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Senior Parade



Since traditional graduation ceremonies were not held due to coronavirus regulations, students have celebrated their achievement in different ways this year. One of those ways was a Senior Parade held last Thursday through the streets of Mount Vernon led by the Mount Vernon Fire Department. In the photo above, teachers and staff lined the street at Mount Vernon Elementary School greeting and supporting the seniors. Friends and family members also gathered along the route to honor this year's seniors. Rockcastle Sheriff's Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department personnel also helped in the celebration.



Election Days are from June 8 through June 22

Only one voting place

By: Mike French Editor

Voting in the 2020 Primary election will be very different than usual, according to election officials.

The May Primary Election was postponed to Tuesday, June 23 due to restrictions placed to slow the spread of the Coronavirus and many of those same restrictions have caused election officials to change the way voters will choose their favorite candidates this year.

Though the official "Election Day" is Tuesday, June 23, officials will not know final results until June 30 because mail in ballots will be accepted even if postmarked as late as June 23.

Rather than a single election day when everyone must go to the polls and vote, this year, voters

may vote a number of ways and may vote any day they wish between Monday, June 8 and Monday, June 22.

Voters may now also opt to vote by mail, a method usually allowed to only special cases who meet several restrictions.

This year, voters may request an absentee ballot by either visiting GoVoteKY.com or by calling to request a ballot at (606) 256-2831.

Officials say voters may receive their ballot in the mail and once filled out, voters have until June 23 to mail that ballot. However, voters must request their ballot on or before June 15 and mail it back to the Clerk's office by June 23.

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said she expects many ballots to arrive by mail at her office after election day. "June

(See "Vote" on A7)

RCIDA defends loan extension for local plant

Discusses several projects

By: Mike French Editor

RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook addressed a controversial issue concerning the new Microfoodery plant in Mount Vernon during Tuesday morning's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority.

Karl Crase of Microfoodery recently requested a 60-day extension on the CDBG grant loan, due to a slow down in business during the pandemic.

The RCIDA board approved that extension request but the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court unanimously voted not to approve the extension.

The city council of Mt. Vernon took no action since the fiscal court had already voted to refuse the request.

Some members of the fiscal court have continu-

ally expressed concerns about the company over the past year and, when the request for the loan extension came before the court, magistrates voted to refuse the request and

one magistrate noted that the company will now owe late penalties on the past due payment.

However, VanHook said Tuesday that the fiscal court isn't the entity that would act on such a request. "The way it worked, the fiscal court loaned the money to the RCIDA and the RCIDA loaned the money to Microfoodery," he said.

When VanHook presented County Judge Executive with a notice of the extension to be signed by the judge, Holbrook instead took it to the fis-

(See "RCIDA" on A7)

County Clerk Notice

The Rockcastle County Clerk's Motor Vehicle Licensing Department will be closed June 4-8.

The office is overseer of the election process as well and, during this time, will be processing absentee ballots and preparing the in-house polling center.

"We will not be handling any motor vehicle appointments or renewal during this time. We will only be answering questions related to the June 23rd Primary Election during this time," County Clerk Danetta Allen said.

"I apologize for this inconvenience and trust everyone will be understanding and realize that we are doing all we can to complete the daunting task with which we have been unprecedented during this Allen added.

Traffic stop turns into many charges

Meth, heroin found

By: Mike French Editor

What started as a simple traffic stop, turned into over a dozen charges against a Boyle County man on Saturday, May 30.

According to an arrest citation by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Kirk Mays, 26-year-old Clifton Yates-Bryant was spotted driving on Highway 461

with faulty tail lights but when the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, Bryant pulled over as if to stop, then pulled back onto the highway and then pulled over again. The citation says this occurred many times for about a mile until the suspect eventually completely stopped.

The citation says Bryant appeared intoxicated (See "Meth" on A7)

Local jailer working to help budget shortfall

By: Mike French Editor

One of the biggest budget shortfalls in the Rockcastle County 2020-21 budget is from operation of the Rockcastle County Detention Center. According to the first draft of the budget, the jail is over \$750,000 in the hole and the fiscal court's general fund will have to supply that funding to keep the jail operating.

Jailer Nathan Carter said Governor Beshear's early parole and release orders during the

Coronavirus restrictions have caused a big part of the deficit as there are only 40 state inmates left at the local facility.

"We had 58 state inmates when all this started," said Carter. "We typically have around 65. But when you are already down to 58 and then the Governor gives early paroles, or releases, that makes a big difference in our revenue."

In fact, the local jail receives \$34.34 daily in state funding for each state inmate housed in (See "Jail" on A7)

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

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the fire station in Brodhead.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. This will be the last meeting with David Pensol as the Superintendent of Schools.

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County fiscal court is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse.

Written tests to resume

First time permit holders, motorcycle reinstatement licenses and CDLs will begin Thursday, June 11. Call 606-256-2581 for appointment.

Minors must be with a custodial parent that is listed on the child's birth certificate and has a valid license or ID that has the correct address. Everyone will need to bring the appropriate documents, certified birth certificates, social security cards and

the no pass, no drive letters from the school. No copies will be accepted.

Reinstatement testers must have already paid the reinstatement fee and present appropriate documents.

CDL applicants must present approval, received from the Department of Transportation.

Further instructions will be given after the application has been processed.

Message from Mayor Bryant

Now that the city has opened back up to full operation, I want to say how proud I am of our folks in Mount Vernon, Brodhead, Livingston and the rest of Rockcastle County.

During the height of the Coronavirus impact, you were so much help by complying with what you were asked to do for us to get through it. I know we are reopening with caution but it is good to see our economy opening once again.

Many thanks to our front line personnel who stayed in the trenches and fought this battle for the rest of us.

I am hoping and praying for a good rest of 2020.
Mount Vernon Mayor
Michael Bryant

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Mark up another reason I am glad I live in a small town, along with most of my children.

I cannot imagine the stress of living day to day, during this time, in Minneapolis, Atlanta, NYC, Washington, DC, etc. and not knowing if me or one of my family members was going to be maimed or killed by a "peaceful" demonstrator.

Yes, it was beyond tragic that a Minneapolis policeman, in my opinion, cold-bloodedly murdered George Floyd while three other policemen looked on and didn't intervene.

Yes, there should have been protests about the Minneapolis Police Department still having this officer on their force after there were 19 complaints lodged against him in his 18 years on the job (or maybe vice versa).

Yes, former Democrat presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar, congresswoman from Minnesota, who had the chance to prosecute the officer at any time for any of these complaints, while she was a district attorney, always refused to do so. And, yes, obviously there is a problem, especially in our big cities, about blacks being singled out and mistreated by some of our law enforcement officers.

This isn't right and I have said in this column more than once that had I been born black I would have been on the front line of any march that would help to make sure my children were not treated differently because of the color of their skin.

But, there has to be a line drawn when a protest becomes a rampage that harms law-abiding citizens, destroys private and public property and targets law enforcement of-

ficers, the vast majority of whom are doing their best every day to protect everyone.

It is shameful that the majority of mayors and governors of the states these rampages are taking place in are not working to control them but are instead allowing them to continue to the detriment of their citizens and business owners in the areas of these protests.

There are some things that I will go to my grave believing, i.e., that President Roosevelt, who wanted our country involved in WWII badly, knew about the "sneak" attack on Pearl Harbor in advance; that there is information out there about President Kennedy's assassination that will never be made known to the general public and, yes, that Jeffrey Epstein did not kill himself (sorry, couldn't resist). And, another is that evil, corrupt George Soros is behind these "spontaneous" protests going on across our country, no doubt paying

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



We found an old VCR tape this week. I, and my better half, watched it together. On the video she was a young girl.

The video included her mother always close by, always watching and ever present when someone needed her.

I got to see the whole family at a much younger age than when I met them and in her eyes I saw the most amazing mixture of joy, peace and sorrow as she watched her mother and hung on every word she spoke.

It wasn't long ago that we buried Edith on the mountainside that she called home and, being just after Memorial Day, we had decorated it just the other day.

Dora was quiet through most of the video as we sat watching the lively party for her one-year-old. But her expressions said more than words would have anyway.

We watched to the end and it was easy to see she was proud of her son. Still, her mother was on

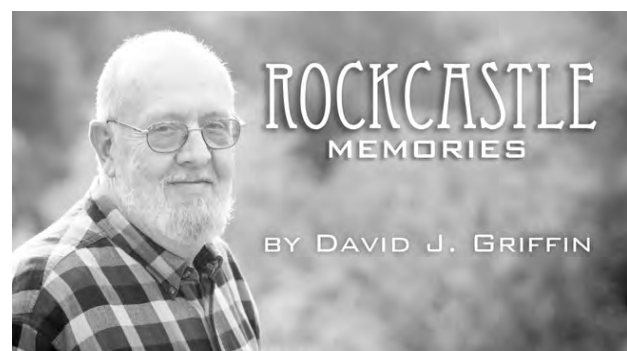
her mind too. She listened intently to each word her mother spoke as if it were an answer to a question she had just asked. Each word was important.

She never mentioned the video after it ended. She just got busy doing her daily tasks. I could sort of tell she didn't really want to talk about it right then.

So, the subject changed and that same afternoon we went for a ride in the country.

So later the same day, we stopped at a store and she said "your mother

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Mountain Man Vineyards?

This past week, I accomplished something that I have dreamed of for several years. I, along with my neighbor (Ken), planted my first grapevine in my backyard in Mt. Sterling. I learned about growing grapes from my grandfather (Pop) in the early 1950's. Ever since that time, I have dreamed of having my own, and I hope this will be the beginning of that special dream.

When I was a boy, my grandfather had a long

line of trellises that were filled with vines producing the most wonderful tasting grapes imaginable. He chose Concord grapes because they were vigorous, productive, tasty, and easy to train. He also selected them because they excelled in making fresh juice, jelly, and were delicious to eat raw. Pop's were the best grapes I have ever tasted. One of my most regrettable mistakes is not taking one of his grape vines and propagating it on my own land.

While growing up, I accompanied Pop as he walked among his vineyard selecting the ripest and best grapes to eat straight from the vines. He and I spent many hours collecting small buckets of the fruit and then sitting under a shade tree devouring our bounty. You should have seen us spitting seeds as we consumed the awesome grapes. I doubt that there is another soul on earth who loved fresh grapes as much as he did.

My grandmother (Mommie Katie) also had a hand in the production of Pop's yearly grape harvest. When the grapes were just at the peak of their season, Pop filled buckets of the fruit

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I may have jumped the gun in regards to the Letcher County Schools history project reported in last week's column. At least I have not yet heard from anybody about following up on it. This would not be the first time I've had my wires crossed and I don't expect it will be the last. I will keep you posted if anything else materializes.

In the meantime, speaking of schools, most of them should be on

summer vacation by now. On the other hand, I recently spoke with a grandmother who is way beyond ready for her 5 grand children to get back to school and stay there until they have graduated, gone to prison or moved several states away.

She has been "caring" for the siblings, aged 8 through 14, including a set of twins, since early

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Nothing New Under the Sun

Dear Journal,

A wise man, King Solomon, once said that there is nothing new under the sun and I've been around long enough to know that for myself after hearing the national news this morning. He also said that all is vanity, and when you come right down to it, it is for the most part.

A few days ago

Stanley and most everyone were talking about a man named George Floyd. Since I've all but stopped listening to the national news, I had to ask who he was and what he had done. Why have I stopped listening to the news you may wonder. Well it seems to be controlled by the left wing radicals that feel it is their sworn duty to explain the news according to their opinion, putting their spin on it, of course, because the American people are so stupid that they can't be given the plain facts for themselves and make an informed decision. Why aren't there any news people like good old Walter Chronkite, Huntley and Brinkley, even Barbara Walters anymore? They just told the facts and let "foolish" Americans decide for themselves.

On the CBS Morning News, which Stanley had turned on, they were telling about the aftermath of the, I dare say,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bray is a "true Republican..."

Dear Republican Friends,

I told you two years ago that you would be making a big mistake by making a big mistake by voting for a person named Brenda who was backed by a union,

You did and you voted out an elephant - Shell - and voted in an Ant.

Now I am asking you to vote in a "True Republican," Josh Bray. Mr. Brenda never did anything for the Republican Party until the union got him to run against the House leader, a good leader named Shell.

Also, Mr. Brenda helped elect Beshear as governor, and then got on Beshear's transition team and one of the first things Democrat Beshear did was to open up two more slaughter houses to kill little babies.

Brenda has done nothing for the Republican party -- vote him out!

Mr. Bray comes from a very good family. His grandmother just passed away at age 95. She was married to her husband Don Bray for 73 years. He was a Deacon at Bible Baptist Church for many years and a long time Republican.

Thank you for your time and vote,
Bob Lunsford

About the primary election..

Dear Editor,

Late last week, as Chair of the Rockcastle Republican Party, I participated in a call hosted by the Republican Party of Kentucky with Secretary of State Michael Adams. I expressed the concerns that many of you have shared with me about the voting procedures being used in the June 23rd primary.

As you know, it is an especially important election for our community as we elect who will be representing us in Frankfort in the House and serving us on the court bench.

Adams emphasized there are no plans to do voting this way in November. I feel good that we can trust our local county clerk to do all she can to protect our ballots and that voting will be back to normal in November.

If I learn anything else, I'll be sure to let you know.

Thank you,
Doris Cromer
Rockcastle Republican Party Chair

"ramblings"

(Cont. from A2)

his professional agitators and also for the loads of bricks that are just "magically" appearing in many areas in which the protests are being held.

President Trump has announced that Antifa has been designated a terrorist organization but there is a question if, under our Constitution, this designation is lawful. But, they are definitely a domestic terrorist organization and should be treated as such.

It appears to me that everything the Democrats have tried since January of 2017 to overthrow our duly elected President has come to naught, even to the most recent Coronavirus event which destroyed the best economy in the world. So, I, personally, believe, these riots are being encouraged by those who do not want this country to recover economically mainly so that the November election will be influenced against President Trump's re-election.

It is interesting that "celebrities" in our country are raising bail money for arrested protestors, including several of Joe Biden's staffers, but evidently nothing for the black-owned businesses that have been lost to vandalism.

I was sad to see that actor Steve Carell was one of those drumming up support for this effort. He was one of the few actors that I would still have paid money to see at the movies but he's now on my boycott list, the length of which pretty much assures that I won't be seeing any more movies before I die.

But one good thing about these protests is that the masks and social distancing provisions of dealing with the

Now he only whines and runs as far back as he can get to hide behind a suitcase under her bed.

They have, she said, destroyed her ice maker twice and she can't find anyone willing to fix it now, two doors are off the hinges, most of her towels are tie-died pink because someone threw red panties into the washer with them, both her baking sheets are warped because someone left the oven on TWICE! Nobody has ever confessed that they had anything to do with these mishaps and every one of them has adamantly blamed one or more of their siblings. Not one of them has gone unaccused even though they've all had alibis supported by other siblings.

They have attempted to fix flat bicycle tires, an electric mixer that one of them dropped and a cracked front window pane, that no one can explain, with bright orange duct tape. Even though it's only May, one of the kids told her he was using the tape to decorate for Halloween and the other 4 tried to convince her that made sense.

Now, she says, she has given her son and daughter-in-law 10 days notice to find child care and to find it anywhere other than her house because she is locking up the place until school starts back. She has made arrangements to spend the summer with a cousin who lives in a summer house on an island near Charleston South Carolina. The kids and grand kids are welcome to visit but they will have to rent their own accommodations.

Frankly, I know a thing or two about grandmas myself. I'm married to one. They simply need to take a break now and then. If this one is anything like Loretta, her "summer" will only be a nice little, late spring, 10-day trip to the low country where she will spend most of her time telling her cousin how sweet her grand kids are. The more she talks about them, the more she'll miss them.

Hopefully, her son will have the window pane replaced and the doors repaired, her daughter-in-law will have bought her a new mixer and the cat will have come home by the time she gets back to Kentucky before the end of June. She'd already said her cousin loves the little dog more than she does so she might just wind up letting him stay down there.

"Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

likes baskets I know. But what kind of snacks or goodies does she like?"

I told her and she began to pile the basket she had bought full of goodies and trinkets. Soon, one or two of everything mom likes was in the new basket.

Being a little tight this month I said something like, "Honey, I try to keep mom in about any snacks she wants. We don't have to spend this much unless you just want to."

I like getting stuff for mom and I enjoy getting her groceries and taking care of any need she may have. I consider it an honor to do so.

But the truth is, I don't usually just get her stuff for no reason at all. I'm not that sentimental and I am a little bit tight. "We don't have to get this stuff honey."

Dora looked at me quietly for a moment without a word. Then, after a moment she said very gently, "this morning I had to watch my mom on a video. Do you want to get this for your mom, or not?"
Yes.

Mom loved the stuff and I'm sure that as I write this she is snacking away.

I know she liked the goodies and I know she appreciated it and I know it made her happy that we had been thinking of her. I love the idea that she is snacking away watching TV right now -- yes, FOX News.

But honestly, I think it is me that got the biggest blessing from that good deed.

For more years than I will mention here, mom stopped at the store and got a "surprise" for her only son. And I am betting it felt pretty good to her to know she made me happy. Uncountable are the times she sacrificed so that I would have something that I really didn't need but just wanted.

Edith did the same for Dora. Mothers do it everyday. And every night. When it is convenient, and when it is not.

If you live a long life and things go as they are supposed to go in the big scheme of things, someday, you too will watch your mother on video.

Here's a little reminder that life is short and there is no dedication like a mother's dedication.

Remember her.
I love you mom.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

and had her work her magic in the kitchen. Each year she canned large quantities of grape juice and jelly. Their cellar was filled with quarts of the juice and pints of jelly. Oh, the joy of opening one of those small containers of jelly to accompany her home-made biscuits for breakfast!

The production of grapes is both simple and mystifying. Yes, it is simple to keep vines alive -- that is, Kentucky has the right climate for grapes to thrive. But it is challenging to grow the fruit of suf-

ficient quality to produce good juice, jelly, and especially wine. Even though Pop was a simple farmer, his grapes were the best in the neighborhood.

When we think of growing grapes, we dream of green or purple table grapes (the kind you eat fresh), jams and jellies, or perhaps a good wine grape, just in case you want to make your own Cabernet.

Pop's grape vines were in the direct sun, near his apple orchard. His trellises were tall enough that he could walk under in order for him to prune the vines each season. The technique for growing grapes that is the most productive is good pruning practices. Pop was very talented in selecting which vines needed to be pruned in order for him to achieve the maximum harvest. I loved spending time with him as he sculpted his particular vineyard. I learned so much just from watching him in his labor of love.

So, I have successfully planted my first grape vine. It may be a small beginning, but it is a thrilling project for me. How does Mountain Man Vineyards sound? In my humble opinion, I think it sounds perfect.

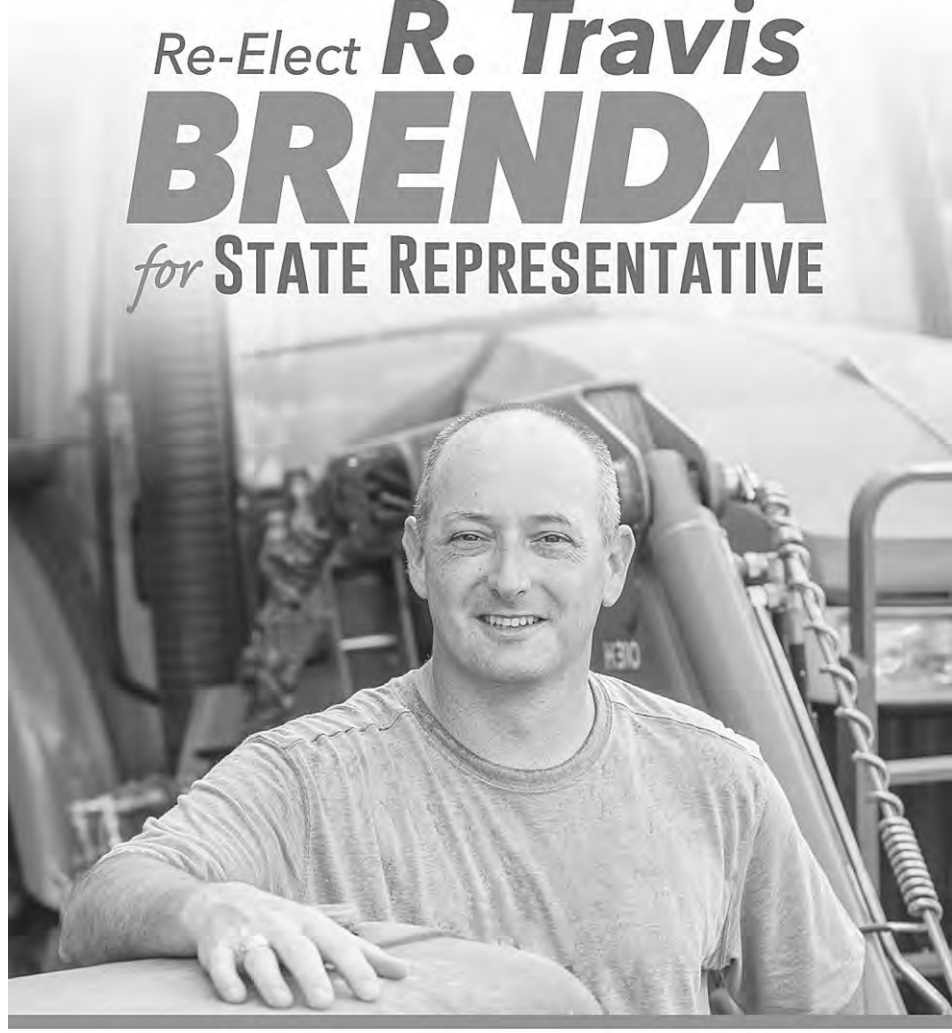
(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"T. J.'s"

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the murder of an American citizen in broad open daylight on an American street corner with several people standing only feet away begging for this man's life. It was apparent that he was being killed. I saw for the first time yesterday the unedited video of this "murder". What a sight. Merciless. This man was George Floyd, a black man that was probably racially profiled (my opinion).

The aftermath... ac-



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Obituaries

Johnie Ray Gillson

Johnie Ray Gillson, 61, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 23, 2020, at his residence. He was born July 24, 1958 in Glendale, CA, to the late Warren Ray and Edna Louise (Dornan) Gillson. He had been a truck driver, enjoyed cars, motorcycles, boats, and fishing.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Monica (Brian) Conter of Oxnard, CA, Michael Gillson of Terra Haute, IN, and Wendy Karapet of Somis, CA; five grandchildren, Haydyn Karapet, Elis Medlin, Gracie, Gillson, Ryan Karapet, and Madison Conter; one brother, Chris Alan (Cindie) Gillson of Graham, WA; one sister, Cindy Louise (Gordon) Arbathnot of Berea; two nephews, Steven Gillson and Devin Arbathnot; two nieces, Renee Gillson Phillips and Amanda Arbathnot; great nephew, Desmond Gillson; and great niece, Abbi Gillson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites were performed.

Condolences may be made at
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jo Anne Riney

Jo Anne Riney, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 23, 2020 at UK Hospital in Lexington. She was born May 19, 1929 in Anderson, IN, the daughter of the late Tom and Alva Harrison. She was a retired nurse, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: one son, Gary Riney of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Cheryl Sull of Lakewood, CO, and Patricia Ann (Dave) Lawrence of Rocky Mount, NC; three grandchildren, Scotty, Chris, and Michelle; two great grandchildren, Savannah and Anthony; one great grandchild, Keyarah; and Patricia Ann's daughter-in-law, Sandy. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Glenn Riney.

In accordance with current state mandates and in order to maintain social distancing, a private visitation and funeral with a total of 35 family and friends attended the service with Bro. Luther Allen officiating.

Pallbearers were: Derrick Singleton, Buddy Mullins, Dale Winstead, Ross McClure, Jerry Burke and Keith Smith.

Arrangements by the Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at
www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.

James (Jimmy) Howard

James (Jimmy) Darrell Howard, 65, of Mt. Vernon, passed away suddenly from lung cancer on May 26, 2020 in Nashville, TN surrounded by family. He was born December 8, 1954 to Christine (Renner) and Raymond Howard.

He attended Church on the Rock in Berea and will be remembered as a generous man who enjoyed UK Wildcat games and eating out. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and the United States Army.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Steven (Nicole) Howard; two brothers, John (Sandy) Tyler and Tom (Jo) Tyler; one sister, Doris (Tommy) Adams; three grandchildren, Wade Howard, Austin Howard and Jenna Howard and a special friend, Mary Hendrickson as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private services will be held in Nashville, TN.

Irelene Neeley

Irelene Neeley, 80, Mt. Vernon, died peacefully Friday, March 20, 2020 at her home. She was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and was expecting her first great great grandchild at the time of her death. She was born in Ohio to the late Delbert and Elva Saylor Northern. She was a member of Big Hill Holiness Church.



She is survived by: her husband of over 60 years, Willard Sylvester Neeley of Mt. Vernon; six children, Lanita Sue (Joe) Denny of Paint Lick, Willard Darryl (Jennifer) Neeley of Brodhead, Eva Malinda Neeley (Bruce Waddles) of Mt. Vernon, Marilyn Elaine (David) Gastineau of Mt. Vernon, Kristie Karen (James) Thacker of Mt. Vernon, and Anthony Dana "Tony" (Becky) Neeley of Mt. Vernon; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and four siblings, Paul Northern of Mt. Vernon, Betty Baldwin of Campbellsville, Ray Northern of Mt. Vernon, and Dan Northern of Hinton, WV.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her great grandparents, Willy and Ada Alexander Saylor and William Franklin and Mary Eliza Baker Northern and two brothers, Jack and Charles Northern; and Reacie Isaacs.

In light of the current health and safety risks involved, the services were private. Bro. Steve Isaacs and Bro. Larry Day officiated the services and she was buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jerry Wayne Husband, Joseph Husband, James Robert Blair, Jeremy Neeley, A.J. Jones, Johnathan Portwood, Josh Neeley and Jacob Neeley.

Condolences may be left for the family at
www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Billy Ray McLemore

Billy Ray McLemore, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 22, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Somerset on September 30, 1957, the son of Gillium and Hepsia Burdine McLemore. He worked in factories most of his life as a mechanic and operated "Bill's This and That". He loved his family, working in his garage, and mowing the lawn. He was of the Baptist Faith.



He is survived by: his wife of 42 years, Teresa Boreing McLemore; a son, Jeffrey (Brittney) McLemore of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Jennifer (Donald) McLemore of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Jack (Lydia) McLemore; and six grandchildren, Jesse Rodefer, Kylee Rodefer, Blaine McLemore, Jaden Minton, Katelynn Minton, and Brantley McLemore, all of Mt. Vernon. A host of nieces, nephews, and friends also survive.

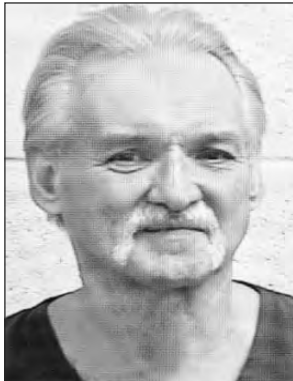
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Raymond Offutt and Jim Miller. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lance Baldwin, Phil Boreing, Steve Griffin, Phillip McLemore, Donald Newcomb, and Jesse Rodefer.

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

Thomas Franklin Bullen

Thomas Franklin Bullen, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 16, 1957, the son of Robert Franklin and Betty Jo Winstead Bullen. He had been a parts inspector at various factories, was an avid lover of old cars, and was a US Army Veteran.



He is survived by: his wife of 19 years, Shirley VanWinkle Bullen; two stepsons, Jason (Pam) Bowman, and David Barnes, both of Mt. Vernon; two step-grandchildren, Kendra Barnes and Isaiah Barnes; two brothers, James Bryant Bullen of Mt. Vernon, and Charles Ray (Sandy) Bullen of Brodhead; and a niece, Madelyn Rose Bullen of Brodhead. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Franklin Bullen, Jr., and a brother, Bobby Bullen.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 30, 2020 in Johnetta Cemetery by Bro. Richard West.

Pallbearers were: David Barnes, Jason Bowman, Joe Bullen, Jr. Bullen, Larry Dale Bullen, and Eddie Wilson.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

Virginia "Jen" Coffey

Virginia "Jen" (Isaacs) Coffey, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 29, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born March 13, 1945 in Waneta, to the late Powell and Goldie (Morris) Isaacs. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, enjoyed reading, sewing, and her flowers.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Donald Coffey; two children, Margaret Montgomery and Rebecca England of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Joshua England, and Tasheena Miller; two great grandchildren, Tenay Miller, and Aniah Miller; one brother, Lloyd Isaacs of London; and two sisters, Margaret Brewer and Vadna Judd.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian Bohnow.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 1, 2020 at Oak Hill Cemetery with Bro. Jim Miller officiating.

Arrangements are through Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at:
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Barbara Alice Slone

Barbara Alice Slone, 42, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, May 24, 2020 at her home. She was born in Lexington on April 9, 1978 and had been an employee of Baxter's Medical Supply Company. A non-denominational Christian, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, as well as reading her Bible, listening to music, and crafting.



She is survived by: her children, Christopher Terry, Rachael L. Ponder, and Amber Nicole Ponder, all of North Carolina; her grandchildren, Arianna and Jasper; her parents, James and Marcella Whitaker of Mt. Vernon; brothers, R.J., JimBob, David, Casey, and Michael; sisters, Jenny and Rachel; and her father, Ronnie Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brian Ponder; grandparents, Bert and Alice Wren, and Kenneth and Pauline Smith; and a brother, Mark.

In accordance with Ms. Slone's wishes, the family chose cremation with no services.

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.

Luther Earl Carte

Luther Earl Carte, 67 of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 15, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Cincinnati, OH on August 5, 1952, the son of Earl Elijah and Galilee McClanahan Carte. He had been an assemblyman for the Trane Company.

Funeral services will be conducted at a later date at Good Shepherd Mortuary in South Charleston, WV.

Please visit www.goodshepherdmortuary.com for more information.

Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr.

Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr., 66, of Richmond, husband of Kathy Sowder, died Friday, May 29, 2020 at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial with military honors 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.

Benjamin Broughton

Benjamin "Ben" Broughton, lifelong resident of Columbus, IN, departed peacefully May 14, 2020 to be with his Savior. He was born June 6, 1938 in Lincoln County, the son of Cecil and Clara Broughton.



He is survived by: his wife, Carolyn of 61 years; and his children, Betty (Jan) Finke and Lonnie Broughton of Columbus. Ben was blessed with five grandchildren, Jennifer (Richard) Benton of Greenwood, Joshua Broughton of Edinburgh, Michelle Finke of Indianapolis, Amy Finke of Columbus, OH, and Jacob (Kelly) Broughton of Columbus. Ben has one great granddaughter whom he adored, Emmalynn Benton of Greenwood.

He is also survived by: sister, Helen (CJ) Petry; brothers, Kenneth Broughton, Noah (Barb) Broughton, and Charles (Betty) Broughton; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by brothers and sister-in-laws, Bob (Marie) Broughton, Lowell Broughton, Bill (Ruby) Broughton and Joyce Broughton.

He took pride in his working career at Cosco before retiring. Ben attended Heritage Baptist Church where he enjoyed serving his Savior and would help take part anywhere he was needed.

Due to the pandemic, a private graveside service was held at Flatrock Baptist Cemetery with his brother Rev. Noah Broughton officiating and the Rev. Jeff Jones assisting.

In lieu of flower, donations may be made to Heritage Baptist Church building fund.

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This is a sample of the ballot that will appear in all precincts for the Republican Party in the upcoming June 23, 2020 Primary Election

The middle column for the Constable race will appear in the Conway, Roundstone and Climax precincts only

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

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 determina-

tion." 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 ongoing 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 eli-

gible. 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. The second part of the payment is based a

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 sign-up 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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users.)

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KHEAA Outreach turns to social media during pandemic

With schools closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, outreach counselors for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority have turned to social media to get information to students, parents and counselors.

KHEAA Outreach has scheduled free Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sessions through the end of June to replace the in-person presentations the counselors normally conduct.

"These sessions are a good way for Kentuckians to safely get the college and financial aid information they need while schools are closed," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Students and parents should take advantage of this great opportunity to get the information they need while remaining healthy at home."

The schedule for the June includes:

- June 4: Soft Skills/Mock Job Interview (Instagram)
- June 9: Getting In (Facebook)
- June 10 Staying Healthy in College (Twitter)
- June 11: KHEAA

Open Q&A (Instagram)
All sessions begin at 3 p.m. EDT, 2 p.m. CDT.

Contact information for KHEAA's outreach staff can be found on www.kheaa.com under the counselors tab. Click on outreach presentations and outreach counselors for more details.

A state agency, KHEAA also publishes a monthly online education-related newsletter for parents and others. Anyone wanting to be notified when the latest "Your KHEAA College Connection" newsletter is published can email publications@kheaa.com to be put on the distribution list.

KHEAA administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. KEES and other state financial aid programs are funded by the Kentucky Lottery.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

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“RCIDA”

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cal court for their approval. However, the court refused to approve the extension.

VanHook said the facility and the owners are a big addition to the county and should be highly appreciated as a contributor to the community.

“There is over \$400,000 in payroll there at the Microfoodery plant and that is nothing to take lightly, nor is the Crase family,” he said. “That family has been a huge part of our community for over 40 years and have contributed to our economic growth and development over the entire relationship. We can’t shortcut the investments and the roots they have in our community. This is not an overnight relationship and we have to look at the long term interests of our community.”

VanHook continued to say he understands communication problems but the county and the city should work with the company owners in every way possible. “That entire area developed after that family invested there. Sometimes in long term relationships there are struggles and conflicts but we need to reflect and dig deep and think about the opportunities afforded our community through this family. We have to try to do what is right for the greater good.”

VanHook continued “The company is on par, there are no delinquencies, no defaults and in every partnership there are give and takes. As we move forward, my role is to try to strengthen, develop and grow our community and I thank you all for the opportunity. I hope this is what you all want me to be doing.”

Chairman Corey Craig echoed many of VanHook’s sentiments adding, “We are back on track now and the next payment was due on June 1 and everything worked out just fine,” said Craig. “I don’t know how the payments worked out with the county but I know we approved the request and are continuing to try our best to be a good partner with everyone involved.”

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he expects Vanhook to help the explain the situation to the fiscal court during this month’s regular fiscal court meeting. “It may be exciting,” said Holbrook. “I think it all worked out okay. I think Jeff will be able to explain to the fiscal court how that all worked out.”

In other action, Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray a guest at the meeting, announced that a video produced by the Rockcastle Arts Association is still “in the running” to be chosen as the winning video in a television contest. Once again the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their regular monthly meeting via teleconference Tuesday morning.

After approving the financial statement and the budget report, which showed a shortfall of \$4,990 for the month, members of the board discussed several local projects related to economic development.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley reported the new Marathon station locating in Livingston is

planning to open for business in early July.

The much anticipated Farmer’s Market/multi-use facility, planned on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, has been on hold after the State Historic Preservation Society became involved in the project.

VanHook said some nearby buildings are older structures so the new construction had to be approved by that office.

However, approvals from the Historic Society typically takes longer than other approvals, according to VanHook, and this project is no exception. “We are going to go ahead and offer the project out for bid next week,” he said. “The Farmer’s Market building is not interfering with any of those older structures. So once we receive that approval, we will be ahead of the game and ready to move.”

VanHook also reported meeting with three separate entities about leasing a vacant building in the industrial park. “The Plastics building’s prospects are very positive and we hope to know something soon.”

The contest, by HGTV, offered to remodel a Main Street area, if the town is chosen, on a television show. “The video the local Arts Council made had over 60,000 views already and they were blown away by it,” said Bray. “I think we stand a chance.”

Craig also mentioned the recent hopes to eventually have a gas pipeline through the county. “Jeff (VanHook) is working hard on that project,” said Craig. “It would be transformational for our community if that happens.”

The RCIDA board is considering returning to in-person sessions for the July regular meeting. Details will be announced at a later date.

“Meth”

(Continued from front)
cated and gave consent for the deputy to search the vehicle admitting officers would find methamphetamine and needles inside the vehicle.

Officers found the described items along with a backpack containing more needles and a handgun.

Bryant was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center but, once at the facility, a deputy jailer discovered a brown substance suspected to be heroin in Bryant’s pants pocket.

Bryant was charged with trafficking a controlled substance (meth), trafficking a controlled substance (heroin), possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, promoting contraband, tampering with evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia and several traffic charges, including no proof of insurance.

Bryant’s bond was not yet known at press time.

“Vote”

(Continued from front)
27 is the hard cutoff day,” said Allen. “After June 27, we will not count any ballots we receive even if they are postmarked on June 23.”

So, Allen says voters should use the self-addressed, postage paid envelope to return their ballot as soon as possible

to be certain their ballot is received in time to be counted.

