From a public health standpoint, from a medical standpoint, we would probably prefer to wait even longer before lifting any restrictions, Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner for the Department for Public Health, said. But were trying to balance competing societal needs: peoples need to get back to work, peoples need to perform other important functions in society, peoples need to pursue their lives, with the need to keep people safe.

This guidance does not apply to long-term care settings, prisons and other industries or other settings for which separate guidance has already or will be provided in the future. This guidance does not apply to elective surgeries or procedures, which will be addressed in a subsequent phase.

Dr. Stack emphasized that this is a phased, gradual reopening of services and that a COVID-19 surge may require adjustment.

For full guidance on criteria for reopening and new best practices, click here.

## New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, *Mount Vernon Signal's* deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

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**Celebrate Sobriety Service**  
 CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings**  
 The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

**VFW Post Item**  
 VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.. \*\*\*Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.  
**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.  
**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.  
**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

**DAR Meetings**  
 The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**  
 The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
 The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grille. Everyone is invited.

**American Legion Post 71**  
 American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grille. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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# Obituaries

## Sophia Hurd

Sophia Hurd (Mosley), 79, died Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at home in Cincinnati, OH surrounded by family. She was born February 11, 1941 in Hyden. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Cincinnati and worked most of her life as a waitress. She was a giving person who tried to take care of everyone. In her last couple of years, Parkinson's disease robbed her of her quality of life. However, she always loved her family fiercely and we all love her. She will be missed.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 58 years, John Hurd; parents, Granville and Nellie (Fields) Mosley; and two sisters, Verena Lakes and Helen Abney. She was also preceded in death by: her brothers-in-law, Ronnie Lakes, Everett Bullock, Ken Abney, and Gene Noe; granddaughter, Christina Gayhart; and son-in-law, David Gayhart, Sr.

She is survived by her four children, Theresa "Terri" Noe (Kenny), Tim Hurd (Kendra), Pamela (Peanut) Gayhart, and Kimberly Pinhey (Kaye). She is also survived by her siblings, Audrey Noe (Paul), Jean Noe, Ronald Mosley (Mary), Carol Bullock, and Ralph Mosley (Kathy). She leaves behind: grandchildren and great grandchildren, Charles Noe (Carley and Skot), Jessica Mollmann (Andy), John Hurd II (Ashleigh and Teghan), David Gayhart (Julie, Remi, and Mia), Michael Gayhart (Dani, Ava, Lilah, and Henri), Brandie Gayhart (Dominic Porter), Laura Gayhart (Shaun and Rylee Linville), Leigh Pinhey Maguire (Michael, Michael II, Savannah, and Declan); and Caitlin Pinhey. She also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

No flowers are necessary. You can post comments at <https://www.herbwalker.com/obituary/Sophia-Hurd>. Just click on the Tribute Wall tab. If you would like to send a card you can mail it to the Walker Funeral Home in Mt. Healthy Ohio.

Services will be virtual. Here are the details. Please join us online for a Virtual Memorial. Put <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4885335835?pwd=d3dKVGVJWHZWR0VQbzJlIiBOY2tZa09> in the address line of your Internet on your phone or computer and then sign in with the ID and Password below. Please feel free to email me at [noes321@yahoo.com](mailto:noes321@yahoo.com) if you have questions. At the end of the service all who want will be given a chance to share a favorite memory of Sophia.

Celebration of Sophia Hurd  
Sunday, May 3 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Terri Noe is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4885335835?pwd=d3dKVGVJWHZWR0VQbzJlIiBOY2tZa09>

Meeting ID: 488 533 5835

Password: 885887

## Cemetery Notices

### Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 22, 23, 24, 25.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

### Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johnetta Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Also, all flowers

should be removed from graves as soon as possible so that mowing can commence.

### Roberts Cemetery

Donations needed! Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery, c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Pittman Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for maintenance of the Pittman Cemetery, located on East Fork Skaggs Creek Road, Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Please send donations to: Betty Mullins, 46 Lilac Circle, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Telephone: 859-893-8881.

### Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409

## Robert Paul Howard

Robert Paul Howard, 78, of Booker Road, Springfield, died at 3:09 a.m., Sunday, April 19, 2020 at the Spring View Hospital in Lebanon. A native of Rockcastle County, he was born March 10, 1942 to the late George and Ora Shepard Howard.

He was a member of the Springfield Baptist Church, a member of the Springfield Masonic Lodge # 50 F & AM and a retired employee of the Armour Food Company.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Denver Howard and a sister, Clara Daugherty.

Survivors include: his wife of 55 years, Hazel Payne Howard; a daughter, Sherry Smith (Terry) of Springfield; two sons, Robert Paul Howard, Jr. (Megan) of Lebanon and Coy Howard of Springfield; nine grandchildren, Mandy Sagrecy (Eric), Shelby Howard, Taylor Howard, Jacob Howard, Derek Howard, Steven Smith, Graci Hamilton, Adilei Hamilton and Mattie Hamilton; four great grandchildren, Harper, Carsynn and Colt Sagrecy and Kimberlee Smith; a brother, Jerry Howard (Marsha) of London; and three sisters, Fairy Hornsby and Burnis Howard of Covington and Bertha Johnson of Alexandria.

Funeral services were private.

Burial was on Cemetery Hill.

Carey & Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## John C. Bullock

John C. Bullock, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born July 8, 1938 in Hansford, the son of the late Ernest and Eliza Renner Bullock.

After 32 years, John retired from the Rockcastle County School System as a bus driver and grounds keeper. He also had a tree trimming business for 35 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, he loved watching UK Basketball, and Sanford and Son with his glass of sweet tea.

Survivors are: two daughters, Sherry Bullock, and Joy Payne, both of Mt. Vernon; one step-son, Ricky Madden of Ohio; one granddaughter, Audrey Fletcher (Kyle) of Mt. Vernon; three grandsons, Aaron Graves, and Johnathan and Dalton Payne, all of Mt. Vernon; five great grandchildren, Kaden, Xander, Kylee, Mason, and Desi, all of Mt. Vernon; and four sisters, Sue Branaman of Lexington, Sylvia LeRoy (Bob) of Austin, TX, Judith Ervin of Cincinnati, OH, and Shirley Willoughby (Bob) of Madisonville.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by: his wife, Sue Audrey Elliott Bullock; five brothers, Ernest Jr., Hoover, Jess, Kermit, and Paul; and one sister, Nina Brown.

Graveside services were private and were conducted Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Cresthaven Cemetery with Bro. Luther Allen officiating.

Pallbearers were: Dalton Payne, Aaron Graves, Kaden Fletcher, Xander Fletcher, Johnathan Payne, Danny Reams, and James Clyde Payne.

Arrangements were by the Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com).

## Rockcastle Library offering curbside service

Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice; however, the library is now offering **limited curbside service** for books and DVDs only. Call 256-2388 for details.

## New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, *Mount Vernon Signal's* deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

## John Leslie LaFevers

John Leslie LaFevers, 61, of Brodhead, died Sunday, April 26 at the Rockcastle County Hospital after a long illness.

John Leslie was a long-time employee of NAACO (Hyster) MFG in Berea, loved farming, hunting, truck pulling, and spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors.

He is survived by: his longtime companion, Lisha Turner of Brodhead; one brother, Larry (Janie) LaFevers of Monticello; one nephew, John Curtis (Bridgett) LaFevers and their children Brice and Leah, also of Monticello; one special uncle and aunt, James "Dickie" and Brenda Edwards LaFevers of Crab Orchard, and many friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Amanda Kincer LaFevers and a brother, Sonny who died in infancy.

A private, graveside service will be held at Piney Grove Cemetery.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date when conditions permit.

John Leslie's passing will leave a hole in our hearts forever.

