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Due to COVID-19 concerns, the City of Mount Vernon was forced to cancel this year's Halloween on Main event. However, city officials and local residents found ways to enjoy the evening just the same. Along with traditional Trick or Treat, the City of Mount Vernon organized a Halloween decorating contest and judged the winners on Halloween night. The top photo shows the home of Ainsley Bussell and Chris VanWinkle, the winner of the best Decorated Residence in Mount Vernon. The center photo shows the Rockcastle Arts Association, winner of the best decorated business in Mount Vernon. Shown at bottom is Doug Proctor who was one of many local residents to hand out candy to any Trick or Treater who visited his home on Lovell Lane.

Over 60 percent of voters go to polls in Rockcastle

Republicans dominate here

By: Mike French
Editor

With 7,814 votes cast, Rockcastle County ended election day with a 61% voter turn out. Of those, over 90 percent voted Re-

publican. Though the Presidential race was not called nationally at press time Tuesday evening, in Rockcastle County, Donald Trump received

6,576 votes to Joe Biden's 1,133.

Mitch McConnell held on to his seat as United States Senator against Amy McGrath with 57.8 percent of the vote statewide, while in Rockcastle County McConnell took almost 80 percent of the vote.

United States Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers got 6,884 votes in Rockcastle County and held on to his seat statewide.

Josh Bray ran unopposed for State Representative in the 71st district. He received 6,802 votes in Rockcastle.

The surprise of the night in Rockcastle

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Rockcastle in Red Zone More closures due to COVID

By: Mike French
Editor

Cases of COVID-19 in the county, state and the country have increased steadily over the past three weeks, according to health department officials.

Currently, Rockcastle County is reported to be one of the counties with "rapidly increasing" positive cases of the virus and is now listed as a "Red Zone" county.

Nationwide, the positivity rate remained from 4 to 5.5 percent until it

recently reached over 6 percent, officials say, and some areas are urged to take more precautions. Especially when their incident rate is above 25.

Rockcastle County reached an incident rate above 25 two weeks ago and schools once again cancelled in-person classes. Several regular meetings in the county have been held via conference call or Zoom since early in the pandemic while others con-

(See "COVID" on A5)

Meth arrest made in Mount Vernon

By: Mike French
Editor

Matthew Carte, 34, of Mount Vernon was arrested for receiving stolen property last Friday after sheriff's deputy Sam Brock noticed a stolen truck at a local hotel on South Wilderness Road.

The arrest citation says Brock witnessed Carte driving the stolen vehicle on video and found him inside the motel near where the truck was parked.

However, the citation

says Carte was placed in the cruiser and then let out to smoke. But when Carte got out of the vehicle, Deputy Brock noticed a small baggie with a white crystal substance in the floor board of his cruiser that had not been there.

Carte was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with receiving stolen property and possession of methamphetamine.

Carte is being held on a \$2,500 fidelity bond.

Elderly woman threatens police with butcher knife

By: Mike French
Editor

Deborah Newland, 70, of Brodhead, was arrested last week after an alleged confrontation with deputies from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

According to the arrest citation, police had a warrant to transport Newland to comprehensive care for evaluation but, while picking up the paper-

work, they located the 70 year old at the courthouse.

The citation says after several minutes of arguing, Newland told officers she wanted to take her Bible with her to the Comp Care facility. However, instead of the Bible, Newland grabbed a large butcher knife from her wheelchair and began a threatening confrontation.

Newland refused commands to drop the knife and then drew back the knife and "took off towards Deputy (Kirk) Mays," the citation says.

Police deployed a taser and transported her to the hospital from where she was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center. She was charged with menacing, disorderly conduct, assault of a police officer and terroristic threaten-

(See "Knife" on A5)

Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, as of Tuesday, November 3, there have been 283 positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Rockcastle County with 99 additional probable cases. There have been a total of five deaths in the county from COVID-related issues.

RCIDA meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority's regular monthly meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m.

School board

The Rockcastle County School Board will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

Fiscal court meeting

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, November 10 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse. The meetings will be broadcasts live via Facebook.

Veterans Day Parade coming

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has joined hands with the Rockcastle County School System to plan the 2020 Veteran's Day Parade.

The event is planned for Wednesday, November 11 starting at 10 a.m. and all veterans who will participate are asked to line up at the Rockcastle

County Middle School no later than 9:30 a.m.

The parade route will

begin at the school and travel West Main Street to Richmond Street, to

School Street and to Wil-

(See "Parade" on A5)

Trump, Rogers to send high speed internet to City of Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

Residents of Livingston can thank President Donald Trump, along with Congressman

Hal Rogers, for the upcoming high-speed internet planned for the city.

Through a \$5 million USDA investment, Beattyville, Buckhorn,

Livingston and surrounding communities will have access to high speed fiber optic service, ac-

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It's the day that the rubber meets the road (I think that's how it goes) and it's not a minute too soon for me.

I am so tired of spending my life on *Twitter* trying to find those of similar persuasion to bolster my hope that our President gets another term.

Even then, he will still not have enough time to dig out all the corruption and wheeling-dealing with taxpayers' money that has been going on for years in Washington by Democrats and some Republicans.

I just listened to an interview with Florida Governor DeSantis, on *Newsmax*, who told the interviewer that he promised his state, when he lifted the lockdown several weeks ago, that he would not mandate a lockdown again.