Or, the voter may also receive the ballot in the mail and then return the ballot in person at the Rockcastle County Clerk’s office.

For those who like to go to the polls in person but want to vote before June 23, you too have a way to vote during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Voters may also drop their ballot in the voter drop box just inside the courthouse’s US 25 entrance.

Voters may vote in person between June 8 and June 22 by going to the third floor conference room at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, the only polling location. Voter’s regular precincts will not be open.

Voting will be done on a paper ballot and the voter will feed the ballot into the scanner to record the vote. Election officials will be available to help with the process.

Officials suggest that all voters who plan to vote in person, call ahead and make an appointment so that election workers can better keep possible lines moving and the voter’s wait will not be extended.

“Jail”

(Continued from front)
Rockcastle County, so 58 state inmates provides well over \$700,000 per year not including the money each inmate would spend in the commissary.

“We had to let nine go for early parole and we lost 18 inmates total,” said Carter.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz was forced to create a budget with these numbers in mind in order to meet state timelines for budget submittal.

However, officials say, the situation may not be as drastic as it appears.

“We have to send the budget to the state and these are the numbers we have right now,” Clontz said earlier. “But we really won’t know all the actual figures until later in the year or possibly next year.”

Basically, though Clontz is hoping for a positive turn in the figures, he created the budget to show the total shortfall. “We have to budget for the worst case and hope for the best,” he said. And Carter is already working on reducing that \$750,000+ shortfall.

“I am talking with other jails right now to

see if we can get some state inmates transferred to our facility once the restrictions are lifted,” said Carter. “Right now we can’t do anything about it until the restrictions are lifted. But hopefully we can get some state inmates back in here once this is over.”

There is the option of “farming out” inmates which is a term used about sending local inmates to other facilities and paying other jails to house Rockcastle inmates. Some suggested that may cost less than the \$750,000 shortfall.

However, Judge/Ex-

ecutive Howell Holbrook says that option would not work for the Rockcastle Detention Center for several reasons.

First, Holbrook said, the county would not only have to pay the jail for housing the inmate but also be responsible for the inmate’s medical expenses and transportation, and other expenses.

Also, if the number of inmates increase in the local jail, once restrictions are lifted, the shortfall would be much less than budgeted.

Holbrook said there would also still be the

expense of maintaining the local building. “It (farming out inmates) really wouldn’t help us any,” he said.

Carter remains hopeful that restrictions will lift soon, inmates will increase back to normal levels and the jail will have much less of a shortfall. “I am very hopeful that if we get our inmate numbers back up, we should be okay again. I am working closely with Joe and the Judge to find every way we can to minimize the deficit. We cut all we could find and now we have to bring the revenue back.”

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative

2020 graduates: We celebrate with you

To the graduates of 2020, I want to extend my congratulations and God’s blessings on your future endeavors. Whether you are graduating from high

school or college, you have worked and prepared your whole life for the day you get to

hear your name called, walk across a stage, and receive your diploma. Senior year is a special milestone. For high school graduates, it means moments like senior prom, senior night, and saying goodbye to classmates you have known as long as you can remember. For college graduates, it is a realization that years of work have paid off, and now a time to continue your path into the workforce. There is not much like the excitement and anticipation of starting your dream career, something you have studied and prepared for in classrooms and internships.

Over the past few years, you learned a lot about subjects like math, language arts, social studies, and science. Without a doubt, these lessons are important and prepare you to navigate the post-graduate world. However, even more importantly, you have also learned a lot about the person you aspire to be. Hopefully, you have learned that your character and integrity are far more important than your popularity. Perhaps you understand that how you make someone feel about themselves is far more important than any words you can say. I pray that you also know that you are worthy and capable of great things. What will define you? Who will you be in our world? How will you contribute to your communities, state, and nation?

I am not talking about what are you going to do

for a living, because our society and economy have a place for all career paths. After all, plumbers need cardiologists just like cardiologists need plumbers. I am asking specifically about what type of person you are going to become.

Because of COVID-19, you have not enjoyed the traditional graduation experience. It is okay to feel cheated because your graduation ceremonies plans were changed. Do not let this disappointment define you. Some have tried to put your experience into perspective by reminding us that previous generations of graduates faced even more troubling times – including wars. It is true, your experience is certainly less deadly, but it does not diminish the fact that you worked hard with the understanding that you would be able to celebrate. Some may feel a sense of disappointment due to the circumstances, but do not let this disappointment define you. Our communities have rallied around you to show you how important you are to us, and how important this time is for you. With technology that you have available to you, you have been able to keep in contact and share this time with family and friends. This same technology will allow you and your friends to keep this bond moving forward, even though your paths may go in different directions from here.

Of course, not only have your graduation plans been hijacked, but our entire world is also staring down a crisis of historic proportions. A crisis that impacts our health, our financial well-being, and our sense of community. There are those who seek to divide us, to pit us against each other. I want you to understand that neither COVID nor any other challenge has a chance when we stand together. You can disagree, but you cannot let our differences define you.

Instead, choose to be defined by the resilience

of your generation because life is about being steadfast enough to make a plan, and flexible enough to break it. Your class may have been denied a big in-person graduation, but you found a way to celebrate through parades and video ceremonies. Be defined by the investment your communities have made in you by planting yard signs, posters, and streamers to cheer you on. Choose to define who you are by what you want this world to be.

How you define yourself is crucial because the two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. I believe your generation is meant for greatness and look forward to seeing what the future holds in store. As your representative, I am here to support and help you on your path.

On a different note, I want to give a brief update on a project that many have asked about. Earlier this year I worked with state transportation officials to locate funding to repair the storm drain system in Brodhead, a project to help alleviate some of the flooding issues there. As state revenues decreased with COVID, many projects across our state have been put on hold. However, the funding for the Brodhead project was already in place, and materials were ordered. Those materials are now on the lot at the District 8 Transportation Cabinet in Somerset, ready for installation. State transportation officials will be coordinating with Brodhead officials to begin the installation work soon.

I still want to hear from you regarding concerns or support on different issues. 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 email at Travis.Brenda@LRC.KY.GOV.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020
NONPARTISAN**

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CIRCUIT JUDGE 28th Judicial Circuit 1st Division (Unexpired term) (Vote for one)	<input type="radio"/> Teresa WHITAKER <input type="radio"/> A. C. DONAHUE <input type="radio"/> Jerry J. COX <input type="radio"/> Walter F. MAGUIRE <input type="radio"/> Daryl K. DAY

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

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

Manwich  **.99** 15 oz.

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

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

Cumberland Gap Water **\$3.99** 24 pk.

Coke Products  **5/\$11** 16 oz. • 6 pack

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Local teachers honored at Campbellsville Univ.

By Scarlett Birge, student news writer, and Joan C. McKinney, director, Office of University Communications

Campbellsville University's 34th annual Excellence in Teaching Award Program Ceremony was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, 217 teachers received the Excellence in Teaching Award from 76 districts and/or private schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Twenty-two of the teachers have Campbellsville College or University degrees and nine teachers are National Certified Teachers.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "The Excellence in Teaching program is one of our most meaningful tributes to Kentucky teachers."

"Teachers deserve recognition for pouring themselves into the lives of our P-12 students. Teachers not only serve students in the classroom, but they make profound impacts in their students' personal lives and on their future."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the best of the best in education!"

Hedgepath, herself a teacher and university professor for several years, would have been present for the ceremony, along with Dr. Lisa Allen, dean of the School of Education.

Allen said, "During this time of pandemic, teachers have had to be creative and flexible problem solvers in delivering relevant, timely instruction to their students."

"The teachers who are EIT recipients this year have and will continue to find innovative ways to lead, to teach and to help students succeed regardless of the learning challenges presented by COVID 19."

"I am sorry that this year, we are unable to have our usual celebration to honor them. I am proud of these teachers who continue to shape the future for all of us regardless of circumstances."

A total of 4,163 Kentucky teachers have been honored since the program began in 1987

with assistance from Earl Aaron and the Ward, Cundiff and Aaron Memorial Fund. The purpose of the program is to recognize the quality teaching and learning taking place in the school systems throughout Kentucky.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is in partnership with Lexington's CBS-affiliate, WKYT-TV.

The teachers are selected by their school districts in each grade level (preschool/elementary, middle and high school).

The 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients include the following with their superintendent listed first:

Rockcastle County Schools – David Pensol, superintendent; Cynthia Rogers, Roundstone Elementary School; Carri Burdette, Rockcastle County Middle School; and Holly Robinson, Rockcastle County High School.

Rogers, of Somerset, is a library media specialist at Roundstone Elementary where she has worked since 2004. She formerly worked at Brodhead Elementary from 1997 until 2004 as a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher and was a field associate for the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University from 1996 until 1997.

From Eastern Kentucky University, she received her bachelor of science degree in 1996, her master of arts degree in 2002, and her Rank I in 2006. She is a 1990 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

She is the daughter of Leahina Wolfe, of Mt. Vernon, and the late R.R. Wolfe Jr. She is married to Travis Rogers, and they have two children, Lea Ellen and Jace Rogers.

Burdette, of Mt. Vernon, teaches arts, humanities and choir for 6-8th grades at Rockcastle County Middle School.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at Campbellsville University in 2014. She earned her Master of Arts in Music Education from Boston University in 2017. She is a 2009 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

She is the daughter of Carolyn Collins-Hunt and Hal Hunt of Mt. Vernon. She is married to Shawn Burdette.

Robinson, of Mt. Vernon, teaches world history at Rockcastle County High School where she has taught since 2009.

From Eastern Kentucky University, she earned her Bachelor's de-

(Cont. to B6)



Senior Noah Brock displayed his Rocket spirit during the 2020 Senior Parade held last Thursday through the streets of Mount Vernon. Rain did not hamper the great turnout from seniors along with friends and family members.

Rockcastle County at 60.3% in Census

By: Mike French Editor

"Many people have no idea what an affect filling out their Census can have on our community," said Corey Craig, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Industrial Developments Authority. "Such a simple thing can make a huge difference for our entire community."

Once the potential dollar amounts were calculated, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook agreed. "The potential effect from filling out the 2020 Census can be enormous for our community," he said.

Drivers license

Beginning June 1, the Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office began issuing renewal driver's licenses/Identification Cards by appointment only from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Anyone may schedule an appointment by calling the office at (606) 256-2581. Guidelines restrict that only one person be admitted at a time.

You must wear some type of facial covering (mask, bandana, scarf) to enter the building. And you will receive special instructions on what to bring into the building with you on the date of your appointment.

Please do not be late. Permit testing and road testing will be addressed at a later date.

For questions, contact the above phone number.

Currently, Rockcastle stands at 60.3% of residents participating in the 2020 Census. Though that is better than some previous years, local officials strongly hope for more.

In the 2010 Census, only 57% of Rockcastle Countians filled out the census form.

When broken down by city, Mount Vernon leads with 56.2% participation, Brodhead stands at 48.5% and Livingston is at 21.9%.

But it is the potential

grant dollars that concern local officials.

Census officials estimate each person filling out the census will make about \$2,000 difference in available funding for each of the next ten years.

"In other words," said Craig, "one person who doesn't fill out their census costs their community, their neighbors, their family and friends \$20,000 in potential grants for our community (over the next ten year period)."

In fact, since the estimated local population is around 17,000, and only 60% have filled out the census, that means about 7,000 residents have not filled out their census.

Since each person calculates at \$2,000 per year, that is over \$140 Million in funding that Rockcastle County will not be illegible for in the next 10 years.

"We strongly urge everyone to fill out their Census," said Holbrook. "It can make a big difference in our county."

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At left: New Circuit Judge Jerry Cox sworn in by retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Dan Venters March 11, 2020.



Supreme Court provides updates on courts expanded services

services remain safe

On May 15, the Supreme Court announced the court system's reopening plan, which provides guidance on how the Judicial Branch will gradually expand court services starting June 1. As a follow-up to the initial order, the Supreme Court released six orders today that offer further direction to the courts and the public about court operations on June 1.

"As the Judicial Branch carefully expands court services, we want to proceed with the utmost care," Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said. "I appreciate the patience of the legal community, the public, and court officials and personnel as we work to ensure that greater access to the courts and public safety go hand in hand."

The six orders entered today are described below.

Health and Safety Requirements for the Expansion of Operations

Administrative Order 2020-43, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-39, dated May 15, 2020. This order updates the Health and Safety Requirements for the Expansion of Operations. It is effective June 1, 2020, and the highlights are below:

- Clarifies that remote proceedings should be scheduled through the judge's office.
- Clarifies that individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID, are in quarantine, or have been diagnosed with COVID must be allowed to participate remotely.
- Expands entrance to court facilities to individuals seeking orders under KRS 222.430 et seq. (Casey's law) and involuntary commitments under KRS Chapter 202A and KRS Chapter 645; individuals attending judicial sales; attorneys or parties to a case who need access to a physical case file and have scheduled an appointment with the local Office of Circuit Court Clerk; and, after June 15, 2020, other individuals who need access to a physical case file and have scheduled an appointment with the local Office of Circuit Court Clerk.
- Allows for resumption of limited driver's licenses services as of June 1, 2020, as provided in Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Order 2020-215.
- Encourages collaboration between clerks and judges to ensure there is sufficient staffing to cover in-person dockets.
- Clarifies that facial coverings are required for attorneys and that facial coverings must be worn in any location where court proceedings are being held.
- Clarifies the process for submitting local protocols.
- Provides an email address where concerns regarding application or implementation of the Order may be submitted.

The six orders entered today are described below.

Administrative Order 2020-44, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-40, dated May 19, 2020. This order updates the Expansion of Court Proceedings, which previously only addressed the postponement of jury trials and grand juries. The order is effective June 1, 2020, and the highlights are below:

- Adds new sections for Civil Matters, Family Matters, and Criminal Matters, with specific guidance on evictions, judicial sales, child support, show cause dockets, and bench warrants.
- Clarifies that eviction proceedings that are not subject to state or federal moratoriums and are not related to non-payment of rent for residential properties may be filed as of June 1, with the required Verification of Compliance form.
- Allows judicial sales to proceed as of June 1, subject to the health and safety requirements in Administrative Order 2020-43.
- Gives priority in child support matters to cases that are determining paternity; cases establishing initial child support obligations; cases that are being reopened; and cases in which the obligee's only financial support is income from employment or unemployment benefits, maintenance support, non-public benefits, or child support. All other child support cases are continued until after October 1, 2020.
- Suspends all show cause dockets for payment of fines and court costs until November 1, 2020.

2020.

- Clarifies that judges should continue to issue summonses in lieu of bench warrants, unless the judge has good cause to believe a defendant will not appear voluntarily upon a summons or notice to appear.

Emergency Release Schedule Order

Administrative Order 2020-45, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-27, dated April 23, 2020. This order revises the Emergency Release Schedule for Pretrial Defendants and Emergency Pretrial Drug Testing Standards. It has been extended until further order of the court and the highlights are below:

- Deletes the failure to appear and contempt provisions that were in the previous order.
- Permits pretrial drug testing providers to resume urine drug testing, subject to the Healthy at Work requirements for similar businesses.

Custody and Parenting Time Order, Flexible Staffing Guidelines for Court Clerks Order, Special Emergency Directed

Leave Order

The only change to these three orders is that the effective dates have been extended until further order of the court. There are no other substantive changes.

• Amended Parenting Time Order: Administrative Order 2020-46, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-32, dated May 5, 2020.

• Amended Flexible Staffing Order: Administrative Order 2020-47, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-23, dated April 14, 2020.

• Amended Special Directed Emergency Leave Order: Administrative Order 2020-48, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-24, dated April 14, 2020.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Court

District Court News
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Ronald L. Durham: fleeing or evading police, 30 days in jail; disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged.
Sam Martin: public intoxication, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs merged.

District Civil Suits

Lycoming Auto Trust v. Harold Spears, \$3,423 plus claimed due.
LVNV Funding LLC v. Terri Jones, \$1,346 plus claimed due.
Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. David Richardson, \$1,787 plus claimed due. C-00072

Circuit Civil Suits

Candice Chumley v. Progressive Insurance Company, complaint.
Vernice Scarlett Hargis v. Michael Lee Hargis, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Larry West v. Lorrie West, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Stephanie Mills, complaint. CI-00097

Deeds Recorded

Carolyn Sue and Gordon Mink, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Sandra Himes. Tax \$2

Everett Owens, property on the waters of Calloway Branch, to Brenda Satler and Byron Bond. No tax

David and Jayne Abney, and others, property located in Rockcastle County, to John Michael and Lindsey Haas Turner. Tax \$123

Nancy Jane H. Cromer and Gary Cromer, property in Maretburg, to Sophia Michelle Cromer Atkin. No tax

Devin and Jenna George, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy and Jessica Baker. Tax \$50

Marriage Licenses

Crystal A. Davidson, 46, Livingston, receptionist and Robert Clayton Singleton, 43, Livingston, Trane. 5/22/20

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The following items may be recycled:

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

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

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)

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If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.



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Bidding Ends: Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.
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This 1-1/2 story home contains 1,432 sq. ft. of living area and features an eat-in kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility room on the 1st floor and 2 bedrooms upstairs. Also has an enclosed rear porch, covered front porch, 3 out-buildings, gas furnace, city water and septic system situated on a 1 acre m/l lot.

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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.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Landscaping with Fruits and Nuts

While it is a fact some folks don't want to deal with fallen fruit and nuts in the yard, nor colorful bird poop after they steal some of the smaller fruits and then 'nature calls', we are writing for the rest of you all who have a yard and wouldn't mind doing double duty by having both shade and fruit or hedges and fruit. And, who knows, a few of the no-fruit people might change their minds if they read along.

For larger yard trees, typically it's maples and Bradford pears we see on every city block, in practically every yard. (Did you know both produce a lot of pollen? And the maple trees that don't produce seeds are worse for the allergy sufferer.) Large trees to consider instead might include oaks, ginkgo, fruiting pears, black walnuts, white walnuts, hickories, pecans, American beech.

A pecan, chestnut, walnut, fruiting pear, plum, persimmon, or mulberry tree could just as easily provide shade, plus edible nuts and fruits for people and wildlife. Full sized apple trees on seedling or Antonovka rootstocks make a 30 foot tree someday which might produce ten or more bushels of apples per year ten or twenty-five years from now. (And, with careful selection, rather than grabbing a tree at the big box store, you can even find varieties of apples that will hold their fruits for several weeks after they are ripe, or even all winter for a few—unless a great big windstorm comes along, in which case all promises are off about hanging onto their fruit.) Some apples can be as pretty as flowering crab apples.

If you don't have room for a shade tree, then you might replace a redbud or white dogwood with a kousa dogwood or cornelian cherry dogwood that have edible fruit and pretty blooms. Maybe a pawpaw tree or a cherry or a peach. Or dwarf or semi-dwarf apples and pears. Maybe serviceberries.

Here's an idea: Bud-9 and M-27 and G-41 dwarf roots produce apple trees no more than 6 to 8 feet tall. Since these little guys need staking, consider an espalier, or how about a hedgerow or cordon with a couple posts and wires to support the trees and plant them three feet apart like you would boxwoods or viburnum shrubs? You could have a thick hedge...loaded with lovely fruit you can pick with no ladder. Wouldn't look bad either—a cordon acting as a hedge with lots of apples for eating and cooking.

Hedges and screens could also be created with jujube trees, currant or gooseberry bushes. A bed of blueberries...especially ones with red or yellow

limbs that show in winter, with pink and white blooms in spring, and blue berries in June and July...would look nice.

Borders. Instead of phlox or candytuft or monkey grass, how about a dwarf blueberry or a creeping raspberry or some strawberries? The forsythia bush might be replaced with a honeyberry bush. A burning bush might be replaced with a dwarf cherry bush.

Most have seen contorted filberts, called Harry Lauder's Walking Stick? Well, since hazelnuts need a second variety to cross pollinate, why not find a spot for a couple more hazelnuts, and your contorted one will have one more added attraction. Nuts!

Arbors and fences could be covered with grapes, kiwi, passion flower vines, hops, or magnolia vines.

You might not have to give up your fall color with nuts and fruits either. Some apples have red or orange fall color, hickory trees have golden yellow, and some grapes have red leaves in the fall.

For everyone, a couple blueberries or gooseberries worked into the flower bed will not even draw attention to your fruiting ambitions. Add in sun chokes (Jerusalem artichokes which look like sunflowers) and they will fit right in with black-eyed-susans and echinacea.

Other edible cuties would include asparagus, service berry bushes, or a raised bed filled with strawberry plants. Strawberries would look good most anywhere you would have a raised flower bed or a terraced wall with flowers just beyond it.

Then, let's don't forget you already probably grow some edibles...for you can eat daylily, hosta, nasturtiums and a whole bunch of things you probably never even considered.

Oak trees drop nuts and sweet gum and sycamore drops stickyballs, so why not some pears or chestnuts? And a full sized apple tree can be limbed up like a maple, with fruits way up high and you can walk and mow under it's limbs. Should you have trouble finding a full sized apple—you can plant a dwarf one really deep so the graft union will be buried and the top part of the tree would put out roots just below the surface and become a full sized tree. Look for a graft union just above the roots—for budded trees have the new variety a foot or more above the root and you don't want to be planting your apple tree that deep.

Not every nut, not every apple or peach, just like not every maple, will make a perfect lawn tree. But, there are lawn ones if you search them out. They may be old varieties your grandparents grew, and hard to find. Yellow and red delicious aren't much to look at in the front yard. But, a Liberty or King David apple just might work. I know a well planned yard with fruits and nuts can work, for I've done it more than once over the years. My hope is it will also work for some of my readers.

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max via website: rockcastles.net or (859) 684-0642



"Oh my, look who's going over the hill again on June 15th! It's our Awesome #1 Rocket Fan - Rich Man Rodger Adams"



Let the Bible Speak

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

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

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

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies.

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

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

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

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

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

Mamaw's Kitchen
By Regina Poynter Hoskins

OVERNIGHT SLAW
1 large head cabbage, chopped

1 large onion, chopped
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon celery seeds
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon salt
1 cup white vinegar
3/4 cup canola oil

Layer cabbage and onion in large bowl. Sprinkle sugar over it. Do not stir. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over slaw. Do not stir. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Stir before serving. Will keep in refrigerator up to two weeks.

SEVEN (OR EIGHT) LAYER SALAD

1 medium head lettuce, shredded
1 sweet onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped (optional)
1 package (about 16 ounce) frozen green peas, thawed and drained
5 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
8 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
1 and 1/2 cups Miracle Whip® or mayonnaise, spread evenly over bacon layer
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded

Layer ingredients in order given in a 9 x 13 glass dish. Do no toss. Refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving. Can mix mayo with a

little milk and some sugar if desired.

FRESH PICKLED CUCUMBER SALAD
7 cups unpeeled pickling cucumbers sliced thin
1 cup sliced onions
1 cup sliced bell peppers
1 tablespoon salt
1 cup white vinegar
2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon mustard seed

Mix cucumbers, onions, bell peppers, and salt; set aside. Put vinegar, sugar, celery seed, and mustard seed in a pot and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and let cool for one hour. Pour mixture over cucumbers. Put in jars (with lids) and store in refrigerator.

DILL CUCUMBER SALAD

2 pounds cucumber
2 green onions, sliced
4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon raw honey
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 tablespoons salt
2 teaspoons dried dill or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
Peel and slice cucumber thinly. In a large bowl mix cucumber and green onion. In a small jar mix vinegar, honey, garlic, salt, and dill. Pour vinegar mixture over cucumber, toss to coat. Adjust taste with more salt and black pepper if needed and serve immediately.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

High Dry Cemetery

Please make donations for the upkeep of the High Dry Cemetery to: High Dry Cemetery, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

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.

Who Is A Christian?

Is a man an American citizen just because he claims to be? Or is a man General in the United States simply because he says so? Should a man who claims to be a doctor be accepted as such purely on the basis of his claim? These are foolish questions and I think we all realize this as soon as we read the questions.

The idea of using standards to be able to define who people really are is something we do all the time, we know a medical doctor, has many years in the field of medicine, a General has many years in the military before he ever makes the rank of a General.

But when we ask the question, who is a Christian? it seems there are so many variations among the doctrines of men that are accepted in the name of religion, we have gotten to the point in religion today whoever says he is a Christian, must be a Christian.

The world in religion in general may accept this idea, but our Lord does not. Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Simply calling upon Jesus Christ as Lord does not make one a Christian. Jesus also asked Luke 6:46 and why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

I really believe the Bible and it alone, determines whether one is truly a Christian. One may do many good deeds he may read his Bible, and these are things that Christians should do. But this is not what determines whether one is a Christian. Three things are taught in the New Testament in helping determine in what makes one a Christian.

A Christian is one who believes something not just anything, but one who believes in the divinity of Christ. Jesus stated clearly in John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. One must believe something and that is Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Anyone who does not believe this truly is not a Christian.

A Christian is one who does something not just anything but one who does the will of God. That which one does in becoming a Christian must be believed and obeyed we find in Romans 1:16-17 Where the apostle writes, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 6:17 tells us—But God be thanked ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. What form is that, it is one when one dies to sin is buried in water and raised a new creature in Jesus Christ Romans 6:3-4.

A Christian is one who abides in a relationship with God, not just any relationship, but one that is directed by the word of God. John 14:6 I am the way the truth and life and no man cometh unto the Father except by me. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. Then the Bible tells us we must be faithful all unto death and we will receive a crown of life. Revelations 2:10

Thank you for reading this message I pray God blesses you with things you need, and we all give God the glory. This article is submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Ova Baker at 606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew at 859-582-4021.

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Posted: No trespassing of any kind on property owned by Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Violators will be prosecuted. 17x14 eow

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

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

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

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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. 17x3

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Rockcastle Library Information
 The Rockcastle Library is hoping to reopen Monday, June 8th, pending receiving guidelines from the state. If not open by the 8th, the library will be open on the 15th. Curbside services are still available for books and DVDs.

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: Katheryn 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.

Berea College Dean's List announced

More than 730 Berea College students were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List. A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits*, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

*For the Spring 2020 term, the number of credits was reduced to three in light of the campus closure due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Local students were: Michael Allen, Cameron Brown, Rebekah Renner and Madison Stewart, all of Mt. Vernon.

Hasty named to Dean's List

The academic honors' Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgpeth, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Kali Hasty, of Mt. Vernon, has been named to the Campbellsville University's Dean's List for Spring 2020.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours.

Cumberlands Dean't List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester.

Local students who made this semester's Dean's List include: Jayna Albright of Brodhead, Abigail Fletcher of Mt. Vernon, Lucas Jones of Brodhead and Deliah Pyles of Mount Vernon.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

Isaac Stratton named to Spring President's List

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

Congratulations to Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley, on making the President's List for Spring 2020.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage and be in good academic standing.

"Teachers"

(Cont. from B1)
 gree in History Teaching in 2009 and her Master of Arts in History in 2012.

She is the daughter of Annie Branwen, of Berea, and Joseph Chiantaretto, of Plummer, Idaho. She is married to James Robinson, and they have five children: Jon Chiantaretto and Amethyst Chiantaretto and Connor, Ellie and Ryder Robinson.

The 2020 Excellence in Teaching Committee included: Dr. Lisa Allen, dean of the Campbellsville University School of Education; Elizabeth Franklin, secretary to the dean, School of Education; Lisa Kirtley, data specialist; Natasha Nall, graduate secretary for the School of Education; Dominic Sanfilippo, early childhood program secretary, and Alice Steele, clinic support specialist.

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**By: Mike French
Editor**

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The election cycle is being handled much differently this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic and voters have 15 days in which to vote.

The official election day is June 23 but voters may cast a ballot anytime between now and then. Voting began Monday, June 8.

To vote in the June Primary election in Rockcastle County, voters may go to the Courthouse, third floor conference room and vote anytime during operating hours. It's that simple.

It is suggested that voters call first to make an appointment, especially if

you need help with the voting process.

Voters may also call to request a ballot before June 15. A ballot will be

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School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting was held

Tuesday, June 9th at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

This will be the last meeting with

David Pensol as the Superintendent of Schools. Due to new pandemic-related deadlines, the story will appear in next week's issue of the *Signal*.

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County fiscal court was

scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 4 p.m. at the courthouse. Due to new pandemic-related deadlines, the story will appear in next week's issue of the *Signal*.

Commissioner Needed

The City of Livingston has one open seat on the City Commission to be filled by the next meeting which will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020.

High speed chase

Officer injured protecting motorists

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Another high speed chase led police through Mount Vernon last week and ended with an injured police officer, according to a Kentucky State Police report.

The report said KSP troopers attempted to stop a vehicle driven by James Small, 44, of Berea, on I-75 south near the 72 mile marker last Friday, June 5. Ac-

cording to police, the license plate on the vehicle had been reported stolen.

However, once the trooper activated his emergency lights, the driver sped up and continued south at a high rate of speed. The reports says Small turned onto exit 62 at Renfro Valley and the entered Highway 461.

Police say the driver was in the oncoming lane of traffic so troopers initiated an intervention maneuver to protect the pub-

lic and disable the vehicle, which apparently involved crashing into the vehicle.

As a result of the maneuver, the Small, an unnamed passenger and the trooper were transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The report says Small was arrested and delivered to the Rockcastle Detention Center where he was charged with theft by unlawful taking, first

degree fleeing and evading, second degree wanton endangerment, no operating license, no insurance and no registration.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP trooper Mike King. King was assisted at the scene by KSP personnel, Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, the Mount Vernon Police Department and Rockcastle County EMS.

Brodhead may be repairing sewer system

revisits nuisance ordinance

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Members of the Brodhead City Commission held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

Brodhead Emergency Management Director Bryan Bussell told members they need to look closely at the city's sewer system. "You had better take a good, long look at your sewer system in Brodhead," said Bussell. "We don't need a new

plant because the plant we have would be plenty big enough if we didn't have 60-65 percent surface water going through the system. Until we stop the surface water from going through our plant, we will never have enough plant."

Bussell continued to list manholes, line leaks, ground water, residential downspouts, basement drains and other areas where rain water leaks into the system and is treated by the plant, that should be repaired.

"These old clay pipes from the 70s leak a lot of water into our system and need to be repaired," Bussell said.

Commissioner Brian Bullock agreed. "Our system is over worked from surface water. I suggest we identify the biggest problem leaks and repair those first," said Bullock. "We need a map showing each line and identifying each leak so that we can prioritize the repairs." City Clerk Becky Bussell said another smoke test is coming to the city soon and that will provide the information that Bullock requested.

Commissioner John Burton brought up the

possibility of a 1 million-gallon retention pond which he had mentioned earlier in the year while discussing the sewer system. "A retention pond would make a big difference in our system," said Burton. "A million-gallon pond could catch our surge water during flood

situations and greatly reduce our flooding issues."

Currently, there is an ordinance on the record in Brodhead forbidding residential downspouts and basement drains from being hooked to the sewer system, but officials say some homes were built

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Local schools receive COVID-19 funding

**By: Mike French
Editor**

The Rockcastle County School district has received \$876,013 as their part of the \$223 million federal COVID-19

Emergency Relief Fund. Typically, such funding is very regulated, but officials with the Kentucky Department of Education say the rules are "ex-

(See "School" on A5)

Sheriff warns of COVID scam calls

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin says he would like local residents to be aware of more phone scams that seem to be circulating in the area. "Attorney General Daniel Cameron has released some helpful information that may help our citizens and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office hope everyone will pay attention to some guidelines that could help them," said Franklin.

The sheriff is referring to a press release from Cameron's office concerning Medicaid scams that may be calling some local residents.

According to Cameron's office, scammers are calling homes and requesting to bill your medicaid in ex-

change for a COVID-19 test. Scammers are also claiming to be charities and requesting funds or gift cards to assist victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cameron's office says everyone should investigate any charity before donating and some of the newest scammers may even be attempting the scam on a door-to-door basis or possibly via your social media page.

Cameron's office says residents should not give out personal information unless the charity is fully vetted or is a charity you are familiar with and have given to before.

Anyone who suspects a scam call is urged to gather as much information about the fake charity as possible and call the medicaid fraud and abuse line at 1-877-228-7384.



Rockcastle Little League officials, along with coaches and parents, spent time this week getting the local parks and fields ready for the upcoming baseball season after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Shown above, Ben Graves works the infield at the Brodhead Fairgrounds. Officials say practice will start on June 15th and the first game will be held on July 1st.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Once again, I am forcibly reminded that it's not actually such a bad thing that I'm 78 and can't possibly have too much longer to concern myself with the trials and tribulations of our world these days.

The recent protests, after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of a policeman, that almost immediately turned into an excuse to burn and loot and almost destroy several large cities in our country, that then led to demands for defunding our police departments, is a prime example of how crazy and quickly events can spin out of control and the former unthinkable become the norm.

Several advocates of doing away with police entirely have been asked for their ideas of what we will do when we need protection from home invaders, or burglars or those intent on killing us or any scenario where we usually call the police for assistance. Those advocates have not yet given a sensible answer, or at least none that I have heard. One Minneapolis councilwoman told CNN's Allison

Camerado that calling the police when your home is broken into "comes from a place of privilege" which I'm sure to her makes perfect sense but makes none whatsoever to me. Of course, as with a lot of answers from the left, if the word racist can be worked into an answer that is all that is required. But Minneapolis residents may get a taste of life without policemen pretty quickly since six policemen have already quit outright and another 46 are looking into early retirement.

Even through New York Mayor Bill DeBlasio and Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti have stopped short of agreeing to defund police, both have said they will cut the police department's budget and those funds will be given to other community programs (and Mayor DeBlasio may even put his wife, again, in charge of said programs).

I get very irritated though everytime I see these protestors, with

elected officials, ganged together with no thought to "social distancing" and many without masks because to me it only points up the fact that this entire country was used to help tear down our economy mainly to defeat President Trump in November without any regard for the abject misery this caused.

It has made me furious to see many of the governors and other politicians who have been the most virulent about keeping the lockdown in place the longest right in the middle of these protestors, such as Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, who is still maintaining that her extreme lockdown laws be kept in place.

One idea floating as to why Democrats are going after the police at this point is that they do not have control over them unlike the military over whom they have achieved control.

I don't know how, in any universe, this proposed action makes sense. I certainly don't want to live in a world where policemen are outlawed and outlaws have free reign without any consequences.

I have a large family and the only thing that makes sense to me at this point, should this ever happen, is that we move into a compound of some sort and take turns guarding it.

And, on a local political note, I cannot imagine any scenario where having a representative to our state legislature that

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Apparently I am the definition of "out of touch" with American values since I fully and completely disagree with so many things that seem acceptable to everyone else in these times.

I really don't think I am alone (though possibly in the minority) but I am steadfast and convinced that moral values and ethics and taking responsibility for one's own actions should be a part of life. In America it is not.

But, I will keep my opinion and I shall not stray from it no matter how many times a governor asks me to repeat after him. I will not be brainwashed and I will not support evil just because professional word-twisters make evil sound good and good sound evil.

I believe in the Holy Bible and the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence and each of them are clear about what freedom is and how life should be in my opinion.

Babies should not be murdered and their souls will be waiting for us to explain ourselves in Heaven some day. Yes, even those of us who let it happen.

One race of people is not better than any other race of people and no law of any kind should ever provide anything for one race that it does not provide for all races.

Looters and rioters are criminal thugs and should be arrested and charged exactly the same whether they are calling it a pro-

test or not and regardless of the color of their skin.

Statues of American heroes that were placed decades ago should be honored and respected and those who deface them or damage them or move them (including a governor) are ignoring the truth and are haters of freedom and moral values. They are guilty of destruction of public property (owned by the public, NOT owned by the governor) and should be criminally charged as such.

The Second Amendment is perfectly clear

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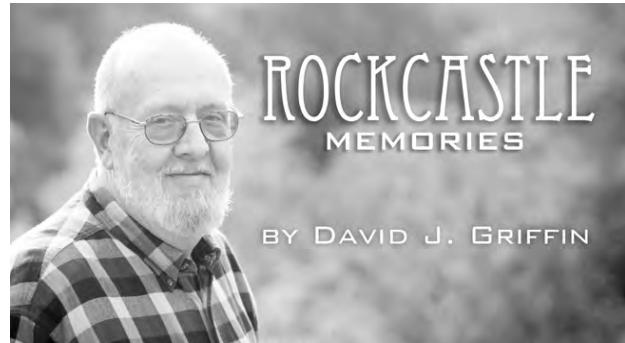
By Ike Adams



Over the last couple of weeks, on nights when the sky was clear, I have been running outside to watch the International Space Station go over Garrard County.

I realize that a lot of folks believe I have way too much time on my hands. On the other hand, I'm wondering how many of you have actually seen the station fly by? I have not seen any raging controversies about it on facebook so I'm assuming it has mostly gone unnoticed.