Condolences may be made at: [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Poet's Corner

### The Miracle of Spring

By: Flossie Christine McKinney

Oh, how I love the spring-time  
With flowers of every hue;  
The lush green grass beneath my feet,  
The skies of azure blue.  
I love the warming rays of sun,  
The sounds of summer rain  
Beating soft and gently  
Against my window pane.

Yes, I enjoy the miracle  
That happens every year;  
The songbirds chirping sweetly,  
So pleasant to the ear!  
I love to watch the babbling brook  
Responding to the call..  
I simply I ove the season  
That brings such joy to all!

I marvel at the trees and shrubs  
Now suddenly alive  
When only weeks ago I feared  
That most could not survive.  
Winter's snowy scenes are great  
But nothing can compare  
With strolling through green meadows  
And sniffing summer air.

Let us give thanks and praise to God,  
For only He could bring  
This painting now before us  
That tells the world "It's Spring!"  
Our eyes behold the masterpiece  
From his own skillful brush,  
A special way to show His love  
And what's in store for us!

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# Legislative Update...

By Jared Carpenter  
State Senator

Withstanding the circumstances, the 2020 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly has adjourned sine die.

With a reduced staff and no visitors, efforts to promote social distancing left the marble corridors of the Capitol



much quieter than usual for the final days of a budget session. However, the legislature continued to work tirelessly to complete the people's business in a timely, but healthy manner, meeting only 53 legislative days—seven days less per the Kentucky Constitution.

The 2020 Regular Session came to a close late last Wednesday following several hours of final legislative business in the chamber. The House and Senate spent most of the last 24 hours of the session taking turns recessing to wait for the other chamber to catch up on pending business.

Early this week, both chambers voted to override the governor's veto of Senate Bill 2, legislation that will require voters to present a photo ID at the polls. It is important that we maintain the credibility of our elections. In recent years, we have had many races determined by single digit vote totals, therefore we should do what we can to ensure that our voter registration logs are up to date and voters are who they say they are. This bill helps solidify these concerns and helps maintain the integrity of Kentucky's election process.

Under Senate Bill 2, voters have the option to provide any ID with their photo on it such as a student ID, employee ID and more. Not only does Senate Bill 2 include provisions for a free ID for those who do not have one, the bill also maintains the ability for a poll worker to verify they know a voter, and offers the option of voters who do not have an ID to sign an affidavit and submit a provisional ballot.

It is important to note that Senate Bill 2 will not become state law until 90 days after the end of the legislative session, so it will not be pertinent to the primary election currently scheduled in June. This gives Kentucky voters enough time to obtain a photo ID should they not already have one. I

was happy to support this legislation and see its final passage upon the veto override.

Other vetoes overridden last week include line-item vetoes within budget measures: House Bills 351, 352, 353, and 354.

House Bill 387, amended to assist with coronavirus relief, allows the governor to declare it a "necessary government expense" to purchase protective gear for health workers and first responders. The bill also includes a provision to permit the governor to use unrestricted state funds, such as the rainy day fund, to pay for it.

Another COVID-19 relief measure, contained in Senate Bill 150, loosens requirements for unemployment benefits and extends help to self-employed workers and others who would otherwise not be eligible.

It will also expand telemedicine options by allowing out-of-state providers to accept Kentucky patients, provide immunity for health care workers who render care or treatment in good faith during the current state of emergency, extends the state's income tax filing deadline to July 15, address open meeting laws by allowing meetings to take place utilizing live audio or live video conferencing, and require the governor to declare in writing the date that the state of emergency ends.

Additional bills that the General Assembly approved include measures on the following topics:

**Addiction treatment:** Senate Bill 191 addresses certification and educational requirements for alcohol and drug counselors. The bill also directs Kentucky to establish guidelines employers can use to develop programs to help more individuals struggling with substance use disorders while maintaining employment.

**Taxes:** Senate Bill 5 will require library boards, and other so-called special-purpose governmental entities, to get approval from a county fiscal court or city council before increasing taxes.

