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Draft budget presented to fiscal court

— Reopening plans underway

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook called a special meeting last Tuesday to address some issues that had become time-sensitive and could not wait until the regular monthly meeting.

The judge and magistrates began the meeting with a closed session to discuss county policy and procedures for the reopening of some local businesses and rehiring of some employees after the governor's orders to close many small businesses because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

During the closed session, the court decided to place RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook in the position of working closely with Excelsa during their return to full shifts (only a small percentage of employees

were laid off).

Each city and the county has been establishing reopening procedures for companies who closed or laid off some employees during the governor's orders to social distance. VanHook will help develop a "reopening plan" for the county that will be used for any business that plans to reopen after the

(See "Fire" on A5)

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to this structure fire on Kelsey Drive with mutual aid from Brodhead last Thursday. Officials say local departments have been busier than usual this year. According to reports, residents of this mobile home fire lost everything, but no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Calls to local fire departments up

By: Mike French Editor

One of the many calls received by the Mount Vernon Fire Department recently was a structure fire on Kelsey Drive in Mount Vernon on Thursday, April 30

The call came in around 10 p.m. and the structure was engulfed

in flames when crews arrived. However, firefighters were able to enter the structure to make sure it was empty.

There were no injuries reported at the structure fire and the cause is unknown at this time.

Volunteers and staff at the Mount Vernon Fire Department have been very busy over the past

several weeks, reporting answering ten calls in three days last week in vehicle accidents alone.

Then on Sunday, May 3, firefighters were on the scene of two separate I-75 accidents at the same time. Both accidents were southbound during heavy rain.

One accident occurred at the 64 mile marker

while the other was at the 68 mile markers and officials say the two accidents were unrelated.

No injuries were reported and Rockcastle County EMS was also at both scenes.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said the department is have

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RCIDA still working hard during virus

By: Mike French Editor

Once again members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting via teleconference Tuesday morning, due to the governor's restrictions concerning public meetings during the flu pandemic.

The meeting started with good news since the usual shortfall listed in the RCIDA financial statement listing the funding the county must provide, this month included a \$5,166 surplus instead.

Since the hiring of Executive Director Jeff VanHook and the naming of Corey Craig as Chairman, the board has undergone dramatic growth and begun many large economic development projects. The board now receives monthly reports on many other proposed future projects as well as the status of those projects started in the past two years.

Among those are the Microfoodery and the Kentucky Pharmaceutical manufacturing plant on Richmond Street.

VanHook told the board Tuesday morning that owners have been

delayed slightly in start up and growth of each of the businesses due to the recent Coronavirus restrictions, but owners are currently working on catching up.

In fact, owners asked for, and received, a 60-day extension on the repayments to RCIDA and the City of Mount Vernon for the CDBG loan for

Surge tent dismantled

By: Mike French Editor

When the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic began, nonessential businesses were closed, along with in-class schools, social distancing was established, public gatherings were forbidden, church members were not allowed to attend in-person services, public buildings and parks were closed, family gatherings were prohibited and hospitals began to prepare for a sudden surge in patients.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center was among those to take steps to prepare in the event that the pandemic spread.

A "surge tent" was erected in the hospital parking lot to handle patients if the hospital became flooded with too many patients.

However, no Rockcastle County residents were hospitalized due to the virus and officials at the hospital dismantled

(See "Tent" on A5)

machinery for both companies. VanHook said owners are aggressively working on getting back to a regular schedule. "There are people working there right now," said VanHook. "They are working with others to ramp back up and get everything back in line once this virus clears up."

VanHook also reported that the Livingston Marathon station under construction has also been slightly delayed due to continual rain and the restrictions.

"They have been slightly delayed but owners still believe they can hold to their Memorial Day opening date as long

as there are no more unexpected delays," said VanHook.

The Executive Director also addressed the Farmer's Market building planned for construction on Richmond Street. Though the building is referred to as "the Farmer's Market Building," officials say the building will be a multi-use structure hosting many other activities year-round.

Craig says the building may even be used for some local events through 4-H or school projects or other local organizations

(See "RCIDA" on A5)

Two test positive at drive through

— Neither from county

By: Mike French Editor

The Cumberland Valley Health Department has reported one new case of the Coronavirus COVID-19 in Rockcastle County since last Monday, April 27.

The new case is reportedly a 77-year-old female. The one additional case brings the Rockcastle County total positive cases to 14 with 12 of those recovered and none needing hospitalizations.

The Rockcastle Regional Hospital also held drive thru testing last week from Monday through Friday performing 314 tests.

Patients drove up to the station in a garage on the hospital grounds and nursing staff tested each patient in a few moments while the participant sat in their vehicle.

According to Jana Bray, Community Relations Director at the hospital, of the 314 tests, two were positive but neither of those were from Rockcastle County. Two tests were also not complete at press time.

The Rockcastle total positive cases remains at 14.

On Tuesday, May 5, total positive cases in Kentucky was 5,245 with 261 deaths listed as Coronavirus-related.

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Register now

Rockcastle County Schools are excited to announce a new program called Meals-to-You, allowing them to provide continued free food and nutrition services to their students while schools are closed.

Meals-to-You will deliver food directly to the doorstep of students and is a collaboration between Rockcastle County Schools, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Baylor University.

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One new case

In the past seven days, there has been one new reported case of the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County. According to the Cumberland Valley health Department, a 77-year-old female tested positive Monday, May 4, bringing the total in the county to 14.

Food Pantry

The Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Bread Food Pantry has revised their operating hours to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The pantry is located at 3095 Richmond Street. Twenty six new families signed up last week. For more information call 256-3035

Ramp closed

The closure of the I-75 northbound off ramp at Exit 59 began Monday and is expected to last through Friday. Drivers are asked to take northbound exit 62 and follow signage.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



What a perfect world we would live in if people would stop fixing things that already work. Oh, how I hate that little human trait that leads us to work on something even when there is nothing wrong with it to start with.

Updates are the worst things ever created. I want a plain, old phone. Sounds simple, it's not!

Using a "smart device" is hard enough on us older folks anyway. But then the all mighty creators, who have a staff that sends their emails for them, decides to change everything overnight so that I have no clue how to send an email anymore.

Here's a message for Apple and Samsung and whoever else sits in ivory towers and tries to figure out ways to make my life harder.

I bought the device I have because of what it does AND ALSO because of what it doesn't do. I don't want a device that can do a googolplex of things or I would have purchased a different device.

I want the device I paid you for, Nothing more, nothing less. Leave it alone!

Once I learn to use this phone or laptop, please stop sending junk that changes what it does and how it works.

I don't want my phone to cook my breakfast. I want it to send and receive texts, tell me the time of day and show me the weather when I ask it to. That's all!

And by the way mr. television, YES, I am still watching you. If I wasn't I would have turned you off! Every few hours my tv says "Are you still watching?"

And Mr. Ram truck, YES I know I don't have a seat belt on. Please stop dinging!

And Mr. Laptop, yes I AM SURE I want to delete that item.

I want plain, ordinary, everyday simple stuff that doesn't question my every move.

Next, dear Hershey's candy bar makers. I like Hershey's candy bars. Sounds simple. It is not!

I don't want fancy,

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Call me skeptical, and the Good Lord knows I sincerely hope I'm wrong, but I suspect that hundreds of thousands of people are going to wish that they had stuck to hoarding toilet paper, and left it at that, instead of jumping right in there and buying up every garden seed, vegetable plant and baby chicken they could lay their hands on. I'm particularly wondering about these new, trend setting, would-be, chicken growers. What on earth are they thinking?

At both the recent national and state television levels and some more localized newspapers, one of the biggest "do it yourself" fads of late, especially among millennials,

has been purchasing baby chickens so folks can grow their own eggs. I realize that the cost of eggs at grocery stores has doubled or tripled in recent weeks, but I can almost guarantee that most aspiring town/city chicken farmers will be glad to pay far, far higher prices, if they are craving cackle berries, long before their new babies start laying eggs 6 months from now.

I sincerely hope that all these new chicken owners succeed because I doubt that animal shel-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Whole Summer is Now Ruined

Dear Journal,

I've been waiting for months for the good weather to arrive and it seemed that it would never get here. Yesterday was a beautiful Saturday. It was just right for being out-side and taking life easy. Finally, in the late afternoon, I went out to

the porch and Stanley joined me before he went to work in the yard.

We were sitting there talking and enjoying all of the beauty of nature and looking at our little zoo. We have a nest of squirrels in the front yard and they play all over the place. I think it is a nest of four siblings and they jump from tree to tree, running up and down. We put out squirrel corn for them. We have a variety of birds, including a few sets of cardinals. I think the birds eat as much of the squirrel corn as the squirrels. There is bird seed, also. We have several rabbits which usually come out at dusk. Last year, we had some ground squirrels, too. Now that the warm weather is here, it is almost time for the turtles, Terry and Tilly. There was one very unwelcome visitor to our little zoo.

We were just sitting

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A privy from Uncle Sam

When I was a very young boy, all of my neighborhood friends had outhouses, just like my family. None of us had the luxury of having bathrooms in our homes. We did not add indoor facilities to my house until I was about seven or eight-years-old.

(As I noted to my wife while contemplating this column, neither my mother nor my grandmother would approve of such subject matter being discussed in a public fashion. With apologies to

them, I am doing it anyway.)

Some of the outhouses in our county were better constructed than others of course, but my grandfather (Pop) had the best one that I had ever seen. I often wondered why, and one day I asked him.

It was on a summer afternoon, and frankly I was personally in use of Pop's outhouse while he waited outside for me. After I joined him in the yard, I asked, "Pop, why is your outhouse so much better than all of the others around here?" We walked to his backyard, took a seat in his lawn chairs and he began to explain the answer to my question.

"Do you know what the Great Depression was?" he asked. I had heard many adults discuss the term, but I was too young to truly understand its true meaning or how drastically it had affected the citizens of the United States. He did his best to put it simply.

Pop when on to explain how Franklin D. Roosevelt's (FDR) New Deal was started to take the financial bite out of the depression. He also elaborated upon how the WPA was FDR's idea to put millions of people to work on creative projects and infrastructure all across the country.

According to Pop, the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Ms. Brickley

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Beth Brickley's letter in the 4/16/20 issue of the Signal. Thank you Beth for all you have done over the years to help the many animals that have been dumped in the Mullins Station area.

It's sickening how cruel people are to ani-

mals, dumping them anywhere they think they can get by with it. While some people think it's less cruel to drop animals than it is to take them to the pound, these people don't see the after effects the action has on the animal. Leaving animals too scared to come to another person, starving and fending for themselves

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Obituaries

Robert Brutus Cox

Robert Brutus Cox, 80, of Three Links, died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at his home. He was born September 25, 1939 in Three Links to the late Jason and Okla Martin Cox. He was of the Baptist faith, he was a cherished father, grandfather, and friend. He was generous with his money and time, and enjoyed being a part of the Masonic Lodge, he was the past Master of the Nicholasville Masonic Lodge #61 F. & A. M. and was also a member of the Oleika Shriners in Lexington. He was retired from General Electric's Lamp plant in Lexington as a machinist first class. He stayed busy in retirement raising tobacco and tending cattle on his farm, it was there he instilled love and learning in his grandchildren, he always enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, he was an avid traveler with his family and Mexico was his favorite place to visit. He was a big history buff and an excellent photographer.



Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by: his son, Jason David Cox; three brothers, Edward, Martin, and Sam; three sisters, Dorothy, Kathleen, and Geraldine; and one great grandchild, Sierra.

Survivors include: his brother, Vernon Lloyd Cox of Lexington; two daughters, Deborah Rhodes and Donna (Bill) McFeely, all of Nicholasville; one son, Robert Brutus Cox, Jr. of Hillsboro, AL; a dear sister-in-law, Elvina; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was council to many family members as there was no secret too big for him to hold. The warmth of Brutus' laugh and charming presence will be missed, but not forgotten.

Funeral services were private. Services were officiated by Rev. Bill Ellis and burial was in Serenity Hill Cemetery at Three Links. Masonic rites were given.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, Florida 33607.

Dorothy Sue Hundley

Dorothy Sue Hundley, 63 of Brodhead, died Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 1, 1956, the daughter of Walter and Vina Barron McFerron. She was a former Booneway Farms factory worker and was a member of the New Zion Baptist Church in Jackson County. She enjoyed the outdoors, as well as camping and fishing.



She is survived by: her husband, Ted Allen Hundley; three daughters, Tonia (Michael) Beeler of Richmond, and Laura Hundley and Stacey Hundley, both of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Larry Joe (Pamela) McFerron of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Sharon Kay Abrams of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Faye Cromer and Angeline McFerron.

In accordance with current state mandates, funeral services were private. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

• New deadline •

Due to changes at printing plant, Mount Vernon Signal's deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

Jane Leslie Bradley

Jane Leslie Bradley, 73, of Livingston, died Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Jane was born June 5, 1946 in Cincinnati, OH, to the late Arthur and Bertha (Graham) Mink. She was of the Baptist faith, loved Elvis Presley and her grandbabies.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Linda Todd, Cindy Bradley, Pamela (James) Wright, James Swartz; and 14 grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Bradley and one sister, Edna Mink.

A private service will be held with Jason Medley officiating.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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 thru 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.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, KY 40460. To contact Bill his phone number is 606-308-3244. Donations will be accepted at the cemetery May 22th - 25th. Thanks to everyone for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

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.

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

McKinney Cemetery

Our Annual Meeting for Memorial Day Weekend will be postponed this year, due to COVID 19. The date for the meeting will be announced as soon as we can safely do so.

Any donations for the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery should be sent to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Michael Ray Haarman

Michael Ray Haarman, 54, of Brodhead, died Friday, May 1, 2020, at his residence. He was born January 23, 1966 in Lancaster, to John Haarman and the late Jewell (DeBoard) Haarman. He married Ruby Collins on December 13, 1984, and from that union came two daughters, Stephanie and Natalie. He was a member of the Crab Orchard Church of God, was a construction worker for the state, enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, and spending time with his grandbabies.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 35 years, Ruby Haarman; two daughters, Stephanie (Travis) Richardson of Brodhead, and Natalie (Joe) Carter of Stanford; three grandchildren, Stephen Parker Richardson, John Michael Carter, and Emma Lee Richardson; his father, John Haarman; two sisters, Donna Gail Haarman, and Vickie Lynn Haarman, both of Brodhead; nephew, Casey Haarman; and niece, Samantha Thompson; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

A private graveside service were conducted at DeBoard Cemetery with Stephen VanHook officiating. Casketbearers were: Casey Haarman, Jerry Debord, Joe Carter, Jordan Thompson, Randy Thompson, Travis Richardson.

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District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC v. Richard Morgan, money claimed due.
Credit Corp. Solutions, Inc. v. Carri McKnight, money claimed due.
LVNV Funding LLC v. Sharron Bryant, money claimed due. C-00068

Circuit Civil Suits

Lyndsey B. Charlton v. Donald Charlton, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Regina Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kayla Barnes, complaint for child support and medical support.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Ronald Johnson, complaint for child support and medical support.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lora J. Collins, complaint for child support and medical support.
Ashley Nichole McKinney v. Steven Dale McKinney, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Richard Smith, et al v. Emily Johnson, et al, complaint.
Progressive Southeastern Insurance Co. v. Amanda Elkins, com-

plaint.

Sandra Gail Mahaffey v. William Bryan Mahaffey, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. David A. Ray, complaint for child support and medical support.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Amber Phillips, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00086

Deeds Recorded

Alma Hoggard, property in Rockcastle County, to William Sumner. Tax \$61.50
Kimberly and Kevin Hall, property on Copper Creek Road, to Adam Hensley and Brittany Pingleton. Tax \$38
Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Inc., property in Kentucky Heights Addition and Rockcastle Heights Addition in Livingston, to McCowan Holdings #1, LLC. Tax \$18
Thomas and Holly Yorgen, property on Rose Hill Road, to Lynn Tatum. Tax \$15
Scott Anglin, property on New Hope Road, to Eva Anglin. No tax
Cheryl Dexter and Ronnie E. and Debra J. Brown, property in Rockcastle County, to Sarah E. and Shane Johnson. Tax \$122.50
Makaya Melody McGuire, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael P. and Melinda K. McGuire. No tax

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front) who may need space for a community event.

VanHook said two separate designs for the new building have been submitted to the historical society. “We have submitted the designs to the state historic preservation office and we are waiting for their approval to begin the bid process on the building itself,” he said.

In the meantime, VanHook said he has worked with officials of the local school district and has received permission to hold this year’s Farmer’s Market in the MVES grade school parking lot while the new building is under construction. “This was a wonderful idea to work with the school(system) for the Farmer’s Market,” said Craig. “They have been very helpful and supportive.”

Craig asked Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook to provide an update on the current status of the county during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are still meeting weekly and staying in contact with all our medical facilities and we are all working together to keep everyone on the same page.” Holbrook continued to say that local medical facilities are currently “doing okay” on maintaining PPE and other supplies. “Some are going to London to get needed supplies but all our facilities seem to be doing okay.”

Craig asked if there is a date in mind yet to reopen the courthouse or other public facilities. “No,” Holbrook said. “We are still taking appointments by phone and continuing to handle business that way. But we have received no directive or proposal to reopen public buildings.”

Holbrook also informed the board that Rockcastle County is now doing a little better in filling out the US Census. “We gained 3% and are now up to 55%,” he said. That’s better than nothing but I would certainly like to see us at 90% or more.”

The last agenda item was the Director’s Report to the board.

VanHook said he is still waiting on adjusters to provide him with the damages done at the Eagle Manufacturing Building before attorneys know a value to the claim against the past owners of the company.

The county is currently involved in a lawsuit against Eagle Manufacturing owners for breach of contract and other issues.

VanHook said he is still working with officials from natural gas companies to eventually have a gas pipeline in Rockcastle County. However, apparently the cost for the hook ups and connections in Lincoln County are more than the budget would allow. VanHook said he and Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray are working closely with Congressman Hal Roger’s office to find a solution to the issue.

“The gas line continues to be a top priority for our county and we will continue to work with everyone we need to get something done,” he said.

The Director’s Report also listed 19 other projects or activities that VanHook and the RCIDA Board are currently working on or considering.

The next RCIDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m. Craig said he will remain in touch and let all members know how and where the meeting will be held.

“Fire”

(Continued from front) more calls than usual but the reason for the increase is not known.

“We are already at 139 calls (Monday, May 5) this year,” said Bales. “We are answering so many calls it is difficult to keep up with the reports.” The department completes a fire report for every call made.

Other fire departments in the county also report a busy first quarter in 2020. Since the advent of mutual aid, the nearest fire department to the responding department, automatically goes to the scene as well. This increases activity in itself, but firefighters say the number of calls have also increased.

“Tent”

(Continued from front) the Surge Tent last week.

“Rockcastle County, and our regional community did not experience a ‘surge’ in COVID-19 patients and the tent area was not utilized,” said Rockcastle Regional President and CEO Stephen A. Estes. “Stag-

ing this area was a step we took as part of our emergency preparedness plan so that we would be equipped to handle any situation that might have developed during the COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately, we took this step and it wasn’t needed, which was our hope when it was established.”

Hospital officials say they are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

“Draft”

(Continued from front) governor allows businesses to operate.

However, officials say each plan will be specific to the needs to the particular business.

All magistrates agreed to pay several bills that had come due in the county. Among those bills were over \$23,000 to Dell for some 911 equipment and over \$6,000 for a battery backup system at the EOC.

The court was also presented with a draft 2020/2021 county budget. However, County Treasurer Joe Clontz said the budget is still a “work in progress” and “a good place to start.”

Costs for closures expected to be high

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the more troublesome issues with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court budget recently has been funding the Rockcastle County Detention Center. The same holds true for many counties across the state.

Officials said, off the record, there have been some costly ramifications from some of Governor Andy Beshear’s recent orders to release some state prisoners due to the Coronavirus.

According to some officials, a number of those inmates released across the state were state inmates, meaning county jails received state funding to house them. Funding that helped pay the bills.

However, those inmates are often then rearrested, for a minor crime such as public intoxication, and placed back in jail as a county inmate. As a result, instead of receiving needed funding for housing the inmate, the county is responsible for housing the same inmate completely at the county’s expense.

Not only does the

Holbrook said he wanted all the magistrates and department heads to have time to look over the budget and bring suggestions back to the court and have time to make any changes and hold the required second reading.

Though details of the budget were not discussed, Clontz mentioned some of the numbers during the conference call meeting but said they may all change once the county starts to see how the Coronavirus issue has affected the economy.

“You all have a copy of the draft budget now. Take it home and study it and see if you want to make any adjustments,” said Holbrook. “But the budget has to be finalized by June 15.”

Holbrook also said, if there are a lot of changes suggested he would not be opposed to another work session to get the budget ready for official reading.