Had they actually seen it, there are facebook users out there who would be clamoring that it was a plot to defeat their favorite politician while others claimed it was



Backyard Chickens

I was recently reading an article about how popular backyard chickens have become in the last few years. Most of these chickens are kept for cooking, and some individuals even build a small hen house so they can take advantage of fresh eggs. The story became humorous when the author described how difficult it was to catch a particular hen. I related personally to this story.

When I was a boy, I loved watching my

grandmother (Mommie Katie) as she strode to catch a large hen for our Sunday dinner. Sometimes she would become exasperated as she chased the chicken around the yard until it finally got tired, permitting her to finally grab it.

Pop, on the other hand had a different approach. He would sprinkle some corn in the fenced-in chicken lot so that all the birds would gather inside. Then he would single out the bird of his choice, lead it into a corner, and grab it without much difficulty.

Mommie Katie had a slew of chickens that had the run of the yard during the day. In the evening they rambled back to the chicken house to roost. When she did not want them in her yard for some particular reason - company or a special occasion - she simply closed the gate to the chicken yard, and they stayed inside the fenced-in area.

As a family, we used those crazy birds for a variety of reasons. Some of them were "layers," and Mommie Katie banded those as if they were her children. She fed them, made sure they had plenty of water, and collected the eggs every day. Occasionally, she would allow one of the prized hens to sit on a bed of eggs in order to replenish the chickens that we ate for Sunday dinner.

Each day, my grandmother, adorned her bonnet, carried a small basket to the chicken house

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Sunday Dinner at Grandma and Grandpa's

Dear Journal,

It seems that in every generation as far back as I can remember or have even read about or told about, Sunday dinner has been a little more special than the normal meal. It was a time that families and friends got together for good food and to so-

cialize, usually after church. The ritual has been unchanged for centuries. I bought a recipe book a few years ago titled, "Sunday Dinner in the South". It had some really good recipes in it or so they appeared; I've yet to try any of them.

When I was a little girl growing up, Sunday dinner was the meal of the week unless we had company on hand. Now, down in the country people never spoke of lunch. The noon meal was dinner and supper was a little before bedtime.

On the average Sunday morning the whole crew of us, or at least some combination of our family, got ready and went to church. There was a little Baptist church about a half mile from our house. In warm weather, we often walked. (Mom and I lived a stone's throw from Grandpa and Grandma's house, and my brother and uncle lived there, too, with my grandparents). My uncle didn't go very often with us to church. He said that all the preacher could talk about was sin. Uncle said that all the preachers that he had ever heard said that everybody should be "again sin" and plumb stay away from it. He wanted a little variety in a sermon. One Sunday morning my brother was the only one of us to at-

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“ramblings”

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is from our county would not be better for us than a representative from another county.

I have known Josh Bray since he was in high school and have never seen anything but the highest standard of morals from him, not to mention his passion for public service and his ability to achieve things for the greater good of our county.

I do not know Mr. Brenda personally but Josh is from our county and I ask voters to seriously consider supporting his campaign to represent us in Frankfort. I know that his values align with conservatives in our county, as do his moral principals.

“Aces”

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and the government has no right to infringe on my right to own any weapon I choose to own. Nor is it their business what I own. Police officers should be respected and placed on a pedestal. They are horribly underpaid and risk their lives protecting those who are weaker. And, when they yell “stop,” you stop or suffer the consequences.

No one should have to stay home and avoid church and family because someone else is afraid of the flu. Those who are afraid of it should stay home. That is called “freedom.” Unless you are willing to sell your car and stop driving because I am afraid of dying on the highway, then you can’t ask me to stay indoors because you are afraid of a cold.

The Ten Commandments should be in our schools, teachers should be respected, children should be taught there are consequences to their actions with a switch, government should stay out of my business, every child does not finish in first place, taxes should be cut in half, smokers are not the Devil, television should not promote abominations to God and that He did not make a mistake when he created someone, burning a church or pushing a cop is NOT a peaceful protest, illegal aliens are criminals, and everything is not okay just because it feels good.

Unfortunately for Democrats, there are still some of us old folks left who were raised with moral values and work ethics and we believe what we have seen with our own eyes. We believe in keeping what we earn and all the twisted words on earth won’t change our minds. We aren’t worried about being politically correct and we believe we should learn from history and as proud, working Americans, we will never bow our knee to anyone because of their skin color.

All who disagrees with anything or everything I have written have just as much right to those opinions as I do to mine.

But, there are still some of us old-time value Americans out there and guess what? I know some young people who feel the same way.

“T. J.’s”

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tend. He was in his teens and came home absolutely in stitches laughing so hard. It seems that the choir director, an elderly

gent about seventy or so years old, fell backward and landed down below in front of the altar. I laughed, too, and wasn’t even there. Shame on us, he could have been badly hurt.

There was always a good dinner waiting after church. Mom and Grandma got in the kitchen and whipped up a fine meal. I helped here and there, usually setting the table. It had to be just right if we had company, which often on Sunday was the case. Mom usually gave it an inspection when I was through.

We usually had fried chicken with chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, and a variety of other vegetables. If not chicken there was steak, roast beef, or pork chops. There was always gravy and biscuits. In the summer we had garden vegetables. For dessert we usually had butter cup cake with caramel icing, strawberry shortcake, cobbler pies, banana pudding, or cream pies etc. All was homemade. Gathered around the table were always many friends and family.

In the afternoon, there was always time to visit or rest and nap. Quite often the most part of the afternoon was spent on the front porch eating ice cream. All we had to do now was to wait for Lassie, Ed Sullivan, My Favorite Martian and everybody’s favorite, Bonanza.

“Memories”

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to gather the eggs. We had fresh eggs every day for breakfast. They were fried in bacon drippings,

scrambled, and or even poached, especially for Pop. They were served with home-prepared bacon, country ham, or sausage.

The table was also spread with fresh biscuits, gravy, and home-canned jams and jellies. I always thought that our breakfasts were the best meal of the day. When one of Mommie’s hens stopped laying eggs, that bird was promptly scheduled for a baked hen Sunday dinner.

The flock of birds roamed the backyard looking for insects, grass, seeds, and even gravel from the driveway. Pop also supplemented their diet with a daily helping of a commercial chicken feed. Mommie always said that our eggs were so good because the chickens consumed such a varied diet. She must have been right, because I have never tasted eggs like those of my youth.

Occasionally, a couple of the hens would begin to “flog” each other, and a fight would commence. You could hear Pop laughing out loud when his birds squared off. I think these battles were simply a means of entertainment or exercise. The fights never lasted too long, and they would go back to pecking in the yard.

My grandparents had different methods of harvesting the hens for chicken dinner. Pop always grabbed one of the hens and carefully laid its neck across a chopping block in the yard. With one swift motion of his ax, the head of the chicken went flying. He then tossed the hen into the yard to “bleed out.”

Mommie Katie did not fool with the ax or a chopping block. She simply grabbed a choice hen and, with the swift flick of her wrist, “wrung its neck.” Then she let it bleed and flop in the yard until she was ready to complete the task of cleaning it for mealtime. My brother Al told me that he once saw one of the headless chickens run completely across the yard.

I am glad that folks have started to have chickens in the yard again. They have to be tastier than those that are kept in chicken houses by the thousands. Also fresh eggs are much better for breakfast. To this day, I insist on “free range” chicken eggs for my breakfast. My wife refers to them as eggs from “happy chickens.” She may be right.

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“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

than the brightest star, travelling at pretty good clip, across the nighttime sky. I figured it to be a much larger satellite than the regular ones you can usually see if you look hard enough.

You can spend several hours reading about the space station but we don’t have space here to do a description justice. Suffice to say that it covers an area a bit larger than a football field and its living quarters are about the size of a 6 bed room, 2 story, house complete

with a kitchen, gym, laboratories, bathrooms, etc. The living/working space is surrounded by an array of solar panels. The station orbits earth 16 times a day and it is about 250 miles above us.

As many as 13 people have lived in it at the same time since 2000 but the average crew is 6 astronauts at a time. As of this writing, 240 people have spent time at the station. It is jointly owned through an international treaty made possible by the governments of The United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and European Space Administration. The recent commercial Space X launch from Cape Canaveral, carrying 2 NASA astronauts, was the first time in ten years that American (NASA) astronauts had traveled from our country to the station. Several previous flights had been made from our Space Shuttle Program, but, since 2010 our astronauts had been hitching rides from the other participating countries.

That’s what piqued my interest in trying to find out what these new guys where were going once they got up there. If you already know all this stuff, please know that I am not intentionally trying to bore you. I simply

find it fascinating and it has been a slow news week on Charlie Brown Road.

If you want to view the space station from your back yard, Google “NASA spot the station” and click on the link. It took me less than a minute to figure out the exact time of night I could see it and the exact compass coordinates from which it would pass over Paint Lick. You should be able to click on a city within 10 miles of where you live and quickly find all the information you will need to spot it for yourself.

Just a few minutes before or after 10:00 PM have been optimal viewing times for me but the exact time is going to vary, based on your location. Other than the moon, it will be the brightest object in the night sky and it may take anywhere from a couple and up to just over 6 minutes to cross the sky. The website will tell you exactly what to expect.

In the meantime, if you see a facebook post from someone claiming that they have watched Chinese people tossing Covid 19 contaminated face masks out the space station windows, I wouldn’t put a lot of credence in it, if I were you.

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JOSH BRAY IS USING LIBERAL CNN FAKE NEWS TACTICS

Josh Bray is running for state representative in the 71st district which includes Rockcastle, Garrard and part of Madison County. In the January 12, 2020, Richmond Register, Bray was reported as saying, “he has stayed laser-focused on getting results in his role as City Administrator and will take that same approach to Frankfort!”

Bray is using the liberal CNN media approach in his most recent campaign release by reporting fake news about Rep. R. Travis Brenda. I had to laugh because anyone who knows R. Travis Brenda, knows he is a TRUE CONSERVATIVE. Any votes he made in the legislature were the feelings of his constituents. The “powers-to-be” are really upset that Brenda is independent and won’t vote their way. I’m sure these folks are the ones behind Josh Bray running - where he will be their puppet, just like Jonathan Shell was two years ago. I’ve often heard that “a piece of paper will lie there and let you write anything on it!” So will a campaign postcard!

I read in the Mt. Vernon Signal, dated June 4, 2020, that Josh Bray said the blooming algae is, “kicking our butt!” I thought before the last election for mayor and city council, the drinking water issue was solved. It wasn’t. Now, Bray says that all is needed is to build another collection pond. Yeah, right? We’ve been told that the water is safe to drink but if you’ve seen the raw lake water, I beg to differ! I continue to purchase bottled water because I’ve not been able to drink the faucet water. Even filters on the faucets cannot improve the taste and odor of the water. Nothing has been done to get rid of the algae which is the source of all the water woes. Just throw money at it, after all it is election time. How is this working out for you, Rockcastle County citizens?

Mr. Bray, you played a big part in publicly endorsing the building of Microfoody and Farmecutical factory in Mt. Vernon. I tend to call it the white elephant of Mt. Vernon. Some say it would make a good car dealership or farmers market! How many years ago was it completed? How many people are working there now? Five? Six? Where are the other 190+ jobs that were first promised? Millions of dollars spent for 5 jobs! Oh, let’s blame the lack of jobs on the coronavirus but that just happened three months ago! Now your cohorts want to extend the loan payments for the owners. Where are the beer cheese and all the hemp oil products and lotions and potions? And, yes, your Microfoody won’t use your lake water. What does that tell you when they can’t use our drinking water in their phantom products, wonder why? Your laser focus is blinded by the white sided building! How is that working out for you, Rockcastle County?

Why is Mt. Vernon/Rockcastle County the only city and county along the I-75 corridor in Central and Southern Kentucky that has not grown like all the others? Mr. Bray you say you want to bring jobs to Rockcastle County. Where are the chain restaurants, recreation facilities, strip malls, outlet stores? What have you been doing with your laser focus to make this happen?

Mr. Bray, you have been critical of Travis Brenda for working on the BIPARTISAN transition committee for the new governor last fall and trying to find common ground. He did this to hopefully get the governor’s ear should he ever need it, which is good politics to me! Do you think by serving on this committee that Travis upholds Beshear’s policies or somehow rubbed off on him? How ridiculous! When did it become so wrong to work across the aisle for the common good of its citizenry? Our nation, state and community have become so polarized along political lines that if you even just acknowledge the other side, you’re demonized. Willingness of General Assembly representatives and senators to work together, regardless of party lines, is something each citizen should expect. Jesus walked among the dregs of society; he didn’t just socialize with only the true believers. Mr. Bray, I believe your laser focus is bit cloudy.

I have yet to find a more admirable, Christian, conscientious man than R. Travis Brenda. Before the election two years ago Travis was given some negative information on Jonathan Shell to use in the campaign and he refused to go down that road. He said he had rather lose than to go negative and that his Christian values would not let him do this. How impressive for him to say this and follow through on his pledge. After seeing your most recent mailing, I just wish you had done the same. Again, your laser focus needs adjusting.

I never intended to become involved in this campaign; however, when you stooped so low to use fake news against a true gentleman and have your supporters do the same, I could not stand idly by. Let me say upfront that I’m against abortion, living cells constitute life, but my beliefs do not factor into this debate. You and some of your supporters have saddled Rep. Brenda with the abortion issue as if he approves, which he doesn’t! He’s endorsed by the Right to Life Organization, are you? I have to ask those critical of Representative Brenda for not doing more to prevent abortion, what have YOU done to prevent or stop abortion? Have you been to the abortion clinics or set up counseling centers, to offer other alternatives to these young, frightened, pregnant women? Have you all offered your homes, churches, money, etc. as group homes, or offering to adopt babies who otherwise would be aborted, or being foster parents to these babies? Mr. Bray, how many young pregnant women have you counseled to not get an abortion? Have you offered to adopt any of these babies yourself to prevent them from being aborted? I for one do not stand in judgement of these scared young women who see no other avenue than to terminate the pregnancy. I’m sure they are scarred for life for their decision. Are you all counseling them now? I only ask this because you brought up the abortion issue. Judge not, lest you be judged.

You mentioned that the first thing you would do was file another born alive bill should you win. Your laser focus is again faulty because Rep. Brenda was one of nine who sponsored the Right to Life bill during the legislative session this year. Rep. Brenda and others already plan to refile this bill during the next regular session.

Mr. Bray, let me look at some of your accomplishments as city manager of Mt. Vernon. Driving through the city, let’s see how many new businesses have opened up under your watch? I don’t see many, the Mexican restaurant just relocated after a fire and is not new. How many businesses have closed? How many vacant store fronts are there? Quite a few. Even if there were businesses along Main St., you’ve done nothing to make those buildings and streets handicap accessible. How can older patrons get to them? Nothing is ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant, not even the so-called ramp, way at the far end of the street. Your laser vision needs to look at Stanford to see a thriving small town. Little has been done to bring recreation to the city for the young people. The approximately 20’ X 20’ rubber pad with water squirting up through holes is not a big draw for the young people. Come to think of it, you could have saved thousands of tax dollars and put out two or three lawn sprinklers!

I’m seventy years old and Representative Brenda is the only state or federal official that I’ve known who truly seeks out the opinions of his constituents before voting on any important issue. He votes according to the majority of his constituents, not for some lobbyist or special interest group; unlike Bray who will cast his vote for the “powers-to-be” and not us. Brenda even goes so far to explain to the voters why he voted a certain way. Who else does this and he doesn’t have that laser focus!

R. Travis Brenda is the only candidate endorsed by the NRA and he is an avid hunter. He has been a successful teacher and mentor in Rockcastle County for over 20 years; his own children attend school here. And, R. Travis Brenda is the only candidate who is endorsed by the Right to Life Organization.

Do we really need another politician who campaigns by slinging mud and telling lies? In my opinion, whenever a candidate has no substantive platform, they turn to negative tactics. I think that is what Bray is doing. Don’t be swayed by Bray’s CNN tactics and fake news. The “powers-to-be” have Bray running because he will be their puppet and vote their way.

I choose to cast my vote for a man who truly lives his Christian values - R. Travis Brenda. I highly respect him and his convictions to do the right thing for all of us and not a chosen few. Rockcastle County citizens deserve someone who is willing to listen to their concerns and engage in bipartisan activities with the goal of providing the best legislation that meets the needs of all the citizens. Join me in voting for and sending R. Travis Brenda back to Frankfort. My blessings to each of you and to Mr. Brenda and his family.

- Glen Vanwinkle

Obituaries

Donald Earl Wyatt

Donald Earl Wyatt, 65, of Livingston, died Thursday, June 4, 2020. He was a Veteran of the United States Army and a member of the DAV. He loved his family and friends, and his dog Lacy. He loved fishing, playing Rook, listening to music, and bird watching. He also loved his Chevys. He played basketball at Livingston High School and was an avid UK Wildcats fan.



He leaves behind: his loving wife of 43 years, Rosemary Mason Wyatt; two children, Micah William (Jessie) Wyatt of Livingston and Kristy (Bryan) Riley of London; seven siblings, Freda Hodge of Hamilton, OH, Carol (David) Niswonger of Hamilton, OH, Ruth (Henry) Rogers of Chillicothe, IL, Geneva Hutchison of Centerville, TN, Rita (Tom) Fordyce of Shepherdsville, William "Bill" (Juday) Wyatt of Peoria, IL, and Ralph Wyatt of Centerville, TN; five grandchildren, Donny Wyatt, Carlie Wyatt, Tristen Riley, Maggie Riley, and Grayson Riley; one great grandchild, Everly Tate Wyatt; plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Hobert William Wyatt and Lottie Iva King Wyatt; his son, Donald Earl Wyatt, Jr; and three brothers, Roger Wyatt, Ronald Wyatt and Raymond Wyatt.

Funeral services for Donald Earl Wyatt will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlins Funeral Home with Steve House officiating. Burial will follow at New Salem Cemetery in London. Military honors will be provided by the local DAV chapter 158 of Keavy, KY. The pallbearers will be Micah Wyatt, Tracey Wyatt, Donny Wyatt, Kenny Wyatt, Robert Wyatt, Frank Mason, and Tristen Riley. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 7, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlins Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Betty Pittman Mandelik

Betty Pittman Mandelik, 81, of Mooresville, NC, died Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, NC. She was born October 9, 1938 in Crockett, to the late John and Sara (Fee) Pittman. Betty attended school in Benham, and moved to South Florida in the late 1950's. She worked several years in the Lighting Industry before retiring from Banking in the late 1990s. She was a beloved Mother, Mamaw, Sister, Aunt and friend, who had an absolute devotion to her family.



She is survived by: her daughters, Tressea "Darlene" Haddix and Tammy "Raelene" Waters; sisters, Lola Ferrell and Beulah Lockhart; brothers, Ed (Jeanette) and Ted Pittman; grandchildren, Cherise and Kristyn Haddix, Christopher and Erika Valdes, and Dakota Aspinwall; great grandchildren, Kyle and Alyssa Haddix, Christopher Andrew Valdes and Ella Rae Evans; and great grand son, Liam Henson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Freda Warf, Marie Bonecutter, and Jean Pittman.

No services will be held at Betty's request. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family.

Condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.cavin-cook.com>

April Dawn Volk

April Dawn Volk, 65 of Mount Vernon, died June 3, 2020. April was born April 19, 1955 in Dayton, Ohio to William and Mildred Volk. She worked 32 years at Toyota Manufacturing in Georgetown. She loved her job and more so her coworkers. She was a loving mother, Poca and friend. Her love of cooking and generosity was experienced often by her family and her Toyota family. She was very active and passionate in fundraising and supporting Relay For Life.



April was preceded in death by: her parents; a son, Josh Hendrickson; a sister, Tina Neeley; two brothers, Keith and Bill Volk; and a special friend, Victoria McFarland.

She is survived by: a sister, Vicky Volk of Mount Vernon; two brothers, Ricky Volk of Bryantsville and Donnie Volk of Crab Orchard; a son, Chris Hendrickson (Sarah) and a daughter Carrie Alcorn (Jason), both of Mount Vernon. She also survived nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren and a loyal border collie, Maggie.

In lieu of flowers, April requested donations be made to Relay For Life, ASPCA, or a local animal shelter.

Due to current regulations, social distancing guidelines were followed at McKnight Funeral Home. The funeral service was live streamed on Facebook Sunday, June 7, 2020 with Bro. Chris Wright officiating.

Pallbearers were: Avery Bradshaw, Logan Kidwell, Evan Hendrickson, Kaden and Parker Kidwell and Colton Cash

Dora M. "Sis" Cummins

Dora M. "Sis" Cummins, 77, of Florence, died June 2, 2020. She was born March 28, 1943 in Mount Vernon, to the late Curtis Lee Stokes and Mildred Centers Stokes. She was a retired cashier with Wal-Mart in Florence, and she really loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. One of her favorite things was to spend time with them and they will deeply miss her. Dora also liked to cook and will be very much missed by her family.



She is preceded in death by: her parents and brother, George Stokes. She is survived by: her husband of 54 years, Benny "Ben" Cummins; two daughters, Sherri (Bernie) Brown and Carol Cummins; four sisters, Margaret Kearns, Virginia Hill, Peggy Stokes, and Kathy Huff; two grandchildren, Nathan Brown and Rebekah Brown; and three great grandchildren, Junior "Scooter" Luke, Le'Asia Brown, and Braxton Brown.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Stith Funeral Home in Florence. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 483 S. Loop Road, Edgewood, KY 41017.

Online condolences may be made at www.stithfuneralhomes.com

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Rockcastle Library Has Reopened

The Rockcastle Library reopened Tuesday, June 9th. Their hours will now be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

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.

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.

Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr.

Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr., 66, of Richmond, died Friday, May 29, 2020 at his home. He was born in Hamilton, OH on October 21, 1953, the son of Kenneth and Mossie Jane Isaacs Sowder.



He retired from the US Air Force after having served in Vietnam, and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following his service in the military, he was an employee for and later retired from the US Postal Service. He was a member of Blue Springs Church of Christ.

He is survived by: his wife, Kathy Cillien Sowder; children, Richard Sowder and Janie Ann Willis, both of Richmond; two grandchildren, Connor Willis and Madison Willis; two brothers, Daniel Dale (Crystal) Sowder and Preston D. (Sandy) Sowder; and a sister, Deborah G. (Gerald) Richardson. Also surviving are his family in Germany and Jessie Hayes of Richmond. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Mossie Jane Sowder.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial with military honors was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Danny Holcomb, Dwight Isaacs, Roger Isaacs, Sam O'Brien, Rodney Richardson, and Josh Sowder.

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

Jeriah Konner Hamm

Jeriah Konner Hamm, 23, of Walton, died Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at his residence. He was born October 16, 1996 in Richmond, to Kevin Hamm and Beth (Miller) Pyles, was a member of the Maretburg Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing, playing the guitar, and weightlifting.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his father, Jones Kevin (Linda) Hamm of Mt. Vernon; his mother, Beth (Greg) Pyles of Dry Ridge; brother, Jarrett Kevin (Mallory) Hamm of Frankfort; step-

brother, Matt (April) Pyles of Florence; step-sister, Emily Roark of LaGrange; three nieces, Madeline, Abbi, and Grace; special friend, Kensay Harding; uncle, Clyde L. (Tonya) Miller of Berea; and two cousins, Caitlyn (Marcus) Ellison of Texas, and Collin Miller of Berea.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jones Oscar (Sarah) Hamm, and Clyde (Anne) Miller.

Services were held Friday, June 5, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Clyde Miller officiating. Burial was in Sayer Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Floyd Halcomb

Floyd Halcomb, 95, died peacefully in his sleep June 3, 2020. He was born at Jepp Hill, in 1925. He was formerly of Livingston. In 1940, at age 15, he



joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, and served in Pocatello, Idaho. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy and in war production at Jeff Boat Works in Jeffersonville, Indiana. After the war, he spent his career in road construction and quarry operations. He retired as a partner in Gaddie-Shamrock, Inc. Floyd and Lucille were members of Beacon Hill Baptist Church in Somerset.

Floyd's passions were his family and his work. He was known for his wise counsel, and his knowledge and skill as a mechanic and problem solver. His family fondly recalls his favorite, often-repeated saying, that he had "workadoo", and that unexpected events often led to "dadjimit". He will be remembered as one who had learned "...in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content".

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Lucille Mason Halcomb, and a son, Mark Stephen Halcomb, his parents, John Sherman Halcomb and Mintie Catherine (Browning) Halcomb, his sisters, Daphna Halcomb, Viola Griffin, and Maude Jones, and his brothers Chester, Thurston, Willie, and Dennis Halcomb.

Floyd is survived by his son, Robin (Sarah) Halcomb, his daughter, Jill (Jeff) Smith, his granddaughter, Jennifer (Chris) LeBeau, his grandson, John (Kristy) Halcomb, and dearly loved great-granddaughters, Cosette LeBeau and Lorelai Halcomb. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, his special dog, Bubba, and granddog, Sophie.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, a private graveside service was held Monday, June 8, in Somerset.

Pallbearers were: Robin Halcomb, Jennifer, Chris, and Cosette LeBeau, John and Lorelai Halcomb, and Jeff Smith. Honorary pallbearers were: Huey Holder, Denny Halcomb, Grant Halcomb, Zach Crawford, Stanley Stockton, and Bun Claborn.

The family expresses deep gratitude for Dad's excellent care to Dr. Tonya Shea, Hospice of Lake Cumberland, Cumberland Nursing and Rehab, and Lifestone Home Health.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY 42503.

Can You Sleep When The Wind Blows?

A young man asked a farmer for a job as a farmhand. When the farmer asked of his qualifications, the young man answered, I can do whatever has to be done, and I can sleep when the wind blows. Even though the farmer was a little confused by the answer of this young man, he did not question the young man but hired the young man.

Some time later the farmer awoke to a violent storm, he tried time and time again to wake the young farmhand without any success. So he went and checked things himself, he found the barn locked, the chicken coop properly closed, a load of hay was properly covered and everything else was taken secured down. Then the farmer remembered the young man's words, I can sleep when the wind blows.

That poses a question to me and you. Can we sleep when the wind blows? Do we know what it is like to be able to sleep without worrying about the possibility of dying and being lost forever. I know what it is like to be in that situation, knowing if you died you would be lost and cast from the presence of God, it is a terrible feeling, it causes you not to be able to sleep, every noise no matter how small, it sounds like house is coming a part, the roof is coming off, especially when the wind blows, and the lighting cracks, you wonder if this is going to be the big one.

If being able to sleep when the wind blows has an appeal to you, then this is what you must do. We must obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. Romans 1:16 The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. We must believe, Hebrews 11:6 we must believe that he is, then we must repent, Luke 13:3 repent or perish. We must confess our belief that Jesus Christ is the son of God, Matthew 10:32-33 Then we must be baptized, as the word teaches in Acts 2:38. Then we must be faithful Revelations 2:10. Only the faithful can sleep when the wind blows. (If you can't sleep when the wind blows, try this medication from the great physician, it has worked for millions.) Thank you for reading this message. I pray you are blessed with things you need and you give God the thanks. If you would like to contact someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker: 606-878-8104.

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The Garden Is Open on Greenway Drive and you are invited to stop by this Friday and Saturday and wander through if you will not be judgmental. Potted perennials from the garden and some pottery will be for sale on the barn porch. Masks recommended, but not required if you feel comfortable outside social distancing.

Renfro Valley shows cancelled for 2020 season

By: Mike French Editor

For over 80 years, traditional and country music fans have enjoyed the sights and sounds at Renfro Valley in Mount Vernon. However, this year, the stages will be dark and seats will be empty.

Fishing coach resigns

By: Mike French Editor

Popular RCHS Fishing Coach Matt Bryant submitted his resignation this week and will no longer serve as the Bass Fishing Coach for the district.

Bryant had been the Fishing Coach for the past four years but had mentored student anglers for eight years.

Bryant posted a "thank you" to the many who have supported the program over the years as he helped RCHS anglers take fishing trips across the state.

"It has been one of the honors of my life to mentor student anglers over the last eight years as well as coaching for the past four," said Bryant. "Now it is time to watch my favorite angler, my son Grant, as he chases his fishing dream."

Bryant helped bring recognition to RCHS over the years with many tournament awards and officials at the school saying they Bryant will be difficult to replace.

Tomlinson inducted into Hall of Fame

Michael Tomlinson of Deltona, FL was recently inducted into the North Ridge High School Hall of Fame in Dayton, OH.

Tomlinson, a computer graphics teacher for thirty years in the Orange City, Florida school system, is the son of Marie Tomlinson of Crab Orchard and the late Eugene Tomlinson and the grandson of the late Alfred and Delia Allen of Red Hill.

Tomlinson, and his wife, Tracy, a fourth grade teacher in Deltona, FL, have one daughter, Tracy, a psychologist who works as a counselor in St. Augustine.

He also owns Green Dragon Hapkido where he teaches Karate and Hapkido.

"Elect"

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mailed to your home including a postage paid envelope. Once you fill out the ballot, you may return it in person or by mail as long as it is postmarked on or before June 23.

Voters may request a ballot by calling 256-2831 or by visiting GoVoteKY.com.

In the Republican Party Primary Election ballot for Rockcastle County, Donald J. Trump is the only candidate for President.

For United State Senator Republican voters may choose James Naren, Kenneth Lowndes, incumbent Mitch McConnell, C. Wesley Morgan, Nicholas Alsager, Wendell Crow, Paul John Frangedakis and Louis Grider.

For U.S. Representative in the 5th Congressional District voters will choose between incumbent Harold "Hal" Rogers and Gerardo Serrano.

For State Representative 71st District candidates are incumbent R. Travis Brenda and Josh Bray.

The non-partisan judicial 28th Circuit Judge candidates are Teresa Whitaker, A.C. Donahue, Jerry J. Cox, Walter F. McGuire and Daryl K. Day.

Candidates for Constable in the 4th district are Joseph Casey McClure and L. Dale Miller.

The Democrat Party ballot presidential candidates are Pete Buttigieg, John K. Delaney, Joseph R. Biden, Tom Steyer, Tulsi Gabbard, Michael Bennet, Michael R. Bloomberg, Amy Klobuchar, Bernie Sanders, Deval Patrick, Andrew Yang and Elizabeth Warren.

For United States Senator, Democrats may choose between Andrew J. Maynard, Amy McGrath, Eric Rothmuller, John R. Sharpsteen, Bernie J. Smith, Mary Ann Tobin, Jimmy C. Ausbrooks, Mike Broihier and Maggie Jo Hillard.

The non partisan 28th judicial Circuit Judge ballot is the same in both party elections.

"Brodhead"

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before such ordinances were enforced. However, the commission members discussed any legal action the city could take

to enforce the ordinance. "It wouldn't be very difficult to change that for the homeowners," said Bullock. "Our residents work well with the city and if we let them know, I would say most would unhook their downspouts from our sewer system with no problems."

Changing and rerouting basement drains would be a much more difficult, and expensive, endeavor however. But that part of the ordinance may not be enforced if the next smoke test shows that not to be a huge issue, according to commissioners. "I am not nearly as concerned about basement drains," said Bullock. "There wouldn't be very many of them at all and there wouldn't be a lot of water in a basement drain anyway."

Bullock said he feels that through educating the public about the situation and the "quick fix" that it would take to correct the problem of downspout drainage, the problems would basically correct itself soon.

According to the ordinance, the City of Brodhead would have the right to cut off water service to any home which has a downspout or basement drain hooked to the sewer system until the issue is corrected. However, Bullock and Burton agreed that local residents would most likely cooperate and such action would not be required.

In other action, Burton brought up the issue of the town's nuisance ordinance. The ordinance was a topic of debate two years ago bringing several local residents to the meetings. Official letters were sent to some property owners in violation of the ordinance and most all of those were cleaned up soon after. "A lot of the properties have been cleaned up and our town looks better and is safer for everyone," said Burton. "But, there are a few properties that are still a problem. We need to remind those property owners of their responsibilities to their neighbors."

Burton said the city was unable to follow up on the ordinance enforcement two years ago because the flooding hit the area soon after the ordinance was adopted. "Our people had a lot to deal with after the flooding. But now that things are getting back towards normal, everyone should have time to pay attention to the ordinance."

Commissioners agreed to send another

letter to "a few" local properties in hope the owners will cooperate and clean up the site. "I have been getting a few complaints on those few properties and we need to look at moving ahead on those sites," said Burton. Bullock said officials may consult County Attorney Jeremy Rowe to help direct the city's next course of action on the issue.

Members also discussed the proposed opening of the City Park system. Becky Bussell said the park shelter will remain closed until further social distancing restrictions are lifted by the governor. However, plans are to open the shelter as soon as restrictions are lifted. Once open, Bussell reminds all residents that the shelter must be reserved in advance. There is no charge to use the facility, but visitors may be removed without reservations for the shelter.

Bullock also mentioned looking into replacing the Jungle Gym at the local park. "Kids really enjoy that gym," he said. "It is healthy and a lot of fun for our kids. We need to look at possible grants or other ways to replace our Jungle Gym."

Commissioners also agreed to pay the monthly bills, which included \$19,000 for pumps at the sewer plant. Bryan Bussell noted that expense will be returned to the city in a reimbursement grant.

In a final action Clerk Becky Bussell gave notice that the Brodhead Waterworks Annual Water Quality Report is now available. "The report contains important information about resident's drinking water," she said. For more information, go to krwa.org/2019ccr/brodhead.pdf.

"School"

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tremely broad" on how it may be spent.

The goal of the funding, which is provided through the CARES act (See related story inside) is to help with losses experienced through the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures across the state.

"This will be very helpful to our district," said newly-elected Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. "This will help ensure the health and safety of all our students and staff during reopening of our schools. We always consider safety first

in our district."

The funding comes at a good time since just last month, Director of Finances, Jenny Sweet, told the board the budget for the upcoming year includes about \$600,000 less in revenues.

Ballinger said in Rockcastle County the funds will be used in several needed areas. "This will allow us to move forward in our technical advancements and allow us funding to support our principals and our teachers," she said.

Though the use of the funding is more broad than usual, Ballinger says there are indeed certain areas in which the money is expected to be used.

"There are restrictions on how the funding may be spent but we plan to advance in technology," she said. "And some of the funds are earmarked for food service and sanitation also."

The board reported last month that the district's food service department has fed countless families throughout the pandemic and has provided free meals through several programs in the food service department.

Ballinger says she also plans to use some of the funding for sanitation and the cleaning of all county schools, especially in high traffic areas.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Enrollment for 2020 Safety-Net Programs Fast Approaching – June 30 Deadline
USDA Reports Record Enrollment for 2019 Crop Year

By SED Brian Lacefield, State Executive Director in Kentucky, USDA Farm Service Agency

Challenges and uncertainties are synonymous with farming and ranching. To say these are challenging, uncertain times is an understatement. But, as is their inherent nature, farmers and ranchers will certainly adapt and persevere, and we at USDA are here to help them.

Our USDA Service Centers are open for business, and program delivery staff are continuing to come into the office but are working with producers only by phone – call to schedule an appointment – and using online tools whenever possible.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) staff here in Kentucky stand ready to help you obtain credit for spring farm operating needs, service loans or sign up for programs.

Producers simply need to enroll in the ARC or PLC program – their 2019 crop year program election applies to

A recent press release from the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center says the 2020 season has been suspended. "Due to COVID-19, and related limitations placed on social gatherings by the State of Kentucky it is with great sadness the decision has been made to suspend the 2020 season at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center," the release said.

According to officials all ticket holders may obtain a refund of the ticket purchase price for cancelled events. However, the release says requests for refunds must be submitted by July 15.

Officials also say refunds may take up to 30 days to process.

The release says refund requests for tickets purchased online from renfrovalley.com should be submitted by email to refunds@renfrovalley.com

Refund requests for tickets purchased at the ticket office can be made in person during normal business hours at the ticket office.

Refund requests made through a third party must be directed to the party from whom the tickets were purchased.

Any questions concerning refunds should be directed to refund policy department at 800-765-7464.

Owners and managers of the complex say they look forward to next season. "Despite the current challenges, we will be saving you a seat," said the press release. "Music will bring us all together again. We look forward to serving you again soon."

"Guilty"

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week, according to reports.

Hubbard pled guilty of conspiring with Dallas Clifford, Dustin Hurley and Jordan Moore to distribute 500 grams or more of meth.

Prosecutors say Hubbard admitted the conspiracy from February to May of 2019.

The report says Clifford and Hurley pleaded guilty in February of this year and are scheduled to be sentenced on July 23 and June 12.

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Notice: Due to the COVID-19 virus the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices are open by phone or online tools only at this time.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.375%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 2.250%

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Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%

Emergency Loans = 2.375%

Farm Storage Loans = 3 yrs. = 0.250% 5 yrs. = 0.375%, 7 yrs. = 0.500% 10 yrs. = 0.625%, 12 yrs = 0.750%, 15 yrs = 0.875%

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bray is the voice we need in Frankfort...