**Marsy's Law:** Senate Bill 15 would enshrine certain rights for crime victims in the state constitution. Those would include the right to be notified of all court proceedings, reasonable protection from the accused, timely notice of a release or escape, and the right to full restitu-

tion. Senate Bill 15 is tied to a national movement to pass statutes that have been collectively known as Marsy's law in honor of Marsy Nicholas, a 21-year-old California college student who was stalked and killed by an ex-boyfriend. A similar proposed constitutional amendment passed the General Assembly in 2018 and was subsequently approved by voters, but the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that the law was invalid due to unconstitutional ballot language.

Terms of constitutional offices: House Bill 405 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the term of office for commonwealth's attorneys from six years to eight years beginning in 2030 and increase the term of office for district judges from four years to eight years beginning in 2022. It would also increase the experience requirement to be a district judge from two years to eight years.

The proposal is seen as a way to align terms of service among elected judicial officials so judicial redistricting could be more easily achieved in future sessions. And redistricting is seen as a way to balance uneven caseloads among courts without creating expensive new judgeships.

Kentucky voters will decide on the proposed constitutional amendments this November.

This week, the Senate said farewell to a few retiring members, including Senator Ernie Harris (R-Prospect) and Senator Stan Humphries (R-Cadiz). They have served Kentucky and their constituents well and we wish them health and happiness in their future endeavors.

The 2020 Regular Session was certainly unique. I will be sending a more detailed wrap-up of legislation passed in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support, criticisms, questions, and comments throughout this session. Your involvement is truly appreciated.

It's great to be home, reunited with family. I hope to see you out and about in the coming year. Take care and God bless.

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 Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the Legislature's work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

## "Plan"

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patient safety remains our top priority."

On March 18, Kentucky's hospitals stopped performing elective procedures in response to a request by Governor Andy Beshear. That action was necessary, the governor said, to conserve critical healthcare resources in order to assure hospitals could respond to the COVID-19 emergency. On April 23, Governor Beshear authorized the state's medical facilities to begin plans to gradually return to normal operations.

Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA), working with Kentucky Public Health (KPH) and hospitals throughout the state including Rockcastle Regional, has created a three-phased approach to guide the healthcare community through the process. The plan is based on recommendations from the National Coronavirus Response and incorporates increased surveillance of new cases. The phased approach will allow time to monitor and rapidly respond to resurgence of COVID-19 transmission.

The ability to resume elective procedures will be dependent on a variety of factors which include the incidence of new COVID-19 cases and ability to safely treat all patients requiring hospitalization without resorting to crisis standards of care.

The first phase will begin at the end of April and first of May. Some key elements of the first phase are:

- Restart of diagnostic radiology, laboratory, and non-emergent outpatient services.

- Pre-anesthesia testing services to restart in preparation for the return of elective surgical procedures.

- Whenever possible, non-traditional waiting area options will be utilized, such as patients waiting in their cars until they are ready to be taken to an exam/procedure room.

- Social distancing will continue to be utilized in waiting areas where non-traditional waiting options are not feasible.

- Masking will continue to be used in all patient care. Patient cloth masking is acceptable on a case-by-case basis for outpatient care in clinics, physician's offices, etc.

- COVID-19 screening will continue for all staff, patients, and visitors.

- Visitation limitation will continue for all inpatient and outpatient care locations (e.g. limited to situations where patients require to be accompanied in cases of pediatric patients or those patients who are incapacitated).

- Telehealth (video chat or virtual visits) will continue to be encouraged whenever feasible.

The second phase is the return of all outpatient procedures and is expected to begin around the first full week of May. The second phase will begin once it's determined a resurgence of COVID-19 cases are not indicated. Healthcare facilities that are able to continue COVID-19 testing, maintain a 14-day personal protective equipment (PPE) supply, and maintain certain levels of bed capacity to care for potential COVID-19

patients are able to move onto phase two. This phase requires COVID-19 testing to be performed on all elective procedural patients 72-96 hours prior to actual procedures.