There were no transfers listed at the special meeting.

The court also agreed to postpone the Trash Day in Brodhead planned for May 30. “We need to work with Brodhead and see how things are going there before we set a new date,” said Holbrook.

county lose that revenue, but they are also out that additional expense for each inmate.

Cities and counties have also lost the occupational tax revenue that would have been collected from many of the “non-essential” businesses that have been shut down in the county.

Many businesses across the country, state and even some in the county have reported they may not reopen-- ever.

In fact, according to CNBC, 7.5 million small businesses in the country may close permanently, from loss of revenue, due to the closings.

Thirty million Americans have filed for unemployment since March.

In Rockcastle County, officials say the loss of revenue is difficult to calculate until next year’s budget when numbers can be compared to previous years.

Reports from the Cumberland Valley Health Department indicate 14 Rockcastle County residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

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Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative

We Chose Life: Born Alive Act Passes, Recognizes Abortion as Elective Medical Procedure

The 2020 Regular Session adjourned just before midnight on Wednesday, April 15, more than four months after convening in January and six weeks after COVID-19 altered so much about the world as we knew it.

Without a doubt, our lives have been irrevocably changed and disrupted as our public health officials work to flatten the curve and fight COVID-19. The House of Representatives had to change our way of doing business, and we took the unprecedented step of voting remotely to comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines. However, even with so many aspects of our lives changing rapidly, one thing has remained the same. No matter what circumstance we face, the Kentucky General Assembly continues to fight and defend the right to life.

I am extremely disappointed that the Governor chose to veto Senate Bill 9, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act. This pro-life legislation had several sections that define how our state abortion clinics will operate. However, the

core of this bill mandated that any baby born alive after a failed abortion would receive proper medical care. Health care workers would be required to provide life-saving medical attention to newborns born under this circumstance.

I believe that it is our duty as elected officials to take every step possible to ensure that all babies are protected. The bill gives these babies the same protections under the law as any other person in the Commonwealth. Any provider who willfully withholds care from an infant born from a failed abortion could be charged with a felony.

The second important tenet of this legislation removes power from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and gives our state's attorney general, the authority to oversee abortion clinics to ensure they are acting legally under regulations. This language of the bill was placed into SB 9 as an amendment in the House, and came from HB 451 that I sponsored. It only makes sense that publicly elected officials, and not government bureaucrats, would have the power to regulate an industry that is responsible for the loss of thousands of babies each year.

Finally, and perhaps most timely given our current pandemic, this bill dictates that abortions are elective, non-essential medical procedures. Elective medical procedures require the use of PPE, or personal protective equipment, which is needed to fight the outbreak. However, the Governor has refused to deem abortions as elective procedures, not only saving lives but also freeing up valuable personal protective equipment to be used in COVID-19.

This stance is not only

contradictory, but extremely disturbing and troubling. We should be taking every step to preserve scarce medical equipment, and not wasting it on the destruction of innocent lives. The Governor and the abortion clinics cannot have it both ways. They cannot halt elective procedures that will ease pain and improve the health of patients, while still using PPE to perform harmful abortions. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed SB 9. Since the legislature is required to adjourn by midnight on April 15, we will not have the opportunity to override this veto. However, there are already discussions taking place to pass this legislation during the 2021 Session.

I was proud to join my colleagues in addressing these discrepancies through Senate Bill 9. Everyone must be held to the same standard, and this bill does exactly that. This General Assembly has been called one of the most pro-life bodies that the state has ever seen, and I am proud that we continued this trend up until the very end of this session.

While the Governor vetoed this measure, he will have another opportunity to sign it as I know we will pass it again next year. If he chooses to veto it again, we will be prepared to override that veto and watch the Born Alive Infant Protection Act become law.

While we are no longer in session, I still want to hear from you regarding local concerns or ways I can assist you through the remainder of this crisis. I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 or here at home. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@LRC.KY.GOV.

How courts will resume limited in-person services

COVID-19 and Courts

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. announced today that he has created three task forces to plan how courts across the state will resume limited in-person services.

"As Kentucky begins to gradually reopen business, the courts must prepare to do the same," Chief Justice Minton said in an email to the justices, judges, circuit court clerks and court personnel who serve the Judicial Branch. "Although in-person services are suspended until May 31, our next priority is a reopening plan that respects social distancing while allowing greater access to the courts. Please note that this will be a limited, phased approach to ensure the health and safety of our court family and the public."

During the pandemic state of emergency, court operations are being guided by Administrative Order 2020-28, which remains in effect through May 31, 2020.

Chief Justice Minton has formed three task forces, one each for Circuit, Family and District courts. A Supreme Court justice will head each task force, with judges and circuit clerks from throughout the commonwealth serving as its members. Deputy Chief Justice Lisabeth T. Hughes will chair the Circuit Court Task Force, Justice Debra Hembree Lambert will chair the Family Court Task Force and Justice Michelle M. Keller will chair the District Court Task Force.

"This is an unprecedented challenge and I appreciate the justices' willingness to lead our efforts," Chief Justice Minton said. "I also appreciate the many judges and circuit clerks who have agreed to serve on the task

forces." He encouraged feedback from other judges, circuit clerks and court staff on how best to reopen the courts. He said that one of the main concerns is how to handle traffic flow in court facilities to minimize lines in the Offices of Circuit Court Clerk and avoid large crowds in courtrooms.

"We're all in this together

and we welcome your suggestions," Chief Justice Minton said. "We carefully planned how to provide essential services while observing social distancing and I'm confident we will just as carefully prepare to resume in-person services."

You can find ongoing court updates on the COVID-19 and the Courts webpage.

Roundstone Elementary

Parent SBDM Nomination Form

May 1 - May 14, 2020

Parent members of the SBDM Council must be the parent, stepparent or foster parent of a child who will be enrolled at the school during the term of office. Legal guardians are also considered parents if the child lives with them. Parent members may not have a conflict of interest as defined by KRS Chapter 45A, which deals with doing business with the district. They must not be Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, relatives of Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, or members of the district school board or spouse of district school board member. Parents employed at other schools in our district and their relatives may serve as parent members of our council. For this purpose "relative" is defined as either a father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

The Parent Teacher Organization shall oversee the election of two parents to serve on the council. These parents shall be selected during the month of May each year. All parents (except those previously excluded) who will have children attending Roundstone Elementary School during their term shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the council. All parents who will have children attending the school are eligible to vote in the parent elections.

The term of office begins on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021.

All terms of office for teachers and parent council members shall be for one year with re-election permitted as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. No term limits shall be imposed on members who are nominated and elected to consecutive one-year terms. (KRS 160.345)

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. You must then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Sandy Bullen by Thursday, May 14, no later than 3:00 p.m. Voting ballots may be completed by any individual that is eligible to vote, Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22. Nomination and election ballots both can be dropped off at the school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., emailed to sandy.bullen@rockcastle.kyschools.us or mailed to Roundstone Elementary School, 6701 N Wilderness Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456.

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If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent with a child enrolled at RCMS for the 2020-2021 school year, you can email your nomination to jenni.ellis@rockcastle.kyschools.us. You can also mail the nomination form to RCMS PO Box 1730 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. You may also call the school at 606-256-5118 and make an appointment to drop off a nomination form at the school. **All nomination forms must be received by 1pm on May 13th.**

The election will be held **May 27th, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at RCMS**. Our voting this year will be drive thru because of the situation with COVID-19. On the day of the election, **you will need to park in our parking lot and call the RCMS front office at 606-256-5118 and we will then come out to your vehicle in order for you to vote.** If you will have a child enrolled at RCMS next year, you are eligible to vote in this election. (This includes parents, step-parents and foster parents. Legal guardians are also eligible to vote if the child lives in their home.)

2020-2021 Parent Member Nomination Form
Rockcastle Middle School Council

Please return this nomination form by email or by making an appointment to drop it off at RCMS to **Mrs. Jenni Ellis in the school office no later than 1 PM on May 13th. The election will be held on May 27th from 8:30am to 4pm at RCMS by drive thru.** Forms may be mailed to: Rockcastle County Middle School, P.O. Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Forms must be received by May 13th.

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee children who will be at our school next year: _____

Nominee phone number: _____ Nominee e-mail: _____

Nominee mailing address: _____

To serve on the council, the nominee must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that you or your nominee meet each standard.

- My child will attend Rockcastle Middle School during 2019-2020 school year.
- I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).
- I am not an employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
- I do not work at the local school district's central office.
- I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of any employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
- I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.
- I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

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New pick up truck delivered to MVFD

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department is now able to do more to serve their community than ever before thanks to a new truck with lots of bells and whistles.

Members of the department saw the need for the truck last year and approached the Mount Vernon City Council for permission to apply for a loan to purchase the new 2020 Ram, 4-door SSV pick-up truck.

Officials with the city said they support the department securing anything they may need to better serve the citizens of Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County. "Our fire department does a wonderful job and we are proud of our fire department," said Mayor Mike Bryant.

And now, the new truck has arrived.

According to MVFD Captain Adam Bales, the truck replaces a very used 2006 Crown Victoria that the department had acquired from the police department. But the truck serves countless additional purposes that the car was not capable of.

Bales said the new truck will carry traffic cones, road signage, oil dry, spill absorbent pads and booms, brooms, shovels, all COVID-19 PPE, decontamination materials and much more.

"This truck is a huge addition to our department," said Fire Chief David Bales. "We can serve the people of our community in a much more efficient way with the addition of this truck to our fleet. We can use this vehicle in such a wide variety of ways."

The truck, designated as Unit 106, also has a towing package that will be used to haul the department's side-by-side to navigate through difficult terrain, as well as a 10,000 pound winch.

"This truck will also be helpful as we perform mutual aid to our neighboring fire departments,"

Blood Drive

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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. For assistance, call (606) 256-7385

said David Bales. "We all work together and we can all utilize the many benefits this vehicle will provide."

Mayor Bryant agreed. "This truck will provide additional services to our citizens and those who just visit and pass through our town and our county," he said. "I'm so glad to have this truck as part of the rolling emergency stock of the Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue Department. We are blessed to have one of the best equipped departments in the state. We appreciate our Fire Chief and all of our volunteer firefighters."

The truck was purchased through a state loan program and will be paid for through state funding. According to David Bales.

The vehicle's total cost, including all equipment and packages, was \$36,000 and the department will make the payments. "The MVFD receives \$11,000 through a state aid program and we will use that money to pay for the truck each year," he said.

"The truck has been delivered and is ready to respond," said Adam Bales.



The Mount Vernon Fire Department took delivery on this 2020 Dodge Ram last week. The truck will be used for a variety of calls and is fully equipped.

Congressional Art Competition deadline extended to May 25

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced today that the deadline for the 2020 Congressional Art Competition has been extended to May 25, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The nationwide competition has been postponed for one month, giving high school students more time to complete and submit artwork for the opportunity to represent Southern and Eastern Kentucky on a national stage. The winner's artwork from each congressional district will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for one year.

To participate in the

competition, students in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District may submit a photo with the required student release form, via email to rogers.press@mail.house.gov by May 25th.

"Artistic expression can be a wonderful outlet during challenging times, so I encourage our young artists to use their

talents to capture this historic time in our country," said Congressman Rogers. "I applaud all of our students for working hard to complete schoolwork online and coming up with creative ways to encourage fellow classmates, friends, and especially our graduates."

The winning artist will be invited to Washington, DC for a national

reception and may also be eligible for a college scholarship.

All eligible artwork must be two-dimensional. Framed work cannot exceed 26" x 26" x 4" and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.

To download a student release form and competition guidelines visit halrogers.house.gov.

• New deadline •

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Aden Amburgy, daughter of Callie Mullins and Bobby Amburgey, stood ready to receive her diploma, as a 2020 graduating senior in the gym at RCHS Monday. A few family members stood in the center of the gym and witnessed Aden's walk across the stage as Superintendent David Pensol awarded her a diploma. No one else was allowed in the gym. Each graduating student walked the stage last week and this week one at a time with no more than eight family members allowed to be present.

Students and staff found a way

RCHS Class of 2020 graduates amid new COVID-19 regulations

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County High School seniors may not have had a typical graduation ceremony, but officials and students made certain there was at least some kind of ceremony that seniors will never forget.

It was a somber and

quiet moment as Aden Amburgey heard RCHS Principal J. D. Bussell announce her name as it echoed through an empty gymnasium. Twelve years of study and work and growth came down to that moment of recognition.

The large, nearly empty gym echoed with every word spoken by the principal as Aden walked

across the stage to meet Rockcastle County School Superintendent David Pensol.

With a few family members standing in the center of the gym in masks, and a bank of video cameras set up beside the stage, Pensol said "congratulations" as he handed the diploma to the young lady in her robe.

The bleachers were

rolled back against the walls, no chairs were on the gym floor and a tear or two could be seen on cheeks above the mask of a few of the family members standing in the center of the nearly empty gym.

There was no roar from a crowd watching, but family members ap-

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High speed chase culminates in Rockcastle County

By: Mike French Editor

Jessie Dale Weaver, 29, of Castle Village in Brodhead, faces nine charges, after a high speed chase that started in Pulaski County and ended in Mount Vernon last Saturday.

Several police agencies were eventually involved in the chase in which Weaver reached speeds of well over 100 miles per hour while running from police.

According to the uniform citation, Pulaski County Sheriff's Deputy, Marcus Harrison noticed a van driven by Weaver strike the center line on Highway 70 in Pulaski County. A check on the vehicle showed cancelled registration plates.

When the officer activated emergency lights, the citation says the van began to actively flee from the officer reaching speeds of 117 mph and passing several vehicles.

The chase reached Highway 150 and then into Rockcastle County and eventually along West Main, Richmond Street, US461 and then West Main again. Mount

Vernon Police and Rockcastle County sheriff's deputies had joined the chase and once on West Main Street again, the van collided with Rockcastle County Constable Steve Griffin's cruiser, the citation says.

Weaver then left the van and ran before officers apprehended him.

While Weaver was being arrested, another passenger in the van, identified as Cora Collinsworth, 28, of Mount Vernon, took the driver's seat and began fleeing the scene. However, Rockcastle County Deputy Kirk Mays apprehended Collinsworth, the citation says.

Police say two other passengers were also in the van identified as Jes-

(See "Chase" on A5)

No new cases

There have been no new cases of the COVID-19 virus reported in Rockcastle County since last week.

Meetings

The regular monthly Rockcastle County School Board and fiscal court meetings were scheduled for Tuesday evening. Due to adjusted press times during the Coronavirus restrictions, we will have the story in next week's issue of the Signal.

Brodhead open but city buildings remain closed

BFD low on funds

By: Mike French Editor

After cancelling last month's regular Brodhead City Commission meeting due to restrictions placed by Governor Andy Beshear during the COVID-19 virus, officials decided to hold this month's regular meeting at the Brodhead Fire Department Monday night.

"The area is much bigger and provides us the space to hold the meeting while observing the

Governor's restrictions concerning public meetings," said Becky Bussell, Brodhead City Clerk. "Our regular meeting chambers would not allow everyone to remain six feet apart. But here everyone can remain safe while dealing with the city's business."

The restrictions also affect the opening of City Hall in Brodhead.

During the meeting, Bussell said according to the strict interpretation of the phase I rules set out

by the Governor for the reopening of businesses and government buildings, she could open the doors to City Hall Monday, May 18. But officials do not plan to do that.

"Yes, technically we could open Monday, but our office is so small that in order for people to stay 6 feet apart we would have to allow only one person at a time inside the building," she said. "So everyone else would be in a line outside on the street or even standing in the rain. It would just create the very situation we are trying to avoid."

So, Bussell and other city officials agreed that it may be best to wait to open Brodhead government buildings until after the social distancing requirements are lifted.

After paying the bills and adopting the annual state Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Agreement, commissioners heard reports concerning each

city department.

Commissioner Brian Bullock presented the report concerning the Brodhead Fire Department. "As of today, we are doing okay. As for tomorrow, we don't really know," he said. "We are in a very unpredictable time and we aren't sure there will be a fair this

year. Several other county fairs have already been cancelled."

The Brodhead Little World's Fair provides a large portion of the fire department funding each year.

The other notable source of revenue for the

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Blood donors still needed

Kentucky Blood Center is reminding Kentuckians of the importance of donating blood, especially as elective surgeries resume this week at the 70 hospitals KBC serves across the state.

Blood donors showed remarkable support at the onset of the global pandemic in March when many first-time donors, and people who had not

(See "Blood" on A5)



Law enforcement officers were called out to shots fired at Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead Tuesday afternoon. According to Kentucky State Police, a death investigation is underway with two deceased individuals, a juvenile and adult male. The ongoing investigation is being conducted by the Kentucky State Police and more details in next week's issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It has been very unsettling to follow the news this past week about the charges against General Mike Flynn, President Trump's first NSA advisor, being dropped by the justice department and the heights to which the FBI, state department and department of justice went to bring this patriot down.

The charges, which Attorney General William Barr said "lacked a proper investigative basis," were brought four days after President Trump's inauguration.

They had to do with a call between Flynn and the Russian Ambassador to the United States which Flynn allegedly lied about to the FBI. His confession reportedly had to do with the FBI's threat to investigate his son for something and wound up costing Gen. Flynn his home in an attempt to pay his millions of dollars in legal fees.

It was only last year, when he changed counsel to Texas lawyer Sidney Powell who went on the offense on the general's behalf that things began to look up and it now appears that the entire investigation had more to do with trying to bring down President Trump's administration than with actual wrongdoing by Flynn.

In fact, one of the most interesting things that may come out of this whole sorry affair is how far up in the Obama administration did this coup attempt go? A question that I hope will be answered before this whole affair is laid to rest.

If you are not already, you should be paying attention to the House of Representative's Resolution 6666. This resolution, known as the "Trace Act" authorizes the Secretary of Health and Hu-

man Services to award grant to eligible entities to conduct diagnostic testing for COVID 19, and related activities such as contact tracing, through mobile health units and, as necessary, at individuals' residences, and for other purposes.

Now, I'm not sure what "and related activities" and "for other purposes" means but one commentary I read on the bill says that it will enable government employees to come into your home to check for the COVID 19 illness and, if found, they have the authority to remove the person infected from the home to a quarantine site.

The bill has 33 sponsors, including one Republican, Van Drew of New Jersey. Read up on this bill and contact our Representative Hal Rogers to let him know what you think of this intrusion into the privacy of our homes.

I think Governor

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



It Is Certainly Too Bad Dear Journal,

Here it is, Mother's Day again and just a sad reminder of the loss only some of us know. I feel especially bad for those who are having a Mother's Day for the first time without her. The first is always the worst and the others don't get much better. It is certainly too bad. If my mom and grandma were still living I'm sure I would have gotten each of them a pretty corsage, bought them a nice gift, and taken them out to a

delicious meal... like I used to do, but those days are gone.

Stanley took me out for a nice meal today for lunch. (He also got me a nice gift. Something I had been wanting. It was unusual, just like me.) We ate our meal in the A.R. Dyche Memorial Cemetery in London again. It is quiet, peaceful, and beautiful. We've come to call it "Dinner with the Dead". As I ate, I was just thinking about how many mothers are buried there and how many sad children there are somewhere. It is certainly too bad. Although the meal was delicious and we had to balance it on our laps, the dash and console like usual, it could have been worse. It is certainly too bad. I think I'll design a table for eating in the car and get a patent on it.

Then we went on over to, of course, Walmart. I've given up on getting a power chair cart. The last time I got one, it ran down and left me stranded way back in the store. I had to call Stanley to come with a cart and I had to lean on it to get out of the store

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I often take trips down memory lane, but this was not one of those. This was a trip down someone else's memory lane, my grandfather's.

This week, I found an old cardboard box that a Big Ben windup clock came in. That old round clock that used to have two bells on top that sounded like a school bell loud enough to wake the dead.

Once open, I found about 20 old, yellowed pieces of paper that my grandfather had apparently thought were important. I learned of things I knew nothing about but I studied them so hard that they felt like my own memories.

There was a very thin piece of paper, obviously typed on an old manual typewriter, that showed my grandfather was honorably discharged from Company G, 22nd Eng, in 1919.

Another delicate piece

I had to unfold gently, to keep from tearing it apart, was a letter from one of his sons written while the son was in Korea and sent home to Panola, Kentucky.

Jim (Dad's brother) talked about how he wished he could be home to help cut the tobacco crops and how he hoped that the next year he could be home. That page was dated August, 1950.

I found the official documents where my grandfather had borrowed \$200 from the bank to purchase a farm. The entirety of the bank

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Points East

By Ike Adams



According to the grapevine, word has gotten back to Charlie Brown Road that, in last week's column, I had been giving chickens a bad rap. As usual, the grapevine has gotten so twisted up in barbed wire, saw briars, poison ivy and spider webs that it's probably impossible to tell where it started. If it had any grapes, they'd be too sour to eat.