It seems to be working for them since they have a positivity rate of 19.34% which is almost half of Kentucky's rate. They have all schools open in their 67 counties and DeSantis touted the fact that Florida is the only big state in the country not in lockdown.

I don't know how this election is going to go. Obviously I have made it known that I hope citizens opt to return a man to the Whitehouse that, in spite of over 90% nega-

tive reporting on him by the main stream media, has done so many positive things for our country, along with brokering several very important peace deals in the Middle East.

The alternative, to me, is to install a man in the Whitehouse whose business dealings with China, Ukraine and other countries, when he was vice president, are very questionable but considered by the main stream media not even worthy of mentioning.

I am also very concerned about the repeated threats of civil unrest in our country to the extent that businesses in almost all major cities have spent the last few days boarding up their businesses in anticipation of violent rioting by Antifa and Black Lives Matter, evidently no matter who wins the office.

It has also struck me as very odd that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi guaranteed Monday that Joe Biden WOULD BE sworn in as our 46th President on January 20th -- quite a guarantee unless she is privy to information that the rest of us may not be. Of course, not to be outdone, Pennsylvania's attorney general also announced Monday that Trump

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Halloween just went by and I guess no one was eaten by goblins or ghosts. I thought I may have to write a headline reading, "children eaten by COVID Boogie Man."

I have always professed to be one of those skeptics when it comes to "ghost stories." Some of the fondest of memories in my childhood involve my aunts and uncles telling us kids spooky stories near Halloween. Sometimes even at family reunions, which we used to have at graveyards so we could remember family members who had gone before us.

Of course, there was always the one family haunted-house story that was told everytime we held such gatherings but usually there was a new one to add to the mix.

Our family would gather occasionally at the old Robinson home place and we kids would try so hard to act as though we didn't believe any of it. We would laugh and say things like "yeah, right," as we seemed to ignore the adult's seriousness telling the story. Of course at night, alone, in bed, in the dark, the day's stories would cross our minds and the blankets and quilts would slowly be raised over our heads.

The honest truth is, I have some true and accurate events in my life that I have no explanation for. I like to think there is a logical explanation for every single unexplained event and I don't believe in coincidences.

I love to watch magic tricks but, unlike some, even as a small child I have always been amazed that someone thought of the trick and worked it out. I never believed it was real magic.

But, honestly, there have been "ghost-like" events in my life several times that I have not been able to explain with even the wildest hypothesis.

The best explanation is simply that some sort of paranormal activity occurred in those events. I'm not saying they were paranormal events. I'm saying that's the only explanation I, or anyone else has come up with...so far.

It's like global warming. The earth may be getting 1/1100 of a degree warmer in Alaska, but it's not because I drive a truck or we burn coal. That was just the easy explanation that Democrats used to explain more taxes. It was the

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Points East

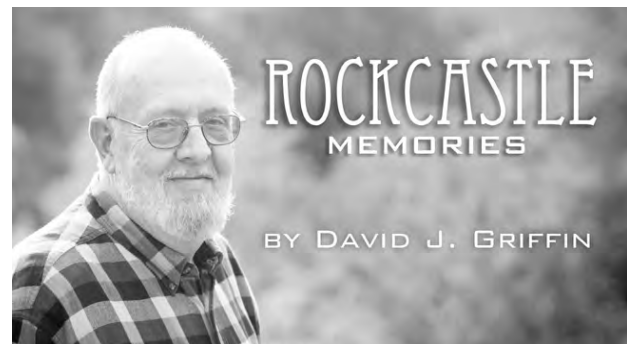
By Ike Adams



At 4 p.m. on this windy, Sunday, November 1 writing, the gusts were supposed to be topping 40 mph.

I was sitting on the front porch, trying to light my pipe and I am reasonably sure that the sustained wind speed was at least that much or more.

At about the same time I had decided that a bowl of Captain Black was going to have to wait a while, a bunch of buzzards, flying in groups of 4 or 5 began showing up, headed west to east, just above the topmost tree-line, traveling at a rate of speed that I would have thought impossible had I not seen it with my own



Staying Calm

Last week I was reading an article from the internet that discussed the ways we remain calm in this "hustle and bustle" society. The quote that caught my attention said; "If you rock, swing, or crochet, you'll never go crazy."

That idea quickly took me back to my childhood. In those days, we had two swings and a rocker on my grandparents' front porch. Those pieces of outdoor furniture were used in a variety of ways

by my mother (Bee) and grandmother (Mommie Katie). I have vivid pictures of them in my mind. They used the swing and rocker on the corner of the porch to string beans, cut up apples for drying, and to read and relax. I can see Mommie Katie sitting in that rocker as she read her big black Bible.

They both were known to take their crocheting to that cool spot on the porch. Hour after hour they rocked and crocheted together. Our house was filled with those white, starched table top coverings that they had made.

When neighbors came to visit, we all were drawn to the porch because it was probably the coolest location to sit and be out of the sun. I cannot help but wonder just how many cool, and dripping, glasses of ice tea Mommie served her family and friends in that setting.

My friends and I congregated on that big porch swing to watch the cars go down Old US 25. We could identify almost every car's name, year, and many times who owned the vehicle. Cars in those days had distinct features that made them easy to identify, and that was one of the ways in which we entertained ourselves.

Now that my wife and I are both retired, we have found different ways to

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eyes. I'm sure the tailwind was carrying them and they seemed barely in control. I'm guessing there were at least 30, or more and they were going out of sight on the horizon within seconds of crossing Charlie Brown Road.