Phase three is slated to begin around the second or third week of May and is the return of all inpatient procedures to pre-COVID-19 levels. Movement to this third, and final phase, can only be initiated once phases one and two have been successful with sustained low or manageable COVID-19 cases, as determined by KPH. However, the advancement of the phases might be different for each facility, based on the facility's ability to achieve and maintain the requirements of each phase.

This three-phase approach is subject to any significant change in COVID-19 cases within each healthcare facility, the communities of the facilities and the state of Kentucky as a whole. The timeline may be altered, paused, or even reversed to ensure the state's healthcare facilities are able to maintain adequate resources and capacity to care for all patients.

## "Prom"

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and officials, this was unacceptable. Especially to RCHS senior, Kylee Fain.

"The prom is an important part of the senior year and we had to think of a way to have the prom even with the restrictions," said Fain with spry enthusiasm. "So why not have a prom cruise? And now we will."

"Kylee contacted me with the idea to celebrate the RCHS Prom and still observe the governor's guidelines and I thought it was wonderful," said Mount Vernon City Administrator and candidate for Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. "I immediately set up a Zoom meeting with Kylee, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and the Rockcastle Arts Association to see what we could do."

As it turned out, everyone involved loved the idea. So now, Friday, May 8 at 6 p.m. will be the first ever Rockcastle County High School Prom Cruise.

Every junior and senior student at RCHS is

invited to hop in a car, get in line and be involved in a slow cruise of Mount Vernon. Cars will travel around the city in parade-style and WRVK radio will broadcast the cruise live on both am and fm stations while parents, friends and family may line the streets in their own vehicles cheering on juniors and seniors.

When the local senior contacted Bray and Rowe her idea was placed on social media and soon had over 500 shares and a plan was put together.

While Bray's campaign fund and Rowe are funding the cruise, officials at the arts association are handling organization and schedulings.

"It is a team effort," said Bray. "The Arts Association will place senior pictures around town and decorate all over as well. This has turned into a well deserved celebration of each student and their accomplishments."

Rowe said he is proud to be part of the celebration as well. "It is my honor to help," he said. "Each student deserves the opportunity to attend their prom and shouldn't miss out on this time-honored tradition."

"We owe gratitude to Josh and Jeremy and the arts association for stepping up to make sure that our senior year is still special," said Fain. "We will still have pictures and still be together while apart."

In some ways Fain says the cruise may be a small benefit. "I have always enjoyed things that are special, different and unique," she said, "and now our prom, will be just that."

Officials ask that anyone who wishes to observe the cruise remain in your vehicle. "The cruise is for our juniors and seniors," said Bray. "We ask that all those present in support of our students, leave the cruising to the students and cheer them on from their own vehicle."

## "Census"

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other infrastructure in Rockcastle.

"The census is a valuable part of our system and can help us be eligible for grants that could help every citizen of Rockcastle County," he said.

## "City"

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who was at city hall during the meeting along with City Administrator Josh Bryant.

"I suppose we are blessed to be part of the Zoom generation and have the technology to hold our meetings while keeping everyone safe and observing state guidelines," said Mayor Mike Bryant.

Councilmembers had received a copy of the financial report and budget via email, prior to the meeting, and Mayor Bryant asked for a financial summary from Bray.

"Actually, we are in much better shape than we expected to be at this point," said Bray. We have extra cushion in our budget and we are in good shape right now. We have changed some things at city hall and have dropped the fee to customers to use a credit card for payment of taxes, water bills etc.. We also have not cut off any water meters and have not added any penalties or late fees to any bills."

Mayor Bryant told councilmembers he feels the city should "work with" customers during the layoffs and shutdowns. "We have been as merciful as we could be

with our customers," said Mayor Bryant. "We don't want to set a standard here because we do expect all payments to continue. In order for the city to operate it must have revenue but we are doing okay right now."