Dear Editor,
As voting begins in the Republican primary for State Representative, I ask that my fellow conservatives in Rockcastle County get out and vote, however you can, for Josh Bray. His record of accomplishment as our City Administrator speaks for itself. He is the voice we need in Frankfort working on behalf of our community.

I share this endorsement from three perspectives.

The first is that of a Mount Vernon City Councilwoman. I've seen first-hand the tremendous job he has done serving our City.

Josh has been recognized by the Kentucky League of Cities as literally the most effective City Administrator in Kentucky due to his work restructuring essential business functions and services within our City government.

His relentless initiative and advocacy has also secured numerous grants and investments, and he has been a prudent guardian of taxpayer dollars. His body of work as City Manager reflects a man who has a genuine desire to improve the quality of life for our citizens.

My second perspective is that of a teacher. The sad reality is that COVID-19 has decimated our economy. We have to understand that this economic devastation will have a direct impact on the funding we need to effectively educate our youth. Whether we like it or not, asking our federal government for a blank check is the most irresponsible thing we can do for our youth.

The only way to solve the problem is to put in the hard work of rebuilding our economy which produces taxpayer dollars and funds for our schools.

Josh Bray's record reflects a man who isn't afraid of hard work or tackling complex problems. He has shown the ability to achieve an effective balance of seeking counsel from citizens and advisors, while also thinking for himself.

The final perspective I share is that of a conservative. The unprecedented COVID-19 crisis has become the unrestricted license Gov. Beshear needed to push his liberal agenda in violation of our constitutional rights.

Josh Bray is a principled conservative who will stand up to the liberals in Frankfort, something we haven't gotten from majority of our Republican legislators currently serving. R. Travis Brenda, in particular, has been identified by the American Conservative Union as the Kentucky House Republican who voted with liberal Democrats the most. His record speaks for itself.

Please vote Josh Bray for State Representative.
Respectfully,
Jamie Anderkin Bryant

Vote for Brenda...

Dear Editor,
MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION?!? Concerning the re-election of Republican, R. Travis Brenda, for the Kentucky House Seat for District 71.

Local government works best through leadership, not partisanship.

Mr Brenda is a leader, and will continue to lead the state of Kentucky in a positive and productive way, to better our state,

Mr. Brenda is representing the counties of Rockcastle, Garrard and a portion of Madison County!

Mr. Brenda 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 our constitutional rights,

Mr. Brenda supports the farmer and as a teacher, he understands the need for better schools and education. He supports the police officers and all first responders, Mr. Brenda is a strong Republican, is an advocate and in strong support of President Donald J Trump being re-elected as American's President!

Mr. Brenda does not consider himself to be a politician but is there to be a voice and to speak for all of Kentucky.

I believe that Mr. R. Travis Brenda can help Make Kentucky Great Again!!

Jack and Dawn, we are voting to re-elect R. Travis Brenda, not as a politician, but as a Christian man, anyone who knows Mr Brenda, knows he is a man of integrity and a God fearing man!

We need Mr. Brenda in Frankfort!

Thank you for your prayers and votes,
Jack Stallsworth.

Travis Brenda is the right man...

Dear Editor,

I have been encouraged by many American's response to the trials we're facing in our country, state and county today. Compassion, kindness, concern and a united front (whether it's inequality, unfairness or COVID 19) is what Rockcastle Countians do best and God expects from us all.

We have two candidates for state representative and I'm positive both are Christians, good sons, husbands and fathers and each has endorsements from Republican organizations.

Two years ago, without doubt, we needed a candidate who was not a politician, but a true representative of Rockcastle, Garrard and Madison Co. residents. A man who put God first in his life, his wife, children and family second and his students and the needs of the counties he would represent third. A man who was

pro-life and supporter of our second amendment rights. A man who would support active teachers and retired teachers at a time when then Gov. Bevin was tearing our retirement system and our integrity down. We were blessed when R. Travis Brenda was elected as our state representative in 2018.

He is still the same devoted man who is running for re-election in 2020. He has done exactly what we needed him to do. He has proven success in economic development, roadways, infrastructure, passed pro-life legislation and has a NRA A rating.

As a returning legislator, he is better equipped and more knowledgeable to serve Rockcastle, Garrard and Madison counties. I have truly appreciated him keeping his word, his complete transparency and his updates from Frankfort (in the Signal) which keeps us on top of what our legislators are achieving for our counties and state. He has proven his love and dedication for us and what's important to us, time after time, giving Rockcastle Countians full representation in Frankfort.

Elect the right man, Travis Brenda (R).

Thank you and God bless,
Janie D. Harper

In Support of Circuit Judge Jerry Cox...

Dear Editor,

This letter is to express my support for Circuit Judge Jerry Cox in the upcoming judicial primary election. The election will be held June 23, 2020 but, due to COVID-19, mail-in voting is encouraged and in-person voting will be limited. Mail-in voting is available between June 8th and June 23rd. Voters should call their county clerk or make an online application to obtain a mail-in ballot.

Judge Cox was appointed by the governor on March 3, 2020 to serve as circuit judge for Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. The governor's appointment recognized that Judge Cox is one of Kentucky's finest lawyers and that he would be an outstanding circuit judge.

During a distinguished career as an attorney, Judge Cox served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. Later in his career, Judge Cox was elected nationally as president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has received a host of awards as an outstanding lawyer and public servant.

During my private law practice, I worked with and against Judge Cox on many significant cases. He was always well prepared and always pursued the best interests of his client. When I was chief justice, I appointed him to various supreme court committees and his service was excellent.

Judge Cox's judgment, knowledge and character make him ideally suited to serve as our circuit judge.

Joseph E. Lambert
Kentucky Chief Justice (Ret.)

Please note...

Limit of two letters to the editor per household each election cycle
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Vote for Josh Bray...

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to ask folks to vote for Josh Bray for our State Representative in the upcoming primary election. Ordinarily I don't do formal endorsements for political offices. However, I feel very strongly about this particular race.

Before going any further, I want to say that I have nothing personally against Mr. Brenda. I appreciate knowing him, as well as being appreciative of his Christian and family values.

After waging three campaigns of my own and after participating in three campaigns of my two sons, I realize that running for office is not for the faint of heart.

It seems there are always things that surface, such as controversy and hurt feelings. This race for State Representative is no different. I do want to point out that addressing an opponent's record is not the same as attacking their character. Records are clearly fair game in the arena of politics.

Josh Bray has now worked for me and with me at the City of Mount Vernon for nearly ten years. During that time he has served as both the Tax Commissioner and the City Administrator.

His work ethic, high energy, and integrity are some of the best I have seen. That's saying a lot, given the fact that I am close to being seventy-five years of age.

During this campaign, issues have been raised about what he has done at the city as well as what the City Council and I have done.

Some of the statements

I have read are clearly a classic case of folks being down on something that they are not fully on. I am very proud of my administration's record and equally proud of Josh Bray's part in developing that record. I have watched his tireless efforts day by day. I have no doubt that he would bring that same kind of commitment and hard work to the position of State Representative.

Josh's degree in accounting and the numerous trainings I have sent him to over the years also lend themselves to his abilities. Josh has become known around the state and through his ability to network, he has developed excellent working relationships and gained the respect of many.

Josh is a conservative who has been recognized by the NRA, Right to Life, State Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Thanks for reading my lengthy comments. Your vote for Josh Bray is greatly appreciated.

Mount Vernon Mayor
Michael Bryant

What about the others?...

Dear All Friends and Enemies,

I watched on the television Monday, June 8th, Mr. Beshear said he was going to make sure all you taxpayers were going to pay for all black people's insurance. Check him out everyone! Nothing about whites or Mexicans. Why? What about others?

Thank you for listening,
Bob Lunsford

Happy 95th Birthday!
Edna Suella Bullock Branaman
"Sue - Nanny"

Happy Birthday to an exceptional person who turns 95 this week. Sue, also known as Nanny, is a quality quilter, gardner, and cook. She loves animals of all species and is an avid bird watcher. Thank you for all your love and guidance you give to everyone in your life. Please join our family in wishing her a wonderful birthday.

LIHEAP
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Community Action Agencies Accepting Applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2020

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency
Clay | Jackson | Laurel | Rockcastle
606-598-5127

Kentucky River Foothills Development Council
Estill | Clark | Madison | Powell
859-624-2046

LKLP Community Action Council
Leslie | Knott | Letcher | Perry
606-436-8853

Middle Kentucky Community Action Partnership
Lee | Owsley | Breathitt | Wolfe
606-666-2452

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A Touchstone Energy®
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www.jacksonenergy.com ♦ 1-800-262-7480

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer

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

Berea Gospel Tabernacle

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

Bible Baptist Church

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

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., &
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: **Travis Gilbert**
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.

Brookhead Baptist Church

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

Wednesday Adult & Youth

Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor

Brookhead Christian

237 W. Main St. Brookhead
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

Brookhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brookhead
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.

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.

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church

Copper Creek Rd.,
Brookhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church

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

Fairview Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church

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
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

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.
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.

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 • Brookhead
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 Church

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

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.

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Pentecostal Church

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brookhead)
Brookhead, Ky.
Pastor: **Randal Adams**
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.
Pastor: **Tim Hampton**
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.

Livingston Baptist Church

Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
onto Jarber Rd.
Pastor: **Jack Weaver**
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
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

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

New Heights Church

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

Baptist Church

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

Northside Baptist Church

777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Pastor: **Kenny Allen**

Northside Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Northside Baptist Church

Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Ottawa Baptist Church

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

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

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

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During coronavirus pandemic

CARES Act directs federal funds to help Kentucky's homeless population

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) recently announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded more than \$23 million to Louisville, Lexington, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky for their response to the coronavirus. These federal funds were made available by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act—the largest economic rescue package in history—which Senator McConnell introduced and shepherded to enactment in about a week.

The funding is part of HUD's Emergency Solutions Grants program, which provides targeted assistance for homeless Kentuckians in emergency transition shelters and supports local services responding to the

coronavirus. Before this announcement, HUD has already directed nearly \$70 million from the CARES Act to housing and community development programs throughout Kentucky.

The distribution of the funds is as follows:

- \$14.5 million for the State of Kentucky.
- \$5.43 million for the City of Louisville.
- \$3.22 million for City of Lexington.

"The CARES Act directs rapid relief to families and communities across the nation as they respond to the coronavirus, and I was proud to use my position as Senate Majority Leader to keep Kentucky's priorities at the center of the discussion," said Senator McConnell. "The CARES Act is making substantial investments into helping protect vulnerable Ken-

tuckians from the spread of the coronavirus as they face this crisis. Distributing these federal funds to local governments where they're most needed will bolster compassionate responses to this health and economic emergency."

"Funding of this magnitude and at this critical time is life-saving and life-changing for those experiencing homelessness in our City," said Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton.

"This funding will allow individuals and families without a home the opportunity to be safe and healthy while practicing

all CDC recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19," said Polly Ruddick, Director of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention in Lexington. "Additionally, it will help individuals and families secure permanent housing, ultimately reducing and ending homelessness here in Fayette County. We are grateful for Senator McConnell and his team for securing this funding for Lexington."

"We commend Congress' allocation of COVID-19 resources from the CARES Act to

support people experiencing homelessness with shelter, prevent families from losing their homes to eviction, and front-end rental assistance. Homeless service providers from Paducah to Pikeville stand ready to deploy Emergency Solutions Grant funding to help Kentuckians today," said Adrienne Bush, executive director of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky.

In addition to these federal funds, the CARES Act has had an \$11 billion impact in Kentucky so far.

Senator McConnell's legislation has delivered \$3.6 billion in relief to address urgent housing, transportation, healthcare, education and economic development priorities. His legislation also created the Paycheck Protection Program, which is helping more than 45,000 Kentucky small businesses access over \$5 billion in loans to keep their lights on and employees on payroll. Kentucky families have also received more than \$3.2 billion in Economic Impact Payments from the U.S. Treasury.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00143

Pamela Sturgill Plaintiff

V.

Dyella Whitehead, Ditech Financial, LLC
Arthur C. Whitehead, Jr. Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 13, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND 49/100 (\$27,880.49) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Situated in Rockcastle County, Kentucky more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on S.W. side of line creek road and said road junction with old county road; thence with line creek road and Hopkins S 12 Deg. 30 mins E 558' to set stone (corner to Blevins); thence with Blevins S 51 Deg. 00 mins W 945' to 6" water oak; thence N 33 deg. 15 mins W 465' to 12" water oak; thence along old road N 49 Deg. 00 mins E 1148' to the beginning and containing 11.60 acres more or less.

1685 John Cash Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419.
 PVA Map #001-00-018.03

Being the same property conveyed to Dennis Sturgill, single and Pamela Sue Sturgill, single, from Dennis Sturgill, single by Deed dated 06/18/2010, recorded 06/18/2010, Deed Book 231, page 61-63, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records, and being known as 1685 John Cash Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
 - The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 18-CI-00052

Lisa Benedict and Patrick Benedict, spouses; Bobby Kirby and Ruth Kirby, spouses Plaintiffs

V.

Wilma Dianne Bell, a single person; Donna Elaine McKinney and James Butch McKinney, spouses; Debra Denis Burdette, and Rick Burdette, spouses; William Cecil Kirby and Patricia Todd Kirby, spouses; Benton Lloyd Kirby and Karen Renee Kirby, spouses; Jeffery Brad Kirby and Alissa Kirby, spouses Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this partition action, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Beginning at a stake in the East right of way of the county road; thence N 76 E 462 feet to a stake; thence S 14 1/2 E 214 feet to a stake in the south right of way of the county road; thence with the right of way as follows: S 75 W 473 feet; N 22 1/4 W 37 feet; N 8 W 221 feet to the beginning and containing 2 76/100 acres.

259 Buttercup Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.
 PVA Map #055-00-027

Being the same property conveyed to Lloyd Kirby and Cuba Kirby by deed dated February 11, 1977 and recorded in Deed Book 104, page 78 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office. Cuba Kirby died April 15, 2015. Lloyd Kirby became the sole owner of the property at the death of Cuba Kirby under the terms of their survivorship deed. Lloyd Kirby died intestate on July 2, 2017, a resident of Rockcastle County, Kentucky. At his death, the children of Lloyd Kirby, Wilma Dianne Bell, Donna Elaine K. Mason McKinney, Debra Denis Burdette, William Cecil Kirby, Jeffery Brad Kirby, Benton Lloyd Kirby, Bobby Kirby, and Lisa Benedict Kirby, inherited the property as shown by the Affidavit of Descent recorded in Deed Book 261, Page 79 of the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold in 2 parcels then offered as a whole with the successful bidder being the one that results in the highest total price for the real property.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00032

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

Marie Charette aka Marie Margaret Charette, Glenn Dale Pollard aka Glenn Pollard, Timothy Ray Charette, unknown defendant, spouse of Timothy Ray Charette, Phillip John Charette, Jennifer Charette, unknown defendants, who are the heirs or devisees or legatees of Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz Charette and their spouses and any unknown person who may have an interest in the property which is the subject matter of this action Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND 53/100 (\$135,189.53) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:15 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

3240 South Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
 PVA Map #060-00-058

Being the same property conveyed to Amos Owens, Jr. and Janet K. Owens from Billy Donald Smith and his wife Glenna Smith, by Deed dated October 10, 1970 and of record in Deed Book 90 page 429 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Janet K. Owens died on October 15, 2016. Pursuant to the right of survivorship, Amos Owens, Jr. thereafter inherited the interest of his wife Janet K Owens. And being the same property conveyed to Tasianna Charette, single, by Deed of Conveyance from Amos Owens, Jr., widower, dated September 11, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 261 page 620 Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz Charette died on September 25, 2017. Upon her death, all right, title and interest became vested in her heirs at law.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

City of Livingston Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance Summary Of

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-0515-20

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING WITH AMENDMENTS FOUND HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING SET OF REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL, HEREIN AFTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ORDINANCE"; AND FURTHER ADOPTING ALL APPLICABLE AND REQUIRED KRS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, KRS CHAPTERS 241 THROUGH 244 AS RECENTLY UPDATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, BY AND THROUGH A MAJORITY OF REGISTERED VOTERS, PERMITS THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL, MANUFACTURING OF ALCOHOL, AND SALES OF ALCOHOL WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, SO LONG AS SUCH IS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON THEREFORE HAS ESTABLISHED UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MANUFACTURING, AND SALES PURSUANT TO AUTHORIZATION UNDER KRS CHAPTERS 241 THROUGH 244, AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAW;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, KENTUCKY, THAT THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED AS SET FORTH BELOW:

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

A. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance" of the City of Livingston, Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as the "City").

ARTICLE II. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A. City Licenses:

For the privilege of causing, permitting and engaging in the actions, business, and transactions authorized thereby in regard to traffic in alcoholic beverages in the City and pursuant to the authority of KRS 243.070, there is hereby established a corresponding city license for each of the city licenses described in KRS 243.070. The fee for each city license shall be as set out in the schedule set forth below. In the event KRS 243.070 shall hereafter be amended to authorize additional city licenses, the city shall have authority to issue that additional city license type and the fee for such license shall be the maximum fee provided in KRS 243.070 as amended.

1.	Distiller's License, per annum	\$500.00
2.	Rectifier's License	
	a. Class A, per annum	\$3,000.00
	b. Class B (craft rectifier), per annum	\$960.00
3.	Wholesaler's License, per annum	\$3,000.00
4.	Quota Retail Package License, per annum	\$1,000.00
5.	Quota Retail Drink License, per annum	\$1,000.00
6.	Non-quota Type 1 Retail Drink License, per annum	\$2,000.00
7.	Non-quota Type 2 Retail Drink License, per annum	\$1,000.00
9.	Non-quota Type 3 Retail Drink License, per annum	\$300.00
8.	Special Temporary License, per event	\$ (not exceed \$166.00)
9.	Special Temporary Alcohol Auction License, per event	\$ (not exceed \$100.00)
11.	Special Sunday Retail Drink License, per annum	\$300.00
12.	Extended Hours Supplement License, per annum	\$2,000.00
13.	Caterer's License, per annum	\$800.00
14.	Bottling House or Bottling House Storage License, per annum	\$1,000.00
15.	Brewer's License, per annum	\$500.00
15.	Microbrewery License, per annum	\$500.00
16.	Malt Beverage Distributor's License, per annum	\$400.00
17.	Non-quota Retail Malt Beverage Package License, per annum	\$200.00
18.	Non-quota Type 4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License, per annum	\$200.00
19.	Limited Restaurant License, per annum	\$1,200.00
20.	Limited Golf Course License, per annum	\$1,200.00
21.	Qualified Historic Site, per annum	\$1,030.00
22.	Authorized Public Consumption License, per annum (if want to allow)	\$250.00

B. The fee for each of the first five(5) supplemental bar licenses shall be the same as the fee for the primary drink license.

C. The holder of a non-quota retail malt beverage package license may obtain a non-quota type beverage drink license for a fee of fifty dollars (\$50).

D. **Authorized Public Consumption (optional)** (A specific city ordinance is required for this) City of Livingston does not have

E. **Expiration of License; Proration of Fees** All city license, except temporary licenses, shall be made on May 1st of any year and shall expire on April 30th of the following year as set forth in KRS 243.090 and 804 KAR 4:390.

F. **Payment of License Fees; Delinquency** No licenses shall enter into or begin operating any business for which a license is required by this chapter until the license fee has been paid in full.

G. Refund of Fees

(1) If a license becomes invalid through changes of legislation or acts out of the licensee control fees may be eligible for refund.

(2) In the event of a violation of this Ordinance occurs that results in the suspension or revocation the license, the City shall not be required to refund any portion of the license fee.

H. Regulatory License Fee

(1) Pursuant to KRS 243.075, there is hereby impose a regulatory license fee on the gross receipts of sale of alcoholic beverages of each licensee who has a local city license issued by the City ABC Administrator. The City's Regulatory License Fee shall be 5% of gross sales of all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink. In case of retail sales of package distilled spirits and wine, the Regulatory License Fee shall be 5% of gross sales and 4% on Malt packaged beverage.

(2) Payment of said regulatory fee shall be remitted to the City ABC Administrator, who shall transmit all fees to the City Clerk, or designee, for deposit into the appropriate designated account.

(3) Failure to pay such remittance within ten(10) days of the due date constitutes a violation and shall subject a licensee to suspension or revocation.

(4) Penalty for failure to file a return and pay remittance by the due date is five (5%) percent of the regulatory fee for each ninety (90) days or fraction thereof.

(5) Interest at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum will apply to any late payments.

I. **Disposition of Fees and any other type of payment to the City:** The City ABC Administrator shall transmit all fees and any other types of payment made to the City, upon collection, to the City Clerk, or his/her designee, for deposit into the appropriate designated account.

ARTICLE III. CITY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINSTRATOR

A. **Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator**
Section 1-8 Established; Duties

The City Clerk will be the City ABC Administrator. This section describes the duties of the City ABC Administrator and the requirements to be the City ABC Administrator.

ARTICLE IV. APPLICATION AND MATINENANCE OF LICENSE

A. **ADVERTISEMENT:** Before and application for a license shall be considered, the applicant must publish a notice of its intent to apply for an alcoholic beverage license in the newspaper used by the City for legal notice under KRS 424.120

B. Form of Application

(1) All licenses granted under this chapter shall be approved by the City ABC Administrator .

(2) The application shall be verified and shall set forth in detail such information concerning the applicant and the premises for which the license is sought,

C. **Other Conditions** - Conditions or considerations required by law.

D. **Denial of Licenses** - ABC Administrator may deny a City license according to KRS 423.450 and 243.500

E. **Form of License** – All city licenses shall be in such form as may be provided by the ABC Administrator.

F. **Change of Information** – Requirements to change license to individual or to a sole proprietor shall be given notice to the ABC Administrator within 10 days of the change.

G. **Renewal of License** – Every year, except in the case of the temporary licenses, each licensee shall renew its license.

H. **Lost of Destroyed License** - Duplicate license are \$10.00

I. **Revocation or Suspension** – Any license may be revoked or suspended for violating this ordinance, state statute, or federal law. Licenses may be revoked for failing to pay taxes or fees, criminal convictions, falsifying application, or operating a gambling machine within the premise.

J. **Proceedings for Revocation or Suspension of License** – A license may be revoked or suspended only after the licensee shall be given written notice, by certified or registered mail from the ABC Administrator and according to KRS 241.200 and KRS 243.550.

K. **Appeals** - Appeals from the order of the City ABC Administrator may be taken to the state ABC Board of filing a notice of appeal with the Board within thirty (30) days and governed by KRS Chapter 13B.

L. **Transfer or Assignment** - No license issued under this chapter shall be transferred or assigned either as to licensee or location except with prior approval of the City ABC Administrator and not then until a payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be made to the City ABC Administrator.

M. **Dormancy** – All licensees must actually conduct business or their license will become dormant unless there are certain exceptions.

ARTICLE V. HOURS OF SALE

A licensee for distilled spirits, wine and/or malt beverages shall be permitted to sell between the hours of 6:00 am until 12:00 am (midnight) Monday – Saturday

Alcohol may be sold by the package Monday – Saturday from 6:00 am -12:00 am

City of Livingston has no Sunday Sale on Alcohol

ARTICLE VI. CONDITIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following are conditions, prohibitions and restrictions activities: gambling, prevention of disorderly premises or inadequate security, prizes and premiums, treating, drunkenness, nudity and adult entertainment, underage sales. Certain signage is required to be posted, license is to be displayed and lavatory facilities are required. Certain employment restriction are in this section of the ordinance any violation of this article and any other article shall subject licensee to penalties provided and or shall be cause for revocation or suspension of City licenses.

ARTICLE VII. **MINORS** – No person under the age of 21 may possess alcoholic beverages or enter any licensed premises for the purpose of acquiring alcoholic beverages. It is unlawful to assist a minor in the possession of alcohol.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES PROHIBITED

A. CONSUMPTION AT PACKAGE STORE PROHIBITED

ARTICLE IX. ENFORCMENT

City police officers, and the City ABC Administrator and his/her investigator(s) are hereby authorized to enforce this ordinance in full.

ARTICLE X. PENALTIES

A. In addition to any criminal prosecution instituted in the Rockcastle County District Court, against an alleged violator, the City ABC Administrator may assess civil fines in lieu of suspension as authorized in KRS 243.480.

ARTICLE XI. MANDATORY RESPONSIBLE BEVERAGE SERVICE TRAINING

All persons employed in the selling and/or serving of alcoholic beverage shall participate in and complete the Kentucky S.T.A.R. program within 30 days. Licenses are responsible for compliance and recordkeeping. All records are subject to inspection. Employees must be recertified every three years.

ARTICLE XII. SIGNS AND ADVERTISING

No flashing signs, no signs or banners for a particular brand, all signs and advertisements to be in compliance with KRS 244.130.

ARTICLE XIII. SIDEWALK CAFE PERMIT

Sidewalk cafe and outdoor sales are regulated by conditions stated in ordinance.

ARTICLE XIV. IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, SEREABILITY

The City Council may promulgate rules and regulations, and/or amendments thereto, as is in its discretion in order to ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance. Such will be done as according to local, state and federal law.

First Reading 5/11/2020

Second Reading 5/18/2020

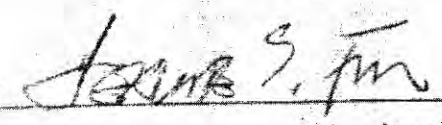
APPROVED:


Jason Medley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Trisha Doan, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Jerome Fish, Attorney

AD PRICES GOOD MONDAY, JUNE 8TH THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

Save a lot

Food Stores

Fresh Produce Items

Idaho Potatoes  **\$3.99**
10 lb.

Vidalia Sweet Onions  **\$2.69**
3 lb.

Blueberries **2/\$5**
Pint

Strawberries  **2/\$5**
lb.

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

Hampton Farms Peanuts in Shell  **.99**
Salted or Unsalted
16 oz.

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

World's Fair Ice Cream Cones **\$1.99**
3.5 oz.

Novel Bleach **\$1.99**
gallon

Muller Mayonnaise **\$1.50**
10 oz

GREAT SAVINGS

Lays Chips  **2/\$6**
7 oz. variety

Andy Capp Hot Fries  **.79**
3 oz.

Bickel Cheeseballs or Snack Mix **\$3.99**
17 oz.

Variety Flavor Doritos  **2/\$6**
9 oz.

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

Ferrelli Snack Crackers **\$1.00**
7 oz.

Frozen McCain Fries **\$2.49**
20 oz.

3/\$5  **3/\$12**
2 Liters 12 Packs
5/\$10
6 Packs

Roxanne Water **2/\$5**
16 oz. 24 pk.

Styrofoam Coolers **\$2.99**
28 qt.

Variety Flavor HUGS **2/\$1**
16 oz.

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.

8am-9am

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

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 8am - 8pm

visit us at savealot.com



910 W. Main St. - Mt. Vernon - 606-256-9810

Camp UNITE 2020 will be a virtual experience

The 14th annual Camp UNITE is not being canceled – it will be held as a virtual experience in 2020.

Instead of the typical in-person camp, Operation UNITE will feature three afternoons of on-line programming on Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23. Sessions will include both live and pre-recorded content.

Participation in the virtual Camp UNITE experience will be limited to youth who reside within UNITE's 32-county service region and who were in grades 6, 7, or 8 on January 1, 2020. Pre-registration using an application form available on the UNITE website is required by Friday, June 26.

The decision not to hold a traditional camp at the University of the Cumberlands is being made in accordance with guidance

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Kentucky health officials, said Nancy Hale, UNITE President & CEO.

"Unfortunately, many of the activities which campers have come to enjoy in the past – such as a trip to the waterpark – are simply not an option for us this year," Hale said. "But, we are able to share information on how to have fun without drugs."

"Youth in southern and eastern Kentucky have had to endure a very unusual spring as a result of COVID-19 restrictions," Hale continued. "Throughout the hardships we have remained 'UNITE Strong' and adapted. Although presenting Camp UNITE virtually is not ideal, we want to provide our youth with as many positive experiences as possible."

Those youth who have already submitted an application to attend Camp UNITE will be contacted by a UNITE

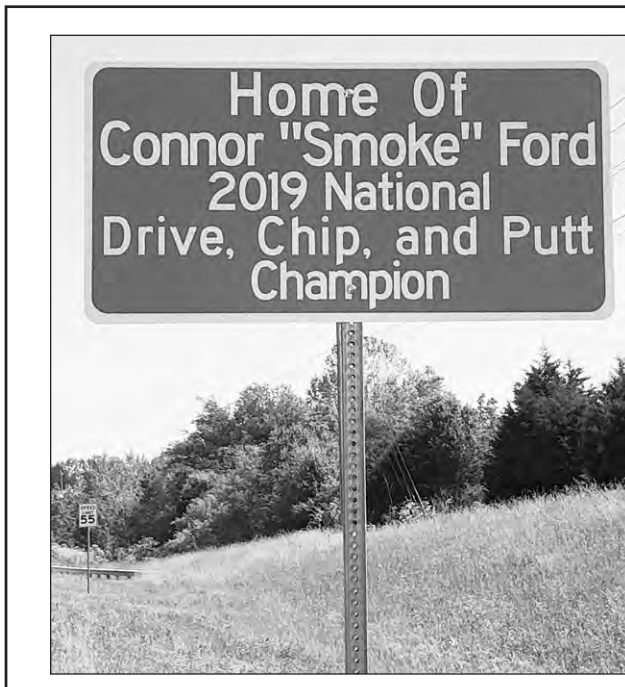
staff member and given priority to register for the Virtual Camp UNITE.

Since its inception in

2007, Camp UNITE has hosted 2,579 youth from 33 counties.

For more information

about Operation UNITE initiatives, please visit their website at OperationUNITE.org.



Road sign placed honoring local golf champion

An honorary road sign celebrating the achievements of Connor "Smoke" Ford has been placed on KY 461 in Rockcastle County by the Transportation Cabinet. In 2019, Ford won the grand prize at the National Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. State Representative Travis Brenda advocated for the installation of this honorary road sign in his district.

"As we were finishing the 2019 Legislative Session, Connor "Smoke" Ford was bringing national recognition to Rockcastle County," Rep. Travis Brenda said. "He took home the grand prize at the National Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship and brought great pride to our community. It is an honor for me to have the opportunity to recognize Connor for his accomplishments on the golf course."

**Vote to Keep
Judge
Jerry Cox
Circuit
Judge**

#3 on the Ballot



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**Vote to Keep
JUDGE
JERRY
Race for
Circuit Judge
Lincoln • Pulaski • Rockcastle**



If elected, I promise...

- ✓ *To only support PRO-LIFE candidates.*
- ✓ *To never accept campaign contributions or endorsements from organizations tied to Planned Parenthood or a pro-abortion agenda.*
- ✓ *To be accessible and present to all county and city governments in the district to offer state level assistance and will fight for our community's improvements.*

**JOSH
BRAY**

Conservative Republican for State Representative

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associations v. Christopher Delph, money claimed due.
Portfolio Recovery Associates v. Coty Russell, money claimed due. C-00074

and Millwrights FCU v. Danny Smith, complaint for promissory note.
Wanda Purcell v. L-M Asphalt Partners LTD, complaint.

Deeds Recorded

Shannon and Angie Bishop, and others, property on Purr Rigsby Road, to Christopher and Sabrina Bishop. Tax \$37.50

Donald Edward and Donna Jane Gabbard, property in Rockcastle County, to Joshua Lee and Ashlee Brooke Gabbard. No tax

Mack and Jimmie L. Renner, property on Breezy Hollow Lane, to Joshua and Brittany Renner. Tax \$7.

Sarah Jolene and Steven Lutes, property on KY1249, to Barbara Jo Collins, Donna Renner Young and Gayle Renner Williams. Tax \$14

Stanley and Penny C. VanWinkle, property on Burnt Ridge Road, to Hunter Stephen Robinson. No tax

James and Joann McKinney and Everett and Judith Poynter, property in Rockcastle County, to James and Joann McKinney. No tax

John G. and Connie Hamm and John E. and Sheila Clontz, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to Charles Gordon and Judy Ann Green. Tax \$6

John G. and Connie Hamm and John E. and Sheila Clontz, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to Charles Gordon and Judy Ann Green. Tax \$7

Douglas Abney, property on Buschner Lane, to Stephen Dallas and Dollie Carmell Martin. Tax \$158

Regina L. and Michael Courtney, property in Rockcastle County, to Conan Dale and Norah D. Stephens. Tax \$79.50

Willard F. and Virginia R. Durham, property in Cedar Heights Subdv., to Dakota McFerron. Tax \$114

James Taft, property on Tarklin Branch Rd., to Christie Jones. Tax \$24

Benny Franklin Cox,

property on Cove Branch Road, to Nicoma J. and Connie L. Baker. Tax \$70

David L. and Merna D. Overbay, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey and Cynthia Harms. Tax \$192

Bentley and Bobbie Durham, property on KY 618, to Brian and Kelley Durham. Tax \$225

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property in Orlando, to Brookhaven Properties. Tax \$11

Steven Ponder Construction LLC, property in Eagle Creek Subdv., to Christopher and Jamie Saylor. Tax \$15

Brookhaven Properties LLC, property in Orlando, to Samuel P. Gibbons. Tax \$20

District Court

June 11, 2020
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Ronald L. Durham: Fleeing or evading police, 30 days/to serve; disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail/concurrent, costs merged.

Alson Lee Russell: possession open alcohol beverage container, \$50 fine; drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, \$25 fine/costs merged.

Jeffrey Martin McWhorter: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Edgar A. Quintana: no operators/moped license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registra-

tion plates-receipt, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Speeding: Darrell B. Scruggs, Glen Montgomery Baker, license suspended for fta; Jay Richard Twilley, \$50 fine plus costs; Robyn D. Jones, \$30 fine plus costs;

Boyd Jonathan Smith: no/expired registration plates and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/costs merged; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine/\$450 suspended plus costs.

Ronnie E. Snow: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.

Glen Spoonamore: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, license suspended for fta.

Jacob Stewart: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, driving on dui suspended license, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing, leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure to report accident in excess of \$500, disorderly conduct, failure to produce insurance card, public intoxication controlled sub., contempt of court, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Choemae Bradley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, no/expired registra-

tion plates-receipt, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

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Choemae Bradley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, no/expired registra-

tion plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Brandon Brown: license to be in possession, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Jenna Kay Brown: speeding and failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Christopher Neal Carter: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Vernon Denney: criminal trespassing and alcohol intoxication, sentencing orders entered.

David Allen Gamble: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Terry L. Hensley: theft by unlawful taking,

sentencing order entered.

Joey Herrin: speeding, \$40 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Nathan L. Jacobus: criminal mischief, wanton endangerment, bw issued for fta.

Barry L. Kirby: reckless driving, failure to wear seat belts, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Devan W. Logan: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.

Adam Easter: public intoxication controlled substance, \$100 fine/costs waived.

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Marriage Licenses

Shena Renee Morgan, 38, Berea, self-employed and Justin Kyle Dobbs, 30, Berea, self-employed. 5/29/20

Nikilona Shay Brock, 33, Crab Orchard, SourceHOV and Danny Hartford Curry, 36, Crab Orchard, Service Partners. 5/29/20

Circuit Civil Suits

Deanna Barnes v. David Barnes, petition for dissolution of marriage.

U.S. Bank National Association v. Tom Sandlin, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Nathan T. Gibbons, complaint for child support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Samantha Collins, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Malana Wilson, complaint for child support and medical support.

Brian Carter v. Brittany L. Moore, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Roxana G. Robinson v. Robert D. Robinson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Alice F. Moore v. Ricky D. Moore, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Amy Johnson v. Dakota Smith, petition for custody.

Burkman Industries d/b/a Burkman v. Mark Hopkins, complaint for money claimed due.

Midwest Carpenters

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Joseph and Kimberly Ramsey on Copper Creek. No hunting, riding horses or ATVs of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 20x4

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

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

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

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

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

Motor Vehicles For Sale

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Notice is hereby given that John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, have been appointed Co-Executors w/will of the estate of Zade McClure on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Matthew Carte, 55 Williams St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Rebecca Miller, 85 Ferguson St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Administrators

of the estate of L Luther Earl Carte on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Matthew Carte and Rebecca Miller or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Gerald L. Riney, 71 Rolling Hill Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor w/will of the estate of JoAnne Riney on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gerald L. Riney or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Larry Napier, 2940 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. and Paula Day, 2982 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Della Taylor on the 4th day of June, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry Napier and Paula Day or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. 20x3

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Yard Sales

5 Family Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, June 12th and 13th, 9 a.m. to ?? at 445 Williams St., Mt. Vernon. All seasons of items and clothes. Some items include: jewelry, purses, books, what-nots, Christmas stuff, end tables, tool

box for truck, tons of household items such as curtains, candles, rugs, lamps, light fixtures, etc. We will have women's and men's clothes. For women we have shirts, tanks, jackets, vests and dresses from small to 3x; shorts, jeans, capris, dress pants, skirts (sizes 4-8 and 12-20), including long and tall in pants for some sizes; socks, bras and scarves. For men we have jeans and khakis (size 36-42); polos, button up shirts and tees from sizes large to 2x. Various sizes of shoes, boots and sandals for men and women. We will have a free table that we will be adding items to all day!