Suddenly one group of 5, high above and directly in front of our house began to spin out of control and it appeared like they were all going to crash into the timber. Four of them managed to right themselves but, unfortunately, one of them nosedived into a large dead sycamore limb. The limb broke with a loud

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Since the passing of his wife, Mr. Towery is in the process of moving to Lexington to be closer to his family and has authorized our firm to sell this automobile, antiques, and personal property for high dollar. Mr. Towery served as principal at Brodhead High School, Rockcastle superintendent and on the board of Rockcastle hospital, as well as many other civic positions.

This auction will have not only his items but items from his family going back 3 generations. The family was in the lodging and grocery business for many years. So this auction is going to have a lot of interesting items.

This partial list of items include: 2000 Ford Crown Victoria ~ hoosier cabinet ~ 19th century jelly cupboard ~ wash stands ~ dining room sets ~ lamps ~ Queen Anne chair ~ desks ~ bookshelf ~ china hutch ~ chairs ~ sideboards ~ spindle 4 poster bed ~ chests of drawers ~ wardrobes ~ Kenmore washer & dryer ~ Longaberger baskets & liners ~ numerous prints including Norman Rockwell & Home Interiors ~ vintage radios ~ glassware including amber, Carnival, Fostoria, Wexford, Bavaria, Fenton, coin, milk, opalescent ~ Berea College footstools, waste baskets, dairy bottles & egg carton ~ Singer sewing machines ~ Lefton china ~ Bybee pottery ~ cast iron muffin pans & skillets ~ Renfro Valley pieces including carved pipe, chalk banks, memorabilia ~ McCoy & Royal Copley planters ~ vases ~ Lenox vases & pieces ~ dishes ~ linens ~ rugs ~ metal doll house ~ mirrors ~ vintage cameras ~ old Mt. Vernon Signal newspapers ~ vintage oils cans ~ ladders ~ cast iron patio furniture ~ globes ~ vintage Avon & Old Spice bottles ~ vintage telephones ~ vintage manual typewriters ~ washboards ~ vintage metal toy trucks & tractors ~ vintage toys ~ vintage brass fire extinguishers ~ hand tools ~ vintage advertising signs ~ and so much more!

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“ramblings”

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would lose Pennsylvania, before the first vote was counted. Wishful thinking? Or is he, too, privy to inside information?

I don't know the answers, I wish I did. I do know that I am not going to listen to any of the DNC-controlled main stream media tonight for election coverage, not even FOX. Paige managed to find *Onan* and *Newsmax* stations for me on my phone and even though I realize their coverage is very slanted toward conservative views, that's where I will get my election coverage and don't even try and shame me for not listening to opposing views. I'm too old to spend any time getting upset with differing viewpoints than what I

want to hear. So there. We did get our printer to extend our deadline for printing our paper so that we could get at least preliminary vote totals from the county in this week's edition.

County Clerk Danetta Allen said that she hoped to have all votes counted, except for absentee ballots (which will be counted if they arrive within three days after the election) by 8 p.m. so we'll see how we stack up with voting in the rest of the state and country.

If President Trump loses I will lick my wounds and spend what little time I have left pointing out to those who helped put him and Comma-la in office and how, I am firmly convinced, it has caused the downfall of our great nation.

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

only one they could think of and all they had to do was say it with passion and use big words and people fell for it hook, line and sinker.

After all, if Americans will spend \$10 million on pet rocks, they can be convinced the world is getting hotter and humans were God's worst creation and should revert back to a cave-man lifestyle.

Anyway, I digress. I'm just saying people can be convinced of anything.

I have had some things happen to me that today's science simply can't explain. Long series of “co-incidences” that reach a point that the odds are so high against it that it becomes acceptable to assume that only paranormal activity explains them.

In my own “country life” experiences, it seems that the older people used to believe in such things a lot more than people do now. My grandparents on both sides seemed pretty convinced that “ghosts” were out there. They often said things like, “I saw old Elsie myself last night out by the crick and she died four years ago,” or something of that nature.

Anyway, there is undeniable evidence that aliens have visited Earth in the past. Enough evidence that I would even consider it to be “proof.” But that doesn't mean it is true. It only means we currently have no other explanation and aliens are the best explanation we can come up with.

So, ghosts is the best explanation I can come up with in my own personal paranormal events.

I had another “haunting event” about a week ago and I am still bugged by it. I hope we soon either find that granny was right and ghosts do mess with us, or we discover the real truth. That it is all explainable.

It's hard to believe in things we don't want to believe in. In the meantime, I'll keep throwing salt over my shoulder and looking for another explanation.

Hope you had a fun Halloween.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

remain calm. We probably enjoy taking an afternoon drive in our new Ford Explorer best of all. It helps a lot that we can select the style of music that we want to listen to while we sip on a cold Ale 8.

Another calming form of recreation for us is to take a walk in the woods on our property on Furnace Mountain in Powell County. Both of us love strolling in the woods as we look for birds and other forms of wildlife. We occasionally build a fire in our woods. Sometimes we make a fire in our backyard in Mt. Sterling. That is very relaxing to both of us, but it may be my wife's favorite “retreat.”

Kat also loves to swing or to read as a means of relaxing. I have never met anyone that enjoys reading as much as she does. That serves as well to benefit me because she keeps me up to date with national and world events, and especially the Covid 19 pandemic.

I am so thankful for my upbringing on that small mountain-top farm in Rockcastle County. I

learned how to remain calm in those days, and I can relate those days to our present situation in the pandemic. Boy, do we ever need calming in today's world.