Bray continued, "I seriously doubt that the May meeting will be in person. If we have a Zoom meeting in May, all councilmembers and department heads will have a copy of the budget at least a week before the meeting so that they may review it. We always have a very conservative budget but this budget will be even more conservative because we don't know what is going to happen with this Coronavirus and we don't want to be caught off guard."

Mayor Bryant said the local hospital would begin drive through testing and said, "with a lot more testing, I expect our positive cases to rise dramatically," he said.

The mayor and councilmembers discussed closure of the local parks but there was no discussion about a time to reopen such public facilities.

Councilmembers also heard reports from Bray and Mayor Bryant about the staff and employees of the city. "As soon as things are okay, we will reopen

our parks and also those who are not working in city hall are working from home at present. We have been blessed in our community," Mayor Bryant said. "A huge portion of our businesses in Mount Vernon, and in the county were deemed as essential services, and remain open. So we have not been hit as hard as many other towns."

The mayor told councilmembers the police department has been cut to a minimal staff while still ensuring the safety of citizens, but all other officers are on call and ready to respond to a call in a moment's notice.

There were no department head reports during the meeting but most agreed that the Zoom meeting went better than expected and worked well. "I have total confidence in our community and I know we will be okay. We have done a lot of growing and planning in the past few years and most of that has come to a halt right now. But there will be better days again," Mayor Bryant said.

The meeting was closed after only 28 minutes and information about the May meeting will be released before the meeting so that citizens may join in on the Facebook Live Video attached to Zoom.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## Deeds Recorded

Stacey Stinson and Kelly Ray Stinson, property on Sweetwater Road, to Stacey Stinson and Sterlie Ray Stinson. No tax.

Stephen R. and Wanda G. Burdine, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Parker. Tax \$49

## Marriage Licenses

Sallie Gail Stallsworth, 47, Mt. Vernon, medical billing analyst and Darrell Wayne Combs, 49, Mt. Vernon, funeral director. 4/16/20

Taylor Nicole Cobb, 22, Berea, pharmacy tech/teacher and Jonathan David Long, 24, Berea, project manager. 4/17/20

## Circuit Civil Suits

Veronica Waddles v. Stephen Waddles, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Samantha Butler v. Michael Butler, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kathern Dawson v. Jason Dawson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Courtney Smith v. Mark Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kenneth Bolin v. Sherri Bolin, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00075



# Agricultural News

**USDA Reports Record Enrollment for 2019 Crop Year**  
 By SED Brian Laceyfield, State Executive Director in Kentucky, USDA Farm Service Agency

Challenges and uncertainties are synonymous with farming and ranching. To say these are challenging, uncertain times is an understatement. But, as is their inherent nature, farmers and ranchers will certainly adapt and persevere, and we at USDA are here to help them.

farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

Farmers looking to mitigate the impact of risks, including low or falling commodity prices, and the effects of trade disruptions and natural disasters recognize that ARC and PLC provide the financial protections they need to weather substantial drops in crop prices or revenues as evidenced by record ARC and PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

Our USDA Service Centers are open for business, and program delivery staff are continuing to come into the office but are working with producers only by phone – call to schedule an appointment – and using online tools whenever possible.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff here in Kentucky stand ready to help you obtain credit for spring farm operating needs, service loans or sign up for programs, including the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2020.

Producers signed a record 1.77 million ARC and PLC contracts for the 2019 crop year, which is more than 107 percent of the total contracts signed on average over the past five years. We anticipate 2020 enrollment to be equally noteworthy.

As of April 21, FSA records in Kentucky show 23,600 farms out of an expected 40,000 farms have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2020 crop year. Although we are well on our way to another successful enrollment, we have many producers to assist between now and June 30.

Producers simply need to enroll in the ARC or PLC program – their 2019 crop year program election applies to 2020 – by the June 30 deadline. If you fail to enroll, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2020 crop year should one trigger.

Producers are well on our way to another successful enrollment, we have many producers to assist between now and June 30.

During these unprecedented circumstances, USDA Farm Service Agency is here to support you through delivery of our farm programs while you selflessly work to feed our nation and the world.