The truth is, I happen to be a big fan of chickens and raised them throughout the first 35

years of my life. I gave up raising chickens because we've lived so close to the woods, over the last 40 years, that raising chickens was scarcely more than a feed lot operation for coyotes, foxes and red tail hawks. I'm pretty sure a golden eagle caught at least a couple of Rhode Island Red hens when we lived near Crab Orchard. At least I actually saw a very large bird, with no white showing, flew off with the chickens, that

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young, some of the older people used to say that the mushrooms tasted slightly like oysters. Frankly, I never agreed with either of those opinions.

Each spring, after the dogwood trees bloomed, Kenneth Hansel and I would grab a couple of paper bags and venture into the woods to look for the elusive morels. In our stomping ground, we found them in the area around Big Fill Cave. If we were successful, we would bring our treasures back to my grandmother's (Mommie Katie) house so she could prepare the morels for cooking.

Mommie Katie carefully washed the fungi, looking for dirt and small insects that could hide in the crevices of the mushroom's cap. Then she removed the stalks, leaving the tops, which she split lengthwise and placed into salt water. She said that the salt water would remove any tiny "mites." The morels were then placed into the refrigerator to soak overnight.

The next day, Mommie Katie carefully coated the morel caps with a mixture of milk, salt, and pepper. Then she rolled them in a bowl of yellow corn meal and fried them in one of her cast iron skillet. Of

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“Chase”

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sica Dekorte and Helen Tye but the citation says both claimed they repeatedly asked Weaver to let them get out once the chase started.

The two passengers told police Collinsworth gave methamphetamine to Weaver while in the van and Collinsworth later turned over the meth to the police.

When searching the van, the citation says police discovered a total of 6.3 grams of meth along with Suboxone pills and \$576 in cash.

Weaver and Collinsworth were both arrested and transported to the Pulaski County Detention Center. Once at the center, the citation says police found marijuana on Weaver as well.

Weaver is charged with reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, fleeing or evading police, wanton endangerment, unlawful imprisonment, trafficking meth, possession of marijuana, criminal mischief and possession of a controlled substance.

Collinsworth was also charged with trafficking a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Neither Weaver's or Collinsworth's bond had been set at press time.

“2020”

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plauded. There was no music over the speakers, and no pomp and circumstance, no hugging, and no line of school officials across the stage. But none the less, Aden walked across that stage and finished what she started 12 years ago.

Before entering the school, each student was handed a list of regulations and restrictions in order to hold the ceremony, while still meeting the Governor's restrictions on public gatherings.

It wasn't what she and her classmates had planned, but it was recognition... accomplishment... a memory.

Since the COVID-19 restrictions by Governor Andy Beshear were placed, in-person classes were cancelled along with all school activities that included mass gatherings. One of those cancellations was the graduation ceremonies at all Kentucky schools.

Pensol had announced earlier that he would not rest until he found a way to hold some form of recognition ceremony for the class of 2020. With the restrictions placed on public gatherings, this was the only way to give students the opportunity to walk the stage and receive their diploma while meeting state requirements, according to school officials.

Each student's walk across the stage was filmed and a school video of all the graduating seniors, as well as other moments from the school year, will be available later for anyone who wants a copy.

The ceremonies were held May 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th at the school but graduating seniors attended the event according to a schedule and only one student at a time walked on the stage.

Students said on a social media page providing information about the ceremonies, “There will not be a perfect way to commemorate the Class of 2020 but this virtual graduation ceremony will be something we will always have.”

Students and school officials are also working on ideas to gather all the 2020 graduating seniors together one last time later in the summer, once the Coronavirus has dissipated and regulations have been lifted.

Though this was far from the typical graduation ceremony, it was indeed an event that will be remembered by every student, parent and school staff.

It may not have been ideal for anyone involved, but each RCHS senior walked the stage, took their bow, received their diploma and officially finished what they started.

“Blood”

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donated in many years, came out to ensure an adequate blood supply. With the suspension of elective surgeries and procedures in Kentucky, the blood supply remained healthy throughout April. Now, as the nonprofit prepares for larger orders from its hospital partners, it is encouraging donors to roll up their sleeves again.

“We were overwhelmed by the support we saw from donors in March,” Bill Reed, Kentucky Blood Center CEO said. “It's just as important for those donors to keep this healthy habit going and donate again. Blood has a shelf life, so we need donors to give the gift of life on a frequent basis.”

KBC continues to require appointments during the COVID-19 crisis to ensure social distancing at its donor centers and on mobile blood drives. Donors are also encouraged to complete their health history questionnaire online (QuickPass) on the day of donation to limit their time at the facility. Per new state requirements, beginning May 11, donors will be required to wear a face covering when visiting our donor centers or mobile blood drives. KBC will also take the temperature of all donors when entering the facility (or mobile blood drive) and during the screening process.

As always, donors should be feeling well on

the day of donation. To make an appointment to donate or to review all of the steps KBC is taking to ensure donor safety during the global pandemic, you may visit www.kybloodcenter.org. Appointments also can be made by calling 800-775-2522.

Update: Kentucky Blood Center Continues to Lead Convalescent Plasma Collection Nationally

Kentucky Blood Center was proud to be the very first community blood center to collect plasma from a recovered COVID-19 patient after the FDA approved the experimental treatment for critically ill patients on March 26. Since that time, KBC has assisted numerous hospital partners with the plasma collection and to date has obtained more than 120 doses of convalescent plasma for Kentucky patients.

Kentucky Blood Center has established an online registry form where recovered COVID-19 patients can express their interest in being a donor. The form is available here. The nonprofit is not currently testing for COVID-19 antibodies, but continues to collect information from those with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis and those who believe they may have had the virus but did not get tested. KBC will reach out to donors without a confirmed diagnosis when they can conduct the antibody testing.

“As Kentucky continues to increase its testing capacity, there will be more and more potential donors for this program,” said Dr. Dennis Williams, Medical Director for KBC. “We encourage those with confirmed cases to complete the registry so we can continue to bank plasma for patients now and in the event of a possible resurgence later.”

Potential donors will need documentation of their positive COVID-19 test. A patient may then be able to donate if they have been symptom-free for at least 14 days and a second COVID-19 test has negative results. KBC will work with the donor to obtain the second test if it has not already been completed. The donor will complete the blood donation health history questionnaire on the day of donation to qualify for blood donation. The plasma donation itself takes 1-2 hours.

“Open”

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department had been the monthly fish fry for many years but, due to rising costs and diminishing interest, the monthly fish fry was ended last year.

“We just don't know exactly where we stand right now. We, like most other volunteer fire departments, find ourselves financially hurting,” said Bullock.

However, Bullock said he and Fire Chief John Dyehouse are optimistic about the future. “The fair is not cancelled yet and we may be able to ask for help from the county, but we are hopeful that we will be okay. We are watching our situation very closely everyday.”

Bullock also reported that the department has made 61 runs thus far this year.

Commissioner John Burton gave the reports for the water and sewer department listing several Brodhead residents he and department employees have worked with over the past two months to solve issues near or on their property.

Police Chief Richard Reynolds told Commissioners his department is in good condition. “Our department is currently in good shape and running smoothly,” he said.

The chief is also ramping up efforts to keep illegal drugs out of the city. “We are working closely with other agencies to keep our drug issues to a minimum,” he said. “The more eyes we have watching our streets, the better we can do at keeping our streets safe for our citizens.”

Reynolds also asked the commissioners if they wished to consider a contract with a local towing company to possibly reduce costs and create a continual working relationship with the company.

“It's completely your call as City Commissioners. I have no dog in this fight. But I was approached about the idea and promised I would present it to you,” said Reynolds.

Bullock said he understood the suggestion but could not fully support the request.

“That is a good thought and I understand the ben-

efits of a close working relationship and having someone under contract,” said Bullock. “But actually, we have a good relationship with several towing companies in the county and, in all fairness, I would suggest we continue to use the county's list of companies with no particular preference.”

Burton agreed. “In all fairness, several local towing companies have been good to us over the years and I would not want to exclude them,” he said.

Chief Reynolds also reported that Officer Josh Foster is still doing very well with the department and local citizens should know both local officers are working daily to keep the streets of Brodhead safe.

In closing statements, Mayor Walter Cash told commissioners he would be in favor of having another fish fry event. “I know we ended the monthly fish fry but we may do well to have another one soon,” he said.

Bullock agreed. “Possibly in September or October we could have another one,” Bullock said.

“We still have all the equipment and there may be a decent turn out for it.”

Officials will announce if such an event is scheduled.

Burton also announced that three new pumps are ready to be installed at the Brodhead Sewer Plant. “We can now install these three pumps the way the plant was actually designed to work from the beginning,” said Burton. “The plant should function efficiently with the system running as it was designed to. If one pump breaks down, the other two can maintain the system while one is being repaired.”

Also in closing statements, Burton offered Kudos to the citizenry of Brodhead for coming together after a storm in April. “I witnessed police fire fighters, officials and regular citizens jump in and help cut trees and pick up trash and work throughout the night after the storm did a lot of damage to local homes and businesses,” he said. “It was heart warming to see everyone from every walk of life working together as a unit for the good of the community.”

Cruisin' Scholarship winners



Each year the “Cruisin' in the Valley” scholarship committee chooses two recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship award. The scholarship has been given for 16 years and over \$30,000 has been awarded to local graduates of RCHS. Recipients must have a GPA above 3.0 and meet other requirements as well as submit a written essay to the committee. This year's recipients are (above) Amy Clark, of Brodhead and (below) Autumn King of Mount Vernon. Shown with each recipient is Gary Mink, Chairman of the Cruisin' in the Valley board. Mink said the essay plays a big part in the selection process and each graduate may use the funds however they choose.



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PORK:

1 pork tenderloin (about 3 pounds)
1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
2 tablespoon Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley, if desired

Heat oven to 425°. Prepare vegetables by mixing oil, Italian seasoning, salt, and garlic in large bowl. Add sweet potatoes and onions; toss to coat. Spread in 9 x 13-inch pan. Roast uncovered 10 minutes.

Brush pork tenderloin with oil. In small bowl, stir together Italian seasoning, seasoned salt, and the cheese. Move vegetables to center of pan; place pork tenderloin on one side. Sprinkle seasoning mixture evenly over pork. Roast pork and vegetables uncovered 40 to 45 minutes or until desired doneness is reached. Cover pan with foil; let stand 5 minutes.

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1 container (32 ounce) sauerkraut with liquid
2 teaspoons caraway seeds, optional
Place the potatoes, garlic, salt, and pepper in a slow cooker; stir to coat. Season the pork roast with salt and pepper; lay atop the potatoes. Pour the sauerkraut over the pork. Sprinkle with caraway seeds if desired. Cook in slow cooker on Low 8 to 10 hours
SLOW COOKER SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS
8 pounds of bone in pork chops
1 onion, sliced
5 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
3 cups of water
1 can of cream of celery soup
1 pack pork gravy
1 pack onion dry soup mix
Place seasoned pork chops in the slow cooker. Add onion, garlic, and Italian seasoning. In a large bowl, combine water, cream of celery, gravy mix, and soup mix. Pour the mixture over your pork chops; cook at low for 4 to 6 hours.

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The election will be held **May 27th, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at RCMS**. Our voting this year will be drive thru because of the situation with COVID-19. On the day of the election, **you will need to park in our parking lot and call the RCMS front office at 606-256-5118 and we will then come out to your vehicle in order for you to vote**. If you will have a child enrolled at RCMS next year, you are eligible to vote in this election. (This includes parents, step-parents and foster parents. Legal guardians are also eligible to vote if the child lives in their home.)

2020-2021 Parent Member Nomination Form
Rockcastle Middle School Council

Please return this nomination form by email or by making an appointment to drop it off at RCMS to **Mrs. Jenni Ellis in the school office no later than 1 PM on May 13th. The election will be held on May 27th from 8:30am to 4pm at RCMS by drive thru.** Forms may be mailed to: Rockcastle County Middle School, P.O. Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Forms must be received by May 13th.

Nominee Name: _____
Nominee children who will be at our school next year: _____
Nominee phone number: _____ Nominee e-mail: _____
Nominee mailing address: _____

To serve on the council, the nominee must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that you or your nominee meet each standard.

My child will attend Rockcastle Middle School during 2019-2020 school year.
 I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).
 I am not an employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
 I do not work at the local school district's central office.
 I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of any employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
 I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.
 I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

Nominee Signature: _____

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. v. Bethany M. Deatherage, complaint.
Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. (A/S/O Brian Jones) v. Steven L. Sheldon, complaint.
Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Natasha Samples, complaint for child support.
Melissa Ann Evans v. Johnny Lee Evans, petition for dissolution of marriage.
David Wayne Lovell v. Barbara Lovell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

No tax

Bentley and Bobbie Ann Durham, property in McCall Knob Subdv., to Izak and Lauren McQueary. Tax \$22.50
Dennis and Donna Doan, property at Calloway, to Everett Owens. Tax \$2
Johnda Baker, property on Old Hwy. 461, to Jeremy and Melissa Neeley. Tax \$87
Joanne Graves, Trustee, property in Rockcastle County, to Daniel Skierkiewicz. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Ashley Nicole Chattelle, 29, Livingston, Highland Diversified and Mitchell Dylan Nolan, 31, Livingston, press operator. 4/29/20
Elizabeth Nicole Hering, 26, Brodhead, homemaker and Jesse Ray Bond Strunk, 27 Brodhead, driver. 5/1/20
Jessica Faye Combs, 28, East Bernstadt, nurse and Philip Michael McFerron, 33, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 5/4/20
Cassandra Maelynn Hiatt, 24, Stanford, 911 dispatcher and Michael Keith Murphy, Jr., 28, Brodhead, heavy equipment operator. 5/5/20
Billie Jo Smith, 46, Berea, homemaker and Cody Lee Hall, 24, Berea, Hyster. 5/6/20
Sharla Danielle Kidwell, 23, Mt. Vernon Wal Mart and Travis Lee Bartlett, 31, Mt. Vernon, Walmart. 5/6/20
Samantha Mary Beth Collins, 24, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Joe Carl Yates, 29, Mt. Vernon, farmer. 5/6/20
Taylor Paige Caldwell, 20, Berea, waitress and Douglas Henry Fuit, 20, Berea, construction.

Deeds Recorded

Samuel J. Mullins, and others, property on Climax Road to Philip Michael McFerron and Jessica Faye Combs. No tax
Noah David Cope, Sr., property in Rockcastle County, to Shannon Clark. Tax \$4
Bobby C. Bishop, property near Little Negro Creek, to Paul and Jennifer White. Tax \$15
Bobby C. Bishop, property near Negro Creek, to Bobby Bishop, Jr. and Jennifer White. No tax
Roger and Rebecca Isaacs, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Marcus and Hannah Wilson. Tax \$175
Johnnie Bullock, Jr. and Carolyn Bullock, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Savannah Bullock. No tax
Kenneth Baker, property in Rockcastle County, to Merna Diana Overbay.

PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 E. Main St. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Mt. Vernon, KY on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. to obtain citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) \$946,659.00 and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds \$153,194.94. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the hearing will be open to the public by conference call. Citizens may call 712-432-3900, ID: 433828#. Written comments can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O.Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and must be received before 1 pm on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Absolute Auction of 24-Acre Farm in Tracts Tractors and Farm Equipment Saturday, May 16th at 10:30 a.m. Hwy. 934 – Somerset

Directions: From Hwy. 461 turn onto Hwy 934 and the property will be approximately two miles on your right or you can take Hwy. 39 to Hwy 934 and turn right and the property will be approximately 8 miles on the left.

This farm consisting of approximately 24 acres will be offered in two tracts. Those tracts are as follows and will be sold by boundary deed (copies available).

Tract #1 measures 9 1/2 acres by deed description and has road frontages on both Hwy 934 and Pace Roads. This level small acreage well fenced tract is the perfect site for livestock as it has 40'x110' stack pad feed barn with concrete floor and electricity. There are two Ritchie city water tanks and a concrete water tank fed by a spring. In addition to the stack pad barn there is a 40'x 60' barn with a 16'x 60' hay shed. The shed has a concrete floor also.

Tract #2 has 14.64 acres by deed description with frontage along Hwy 934. This tract is also well fenced and has a Ritchie city water tank. This tract also adjoins scenic Brush Creek and has approximately 300 young walnut trees. The area around the Creek offers beautiful camping sites.

FARM EQUIPMENT: 124 MF Square Hay Baler * 309 Ford Corn Planter * 2 18 ft. Flat Bed wagons * 2 Gravity Bed Wagons * feed buggy * 6 ft. Bushhog (Bushhog brand) * Renovator * Allis Chalmers wagon (21 ft. Flat – like new) *

TRACTORS: 674 International Tractor with bucket and hay spear * 362 Massey Ferguson Tractor * IMT 560 Tractor *

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: This 24 acre parcel has camping sites, creek frontage, barns, fencing and is the perfect size!! Join us on the morning of May 16th at 10:30 a.m. for this absolute auction.

NOTE: In accordance with the CDC and to protect our staff and customers, we would encourage the maintaining of social distancing at our auction site to further prevent the spread of Covid-19.

TERMS: 20% down the day of the auction, with the balance due in full within 30 days for the real estate. The tractors and farm equipment must be paid for in full the day of the auction with either cash, check or major credit card in full. All credit sales are subject to a 3% processing fee.

Note: There will be a 10% buyer's premium added to the last bid to determine the final sales price.

AUCTIONEER/BROKER/SELLER DISCLAIMER: The information contained herein is believed to be correct to the best of the auctioneer's knowledge. The information is being provided for the bidder's convenience and it is the bidder's responsibility to determine the information contained herein is accurate and complete. The property is selling in its as-is condition with no warranties expressed or implied.

Announcements made the day of the auction take precedence over printed matter. For additional information or appointment to see the property, contact the auctioneers at 606-679-2212.



www.fordbrothersinc.com
Somerset, KY
606-679-2212
800-526-9430



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**
bh0p@ymail.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**
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:

RA's & 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. Phillip Scott

Church of Christ on Fairground Hill

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Different speaker each
Sunday

Clear Creek Baptist Church

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.

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.

RA's and GAs 7 p.m.

Mission Friends 6 p.m.

Vaughn Raso, 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.fbcmvky.org

email: fbcmvmon@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 Church

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Children's Church 11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

Save a lot

Food Stores

Fresh Produce Items

Vidalia Onions  **\$2.50**
3 lb.

Seedless Watermelons **\$3.79**
Cantaloupes **\$2.99**

Red Seedless Grapes **\$1.69** lb.
Cucumbers **3/.99**

Crystal Geyser Spring Water  **\$4.19**
16 oz. ea. 35 pk.

 **Hungry Jack Instant Potatoes** **\$1.69**
15 oz.

Ice Cream **\$5.49**
One gallon variety flavor

Doritos Variety Flavors **2/\$6** 9 oz.
Libby's Gravy **\$1.29** 15 oz. can

GREAT SAVINGS

Grissom Round **Top Bread** **\$1.09**
20 oz.

Van Camp **Pork n' Beans** **.99**
15 oz.

Maxwell House Coffee **\$7.49**
36 oz.

Ginger Evans Sugar **\$1.99**
4 lb.

Red Gold **Tomato Juice** **\$1.89**
46 oz.

Zesta Crackers **\$2.19**
16 oz.

Coke Products  **3/\$12**
6 Packs

Lays Potato Chips **2/\$6**
Variety Flavors 9 oz.

3/\$11  **4/\$9**
12 Packs 6 Packs

Meat Limits
Limit 2 packages per customer on the following:
chicken, pork, beef, ground beef

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

Thank you for putting your trust in us to supply your families during this unprecedented time. We are asking our customers to limit their purchases on the following items. This will allow us to help serve many more members of the community as possible.

Thank you for your understanding!

- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels - (2) any size
- Meal/Flour (1 bag per each item)
- Can Vegetables (6 per variety)
- Fresh Hamburger/Ground Chuck (2 Packs)
- Water (2) cases or gallons
- Butter (1) pack sticks or tubs
- Any type of cleaning supplies - (2)

Exclusive senior & disabled shopping time.

We invite these customers to shop the store each day during our first hour open.

We appreciate customers respecting this change and ask that you plan your shopping trips around this timeframe.

Per the Governor **8am-9am** Per the Governor
all customers are required to wear a mask

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT ITEMS. NO PRODUCT SOLD TO DEALERS. WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

WE ACCEPT WIC, EBT, DEBIT, VISA, MASTER CARD & PERSONAL CHECKS FOR AMOUNT OF PURCHASE.