Multi-Family Yard Sale: Friday and Saturday, June 12th and 13th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 158 Silver Street in Brodhead (next to Brodhead Elementary). Tons of women's clothing (sizes M-3XL), men's clothing (sizes M-XL). Girl's clothing (sizes NB-6/7), boy's clothing (sizes 4-8). Tupperware, household appliances, housewares, movies, books, golf equipment, fishing gear, and MUCH more!! Priced to sell!!

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Outdoor mural



Some local buildings are a lot more colorful now that a full size, outdoor mural has been painted on the walls of local structures as part of the Rock Murals program sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association. Shown above is Rock Mural #2, created by muralists Rachelle Riddle, Jonny Wells and Callie Shaffer. This mural is located on the side of Bill Burdett's building (former Cox Hardware building). Murals were also painted on the doors of Amburgey Law. Paint for the projects was donated by Bill Cash and the Arts Association donated the supplies.

Three different school calendars are approved

By: Mike French
Editor

As part of the COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines, the Rockcastle County School System was required to approve three separate school calendars in the event of a Coronavirus spike or cases continue to decline.

All three calendars were presented to the board for approval during last week's regular monthly meeting and all three were approved unanimously.

Board members say they have been inundated with questions from par-

ents concerning how things will work when school begins next year. "The state is giving us guidance daily and that guidance changes," said Director of Student Services and incoming Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. "We are in constant contact with the KDE and the state requirements but right now we are just having to wait and watch through the month of June. We hope to open in August and use Calendar 1 but school may look different and we have to offer options for students who aren't comfortable coming back to school."

Ballinger said the three calendars presented meet the requirements from the state and the KDE. "Each calendar prepares us for what happens next with the virus," said Ballinger. "We hope, and we are planning on, using Calendar 1 but Calendar 2 allows for a potential spike in cases and Calendar 3 starts after Labor Day. We would only be required

(See "Calendar" on A7)

Bad batches of drugs circulating in county

Overdoses reported

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the results of these days when police officers are asked to keep citizens safe, but to make

certain that no one (especially the criminal) is harmed in any way, drug dealers may be less worried about getting caught.

As a result, reports across the county, state

and country indicate bad street drugs are showing up more often and some users are overdosing.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said there are reports to his office about "bad batches" of drugs being sold in the county.

According to officials, there has been an increase in overdoses recently. "We have had some overdoses here and some overdoses of Rockcastle Countians overdosing

outside our county," said Franklin. "We have been getting reports about bad batches in our county and surrounding counties."

Franklin says dealers, in an attempt to increase the amount of drugs they can sell, sometimes mix those drugs with other substances (such as sugar, flour, or other chemicals). "It has always been a problem/risk as dealers attempt to increase volume. It is difficult to detect and there are varia-

tions in each batch," he said. "Remember, we are talking about drug dealers. They are not known for their ethical standards and community service. They are parasites that don't care about what happens to our families or communities. They are only interested in selling the next load and not getting caught."

Police warn that bad batches of illegal drugs are still circulating in the community.

Voters are casting ballots every day

By: Mike French
Editor

Voting is very different during this election cycle. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there is only one voting location -the third floor conference room at the Rockcastle County Courthouse at 205 Main Street and other precincts will not be open on Election Day.

According to Danetta Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, access to the voting location is through the

US 25 entrance only. No appointment is needed and though masks are recommended they are not required. Social distancing will be practiced.

Absentee ballots had to be requested by Monday, June 15th and have to be postmarked by June 23rd to be counted. About 70 to 100 in-person voters have cast their ballot each day since voting began.

After June 27, the

(See "Ballot" on A7)

Fiscal court opens bids for several planned projects

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday and, though social distancing was observed, the meeting was once again held in the third floor conference room of the courthouse after months of teleconference meetings.

The agenda included opening bids for road materials needed to repair some slips and slides in county roadways and culverts needed in several areas. There were also bids, including blacktopping and metal work at the Fairground building in Brodhead.

The culvert bids were complex and included several options, causing magistrates to agree to look at the bids more closely to determine who was actually the low bidder on the different sizes. The court plans to award that bid at the next fiscal

court meeting.

The apparent low bidder for the asphalt was ATS Construction at \$77 per ton. Rock and Dirt, LLC and Hanson Materials were both awarded their bids for limestone

Buys new tractor

and rock so that the county may use which ever is available at the time of a specific need.

The apparent low bid for repairs at the Fair-

(See "Court" on A7)

Sports practice has begun at local schools

No balls or equipment

By: Mike French
Editor

Schools officials, parents and students have gone through many changes since Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, and the Kentucky Department of Education

(KED), installed school district restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers and parents were forced to learn new ways to teach and NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) became the normal

(See "Sports" on A7)

Trash drop-off day scheduled

By: Mike French
Editor

The annual Trash Drop Off Day in Rockcastle County has been scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Residents may drop off trash and bulk goods for

free from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. rain or shine at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

The event is open only to Rockcastle County residents and identification and a signature will

(See "Ballot" on A7)

Bookmobile is back

The Rockcastle County Library has announced that the bookmobile is back in service. See this week's bulletin board for locations

Three new cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, an 85 year-old female in Rockcastle County tested positive for COVID-19 last week after several weeks of no new cases. Over the weekend two additional new cases were also reported but information about those two cases was not available at press time.

The new cases bring the total in the county to 18. All new cases are self isolated and monitoring for symptoms with no hospitalizations.

Commissioner Needed

The City of Livingston has one open seat on the city commission to be filled by the next meeting which will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020.

New Chromebooks 4-12

School board addresses many 2021 issues

By: Mike French
Editor

David Pensol sat at the helm of the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board for the final time last Tuesday, June 9. Carrie Ballinger will take over as the district superintendent on July 1 as Pensol steps into retirement.

The last meeting under Pensol's rein included many issues and involved discussion of several plans never before discussed, due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The school calendar issue took a portion of the meeting (see related story) and restarting the

school's sports programs was also discussed in detail (see related story.)

District Director of Instruction Jennifer Mattingly also explained the district's need to apply for NTI days (Non Traditional Instruction), Mattingly said the district must apply for additional NTI days in the event that the 10 normally allotted

(See "School" on A7)

Thirteen indicted

11 indictments were handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, June 12th.

Named in the indictments, and their offense/s were:

David W. Howard, 51, of

Berea was indicted for the offenses of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at

(See "Indict" on A7)

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I'll tell of one of my few accomplishments of which I am very proud. I tell it not to brag, though I am proud of the fact, and not to say that I am better than anyone else, because I am not, but to make a point that I hope can help someone else. Perhaps, this story will demonstrate why I am so convinced that being in the majority does not make one correct.

Once I won the "Spot News Photo of the Year" award in the state. To this day I am honored by that award. I have a bunch of awards, certificates and plaques from newspaper association contests, but this one stands out to me as a favorite.

The truth is, my writing (unedited) would demonstrate my many inadequacies as a journalist. Perlina makes me appear to be much, much

better and much smarter than I really am. She corrects my grammar and spelling and sometimes (knowing Mount Vernon as she does) corrects my facts.

I try so very hard, but I am untrained. Never studied journalism. Never took a course, or training from anywhere except 45 years of experience. Without a proof-reader, my weaknesses would show up very quickly. So, I am not bragging because I am not good enough to brag.

But one day there was a train wreck in my hometown. On a long straight stretch of track a train derailed where a bridge crossed over the tracks. It was the perfect photo, a journalist's dream shot.

Standing on a bridge

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Points East

By Ike Adams



For Loretta and me, over the last few decades, a heaped bushel of sweet potatoes is what we've tried to grow each year and keep ourselves gastronomically satisfied from one growing season to the next.

There was a time when I needed to set out 25 plants to produce that many but, over the years, we've discovered new varieties that increasingly grow more and larger taters. Over the last 4 years, my brother, Andy,

and I have only put out a dozen plants to grow a heaped bushel and we threw some smaller ones away because they wouldn't all fit into the bushel tub. Three years ago we only had 11 plants and still had too many sweet taters.

I normally start sweet potato plants in late March by sticking 4 or 5 of the smallest ones left in the tater tub into a gallon or so container of pot-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Twice Told Tale of Uncle Egbert and Aunt Brownie in the Great Flood

Dear Journal,

In 1894, Great-Uncle Egbert was born in the Hazel Patch section of Laurel County. He moved to the Wabd section of Rockcastle County when he was very young. He usually went by E.F. and was named for his father's best buddy, the Mr. Fish who owned the Fish Department store on Main Street in Mount Vernon. They were lodge buddies, too. The Masonic Lodge was above the store and every Norton old enough to be a Mason joined the group as soon as they could.

Uncle Egbert was very

educated and graduated from the University of Kentucky, majoring in Education. It is said that he played football at UK and injured his knee. He wrote a book about the education of blacks in Rockcastle, as well. After serving in WWI, he married Willie Brown Hance ("Brownie"), also a teacher, and had one daughter, Inda Lou. He served as the County Superintendent of Kenton County for several years as well as an air raid warden in WWII.

During WWII, my mom and grandma lived with them for a short while as they worked at the Wright Airplane factory in Cincinnati, Ohio. They rode a bus to work every morning about daylight. Only the immediate family of a soldier was allowed to work there.

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Treet or Spam

I can well recall my mother (Bee) serving our family fried slices of the canned meat loaves known as Treet or Spam. Both of these meat varieties have been referred to as "poverty food" or "meat in a can." Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister, labelled Spam a "wartime delicacy." I was born in 1944, a year before WWII was drawing to completion.

Treet was introduced in 1939, by Armour. It was sold as a spiced luncheon loaf. Its composition is primarily chicken and pork, and it is finely ground, somewhat like baloney. Its advertising jingle claims, "Anytime is Armour Time!" Treet is still being sold in the United States.

My family preferred Spam to Treet. When Bee prepared Spam, she fried it to a crisp texture and served it with eggs for breakfast or on toast for a regular meal. She always kept a can or two in the pantry. Occasionally, she placed it on a baking pan and baked the entire loaf for a meat selection for dinner.

Spam was introduced by Hormel on July 5, 1937. It is composed of pork with added ham. During the war, 150 million pounds of Spam was purchased by the US military for use by the armed forces. The billionth can of Spam was sold in 1959. The eighth billion can was sold in 2012.

In 1940, Spam sponsored the George Burns and Gracie Allen radio

When my wife and I married in 1979, she announced to me that she was not only not a gourmet cook, she wasn't much of a cook at all. That did not matter to me at the time because I had been cooking for myself for some time.

I was not a very good cook either and was using simple recipes that had been given to me by my mother in her attempt to continue to feed her baby. One of those recipes was for baking a loaf of Spam. I liked the taste of Spam and so I kept it in my pantry, like my mother did when I was a child.

After we were married, I discovered that my new wife also liked Spam and had prepared it often when she was living alone. We have stocked Spam in our pantry ever since. Actually, she is as big a fan of it as I have ever met.

When the Corona virus pandemic hit America, we decided to stock an emergency food supply in a small area within our new home. As we prepared the list of "stock foods" to purchase, we both agreed to include several cans of Spam. We thought that if meat products became unavailable, we could rely on our supply of Spam to satisfy the craving for meat.

So for over seventy years, my family has been eating Spam on a semi-regular basis. We realize that the food product has an over-abun-

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I graduated from Western Kentucky University (1987) and the University of Kentucky School of Law (1990). Upon my graduation from UK Law School, I moved to Somerset, Kentucky and began my public service.

I worked for the Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) as a Public Defender for 29 years. I was a staff attorney, a directing attorney, a regional manager, and the supervisor of the capital trial branch during these 29 years. After my 29 years of service, I retired from DPA in July 2019, and I am now in private practice.

During my 29 years with DPA, I represented thousands of indigent citizens across Kentucky. I tried over 100 jury trials including death penalty cases. I trained newly hired public defenders and capital trial attorneys.

I am married to Kelvin Whitaker, who retired from the Pulaski County Detention Center after 23 years of service. Kelvin and I have been married for 24 years, and we live in Science Hill, Kentucky. Kelvin and I have three children: Deris, Rebekah, and Jessica.

Kelvin and I are active members of New Beginnings Worship Center, Somerset, Kentucky. I am a Church Trustee, a member of the Pastoral Advisory Committee, and I operate the computer system during worship services. I volunteer at God's Food Pantry in Somerset, Kentucky. I am a regular platelet donor at the Kentucky Blood Center having donated 166 times. I am a member of the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women and The American Legion Post #38 Ladies Auxiliary.

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“Aces”

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overlooking nearly a mile of twisted, jigsaw rail cars, it would be the front page picture across the state, and in many other states, the next morning.

However, when I arrived, I saw probably 50 photographers standing on that bridge. Of course they would. It was the ideal vantage point to show the extent of the crash. There were news vans, satellite dishes, reporters with notepads and photographers as far as the eye could see. All of them, on that bridge getting the bird's eye view of the total crash scene.

So I thought to myself, “Every picture on tomorrow front pages are going to be exactly the same shot.”

So, I drove on by them all and taking the risk of looking like an idiot, I passed them up. After all, the derailment happened in my own hometown. If I didn't have a good photo, and every other newspaper in the state did, I would look like a complete idiot.

But I drove down under the bridge and found a child's swing set in a back yard as one of the derailed cars lay on its side feet away from the swing. I laid on the ground and shot up through the swingset and showed only a few derailed cars in the background. The train itself was actually blurry. The

swing set was the focus. The Kentucky Press Association later said the shot was the only one that demonstrated just how lucky we were that no one, especially children playing on their swing sets, was killed in the wreck.

The photo probably wasn't all that great. I'm sure Ansel Adams would have waited for better lighting and there was probably a better film choice I could have made. But the fact that the photo was not like every other photo is why it stood out. The picture told a story of what might have been and that was my intention.

If I could ever give any advice to anyone or could use my experience to help another person in any way, this is the core of the advice I would give. Not just in photography, but in life, everyday.

Pass up everyone else on the bridge. Let them have the ideal situation. At the same time, tell your own story. Get your own shot.

In today's world, so many people see one or two cry babies or whiners and then join in with the bellyaching because it seems to be the popular thing to do. “Socially correct” they say.

So many Kentuckians would have never considered tearing down the statue of the Confederate President Jefferson Davis. But because one or two criers had their little feelings hurt, so many others joined in just to be socially correct.

The popular way is not always the best way. In fact, usually, it's only popular because someone saw someone else doing it that way. Find your own way. As long as it is morally ethical, it's probably the best way anyway.

Walk on by the crowd and do what you already knew was right.

“T. J.'s”

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They could because my Uncle Junior was in the service during WWII.

They lived in a huge two story Victorian house on a two hundred acre estate overlooking the Ohio River. One year, in 1936 or 1937, there was an abundance of rain and it produced a great flood. Aunt Brownie was pregnant at the time and they retreated to the second floor of the house as the waters began to rise. Uncle Egbert had planned ahead in case of such a situation. He had a row boat anchored to the house in case of or when the water got within about a foot or so

of their bedroom window. The water did get within about a foot of the window and they had to get in the boat and paddle to safety. They got away safely and as they say “the rest is history”.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

ting soil. By May I usually have all the plants I'll need and enough left over to give some to friends and neighbors. In 2009, Loretta bought 2 of the largest sweet potatoes I'd ever seen off the produce shelf at a local grocery store. I buried one of them in a small tub and it produced plants for half a dozen or more other people. That was the year we went from needing 25 plants down to a dozen and found ourselves better pleased with the new variety.

In 2017, my spring health conditions were such that starting sweet potato plants was the last thing on my mind but Andy was here to work the garden and we had no sweet tater plants. It was already late June and we had searched high and low without finding any.

A lady at an Amish greenhouse near Crab Orchard told us she was trying an experiment by pulling sprouts of some of her kitchen sweet potatoes to see if they would start leaves and roots in a cup of water. She had 13 plants started in an 8-ounce Styrofoam cup and the leaves were a couple or 3 inches taller than the cup. They were not half as tall as I thought sweet tater plants ought to be but beggars can't be choosers.

To make a long story short, we lost 2 of the plants in a washout rain and still wound up with the largest and best tasting sweet taters that I've ever grown. Over the next 2 years I started plants from them as described above, the same way I've been doing for decades, but this year I didn't get a single plant. I suspect the colder than normal spring weather had something to do with the sweet tater failure and they may yet sprout too late.

In the meantime, old friend and fellow Letcher High Schoolmate, Johnny Sexton, who now lives near Berea, showed up with sixteen red sweet tater plants from the 50 he had found on a trip back home to God's Country. Andy is getting them set out, right now, while I sit here writing about it. I figure that'll be my only contribution to sweet tater patch unless Mr. Parkinson cooperates and allows me to help dig them. I'll spend all summer waiting to see

if they grow as large as the ones we've been used to.

If the ones I have sitting in a pot on the front porch do come up before mid July, we'll run out and stick half a dozen of them in the garden. I can hardly bear the thoughts of losing them completely. Loretta says there are some sprouting in the kitchen so I may yet give the Amish method a shot.

In any event, I hope to continue doing what I do best in the garden. I'm about the best hand you ever saw at watching it

grow if someone else is doing all the heavy lifting.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

dance of fat and salt, but we love the overall taste. We currently consume Spam for a dinner meal about once a month. Rarely is there any leftover.

(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

June is National Safety Month

LG&E and KU offer customers energy related safety tips to protect themselves

The National Safety Council is celebrating June as National Safety Month. As the month begins, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are reminding customers to be vigilant in taking energy-related safety precautions.

To help customers protect themselves, the utilities are offering tips customers should keep in mind and resources to help plan ahead.

1. Stay informed and alert – Energy-related emergencies can happen as a result of severe weather, faulty appliances, or other unexpected circumstances. Staying away from downed power lines and using your senses to detect a natural gas leak are important precautions. Learn the do's and don'ts of electric and natural gas safety by visiting lge-ku.com/safety.

2. Guard against scammers – Perpetrators look for ideal opportunities to take advantage of consumers in a variety of ways. Today's scammers are employing increasingly sophisticated measures in attempt to pull off their crimes, including posing as utility workers and impersonating utility customer service and billing representatives. Customers can protect against falling victim to scammers by becoming familiar with signs of potential scam activity and following LG&E and KU's SAFE tips.

3. Use Kentucky 811 – Staying safe means dig-

ging safe by using Kentucky 811. It's not a suggestion, it's the law.

The free statewide computer-operated communication system enables consumers to submit a “locate request,” which is passed on to each member company that provides natural gas, electric, telephone, cable, sewer and water service in the requested area. Each company will then either mark its underground lines or notify the individual if there are no underground lines. Using the service helps to protect public safety, avoid costly repairs and fines, and guard against the potential for disrupting service to an individual or entire neighborhood.

Consumers can access Kentucky 811 through its online option “811Now” or by dialing 8-1-1. All LG&E and many KU service territory locations are included under the 811-call center. KU customers should visit KU's Call Before You Dig web page or call 800-981-0600 to determine the appropriate area contact for having underground electric lines marked.

4. Leverage your resources – LG&E and KU offer an extensive online library of information about electric and natural gas safety, storm and outage information and other energy topics.

Visit lge-ku.com. Additional tips, information and resources can be found on the National Safety Council website, nsc.org.

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Rockcastle Library Has Reopened

The Rockcastle Library reopened Tuesday, June 9th. Their hours will now be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Bookmobile Schedule: Monday, June 22nd:** Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tuesday, June 23rd:** Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge. **Wednesday, June 24th:** Cave Valley Apartments. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

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.



Happy 16th Birthday to my son Joshua Newcomb! Love, mom.

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Obituaries

Pat Bullock

Pat Bullock, 82, of Brodhead, died Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Covington on October 26, 1937, the daughter of Elmer and Mildred O'Hara Bailey. She had been a farmer and homemaker and was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church.



She is survived by: her children, Douglas and Jearl Bullock of Mt. Vernon, James and Judy Bullock of Frankfort, Steve and Dana Bullock of Stanford, Dr. David and Vanessa Bullock of Brodhead, Dr. Karen and Johnny Boone Saylor of Brodhead, and Glenna and Zaus Carter of Berea; two brothers, Pete Bailey of Ludlow and Jimmy Bailey of Newport; and three sisters, Joan Wilson of Erlanger, Sue Creech of Newport, and Qweny Shrou of Alabama. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glyn Bullock; a daughter, Mildred Bullock; and two sisters, Margie and Dixie.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, June 11, 2020 in Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead. Pallbearers were: Daniel Bullock, Jason Bullock, Samuel Bullock, Zaus Carter, Boone Saylor, and John L. Saylor. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Donations are suggested to: the Hope Fund or Pass Fund, c/o Melissa Brock, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, 140 Newcomb Ave. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Carroll Cain

Carroll Cain, 83, of Berea, died Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at his home after battling a long illness. Carroll was born in Disputanta to the late William Arthur and Rena H. Croucher Cain. He was retired from the City of Berea but also worked for Rumpke and was a farmer too.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two siblings, Fannie Elizabeth Gadd and James Henry Cain. He is survived by: his loving wife, Joyce Carolyn Sparkman Cain; four children, Judy Ann (Michael) Sowder, Randy (Grasha) Cain, Carl Lee (Kelly) Cain, and Anthony Dwayne Cain; one sister, Dorothy Katherine Cain; 11 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 12, 2020 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Roberts and Rev. Vaughn Rasor officiating. Burial was at Scafold Cane Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

John Carl Haarmann

John Carl Haarmann, 83, US Army Veteran, went home to be with the Lord on June 9, 2020 at the Madison Health and Rehabilitation in Richmond.



He was born August 15, 1936 in Yosemite to the late George H. and Zella (Hogue) Haarmann. He married Jewel (DeBord) Haarmann on June 17, 1961. She preceded him in death on December 30, 2019 after 58 years of marriage. He served his country in the United States Army from 1959-1962. He was a member of the Green River Christian Church.

He began working at the age of 16 in the sawmills and retired from Dresser Industries in Berea after 35 years of service. The things that brought him the most joy were his family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, farming, campfires, cook-outs, horses, antique tractor shows and westerns. He was a loyal friend.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his two daughters, Donna Haarmann and Vickie Haarman, both of Brodhead; one daughter-in-law, Ruby Haarman of Brodhead; three grandchildren, Stephanie (Travis) Richardson, Natalie (Joe) Carter and Casey Haarman; three great grandchildren, Parker Richardson, Emma Richardson, and John Michael Carter; and one sister, Hazel Weddle of Liberty.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Mike Haarman and one brother, George Haarman.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jack Weaver officiating. Burial was at Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Casey Haarman, Travis Richardson, Joe Carter, Donnie Wallin, Jimmy Wallin, and Jerry Ramey. Honorary casketbearers were: Leonard Sparks and Lawson Whitt.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Andrea Wynn McGuire

Andrea Wynn McGuire, 29, of Orlando, died Friday, June 12, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Richmond on August 27, 1990, the daughter of Jimmy and Penny McGuire Wynn. She was a homemaker and a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church.



She is survived by: her husband, Logan McGuire; children, Bryce, Brylee, and Alissa Hiatt, all of Orlando; a step-son, Dylan McGuire; parents, Jimmy and Penny Wynn; grandfather, James Croucher of Mt. Vernon; grandmother, Phyllis McGuire of Orlando; and a brother, Elijah Wynn. She was preceded in death by: grandparents, Elijah Wynn, Manuel "Beedie" McGuire, Barbara Croucher, and Jean Wynn; great grandmother, SmarieWynn; and an aunt, Melissa VanWinkle.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 15, 2020 at Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bros. Lonnie McGuire and Chris McGuire. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ethan Cotton, Scottie Cotton, Anthony McGuire, Jeff Nicely, Tim Nicely, and David Smith.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Gary Allen Pennington

Gary Allen Pennington, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 7, 2020 at his home. He was born in Somerset on July 12, 1952, the son of Reginald Fairbanks and Dessie Hazel Minks Pennington. He was a retired truck driver for MLS Trucking. He was a Brodhead High School graduate and a member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.



On May 29, 1971, Gary married Charlene McFerron in Newport, and from that union came two sons, Reggie Pennington and wife Jamaica, and the late Jeffrey Allen Pennington. In addition, he is survived by: six grandchildren, Leslie Pennington of Lexington, MaKayla (Tristan) Wyatt of Corbin, Jacob Pennington of Mt. Vernon, and Jordyn, Jaelyn, and Jessalyn Pennington, all of Brodhead; a sister, Debbie (Tim) Goode of Somerset; five brothers-in-law, Roger and Cindy McFerron of Mt. Vernon, Ronnie and Diane McFerron of Richmond, Frankie and Tonya McFerron of Lexington, Paul and Penny McFerron of Nancy, and Mark and Leslie McFerron of Louisville; and five nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Fairbanks and Dessie Pennington; a son, Jeffrey Pennington; and a sister, Marian Bray Brummett.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, June 10, 2020 in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Tommy Wayne Jackson

Tommy Wayne Jackson, 47, of Tazewell, TN, died Wednesday, June 3, 2020. He was born in Beverly on July 19, 1972, the son of Edward Lee and Johnetta Delph Jackson. He was employed in the construction industry as a sheet rock installer.

He is survived by: two brothers, Timmy Jackson of Harrogate, TN and Joe Jackson of Jacksboro, TN; a step-daughter, Charlena Lawson of Caryville, TN; two half-brothers, Johnny Bond and Randell Bond; and three half-sisters, Laura Ruth Nebres, Kathy Bond Tyree, and Katrina Phillips.

Memorial services were conducted Friday, June 12, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Miller.

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

Carol Sue Baker

Carol Sue Baker, 68, died Monday June 15, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born August 10, 1951 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Earl and Susie Stephens Howard. She was a retired clerk, enjoyed reading, spending time with family, watching T.V., her cats, and was a member of the Christian faith.



Survivors are: one daughter, Susie Bentley of Mt. Vernon; and one sister; Nancy Kirby of Mt. Vernon. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Linda McWhorter.

The family has chosen cremation with no services. Arrangements were by the Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.

Wallace Logan "Pete" Stamper

Wallace Logan "Pete" Stamper, 89, of Renfro Valley died June 9, 2020.

Pete was born in Russellville, KY on July 25, 1930, the son of the late Alta Alma Baxter and Edgar Wallace Stamper.

He was a Korean War Veteran and an entertainer, having worked at Renfro Valley since January, 1952 and at WRVK Radio Station since 1957.

Pete also worked on *The Red Foley Show*, *The Porter Wagoner Show* and *The Dolly Parton Show*.

He was a two-time inductee into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, first as a radio broadcasting pioneer and, secondly in 2015, as an entertainer and comedian.

Survivors are one son, Jeffrey Logan Stamper of Renfro Valley; a daughter, Rebecca Stamper Ruark of St. Joseph, MO; five grandchildren, John, Christina, Shanda and Matthew Stamper, all of Renfro Valley and Rodger Matros of Missouri and 11 great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Lee Stamper; his son, Hugh Britton Stamper; a daughter, Tracy Lee Stamper Laswell and a great granddaughter, Saoirse Rose Parsons.

Pete became a Christian in 1946 at the Missionary Baptist Church in Charleston, KY and was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Due to the COVID19 virus, a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Loretta Baldwin

Loretta (Owens) Baldwin, 82, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, June 12, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born October 15, 1937 in Brodhead, to the late Grover G. and Edith (Bullock) Owens. She married Paul Baldwin on June 11, 1955, and they enjoyed 63 years of marriage prior to his passing on December 11, 2018. Loretta attended Hickory Gove Pentecostal Church. She retired from The Department of Transportation, enjoyed sewing, quilting, working jigsaw puzzles, shopping the Goodwill, yard sales, her home and watching the great grandchildren play.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Pamela (Wayne) King of Crab Orchard; two grandchildren, Stephanie (Travis) West of Crab Orchard, and Melissa (Justin) Feldman of Brodhead; and five great grandchildren, Kadyn Feldman, Tyler West, Luke West, Emerson West, and Jacob West.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband Paul Baldwin; daughter, Connie Smith; and brother, Frank Owens.

Services were private.

Arrangements are through the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Michael Joseph Pichette

Michael Joseph Pichette, 37, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, June 15, 2020 at his residence. He was born October 2, 1982 in Landstuhl, Germany to Wilfred Joseph and Maria Theresa Anne Pichette. He was of the Catholic Faith. He graduated from Moody High School in Ogunville, AL in 2000. Michael served in the United States Navy from 2001-2006; from 2004-2005 he served in Iraq as a Combat Medic for Marine Corp. 22 Echo Co. out of Camp Lejeune, NC. He worked for the University of Alabama Birmingham as an Emergency Communications Technician. He was currently an EMT/Paramedic at the Bluegrass Army Depot.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his parents, Wilfred Joseph and Maria Pichette of Odenville, AL; one sister, Jessica Brooke Leigh (Gregg) Crump of Ogunville, AL; and two nieces, Ava Alyssa Rae Crump and Ila Anne Marie Crump.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be planned at a later date. Local arrangements are through Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Cards of Thanks

Donald Earl Wyatt

The family of Donald Earl Wyatt would like to express our deepest gratitude for all the love, prayers and support everyone have shown us during this heart breaking time.

It is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

The Wyatt Family
Rosemary,
Micah, Jessie and
Kristy

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There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support that was extended to our family during this time of loss.

The family of
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join me in voting for Josh Bray...

Dear Editor,
As a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County, I am always aware of what is going on in our little part of the world. We live in a wonderful part of Kentucky with easy access via I-75 to almost anywhere you want to go. For years I would discuss with my dad why our county never had the stores, restaurants and businesses the surrounding communities had. I always wanted to ask the "why" – why no increase in commerce, no recreational complexes for our youth, no new places to eat or shop. I would read (and continue to do so) the local newspaper every week for updates. For years the change was minimal. We did see growth but at a slow and "safe" pace. It seemed as if no chances were being taken to improve our community. Then a few years ago I started to notice a change. City council meeting updates were more intriguing, ideas were being discussed and grants were being written. Murmurings of new businesses, economic advancement strategies and growth were heard! My "why" was being answered. I then noticed a particular name being mentioned giving updates on the goings on. This name was Josh Bray. He stood out to me as the one driving the change. I know he was one of many and I applaud the entire group yet Josh had the passion and voice for Mt. Vernon and all of Rockcastle. This is my "why" for voting for Josh Bray as our State Representative. As soon as I found out he was running I wanted him to be in the office. If he was part of the change in Rockcastle on a local level imagine what change we will see with his voice at the Capitol! I also know Josh as a husband, dad and friend. He is a wonderfully kind and hardworking man. His devotion to this community has been noticed by me for several years now. I know he has the best interest of our community at heart and wants to continue working for us. You have a choice this election season for State Representative. Join me in voting for Josh Bray.

Sincerely,
Angie Parsons-Woods

Bray for continued economic development...

Dear Editor,
As we only have a handful of days remaining to vote in the Republican Primary, I humbly ask that you vote for Josh Bray for State Representative. It's not my habit of endorsing candidates in primaries, but I feel that this election could be crucial for the future of economic development in Rockcastle County. In my role as Magistrate for Rockcastle County, I've seen firsthand how effective Josh is as a leader and community partner. The partnership between the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mount Vernon has never been stronger. Josh has worked side by side with city, county, and state officials to bring new investments and projects to our county. Over the past two years, Josh has played a pivotal role in securing nearly \$5,000,000.00 in grants. Josh secured a \$1,165,000.00 grant for major improvements at the City of Mount Vernon's water plant, a \$1,000,000.00 CBDG grant from Governor Bevin's administration, a \$875,000.00 grant for sewer infrastructure improvements, and assisted in helping secure the grant for a new Rockcastle County Farmer's Market building. In a joint project with the RCIDA and fiscal court, Josh took the lead for the City of Mount Vernon in establishing a TIF district in the city/county, which encourages new businesses to locate here.

I believe that both candidates in this race are good men who hold many of the same values. I have no doubt that they both support the 2nd Amendment and will fight for the unborn. In addition to these two extremely important issues, I want a representative who has experience with economic development. I know that Josh has that experience, along with the vision and work ethic to continue to bring investment and jobs to Rockcastle County and the rest of the district. As a conservative Republican, I believe that Josh Bray is the man for the job. Please vote Josh Bray for State Representative!

Shannon Bishop

Brenda right for Rockcastle...

Dear Editor,
I am writing in support of the re-election of Mr. Travis Brenda. Mr. Brenda's record speaks for itself, but for those who may be unaware, he voted on 383 bills during the 2019 session. 372 (97.1%) of his votes were directly in line with Republican leadership. Of those other 11 votes, Mr. Brenda and other Republican colleagues listened to their constituents asking them to vote in their best interest, for fear of losing their jobs, or other negative impacts the potential law could have on their families.

Mr. Brenda is not a politician. He is a teacher who has served Rockcastle County for over 21 years, educating and impacting thousands of our residents. He ran on the platform of supporting the people of the 71st district, and that is exactly what he has done. In a single term in office, Mr. Brenda has worked to secure millions of dollars for economic development, improve roadways and infrastructure, and make our schools safer. He is pro-life, and is the only candidate to be endorsed by the Kentucky Right to Life and co-sponsor pro-life legislation. He is the only candidate endorsed by the NRA, and is unapologetically conservative in his belief that Kentuckians have the right to defend themselves, also earning the endorsement of the Madison County Fraternal Order of Police.

Since I was fourteen years old, I have both volunteered and been employed by state and federal Republican political campaigns, and worked for the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Never in the last eleven years, have I met a person in office who is as humble and hardworking as Mr. Brenda. I am proud to have voted for Mr. Travis Brenda for State Representative, because he is the best man for the job.

Hannah Eaton Laswell

White House Clinics announces community drive-up COVID-19 testing

White House Clinics is introducing drive-up COVID-19 testing across the service area for patients and community members. Stephanie Moore, CEO of White House Clinics says, "testing is essential to the success of public health efforts to slow the spread of disease and prevent outbreaks in our communities." Public health experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agree that readily accessible testing is a critical component to "preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19" (HHS.gov). The President's phased guidelines for re-opening the country also includes directives for robust testing to "prevent and contain local outbreaks that may occur as economic and social activities expand across the country" (whitehouse.gov).

Moore indicates that White House Clinics plans to offer drive-up COVID-19 testing in Jackson, Madison, Estill, Rockcastle, and Garrard Counties on a regular basis throughout the next six months. Testing is available to patients AND community members who haven't previously established care with White House Clinics. You can find a test near you and pre-register at www.whitehouseclinics.com/covid-19-testing/. Here you can find a complete

testing schedule along with additional information about testing and understanding your results. Moore also said additional dates will be added regularly, so those interested in testing should check back frequently for updates. The test is a PCR (viral) test which determines if someone has active COVID-19 infection. The test is completed through an anterior nasal swab which is a simple, shallow, pain-free swab just inside the opening of each nostril. With instructions from the testing team, participants self-collect test samples. PCR testing only determines if you currently have active COVID-19 infection. Results of a PCR test will not tell you if you had COVID-19 in the past and will not tell you if you will COVID-19 in the future. Additionally, participants should be aware that the PCR test may not detect the virus until several days past the exposure. If test participants start to experience symptoms of COVID-19 please get re-tested or consult your Primary Care Provider.

COVID-19 testing is free; however, LabCorp will bill participants insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid for the processing of specimen. Most insurances cover COVID-19 testing with no out of pocket expense. LabCorp will receive reimbursement from the Federal Government for uninsured participants. In addition to testing, White House Clinics strongly recommends social distancing, regular hand washing, and wearing a mask in public to help reduce the spread of disease. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), please contact your primary care provider for testing. Health Help, Inc., d/b/a White House Clinics, is a federally qualified health center operating nine comprehensive community health centers in Jackson, Madison, Estill, Rockcastle, and Garrard Counties, Kentucky. Each year the 285+ member team provides comprehensive medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, and enabling services to over 31,000 members of our communities. White House Clinics accepts Medicare, all Medicaid managed care plans, commercial insurance, and offers a sliding fee discount program for those with low income. For more information, visit www.whitehouseclinics.com. White House Clinics is currently hiring for COVID-19 Drive-Up Testing Team positions. CNA qualifications are preferred, but clinical training is not required. Interested candidates may submit an application at www.whitehouseclinics.com/careers/.

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Cancelled for 2020

Jackson Energy Cooperative Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Member Appreciation Events.

This difficult decision was based on Jackson Energy's continued commitment to do our part in following the CDC's guidelines and the Governor's recommendations to protect employees, members and communities.

Jackson Energy remains steadfast in our mission to provide safe and reliable service to our members.

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Application Period:
June 1-June 26, 2020
No applications will be accepted after June 26, 2020.