Give us a call today. We will send the ARC/PLC contract for signature via mail or email, depending on your preference. You can find the phone number for your local FSA county office at

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# CHURCH NEWS

**Let the Bible Speak**  
 Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
 •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you

need a ride on the church van.  
**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Public Service Commission of Kentucky will hold a hearing on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices, located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in Case No. 2020-00027, which is the Electronic Application of Kentucky-American Water Company to Amend Tariff for the Establishment of Qualified Infrastructure Program Charge. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the hearing will be conducted via video conference only and in-person attendance will not be permitted. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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**Hatred: Cancer of the Heart**  
 Hatred is a sin that we don't think about that often. It is easy to see drunkenness and idolatry and murder. But hatred is an attitude of the heart, that one does not consider being a sin that would cause us to lose our soul in eternity. But according to Galatians the 5 chapter it is one of those sins.

While growing up if we would get mad at each other and one of my five brothers would do something to me or I would do something to them to make them mad, I might say I hate you of course mom and dad would say now you really don't hate your brother, you might hate what they did to you but you don't actually hate your brother. We have to be very careful when it comes to hate, or we will transfer the hate from the sin to the sinner.

Titus 3:3-5 For we ourselves were also sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us. To have hatred in our hearts toward someone, would show that there is something in our life is not where it should be, and we still have things we must work on.

Hatred that lingers in our hearts stirs up trouble, Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but loveth covers all sins. A congregation can be torn apart by strife and turmoil because brethren, instead of loving one another, they hate, detest, and despise each other.

Hatred can lead to murder as it did with Cain and Abel. Cain hated his brother Abel and to vent that hatred, Cain killed him. The Jews hated Jesus and they killed Him. We find in John 15:25 They hated me without a cause. This is how hate works inside of our hearts, it continues to twist and to turn and churn, until something has to happen, and when that hate is released, it tears down that which is good.

Hate will rob you of your happiness, and as long as you allow hate in your heart you will be miserable. Hate will also make you a slave of the person you hate. That person will control your thoughts, invade your dreams, he will take all the pleasure out of your life. If you want to be a slave to someone, all you have to do is to hate them, but let me say don't ever do that. Do what Jesus said we should do. Matthew 5:44 Do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you, persecute you. This is how we must live our life if we expect to have a home with Jesus, is to learn to forgive and love and trust in the power of our savior. (Over much worry is contemplating the future without God.) Thank you for reading this article, I pray your week was good and you spent time in prayer with the Master. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can contact us at Bro. Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker: 606-878-8104.

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**The Inward Man**  
 In this present time, people worry a lot about what other people think. It's not so much the "inward man" but they focus more about the outward man. For example, how we dress, how we wear our hair, what kind of vehicle we drive, what kind of house we live in. Even though these things may seem important to us and we want a person's impression of us to be good, it is far more important for us to focus on our "inward man."

I would like to share just a few scriptures with you that clearly tells us what is more important in God's eyes, that being the "inward man." The "inward man" has longer lasting benefits for us, for those around us and, most importantly, to the glorifying and magnifying of God.

II Cor. 4:16-18 says, For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at all the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

These scriptures are one of the most compelling scriptures to help us see that in this life the outward man is only a temporary arrangement. It doesn't matter how handsome or beautiful we are on the outside because in time, we all know that this will change. If we switch our focus onto the "inward man" we will see that with time "age" we don't grow weaker, we grow stronger, we don't lose our vision, our vision becomes clearer, we won't have to fear death but will have eternal life with God if we believe. What greater value than this we have, if we but switch our focus on the "inward man."