Open Sunday through Saturday 9am - 7pm

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100th Birthday

May 25, 2020

It has been almost a year since Thressel Owens celebrated her 99th birthday with 91 friends and relatives. We appreciate everyone who came and those who sent cards or brought gifts. We had hoped to have a larger celebration this year, but have cancelled because of the Coronavirus. However, you can help her celebrate her 100th birthday by sending a birthday card. We hope she will receive 100 cards.

Please send to:

Thressel Owens

4652 Spiro Rd. • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Thank you, her daughter, Mava Owens Stamper

We Make Funeral Planning Easier

More and more people are pre-arranging funeral services, for themselves or for loved ones.

In our lifetime, we make extensive plans for major events, such as baptisms, graduations or weddings. Pre-arranging a funeral is a simple matter that gives you peace of mind in knowing your personal wishes will be met. Prepayment is not required, although many different payment options are available.

Pre-planning is an immeasurable gift for your family. For more details on funeral planning, call us or stop by our office and we will discuss the complete funeral arrangement process with you.



Our solarium lounge offers a quiet peace of solitude with healing views of nature *Funeral chapel with comfortable pews with back support and seating capacity of 175*



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Mount Vernon, KY

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Seven students receive Presidential Volunteer Service Award at RCHS

The Rockcastle County High School JROTC program would like to congratulate seven students for earning the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is awarded to individuals who volunteer a requisite amount of time in a 12 month period. The number of hours differs by age and bronze, silver, and gold medallion categories.

This is the first year the Rockcastle High School JROTC program became a certifying organization able to award deserving students who give so freely of their time to the community.

Individuals awarded the Presidential Volunteer Service Award are presented a Medallion, a certificate, and a congratulatory letter from the White House.

Receiving the award were: Caleb Tompkins-Gold Medallion, 103 hours volunteered; Daniel Ashcraft-Gold Medallion, 100 hours volunteered; Alex Robinson, Silver Medallion, 88 hours volunteered; Emily Ashcraft, Silver Medallion, 79 hours volunteered; Sarah Pride, Bronze Medallion, 101 hours volunteered; Ethan Chandler, Bronze Medal-

lion, 55 hours volunteered; Andrew Bradley, Bronze Medallion, 51 hours volunteered; and Keith Graves, Bronze Medallion, 103 hours volunteered.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS



New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, *Mount Vernon Signal's* deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

To ensure the safety of our families during the COVID-19 pandemic, Rockcastle County Schools are currently offering online registration for 2020-2021 preschool and kindergarten students.

Please visit www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/blog/pkregistration for enrollment forms and information. Parents can also call their respective elementary school to register over the phone.

Brodhead (606) 758-8512 | Mt. Vernon (606) 256-2953 | Roundstone (606) 256-2235

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

- Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
 - Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch
- Deadline for Classifieds is 10 a.m. TUESDAY**

For Rent

Redwood House. 2 bedrooms/1 bath on one acre lot. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Electric heat and air. Located off Hwy. 150, between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead. \$450 deposit/\$450 month. References required. **No pets.** One year lease required. Shown by appointment only. Available June 1st. No calls after 7 p.m. 606-256-8156 15xntf

3 Bedroom Trailer w/one bath. Rooms have been built on. Central AC/furnace. New paint. 476 Tyree St., Brodhead, Ky. **No Pets.** Outside storage buildings. \$375 per month/\$375 deposit. Background check and proof of income required. Cecil/Judy King, 606-510-3759 or 606-510-3719. 15xntf

House in Brodhead. 501 Tyree Street. Brand new. 3 bedrooms/2 baths. **No Pets.** Central AC/heat. Storage building. Income verification and background check. \$650 per month/\$650 deposit. Single family dwelling. Cecil or Judy King, 606-510-3759 or 606-510-3719. 13xntf

Two Bedroom Trailer. \$400 month plus deposit. No pets. Call 859-358-3560. 7xntf

House and Trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 33xntf

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x 14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

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

Property For Sale

1.5 Acre Lot with road frontage, electricity and water. For more info, call 859-358-3560. 7xntf

Posted

Posted: Absolutely no horseback riding, fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight, Carmen and Dustin Poynter on Hwy 3273 and 461. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 13x10

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.

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: 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. 47tfn

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

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

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

Help Wanted

Lisa's Little People now accepting applications. Must be 18 years, high school diploma or GED required, available, flexible hours Monday-Friday. Apply in person 100 Crawford Lane, Mt. Vernon. 45xntf

Now Hiring: ResourceMFG has multiple manufacturing positions available: \$13/hour. 1st and 2nd shifts available. Medical benefits. Paid holidays. Paid vacation. Free online courses through Penn Foster. No experience necessary, we will train! www.resourcemfg.com to apply today. 606-392-4883. 34xntf

Motor Vehicles For Sale

2011 Honda Pilot Touring. Front wheel drive, eight passenger, pearl white/black leather interior. 99K. Heated seats, sunroof, Blue Tooth XM Radio and rear entertainment center. Asking \$13,000. 859-200-4924.

OPERATION UNITE

Drug Tip Hotline
1-866-424-4382
(No Fee - your name is not required)

Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Andrew L. Lovell, 675 Frosty Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Deborah Diane Bustle on the 4th day of May, 2020. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Andrew L. Lovell or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Gina N. Harding, 444 Big Orchard Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Melonie Reyes on the 4th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gina Harding or to Hon. James Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is given that Sondra Ketcham has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the estate of John Baker. A hearing on said settlement will be held on June 8, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date.

Lawn Service

Mowing, Blowing & Trimming

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Max Phelps, Owner

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UNITE Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps cancelled

Because of concerns related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Operation UNITE announced its popular Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps planned for June have, regrettably, been cancelled.

"This is not something UNITE wanted to do, but following the guidance from Governor Andy Beshear and state health officials it is something we must do at this time," said Nancy Hale, president/CEO of the non-profit organization.

"In addition, Shoot Hoops Not Drugs camps are entirely supported through community donations and staffed by volunteers from UNITE Coalitions and our recovery communities," Hale continued. "With so much economic uncertainty, this was not the time to solicit donations that could, instead, be used to support needy families and local businesses."

"A crowd is still going to be a dangerous thing until we are further along in defeating this virus," Beshear stated during his daily COVID-19 briefing on April 29. "It's something we need to continue to avoid."

Although he outlined a tentative plan to restart some businesses and permit social gatherings by late May, the governor said it would likely be late June or early July before some youth sports activities are again allowed.

Five free regional basketball camps – conducted by former University of Kentucky point

guard and four-time All-SEC Academic Team member Jarrod Polson – had been planned in Breathitt, Harlan, Johnson, Magoffin and McCreary counties.

"The Shoot Hoops Not Drugs program has been a highlight of my summer the last several years," Polson stated. "While I am saddened we won't be able to host the basketball camps this year, I look forward to being back in 2021!"

Hale said it is UNITE's intention to hold the 2021 camps in the same counties as planned for this year.

"Our staff has contacted each of the superintendents and they are in full support of the decision to postpone camps this summer," Hale said. "In addition, they look forward to holding Shoot Hoops Not Drugs camps next year."

This would have been the 15th season for Shoot Hoops Not Drugs. These camps provide school-age youth an opportunity to interact with positive role models, receive positive life-skill and self-esteem messages that emphasize the importance for them to stay drug-free, all while receiving basic basketball skills instruction.

As part of each camp, parents and guardians are invited to attend a brief education program. This year the focus would have been about the dangers posed by stimulant drugs – including such commonly used drugs as Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Adderall, and Ecstasy.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Service Centers Open for Business by Phone Appointment Only

U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Centers are encouraging visitors to take precautionary measures to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The Rockcastle County USDA Service Center will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call to schedule a phone appointment.

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For the most current updates on available services and Service Center status visit farmers.gov/coronavirus.

National Holidays offices closed: May 25th - Memorial Day; July 3rd - Independence Day; September 7th-Labor Day; October 12th -Columbus Day; November 11th-Veterans Day; November 26th-Thanksgiving Day; December 25th- Christmas Day.

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Rockcastle County awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive \$6,833.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A local board made up of local government and charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle Co. are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. participating. This agency was responsible for helping families with mortgage/rental assistance and utilities. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds must contact Tamara Cox, 105 E. Main Street Box 7, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 for an application or call 606-256-5315.

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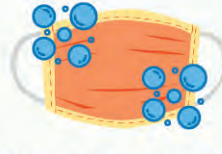


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Ballinger named new Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent

By: Mike French
Editor

Beginning July 1st, Carrie Ballinger will be the new Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools.

Current Superintendent David Pensol announced his retirement earlier this year and the search has been under-

way for the new leader since that announcement.

Ballinger resigned last year from the Rockcastle County Board of Education, to accept a position as Director of Student Services (DSS) for the district.

Past Director Becky Isaacs resigned as DSS

(See "School" on A5)

Two killed at Castle Village

By: Mike French
Editor

Kentucky State Police cruisers, EMS personnel, sheriff's deputies, the Rockcastle County Coroner, firefighters, and officials from across the county filled the parking lot at Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead Tuesday, May 12. News crews, television cameras and innocent bystanders were present as groups of apartment residents were gathered in small bunches talking about recent events.

But amid all the hustle and bustle, a two-year-old child and a local man lay dead from gunshot wounds.

Kentucky State Police

received a call last Tuesday around 2 p.m. from Rockcastle 911 in reference to a "disturbance" at a residence on Castle Vil-

(See "Shooting" on A5)

City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting will be held Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. on Zoom, viewable on Facebook Live.

No new cases

For the second consecutive week, there have been no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Rockcastle County.

Memorial Day

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, the Memorial Day program usually held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse is cancelled this year.

Officials were forced to close Climax Road at the Highway 1004 intersection Tuesday after heavy rain caused flooding in several areas of the county. Brodhead, Livingston and Mount Vernon all reported flooded areas in each city as well. Rain is expected through Sunday.

Several areas flood Monday

Water rescue in Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

Livingston Fire and Rescue was called to Lower River Road in Livingston Tuesday morning to perform an emergency rescue.

According to offi-

cials at the department, a male in a camper found himself completely surrounded by flood water and called for assistance.

LFR responded with a fire engine, a brush truck, a boat and eight fire fighters.

Reports say rescuers

reached the camper and was able to help the male reach safety.

No injuries were reported.

The department was also called to Upper River Road where trees had fallen onto power lines.

Also on the scene were Rockcastle County Constable Albert Carpenter,

officials with Jackson Energy and the state highway department.

The lines were cleared from the trees and no injuries were reported.

Flooding in the streets of Brodhead seems to have become a

(See "Flood" on A5)

Magistrates refuse to grant extension

For Microfoodery Mfg.

By: Mike French
Editor

Some members of the Rockcastle County fiscal court seemed at odds with recent decisions made by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) and the City of Mt. Vernon to grant a loan extension to the owners of the Microfoodery plant and Kentucky Farma-ceuticals.

The owners had requested a 60 day extension on paying on the note, due to COVID-19 situations" on the million-dollar CDBG loan, obtained by the city of Mt. Vernon and used for machinery for the Microfoodery plant. The request was granted recently by both the Mount Vernon City Council and RCIDA.

Howell Holbrook brought the extension request to the fiscal court saying the business owners were asking to skip the April and May monthly payment and adding two additional payments at the end of the 10-year note. "We are a little behind on this because April is gone and part of May is already gone," said Holbrook.

RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook had said the company needed the extra time due to lack of business contacts during the COVID-19 restrictions.

However, in the audio-only conference call meeting, Magistrate Mike McGuire said, "I don't think the RCIDA should be making those decisions. The fiscal court should not be following them, they should be following our lead," he said.

"I lost all my confidence in Microfoodery over a year ago and now they want an extension. It isn't right that we have to accept whatever RCIDA says. I will be voting no on the extension."

At first, some magistrates did not respond but after some discussion, other magistrates began to voice a similar opinion and soon a motion was made and seconded to direct the Judge/Executive to refuse to sign the extension agreement. The motion passed unanimously. "I am expecting late fees. They are already over 30 days past due," said McGuire. "We didn't agree that Microfoodery could skip anything. They

can't pull a trick like that on us."

When contacted about how the RCIDA and the City of Mt. Vernon

(See "Payment" on A5)

Police searching for unidentified man after chase

By: Mike French
Editor

Police are searching for an unidentified black male in Rockcastle County after a high speed chase led troopers from Tennessee to Conway.

Reports indicate two

vehicles were seen racing on I-75 near the Tennessee line at times reaching speeds of over 180 miles per hour.

One of the vehicles escaped but the other, a white Dodge Charger,

(See "Search" on A5)

Current calendar useless School board looks at 2021 finances

By: Mike French
Editor

The agenda was full and all members were present, but spaced apart, during the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board last Tuesday evening.

After taking care of monthly business and approving operations and actions for the month,

members delved into the many aspects of the finances of the school system.

Jenny Sweet, Director of Finances, presented the monthly reports, indirect cost rates, annual salary schedule and the tentative 2020/2021 budget for all to consider.

The budget predicts about \$600,000 less to

(See "Board" on A5)



The Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was first on the scene of this abandoned structure fire on North Wilderness Road Thursday, May 14. The structure was fully engulfed when officials arrived on the scene and firefighters used nearly 8,000 gallons of water to control the flames. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

One of the saddest things that has happened during this lockdown over the Coronavirus has been the over 5,000 deaths from the disease in nursing homes in New York state.

Even knowing that seniors were among the most vulnerable to the infection, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo sent infected seniors back to nursing homes, instead of keeping them quarantined in hospital facilities that were available, which caused other patients and staff to be infected and the resulting approximately 5,400 deaths of the most vulnerable in our society.

In the nursing home at Brodhead, there has not been a single fatality from the disease and this is attributable to a lockdown which has kept visitors from the home and measures to make sure the staff is not infecting anyone.

If I had an elderly kinsman in a New York nursing home that had died under these circumstances, somebody would be getting sued, not for any monetary gain but for the truth being outted and to hopefully keep it from ever happening again.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) should be punished politically and legally for this unnecessary loss of human life.

Liberal Democrat Harvard Professor Alan Dershowitz recently said that states have the authority to enact lockdowns for as long as they deem necessary under the 10th Amendment to our Bill of Rights. Having read the amend-

ment in its entirety, I suppose I agree although it's a very broad interpretation of the amendment.

However, Dershowitz also said that when a vaccine for COVID 19 is developed that the government can make it mandatory for citizens under the 14th Amendment (and I hope I have the right amendment number because I couldn't find my source again after reading it the first time). I read this amendment and actually do not see how it ap-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Making of the "Decoration Day" Flowers.

Dear Journal,

Here it is warm weather again and one of our turtles has returned. It was Tilly and she came to the feeding area where she knew she could get food. We haven't seen Terry yet. Stanley had been out walking a dog ("1st and 2nd Samuel"). He is way too big to be contained all in one book. He goes by just plain "Samuel".) and notices that she was waiting for breakfast. He came to the kitchen with excitement, "Do we have any tomatoes"? As it turned out, we did, and he hurried out to feed Tilly with me following close behind. Then I thought, if she is out that snake is probably lurking about somewhere just biding his time for me to come out on his porch.

I've seen him again, by the way.

I usually go out there on the porch to work on my cemetery arrangements for Memorial Day and I can work while I watch all of our little woodland creatures and enjoy the outside. This year, I haven't been feeling so well and I decided that I'd just order from the florist. As fate would have it, I couldn't catch up with a florist and just decided to do them myself. We had to go to Walmart, my favorite store. Not actually, I hate it a little worse every time I go. By the time we got for both of our families, we had spent over \$300.00.

Last Tuesday I decided that I needed to get started on the arrangements. I was progressing slowly and reached almost halfway by Thursday afternoon when I decided to stop for a day or so. I have six saddles to do and seven pots to make. I'd never get caught up in a florist shop.

I guess I'll get started back on Monday. I'm doing my family in shades of burgundy, pink, fuschia, and lime green. I know it sounds awful but when put together, it comes together very well. Stanley's mom and dad will be done in shades of blue and a sunny yellow.

Decoration Day as it was called when I was growing up was a big deal. Families would

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Photography. My all time favorite hobby.

If you have a busy day planned, a lot of things you must get done, places to be, people to see...NEVER look in the back of a closet.

It is inevitable. You will casually notice an old box of photos and think to yourself, "Hmmm, wonder what's in there?" And it begins.

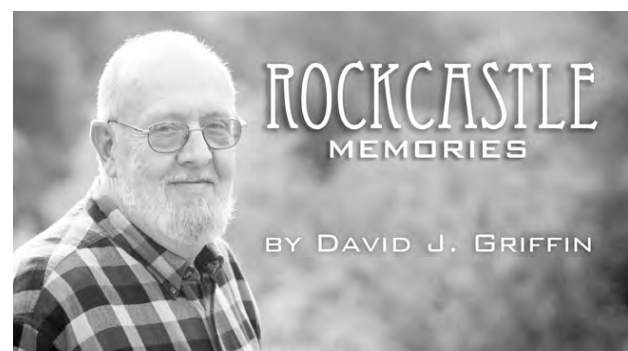
"Oh look! There's that old watch my dad gave me for my 16th birthday."

The next thing you know, your lap will be covered in old, cracked photos and you will be telling a story for each one as you laugh at some, cry at some and smile a fond memory at others.

I have seen Dora basically cancel two days of plans after she finds an old box hidden away in a corner somewhere and starts investigating.

My mother texted me last week saying " I found an old box of pictures. If I don't answer your texts for a while, you will know I'm busy."

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Measurements

Like most growing boys, when I was young I was always ready to eat. The home cooking that took place in my home gave me every reason to look forward to the next meal. As a result, I often closely observed my mother (Bee) and my grandmother (Mommie Katie) while they prepared our family's meals. Perched upon a tall metal stool, I sat comfortably while watching them combine the ingredients for some of our favorite dishes. It is entirely pos-

sible that this experience contributed to my later interest in science.

Both of these great cooks would set out the "fixins" to complete our meals. As I watched, I could not help but notice that they generally did not use kitchen measuring tools. They both cooked from memory and experience. As I grew into my scientifically inspired mind, I could not understand how the dishes always tasted the same when precise measurements were not used.

When I questioned how they decided how much of each ingredient to add, they both said they had a lifetime of experience to rely on as they cooked. At the time, that satisfied me.

Later in life, when I moved into an apartment in Lexington, I asked Bee to tell me how to make a few of our families most favorite meals. As she wrote down the components, she would say things like: add a "wee bit" of this and a "handful" of that. Sometimes she would say, add a "dash" of that. I did not have a lifetime of cooking experience, so I told Bee to give me precise amounts to complete her recipes. I still have those exact recipes and use them often. I still cannot prepare her wonderful cornbread without using

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Since this will make 3 consecutive installments having to do with chickens, I promise to change the subject next week before the column becomes known as Diddle Squat instead of Points East. (For those of you who didn't grow up in eastern Kentucky before 1960, the vernacular for baby chickens was diddles as in " One of Mom's big dommer hen just hatched off 19 little diddles.")

A "dommer or dommernecker" incidentally, was what we called the breed of chickens now

known as barred rocks that was crossed with another breed. Google barred rock chickens and numerous photos should pop right up. Or visit McMurray Hatchery website and find gorgeous illustrations of most breeds of chickens.

My generation of Blair Branch residents was probably the last one where nearly family on the holler raised and kept small flocks of 15 to 30 or more chickens year in and year out. For the

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writing to share with you that my husband, Jack, and I are endorsing R. Travis Brenda for reelection to the Kentucky House Seat for District 71. I have worked with Mr. Brenda for over 21 years. He is a Christian man with a Christian family: a wonderful wife

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Rockcastle Library Information

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.

Health Department Memorial Day Hours

The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Applications being taken for LIHEAP

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Community Action Agencies across Kentucky are now taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy. Eligibility requirements have been expanded to allow more Kentuckians to qualify. No disconnection notice is required. For more information and to apply, call your local office at 606-256-5315.

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.

and 2 teenage children. He is Pro-Life and has received the endorsement of the Kentucky Right to Life. Mr. Brenda wholeheartedly believes that every baby has the right to life and will continue to fight to protect the unborn. He is the only Republican Candidate endorsed by the NRA with an A rating. He strongly supports the 2nd Amendment and believes in our constitutional rights to keep and bear firearms.

Mr. Brenda is a very active member of the Church on the Rock in Madison County and has served on their Finance Board since 2014. He is a math/engineering teacher at Rockcastle County High School and served on the Site Based Council for several years. He works hard for the students and encourages them to be the best that they can be. He was presented with the Teachers Who Made a Difference Award by the UK College of Education. Mr. Brenda is also a farmer and understands the importance of farming and the hardships they endure.

As a Christian, Mr. Travis Brenda believes that it was God's plan for him to run for office 2 years ago. He followed that conviction and was elected. He believes he is still acting in God's plan by running for reelection.