Application Availability:
Rockcastle Co. Conservation District or Rockcastle Co. Extension Service
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For More Information:
Contact Sandy Whitaker at 606-256-2525 ext. 3 or by email at sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net. Garrard Coffey at 606-312-0220 or by email at garrard.coffey@uky.edu.

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ORANGE DREAMSICLE SALAD
1 box orange gelatin
1 box instant vanilla pudding
1 cup boiling water
1/2 cup cold water
1 (8 ounce) container Cool Whip®, thawed
1 can (14 ounce) mandarin oranges, drained
1 cup mini marshmallows
In a large bowl combine orange gelatin and boiling water. Whisk until gelatin is dissolved. Add cold water and allow to chill for 15 minutes in refrigerator. Slowly whisk in vanilla pudding mix until smooth and chill for another 15 to 20 minutes or until it becomes slightly thickened. Fold in Cool Whip®, mandarin oranges, and marshmallows. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

ORANGE DREAMSICLE BARS
1 cup graham crackers, finely crushed
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup orange juice
1 package (3 ounce) orange flavor gelatin
1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened, divided
1 tub (8 ounce) Cool Whip®, thawed, divided
1/2 cup cold milk
1 package (3.4 ounce) vanilla flavor instant pudding
1 tablespoon orange zest
Combine graham crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of 8-inch square pan. Refrigerate until ready to use. Microwave orange juice in microwaveable measuring cup on HIGH 1 minute. Add to gelatin

mix in small bowl; stir 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Gradually add to half the cream cheese in medium bowl, beating with mixer after each addition until blended. Whisk in 1 cup Cool Whip®; spread over crust. Freeze while preparing next layer. Beat remaining cream cheese and milk until blended. Add dry pudding mix; beat 2 minutes. Stir in remaining Cool Whip® and orange zest; spread over gelatin layer. Refrigerate 3 hours.

ORANGE DREAMSICLE CHEESECAKE
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 cup heavy cream
2 containers (8 ounces each) cream cheese, room temperature
1 can (6 ounce) frozen orange juice
1 can sweetened condensed milk
Mix graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter together; press into an 8- or 9-inch pie plate. Set aside.

Chill bowl and whisk attachment mixer in the freezer for 10 minutes. Remove from the freezer, pour in the heavy cream and whip about one minute until stiff peaks form. In a large bowl, using a mixer, mix cream cheese, sweetened condensed milk, and orange juice together. Fold in the whipping cream. Pour into the pie crust and chill for at least one hour.

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Truth is Fallen in the Streets

Recently a gallop poll was taken and only 28% of the people polled actually believed the Bible to be literally true. That means that 72% of the people living today do not believe the Bible to be true, that is sadly down 38% from just 30 years ago.

I think we would all agree that the people in general today do not esteem the word of God like previous generations did. We see that by the way folks are living today and it doesn't seem to affect their conscience. Sadly, our times are like the times of Isaiah when he uttered in Isaiah 59:14 The truth is fallen in the street.

I think either a man believes that God spoke creation into existence as recorded in Genesis 1st chapter or a person does not believe it. If a man due to worldly logic can deny that, In the beginning God that created the heavens and the earth, then he can deny any other part of God's divine law. If one can deny Genesis 1, then one can deny Revelations 22 and everything that comes in between.

If we do not believe Genesis 1, we can doubt the divine birth of Jesus. If we can deny Genesis 1, then we can doubt that Jesus Christ is the son of God. If we do not believe Genesis 1, we can also doubt the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can doubt the existence of Heaven and hell. We can doubt the proclaimed truth about concerning the church that Jesus promised he would build. Matthew 16:18 We cannot pick and choose what to believe at our personal whims. God's word is not a cafeteria line of divine law.

Remember the first to deny God's Word was Satan, Genesis 3:4-5 Remember Satan is the father of lies not the father of truth. John 8:44 When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Jesus told us what is true. John 17th chapter - When praying to God in he said, Thy word is truth. John 8:31-32 If ye continue in my word, then ye are my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

Do we choose to believe the Bible is God's inspired word? Or, do we choose to believe the lies, that Satan so skillfully places in front of us? To deceive us and cause to follow the wrong path.

It is then a matter of choice what we believe. The truth we find in this holy book we call the Bible, or the lies of Satan. 1 Peter 1:23 Please choose to believe the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

Thank you so much for reading this. I pray you have a safe week and that God has supplied all your needs and you always remember to give him thanks. (He would be great must be fervent in his prayers, fearless in his principles, firm in his purposes, and faithful in his promises.)

If you would like to contact one of the brethren we would love to hear from you can reach us at these numbers Bro. Dale McNew - 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker - 606-878-8104. You can also watch us live at 10:00 A.M. every Sunday morning on Facebook at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

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Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County awarded the 2020 Ginny Gilpatrick Memorial Scholarship to Cynthia Wells, daughter of Jeremy and Jacindia Rowe. Cynthia plans to attend the University of Kentucky and major in Business. Congratulations, Cynthia.

Church News

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men

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

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

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

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

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

Brodhead Water Works Annual Water Quality Report

Notice: 2019 Brodhead Water Works Annual Water Quality Report is available.

This report contains important information about your drinking water.

Please go to:

www.krwa.org/2019ccr/brodhead.pdf

to view the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report or to request a paper copy, call 606-758-8635

Prejudice is an Obstacle

Prejudice is an obstacle to evangelism and it is always inappropriate in the life of a Christian. Whether that prejudice is based on clothing style, personal appearance, wealth, occupation, nationality, gender, age, or intelligence level does not matter. Prejudice goes against the plan of God to bring ALL people to a relationship with God. Until we have a common purpose we will have divisions and separations in the church. Until we have a common purpose we will have prejudice that we hold on to.

Jesus is the Savior of all. The Holy Spirit does not discriminate. God doesn't love one group of people more than another so there is no place for separation nor acceptable prejudice in which we can hold onto.

God gave Peter this vision and challenged his prejudices because Peter's thoughts on Gentiles were not the same as God's thoughts and Peter's feelings towards them were hindering the progression of the Gospel to all the world. Prejudice is a hindrance to the Gospel and it is inappropriate in the lives of Christians.

Acts 10:9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. VS10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance, VS11 He saw Heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. VS12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. VS13 Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." VS14 "Surely not, Lord!"

Peter replied, "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." VS15 The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." VS16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to Heaven.

Now salvation comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ and the invitation is available to everyone everywhere. There is no difference. Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible. (Maya Angelou)

1 John 2:9 says, Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in darkness.

In Romans 1:16 we are told, For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the Power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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Bustle graduates from EKU

The family of Alyssa Bustle would like to congratulate her on her recent graduation from EKU.

Alyssa is the daughter of Carl and Trina Bustle, granddaughter of Wilbert and Lena Bustle and the granddaughter of Sandra Eaton and the late Earl (Norma) Cummins.

We are all very proud of Alyssa for completing her Bachelor's degree in English after only 3 years. Not only did she receive the Marsden Award for Writing but Alyssa completed her BA Summa Cum Laude (perfect 4.0) and has been offered a Graduate Assistantship to complete her Master's in English Literature at EKU.

July 18, 2020 Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**

This event will be held **Saturday, July 18th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign in at the gate will be required!

We will be accepting the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items, however, you may have to unload yourself if we are either shorthanded or getting behind.

This is a service to our citizens, if you are able to unload, then you should be willing to do so!

We will **NOT** accept any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902



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“Calendar”

(Continued from front) 170 days or 1062 hours but teachers would still be on a 180-day contract.”

Board Chairman Angela Mink said parents are becoming anxious for answers. “Parents are getting concerned and looking for answers that I don’t have,” said Mink. “They want to know about masks and recesses and countless other things related to their children. I hope to be able to provide some answers by the next (July) meeting.”

Of the three calendars presented to the board, **Calendar 1** (expected to be the calendar used if no COVID-19 spikes occur) shows a start date of August 12 and a last day of school as May 13. The Fall Break is scheduled for October 2 through October 5. There is also a break one day before and one day after Thanksgiving Day for a three-day break.

The Christmas Holiday would last from December 21 through December 31 but school would not restart until January 5 due to New Year’s Day and the MLK Holiday.

February and March show no missed school days and a Spring Break is shown from April 5-9. The last day for students is May 13.

Calendar Two begins school on July 16 for students and ends on April 16. The other notable difference is the Spring Break is reduced to two days. March 19-22.

Calendar 3 starts school on September 9 and ends the year for students on May 27. This calendar is only expected to be used in case of a surge in COVID-19 cases.

When asked Tuesday if the calendars include all students attending in-person classes every day, Ballinger said all three calendars include all possible start days, end days and scheduled days out of school. However, she could not say more details about class structure. “We don’t know what school will look like once we have restarted classes,” she said. “We have to wait until school starts to know what it will look like.”

“We are watching and listening to the state and the KDE everyday and we will keep everyone informed of any changes in plans. Currently we hope, and we expect, to use Calendar One,” said Ballinger.

“Ballot”

(Continued from front) clerk’s office will not accept ballots, even if postmarked by June 23, but voters may drop their ballot in the drop box at the courthouse just inside the U.S. 25 entrance by June 23.

According to Allen, about 2,600 Rockcastle Countians have requested absentee ballots and many of those have already been returned.

“We have a lot of them back already and we are working hard making sure everything is in order,” she said.

As of Monday, June 22nd, over 3,000 voters have either in-person voted or requested absentee ballots, according to Allen.

An extremely busy staff is currently running from the voting location to help voters in person, and recording and keep-

ing track of all absentee requests and returned ballots plus all the regular duties of the clerk’s office. “If it were just voting, it would be okay,” said Allen. “But we wear a lot of different hats here and it is extremely busy.”

While dealing with the 2,600 requests for mail-in ballots, Allen and her staff are also helping nearly 100 voters in person at the courthouse precinct every day.

Still, Allen is confident in her staff and the sanctity of the voting process. “We will get this done and anyone who wants to vote should come on by. You don’t need an appointment, just come and vote,” she said.

Voting is allowed any week day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Election Day, voters may cast their ballot between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Allen reminds everyone to sign your ballot as required so the ballot is not rejected.

The motor vehicle department of the clerk’s office will be closed June 19 to June 24.

“Trash”

(Continued from front) be required at the gate.

Residents may drop off household trash, bulk goods such as couches and chairs or mattresses, appliances, televisions, computer equipment and more.

Officials will not accept tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous material.

There will be limited personnel at the site to assist with unloading but officials say residents may have to unload themselves if the staff is busy at the time.

Those who are physically able to unload themselves are asked to do so.

For more information, call 606-256-1902.

“Court”

(Continued from front) ground Building came from Schwartz’s Quality Construction who was awarded the bid to repair the building if the county provides the mechanical lift to do the work.

There were three different projects bid for the building and Schwartz’s was lowest on all three. All three projects total \$16,150.

Magistrate Doug Pruitt suggested several times that the county fight to get local companies to bid these and other projects saying, “We need to keep county work inside the county as much as we can,” he said. “At least we need to try to get Rockcastle County companies to bid Rockcastle County projects.”

Roy Reynolds, Chairman of the Conservation Board, gave the annual Conservation District report saying several projects planned for this year have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19, however the district is still open and working hard to help any county resident who may have a conservation need. “We are here to help people in any way we can,” said Reynolds. “We provide free soil tests or most any farming need. We even have some grant money that can help someone who has lost livestock and many other needs.” In fact, Reynolds said the district has about \$65,000 in grants available to help local farm owners or most anyone with conservation needs.

J u d g e / E x e c u t i v e

Harold Holbrook also informed the court of a county-owned tractor that may be beyond use. “By the time we get this tractor out of the shop, it breaks down on the way to the job,” Holbrook said. “I have two bids here and we need a tractor. But, I am bringing this to you so that you can decide what you want to do with this information. It’s up to the court.”

The court heard a bid to purchase a new 100 horsepower tractor for \$77,000 or a 75 horsepower tractor for \$74,000.

Treasurer Joe Clontz was asked if there is enough money in the account to purchase the tractor without causing a hardship. “There is \$610,000 as a current balance,” he said. The court voted unanimously to purchase the \$77,000 tractor.

In other action, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook told the court the gas line project that officials hope may reach the county is still a possibility. “Delta has committed to an \$8.3 million investment in the project,” he said.

VanHook said there is other good news for the court since he has several companies interested in the old Plastics Building. “I have shown the building or talked to companies about the building on several occasions and I would be very surprised if we don’t receive a serious offer very soon,” he said.

Magistrates also agreed to set a speed limit of 25 mph on Little Brushy Branch Road.

The court also approved Clontz’s request to place \$25,000 into the road fund as part of a reimbursement. “We had taken \$100,000 from there and placed in into the general fund and this is the last payment to put that money back into that account,” he said.

Clontz also told magistrates the county needs to transfer \$250,000 from the occupational tax fund into the general fund and then transfer \$75,000 to the jail fund and \$25,000 into the fairground fund. The action was approved.

“School”

(Continued from front) days are not enough due to Coronavirus restrictions. “Last year we had to implement an emergency NTI Plan to meet the restrictions,” she said. “I think we all agree that was not the ideal instruction methods. But since we still don’t know what school is going to look like next year, we need to apply for more NTI days in the event they are required. Then we need to work out a plan on the best way to utilize those days and provide the best possible instruction to our students.”

Ballinger, in her last meeting as Director of Student Services, told the board the telehealth clinic at the high school will also be located at the middle school this coming year. Ballinger said the hospital rents the space from the school and pays the nurse’s salary.

Finance Director Jenny Sweet informed the board that the district’s annual insurance premium has gone up over \$6,000 next year to a total annual premium of \$174,081. The quote, from VanMeter Insurance through the carrier Liberty Mutual Insurance, is still 6 percent below the average district costs, Sweet said.

Sweet said one of the reasons given for the increase came after insurance carriers noted there is no paid fire department in the area. “Our fire department is a volunteer fire department and one company refused to give us a quote because the fire department is volunteer,” she said.

However, Sweet said the district may receive a refund from last year’s premium since the school closures caused the buses to sit unused and the buildings to sit nearly empty and students were not involved in after school activities.

In other news, Ballinger, and Director of Technology Brandon Reynolds, told the board that there have been 1,443 Chromebooks ordered for students from grade 4 to 12. The computer, similar to a limited access laptop, will be given to every student in those grades.

The board discussed several issues that came up concerning the new devices, including the budget. However, Ballinger said the district received over three quarters of a million dollars from grants due to COVID19 and that money had to be used in certain areas, which included technology.

Ballinger said students would be able to receive homework on the Chromebook and email it back to the school thereby improving instruction especially during NTI days.

Some board members expressed concerns that some students may not have internet access at home but Ballinger said the department is exploring options including creating “hotspots” a student could drive to. “A student could drive to the school, sit in the parking lot and download all the homework onto the Chromebook,” said Ballinger. “Then they could go home and do the work and go back to a location where there is internet access and email their work in.”

The department also sent a recent survey to parents to discover how many homes had access, among other questions, to internet and several ideas and options were discussed to make the process work easier for students with no internet.

Several board members agreed the Chromebooks would “enhance instruction” during NTI days and board member Jeff VanHook, who is also Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority, was asked several questions about internet in the county and its future availability. VanHook said there are some plans being discussed and there may be some ways to create hotspots in inaccessible areas.

Students will take the device home but each Chromebook will include software that would make the device useless to anyone except the student the device is given to. “These Chromebooks would be useless to anyone who may steal it,” said Reynolds.

The devices are expected to arrive sometime in August.

Mattingly also discussed a \$1 million grant that has been applied for called the Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant.

The project LIFT (Literacy In Full Throttle) includes goals and plans to improve literacy through-

out the district. The grant dollars are regulated and certain goals must be met to receive the grant over a three-year period.

The board also heard the Superintendent’s Personnel Report which listed only two resignations and one retirement. Eric Wright and Phillip Permenter, both teachers at RCHS have resigned and Denise Carpenter, Instructional Assistant at MVES retired.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 6 p.m. when Ballinger will head her first meeting as superintendent but Board Chairman Angela Mink will be away on vacation.

“Sports”

(Continued from front) means of education. Even graduation ceremonies were cancelled across the state until the local district, and several others, found non traditional ways to celebrate the accomplishment.

Along with classroom changes came countless changes in after-school activities, including all sporting events. The end of the basketball season in the state was cancelled, along with all spring sports in the schools.

Now that some restrictions have begun to be lifted, schools have had to make major adjustments concerning sporting activities while meeting all the restrictions that are still in place.

The Rockcastle County School system has now approved the “COVID-19 Return to Participation in Sports Plan.”

The massive restrictions were mandated by the state and KDE. Answering complaints and requests from sports fans across the country, the KDE and the state have agreed to restart sporting programs, but with strict guidelines that some may feel the reopening is more of a token gesture than a true opening.

While student athletes are said to be “returning to participation in sports,” guidelines include such rules as forbidding the use of any type of ball.

“We have been given the ‘okay’ to open sports back up with this plan in place,” said Carrie Ballinger, Director of Student Services. “We have met with all the coaches and they all understand the requirements. Until the end of June, no balls and no equipment of any kind may be used at any practice.”

Also, the first rule of the plan states “Activity cannot be mandatory of any individual and attendance cannot be used as a criterion for future team membership.”

The ten-page list of restrictions include extensive cleaning and preparations of all surfaces where the “practice” or workouts will take place. Students may not shower before, during or after practice or workouts and clothing worn must be appropriate to minimize sweat from transmitting onto any surfaces. Hand sanitizer must be “plentiful,” any surfaces with holes must be covered and students will be encouraged to shower immediately upon returning home.

The restrictions also say “no gatherings of 10 people at a time (inside or outside) prior to June 29” and there must always remain at least six feet between every individual.

Though the school will not be testing for COVID 19, student athletes, each coach and all present will also be prescreened daily (temperature taken and health questions asked) and if anyone should ever test positive for COVID-19, “contact tracing will take place and all exposed student athletes and coaches will be required to self-iso-

late for 14 days.”

Masks are also required for all coaches and any student not immediately participating in the sporting practice or workout event.

The restrictions end with a description of four segments of guidelines. Segment One includes the most restrictions but each segment relaxes some of the restrictions in the previous segment until segment four which simply states “to be announced.”

Segment One includes practice from June 1-14, Segment Two June 15-28, Segment Three June 29 to July 12 and Segment Four from July 13 to July 31.

There are also regulations concerning cheerleading tryouts.

Anyone needing a copy of the “Return to Participation in Sports Plan” should contact the school district for instruction on how to get a copy.

“indict”

(Continued from front) \$7,500 cash/property (c/p)

Joshua D. Bradley, 33, of Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for sexual abuse of a person under 16 years of age, rape of a person under the age of 12 and sex offender electronic communication violation.

His bond was set at \$100,000 c/p;

Raymond Zachary Rose, 20, of S Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon and Michael David Collett, 22, of Maple Grove Road, Orlando, were named in a joint indictment.

Rose was indicted for rape of a minor less than 14 years of age and sodomy for sexual intercourse with a female less than 14 years of age.

Collett was indicted for rape of a female less than 14 years of age.

Bond was set at \$100,000 c/p each;

Jason Matthew Durham, 41, of Flat Gap Road, Berea was indicted for receiving stolen property with a value of over \$500.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Pyrexia R. Surber, 41, of Flat Gap Road, Berea was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Roy E. McCollum, 47, of Weeping Willow Drive, Berea was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs and rear license plate not illuminated.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Jason P. Northern, 42, of N. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on three counts of possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Detention Center and failure to give proper signal while operating a motor vehicle on the public highway.

His bond was set at \$20,000 c/p;

Traci N. Parsons, 33, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for fraudulent insurance acts greater than \$10,000.

Her bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Michael C. Wood, 25, of Hurricane School Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for assault, strangulation and unlawful imprisonment.

His bond was set at \$40,000 c/p;

Daniel R. Laws, 38, of London and Kelly S. Harris, 43, of East Bernstadt were named in a joint indictment for theft by unlawful taking of property with a value of over \$10,000.

Both bonds were set at \$20,000 c/p, and

Richard J. Caudill, 49, of Richmond St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.

Board says farewell to Supt. Pensol

By: Mike French
Editor

There were tears, there was laughter and there was serious conversation. But, the most recent Rockcastle County School Board meeting ended with a fond farewell to Superintendent David Pensol.

Pensol announced his retirement earlier this year after 29 years of service to the Rockcastle County School system. Carrie Ballinger, currently the Director of Student Services and past school board member, will take over the reins on July 1.

After the detailed regular monthly meeting last week, Pensol said his final farewell and board members had things to say to him as well.

"This is a strong school district," said Pensol. "I have all the confidence in the world in our district, our staff, our principals, our teaching staff, our drivers, our food service and every department. I am very, very proud to have been a part of this staff and I have always appreciated this board's service. I

look forward to the future and there are good times ahead."

Jennifer Mattingly, Director of Instruction, read a prepared statement entitled "Retirement Recognition," and told the board she would try to read it "if the tears don't come."

Pensol has been the Superintendent since 2012 but started his education career in 1991 as an elementary school teacher in Rockcastle County. Mattingly continued to list accomplishment made by Pensol as he rose through the ranks of the district and ended with gratitude for Pensol's "transparency, flexibility and selfless stewardship," saying "We value your leadership, humble attitude of service and your steadfast dedication to our community throughout the years."

Board Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink then presented Pensol with two gifts from the board, including a book giving highlights to enjoy in all 50 states during retirement and the New King James Version of the Holy Bible. "We thank you, David," said Mink. "It has been an honor."

Blood center offers chance to win \$500

Kentucky Blood Center wants to infuse donors' summer with a little cash, so the nonprofit is giving away two \$500 gift cards each week for a total of \$16,000 awarded through September 18.

All donors who register to donate at a KBC donor center or mobile blood drive each week will be entered to win one of two \$500 gift cards. The promotion starts May 30. Donors will be entered into the week's drawing each time they give during the summer. In addition, each registered donor will receive a great patriotic "Be a Hero" shirt (while supplies last).

"The summer months are always tough on the blood supply and given the current state of the economy, we know our donors are experiencing difficult times as well," said Mandy Brajuha, Director of Marketing for Kentucky Blood Center.

"In an effort to help our loyal donors 'rebound' this summer, we're encouraging blood donation to help Kentucky patients

and providing a little economic stimulus to 32 lucky winners."

Donors can help boost the blood supply and get entered to win locally on Tuesday, July 7 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the gym at First Baptist Church, 340 West Main St., Mount Vernon

Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, found at kybloodcenter.org.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, KBC is requiring appointments for all donor centers and mobile drives to ensure social distancing. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

On the day of donation, donors can complete their health history questions on a tablet, computer or smartphone prior to coming to the blood drive by using QuickPass.

Kentucky Blood Center facing critical need for blood donors

The Kentucky Blood Center has announced a critical need for blood donors as the nationwide blood shortage, which has been plaguing many areas of our country for weeks, has impacted the Commonwealth.

KBC, which supplies blood to more than 70 Kentucky hospitals, has an urgent need for all blood types and is encouraging donors to make an appointment and donate as soon as possible.

"We do not issue critical appeals for donors unless the situation absolutely dictates a need," Bill Reed, Kentucky Blood Center President and CEO, said. "Our initial surge in supply during the pandemic has been exhausted and with elective surgeries not only resuming, but increasing from their normal level, blood donors are urgently needed."

Due to social distancing guidelines, appointments are required and can be made at www.kybloodcenter.org or by calling 800.775.2522. All six KBC donor centers (listed below) are open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Face coverings should be worn while visiting our donor centers. Mobile blood drive locations can also be found on the website.

Locally you can visit the Somerset Donor Center, 10 Stonegate Centre (Stoplight 16A), Somerset



Mack's Barbershop and Salon held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 16th. The new business, owned and operated by Mackenzie King of Mount Vernon, opened for business in May and local residents have enjoyed the many services offered ever since. Shown at the ribbon cutting from left are Police Chief Brian Carter, Cindy King (Mackenzie's mother), Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, owner Mackenzie King, owner of the building and grandmother Peggy Mills, Mayor's Assistant Crystal Rush and Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush. The business will be open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5 and Saturday from 8 to noon. Everyone is invited to visit the new shop.

Farm Service Agency
County Committee
Nominations Open
June 15

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will begin accepting nominations for county committee members on Monday, June 15, 2020. Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for these members who make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally. All nomination forms for the 2020 election must be post-marked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2020.

"I encourage America's farmers, ranchers and forest stewards to nominate candidates to lead, serve and represent their community on their county committee," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "There's an increasing need for diverse representation, including underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and minority farmers and ranchers."

Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program, and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, also may nominate candidates.

Committee members are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made of three to 11 members and typically meet once a month. Members serve three-year terms. Producers serving on FSA county committees play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. Check with your local USDA service center to see if your LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 2, 2020. Read more to learn about important election dates.

June 30 Last Day to Complete Enrollment for 2020 Agriculture Risk Coverage, Price Loss Coverage Programs

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) pro-

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

grams for 2020 must do so by June 30. Although program elections for the 2020 crop year remain the same as elections made for 2019, all producers need to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to sign a 2020 enrollment contract.

"The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs are critical safety-net programs for farmers, helping producers weather market distortions resulting from natural disasters, trade disruptions and, this year, a pandemic," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "Contact your FSA county office today to complete enrollment before June 30.

This can be done in concert with filing your acreage report and applying for other FSA programs."

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 8 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in the COC meeting should contact Warden Alexander at (606) 256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 three days prior to the meeting date.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.375%
Farm Ownership Loans-

Direct= 2.250%
Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%
Emergency Loans=2.375%
Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =0.250% 5 yrs. =0.375%, 7 yrs. =0.500%
10 yrs =0.625%, 12 yrs = 0.750%, 15 yrs =0.875%
Commodity Loans= 1.125%

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

INVITATION TO BID

Public Notice is given hereby that

THE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

will accept Design/Build Proposals for the project;

"RCIDA- FARMERS MARKET STRUCTURE"

According to Schematic Design Documents of drawings and outline specifications contained in the Project Bid Packet, and described in general as:

An approximate 5000SQFT farmers market building structure with the following attributes to include but not limited to;

Reinforced Concrete Foundations and footings; foundation walls (retaining wall Foundation walls). Wood frame structure with metal clad siding. Clear span wood truss roof structure. Attic Smoke partitions. Slab floors. Envelope insulations, prefinished metal roofing and flashing systems, hollow metal doors and frames. Carpentry work as required. Electrical fixtures and Service systems, Plumbing / Sanitary Sewer and Water service. Mechanical ventilation and HVAC systems. Site utility work outside the building pad will be generally limited to 10' extensions beyond the building line but proposal shall include the ADA parking pad and ADA access walks into building. site work beyond this limit will be generally provided by the owner. Project shall be subject to Davis Bacon Act wage rates laws.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the

Rockcastle County Judge Executive, Howell Holbrook, 205 East Main St.

Rockcastle County Courthouse, Mt Vernon, Kentucky 40456

ATTENTION JEFF VANHOOK, RCIDA on Thursday, July 9th, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

The Bid Proposals shall be opened and read aloud at that same time and place. Bids received after the 2:00 P.M. bid submission deadline will not be accepted. Interested parties are invited to attend. Bids received after this submission deadline will not be accepted, and or will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Proposed Documents may be examined as follows:

Rockcastle County Judge Executives Office, Rockcastle County Courthouse, Judge Exec Office, 205 East Main Street, Mt Vernon, KY 40456

INVITATION TO BID

A General Contract Bidder may also secure copies of the Project Bid Packet Documents from the office of The Rockcastle County Judge Executive, as noted above after 2:00 PM Friday June 19th, 2020.

General Contract Bidders will be provided (1) Bid Packet containing the documents for consideration of a Design/ Build Proposal.

Packets may be acquired in person or requested via email request and the packet will be forwarded via USPS (U.S.Postal Service). The owner shall not be responsible for the timely or ultimate delivery of the packets requested via mail service.

Timely Delivery of all Proposal information and the Bid Proposal is the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the project site, "180 Richmond Street, Mt Vernon, KY 40456" on Tuesday June 30th, 2020 at 2:00 PM EST; All interested bidders should acquire bid packets and attend this meeting to review the site and publicly request any clarifications of the Packet Documents.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bid Proposals. In the form of a Certified Insurance Bid Bond and or Certified Check made out to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Successful bidder shall provide 100% performance and payment bond.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularity and or informalities in the bids and in the bidding processes.

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
2020 Session Results:
Public Safety Legislation

Public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of government. During the 2020 Regular Session, my colleagues and I made public safety a top priority. We approved several measures aimed at protecting our most vulnerable.



One of our top priorities this session was HB 2, the result of a collaborative effort with Attorney General Daniel Cameron and other stakeholders to build public awareness of human trafficking, make resources available to victims, enable the prosecution of offenders, and close a loophole in current law to help prevent future instances. Human trafficking is a major issue across the United States. According to the Department of Homeland Security, human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial

sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States. It can happen in any community, and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Traffickers might use violence, manipulation, or false promises to lure victims into trafficking situations.

Kentucky is within a day's drive of two-thirds of our nation's population and an all-too convenient and centralized hub for human trafficking. The provisions of HB 2 clarify that law enforcement can pose as a potential victim – a highly successful tool in identifying and prosecuting human traffickers. HB 2 also requires individuals convicted of sex-related adult human trafficking to be added to the sex offender registry. Existing law already requires that offenders in crimes involving children are added. The new law also requires that signage with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline phone number and other information about resources available to victims of human trafficking be posted in public restrooms at airports, bus stops, train stations and

truck stops.

In addition to our work on human trafficking, here are a few other public safety measures we approved:

HB 44 - Tampering with the operations of natural gas or petroleum pipelines is now a Class D felony offense of 1st-degree criminal mischief. It also allows civil action against anyone who directs or causes a person to commit the offense. This action is specifically designed to allow for public protest but prevent dangerous damage.

HB 204 - Registered sex offenders are now prohibited from living within 1000 feet of a publicly leased playground and from being on the grounds of leased playgrounds. This prohibition already exists for public playgrounds but did not

apply to leased property. I am extremely grateful that my colleagues understand how important it was to pass this legislation into law.

HB 256 - Until we approved this bill, someone convicted of a rape that resulted in the birth of a child could still seek custody or visitation of that child. Without a doubt this was a loophole that we had to fix, and we did so by adding comparable offenses from other jurisdictions to the category of felony sex offenses that will deny person custody and visitation rights to a child born from an assault.

HB 298 - This measure mandates law enforcement agencies adopt, train, and enforce written policies that establish procedures for proper vehicular pursuit. This new

law will further protect our citizens and law enforcement officers while on the roadways by creating guidelines for determining when the interests of public safety and law enforcement justify the beginning or end of a vehicular pursuit. HB 298 was drafted after a vehicle fleeing police caused the death of 18-year-old Jill Hurst of Lawrenceburg.

HB 361 - Overcrowding in our prisons is a major state and national problem. It can lead to several issues such as poor health care for inmates, an increase in violence and gang activity, an increase in individual mental health issues, the spread of disease, and staff stress. We needed a common sense approach to find a solu-

tion for this issue. HB 361 creates a framework that allows the Department of Corrections to transfer state prisoners to another jail or prison with an open capacity if the jail is at or over 150 percent capacity. I was glad to be able to co-sponsor this bill in an effort to alleviate some of the overcrowding that we are seeing locally.

I hope to continue providing you updates through this column. As always, I can still be reached through the toll-free message line; if you have any comments or questions, just call 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00143**

Pamela Sturgill Plaintiff
**Dyella Whitehead, Ditech Financial, LLC
Arthur C. Whitehead, Jr.** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 13, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND 49/100 (\$27,880.49) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.**

Situated in Rockcastle County, Kentucky more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on S.W. side of line creek road and said road junction with old county road; thence with line creek road and Hopkins S 12 Deg. 30 mins E 558' to set stone (corner to Blevins); thence with Blevins S 51 Deg. 00 mins W 945' to 6" water oak; thence N 33 deg. 15 mins W 465' to 12" water oak; thence along old road N 49 Deg. 00 mins E 1148' to the beginning and containing 11.60 acres more or less.

1685 John Cash Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419.
PVA Map #001-00-018.03

Being the same property conveyed to Dennis Sturgill, single and Pamela Sue Sturgill, single, from Dennis Sturgill, single by Deed dated 06/18/2010, recorded 06/18/2010, Deed Book 231, page 61-63, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records, and being known as 1685 John Cash Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
 - The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 18-CI-00052**

**Lisa Benedict and Patrick Benedict,
spouses; Bobby Kirby and
Ruth Kirby, spouses** Plaintiffs

**Wilma Dianne Bell, a single person;
Donna Elaine McKinney and James Butch
McKinney, spouses; Debra Denis
Burdette, and Rick Burdette, spouses;
William Cecil Kirby and Patricia Todd
Kirby, spouses; Benton Lloyd Kirby and
Karen Renee Kirby, spouses; Jeffery Brad
Kirby and Alissa Kirby, spouses** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this partition action, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Beginning at a stake in the East right of way of the county road; thence N 76 E 462 feet to a stake; thence S 14 1/2 E 214 feet to a stake in the south right of way of the county road; thence with the right of way as follows: S 75 W 473 feet; N 22 1/4 W 37 feet; N 8 W 221 feet to the beginning and containing 2 76/100 acres.

259 Buttercup Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.
PVA Map #055-00-027

Being the same property conveyed to Lloyd Kirby and Cuba Kirby by deed dated February 11, 1977 and recorded in Deed Book 104, page 78 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office. Cuba Kirby died April 15, 2015. Lloyd Kirby became the sole owner of the property at the death of Cuba Kirby under the terms of their survivorship deed. Lloyd Kirby died intestate on July 2, 2017, a resident of Rockcastle County, Kentucky. At his death, the children of Lloyd Kirby, Wilma Dianne Bell, Donna Elain K. Mason McKinney, Debra Denis Burdette, William Cecil Kirby, Jeffery Brad Kirby, Benton Lloyd Kirby, Bobby Kirby, and Lisa Benedict Kirby, inherited the property as shown by the Affidavit of Descent recorded in Deed Book 261, Page 79 of the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold in 2 parcels then offered as a whole with the successful bidder being the one that results in the highest total price for the real property.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
 - The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00032**

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff

**Marie Charette aka Marie Margaret
Charette, Glenn Dale Pollard aka Glenn
Pollard, Timothy Ray Charette, unknown
defendant, spouse of Timothy Ray
Charette, Phillip John Charette, Jennifer
Charette, unknown defendants, who are
the heirs or devisees or legatees of
Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz
Charette and their spouses and any
unknown person who may have an interest
in the property which is the subject matter
of this action** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND 53/100 (\$135,189.53) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 19, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:15 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:
3240 South Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
PVA Map #060-00-058

Being the same property conveyed to Amos Owens, Jr. and Janet K. Owens from Billy Donald Smith and his wife Glenna Smith, by Deed dated October 10, 1970 and of record in Deed Book 90 page 429 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Janet K. Owens died on October 15, 2016. Pursuant to the right of survivorship, Amos Owens, Jr. thereafter inherited the interest of his wife Janet K Owens. And being the same property conveyed to Tasianna Charette, single, by Deed of Conveyance from Amos Owens, Jr., widower, dated September 11, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 261 page 620 Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz Charette died on September 25, 2017. Upon her death, all right, title and interest became vested in her heirs at law.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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By: Mike French
Editor

Bright, cheerful, happy, excited, all these words seem to apply to Rockcastle County's own Emily Goodman who is fulfilling her dream as a meteorologist at WLEX-TV in Lexington. If you can chat with her without a smile, you are in a terrible mood.



Emily Goodman

"I am just so excited to be working with my all time hero Bill Meck. I am so honored to have this chance," said Emily.

Emily (formerly Emily McKinney) was born and raised in Rockcastle County and while in junior high school one night, watching channel 18 weather she said to herself, "hey, I could do that. That really looks like fun."

Emily has always been interested in the weather and that night she realized Bill Meck had a wonderful job. "I have been fascinated by weather and what causes it and how a

storm starts all my life," she said with a huge smile. "I was so fascinated with Bill Meck and watching Tom Ackerman and Seth Phillips I just knew that was what I wanted to do."

And now, starting this weekend (June 20) Emily will be in the same office, behind the same cameras as all three of those she has enjoyed watching most of her life. "I will be training this week with Bill. How many people get to train with their own hero? It is a pleasure to say the least."

Goodman will start as the weekend, evening meteorologist

but will also be doing a lot of fill-in work which she is also excited about. "I'll be covering for Bill during July Fourth and will do some daytime work a lot," she said. "But my regular work will be weekends in the evening."

Goodman has a bachelor's degree from the University of the Cumberlands and a master's degree from Mississippi State University in Geoscience, with an emphasis in Broadcast Meteorology.

And that isn't all of her credentials. Emily spent some time storm chasing in Dixie Alley

and was a member of the 3-year winning forecasting competition at the state level.