Let's all take a few hours to rock or swing. I will leave the crocheting to the womenfolk.

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

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

crack and a cloud of feathers erupted and are, most likely, strewn among the dead leaves for 12 miles between our house and Richmond.

I didn't try to do a welfare check on the bird because I couldn't have walked the hundred or so yards to reach it in the best of circumstances and the wind would have made it impossible for me to stand. Anyway, I don't believe anything could have survived the crash but I can assure you that there's one nearly naked buzzard, be it dead or alive, lying on the forest floor above Lowell Branch. I'm wondering if coyotes eat buzzard meat and how buzzards feel about chowing down on one of their own kind. Two barred owls have been talking to each other nearly every night in the same vicinity as the buzzard wreck. Perhaps they will have an early Thanksgiving feast before the night is over. In any event, I'm nearly sure that Mother Nature won't let it go to waste even if it does nothing more than fertilize the woods.

In other weather related news, the temperature is supposed to get down into the mid 20s here tonight. I spent a few minutes this afternoon changing into my long johns and making sure I could locate the rest of my stash of same. I plan, as usual, to stay in long johns until mid April but, last year, that stretched into mid May.

Doctors have told me, dozens of times over the years, that you can't catch colds or the flu by getting too wet or too cold. Even though the temperature is supposed to be back in the low 70s by this week end, I will be content to sweat through my long johns until next spring. All I have to do is decide that it's too warm to wear

them a few days after I've put the on the first time and presto, either a really severe cold or a flu bug tracks me down. I'd much rather stay too warm than become a sneezy, super spreader more than once a year.

I'm pretty sure that I've mentioned here in years gone by, that I used to pay up to \$100.00 a set for stuff that was touted as the best cold weather underwear on the market. That was before I discov-

ered Russell Athletic long johns at Walmart for a small fraction of the price I was used to paying.

These are at least 20 years old but I'm still going to have to make a trip to Wally World and find some new ones. Cancer treatment has caused me to drop about 25 pounds and I'm going to have to downsize because the bottoms on the ones I have keep falling down. That's not a sight you want to see.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2

Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) began on Sept. 21, 2020 and will continue through Dec. 11, 2020. CFAP 2 provides eligible producers with direct financial assistance due to market disruptions and associated costs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out our brief video about the program.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, now referred to as CFAP 1. Farmers and ranchers who participated in CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled and must complete a new application for CFAP 2. Details on how to apply can be found on farmers.gov/cfap/apply.

CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder

Many more commodities are eligible for CFAP 2 than CFAP 1. Interested in finding the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 payment rates for the eligible commodities you grow or raise? Our new, easy-to-use CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder makes finding payment rates specific to your operation simple. From yam to alpaca farmers – and everyone in between – the payment rate information you need is just a few clicks away. Try it today on your desktop, tablet, or mobile device.

Call Center

A call center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. The call center can provide service to non-English speaking customers. Customers will select 1 for English and 2 to speak with a Spanish speaking employee. For other languages, customers select 1 and indicate

their language to the call center staff.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

NEXT COC MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center

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Monday, Nov. 9th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.

Tuesday, Nov. 10th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

Wednesday, Nov. 11th: Cave Valley. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

Health Department Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed

November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We will also be closed

November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Now through November 13th: Poinsettia State Fundraiser. All proceeds go to support Hospice Care

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at facebook.com/hospiceCP, or by phone during business hours to 859-986-1500. Four varieties available. Orders will be available for pickup or delivery the first week of December.

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

Patsy Ruth Falin

Patsy Ruth Falin, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at her home. She was born at Pine Hill in Rockcastle County on April 11, 1940, the daughter of Osker Sidney and Ina Kirby Renner. She was a retired florist for Sparks Flowers in Mt. Vernon and was a member of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, and flowers.



She is survived by: her sons, Darrel and Sheila Falin, and Charles Falin; her daughters, Debra and Lyman Fisher, Ellen Miller, and Lisa and Phillip Morris; two brothers, Gene and Ginney Renner of Alabama, and Mack and Jimmie Lou Renner of Mt. Vernon; and 10 grandchildren, Stephanie and Troy Cromer, Linda Fisher, Rachel and Rocky Chasteen, Wesley and Rachel Falin, Angie and Brian Burdine, Dennis Miller, Heather Miller, Amber and Aron Watts, Branden and Tiffany Falin, and Brittany French. In addition to her parents, Osker and Ina Renner, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Monroe Falin; a daughter, Margaret Bullen; a grandson, Thomas Franklin Bullen; and a son-in-law, "Buddy Gene" Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. David Sargent and Lyman Fisher. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Branden Falin, Owen Falin, Wesley Falin, Wesson Falin, Tyler Graves, Dennis Miller, Elijah Miller, and Hunter Miller.

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

Robert Edward Evans

Robert Edward Evans, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on March 13,



1949, the son of Earl and Elizabeth McFerron Evans. He was a retired farmer, logger, and mill worker. He was united in marriage to the late Martha Barron on December 7, 1967 and from that union came seven children.