Mr. Brenda does not consider himself to be a politician but is there to be a voice and to speak for the people. I really appreciate the way that he openly posts and keeps us informed on every vote and decision that is made in Frankfort. Mr. Brenda would ask that you pray about this and that God's will be done. I believe that Mr. R. Travis Brenda can help Make Kentucky Great Again!!

Thank you for your prayers and votes, Mrs. Dawn Stallsworth

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

Somehow, old photos captivate humans. Perhaps it's the thoughts of days gone by. Remembering the days that we thought would never change but are so far gone now that we would barely recognize them.

Not a lot of things that happen, as we go through our day, will stop us in our tracks and change our every plan, like finding an old box of pictures.

True story. After my grandmother passed away, I was going through her attic and found an old, dusty roll of black and white film from one of those old-fashioned medium format

cameras.

I bought the chemicals, one red light, 2 developing trays and a film reel. I already knew how to develop film but had sold my equipment years earlier. Thinking the film had been in that hot attic for at least 40 years, I had no real hopes, just ambition.

Being very careful just in case, I took extra pains with it and when I first held up the roll of wet film in front of that red light, I could not believe my eyes.

It was perfectly exposed and in mint condition.

The entire roll had been taken in Korea of my father who was playing in his army uniform at some base there 40 years earlier.

It was the most amazing thing I had ever witnessed. Usually undeveloped film more than 2 to 3 years old begins to fade and turn. Especially if it has been hot.

How this film lasted and stayed in prime condition for 40 years is beyond my understanding.

I made 8x10 glossy photos of every frame. My father stood there before me even younger than I was at the time in his full dress U.S. Army attire, doing exercises, running, stretching, playing and laughing in every picture.

Dark, wavy hair and smooth skin on my own father was an amazing thing to see.

Unfortunately, my dad would never talk about his time in Korea. He would only answer questions with a quick nod and then change the subject.

He would never say a word about any of the pictures, though I am sure he remembered having them taken.

It was a time he fought to forget and a time that I never will.

Pictures stop life for a moment. A photo freezes an instant that can never be relived. A photo achieves that which all humans seek, they stop time and a wonderful instant lasts forever.

It is quite the satisfying hobby. To manipulate light and fool shadows themselves into being something that isn't there, is a feeling of achievement.

Thanks to Louis-Jacques-Mande Daguerre and Ansel Adams -- one for making it possible, one for making it right.

In my own opinion there is a difference between a "picture" and a "photo."

A "picture" captures an image and shows the viewer what was happening.

A "photo" captures a moment in time and shows the viewer how it felt to be there.

My advice on the next rainy, quarantined day? Go through an old box of images and let your mind

turn the "pictures" into "photos."

“T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

gather and have "dinner on the ground". It was like a big family reunion, maybe bigger, in some ways. It's always been a big deal in our family. For the last several years I've seen it wane. The younger generations don't care for it like people did back in the day. Most say that "they", being the dead, don't know if you decorate their grave or not. It is the "all about me" generation and the instant gratification age. No, it's really about expressing that you remember and honor your dead and take a day out of each year to dedicate to them.

Ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

plies and I really don't care.

I have no intention of taking the vaccine, particularly if it is developed under the auspices of any company associated with billionaire Bill Gates, who has advocated many times for a reduction in world population and who has been accused by third world countries of causing many deaths there with his vaccines.

I was sort of surprised by Dershowitz, particularly with the vaccine opinion. He has sided with President Trump several times and served as one of Trump's lawyers in his impeachment trial in the Senate.

I don't mean to sound like I don't think Dershowitz should ever voice an opinion contrary to my conservative one but I can certainly disagree with his interpretation of the amendment.

I was amazed how vociferously people came out against our President yesterday when he announced that he had been taking a prescription of hydroxychloroquine and zinc for the prevention of COVID 19. Fox talk show host Neal Cavuto was horrified and informed him that this action would "kill him."

I'm sorry but it's no one's business what the President's physician prescribes him, except the President himself, and Cavuto, who is certainly not a medical doctor, has no basis for his comment, except that he is a Never Trumper and doesn't pass up a chance to disagree with and put down our Commander in Chief.

Actor James Woods, Twitter contributor, makes my day just about every day with the masterful way he calls out the hypocrisy and illegality of many of the Democrats acts and Tuesday he tweeted, "Let's face it. Donald Trump is a rough individual. He is vain, in-

sensitive and raw. But he loves America more than any President in my lifetime. He is the last firewall between us and the cesspool called Washington. I'll take him any day over any of these bums."

My sentiments exactly.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

her notes that she made for me over 40 years ago.

When I was in high school at Mt. Vernon, it became obvious to me that my educational strengths were in science and math. It was also evident that precise measurements were necessary in both of those fields. Chemistry labs depended upon exact measurements. In 1962, I entered the University of Kentucky to pursue a degree in chemistry and biology. Precise measurements were demanded in those classes. I distinctly remember one of the labs were had in chemistry.

The professor assigned each of us to bring a postage stamp to the lab. When we arrived, he demonstrated how to use an analytical balance and then he had each of us to weigh our postage stamp - to four decimal places. We were instructed to remove the stamps from the balance with a pair of tweezers and place them on a sheet of weighing paper. On the back of the stamp, we were instructed to write our three initials using a graphite pencil. Finally, we were told to write down the exact weight of our initials. Let me tell you, he was looking for precise measurements.

By the time I received my degree in chemistry and biology and became a high school chemistry teacher, calculators were being introduced in high school science classes. I was able to purchase a classroom set of Texas Instrument calculators to use in my chemistry classes. My students appreciated them and occasionally purchased their own. Measurements were becoming more precise than ever.

I have often thought of the vast differences between measurement in my mother's kitchen (using a pinch, dab, tad, passel, or handful), the precise calculations required for an education in science and math, and the exact figures of scientific calculators in my chemistry classes and laboratory experiences. The difference is more than significant.

The different ways in which measurements can be or should be made sometimes depends on the context. Just like in life itself, there are times when one's judgment may call for nothing short of precision and other times when a close approximation will do. The rub is knowing when to use which method.

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"School"

(Continued from front)
and an acting member of the board could not serve in that capacity, so Ballinger resigned from the board to apply for that job opening. Ballinger was hired soon after.

Misty Lake was appointed to Ballinger's position on the board.

Shortly after that appointment, Pensol announced his own retirement and Ballinger became one of those seeking the position of Superintendent. A position she received after a unanimous vote by the board last week.

The board had held work sessions and met with several candidates through the hiring process but Pensol said "they said that Ballinger stood out as the best choice for Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools."

Ballinger has over 14 years experience in teaching and administration. Besides her positions in Rockcastle County, she was also Response Reaction Coordinator and then Principal of Kingston Elementary School in Berea and then Elementary Director of Model Laboratory Schools in Madison County.

She has been a member of the Rockcastle County Board since 2013.

"Rockcastle County Schools are fortunate to have Mrs. Carrie Ballinger as our next Superintendent," Pensol said. "Her love for our students, their families and this community is evident in her daily work. She is well prepared to lead Rockcastle County Schools to a higher level of performance."

The new Superintendent is facing challenges that most incoming new superintendent's don't have to face, but she says she is ready for those challenges, according to Ballinger.

"The first order of business for myself is working with KED (Kentucky Department of Education) on plans to reopen the schools next year," said Ballinger. "We have been directed to create three separate calendars with optional start dates and procedures. Then as the governor and KDE work out potential start dates, while dealing with the COVID-19 virus, one of those calendars will be chosen. "This will provide an environment that is safe for the students, staff and families," she said.

The board set Ballinger's starting salary at \$105,000 per year and set her contract for only two years instead of the typical four years.

However, Ballinger says a two-year contract is typical for a newly-appointed position while everyone involved makes certain the appointment is a "good fit."

"Two years is typical for a starting Superintendent and then the contract is usually extended in the future," she said.

Ballinger is married to James Ballinger and the couple have four children. James Clay, Caleb and Cole, all graduates of CRCHS and Emma who is currently a freshman at CRCHS.

The family, which owns and operates Ballinger Farms, resides in the Three Links area of the county.

"I just have to say, I am so honored for this opportunity to serve the students and families of Rockcastle County. I am excited and look forward to every day," Ballinger said.

"Shooting"

(Continued from front)
lage Drive in Brodhead. Once at the scene, KSP troopers and deputies with the sheriff's office located a young juvenile and a local man deceased inside a residence at the apartments.

"It was a really tragic scene. Just tragic," said Rockcastle County Coroner Marvin Owens.

A KSP press release says Ricky D. McClure, 52, of Brodhead, and a two-year-old child appeared to have suffered fatal injuries as the result of gunshot wounds.

The KSP reports says investigators are not looking for any other suspects and no charges have been filed in connection with the shooting.

Both the man and the child were pronounced dead at the scene by the Coroner and both were taken to the State Medical Examiner's office in Frankfort for autopsies.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 11 Detective Ryan Loudermilk.

KSP Trooper Scottie Pennington told reporters "This is a sad day for Brodhead and a sad day for Rockcastle County."

"Flood"

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regular occurrence. Officials in the town have said in public meetings, "if it floods anywhere, it floods in Brodhead."

For several years the town of Brodhead has faced regular flooding on Main Street causing the closure of several businesses anytime rains are more than average.

This week was no exception.

Officials say the flooding is due to inadequate street drainage and old drainage systems throughout the town.

Over the years, the city has receive some grant funding from time to time to repair the damage done after a flood, but not much funding to keep another heavy rain from flooding the town again.

However, after a large flood in the town two years ago, Emergency Management Director Bryan Bussell was able to obtain a Federal Emergency Management grant to make the needed repairs to avoid future flooding problems. However, that money has not arrived as of yet.

Bussell said at a recent city commission meeting, "We have been approved for a FEMA grant and we will be able to address the flooding issues in Brodhead. But, it's the federal government we are dealing with. So, we will get the money when we get the money."

Bussell, the Brodhead City Commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash keep track of the grant on a daily basis and already has the bids and project plans ready to begin as soon as the money is released. But until the money is in the bank, officials cannot begin the construction.

As for the flooding this Monday evening, Bussell said the town was as ready as possible but there wasn't much anyone could do until the construction project begins.

Monday's flooding in Rockcastle County also affected several other areas around the county including a few reports of creeks out of their banks and water in yards.



Water swept over Climax Road Tuesday causing officials to close the roadway.

"Payment"

(Continued from front)
planned to proceed given the county's action, RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook only said, "I don't know."

In other action, the fiscal court accepted the state County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$975,937. The court agreed to hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. to give the public a chance to ask questions about how the county will spend the road aid funds.

"We are very restricted on how we are allowed to use the money anyway," said Holbrook. "But the required meeting gives the public a chance to ask questions or make recommendations."

Holbrook also told the magistrates the 2020-21 county budget must be completed and the second reading held in June so any changes or suggestions for the 2020-2021 budget should be brought to that same May 21st meeting so there will be time to incorporate any changes into the budget.

Magistrates also discussed a leaking roof on the local jail. Holbrook told Magistrates the county has received bids but he would prefer to look at other bids "just to make sure the price is reasonable." The cost, depending upon which option the court chooses, ranges from \$18,000 to \$21,000. Magistrates agreed to look for another bid for comparative purposes.

Members of the court also discussed sending \$5,000 to the company who supplies fireworks for the Blast in the Valley event. "This year's Blast has already been cancelled," said Holbrook. Meeting slight hesitation from magistrates, Holbrook and County Treasurer Joe Clontz explained the request. "This is half the cost but if we pay the \$5,000 now for next year's Blast, it will lock in the 2020 pricing and save us money in the long run," said Clontz.

Once explained, magistrates voted unanimously to pay the \$5,000 as long as a contract was signed to maintain the 2020 pricing.

Magistrates also voted to set speed limits on Red Bird Road and White Star Road at 15 mph and on Stephens Road at 25 mph.

The county-wide trash drop-off day was rescheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Clontz asked permission from the court to transfer \$100,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transfer \$50,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$50,000 to the 911 fund. Magistrates agreed.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, also recommended the court refuse to pay a claim from a truck driver and his company who had damaged his truck by driving over nail spikes placed by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's department during a police operation. Rowe said the spikes were clearly visible and it seemed obvious to him that the driver was not paying attention. Magistrates agreed unanimously to refuse the claim.

Having dealt with all business before the court, the meeting was dismissed.

"Search"

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continued to Rockcastle County where the driver turned on US 25 north towards Berea.

The Charger apparently blew a tire and was abandoned near the Rockcastle/Madison County line. The vehicle was later found on the side of the road.

Police say a female juvenile was arrested near the vehicle but the driver had fled the scene. No charges were listed against the female juvenile

A search included K-9 units but the suspect had apparently crossed several streams and creeks and is still running from police.

Police say the vehicle was reported stolen from Mississippi and a large amount of cash, along with drugs, were found in the car. Reports also say several handguns and semi-automatic weapons were found in the car and in a wooded area where the suspect apparently fled.

Officials say the suspect should be considered dangerous and anyone with information about his whereabouts are asked to contact police.

According to a social media post by Rockcastle Constable L. Dale Miller, who assisted in the search for the suspect through the evening, the suspect was last seen near Conway.

Assisting in the chase and the search were Mount Vernon Police Department, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, and other constables.

"Board"

(Continued from front)
work with than the previous budget though SEEK funding actually increased about \$8,000.

Sweet informed the board the total operating budget for the next school year is \$34,880,346. Sweet's

tentative budget notes show total general fund expenditures at \$27,730,138 leaving about \$7 million in other funds including \$2,675,811 in the food service fund.

Of the expenditures, \$16,596,028 was dedicated to instruction, but the budget also includes well over \$1.5 million in student support services, about \$1.2 million in instructional staff support and nearly \$2 million in student transportation, all funds dedicated to the students of Rockcastle County, according to board members.

"I am proud that our budget focuses so heavily on the students themselves," said Sweet. In fact, she said slightly over 82% of every dollar spent is used directly for the students each year.

Rockcastle County also greatly surpasses the required 2% contingency fund each year with nearly 7% this year at \$1,845,960.

Superintendent David Pensol, who has announced his retirement effective June 30th, said he is pleased the board has maintained instructional staff each year in spite of funding cuts the district experiences. "Our goal all along has been to maintain our instructional staff and once again this year, we have had to make adjustments in other areas in order to maintain that," said Pensol. "And, once again, we have been able to find ways do that. This board has done a wonderful job of supporting our instructional staff."

Pensol said the original goal was to provide about 75% of the budget to instructional staff but over the years continual cuts in state and federal funding have necessitated cuts in other areas since he refused to cut instructional services to the students. "Because of those cuts, and our dedication to the instructional staff, we are now at about 82% of our budget dedicated in that area alone."

Still, according to Pensol, funding is tight and he reminded the board that as retirements occur, the board may want to look at splitting duties or other changes to avoid filling the empty position in order to balance the budget.

Sweet also presented the salary schedule which officials say changed very little. A rank three certified employee with a teaching certificate and no teaching experience will start at \$36,839 while a rank one teacher with 20

years experience will earn \$57,561.

Pensol and the board also discussed next year's school calendar. "If anyone asked when school will start and when it will end and if there will be breaks, it is completely accurate right now to say 'I don't know.' We honestly have no way to know right now what will happen next year. Obviously the calendar the board had already approved will not work."

The superintendent discussed many possible options for a school calendar depending upon what happens with the Coronavirus restrictions. "Right now, we simply don't know what will happen and how NTI (non-traditional instruction) days will affect us and what restrictions will be in place," he said.

Though department heads were not present for the meeting, Pensol asked Jamie Saylor, Director of Food Services, to attend the meeting. "I asked Jamie to come because the board needs to be aware of the hard work and dedication she has put into feeding our kids during this time," said Pensol. "Her and her staff have worked when others wouldn't and couldn't and she has made certain Rockcastle County kids have the opportunity to be fed-and fed well."

In fact, the new "Meals to You" Program had 970 households enrolled already and Saylor said she expects boxes of food to be delivered to each of those households "within the next week or two."

Pensol also presented his personnel action report which shows the retirement of Tom Atkin, District Safety Coordinator.

Atkins was hired as part of the many new mandates over the past two years involving school safety.

The additional retirements include Linda Durham, MVES Instructional Assistant, Tammy Stevens, BES Teacher and Cindy McCullough, MVES Guidance Counselor.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 6 p.m.

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RCHS Senior Awards

Senior Art Award -- Callie Lewis

Math -- Hayden Robinson

AP English -- Hayden Robinson

Dual Credit English -- Cynthia Wells

Agriculture -- Holly Miller

Project Lead The Way -- Nathaniel Drew Bullock

Science -- Victoria Dotson

Senior Band Award -- Tarrylton John Dunn

Spanish I -- Zac Robinson

Spanish II -- Aidan Cain

Spanish III -- Brexton Cromer

Marines Semper Fidelis Band Award --
Lizzie Dixon

Family Consumer Science -- Heaven Pearson

Arts & Humanities --

Aaron Clark & Dawson Nicely

Honors Choir Award -- Tarrylton John Dunn

General Chorus Award -- Lincoln Hines

Social Studies -- Drew Bullock

Early Childhood Education Pathway
Industry Certification

Hope Clontz

Heaven Pearson

Briana Owens

Rockcastle Area Technology Center Outstanding Student Awards

Outstanding Automotive Technology -- Justin Denney

Outstanding Electrical Technology -- Elijah Miller

Outstanding Health Science -- Victoria Dotson

Outstanding Business Education -- Mckenzi Himes

Outstanding Welding Technology -- Dylan Chandler

SkillsUSA Leadership Award -- Brooklyn Young

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Spragens named to Dean's List

Alex Spragens of Brodhead has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Spragens is the son of Mark and Sherry Spragens of Brodhead and is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Centre College, founded in 1819, is a U.S. News top-50 national liberal arts college, among Forbes top-15 colleges and universities in the South seven years in a row, and included in Colleges That Change Lives.



Autumn King signs her letter-of-intent to play golf for the University of Cincinnati while her parents, Bert and Angie King look on along with her sisters, Keelee, Haven and Taylor.

Autumn King signs with University of Cincinnati

University of Cincinnati women's golf Head Coach Janet Carl welcomes Autumn King to the Bearcats, starting in the 2020-21 season.

A native of Mount Vernon, King racked up numerous accolades at Rockcastle County High School. As a senior, she was the regional champion, regional player of the year, Lady Rocket Invitational winner, state qualifier and made the cut during the state tournament. She also made

the cut at the state tournament as a junior and was the regional player of the year while finishing runner-up (losing in a playoff) at regionals. King lettered in golf seven years.

King is a multi-sport athlete as she also competed in track and field, swimming and volleyball. She was the state and regional champion in triple jump and four-time state qualifier in triple jump, long jump and 100 meter hurdles. In the pool, she qualified for states

twice in both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay. She was a varsity starter in volleyball and qualified for states once in cross country. In the classroom, King graduated first in her class, was summa cum laude, AP Scholar with Distinction and a member of the National Honor Society.

The Bearcats have four newcomers ready to join UC in the fall. King joins fellow signees Carmela Simon Prieto, Makenna Jones and Sadie Pan.

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K - Tanya Clark

Maycee Abney, Gabi Adams, Jaevyn Babbs, Avalynn Baxter, Kingston Bloom, Payton Branham, Daimen French, Audrey Harding, Noah Lear, Jon Luke Pingleton, Ian Rowland, Maddi Stamper, Graceson Ward, Easton Williams, Cole Zechman.

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1st - Michelle Atkin

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1st - Melissa Fairchild

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2nd - Emily Craig

Alayna Alexander, Kyndall Bloom, Nicholas Denny, Gavin Feltner, Avery Gatliff, Eli Hayes, Astrid Isaacs, Colten

Isaacs, Jase Lear, Harlan Long, Makenna McNally, Kaylee Robinson, Mia Scaff, VivieAnn Short, Jozelyn Smith, Cy Thacker, Wesley Thompson, Chloe Ward

2nd - Ainsley Bussell

Buddy Barron, Bo Bishop, David Burgess, Krysta Chasteen, Mya Didelot, Melody Garrison, Lauren Glovak, Leah Gregory, Sophie Hart, Jaylee Howard, Milahah Keathley, Ariel Lear, Cody Lee, Ryan Martin, MacKenna McClain, Cameron Nottingham, Braxton Owens, Jeremiah Rowland, Lilah Sizemore-Rankin, Addi White, Eli Williams.

3rd - Jessica Bullock

Sallee Blevins, Kayleigh Brock, Dalton Bullen, Ella Burrin, Eli Chasteen, Spencer Clark, Gabriella Collins, Lucas Huff, Arianna French, Ayden Isaacs, Olivia Linville, Bryson Maggard, James Murphy, Stryder Owens, Lukas Richard, James Short, Ethan Stallworth.