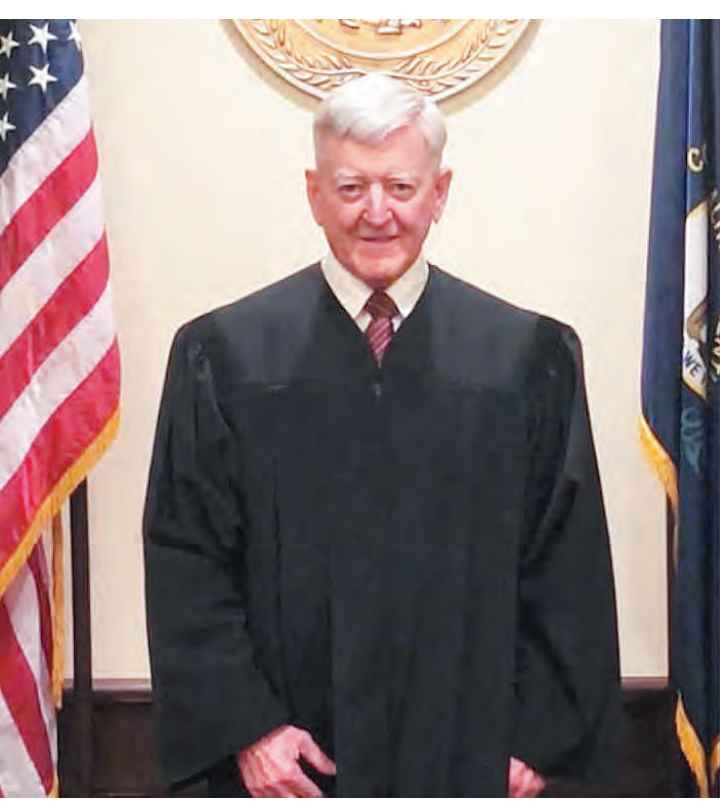
The local girl has also worked in television before, including stations such as WNKY, WYMT, WVLT and WTRF.

Though her last position was in Wheeling, West Virginia, Emily is now much closer to home in Lexington. "We got an apartment in Lexington this week and me and my mom and dad (Ronnie and Virginia McKinney) drove to the office to look at the place," she said. "It was great and my dad had to show me where

it is." Emily is now settled with her husband, Ed Goodman, whom you may see preaching at a church in Lexington, and she is ready to start her dream job under the direction of her hero.

"Meteorology has been a growing passion of mine and I can't wait to start here in Lexington," she said.

So if you need to know how your week is going to start or make plans for your weekend, turn the television to WLEX on Saturday or Sunday evening and let a happy, smiling Rockcastle County girl tell you what to look for in the skies.

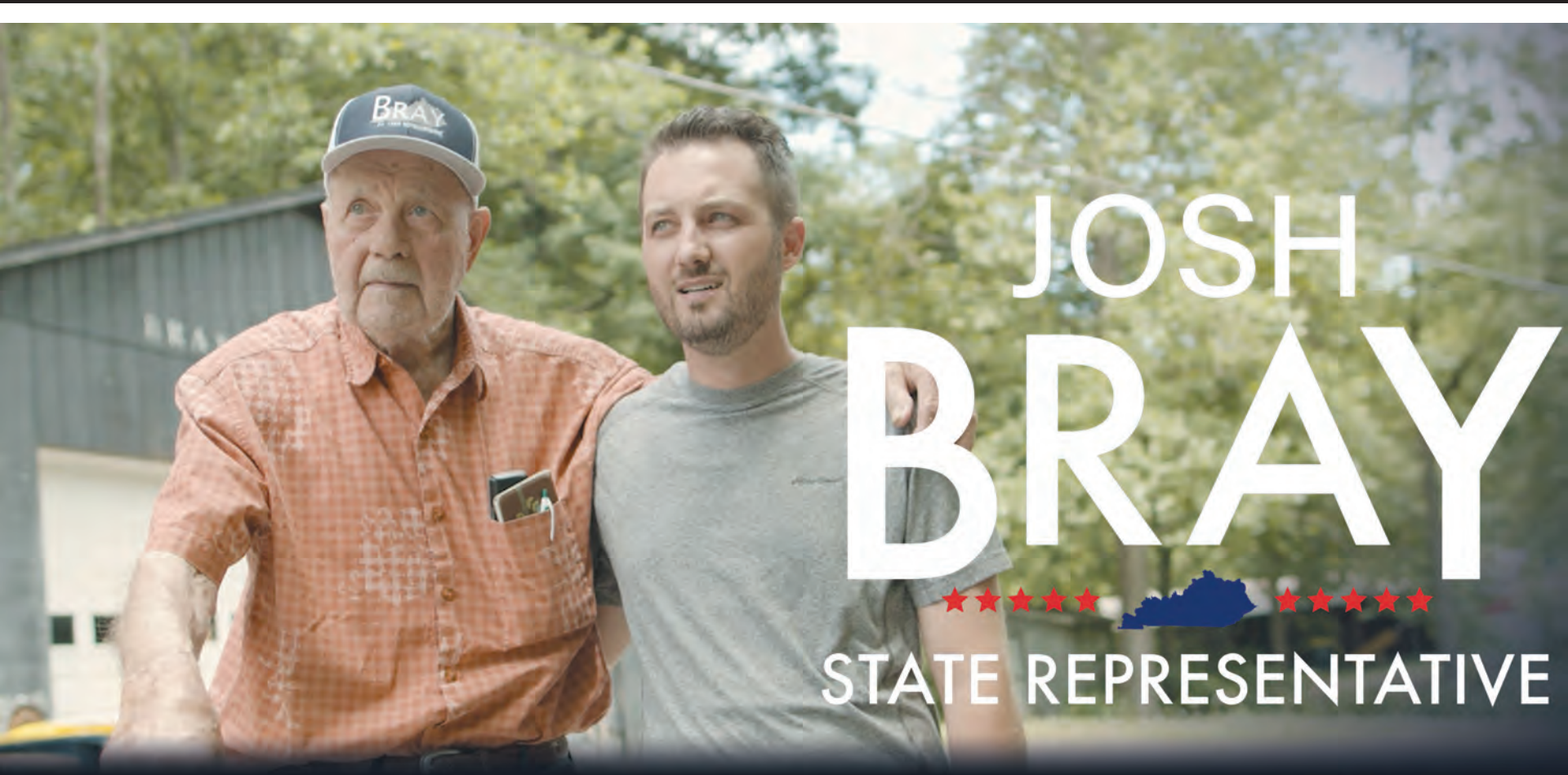


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Notices

Notice is hereby given that John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, have been appointed Co-Executors w/will of the estate of Zade McClure on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Matthew Carte, 55 Williams St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Rebecca Miller, 85 Ferguson St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Luther Earl Clute on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Matthew Carte and Rebecca Miller or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Gerald L. Riney, 71 Rolling Hill Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor w/will of the estate of JoAnne Riney on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gerald L. Riney or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Larry Napier, 2940 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. and Paula Day, 2982 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of

Della Taylor on the 4th day of June, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry Napier and Paula Day or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. 20x3

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Multi-Family Yard Sale: 6315 Scaffold Cane Rd, 6.3 miles before you get to Madison Co. line at brick house on left. Too much to mention. Given by Heather McClure and Sharon Bray. Friday and Saturday, June 19th and 20th, 8 a.m. to ?

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David L. and Merna D. Overbay, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey and Cynthia Harms. Tax \$192

Bentley and Bobbie Durham, property on KY 618, to Brian and Kelley Durham. Tax \$225

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, property in Orlando, to Brookhaven Properties LLC. No tax

Steven Ponder Construction LLC, property in Eagle Creek Subdv., to Christopher and Jamie Saylor. Tax \$15

Brookhaven Properties LLC, property in Orlando, to Samuel P. Gibbons. Tax \$20

Jack and Rebeth Gadd, property in Rockcastle County, to Cassidy Adkins and James Clark. Tax \$2

J.T. Lamb, property in Rockcastle County, to Randall Scott Lamb. No tax

Randy C. and Edna A. Thompson, property in Negro Creek section, to Willard and Virginia Durham. Tax \$73.50

Thomas E. Spencer, Jr., property on Lambert Road, to Judy Cromer and Bethany Cromer. No tax

James and Kimberly Bowling, property on Silver Mist Corner, to Angela R. DeBord Isaacs and Kevin Isaacs. Tax \$270

Blaine McHargue, property in Rockcastle County, to Howard and

Lucille McHargue. No tax
Lisa and John Mark Wilson, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to David Lee Ruff III and Jennifer M. Ruff. Tax \$275

Regina and James Russell, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Roy and Lula Scarborough. Tax \$80

GBC Development LLC, property on Disputanta Road, to Shannon Williams. Tax \$20

Bentley and Bobbie Durham, property in McCall Knob Subdv., to William A. Payne. Tax \$15

District Court

June 10, 2020

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Henry Wayne Brewer: speeding, \$30 fine plus costs; failure to or improper signal, \$25 fine (suspended), failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine.

Jason Lee Brumagen: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Tiffany Dishon: receiving stolen property (\$10,000 or more), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

John L. Fain: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, driving DUI suspended license, failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Juarez Espina Isnardo: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, no operators moped license and failure to produce insurance card, sentencing orders entered.

Curtis D. Jackson: speeding, \$10 fine plus costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine.

Lonnie W. Reed: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, rear license not illuminated, court notice issued for fta/license suspended.

Arval Robbins: improper equipment, no operators/moped license, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, and other charges, court notice sent for fta.

Michael Santo: flagrant non support, court notice sent for fta.

Ericka L. White: speeding, \$50 fine plus costs.

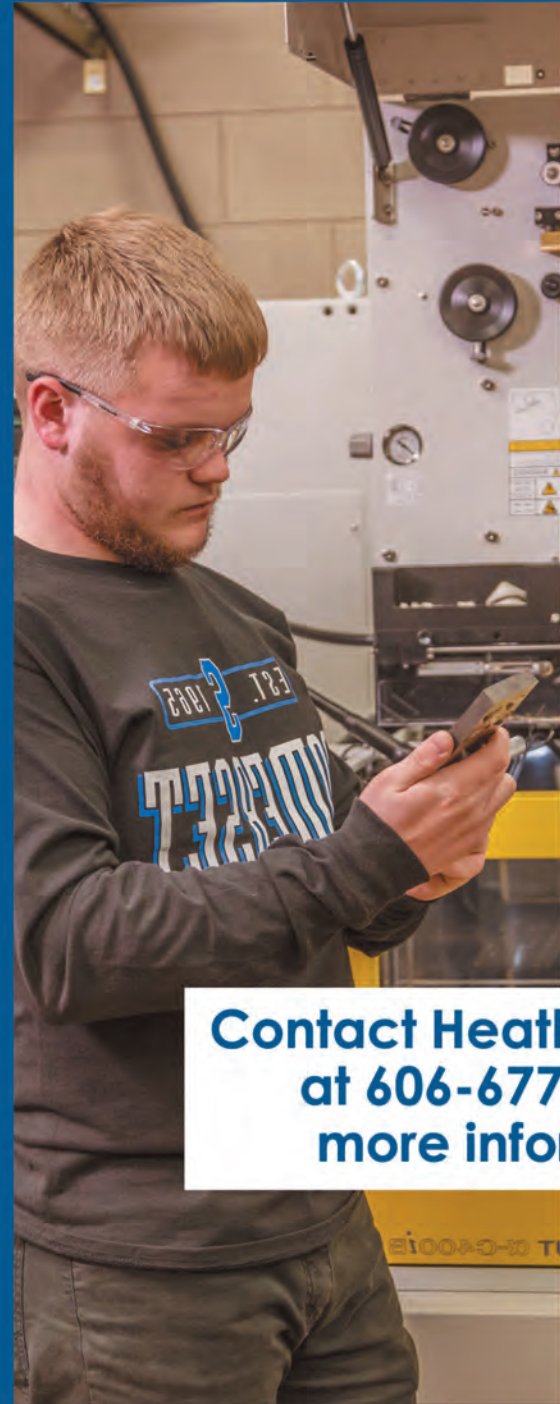
Tyler B. Mobley: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, sentencing order entered.

Marriage Licenses

Bridgette Lashay Denny, 25, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Cody Matthew Ramsey, 27, Mt. Vernon, brick layer. 6/3/20

Samantha Louise DeBord, 42, Richmond, CNA and Aaron Douglas Medley, 40, Livingston, maintenance. 6/8/20

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One of the in-person voters to vote Tuesday at the only precinct in the county, sat alone in the third floor precinct at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. The voting process began on June 8th, via absentee votes and ended on Election Day Tuesday, June 23rd. All votes are expected to be tabulated by Tuesday, June 30th when the results of the election will be certified and will be published in next week's Signal.

Driver's tests to restart in Rockcastle

Beginning Thursday, June 25, anyone residing in Rockcastle County, needing to take a written test for a driver's license permit, CDL license, or reinstatement of a driver's license that has been expired for more than a year, or suspended and are test authorized can call the Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office for an appointment on Thursday, July 2nd, according to Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel. On that date, a representative of the state department of transportation will be in our county to test eligible Rockcastle citizens.

This is a one day event in an attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. If you are a Rockcastle citizen and a permit holder, needing to take the actual road test, you will need to go online at Drive.KY.gov and register as the Department for Transportation will be in Rockcastle on Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, July 16 to administer driver testing. (You must wear a mask or you will be turned away, per DOT requirements). If you have any questions about any licenses, feel free to call, my office at 606 256-2581.

New budget approved for Mount Vernon

Projects about to restart

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council met once again in council chambers this month for the regular meeting after two months of zoom meetings. The first order of business was presentation of the monthly financial report for council members to inspect and then the fiscal budget for a second reading approval. "We had expected some changes from the first reading but we still aren't certain about all the af-

fects the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on our finances," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "The budget is unchanged from the first reading and we can easily include amendments to the budget as more information is available." City Administrator Josh Bray told the council members the budget includes a savings of over \$20,000 in worker's compensation and general liability insurance. Bryant said the budget is "extremely conservative" until the affects of the pandemic have been cal-

culated. The budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 includes total cash revenues in the General Fund of \$1,757,450, Municipal Aid Fund of \$175,600, LGEA Fund of \$71,900, Water and Sewer Fund of \$4,439,274 and UDAG Fund of \$63,553. Total appropriations from the General Fund

are estimated at \$1,752,319, Municipal Aid Fund expects \$140,000 in expenditures, LGEA Fund, \$12,000, Water and Sewer Fund, \$4,038,942 and UDAG Fund, \$2,400. A total of \$662,116 is expected as a budget surplus. The budget passed unanimously.

Members were also informed that all city parks are now open but the splash pad at Lake Linville has been classified as a pool and cannot be opened at this time. Councilman Clifford Mullins told council members he would be in favor of more of the art work that has been done in the town through the Rockcastle Arts Association. "It is amazing work and I think we should commission them to do more work around town." Councilmembers also

(See "Budget" on A5)

County approves fiscal year budget amid uncertainties about COVID-19

— May need amendments

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held a special called meeting Monday afternoon for the second reading and approval of the 2020-21 fiscal year county budget. County Treasurer Joseph Clontz said the budget may have to be amended through the year, since the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic may not be calculated yet. "It may be next year before we know the full effects that the shutdowns and other restrictions had on our budget," said Clontz. "In the meantime, all we can do is plan for the worst and hope for the best and I think we have done that."

forestry fund and fair-ground funds, are estimated at \$8,358,996 for the next fiscal year. On the revenue side of the budget, the total general fund revenue is estimated at \$3,575,859 and the road fund revenues at \$3,575,859. (See "County" on A5)

heard about several projects that have been delayed due to the pandemic but Mayor Bryant and Bray said such projects are expected to restart soon. One of the anticipated projects is the reworking of some of the storm drainage system to prevent the usual flooding after heavy rains. Councilmembers also

Officials still planning to hold Relay for Life

— May look different

By: Mike French Editor

The annual Relay for Life event, originally planned for this weekend, has been moved to September 18 and will be handled differently this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations. But officials are say they are "committed to putting on this community event that focuses on raising awareness and support for cancer survivors and raising funds to find a cure for this dis-

ease," according to Jana Bray, Community Relations Director of Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Details of the Relay for Life event are still being worked out, but some tentative scheduling is underway. Officials say on Friday, September 18 there are plans to hold a nontraditional event that will consist of a luminaria area combined with a drive through style survivor ceremony. A Survivor and (See "Relay" on A5)

Rockcastle loses a living legend

By: Mike French Editor

If you are in any way involved in the entertainment industry, you already know Rockcastle County lost a living legend when Wallace Logan "Pete" Stamper passed away on Tuesday, June 9. Since 1952, Stamper has been involved with Renfro Valley and his accomplishments in the entertainment industry nation wide, rival those of any star from Kentucky's history. Fans knew of his tal-

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(See "Pete" on A5)

Accidents on I-75 continue weekly

By: Mike French Editor

For many years, I-75 in Rockcastle County has been the site of countless vehicle accidents. So much so that the State of Kentucky embarked on a multimillion dollar I-75 widening project. However, though the

project is somewhat complete coming from the north end of the county and work has moved to the southern end of the county, I-75 accidents are still a weekly occurrences. According to Mount Vernon Fire Department (See "Budget" on A5)

Two new cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there has been two positive cases of the Coronavirus and one probable case in the past week. No details were released but this brings the total confirmed cases in Rockcastle to 20. One case was reported last week and one on Monday of this week.

Election a success thus far

According to officials, there may be a record numbers of voters who have turned out to vote during a primary election across the state, since voters were not limited to one day to exercise their right. Due to changes in scheduling, during COVID-19 restrictions, actual numbers were not available at press time. Hopefully, local election results will be available in time to be published in next week's issue of the Signal.

Notice

Due to the voting procedures and pandemic restrictions, all the different methods of voting this year will not be certified until June 30. Results for in-person voting on Election Day only, are expected to be posted on the courthouse doors Tuesday evening, June 23rd, after those votes are tabulated. However, certified total results will be in next week's issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I didn't have a column last week because, frankly, I was so alarmed by current events in our country that it was hard to wrap my head around what is happening and what the answer is to getting it resolved.

Never in my lifetime have I thought it was possible for a group of people to "take over" a portion of a major city and declare themselves the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone" or CHAZ, which has now been changed to the "Capitol Hill Occupied Protest Zone" (CHOP).

My first thought is where do these people's rights end and mine begin?

They originally blocked off a six block area, which included a police precinct which the police abandoned to them, and the residences and private businesses within that zone had no say as to whether or not they wanted to be a part of CHAZ/CHOP. The city's mayor and the state's governor described the event as a block party/festive occasion and an exercise in Democracy. Of course that Democracy ended for one person in the zone who was murdered Saturday night and the police weren't allowed into the area to investigate.

How ridiculous. The mayor even helped blockage the area when a negotiation changed the original six block area down to three blocks.

The same tactic was tried in Washington, DC Sunday and was quickly squelched but a statue of Andrew Jackson was pulled down during the chaos.

Make no mistake, this is a well-financed well-organized attack on our country, backed by advocates of the New World Order (especially by Nazi George Soros) that would profoundly change our country's direction to the detriment of all its citizens.

Defund the police? Sure, let's do that. I understand social workers have been designated in some cities to

answer some 911 calls usually handled by the police. This is patently ridiculous. Social workers are in a dangerous enough profession already before being put at the mercy of mentally deranged people and law-breakers. I, personally, cannot envision a world without police. A world that we can be sure will immediately fall into anarchy with survival of the fittest (and most ruthless) the order of the day.

You can be assured this present chaos has been meticulously planned since President Trump's election. It is an "if everything else fails" ploy, a last ditch effort to derail his reelection and to "end liberal democracy and challenge Western civilization itself," according to Tucker Carlson of Fox News, an opinion with which I totally concur.

As to the "cancel culture," nothing is immune. It has even got to the point that Black Activist Shaun King is now calling for "all images depicting Jesus as a 'white European' should be torn down because they are a form of white supremacy, including murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus and his European mother and their white friends."

But, this doesn't seem so farfetched since statutes of that racist President Abraham Lincoln and Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant have already been destroyed, along with a statue of President Teddy Roosevelt.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Before I even entered the building my mind instantly traveled back to 1967.

I put my hand on the old time door handle that had the button on top that you have to push down to open the door. Then, the door itself was solid oak wood and must have been very heavy because it took a good push to open. It appeared to have been painted a dozen times and it made a slight squeak as it swung.

My first step on the wood plank floor caused squeaks as well and I noticed all the boards didn't line up exactly. A well worn path showed as faded stain where customers had made their way from the seats by the storefront glass to the old hard barber chair.

There were a few older fellows sitting in chairs around the walls as I looked closely at the old photos and antique trinkets hanging on the walls. As I looked at each item such as old mole-hair shave brushes and two-sided razors, I listened as those waiting for a trim discussed the flu season, plumbing problems at home and poor old what's-his-name who had been sick recently.

Occasionally, someone would burst into the old barber shop causing

everyone to stop and look up from their newspaper. "Hey, Can I come by about 4 and get a cut?" The barber, calmly working on the white hair of his customer, responded with no sense of urgency. "Sure, Just come on by. I should still be here."

Once my name was called, I sat in the chair with my feet up on the rotating foot stand attached to the chair and the barber wrapped the cape around my neck.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



By late June in the 1950s and early 60s, the strawberry patch was pretty much picked out but my Mom would ask us boys to if we would run out there and see if we could still find a few for mash up for supper. If there was a single berry left in the field, she didn't want it to go to waste.

Dad usually mowed the field in early July and plowed the plants under. We then we set about digging the young "runners"

out into wide rows so they would make plants for the coming year. He also allowed friends and neighbors to take all the old plants they wanted to set out in their own gardens. Every plant in this year's current strawberry crop will usually produce at least a dozen new plants for the coming year.

We never sold a lot of strawberries on Blair Branch because most of our neighbors already had

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gums (hives) on our small farm in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County. I remember the farm from the time I was six-years-old, and in my memory there were no bee hives on our property. When I inquired of Clinton about the bees, he told the following story.

"About once a year, Gene (Pop) would put a see-thru cover over his head and take in hand a smoker before heading for the bee gums. Once there he would remove the top, where he would see a layer of beautiful honey comb filled with lots of honey as the bees went about plying their trade. With a few puffs of smoke, the bees would scatter, and he would take most of the honey, leaving just enough to feed the bees who lived in the hive. Oh, boy! How tasty this honey was! I would get a nice piece of comb dripping with this heavenly nectar and chew away until only the bee's wax was left, which I reluctantly spit out."

Because I had no knowledge of Pop's bees, I decided to ask my older brother (Al) to see

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Just Puttering Around the House

Dear Journal,

Did you ever have one of those days when you

were busy doing close to nothing but all you did was of importance? We slept in a little this morning and we sure needed it. Age is catching up with the both of us.

We got up after getting five little dogs out of the bed. They sleep with us every night and each one has its spot where it sleeps. We sometimes lose two or three in the cover in the winter with all of the layers of cover on us. The smallest one sleeps quite often on top of Stanley's head on his pillow. It is good for the winter, keeping his bald head warm, but not so much for summer. The others sleep on the floor in our room and each one has selected its own spot to sleep. There is a larger dog, a beagle, that gets in

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INSPECTION PERIOD

FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from July 6 through July 20, 2020. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll, **PLEASE CALL 606-256-4194 TO DISCUSS YOUR ASSESSMENT OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

This is the January 1, 2020 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2020 will be due in the Fall of 2020.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator. Unless otherwise determined by the property valuation administrator, inspections will be conducted remotely. If in-person inspections are available, the tax roll may be inspected between the hours of **8:30 am and 3:30 pm by appointment only to ensure social distancing.**

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, all conferences will be held via videoconference, where available, email, telephone or fax. Documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required; however, you will receive specific instructions on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office about your intention to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

Your appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He or she must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

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“ramblings”

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I don't know how this is going to end. Are our Republican senators going to sit quietly by and allow this carnage to continue when there are laws on the books that it is a criminal offense to destroy statues of public figures? Apparently they are because I haven't heard anything said by them against this, except for President Trump.

Of course, the vast majority of the out-of-control protests are taking place in states ruled by Democrats so just think about that when you go to the polls in November.

“Aces”

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He started tying it behind my head four different times but was interrupted each time either by someone coming in or a question from one of those waiting their turn. Each time the barber would

answer the question and give his full attention to each one. Only then, did he get back to tying my cape.

There was clearly no hurry and we were all enjoying our day as he asked me how I wanted it cut. The lack of urgency and calmness in the old barber shop caused my own stress level to drop and I started to forget appointments and plans and schedules.

During the hair cut we talked about God, the government, the flu and kids these days. "There have been over 20 couples married right here in this barber shop," he said. "I even have 80 year old men come in and ask me for marital advice. A barber has to know about a lot of different things," he said with a wink.

When he finished cutting, he put hot shave cream on my neck and used an old fashioned

straight razor to shave the back of my neck. I was wiped down and he thanked me for my business as I left with exactly what I had asked for.

I tell this story because this happened to me this weekend at Jason Medley's Barber Shop in Livingston. It was one of the few times since 1967 that I had a business show such customer appreciation, friendliness, conversation and plain old kindness. Very rarely am I put in mind of how customers were treated or how a business was operated in 1967. Back before cell phones made cashiers act as though I am interrupting their day. Back before I was treated as though the business owner did me a big favor by serving me. Back when I got exactly what I asked for and was appreciated for doing business there.

I had about forgotten such businesses existed. But Jason's shop reminded me of my barber in 1967 when my dad sat me in the seat and told the barber to give me a flat top haircut.

The talk was clean, people were friendly, I and everyone there was treated respectfully and I left with a smile.

We are blessed to have a lot of great barbers and salons in our county. I used this one in this column only because I was there Friday and it took me back to my childhood.

I wish more businesses, political speeches, church services, and common social values took me back to 1967 more often.

Thanks to Jason for the great hair cut. But thanks mostly for treating me like an old friend who had been there a hundred times. That is what a business is supposed to do. Yes, it does still exist.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

if he remembered the hives on our property. To my surprise, Al remembered them being close to Pop's grape arbor. He relayed his remembrance:

“My memories are vague, to say the least! I do remember Pop bringing in the inner workings of a bee hive. I think they were in a wash pan. I remember Pop and Mommie taking maybe butcher knives and stripping the honey and the honeycomb off the inner hives. If I remember correctly, it was somewhat of a happy ritual. I believe it was done either on the screened-in back porch, or in the small kitchen.”

Al continued, “I remember Pop had a beekeeper hat with webbing

hanging down from the large brim, all the way down to his shoulders. I also remember a smoker, an apparatus with a billows. That billows may have hung in Pop's smokehouse through the years. When the bee hive was open, in order to retrieve the comb and honey, Pop had to protect himself from the zooming, defending bees, thus the webbing hat and billows smoker.”

I asked about the number and location of the bee hives. He replied, “I honestly don't know! I was thinking they may have been located out near where his grape arbor was located. Thinking practically, the hives would have been located near a clover field, or near blooming plants. I do remember the occasion of Pop and Mommie preserving the honey after Pop raided the hives. I believe they used quart jars with removable lids.”

I too, remember our family having jars of honey on the table for most of our meals. It was a nice treat, but I never knew there is any family history involved in it.

Learning something new about my family was certainly a pleasant surprise. Frankly, I am stunned that Pop never told me about his beekeeping skills.

My thanks to Clinton and Al for informing me about their memories of Pop and his bees. I wish Pop had continued to keep bees when I was a young boy. I would have loved to share such an interesting hobby with him.

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

“T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

and out of the bed as it suits him during the night.

The next step is to let the dogs out. Then we give the medicine. About half of them are on at least one or more medicines throughout the day. I've had to make a daily medicine chart. Quite a few of them are elderly. One is totally blind, two are deaf, one or two are incontinent of their bladder, and two or three are almost crippled from arthritis. Some have a specialized diet due to allergies and the others are too picky, turning up their noses at what is served. They want variety, too. People wonder why we never go anywhere. Who can we get to take care of this bunch? Then there are the cats, the rabbit, and turtles. There is food left out for the squirrels, birds, wild rabbits and such. They're all wel-

come except that big black snake that has driven me from my own front porch. Everything has to be special and get what it wants.

Now, we can eat our breakfast and take our medicine. This morning I made some homemade cheese puffs and strawberry turnovers. They were delicious and sugar-free, too. We hope to do some laundry today, sort through some clothes, giving some away and boxing up the winter stuff to take to the London house.

While we are over at London, we may look for some rhubarb at Walmart or Kroger. We have already searched locally. I've missed the rhubarb season two years in a row and I'm determined to have some this year. Stanley has bought me the last rhubarb plant in this county that he could find for Mother's Day. I want to make some strawberry/rhubarb preserves and some watermelon rind pickles and watermelon preserves.

Hopefully, we can wash some of the kitchen cabinets today. Stanley said that I'd regret painting them white. I was going for that new “old farmhouse” look. I sure wish I knew someone who knew how to write in that certain style that goes with it. I can't seem to find any stencil that suits me. Stanley says that I'm too hard to suit...have to have everything to match. Women understand.

I've promised to make Stanley a nice meal for Father's Day since we can't go out. We've yet to find a way to eat with a mask over your face. I'm making New York strip steaks, baked potatoes, a salad with bleu cheese crumbles, and a homemade orange jello salad for dessert. I sure hope we get a few bites of it. The dogs stand around begging for a bite and mealtime usually looks like communion at a Catholic Church.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

a patch they'd started from ours. But most folks only needed a couple of short rows with a couple hundred plants.

We grew about two acres with several thousand plants, at one point in time, but scaled it back to about an acre by the time I was out of grade school.

Still, as far as I was concerned, an acre of strawberries was about 99,999 one thousandths of an acre too many. Picking strawberries from daylight until dark, seven days per week, during the 5 weeks they stayed in season was my introduction to summer vacation during my grade school years. I was al-

lowed to eat all I wanted while picking them but that got old really fast. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't founder on strawberries. However, getting sick on them was never considered a valid excuse to stop picking. And the only thing worse than picking strawberries all day long is doing it with a belly ache.

I was 60 years old before I even thought about eating strawberries on purpose. To this day, I suspect that learning to like them in my old age may have been brought on by a stroke. Now I'll buy quart of fresh strawberries every time we grocery shop. I usually wind up eating them by myself.

We canned at least 100 quarts of strawberries every year which meant there was almost always a hot or leftover strawberry cobbler on the table or in the refrigerator waiting for a late night snack. There was always, 365 days a year, a pint of strawberry jam on the table at every meal. Strawberry jam spread on cornbread tastes a lot better than it sounds. I remember being told that I was not allowed to open a jar of apple butter, peach preserves, or blackberry jam until the open jar of strawberry jam was polished off.

We didn't have a stand-alone freezer (deep freeze) during the 50s and early 60s, but the freezer compartment on our refrigerator was crammed full of sugared strawberries and freezer jam. We would leave just the exact amount of space among the berry containers to fit in a half gallon box of ice cream as though it was a piece of a jig saw puzzle. The frozen berries were usually reserved for times when company was there for the week and staying all night. That happened at least once or twice a month. Mom took great pride in having our kinfolks swear that her shortcake and pie strawberries tasted like they just came out of the garden.

I, personally, would not have given a penny for anything strawberry but company coming usually included at least one meal of chicken and dumplings. As far as I was concerned, chicken and dumplings didn't need any dessert. My late Uncle, Jim Adams, would always ask me, “Are you sure you don't want a bowl of this strawberry cobbler, Ike?” He knew that I didn't care for anything strawberry related.

I would tell him, “No, I don't want any unless you'd be willing to swap that bottle of Peach Nehi for my cobbler”.

In fact, I would have swapped anything on the table for a Peach Nehi, which, in my humble opinion was the best soda pop that's ever been invented. A Strawberry Nehi was the worst!

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Rockcastle Library Has Reopened
 The Rockcastle Library reopened Tuesday, June 9th. Their hours will now be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Bookmobile Schedule: Monday, June 29th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

Health Dept. Holiday Hours
 The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd and reopening on Monday, July 6th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

DBCAA Monthly Meeting
 The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30th at 10 a.m. via teleconference. If you have questions or would like to request call-in information, feel free to contact DBCAA at 606-598-5127.

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.

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Obituaries

Barry Lee Kirby

Barry Lee Kirby, 53, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Indianapolis, IN on June 29, 1966, the son of G.E. and Truda Chasteen Kirby. He worked as an electrician in Indiana until moving to Kentucky about 10 years ago, and was of the Baptist faith. He loved spending time with his family and very much enjoyed watching his great nephews and nieces and spending time with them. He will be truly missed.

He is survived by: his brothers, Gerald (Sharla) Kirby of Livingston, and James Edward (Alice) Kirby of Indiana. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two sisters, Cheryl Perry and Donna Kirby; two brothers, Donald Dwayne Kirby and Brian Keith Kirby; and grandparents, Ernest and Ethel Kirby, and Armon and Harriett Neely.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, June 20, 2020 in the Chasteen-Cope Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

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.

Johnetta Cemetery
Please Note: Please have all flowers on the ground picked up by Saturday, June 20th so that mowing may resume.

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.

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

Ricky A. Burdette

Ricky A. Burdette, 60, husband of Debbie, of Brodhead, died Monday, June 22, 2020 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born June 16, 1960, a son of Glynn and Jerri (Bullock) Burdette. He married Debbie Kirby on May 15, 1981 and from that union came two children, Derrick and Dustin. He retired after 26 years as a maintenance technician for the Rockcastle County School system, was a charter member of the Copper Creek Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing, hunting, grandchildren, and Ford motors.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Debbie Burdette; two sons, Derrick Allen (Angela) Burdette of Berea and Dustin Vernon (Hannah) Burdette of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Silas Burdette and Aubrey Burdette; one brother, Glynn Shawn (Carrie) Burdette of Mt. Vernon; and two sisters, Sherri (Danny) Jones of Williamsburg and Vicky (Bill) Wright of Richmond.

Services will be at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 24, from 6-9 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 1 p.m. with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



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.

A Winner Of One Soul

Let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20 The law of the Lord is perfect in converting the soul to Jesus Christ, and every soul should be important to all who call upon the name of the Lord. Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise.

Winning souls for Christ should be the primary goal for the Church and its number one mission, Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

There is no time like the present in converting the lost to Jesus Christ. Say not yea, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you. Lift up your eyes. Look upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35 I think by reading the few verses of the Bible it relays the message, the lost are everywhere, are we doing what we should be doing as a church, in converting the lost to Jesus Christ, the opportunities are endless.

When we are dealing with those that are lost we must pray, meditate, and learn to exercise patience. We must think of our words, before we use them and do our very best to say the right thing at all times, because the first chance we get may be the only chance we get. We need to realize all people are not a like, what works today may not work tomorrow, and what worked for Bill may not work for James.

We need true conviction and we must put ourselves in the shoes of those who we are trying to convert and be willing to go the extra mile at all times much like Zacchaeus did, he climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus. It may seem simple, but he got to see Jesus.

Never appear to one you are talking to, that you have all the answers or that you are a know it all, or I told you so. The apostle Paul writes Galatians 6:1-2 But try and share the load of the one you are discussing the Bible with, try and lift their spirits, remind them of things that are everlasting, and how beautiful Heaven is, and how in this place sickness and dying no longer exist, no more pain, no more tears. Remember the words of Solomon- Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (When faith is lost, when honor dies, the man is dead.)

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Revisit history standards, lack of school choice

By Jim Waters
After decades of debate, Jefferson Davis' statue has left the Capitol Rotunda, headed for the national historic site commemorating the slavery-supporting Confederate president's birthplace.

Davis claimed that "African slavery, as it exists in the United States, is a moral, social and a political blessing."

Davis' life and views stand in stark contrast to the values and accomplishments of those famous Kentuckians represented by statues which remain in the Capitol Rotunda, including President Abraham Lincoln, former U.S. Sens. Alben Barkley and Henry Clay as well as Ephraim McDowell, M.D., one of America's earliest medical pioneers whose father helped draft the constitution which accompanied Kentucky's admittance to the Union in 1792.

While most Kentuckians understand that personalities are critical to a well-rounded understanding of history, the commonwealth's new academic standards for public schools drastically diminish the attention given to individual contributions of great Americans and Kentuckians of the past, including most of those represented by the remaining statues.

Such an approach to teaching history increases the likelihood that the significant impact of these heroes on our nation's founding and development will get lost in bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo that only covers depersonalized events and vague concepts rather than specific – often sacrificial – contributions made by individuals.

Ironically, though Lincoln's statue remains in the Capitol, his name and individual life story are absent from the commonwealth's new social studies standards, which are supposed to cover material – including history – our students are expected to know in order to obtain a complete and quality education.

How can you have standards in Kentucky that don't even mention the name of the 16th president, who guided the nation through its most tumultuous history?

Defenders of the new standards claim it's not necessary to mention giant contributors to understand the history they created.