He is survived by: a daughter, Vickie and Mark Teague of Brodhead; a brother, Gearl and Anna Evans of Brodhead; and four sisters, Bernice Marler, and Verla and Harold Miller, both of Sand Springs, Barbra Graves of Richmond, and Lela and Freddie Renner of Level Green. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren, Justin, Heather, Daniel, Stacey, Samantha, Holly, and Brianna; 13 great grandchildren; and a special friend, Carol Freeman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Martha; a son, Dale; a brother, Gene; sisters, Hazel and Glenna; a great grandchild, Kaylee Williams; and five infant children, Linda Gail, Johnny Edward, Wanda Sue, Carlie Joe, and Danny Robert.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 29, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gearl Evans, Jeff Miller, Harold Miller, William Miller, and Mark Teague.

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

Charles Ray Wood

Charles Ray Wood, 89, husband of Allie Wood, died Friday, October 23, 2020 at Saint Joseph Berea. He was born February 28, 1931 in Frankfort, to the late Clarence and Nellie Deval Wood. Mr. Wood was retired from the United States Marine Corps, having served during the Korean Conflict and attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. He loved his family, was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish, but most of all he was Allie's shadow for the last 30 years and loved every minute of it. He was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church.



Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Willis, and Don Wood; and two sisters, Nancy Walter, and Anna Grace Payton.

He is survived by: his wife, Allie Wood; seven children, Sue (Ed) Richmond, Brian (Barb) Brooks, Bobby Wayne (Carlene) Johnson, Cindy (Greg) McCurdy, Cathy (Gordie) Huncilman, Karen (Mark) Gara, and Kim (Dale) Moolhuysen; two sisters, Wilma (Lyle) Craycroft and Doris Lee (Dennis) Ladell; one half-brother, Paul Wood and one half-sister, Naomi Wood; along with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends.

In accordance with Mr. Woods wishes, cremation has taken place and there are not any services scheduled at this time.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

Janet B. Parsons

Janet B. Parsons, 82, of Louisville, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at the Sellersburg Health Care Center in Sellersburg, IN. She was born in Harlan County on August 25, 1938, the daughter of George W. and Drucilla Williams Bailey. She held a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree and was a former Principal and Budget Director for the Jefferson County Vocational School System. She enjoyed collecting clocks.



She is survived by: her son, Shelby Reed Parsons of Louisville; a brother, George; and four sisters, Martha, Sheila, Barbara, and Susan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Shelby Parsons and a sister, Sharon.

Private funeral services were conducted Friday, October 30, 2020 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

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

Irene Adams

Irene Adams, 99, of Brodhead, died Thursday, October 29, 2020 at Brodhead Health and Rehabilitation Facility. She was born March 20, 1921 in Lincoln Co., a daughter of the late John Henry and Margaret Anderson Frazier. She was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church, enjoyed travel specifically the "Smokies", Church activities, cooking, her family, grandchildren and family reunions. Mrs. Irene had previously been an Inspector of airplane parts for Detroit Harvester during World War II, for four years. On March 18, 1944 she was united in marriage to Walter C. Adams and they enjoyed 56 years together prior to his passing on October 29, 2000.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Johnny Adams of Brodhead and Joann (Danny) Price of Newnan, GA; grandchildren, Shannon Price, Dr. Susan Welch (Phillip), and Angela Norred (Jamie); great grandchildren, Airman First Class Tyler Norred and Abby Norred; brother, William Frazier (Betty) of Danville; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Elmer "Bud" Frazier and Edward Frazier; and sisters, Elsie Dishon, Beulah Grant, Grace Blanton, Viola Ishue, and Anna Lee Bell.

Services were held Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Don Jones officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Debra Carol Debord

Debra Carol (McMillan) Debord, 64, wife of Mike, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Complete obituary and service information will be available soon.

Arrangements are by the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Billy Ray Brumett

Billy Ray Brumett, 75, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Complete obituary and service information will be available soon.

Arrangements are by the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Janet Richardson Asher

Janet Richardson Asher, 82, wife of Howard Asher died Monday, October 26, 2020 at Baptist Health Richmond. She was born October 22, 1938 in Estill County, to the late Luther and Eudell Richardson.



She had worked at Berea Hospital as a nursing and pharmacy aid. She loved to cross stitch and was a member of the cross-stitch world on Facebook. She loved to sew, reading her Bible, fishing, was an avid U.K. fan, she loved her family, especially her children and grandchildren, also loved to laugh and enjoy life to its fullest. Mrs. Asher was of the Baptist faith.

Other than her husband, she is survived by: her children, John Meeks of Richmond, Kristi Eudell Wren, Christopher Wren, and Mitchell Wren, all of Berea, and Tiffany Tipton of Waco; step-daughter, Sandra Hammock of Nicholasville; a brother, Luther Richardson, Jr. of Irvine; a sister, Sharon Richardson of Belleview; eight grandchildren, John David Meeks, Branden Meeks, Kelli Meeks, Jonna Beth Arvin, Tiffany Tipton, Heavenly Janet Horn, William Ray Spears, and Clara Raelyn Saylor; and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, October 29, 2020 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. John Doss officiating. Entombment followed in the Berea Cemetery Mausoleum.

Juanita Stevens Cloud

Juanita Stevens Cloud, daughter of Colson and Anna Emerick Stevens, was born December 31, 1932. She was known as Wink to her siblings and Winkie to a host of nieces and nephews. She was a graduate of Brodhead High School and Eastern Kentucky University. After high school she worked as a dental assistant for two years in Rochester, MN, and Buffalo, NY, before attending Eastern Kentucky University. She began her teaching career in rural schools of Rockcastle County.