3rd - Nikki McKinney

Nevaeh Anglin, Grayson Bowles, Davie Chasteen, Wyatt Craig, Brycen Dollins, Ryan Lamb, Khloe McFerron, Lucas Millett, Lacey Prewitt, Abby Ramey, Savannah Rice, Marian Richard, Logan Rogers, Sebastian Rosiere, Jasmyn Savage, Brayden Sims, Kylie Sturgill.

4th - Krystal Gatliff

Aaliyah Abney, Jasper Bloom, Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Madison Grant, Evan Hayes, Bobby

Hensley, Marrick Hester, Alyssa Howard, Grant Johnson, Taylor Jones, Andi Lee, Brandon Robinson, Lindie Ross, Lacey Seals, Mason Taylor.

4th - Jennifer Peavie

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Opening schedule announced for Daniel Boone National Forest

The Daniel Boone National Forest will begin reopening recreation sites in June using a site-by-site approach, including assessment of facility cleanliness, maintenance status, and health and safety of recreation areas.

The following areas are tentatively scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, June 3:

- Most day-use sites, such as picnic areas and shooting ranges
- Redbird Crest & White Sulphur Off High-

way Vehicle Trails
• Red River Gorge (includes Geological Area, Clifty Wilderness, Indian Creek)

The following areas are tentatively scheduled to reopen on Thursday, June 11:

- Most developed campgrounds
- Those with existing campground reservations through www.Recreation.gov will be notified via email and/or text message if there

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Marathon delayed

Officials say the COVID-19 virus, among other delays, has caused crews to fall behind schedule slightly at the new Marathon Station under construction in Livingston. Jeff VanHook, RCIDA Executive Director, says the opening date has been moved out about 30 days.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet set for October

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchsalumassoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.


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

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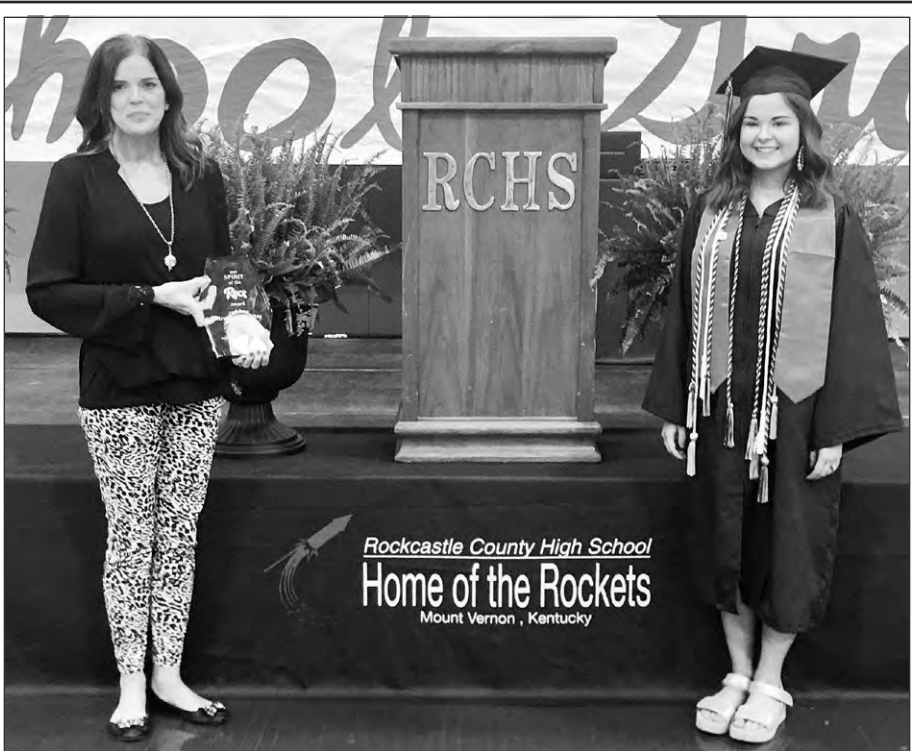
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During this week's virtual graduation ceremonies at Rockcastle County High School, the Student Council presented the 2020 Spirit of the Rock Award to Mrs Barb Mullins. The Award is given each year to a staff member at RCHS who goes above and beyond to promote a positive culture and learning environment for our students. "Mrs Barb" is a vital member of the FRYSC office at RCHS and was the Council's partner in the creation of Free Student Hygiene Centers in the HS restrooms. Mrs Barb helped to secure community support for the materials needed to maintain this service for students and worked tirelessly with the Council members to keep the centers stocked. Senior Council member and Student Hygiene Center co-chair, Kylie Fain, presented the award during her graduation ceremony.

Kentucky soldier's heroism subject of KET documentary

As Americans honor patriotic sacrifice on Memorial Day, KET will premiere the story of a Kentucky soldier who repeatedly put his life on the line for his country – but wasn't fully honored for it until 73 years later.

From Honor to Medal: The Story of Garlin M. Conner, airing at 8/7 p.m. ET/CT Monday, May 25, tells the story of one of the most decorated soldiers of World War II – who received the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, only after a 20-year campaign by his widow and friends.

Their campaign ended June 26, 2018, at the White House, when President Trump presented the medal to Pauline Conner, who still lives on their small farm near Albany, just down the road from their son Paul. She said in a speech at the Pentagon the next day, "This is what Murl would want me to say: God bless these United States of America."

Murl Conner served more than two years in the Third Infantry Division, suffering many wounds and earning four Silver Stars. On Jan. 25, 1945, he volunteered to be a forward observer for artillery that was needed to stop a German attack – an attack that came so close he finally called in artillery on his own position, offering his life for his country.

Conner survived that day in a ditch in the French province of Alsace, and came home to a Kentucky farm with no electricity or running water. He had a family, gave them a good life, and was a leader of his fellow farmers and veterans. He suffered in body and mind from his Army service, but said very, very little about it.

Only after Conner died in 1998 was his story told – first by a rank stranger who became his greatest advocate and inspired others to join his campaign to get Conner the Medal of Honor. Led by a neighbor who wouldn't take no for an answer, they struggled for 20 years to break through Army bureaucracy, losing at every turn – but remaining inspired by Murl Conner's battlefield examples of determination and resolve.

In the end, in an amazing turn of events, they

won. And now their story is being told, along with the story of Lt. Conner, who now may be the most decorated American soldier of World War II.

"He was a combination of Kit Carson and Davy Crockett," says Walton Haddix of Albany, who took up the campaign begun by Richard Chilton, a Green Beret veteran from Genoa City, Wisconsin. He met Conner and learned his story while researching the service of his uncle, who died at Anzio under Conner's command.

"He cared about his men more than anybody I ever knew," Chilton says. "If you want to save your life, go out with Murl. Don't go out with anybody else."

The documentary was produced by Lexington filmmaker Jeff Hoagland and the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. Al Cross, the executive producer and Institute director, says "I grew up in Albany and knew Murl Conner, but like almost everyone else in town, I had no idea of his war record, and when my brother David said I should do this documentary, I immediately agreed."

The one-hour documentary was sponsored by private donors and the Veterans Trust Fund of the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs, a state agency that assisted the Conner team's legal efforts at the direction of then-Commissioner Heather French Henry, whose cause was veterans when she was Miss America.

She says in the documentary, "Just to know that you are part of this great mission that has lasted so long, and that you could at some point in your future, tell your kids, tell your grandkids, that once upon a time you were part of this fight."

A trailer and a "teaser" for the documentary are online at honortomedal.us, along with information

about Murl Conner and some of the major players in the effort to get him the Medal of Honor.

"Forest"

(Cont. from B1)

are any changes.

These projected opening dates may vary depending on circumstances, and it may be necessary to not open or to close areas again if conditions change. Most boat launches, trails and the general forest area, have remained open to hiking, biking, boating, dispersed camping, hunting, fishing, etc. "Closing any site for any reason is not one we take lightly, but protecting our visitors and employees remains our highest priority. We are approaching re-opening with safety in mind," said Daniel Boone National Forest Supervisor Dan Olsen. "We are looking forward to seeing our recreation sites being enjoyed by the people from the communities we serve."

Although not accepting in-person visits, offices remain open and operational. Visitors are encouraged to contact their local Forest Service office for general information or assistance in obtaining maps and passes.

The Daniel Boone National Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please review current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with local and state guidelines for social distancing and cloth face coverings.

For up-to-date information and the projected opening schedule on the Daniel Boone National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf/ or the forest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/danielboonenf/ or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DanielBooneNF.

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative
2020 Session Results:
Agricultural Issues Addressed

Agriculture is as much a part of our state's legacy as the first pioneers who crossed the Cumberland Gap. We owe a considerable debt to our farms and the families who work them. Today, they work to meet market demands while COVID impacts everything from their ability to get summer help to the number of processors available to handle livestock and poultry. They must be flexible, they must be smart, and they must be creative.



When we look at agricultural policies, I try to remember the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, "You know, farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from a corn field." During the 2020 Regular Session, we did our best to craft laws with input from people who spend their time in those fields. I would like to share a few of them with you in this week's legislative update.

This session we continued our efforts to adapt state laws to best address the needs of our growing hemp industry. Issues continue to develop as the hemp market evolves, and we want to make sure state government does not prevent farmers and processors from success. This session we passed HB 236, which aligns state law with the Farm Bill passed in 2018 by Congress. This bill creates hemp-testing procedures and allows hemp producers and processors to transport hemp or hemp products. Kentucky is the first state in the nation to update our statutes to align with the federal program. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) anticipates that there were \$100 million in hemp sales last year, with approximately a thousand farmers and 200 companies engaged in hemp processing.

One of the most important bills passed was HB 59, which designates the Wednesday of National Farm Safety Week, the third week of September, as "Farmer Suicide Prevention Day." Rural mental health issues have received more and more attention. The desire to bring awareness and help for those dealing with emotional stress is growing. A variety of programs are being initiated at the local, state, and national levels to address the problems many rural Americans are encountering. My colleagues and I also took note of this vital issue. During the re-

cent session, \$500,000 was included in the shortened one-year budget plan to fund the Kentucky Rural Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Pilot Program. Farming, just like any other job, is difficult and stressful, which can leave people physically and mentally exhausted. We must provide more support and bring better awareness to the challenges that face the farming profession. This appropriation will help the state access federal grant money. The funding would go toward existing programs that provide counselors and resources to address rural mental health initiatives and promote awareness about farmer suicide prevention. Without farmers, we do not eat.

With a dramatic increase in the need for both small and large animal veterinarians expected over the next decade, we passed into law HB 214. This measure codifies the state's practice of purchasing slots at eligible veterinary schools through the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program, as well as creating a trust fund to pay for those slots. This bill is the product of a work group established in 2018 to study the state's future veterinary needs and the long-term practice of purchasing slots. The practice is designed to provide greater access for Kentucky residents to veterinary programs with the hope that a significant number of graduates will return to the state to help meet the need for veterinarians throughout the Commonwealth. Since none of our universities have a veterinary school, Kentuckians must attend an out-of-state university like Auburn or Tuskegee. Kentucky students who are awarded a seat then pay a reduced tuition rate at that institution, with the Commonwealth paying the difference. Not only does this help in agriculture, but it takes us one step closer to realizing our goal of increasing the number of degrees in health and sciences.

We also passed HB 238, legislation aimed at enabling a nationwide search to find the best-qualified candidate for our state veterinarian and deputy state veterinarian. These are incredibly important positions that oversee the health and welfare of our poultry, livestock, and agricultural industries and the KDA needs the ability to seek out the best possible candidates.

SB 94 removes the out-of-date requirements for the sale of gasoline containing up to 10 percent ethanol and replaces it with 15 percent. E-15, also marketed as Unleaded 88, has been available for years and is compatible with vehicles manufactured after 2001.

SB 184 amends the financial statement require-

ments that grain dealers and warehouse operators file with the KDA. This will ease unnecessary filing requirements that can increase the cost of doing business.

We continued the tradition of honoring our state's rich agricultural history by passing HR 26 which declared February 22-29, 2020 as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week across the Commonwealth. While these resolutions are ceremonial, they do drive home how important organizations like the FFA are to our communities and way of life. Hundreds of Kentucky high school students participate in FFA, and they gain valuable experiences that prepare them for careers in agricultural science, business, and technology fields.

So many of our farmers have been impacted because of this pandemic. But the sun rises and sets on the work they do. We must continue to support and buy from our local farmers. I appreciate all of them who are working around the clock to provide for Kentucky families. We will continue to help you. I am glad to have been raised on the farm, and continue that farming tradition with my children.

Even though we are not in session now, I want to hear from you regarding concerns or ways I can assist you. I can be reached here at home or through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@LRC.KY.GOV.

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)
- Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- 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.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

Daniel Boone CAA accepting applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), new Spring enrollment period added in response to COVID-19 Crisis

Expanded eligibility requirements make home energy assistance program available to more qualified residents across Clay County applications accepted through June 30, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Daniel Boone CAA is now taking applications for an added spring open enrollment period for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2020, or until designated funds are depleted on a first-come, first-serve basis. "The COVID-19 pandemic has put many families under unprecedented stress. They should not have to worry about how they will keep their lights on and cook for their children," said Roger McCann, executive director of Community Action Kentucky. "That is why this new Spring LIHEAP couldn't come at a better time. It will help take some of that stress off. When it is combined with other Community Action services, LIHEAP will really help families and communities in their efforts to recover and rebuild."

The program, which is designed to help low-income households offset home energy costs, has increased income eligibility requirements to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The benefit amount awarded is based on an individual's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor in the form of a voucher.

Each year, the 23 Community Action agencies provide home energy assistance to over 100,000 Kentucky families through LIHEAP. Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties. Qualified applicants are encouraged to contact their local Daniel Boone CAA outreach office for specific applications instructions.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Daniel Boone CAA administers LIHEAP in partnership with Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Daniel Boone CAA website at DanielBooneCAA.org

ELIGIBILITY:

1) Household income must be at or below the following, relative to household size:

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$ 1,595	5	\$3,835
2	\$ 2,155	6	\$4,395
3	\$2,715	7	\$4,955
4	\$3,275	8	\$5,515

Add \$560 for each additional family member

2) Must be responsible for home energy costs or pay energy costs as an undesignated portion of rent

3) Must not have in excess of \$2,000 in liquid resources, or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is age 60 or older; &/or disabled except for households where a member has an illness, which requires liquid resources to be accessed for medical and living expenses, the amount may be \$4,000.

COVID-19 POLICIES: To maintain social distancing guidelines, Community Action Agencies utilizes various means completing applications, including electronically, by mail, over the phone.

Please contact your local DBCAA agency at 606-256-6315.

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City/County about to begin the reopening

By: Mike French
Editor

The reopening process is about to begin in Rockcastle County.

Due to orders by Governor Andy Beshear, businesses, state and local buildings, parks, family reunions, church gatherings and most of the state in general has been closed or greatly restricted since the beginning of March due to Beshear's fears of the spread of the Coronavirus.

However, since the predicted surge of cases never materialized, hospitals across the state have dismantled their surge facilities, parks are beginning to reopen, businesses are beginning to bring workers back and public buildings are reopening.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook says he is looking forward to getting

closer to a "normal" way of life.

"We are planning to reopen our parks and public buildings beginning June 1," said Holbrook. "Some things will be handled differently than they were before the closings, but overall, the county is open for business."

Holbrook says the Rockcastle County Courthouse has never been completely closed. "We never closed completely, we simply started asking people to call and schedule an appointment before coming to the building," he said. "As a matter of fact, that has worked very, very well."

So well, that Holbrook says he plans to continue that method of business. "Until after the elections, we are still asking people to call in and set up an

(See "reopen" on A5)



Residents of the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead sat in the sun Friday, May 22 as friends and family had the chance to drive by and wave during the Family and Community Parade. Families have been unable to visit their loved ones in centers across the state as restrictions have been in place since March due to the Coronavirus.



City Council holds on to hopes for the Blast in the Valley event

By: Mike French
Editor

Editor's note: In last week's issue of the Signal, we reported that the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) had approved a two month loan extension request from Microfoodery Manufacturing. In fact, the City of Mount Vernon had not voted to approve the

loan extension. Only the RCIDA had approved the request and the fiscal court denied the request at their regular May meeting. We apologize for the error.

There was a lengthy discussion about the apparent cancellation of Blast in the Valley during last week's Mount Vernon City Council Zoom meeting.

Officials said during a recent fiscal court meeting that the event had

been cancelled but the court voted to pay \$5,000 in advance for next year's event in order to keep the 2020 (less expensive) pricing schedule.

However, officials and councilmembers of the City of Mount Vernon were unaware of the cancellation.

"I didn't know it was cancelled until I read it in the paper," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "I would truly like to know who decided to cancel it without so much as mentioning it to the ones that are paying for it. The Blast is our city's biggest event and our citizens love it. It is a way we can all give back to the citizens of Mt. Vernon and the county. I wish we could have simply postponed it."

During the Zoom meeting, Bray told members that Fire Chief David Bales had said it was the fireworks company who had cancelled the event and it was assumed that it was cancelled because

of the Coronavirus restrictions.

However, Councilmember Jamie Bryant and Shelly Raines-Lewis and Mayor Bryant said they greatly preferred holding the event at a later date.

Mayor Bryant said he

would discuss the issue with the county, the tourist board and Renfro Valley in an attempt to reschedule the Blast rather than cancel it for 2020. "Even if we have to hold the event without the fire-

(See "Blast" on A5)

May bid new water basin in June

City holds annual budget first reading

By: Mike French
Editor

Mt. Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray presented the first reading of the City of Mount Vernon's fiscal budget to councilmembers during Thursday's regular monthly meeting.

Bray says the budget is "extremely conservative" and includes some "guesswork" this fiscal year since the affects of the state's Coronavirus mandated restrictions have not been fully realized as of yet.

"We have created a worst case scenario budget just to be safe and fiscally responsible," he said. "We are trying to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. I think we have done that. I do

believe this budget reflects a worst case scenario and things will not be this bad but we have to budget this way right now."

The overall annual budget for the City of Mount Vernon totals slightly over \$6.65 million, according to Bray. "We have cut in every way we can in order to be able to continue with the projects we need to work on and still remain responsible. But I believe we will be better off than this budget suggests."

With a \$300,000 carry over, the general fund balance will start at \$355,000 since this budget shows a

(See "City" on A5)

"The algae causing the bad taste in our water is kicking our butt right now,"
Josh Bray

Fiscal court is planning tight 2020/21 budget

By: Mike French
Editor

The \$8,311,488 Rockcastle County budget has a lot of possible shortfalls that County Treasurer Joe Clontz is keeping a close eye on. "We are going to have to watch what we do very closely," he said.

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Thursday, May 21 to approve the municipal road aid fund of \$975,937 and hold the first reading of the 2020/2021 fiscal budget.

Clontz reminded members of the court that "Now is a very good time to tighten the belt" on the budget since officials have no way of knowing

exact numbers yet due to the COVID-19 restrictions and business closures.

"We have been very

(See "County" on A5)

US 25 Yard Sale postponed to Oct.

By: Mike French
Editor

The annual 100-mile US 25 Yard Sale, that travels through Rockcastle County, has been rescheduled.

According to officials with the event, the yard sale will now be held October 2 and 3 and will also

include a route change since Grant County will not be included this year.

Officials say the date change was made due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The event is also planned for only two days this year instead of the usual three-day period.

(See "Sale" on A5)

No new cases

According to Health Department reports, Rockcastle County is holding at 15 total positive reported cases in the county of the Coronavirus COVID-19. All 15 cases have recovered

Vote on or before June 23

Those wishing to vote by absentee ballot must request your ballot by June 15 at the County Clerk's office. See next week's Signal for information about polling locations, dates and optional methods of voting.

RCIDA meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Drivers testing

The Kentucky State Police announced that the KSP Drivers Testing Branch will begin facilitating permit testing after June 1 at selected locations. Times and dates will be determined later.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I was rather worn out last night when I finally dragged myself off to bed. It had been a busy few days with the decorating of graves and two wonderful days of visiting family just about wore these old bones out.

Youngest daughter Allison exhausted me just watching her going through her cleaning regimine of my house which she does every time she visits. If I didn't appreciate the effort so much I might inquire as to why she thinks my house needs it so badly but, then, I look at my house and realize that it's pretty apparent why she does it.

A big family is a blessing and one that I am most thankful for. But, the weekend started with the annual "decorating" of graves and that is a sad period in itself. It doesn't matter that you think of lost loved ones every day of your life anyway but it just seems sadder somehow to visit their graves and realize how much more fulfilling your life would be if they were still with you.

Jamie and I made the rounds this year, starting here, of course, then onto Berea for my husband's parents and his sister and then continuing to Versailles for my mom and dad, sister and brother.

Of course, we had to stop in Lexington for a little shopping (after all, I haven't had a new pair of shoes for a couple of months) and were reminded forcibly of the new "norm" when most people were running around in masks (which

always makes me think of an old-timey B Western movie for some reason) and sales clerks were busy "sanitizing" credit card machines after each use. I told Jamie that procedure always makes me feel like they think I'm Typhoid Mary.