Really?
Imagine a governor trying to use such a line of inane reasoning while having Lincoln's statue hauled out of the Capitol. "After all, folks, we can just talk in general

terms; we don't need to get into the contributions made by individuals to freeing the slaves or holding the Union together."

State law prohibits public school students from being questioned on a test about any material not included in the standards.

Since Lincoln and many of America's founders go unmentioned, how can public school students legally be questioned about them or tests?

It was important to remove Davis' statue not just because he generally stood for secession and the Confederacy but because the individual values represented by the subject of that sculpture are antithetical to this nation's founding principle that "all men are created equal."

The remaining sculptures honor not just movements and events but individuals who, like Lincoln, contributed to this nation's development – and the many righteous portions of its history – in sundry and unique ways.

Even if Lincoln might be mentioned in a discussion of the Civil War, that still leaves out many aspects about his individual life – including his birth in central Kentucky, the hardships his family faced, how he was largely self-educated and his perseverance in the face of numerous political failures.

Will such character-building lessons get taught since they're outside the approved standards?

Revisiting the presence of Davis' statue in the Capitol was the right thing to do.

Now, the legislature should reconsider Kentucky's social studies standards and demand that history's individuals be included.

Lawmakers also must reassess the abhorrent lack of school choice available to Kentucky parents, who should be empowered to enroll their children in schools with complete standards, insuring kids learn not only about our nation's mistakes but also its exceptional greatness and the lives of those who helped forge the path to its prominence.

Jim Waters is president and CEO of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions, Kentucky's free-market think tank. Read previous columns at www.bipps.org. He can be reached at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com and @bipps on Twitter.

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“Budget”

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Bray said he and other city officials are looking into possible COVID-19 grants or funding that may be available to the city. “We are looking into any possible funding and we expect COVID funds,” he said. “It is my understanding that we could use such funding as our match for the grant for the water plant project.” Officials say this could speed up the project designed to eliminate the bad taste and odor in the city water system. The highly anticipated project has been delayed due to the pandemic restrictions.

However, Bray and Mayor Bryant agree that the project, once completed, will eliminate the bad taste and odor.

Councilmembers also agreed to extend the city’s audit contract with the Craft and Noble accounting firm for five years. “We can lock in the current pricing and Craft and Noble are very familiar with our city,” said Bray. “We can be comfortable with them.” Mayor Bryant agreed, “They seem to look out for our well-being and they are very professional.” The measure passed unanimously.

The audit bid is for \$30,000 the first year and \$32,500 each year thereafter.

Bray also told councilmembers there has been a letter of request to annex a portion of property at Hayes Market on Highway 461. “If we are going to begin this process, we should also look at annexing the Plastics building since there could be two new businesses locating there very soon,” said Bray.

Councilmembers agreed to begin the long process of annexation starting with surveys.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department report, presented by Chief David Bales, showed 47 runs and 5,000 gallons of water used during the month of May and 183 runs this year thus far. In May, the department responded to four structure fires and 28 vehicle accidents/fires. The report also showed six EMS assists, two rescues, two hazmat calls and two mutual aids given to other departments.

The Mount Vernon Police reports was pre-

sented by Chief Brian Carter. The report showed 412 calls for service in May, which included 32 traffic accidents. There were 19 arrests made, two drug charges, one D.U.I. and 15 warrants served.

Wayne Bullock submitted the All American Club report showing 157 bags of trash removed March through May. The report also said there will be no pick up in June. Also, the State of Kentucky is about to choose the winning club for Commonwealth Week. The local club has won the award the past three years.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for July 16 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

“I-75”

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Chief David Bales, on Thursday, June 18, the department, along with Rockcastle EMS and the Mount Vernon Police, responded to three separate vehicle accidents, involving 15 cars, within one hour on I-75.

On Friday, June 19 there was another wreck and on Sunday, June 21 a midnight crash happened. Also on that day, another car versus boat accident brought first responders to the interstate.

On Monday, June 22 the departments were called to three more separate accidents on the same highway.

In May alone, the department reports 28 calls involving vehicle accidents or vehicle fires along with six EMS assists. In that time, the department also responded to four structure fires.

“County”

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\$1,977,728. Jail revenue is shown at \$1,563,646 while LGEA shows \$282,594. The 911 fund shows \$403,731 in revenue while the CSEPP fund shows \$537,437.

Total budgeted revenues for the next fiscal year are \$8,358,996, for a balanced budget.

Budget amendments three and four were approved during Monday’s meeting. Amendment three increased the receipts of the general and road funds, the detention center, 911 and CSEPP budgets by \$751,538 to include unbudgeted receipts from 18 areas of government including

FEMA reimbursements and miscellaneous revenues.

Budget Amendment four increased the receipts of the general fund, road, detention center, and 911 funds to \$294,405 to include unbudgeted receipts as well.

In other action Magistrate Doug Prewitt volunteered to serve on the PVA Reviewing Assessment Board. His appointment to the board was unanimous.

The court also agreed to request bids for a new or demo 2020 or 2021 Type 3 ambulance.

The court also approved using Hanson Aggregates for all dense grade purchases and Rock and Dirt, LLC for all other similar needs due to the bids opened last week.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook also provided magistrates with a copy of an encroachment form needed for local construction so that all would be familiar with the regulation. “This is just for informational purposes. This is already our regulation but I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the requirements in the event the subject arises,” Holbrook said.

The regulation states that an encroachment permit must be obtained by the property owner, developer or utility installer, prior to starting construction of a private road or driveway that will intersect a county road or a private or public utility that will cross a county road.

The next regular meeting of the court is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

“Relay”

(Continued from front)

Caregiver Parade will line up at designated staging areas in cars that may be decorated with purple balloons, magnets, banners or other ideas and the community is encouraged to line the parade route, cheering and creating a “Spirit Line.” A projector showing survivor names may also be located along the route.

The event will also include curbside luminaria sales on the night of the Relay and there may be other dates for sales also, Bray said. Luminary bags

will also be displayed along the parade route. “If an individual purchases a bag for a \$5 donation they would also get a bag and glow stick to take home to personalize,” she said. “They could light their bag at their home on the night of the Relay for a ‘front porch luminary’ or ‘Light the Lawn’ (official name pending) event, take pictures and share on social media.”

Plans are currently in progress for providing a drive-through boxed meal for survivors on the night of the Relay but survivors must register in advance.

Bray says all the events currently being planned may be adjusted slightly but officials of the event will be certain to announce all details as they are scheduled.

“We are currently ironing out all the plans but as always this will be an event that is free and open to the public and a family friendly event,” said Bray.

Officials ask that anyone interested in Relay for Life be patient with planners as they work on ideas to best hold the event. “We ask that the community bear with us as we try to figure out the best way to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember the loved ones lost, and fight back against this disease,” Bray said.

The Relay Leadership Team plans to communicate via the hospital’s Facebook page and the Mount Vernon Signal for all updates.

“Pete”

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ent, co-workers knew of his dedication, strangers knew of his friendliness, but friends knew of his love for others.

Uncountable musicians and singers in the area attribute at least a portion of their success to Stamper’s eagerness to help a starting musician work their way into the field.

For 68 years, Stamper stood on the stage of Renfro Valley causing laughter from every seat in the house.

His career included the biggest of names as part of the first ever nationally televised Country Music show, *Red Foley’s Ozark Jubilee*, and his travels with the *Dolly Parton Show*. Stamper appeared with Porter Wagoner and countless others and even performed on the stage of the Grand Old Opry with the biggest country music stars in the world.

Of Stamper’s immeasurable accomplishments in the music industry, he seemed most pleased with the Stephen Foster

Award handed to him in 2008.

The Korean War veteran, who helped jump start the career of more musicians than anyone could count, said he loved his work as a DJ on WRVK.

Stamper even wrote a book about Renfro Valley, *It All Happened at Renfro Valley*, that has sold worldwide.

As a comedian, a musician, a songwriter, a music historian and a broadcaster, Stamper was well known throughout the country and though he was from Dawson Springs, he called Renfro Valley his home.

Editor’s note:

Moments before my first performance at Renfro Valley, standing backstage in 1989, scared, nervous and worried, Pete, whom I had met two hours earlier, put his arm around my neck and said something to me I never forgot, “I’ve heard you sing once and I already know one thing for sure Mike. they are gonna love you.” I said “How do you know Pete?” He said, “Because I already do.”

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Deadline for July 2nd paper is Friday, June 26th



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Cancelled for 2020

Jackson Energy Cooperative Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Member Appreciation Events.

This difficult decision was based on Jackson Energy’s continued commitment to do our part in following the CDC’s guidelines and the Governor’s recommendations to protect employees, members and communities.

Jackson Energy remains steadfast in our mission to provide safe and reliable service to our members.

KDA announces new produce safety rules for Kentucky growers

Under legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly earlier this year, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will begin implementing new produce safety rules across the Commonwealth.

"I wish to thank members of the General Assembly for passing House Bill 420, which allows the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) to serve as the primary agency for these rules instead of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington," said Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles. "The new law eliminates the need for federal inspection of our produce farms and places inspectional oversight under KDA field representatives who work in cooperation with the University of Kentucky (UK) and the Kentucky Food Safety Branch. In short, producers will be working with Kentuckians who know them and know Kentucky agriculture."

Congress passed the Food Safety Modernization Act, a law that tasked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with implementing new food safety protocols aimed at increasing food safety across the nation. States are able to enter into a cooperative agreement with the federal government to implement the rule.

"There are certain activities the states can do better than the federal government, and I think this is a perfect example of how states can step up to plate," Commissioner Quarles said. "We are committed to fulfilling the intent of the law and working with our producers in a collaborative way."

The new rules require fruit and vegetable growers averaging \$25,000 or above in annual sales during the previous three years (adjusted for inflation) to complete a farm survey with the KDA and a seven-hour Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training course.

With in-person produce safety training in Kentucky delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, free virtual training hosted by the KDA and UK will be offered online in June and July. Four day-long grower training courses will be offered via the Zoom online platform from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on June 9 and 16, and July 16 and 30. The deadline to register online is one month before each course, or Saturday, May 9 for the June 9 course.

To register for a course, contact the UK's Food Systems Innovation Center at (859) 257-1546. Each course is limited to the first 20 registrants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those registering must have a computer with a microphone and speaker, internet access, and valid email identification, and be present through all seven hours of instruction.

Previous completion of the Kentucky Produce Best Practices Training (PBPT) cannot be used as a substitute for the PSA grower training, however the PSA training can be used in lieu of the PBPT training for farmers' market sampling certificates.

For more information, contact KDA Produce Safety Program Manager Mark Reed at Mark.Reed@ky.gov or Ryan Burnette in KDA's Office of Agricultural Marketing at Ryan.Burnette@ky.gov.

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Request for Bids

Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc./ Rockcastle County Fiscal Court requests bids for a new or demo 2020 or 2021 Type III ambulance. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service prior to bid opening.

Bids can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P. O. Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please mark envelopes "Ambulance Sealed Bid". Bids are to be received no later than 3 pm on July 14, 2020. Bids will be opened at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Meeting on July 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. / Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest vendor or the bid that meets the specifications of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service /Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. /Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions regarding the bid package should be addressed to EMS Interim Director Dana Carter at (606)256-3575.

Bid Specifications

- (1) New or Demo 2020 or 2021 Type III Ambulance
 - (2) Ford E350 cutaway with gas engine and ambulance conversion
 - (3) Fully certified ambulance meeting all Federal and State of Kentucky regulations.
 - (4) Full LED light package including loading and scene lights
 - (5) Approx. 146" x 90" body with 68" interior head room with CPR seat
 - (6) Drop chains
 - (7) Inverter
 - (8) Graphics and lettering package
- Sealed bids should be delivered to Questions regarding the bid specs should be addressed to EMS Interim Director Dana Carter at (606)256-3575.

Rockcastle County 2020/2021 Budget

Summary Analysis of Appropriations

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021
Fund Type: Governmental Fund: All Funds Dept: All Departments



Major Code	Name	Budget	% Fund	% Total
General Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,263,302.29	35.33%	15.11%
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	223,032.00	6.24%	2.67%
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	126,112.00	3.53%	1.51%
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	25,400.00	0.71%	0.30%
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	101,700.00	2.84%	1.22%
7700	LEASES	630,614.90	17.64%	7.54%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	73,365.00	2.05%	0.88%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	843,035.09	23.58%	10.09%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	262,297.94	7.34%	3.14%
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	27,000.00	0.76%	0.32%
Total General		3,575,859.22		42.78%

Road Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,000.00	0.91%	0.22%
6100	ROADS	1,219,450.00	61.66%	14.59%
7700	LEASES	159,593.76	8.07%	1.91%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	28,614.00	1.45%	0.34%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	247,161.24	12.50%	2.96%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	291,909.00	14.76%	3.49%
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	13,000.00	0.66%	0.16%
Total Road		1,977,728.00		23.66%

Jail Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,092,264.42	69.85%	13.07%
7700	LEASES	96,075.00	6.14%	1.15%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	49,608.00	3.17%	0.59%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	325,699.48	20.83%	3.90%
Total Jail		1,563,646.90		18.71%

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	43,361.00	15.34%	0.52%
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	62,600.00	22.15%	0.75%
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	81,058.00	28.68%	0.97%
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	1,000.00	0.35%	0.01%
6100	ROADS	35,600.00	12.60%	0.43%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	1,525.00	0.54%	0.02%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	57,450.00	20.33%	0.69%
Total L.G.E.A.		282,594.00		3.38%

Forestry Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,555.00	92.91%	0.03%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES			
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	195.00	7.09%	0.00%
Total Forestry		2,750.00		0.03%

Fairgrounds				
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	15,250.00	100.00%	0.18%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
Total Fairgrounds		15,250.00		0.18%

911 Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	291,650.00	72.24%	3.49%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	50.00	0.01%	0.00%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	112,031.00	27.75%	1.34%
Total 911 Fund		403,731.00		4.83%

CSEPP Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	408,325.00	75.98%	4.88%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	4,000.00	0.74%	0.05%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	109,200.00	20.32%	1.31%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	15,912.00	2.96%	0.19%
Total CSEPP		537,437.00		6.43%

Name	Budget	% Total
GENERAL FUND	3,575,859.22	42.78%
ROAD FUND	1,977,728.00	23.66%
JAIL FUND	1,563,646.90	18.71%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND	282,594.00	3.38%
FORESTRY FUND	2,750.00	0.03%
FAIRGROUNDS	15,250.00	0.18%
911 FUND	403,731.00	4.83%
CSEPP FUND	537,437.00	6.43%
Total Budgeted Appropriations	8,358,996.12	100.00%

Summary Analysis of Revenues

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021
Fund Type: Governmental Fund: All Funds Dept: All Departments

Major Code	Name	Budget	% Fund	% Total
General Fund				
4100	TAXES	3,534,025.00	98.83%	42.28%
4200	IN LIEU TAX PAYMENTS	43,850.00	1.23%	0.52%
4300	EXCESS FEES	83,420.12	2.33%	1.00%
4400	LICENSE AND PERMITS	18,770.00	0.52%	0.22%
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	197,663.00	5.53%	2.36%
4600	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	26,500.00	0.74%	0.32%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	64,408.00	1.80%	0.77%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	48,750.00	1.36%	0.58%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	(441,526.90)	-12.35%	-5.28%
Total General		3,575,859.22		42.78%

Road Fund				
4200	IN LIEU TAX PAYMENTS	25,750.00	1.30%	0.31%
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	1,441,528.00	72.89%	17.25%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	10,000.00	0.51%	0.12%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	450.00	0.02%	0.01%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	500,000.00	25.28%	5.98%
Total Road		1,977,728.00		23.66%

Jail Fund				
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	741,970.00	47.45%	8.88%
4600	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	21,000.00	1.34%	0.25%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	44,500.00	2.85%	0.53%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	100.00	0.01%	0.00%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	756,076.90	48.35%	9.05%
Total Jail		1,563,646.90		18.71%

Local Government Economic Assistance Fund				
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	191,200.00	67.66%	2.29%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	3,500.00	1.24%	0.04%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	25.00	0.01%	0.00%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	87,869.00	31.09%	1.05%
Total L.G.E.A.		282,594.00		3.38%

Forestry Fund				
4100	TAXES	1,500.00	54.55%	0.02%
4800	INTEREST EARNED			
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	1,250.00	45.45%	0.01%
Total Forestry		2,750.00		0.03%

Kentucky has highest rate of food insecurity among older adults

As part of Older Americans Month, Feeding Kentucky announced the release of Hunger Among Adults Age 50-59 in 2018 and The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2018, two studies about food insecurity among older adults and seniors in the United States published by Feeding America®. The reports shed light on the extent to which food insecurity – or having limited access to enough nutritious food to live a healthy lifestyle – affects our neighbors age 50 and older.

The Hunger Among Adults Age 50-59 in 2018 report shows that for the second year in a row, Kentucky has the highest rate in the nation of food insecurity among older adults. Kentucky's rate of food insecurity among adults age 50-59 was 17.3 percent in 2018, the most recent year for which data is available. According to The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2018, 6.9 percent of Kentucky seniors age 60 and older were food insecure in 2018. In the Louisville metro area, 10.3 percent of seniors were food insecure in 2018.

"After a lifetime of working and raising families, it is unacceptable that 5.3 million seniors face hunger and that many more may be vulnerable due to this pandemic," said

Feeding America CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot. "As a nationwide network of 200 food banks, Feeding America is making significant investments in our senior hunger strategy to understand the barriers seniors face and support programs that increase access to nutritious food for seniors throughout the country."

Other key findings include:

The current national rate of food insecurity among seniors (7.3 percent) remains substantially above the rate in 2007 (6.3 percent). If the current rate of senior food insecurity does not change, more than 8 million seniors in the United States could be food insecure by 2050.

Food insecurity does not impact all seniors equally. Black and Hispanic seniors experience food insecurity at higher rates than White and non-Hispanic seniors, respectively. Seniors with disabilities have food insecurity rates over twice as high as seniors without disabilities. Seniors who live with grandchildren are more likely to be food insecure than seniors who do not.

Adults age 50-59 who are unemployed or report a disability as the reason they are out of labor force are significantly more likely to experience food insecurity compared to older adults who are em-

ployed or retired.

"Even before COVID-19 struck, too many older adults and senior citizens in Kentucky were facing hunger after decades of hard work," said Feeding Kentucky Executive Director Tamara Sandberg. "It is especially troubling to see so many Kentuckians aged 50-59 who are struggling to put on the table instead of saving for their retirement years – a situation that we know has been exacerbated by the pandemic."

The Lift A Life Novak Family Foundation recently awarded Feeding Kentucky a \$35,000.00 grant to address the increased need for food assistance among senior citizens during the pandemic. Funds will be used to support collaborative efforts across the commonwealth to deliver emergency food boxes to senior citizens' homes.

"The current pandemic reveals that we must do more to creatively combat the troubling food insecurity that exists among our growing senior population," said Ashley Butler Novak, Executive Director of the Lift a Life Novak Family Foundation. "We are honored to partner with feeding Kentucky and their critical partners to bring much needed food directly to the homes of our senior citizens."

The studies were con-

ducted by researchers Dr. James P. Ziliak, Director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. Craig Gundersen and is the source for national-, state- and metro-level informa-

tion about food insecurity among seniors age 60 and older. The full reports can be found here.

Join the conversation about senior hunger on social media using #SolveSeniorHunger.

Blood center offers chance to win \$500

Kentucky Blood Center wants to infuse donors' summer with a little cash, so the nonprofit is giving away two \$500 gift cards each week for a total of \$16,000 awarded through September 18.

All donors who register to donate at a KBC donor center or mobile blood drive each week will be entered to win one of two \$500 gift cards. The promotion starts May 30. Donors will be entered into the week's drawing each time they give during the summer. In addition, each registered donor will receive a great patriotic "Be a Hero" shirt (while supplies last).

The event will be held in the gym at First Baptist Church, 340 West Main St., Mount Vernon

Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental per-

mission slip, found at kybloodcenter.org.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, KBC is requiring appointments for all donor centers and mobile drives to ensure social distancing. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

On the day of donation, donors can complete their health history questions on a tablet, computer or smartphone prior to coming to the blood drive by using QuickPass.



Paige Cash killed this turkey opening day of season. It weighed 22.6 pounds, had 1 1/4 inch spurs, and a 10 1/2 inch beard.



Caylee Cash killed her first turkey this year while hunting with her dad, Curtis. It weighed 21 pounds, had 1 inch spurs, and a 10 inch beard.



Clay Cash killed this turkey during the youth hunting season this year. It weighed 23.2 pounds, had 1 1/4 inch spurs, and a 10 1/4 inch beard.

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Fairgrounds					
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES				
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	10,500.00	68.85%	0.13%	
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	4,750.00	31.15%	0.06%	
Total Fairgrounds		15,250.00		0.18%	
911 Fund					
4100	TAXES	120,000.00	29.72%	1.44%	
Major Code	Name	Budget	% Fund	% Total	
911 Fund					
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	160,000.00	39.63%	1.91%	
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
4800	INTEREST EARNED	150.00	0.04%	0.00%	
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	123,581.00	30.61%	1.48%	
Total 911 Fund		403,731.00		4.83%	
CSEPP Fund					
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	512,437.00	95.35%	6.13%	
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	25,000.00	4.65%	0.30%	
Total CSEPP		537,437.00		6.43%	
Total Budgeted Revenues					
Name	Budget	% Total			
GENERAL FUND	3,575,859.22	42.78%			
ROAD FUND	1,977,728.00	23.66%			
JAIL FUND	1,563,646.90	18.71%			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND	282,594.00	3.38%			
FORESTRY FUND	2,750.00	0.03%			
FAIRGROUNDS	15,250.00	0.18%			
911 FUND	403,731.00	4.83%			
CSEPP FUND	537,437.00	6.43%			
Total Budgeted Revenues		8,358,996.12	100.00%		

Submitted

Date 5-28-2020

Signed *Woodell Holbrook*
County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification

Date 6-18-2020

Signed *Robert O. Brown*
State Local Finance Officer

This budget ordinance was duly adopted by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky, on this the 22 day of June, 2020

Signed *Woodell Holbrook*
County Judge/Executive

Attest *Kickie Miller*
Fiscal Court County Clerk

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Great American Outdoors Act will protect Kentucky's natural treasures

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) praised Senate passage of the Great American Outdoors Act last week. This bipartisan legislation, cosponsored by Senator McConnell, will improve Kentucky's national parks, wildlife refuges, forests and other public lands by investing in preservation and maintenance. The legislation will also secure permanent funding for the missions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The bipartisan bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Across the Commonwealth, outdoor recreation supports 120,000 jobs and drives nearly \$13 billion dollars in consumer spending. The Great American Outdoors Act will safeguard Kentucky's public lands, provide generations of Americans access to outdoor recreation, and sustain jobs and prosperity in the process. Additionally, the Great American Outdoors Act builds on Senator McConnell's advocacy for LWCF funding to conserve some of the Bluegrass' precious wilderness and historical sites.

"America's great outdoors are a breathtaking treasure, setting us apart from the rest of the world. Visiting public lands is an experience passed down through the generations. Now, it's our turn to preserve these natural wonders for the future," said Senator McConnell. "Across Kentucky, this bipartisan legislation can help drive tourism, support local communities, and secure these pastimes for years to come."

Senator McConnell continued, "The Great American Outdoors Act will support Kentucky's outdoor sporting and fishing traditions. And it will allow for critical maintenance and upkeep so these Kentucky lands continue to stand the test of time. As Senate Majority Leader, it was my honor to bring this legislation to the floor and deliver results for families and workers throughout Kentucky."

Senator McConnell has heard from a number of Kentucky leaders regarding the Great American Outdoors Act and the impact this legislation will have on the Commonwealth's natural treasures:

Mammoth Cave National Park

"With increased tourism being the best path for economic growth in Edmonson County, and Mammoth Cave National Park being such a large part of our county's history, we wanted to voice our strong support of the Great American Outdoors Act," said Edmonson County Judge-Executive Wil Cannon. "Restoring and maintaining Mammoth Cave National Park will have a direct positive impact to the continued growth of our county and the surrounding areas. I would like to thank Senator McConnell for his leadership on this Act."

Daniel Boone National Forest

"Senator McConnell has once again come through for Kentucky. His leadership of the Great American Outdoors Act will help make critical infrastructure upgrades throughout the Daniel Boone National Forest and specifically here at the London district office," said Laurel County Judge-Executive David Westerfield. "Senator McConnell understands the importance of this national treasure to our region and our state. He listens to what we need and makes it a priority."

"Senator McConnell has long championed

Kentucky's great outdoors, and we are grateful for his leadership to preserve the Redbird district and other natural treasures for the future," said Clay County Judge-Executive Johnny Johnson. "With everything else going on in the world, I'm proud our Senate Majority Leader kept Kentucky jobs supported by the Daniel Boone National Forest as a top priority. Senator McConnell is constantly delivering for families and workers in Clay County."

"Visitors come from all around to visit McCreary County, supporting our local workers and community. We're thankful Senator McConnell has once again put Kentucky families first," said Jimmie Greene II, McCreary County Judge-Executive. "His leadership position in the Senate continues to be a great asset for Kentucky jobs, tourism and outdoor recreation."

Cumberland Gap National Historic Park

"Since the early American explorers first laid their eyes on the West, the Cumberland Gap has been a land of opportunity and adventure. Senator McConnell, through the Great American Outdoors Act, has secured that heritage for future generations to appreciate," said Bell County Judge-Executive Albey Brock. "Tourism helps drive Bell County's economy. By putting a strong emphasis on maintenance and upkeep, Senator McConnell is helping support local workers and communities. We are thankful Senator McConnell has once again used his leadership position to benefit Kentucky families."

"The Land Between the Lakes is extremely important to Lyon County and Western Kentucky," said Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White. "Over the years the need for better roads and maintenance has increased while the money available to do this work has decreased. Thank you Senator McConnell for the Great American Outdoors Act! This money will make a big difference in making Land Between the Lakes the destination it should be."

"I would like to thank Leader McConnell for his commitment to the entire state but particularly his leadership and commitment to Western Kentucky," said Trigg County Judge-Executive Hollis Alexander. "The Great American Outdoors Act demonstrates his proven dedication to this area and our workers. Senator McConnell is a true leader for the State of Kentucky and the entire United States of America and we appreciate his commitment to the people of Kentucky."

"Pulaski County is so grateful for Senator McConnell's leadership in passing the Great American Outdoors Act," said Pulaski County Judge-Executive Steve Kelley. "The Act will help support Mill Springs Battlefield and Museum as part of the National Park Service to emphasize its historic importance for future generations. Pulaski County continues to benefit tremendously as a result of Leader McConnell's determination and perseverance."

Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument and Museum

"We are very excited that Senator McConnell has led the way to provide funding for such an important historical site as Camp Nelson National Monument (CNNM)," said Jessamine County Judge-Executive David West. "CNNM will serve as a beacon of freedom and will continue to grow as an attraction and an asset for Kentucky."

"We are very grateful to have a national leader like Senator McConnell looking out for the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and all who enjoy it. Many people talk about supporting Kentucky, but Senator McConnell delivers time and again."

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge & Green River National Wildlife Refuge

"Thank you to Senator McConnell for helping make the Great American

Outdoors Act a reality," said Henderson County Judge-Executive Brad Schneider. "His leadership was crucial to putting this valuable funding in place. It will protect and improve national parks and public lands all across this country, including Henderson County, where Senator McConnell spearheaded the establishment of the

Green River National Wildlife Refuge."

"We appreciate the Senate's effort to protect Kentucky's wild places like Clarks River and Green River National Wildlife Refuges," said Michael Johnson, refuge manager for both Kentucky refuges.

"With critical funding from

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June 1-June 26, 2020

No applications will be accepted after June 26, 2020.

Application Availability:

Rockcastle Co. Conservation District or
Rockcastle Co. Extension Service
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Information:

Contact Sandy Whitaker at 606-256-2525 ext. 3 or by email at sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net. Garrard Coffey at 606-312-0220 or by email at garrard.coffey@uky.edu.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

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

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

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

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Joseph and Kimberly Ramsey on Copper Creek. No hunting, riding horses or ATVs of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 20x4

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

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

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Lawrence E. LaFevers, 344 Lockett St., Monticello, KY 42633 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of John Leslie LaFevers on the 16th day of June, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lawrence E. LaFevers on or before December 16, 2020 at 11 a.m. 22x3

Notice is hereby given that John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, have been appointed Co-Executors w/will of the estate of Zade McClure on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said John D. Ford and Judy M. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Matthew Carte, 55 Williams St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

and Rebecca Miller, 85 Ferguson St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of L Luther Earl Carte on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Matthew Carte and Rebecca Miller or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Gerald L. Riney, 71 Rolling Hill Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor w/will of the estate of JoAnne Riney on the 27th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gerald L. Riney or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 27, 2020. 20x3

Notice is hereby given that Larry Napier, 2940 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. and Paula Day, 2982 Dug Hill Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Della Taylor on the 4th day of June, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry Napier and Paula Day or to Hon. James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 7, 2020 at 11 a.m. 20x3

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

Motor Vehicles For Sale

2006 Suzuki C50+ Motorcycle. \$1,000. Call 606-386-1470. 21x4

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

Yard Sales

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Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
Unemployment Insurance
Crisis Must Be
Dealt With

Most of the time, helping the people of our community navigate state government is one of my favorite parts of being a legislator.



While the Kentucky Constitution does not grant legislators any direct authority over an executive branch program, I am often able to help cut the red tape and get a constituent to the right person or program. Not everyone gets what they want, but at least we are able to get an answer.

However, over the past three months, constituent services has weighed heavily on my heart. I have received hundreds of phone calls, emails, messages, and texts from constituents needing help with unemployment insurance (UI). They are not alone as more than 50,000 Kentuckians have been waiting as long as three months for some kind of communication about their claims. To put it into perspective, that's equal to the population of Franklin County, where our capital city is located. Many tell me that I am the only real person they have talked to, and they are frustrated and feel forgotten. This is a widespread problem affecting people in every corner of the state.

I have an obligation to call into question why our unemployment insurance program is failing the very people it exists to serve. I understand that the system in place when the state

shut down in March was designed to help the historically few people who were unemployed. We must do everything in our power to ensure that our unemployment insurance program is working for those that now need the assistance, some for the first times in their lives. We know that changes can be made quickly, just look at how successful the testing clinics have been as they have offered drive through testing in regions throughout the state.

Like you, I was raised to not criticize unless it was constructive, so I want to be clear that help has been offered multiple times. Most recently, more than a hundred staffers that work for the legislature volunteered to help with claims. These people are more than capable. Some work with constituents every day and all understand how important resolving this problem is.

This past week, people gathered at the Capitol to protest the fact that they still had not received unemployment benefits. The day of the protest an unpublicized, quickly planned pop up office was opened onsite to help process UI claims. When word of this got out, people began arriving to get in a line that eventually stretched around the back of the Capitol and into a residential neighborhood. Many were helped in as little as 10 minutes, most after waiting months. Some were turned away when the office closed at the end of the day. The next day, people began arriving at 3 a.m. and the line grew even longer. This continued through the end of the week, with people traveling to Frankfort from across the state, driving as much as three and four hours. Many were forced to bring their

children, and stood for hours. I am thankful that some of my colleagues were in Frankfort and able to hand out waters, and grateful to the local restaurants and individuals that provided free pizza and drinks, feeding people who would otherwise have waited without food.

By opening this pop up office, the administration demonstrated that they could do the right thing, and this needs to continue. They have the power and ability to resolve problems. Late last week, the Governor told reporters that he is considering opening additional regional offices similar to the Frankfort pop up, and that more information will be coming out in the next few days. I hope they do, and I also believe they can improve on how those pop ups operate. Until then, we will continue to work on these claims, trying to find a way to help people get the money they deserve to pay for things they need.

If you or someone you know are waiting for unemployment benefits, please continue reaching out to me, and I will do my best to get you in touch with someone who can help. Please email your name, address, phone number, and general details (case number if you have one) to the email address below. Even though we are not in session at this time, I still want to hear from you regarding concerns about unemployment or other issues. 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@LRCKYGOV.

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the Land and Water Conservation Fund, these refuges continue to grow, enhancing habitat for wildlife and furthering the enduring tradition of outdoor recreation, such as hunting and fishing, which is important to so many Kentuckians."

Statewide
"From the Cumberland Gap to the Green River, Kentucky's wild landscapes are integral to our identity, our economy and our well-being. Amidst all the challenges we face, the Great American Outdoors Act is a once-in-a-generation investment in conservation, one Kentucky and the rest of the country needs right now," said David Phemister, State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Kentucky. "By fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund and investing in the care of our national parks and public lands, this act will create jobs, rebuild local economies and increase access to the outdoors for all. As the

majority leader and a champion for Kentucky's outdoors, Senator McConnell was absolutely essential to this success. I thank Senator McConnell for guiding the Great American Outdoors Act to passage and urge the House of Representatives to quickly follow suit."

"Members of the Glenview Garden Club of Louisville, the Lexington Garden Club and the Paducah Garden Club wish to thank Leader McConnell for his leadership in supporting the Great American Outdoors Act," said Jana Dowds, Glenview Garden Club of Louisville Vice Chair. "This landmark legislation will finally fund the back log of maintenance for our parks and restore our natural resources through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As Kentuckians we thank Leader McConnell for hearing our voice to protect and maintain our public lands, beautiful parks and wildlife refuges in Kentucky, serving as a much needed place for recreation and boosting our economy. The GCA clubs of

Kentucky are thrilled with the final passage of the Great American Outdoors Act thanks to the ongoing support and strong leadership of Leader McConnell."

"Whether you enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, or any other form of outdoor recreation, the Great American Outdoors Act will expand safe access to our public lands for generations to come," said Ducks Unlimited Kentucky state chair Jeff Adams. "By addressing the vast maintenance backlog and fully funding the LWCF, this bill is a game-changer for both conservationists and recreation enthusiasts alike. We thank Majority Leader McConnell for prioritizing this important bipartisan legislation that will provide a tremendous boost for our outdoor economy across the nation and back home in Kentucky."

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Let's Grow a Fig Tree

Typically we think of figs as being grown in the Mediterranean area or the Middle East, and they certainly are grown there in abundance. But, you might be surprised to learn you can grow some varieties of figs as trees down to 10 degrees Fahrenheit, and as bushes that come back from the roots down to -5 or zone 6b. Moving plants indoors or covering them thoroughly can get hardy ones through the winter even in zone 5. Let's consider growing some of these tropical looking plants that bear such delicious fruits—fruits you never see in the supermarkets unless they are dried.

Figs like plenty of heat and sun, so you will be able to harvest a lot more figs if you give them that. Full sun, against the south side of the house, and protected a bit from winds helps, but I know a lady who is able to harvest a few before frost gets them in a shade garden in Berea, KY. I've picked from one I assume to be 'Chicago Hardy' near Lake Cumberland that is tall as the house and has leaves big as elephant ears. And in the Carolinas or Tennessee, growing some figs should be on your to-do list for sure. And most maritime locations can grow figs, they even tolerate some salt-water mists off the ocean.

How about the why and how of fig raising?

The why is easy, they are sweet, and what child doesn't like sweet? Most grownups will like them too. And they ripen an early crop June through August, depending on cultivar and location; then a larger late crop on current year's wood. Even if the plant freezes and sprouts back from the roots, there is usually some late fruits to be found on fig bushes. Figs have lots of fiber, but still taste good, plus have natural lactobacillus. You should be pleased if your child raids the fig tree like it's a bag of candy—they're healthful.

How would you go about obtaining and growing a fig tree? Sometimes you can find a few at a 'big box' store, and definitely you can find them for sale from online or mailorder nurseries.

Most are self fertile, so you don't have to plant two or more kinds—unless you want more, of course.

I've failed to have figs make it through winter in zone 6 in small containers outdoors. The most success seems to come from taking small plants into an indoor unheated room during winter, then moving to a bigger container each year for two or three seasons. Then plant the larger plant in the ground in a warm sunny location, where it will then grow for many years. Sometimes dying back to the ground, sometimes not. (And, if 'global warming' is indeed a real trend, the likelihood of success with figs will only increase as the winters become a little milder.)

A couple websites that offer fig plants for sale are ediblelandscaping.com and raintreenursery.com and you can find more

info with a simple search. Another is ourfigs.com.

For marginal growing areas, try the hardier varieties. Here are some hardy ones: "Chicago Hardy", "Celeste", "Brown Turkey", "Negronne", "Olympia", "Malta Black". For permanent container growing, try "Petite Negri". There are hobbyists in California, Texas and Maryland with collections of 100 varieties or more. Like so many other fruits not natively grown in the United States, there is much to be discovered and experienced. I encourage you to acquire at least one fig plant, and find out about this delicious fruit you may not be acquainted with.

If your only exposure to figs are "fig newton" bars, you're missing out on one of the world's great fruit treats!

The author is a landscaper. To contact: rockcastles.net

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