On December 27, 1958 she was married to Joe M. Cloud at Ottawa Baptist Church. She moved to Hollywood, FL where Joe was teaching school. Their son Dwight Emerick Cloud was born there in November 1959. Juanita and Joe returned to Northern Kentucky in 1961 where their daughter "Meg" Margaret Joe Cloud was born in 1963. Juanita taught school in the Cincinnati Public School System before retiring in 1989.

She was an active member of the Erlanger Baptist Church and Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

She returned to Rockcastle County in 2012 where she was actively involved in the community and Brodhead Baptist Church. She was a member of the WMU, the Thursday Club, The Noah Club, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She often cooked for community groups such as Celebrate Recovery and the Bereavement Committee. She enjoyed fishing, reading, and gardening, but her greatest passion was spending time with her siblings, her children, and grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Juanita was preceded in death by four siblings: Joyce Colson Stevens, Kathleen Stevens Mendez McLaurin, JoAnn Reusch, and Danny Ray Stevens.

She is survived by: her children, Dwight (Laura) Cloud and Meg (Stephen) Bailey; seven siblings, Don (Teet) Stevens, Virginia Broaddus, Jan (June) Stevens, Iris (Joe) Young, Patricia (Herman) Blair, Loretta Rowe, and Rex Stevens; and one sister-in-law, Jill Phyllis Stevens.

Graveside services will be Friday, November 6, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Mareburg Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mareburg Cemetery c/o Gloria Seals, Treasurer, 5394 Brindle Ridge Rd, Brodhead, KY 40409. Brodhead Baptist WMU, 146 Sayre School Rd, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, or the local Hospice Care Center, 208 Kidd Dr. Berea, KY 40403.

COVID-19 requirements of face coverings and social distancing will be observed.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Dorothy Jean Calhoun

Dorothy Jean Calhoun, 85, of Speedway, IN and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, October 28, 2020 in Speedway, IN. She was born April 5, 1935 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late Charles M. and Grace S. Deaton Lovell.

She was a retired book-binder, enjoyed crocheting and knitting, and was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors are: three sons, Larry Calhoun of Speedway, IN, Timothy L. Calhoun of Augusta, KS, and James D. Calhoun of Speedway, IN; one daughter, Ms. Deborah S. Roth of Avon, IN; one brother, Floyd Lovell of Mt. Vernon; 10 grandchildren, Slade, Blake, Brittany, Tucker, Zachary, Amber, Kristy, Brandy, Casey, James, and William; and nine great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, James Calhoun; one son, Paul Calhoun; and one brother, Bud Lovell.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Cox Funeral Home. Burial was in Lovell Cemetery.



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“Vote”

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County came when only one of the incumbent city commissioners in Brodhead held on to their seat.

The top vote-getter for a Brodhead City Commission seat was Harold Taylor with 222 votes followed by Jerry Wayne Adams with 211, incumbent Brian Bullock got 166 and Teddy W. Rose 162.

In the race for City of Mount Vernon City Council, only incumbents were on the ballot. However, Jamie Anderkin Bryant was the top vote-getter with 578. She was closely followed by Sharon Saylor with 531 votes. Other incumbents reelected were Jackie Weaver, Clifford Mullins, Wayne Bullock Shelley Raines Lewis.

In the City of Livingston, only one candidate ran for office of City Commissioner. Leroy Lamb who got 49 votes. Mayor Dwane King said earlier that he and Lamb will appoint the remaining three members.

The race for constable in the fourth district also had only one candidate. Dale Miller took 1,337 votes.

In the race for Circuit Judge in the 28th judicial circuit, Teresa Whitaker beat Walter F. McGuire 3,969 to 2,300 in Rockcastle County.

Unofficially, Whitaker took Pulaski County by around 5,000 votes and Lincoln County by 3,000 votes for the victory.

Angela Parsons Woods received 2,079 votes in her unopposed race for a seat on the Rockcastle County School Board in Division 2. Misty Lakes got 361 votes to win division 4.

In the school board race for Division 5, Larry B. Hammond took the seat by only 42 votes over Matthew Chaliff in a close race 846 to 804.

Constitutional Amendment #1 (Marsy's Law) passed with a thin

margin 3,363 to 3,249.

Constitutional Amendment #2 (to expand term limits for judicial offices) failed easily 5,020 to 1,651.

See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details of Rockcastle County voting statistics and totals.

“COVID”

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continue as usual.

However, once the virus spread to the Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead, which officials agree was an inevitable event, the number of cases in the county rose drastically and suddenly brought the county incident rate to its current 37.6 status.

With the increased incident rate, Governor Beshear has recommended all counties in the "red zone" (an incident rate above 25) increase safety measures.

Beshear says the safety precautions are "recommendations" but some officials say those "recommendations" come with insinuated threats of lost funding if not followed.

Hence, several local officials have chosen to follow such recommendations.

The Mount Vernon City Hall lobby has now been closed once again to the public, but the drive-thru remains open so that customers may pay city bills.

Officials say the lobby will remain closed until further notice.

Rockcastle County judicial operations have been ordered to "cease as to public access except attorneys and court personnel" by the Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit.

However, the order goes on to allow public access to voting spaces through Election Day, November 3 to allow access to voting. Security will be limiting the number of people allowed inside at the same time.

The order requires the

circuit clerk to close their office to in-person services and all filings should be mailed, efiled or placed in the drop box, according to the order.

However, though the circuit clerk's office will allow access to driver's license renewals through election day, the order says the clerk's office should "otherwise close their offices to in-person services."

The order, signed by Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey Burdette, says masks and social distancing should be strictly enforced by court security.