I hesitated before going into church Sunday because I had forgotten my mask at home but then decided a torn off paper towel, a roll of which I happened to have in the car, would serve that purpose. Besides, once I managed to get inside, we were spaced "socially distanced" from each other which always begs the question to me of, if masks work why do we need social distancing and if social distancing works why do we need masks?

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are things about our history that simply do not add up and it drives me nuts that no one seems to care.

Somehow, over the later years of my life, I have become extremely curious about the world and how we got to where we are as a human race. But when I talk about it, those around me roll their eyes and apparently think it is the epitome of unimportance. As if our history makes absolutely no difference at all in where we came from or where we are going.

I believe strongly in knowing one's history at least a little. I guess I have reached an age where I see so many things in life repeat itself, but only to those who have not been through it before. Rarely does the

same bad things happen to a person several times.

They only seem to happen to people who didn't know what to expect and no experience in the matter. If you have lived through an event and it turned out bad and caused you pain, you most likely will avoid doing that thing again. We learn from the past.

This is partly why I write so much about my grandparents and the "old days." I just think they matter. I hope we learned from their mistakes.

But stuff like Stone Henge seems like it should be a human's first, most important research project ever.

Somehow, people without electric, gasoline,

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Snowball bush

The house I lived in as a boy was just off old U.S. 25, two miles south of Mt. Vernon. It was surrounded by a large yard, which was covered with beautiful flowers planted by my grandmother, a remarkable woman who we called "Mommie Katie." She absolutely had the greenest thumb of anyone I have ever witnessed.

Anything and everything that Mommie planted became something to behold. Our yard was filled with a variety of flowering plants, strategically planted by her own hands. It was a thing



of beauty, a living palette of colors. Countless friends came to see her blossoms on a regular basis.

The house was bordered on two sides with an L-shaped porch. Two swings were situated on the porch so that we could sit in the shade and view Mommie's flowers. In one corner of the yard, she planted a large snowball bush, which at one time was about twelve feet tall and possibly fifteen feet wide. In late spring, the white, round flowers created a beautiful centerpiece for her assorted plants in the yard.

The blooms lasted until mid-summer. In the fall, the leaves turned purple before they fell to the ground. Therefore, the bush was stunning during both spring and fall.

My wife and I moved to our new home in Mt. Sterling just before Thanksgiving 2019. Before we purchased the property, I walked the huge yard several times in order to try to determine the names of the dormant shrubs and bushes.

One particular shrub avoided my plant classification. I kept an eye on that one bush as it sprouted leaves and grew fuller and denser. One day after a late breakfast, I walked into my backyard and witnessed a most beautiful sight.

There in our new yard was a snowball bush! I ran back into the house to immediately inform my wife. She had heard me describe Mommie Katie's snowball bush many times, and she could tell by my tone of voice how excited I was. For me, it was like

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I had a US postal, hand-written, letter last week from a lady who lives near Whitesburg, in Letcher County. She is compiling a book about the history of Letcher County schools, past and present, and was asking if I'd be willing to share anything I remembered about the schools I had attended in my youth. I only have her snail mail contact information but I believe she may be onto something that needs doing. Next week I hope to

have a better way, than snail mail, of seeing if we can do something to assist her effort.

In the meantime, I thought I'd get a column out of her request because, thanks to Mr. Parkinson and the residual effects of at least three strokes, I can only type with the middle finger and thumb of my right hand and I haven't been able to write anything legibly with pen and paper for over a decade. Writing is slow going for me. A column that used to require an hour or two of time and effort now requires the better part of three days. I'm simply too stubborn, at least so far, to give up the habit, but it isn't getting any easier.

What I really need to do is locate at least a dozen old columns I have written, over the last 40 years, about my school days, but that is much easier said than done. The first 10 or 15 years of those columns did not involve a computer but there are carbon copies of them around here somewhere.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Our Whippoorwills

Dear Journal,

Several nights ago a whippoorwill came to serenade us. The serenade began just after we had gone to bed and were almost asleep. Then, all of a sudden, "Whippoorwill!, Whippoorwill!" I hadn't heard a whippoorwill in a long time. They seem to be rather rare and they tend to stay pretty far out in the country, too.

This whippoorwill began his concert about nine-thirty, just a little after dark. He sang for about ten minutes or longer, keeping us awake. I wondered if there might be a pair of whippoorwills and if they might be raising a little family there in our backyard. This fellow seemed no more than a few feet from our window, he was so loud. Now that I was awake, an old Hank Williams song came to mind,

"I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry". This song speaks of a lonesome whippoorwill. I don't know if this one was lonesome or not but he sounded rather cheerful. In another country song, it speaks of a whippoorwill. This one is Randy Travis' "Deeper than the Holler". This song speaks of "longer than the song of the whippoorwill" In this video, there is a picture of a whippoorwill. It is a small brownish, speckled-looking bird. I'm surprised, an old rock and roller from way back and disco queen such as myself knew such information.

About the same time as their original arrival, one morning at least two hours before daylight, I heard the whippoorwills singing again. I was in

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Preview: Tuesday, June 2nd & 9th from 4-6 p.m. When attending preview, please adhere to CDC guidelines for social distancing. **Pickup:** Wednesday, June 10th from 12-6 p.m.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins May 30th through June 8th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.

Buyer's Premium: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price to both real estate and personal property.

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Rockcastle Library Information
 Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice; however, the library is now offering **limited curbside service** for books and DVDs only. A reopening date for the library has not been determined as yet. Call 256-2388 for more info.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled
 The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Applications being taken for LIHEAP
 In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Community Action Agencies across Kentucky are now taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy. Eligibility requirements have been expanded to allow more Kentuckians to qualify. No disconnection notice is required. For more information and to apply, call your local office at 606-256-5315.

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.

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.

“Aces”
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 heavy construction equipment, helicopters, technology or even the written word, moved stones that weighed 50 tons from 120 miles away and then placed it on top of other stones six stories in the air.

Man! If we knew how they did that with zero heavy equipment or mechanical power, imagine what we could do now that we DO have electricity and heavy equipment. It seems critically important to me that we figure that out.

There are thousands of other examples including the Pyramids and underground caves and monolithic structures. But if we could figure out how they did that, surely our ability to build or create now would multiply logarithmically.

We (humans) just don't seem to learn from our past. Even watching past dictators turn their country into a socialist, dictatorship, we stand by and watch our government seemingly trying to do the exact same thing and we smile and say "thank you," and speak the same words those poor people spoke. "Oh, it couldn't happen here."

I just happen to believe that if we actually learned from our history and took advantage of what we should have learned from our past, the world would be a much better place for everyone.

It is so easy to forget traditions, ethics, moral values and lessons.

I wish we could discover how people used to do so much more with so much less and put that information to good use. I also wish we could remember what has happened in our past and recognize it when it is on its way again.

Here's hoping that tomorrow, we don't make the same mistakes we made yesterday. As of now, to me, we seem anxious to do so.

“ramblings”
(Cont. from A2)

Anyway, I'm not sure that our country will ever return to the old" normal. I've already heard several stories of people refusing to go back to work because then they will lose their \$600 a week, above their regular 80% employment, which is to be paid through June, I believe. And, I even heard something briefly on the news today about the government might try a \$450 incentive to get people to go back to work. Whether this is per week for a period of time

or a one time "incentive" I'm not sure but the \$600 seemed a little excessive to me since people could draw 80% of their wages anyway. But, once enacted into law, people are not stupid, why should they go back to work before the additional \$600 runs out and take a cut in income?

I have read that the additional \$600 in weekly income might be extended through January of 2021. That should guarantee a continued slowdown of the economic recovery into the next year, a development which Democrats hope will work in their favor in the November election for President.

I don't really expect any major disruption of my life over this CoronaChinavirus unless I come in contact with someone who gets the disease and then the "contact tracers" have to contact me to try to trace the disease and I refuse to cooperate and embarrass my children.

But, that's probably a *ramblings* for another week.

“T. J.’s”
(Cont. from A2)

the kitchen letting the dogs out this time. Evidently, they have this thing about just after dusk and just before dawn. I've decided it is the whip-poorwills who wake up the roosters and remind them to crow every morning. If you had both at your house, you might as well forget about sleeping.

“Memories”
(Cont. from A2)

Mommie Katie had put her stamp of approval on our yard.

I will never forget Mommie's dedication to both her outdoor and indoor flowers. Our yard and kitchen were always displaying some sort of natural beauty. I loved watching her take pride in her plants, and I can still picture her on her knees in the yard, wearing a full apron and a bonnet on her head. I think some of her love of plants has rubbed off on me.

For Mommie, her gardening work was just as much a spiritual endeavor as it was a menial one. She was devoted to her tasks and to the excellent performance of them all, whether in the physical world or the spiritual. It is for this reason that I sometimes wonder if she gardens a small patch of heaven somewhere. It wouldn't surprise me one bit—and I'd bet that there is a snowball bush

amongst it all.
(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 suggestions and comments.)

“Points East”
(Cont. from A2)

I wonder how many people, under 40 years of age, have ever seen an actual "carbon copy"? Or, for that matter, a typewriter used to make one? By 1982, even I had usually had easy access to a Xerox Machine. On the other hand, I doubt that anybody, under 40, actually reads this column.

I spent all 8 years of "elementary school", commencing in the fall of 1955, at Blair Branch Grade School, decades before middle schools had come into vogue. When I was in first grade school, Blair Branch had 3 rooms, about 100 students and three teachers. One room housed about 2 dozen first and second graders for 1 teacher. The so-called "middle room", for third, fourth and fifth graders had upwards of 3 dozen students for 1 teacher as did the "big room" for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

By 1963, our school was down to an enrollment of about 70 and my eighth grade class, in the spring of 1963, was the last one to graduate Blair Branch. Eighth graders, that fall, were bused to Letcher Elementary. Over the next 3 years the remaining Blair Branch students were "consolidated" with Letcher. Both Letcher Elementary and Letcher High School were named for the community of Letcher, not the county. Letcher is a small community in Letcher County and this can be very confusing to folks who don't live there.

In the 1950s there were still upwards of 40 or more, small community grade schools, similar in size, to Blair Branch, scattered throughout Letcher County. In fact there were 3 other schools located less than 3 miles from ours. By the mid 1960s there were fewer than a dozen elementary schools, county wide. In the 1960s Letcher County had 5 high schools. Now we have 2 and one of them is an independent school system that is not governmentally affiliated/operated with the county schools.

I am not going to argue whether or not this consolidation was good or bad. I do believe strongly that it forever, negatively changed the ways the community residents cared for one another and interacted socially. On the other hand, it drastically improved the quality, content and economic efficiency of education. There is simply no way that that the school system could financially afford that many schools today and still maintain any semblance of the academic opportunities we now enjoy.

I know that hundreds of central Kentuckians, from numerous counties are Letcher County natives who spent at least a few of their early years in schools similar to Blair Branch or one of Letcher County's high schools.

Please be thinking about it. If I am able to track my letter writer down, let's see how many photos of old Letcher County school buildings, as well as personal experiences we had within them, we can come up with.

I hope to make this easy for you in next week's paper.

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Obituaries

Della Mae Taylor

Della Mae (Napier) Taylor, 61, of Brodhead, died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. She was born March 1, 1959 in Mt. Vernon, to Paul and Helen (Proffitt) Napier. She had worked at SumiRiko Tennessee Inc., was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed her jewelry, her Mustang, and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her parents, Paul (Helen) Napier; one brother, Larry (Debbie) Napier of Ottawa; three sisters, Rose (Price) Todd of Richmond, Melody Lunsford of Junction City, Paula (Chester) Day of Ottawa; nieces and nephews, Doug Day, Shannon Day, Brandon Day, Stacey Erlandson, Andrew Napier, Ashley Loosemore, Tyler Napier, Angela Day, Lindsey Elliott and Isaac Day; and close friend, Jim Hagerman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Dr. Michael Hail officiating. Burial was in Napier Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Doug, Shannon, Brandon, and Isaac Day, Tyler Napier, and Justin Loosemore. Honorary pallbearers were Andrew Napier and Jim Hagerman.

Condolences may be made at:
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Linda Gail McCarthy

Linda Gail McCarthy, 72, of Huntington WV, died Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Facility. She was born in Gallagher, WV on July 1, 1947, the daughter of Clarence Everett and Bessie Mae Moore McCarthy.

In accordance with Ms. McCarthy's wishes, she was cremated and returned to family in West Virginia.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Billy Ray McLemore

Billy Ray McLemore, 62, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Teresa McLemore and father of Jeffrey McLemore and Jennifer McLemore, died Friday, May 22, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Raymond Offutt and Jim Miller. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

• New deadline •

Due to changes at printing plant,
Mount Vernon Signal's
deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

Lived In The Flesh

Of the great accomplishments of the Son of God, one stands out as a monumental strength building reality for the help of mortal man. The accomplishments the life in an earth-suit that Jesus successively lived, and that life was without sin. Hebrews 4:15 For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit.

The spiritual battles of men are many. The devil is a deceiver, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience, the serpent, the roaring lion, and has been able to start and multiply false teachings, and false religions many times over. One of his many lies has centered around whether or not Jesus was the Son of God, whether he came in the flesh, whether he was resurrected, and host other fancies and fables of deception. If one takes God's Word as absolute and inerrant, this, as well as all spiritual inquiries can be answered. The Bible clearly shares the truth about the humanity of Christ.

The Father sent the Son to live in this world of sin and disappointment to show us how much He cared and how much He could share. Jesus understood setbacks and temptations. He was in all points tempted, yet without sin. 1 Peter 2:22 Who did know sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.

Jesus took the nature of mankind and is able to relate to the problems we have in life, our living, our troubles, our temptations, our fears, and our sufferings. Hebrews 2:16-17 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels, but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. He was totally acquainted with the life all men face, that he might be a faithful high priest. He was the word made flesh. John 1:14.

He was the seed of David according to the flesh. Romans 1:2 He was God manifest in the flesh. 1 Timothy 3:16 He was the seed of the woman that would bruise the head of the serpent. Genesis 3:15

We have a great Captain of Salvation, who walked here, taught here, suffered here, and died here, and was resurrected to the right hand of God in Heaven. Our Lord know what it is like to live on this earth as a human being. 1 Corinthians 10:13 there hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with temptation also make away to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Praise God for such great blessings. (These are many things in life we cannot be, but we can be faithful if we are Christians).

Thank you for reading this message, I pray you are blessed with the things you need, and you give God the glory. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ about this message or you have some other question, you can call us at these numbers - Bro. Dale McNew at 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker at 606-878-8104.

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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 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.

Johanna Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johanna Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johanna Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, KY 40460.

To contact Bill his phone number is 606-308-3244. Donations will be accepted at the cemetery May 22th - 25th.

Thanks to everyone for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

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

McKinney Cemetery

Our Annual Meeting for Memorial Day Weekend will be postponed this year, due to COVID 19. The date for the meeting will be announced as soon as we can safely do so.

Any donations for the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery should be sent to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Phelps Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Phelps Cemetery may be sent to Phelps Cemetery, c/o Randy Renner at 605 Steep Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Comments can be addressed to Randy Renner at 606-392-9763 or randyrenner76@gmail.com

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Briarfield Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Briarfield Cemetery can be mailed to: Timothy Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 or Kenny Reams, Briarfield Cemetery, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729.

Please make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

Thank you for helping with upkeep of the cemetery.

Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for upkeep and mowing of Sand Hill Cemetery at Sand Hill Baptist Church to: Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Maret Cemetery

Donations for upkeep will of the Maret Cemetery may be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Freedom Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Freedom Cemetery may be mailed to Ronnie McKinney, 335 McK Farm Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Three Links Phillips Cemetery

Please send all donations for the mowing and upkeep of Three Links Phillips Cemetery to: Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Farmers and Ranchers to Receive Direct Support for Losses Related to COVID-19

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

"America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Secretary Perdue. "These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America's farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and determination."

Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

Background: CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to on-going market disruptions.

Non-Specialty Crops and Wool: Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eligible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

Livestock: Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum

of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

Dairy: For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter, calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter.

Specialty Crops: For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

Eligibility: There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

Applying for Assistance: Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

Payment Structure To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.



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.

“Blast”

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works. The Blast is a major event,” said the mayor.

Council member Bryant said “Surely we could move it to a later date. Even if we had to do some things differently.” Mayor Bryant agreed. “If they can reschedule the Kentucky Derby, surely we can reschedule the Blast in the Valley.”

In other action, Mayor Bryant announced the city’s plans to open the city by June 1, including all city buildings and parks.

Mayor Bryant said the city is having highly traveled areas, where customers would frequent, steam cleaned or power washed and the city is planning to “open up across the board” beginning this week. “A local business has offered their services to clean our counters and other areas and we plan to take advantage of that kind offer,” said Mayor Bryant.

In fact, City Administrator Josh Bray said he even hopes to open the Splash Pad, though there are still many regulations about pool openings. “Technically, it’s not a pool because the water doesn’t circulate and it is big enough to meet distancing requirements,” he said. “We are hoping we can open the Splash Pad when we open the parks. We believe we can open the area for our citizens in a safe manner.”

The mayor also said he is looking into having glass placed over all the customer counters at city hall to better ensure the safety of citizens. “Plans are to open the city on June 1,” he said.

Councilmember Jamie Bryant said she had noticed city workers at the local parks and asked if the areas would be ready to open soon. Bray explained that recent flooding has caused damage to the park systems in Mount Vernon and workers are cleaning up the areas and preparing them for reopening.

Council members heard many details of the monthly financial reports from City Administrator Josh Bray. He explained that the reports may be slightly skewed due to the uncertainties involved during the Coronavirus restrictions. “We still have a decent surplus and things seem to be about as expected at this point,” said Bray. “But we will not know how these restrictions have affected us until later.”

Councilman Clifford Mullins asked if the city will be eligible for extra funding due to the Coronavirus restrictions and closures. “We are going after every single dollar we can get,” said Bray. However, Mayor Bryant said there may not be a lot available and officials should not expect that type of funding to make a big difference in the 2020 budget. “We are blessed that our three biggest organizations are essential workers so we haven’t suffered as much as some cities,” he said. “The School, the hospital and Rtech as well as our dollar stores, grocery stores and convenience stores were able to continue working.”

During old business, Councilmember Shelly Raines-Lewis brought up the issue of the Microfoodery loan extension request. “I don’t recall us approving that loan ex-

ension request,” she said. “I read in the paper that we had approved it but I don’t remember that.” Mayor Bryant said the city had not officially approved that request. “It was an innocent misunderstanding but we did not officially approve that request,” he said. “I’m not saying Microfoodery was not justified in asking, but the Judge (Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook) and I had some serious reservations about that request. We have worked well with them but it has been a long, long time and there comes a time when it’s just too much.”

In other action, the council discussed the first reading of the City of Mount Vernon’s 2020/21 budget (see related story) and Bray told councilmembers this budget includes some “guesswork” since the full affects of the state mandated shutdowns cannot be fully calculated yet.

Mayor Bryant said he expects the next city council meeting to be held “the old fashioned way” in council chambers, in person. “It will be good to see everyone again and the room is big enough that we can observe most any restrictions that are still in place at that time,” he said.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Currently, the public is invited to attend.

“City”

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\$55,000 surplus. “We started with a pretty good nest egg and that is a big help,” he said.

One of the many cuts in revenue listed during the presentation was the budgeted \$700,000 in occupational tax revenue. “We usually budget \$775,000 in a normal fiscal year,” said Bray. “Our net profit revenue went from \$55,000 to \$45,000 and we lowered our insurance premium tax (estimate) significantly.”

Bray said the campground revenue will also be down noticeably this next fiscal year. “We have already seen a drop there,” he said. “But our fire department is killing it coming up with revenue. That is a big help to the city also.”

Bray said the Bittersweet account remained the same at \$32,000.

On the expense side, Bray said the revenue gained from the new alcohol tax will appear in different places in the budget, in accounts where the revenue can be used by law. “Most of that money will appear as though we are increasing wages,” he said. “But we aren’t. Our auditors and I agreed that placing the alcohol tax revenue in those funds will make it much easier to track and be more transparent.”

Revenue from the alcohol tax can be used for any expense the city has that would not be present if there were no alcohol sales in the city, according to Bray. “Some of the money will show up in the police department budget, for example, because 10 percent of that money can be used for police department expense in administering and dealing with the sale of alcohol,” Bray said.

Bray discussed flooding issues in the city as well and listed several projects the city has planned to help drainage and relieve future flooding. Bray said the cleaning of the lagoon near the

water plant can be skipped in 2021 since it is only done every 18 months. “This helped drop water fund expenses \$150,000,” he said. At the same time, the sewer department budget is increased greatly since grant money has been placed in that budget for the pump station project through FEMA.”