Make no mistake my friend, God knows the hearts of men. Matt. 23:27-28 says, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity and I Peter 3:4 says, But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

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Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhop@gmail.com

**Berea Gospel Tabernacle**  
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Berea, KY  
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sunday Night 6 p.m.  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
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Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
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Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Music Director: Dan Dull

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:  
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
**Preaching Brethren**  
Marcus Reppert  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
606-308-2794  
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
**Ralph Baker, Pastor**  
**Brodhead Christian**  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
**Tracy Valentine, Preacher**  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.  
**Terry Orcutt, Pastor**  
**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
**Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor**

**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
**Bill Hall, Pastor**  
**Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor**

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
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**Central Baptist Church**  
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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
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Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
**Bro. Ova Baker**  
**Bro. Dale McNew**  
**Bro. Phillip Scott**

**Church of Christ on Fairground Hill**  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Different speaker each  
Sunday  
**Clear Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

**Climax Holiness Church**  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.  
**Community Worship Church of God**  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
**Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor**  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
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**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
606-758-4007

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Donald King  
606-355-7595

**CrossPoint Church of God**  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
**Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**  
Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church**  
Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
**Robert Miller, Pastor**

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520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.  
**Vaughn Raso, Pastor**  
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**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**  
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**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wright,**  
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website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
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Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesdays: AWANA and  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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**Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor**  
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**Youth/Family Minister**  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
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Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
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Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
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**Randal Adams, Pastor**  
Youth Pastor: Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
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Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

**Lighthouse Assembly of God**  
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**Tim Hampton, Pastor**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
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onto Jarber Rd.  
**Jack Weaver, Pastor**  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livingston Baptist**  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livingston Christian Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
**Arthur Hunt, Minister**

**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
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606-256-1709

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Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

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6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
**Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor**

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
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1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
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**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
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Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
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**Worship Leader**

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
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**Kenny Allen, Pastor**

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship  
Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Service 7 p.m.  
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ottawabaptist@windstream.net

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
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Holy Days 5 p.m.  
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
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**Pine Hill Holiness**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
**Thursday Night Worship**  
7:00 p.m.

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &  
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting  
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**United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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758-8524  
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Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller

**Sand Springs Baptist**  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian Church**  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
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Bible Study 6 p.m.  
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## Players find a way

### RCHS Baseball tourney planned

By: Mike French  
Editor

The show must go on - and so shall the game.

Sports enthusiasts are simply going to find a way to play their favorite sport. Even when the governor forbids you to play.

Such is the case in 12th Region baseball and, thanks to RCHS Head Baseball Coach Brad

McNew and sophomore baseball pitcher Ethan Fain, the game will go on.

The players may not get exercise or sunshine and they don't even have to be physically fit for the games this summer, but play they will.

Fain and McNew had been playing baseball games on Playstation 4 when Fain had the idea to actually hold the 12th re-

gion tournament in 2020 online, via Playstation.

Fain told WYMT, Eastern Kentucky News, that he simply thought of the idea and mentioned his thoughts on *Twitter* and then began texting friends and other players only to discover there was indeed a lot of interest in the idea.

Through their *MLB The Show Diamond Dynasty* teams, all other coaches and players in the region were contacted and soon the district and regional tournaments were back on the agenda.

According to WYMT, all but three teams in the region agreed to participate in the tournaments and each school will choose one player to represent them in each game.

Fain told reporters that he has seen growth in those watching the games online and he expects large crowds of school supporters to watch the tournaments.

There may not be hotdog stands or dust flying into a crowd of fans, but there will be 12th region baseball tournaments held at some point this summer, thanks to two Rockcastle County baseball enthusiasts.

Instead of a bat, there will be a controller. Instead of a dugout, there will be a recliner. Instead of a helmet, there will be a monitor. But, regardless, there will be baseball.



Family fun with sidewalk chalk at Reverend Green Loop with Emily Vickers, Tessa Vickers, Dr. Shawn Clift (teaches at ECU), and Tina Clift (RN).



• **New deadline** •  
Due to changes at printing plant, *Mount Vernon Signal's* deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday



Local woman Sabrina Alcorn stopped by Rockcastle Rehab to drop off about 150 hand-made cards for the residents inside. Her daughter CayDee had helped in the craft room as the two made these cards to help give people a smile.



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