Also, all who are able to "telework" are encouraged to do so.

The Rockcastle County School system has announced in-person classes have been cancelled through November 6, 2020 and all students will learn virtually during that time.

However, Superintendent Carrie Ballinger is remaining in contact with health officials daily and says she will make the decision about in-person classes for the following

week on November 5. An announcement will be made as to in-person classes next week.

The school also cancelled all extracurricular activities through November 3 and will announce the status of future events as soon as decisions are made.

Officials with the governor's office say they expect the virus to continue to grow over the winter months.

“Parade”

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Liams Street.

Officials sponsoring the event ask that everyone along the route step out and honor the nation's heroes as they pass your business or your home.

If students are still learning virtually, but would like to take part, they are asked to meet at the middle school by 9:30 a.m.

As usual, organizers ask that anyone involved wear a mask and practice social distancing.

“Speed”

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According to Rogers' office. "This project will connect nearly 650 households in Beattyville, Buckhorn and Livingston to gigabit service," he said. "We are diligently working to get broadband to every family and every student in our region."

Rogers also said Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative will "continue extending high-performance fiber into some of our smallest, mountainous communities in Kentucky's Appalachian region."

The investment is part of a \$550 million congress allocation of the ReConnect program.

USDA Kentucky State Director for Rural Development Hilda Legg, said rural America is an important part of growth. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary (Sonny) Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner in deploy-

ing this critical infrastructure in Kentucky and across all of America's rural communities."

According to Rogers' office, Peoples Telecom, LLC will use a \$2.4 million ReConnect grant and a \$2.4 million ReConnect loan to deploy a fiber optic network in Rockcastle, Perry and Lee Counties.

The USDA rural development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. For more information, go to www.rd.usda.gov.

“Knife”

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ing. Her bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

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**Teddy Rose - Jerry Adams -
Harold Taylor**

It's 11:00 a.m. November 3rd, election is not over but I would

like to thank everyone for running a nice clean campaign on both sides. Thanking everyone who voted. Good luck to all and God bless.

—Bob Lunsford

Paid for by Bob Lunsford

SPORTS

Rocket Volleyball ends season 16-5 and 47th District championship

By Chad Hensley

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets volleyball team concluded play this season in the regional semi-finals with a loss to eventual region champion West Jessamine, but a win over Pulaski County in the district finals meant that they would bring home the 47th District championship trophy.

In a turbulent season that was the 2020 high school volleyball season, many bright spots to key on for future seasons with the play of sophomores Hallie Brown, Sarah Barron, Keelee King and Kylee Burns to go along with the five seniors on the squad (Amy Cornelius, Jordan Eaton, Megan Ellis, Faith Harris and McKenzie Lunsford) that wanted one last ride with their team.

The district tournament was held at Casey County High School and opened with Rockcastle taking a straight-set victory over Somerset in the semifinals. The Lady Rockets cruised to a (25-18, 25-19, 25-21) win over the Briar Jumpers.

In the district finals, it was evident that the Lady Rockets into the game ready to play as they out to an early 2-0 lead on rival Pulaski County by winning

the first two sets with scores of 25-11 and 25-22.

“We cooled our jets and let off the gas in the third set and lost 15-25,” stated head coach Loren Maples. “Amy Cornelius came out as our leader in the fourth set pushing her team to rise above and we came out on top winning the fourth set 25-22. We had a commanding lead and again, let off the gas and allowed PC to tie it up at 22-all with some good serves and hits. Megan Ellis delivered three great sets to seal the title.

“Pulaski has always been our top rival in our district. We have fought with them the last couple years and always come up short. This season has been different. We played them twice in the regular season and each time came out on top, winning in five sets both matches. That had never been done before. It has been a long time coming for Rock to win the District Championship. It has been 10 years, but this team finally made it happen.”

Cornelius led the team with four aces and 10 kills and completed the double-double with 10 digs.

Eaton also had 10 kills,

five block assists and five digs.

King would add a double-double of her own with 15 digs and 14 assists to go along with six block assists.

Ellis dished out 18 assists while Barron led the way defensively with an astounding 35 digs.

Kylee Burns would add 10 digs and six kills.

For their efforts, Barron, Cornelius, Eaton and Burns were named to the All-District Team.

In the first round of the 12th region tournament that was played at West Jessamine, Rockcastle faced Wayne County and pulled out a 3-2 (21-25, 21-25, 25-23, 25-21, 15-10) win after having lost the first two sets.

With Wayne having all the momentum going into the crucial third set, Maples was looking for some sort of answer to right the ship.

“I was at a loss for words at the end of the second set,” Maples added. “This was not the team I had coached all season. We were allowing Wayne to do whatever they wanted, and it showed in the stats. We only had five kills in the first set and eight in the second. You cannot win a match with those numbers.

“The third set had to be ours or we were going home for the season. We had been in this situation before, down two with the match riding on the third set. I knew my girls had it in them

to fight and I pushed them to do just that. With key leadership from senior Amy Cornelius and sophomore Sarah Barron, we fought and won the third set 25-23.”

Rockcastle came out ready to play in the fourth set and took it to the wire before pulling it out 25-21.

“We were finally doing all the things we practiced, and my team was back with a vengeance,” exclaimed Maples. “Our passers were playing great defense, our setters were making good decisions on offense, our hitters were being smart with the set and our blockers were on fire.