A greatly anticipated project is the new water basin that is expected to remove the taste and odor from the drinking water in Mount Vernon. “The algae causing the bad taste in our water is kicking our butt right now,” said Bray. “We are getting complaints about every day, but we believe we can bid the project out in June of this year. The red tape involved has been ridiculous. We have been on top of it for 18 months now and we fight through red tape constantly. But now, we are supposed to receive final approval to bid out the project in June.”

Bray and Mayor Mike Bryant say the new basin is expected to “solve the issue” of the bad taste and odor in the local water system.

Bray says nearly every year there are no changes in the budget between the first and second reading, but he expects some changes this year before next month’s meeting. “Some of these numbers will change as we get more information about how we have been affected by the recent restrictions,” said Bray.

Mayor Bryant said he and Bray, and others in the city, have worked diligently to prepare the budget. “We have definitely been affected by this Coronavirus situation, we just don’t know yet how badly we have been affected,” he said. “This has certainly been challenging for us all but I think the City of Mount Vernon has fared well through it all and we will be okay.”

The second reading of the budget is expected to be held during the June regular meeting on June 18 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

“Reopen”

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appointment because of the obvious rush we will see.”

The Judge says reopenings continue to have restrictions mandated. “We hear about things opening back up but there are still a lot of mandated restrictions in place,” he said. “This will not be just back to normal. Even those who have an appointment at the courthouse will have to answer a few questions and have a temperature check before they come inside. And there are other restrictions as well. Those restrictions may change and we will deal with them as they come.”

Holbrook says March and April are two of the biggest months for license tag renewals as well as driver’s licenses and other public needs at the courthouse. “When we do open back up, we are going to be rushed with those people who have been waiting since March so we are asking that everyone continue to set an appointment for now.”

Holbrook says he plans to reevaluate county schedules later in July.

Josh Bray, Mount Vernon City Administrator, says the city plans to be “completely reopened on June 1.”

Yet Bray also says it will not be business as usual. “Although things will not be completely back to normal, there will be some semblance of normalcy,” he said. “We didn’t lose any employees but we had to get creative with our scheduling to remain in compliance with the governor’s orders but we were able to do that.”

Bray also says planned projects are about to receive attention as well. “Some of our projects were put on hold during all of this, but I’m excited to get things going again,” he said. “The people of our community have handled all of this in stride.”

Holbrook agreed. “We all owe a great deal of thanks to our business owners, health care workers and the citizens who have worked so well with their fellow citizens,” Holbrook said. “Our community needs to continue to help each other and support each other and show our unwavering Rock Pride.”

“County”

(Continued from front)

lucky that Rockcastle County’s two biggest employers were considered essential services and did not have layoffs during this pandemic,” said Clontz. “So our occupational tax will not be as strongly affected as most counties.”

However, though the county may not be as strongly affected, Clontz says there will indeed be some affect from the recent closures as well as due to I-75 construction. “We just don’t know the extent of the affect it will have on our revenue and we had better plan on the worst and hope for the best,” he said.

The county is expected to lose some revenue gained through the

occupational tax due to lay offs and closed businesses but Clontz is also concerned about the completion of the I-75 improvements.

“Workers on the I-75 construction project are scale wage workers and that makes a noticeable difference in our revenue. Are they finished in Rockcastle County? No,” he said. “But they will be.”

The occupational tax Clontz is watching closely is vitally important for the 2020/21 budget because department shortfalls are even bigger this year than last and the general fund includes that tax, according to Clontz.

In fact, the jail budget alone shows a \$751,076 shortfall, meaning predicted revenue from the jail will be \$751,076 less than required to operate the jail, Clontz said.

But the detention center isn’t the only fund that will need to draw from the general fund.

The LGEA fund shows a shortfall of \$62,869 and the fairgrounds fund shows a shortfall of \$4,250. Even the 911 fund shows a shortfall of \$122,581 in the new budget.

Overall, the 2020/21 fiscal budget shows shortfalls totalling \$941,526, all of which will have to come from the general fund, according to Clontz.

Clontz discussed several areas where revenues have fallen, including the lack of state inmates in the local jail. But other areas have fallen over the years as well.

“We get revenue from phone calls over landlines, but people don’t use landlines anymore,” he said.

Magistrates discussed a possible “usage fee” added to electric meters or water meters in the county to make up that

difference in revenue.

“That is something we can look into. But one way or another, we need to make that revenue up,” said Clontz.

The budget shows the general fund with an estimated \$500,000 surplus from the 2019-20 fiscal year and \$3,969,878 in estimated revenues with \$941,526 to be transferred out to other funds.

“The fact is, some of the numbers right now are completely unpredictable,” said Clontz. “We don’t know how long I-75 construction will last. We don’t know the affects of the governor’s restrictions on our occupational tax yet. We don’t know where we will make up the landline shortages. It is possible that next year’s budget is when the bigger problems will show up.”

Still, Clontz is hopeful about the county’s future. “There are a lot of positive things going on in our county and we are very hopeful,” he said. “Next year, we will know much more about how all these things have affected our county’s budget.”

The first reading of the budget was approved unanimously.

“Sale”

(Continued from front)

A press release says this year’s sale will begin in Georgetown and run along US 25 to Corbin and will skip Fayette County.

Officials say thousands of vendors will exhibit their wares and food trucks are expected to be found all along the route.

For more information about the yard sale, contact Randy Coffey at (859) 779-3005 or go to the newly created Facebook page called “New US 25 Yard Sale - 2020.”

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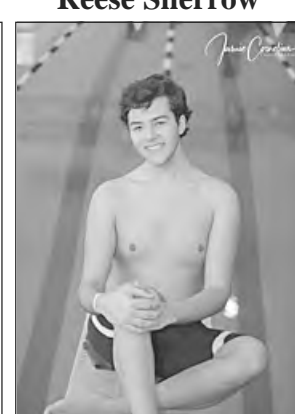
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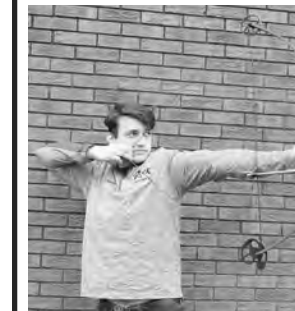
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Aidan Cain, Will Isaacs,
Vashaun Alexander and Logan Bowman



Aaron Clark



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Boys'
Track
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...

• Football •



Senior members of the 2019 Rocket football squad are shown above, front row from left: Zach Taylor, Daniel Mason, Noah Reams, Sam Philbeck, Josh Thacker and Dougie Collins. Back row from left: Jacob Loudermilk, Dakota Slavey, Trevor Todd, Chase Roberts, Blaine Rumsey and Austin Tillery. Not pictured: John Howard.

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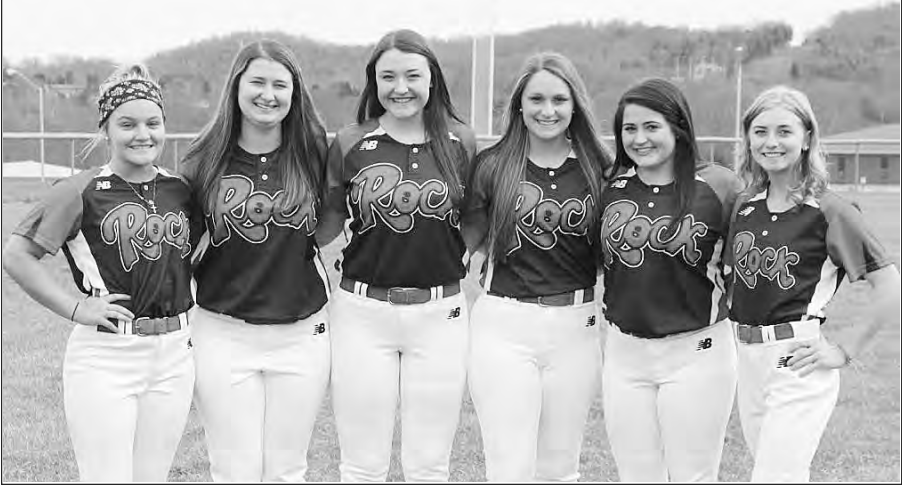
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• Softball •



Senior members of the 2020 Rocket softball team are shown above, from left: Kaleigh Richards, Ashlyn Brock, Jaylon Ponder, Selicity Broaddus, Ravyn Bullens and Emma Smith.

• Volleyball •



Autumn King



Callie Lewis



Emilee Thomas



Jaylon Ponder



Kylee Fain



Valerie Franklin

• Boys' Basketball •



Senior members of the 2019-2020 Rockets are shown above, from left: mgr. Spencer Begley, Bentley Taylor, Andrew Hurt, Jacob Loudermilk and Logan Noel. Not shown: Logan Bowman.

Girls' Basketball

•••

Shelby Newland
and
Kenzi Himes



• Marching Rockets •



Senior members of the 2019 Marching Rockets are shown above, front row from left: Lizzie Dixon, Tarrylton Dunn and Shelbie Baker. Back row from left: Madison Webb, JJ Clouse, Hayley Graves, Zach Robinson, Dakota Kilby and Emily Alexander.

• Raider Team •



Andrew Didelot



Hunter Medley



Chan Cole



Eli Price



Cody Morris



Sarah Pride



Sarah Pride
Rifle Team Senior

• Cheerleading •



Shown above are seniors for the Rocket cheerleading squad from left: Riley Betsworth, Lebrana Sparks, Ashley Garrett, and Kaylee Brock.

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Class of 2020 Senior Parade this Thursday

Because all of the traditional ceremonies normally held to honor the graduating class of RCHS each year did not happen, there have been several innovative ways used to give this year's class the recognition they deserve.

One of these ways will be held this Thursday, May 28th, beginning at 7 p.m. when the Class of 2020 Senior Parade will be held.

The parade will begin at Rockcastle County Middle School and all seniors are asked to report there by 6:45 p.m.

Seniors are welcome to decorate their vehicles, but please keep decorations appropriate.

Seniors may wear cap and gown or anything that represents your time at RCHS, whether that be on an athletic team, JROTC, academic team, a club, etc.

Graduates must stay in their car at all times during the parade's duration.

Several of the graduates' former elementary and middle school teachers will be at the middle school and at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, to greet graduates, during the parade.

Members of the community have assembled gift bags for the seniors, with many surprises, including cash, donated by the many supporters of the RCHS Class of

2020. Each graduate will receive a gift bag as they drive through RCHS.

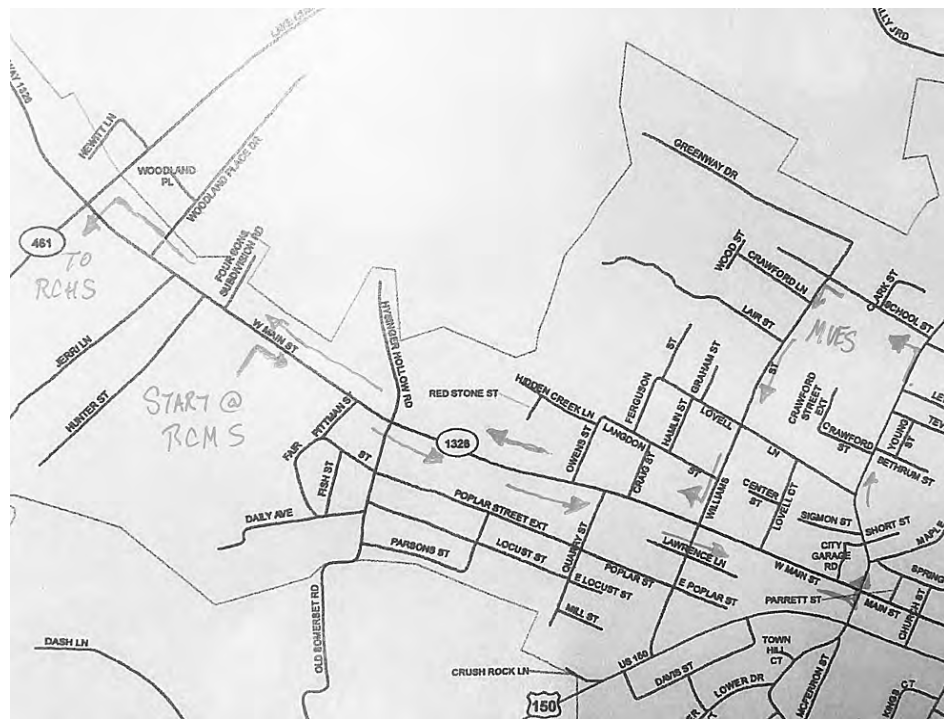
The City of Mt. Vernon Police Department, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Mt. Vernon Fire Department will be in charge of traffic control for this event.

Families are encouraged to find places along the parade route to watch and greet the seniors but please do not block any road or private drive.

The parade will begin at RCMS and turn right

onto West Main St., then proceed to the three way stop and turn left onto Richmond Street, proceed then to the light by Snack Shack and turn left onto School Street, going by MVES then turning left onto Williams Street where they will proceed back to West Main St. and turn right where they will be led to 461 and then take a left into the softball field entrance of RCHS.

No parents or spectators will be allowed on the side of 461 or on the RCHS campus.



Jerry Cox

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- University of Kentucky School of Law graduate.
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Posted: No trespassing for any reason w/o written permission on property located at 191 Old Dixie Highway. Wendell McCown. 17x4

Posted: Absolutely no horseback riding, fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight, Carmen and Dustin Poynter on Hwy 3273 and 461. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 13x10

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: 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

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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. 47tfn

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

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Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for crushed limestone, asphalt surface (hot and cold mix), metal and DWP culverts for the fiscal year 2020-2021 until 3 p.m., June 9, 2020. Bid specifications may be obtained from the office of the County Judge/Executive prior to bid opening upon request. Bids will be opened at the fiscal court meeting on June 9, 2020 at 4 p.m. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids. Bids can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 755, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Please mark envelopes "**Sealed Bid**" and specify materials for which you are placing a bid.

Public Notice: The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), will be accepting bids, via a Reverse Online Auction, on 6/11/2020 at 1 p.m. EDT for the purchase of road salt for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court local government road department. For bid partici-

pation/registration and specifications contact Orbis Online at 210-831-6070 or log onto www.orbisonline.com or contact Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the local government agency, or Scott Martin with KACo at 800-264-5226. The local government agency reserves the right to reject/accept any and all bids. Bids will be accepted online only.

Notice is hereby given that Marisa Albright, 207 Byrda Way, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix w/no will of the estate of Jennifer Bishop on the 11th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Marisa Albright on or before November 11, 2020. 17x3

Notice is hereby given that Debra Bullock, 188 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Elijah Lunsford on the 18th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debra Bullock or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O., Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Nov. 18, 2020 at 9 a.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I support Josh Bray...

Dear Editor,

As a conservative republican who cares deeply about Rockcastle County's future, I am supporting Josh Bray for State Representative. I hope you will join me.

Josh Bray is strongly pro-life. This has long been a litmus test for me and I refuse to vote for anyone who will not stand against murdering unborn children. I believe what we need in a State Representative is someone who will not just run ads to say they are pro-life but will actually step up and fight for the unborn. It certainly does not mean staying silent when it comes to supporting pro-life candidates over pro-abortion candidates. It is my understanding this was the approach of our current Representative, R. Travis Brenda, in the last election. That is truly disappointing.

His silence paid off for him though as he was invited and accepted a position on Andy Beshear's transition team. The same Andy Beshear who deemed churches non-essential while deeming abortion clinics "essential."

Josh Bray stands for life and I believe will go to Frankfort to actually fight for life.

We need a fighter. We need results. We need Josh Bray as our State Representative.

Sincerely,
Mark Eaton
753 Gold Dust Dr
Mount Vernon, KY
40456

Concerned about homeless...

Dear Editor,

I am writing out of concern for the homeless people who have been living under the bridge in Renfro Valley for the past several months (the bridge that crosses the creek that comes from the water treatment plant,

on the Baymont Inn side by the campground).

I have talked with Renfro Valley workers and the police. there is some confusion from both about who is responsible for what goes on under the bridge.

Renfro says it's city property, the city says it's up to Renfro. I've also spoken with several campers who felt uneasy that the homeless are living under the bridge. Some campers were ready to move on when they realized the situation.

In the meantime, the number of homeless has increased from one to three. Some cities offer services for the homeless like shelters, port-a-potties, hand washing stations, food and jobs.

Where is the concern and compassion for the homeless in this county? If there are services available, perhaps they will offer them to the bridge dwellers.

Sincerely,
Kathy Horrar

An appeal...

Dear Editor,

This is an appeal to the person or persons who took possession of a Citizens Bank envelope, left with a staff member to mail, and addressed to Ashley Newland. It contained two \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds that had matured.

The missing bonds, which were purchased by Theresa Glovak Davis for Ashley's first and second birthdays, were kept in my safety deposit box at Citizens Bank in Brodhead for safekeeping. Theresa also put my name on the bonds because Ashley was a minor.

Would whoever took the bonds please return them to their rightful owner or their full cash value. No questions asked.

Sincerely,
Deborah Newland

Roadside mowing season underway

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 8 advises motorists that roadside mowing season is underway, which runs from May to October. State and contract crews will complete three mowing cycles, including litter removal on interstates, parkways and other primary routes throughout the state.

KYTC officials ask Kentuckians to do their part by keeping the state right of way clear of temporary signs and other obstacles that can obstruct the path of mowers and pose a hazard for mowing crews and motorists.

Kentucky law and Transportation Cabinet policy prohibit the placement of non-official signs of any type for campaigns, yard sales or other advertising on state highway right of way, utility poles, fences and guardrails or on road signs. Depending on size and construction, illegally placed

signs are a distraction and can be a safety issue for motorists when blocking the view of oncoming vehicles.

Illegally-placed signs also can disrupt or endanger right-of-way operations such as mowing, ditch cleaning and litter removal, and can pose a direct safety hazard to motorists who run off the roadway particularly when installed with large wooden or metal stakes.

Campaign signs and other signs placed on state right of way that restrict sight distance or interfere with mowing and maintenance operations will be removed by KYTC crews. Signs that are removed will be held at the state highway garage in each county of KYTC District 8 and kept for two weeks. Unclaimed signs will be discarded.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet asks that motorists use extra caution when traveling through these work zones.



The 2020 Jim Cox Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was recently awarded to RCHS graduate Brexton Cromer, son of Trena Bree Cromer. Brexton will also receive the Governor's Scholars scholarship valued at \$10,296 and the SOAR Stem scholarship of \$2,500. Brexton plans to attend Northern Kentucky University this fall and major in geology. His long-term goal is to earn a PhD in paleontology and be a field scientist.

Supreme Court provides guidance on jury trials

The Supreme Court recently provided guidance on jury trials in Administrative Order 2020-40, dated May 19, 2020, and effective June 1, 2020. The complete order can be found here and the highlights are below:

- Jury trials shall be postponed and rescheduled for no sooner than August 1, 2020.
- Grand jury proceedings may begin effective June 1, 2020.
- Cases where the 60-day period in RCr 5.22(3) or an extension thereof was tolled by operation of Administrative Order 2020-28 must be presented to the grand jury on or before July 30, 2020.
- Existing grand jury panels may be extended at the discretion of the court, subject to the 20-day limitation set out in AP Part II, Sec. 19(3).
- If an existing grand jury panel cannot be extended, the order provides guidance on how to orient a new jury panel.
- Jurors who are ill, caring for someone who is ill, in a high-risk category, unable to wear a facial covering, or who will suffer further economic loss as a result of jury service shall have their service postponed or excused.
- Strict health and safety requirements – including mandatory use of facial coverings by jurors, social distancing and disinfecting – must be followed for all grand jury proceedings.

On May 15, the Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-39, which highlighted the health and safety requirements for expanding court operations beginning June 1. The Supreme Court will address other legal matters, such as evictions, in subsequent orders as the Judicial Branch's three Reopening Task Forces continue to meet and make recommendations.

You can find ongoing court updates on the COVID-19 and the Courts webpage.

Senior Care Packages Thank You

A big thank you for all the support for the Quaranteens care packages that were assembled for the Rockcastle Co High School Graduating Class of 2020.

I want to personally thank each person, family and business on this list. We put together a gift bag for each of the 240 graduating seniors in a matter of about eight weeks! Each senior is receiving several snack foods, commemorative items, letters and cards of encouragement all packaged in a "Rock Class of 2020" cinch backpack.

In addition to these wonderful gifts we raised enough money to provide each student with a little spending money (just under \$30 a piece!).

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I LOVE this list! What an amazing community we live in! To all that had a hand in this THANK YOU.

To Mr. JD Bussell and Rockcastle County High School thank you for all your help and allowing me to make this possible.

With gratitude and humbleness,
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