“My message to the girls going into the 5th set was simple with that being they have all fought this hard to dig ourselves out of a hole and tie up the match and to not stop fighting and this would be our match if we want it.”

Rock came out swinging getting several kills right off the bat in the fifth set as well as some key blocks by Eaton. Rock would get out to a 13-8 and would take two of the final four points for a 15-10 win in the fifth stanza.

“I have never been prouder of any team I have coached,” stated Maples. “They refused to give up and they gave everything they had to their team. When this team realizes

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Jordan Eaton, left, was named to the Second Team All-Region and teammate Sarah Barron, right, was named First Team All-Region in 12th Region Volleyball.



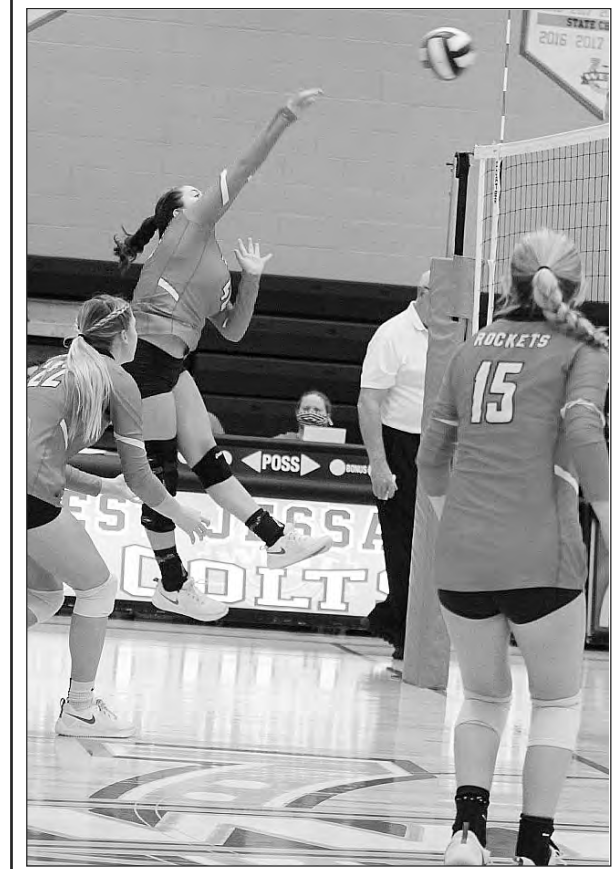
Jordan Eaton gets a kill in the Lady Rockets' come from behind win in the region tournament over Wayne County. Eaton had 12 kills and 10 blocks in the win.



Sarah Barron gets one of her 38 digs in the Rockets' come from behind win over Wayne County in the 12th Region Tournament. Also pictured is teammate Faith Harris.



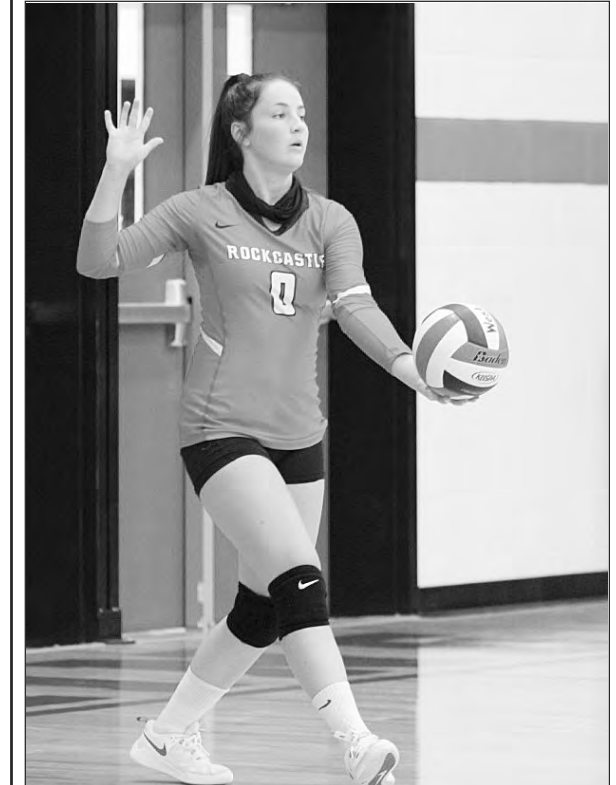
Keelee King quick hits in the Rockets' loss to West Jessamine. King had 13 assists in the loss to go with 15 assists in the Rockets' win over Wayne.



Kylee Burns goes for a kill in the Lady Rockets' semi-final loss to West Jessamine during the 12th Region Tournament. Burns had eight kills and six digs in the win along with eight kills and three digs in their loss to West Jessamine.



Hallie Brown and Haylie Owens go for a block in the Lady Rockets' semi-final loss to West Jessamine during the 12th Region Tournament.



Amy Cornelius prepares to serve in the Lady Rocket's semi-final loss to West Jessamine during the 12th Region Tournament.



Megan Ellis led a charge with her serve in the third set against West Jessamine before the Rockets' eventually lost 25-20. Ellis had eight digs, five assists and two service aces for the Rockets.

Seventh grade wins conference tourney

By Chad Hensley

With a powerful, quick strike running game on offense and timely defensive stops, the Rockcastle County Middle School seventh grade football team took home the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference title with a commanding 48-28 win over Caudill Middle School last Thursday.

Rockcastle found itself behind 8-0 early when a Caudill running back scored on a 42-yard touchdown run and also score on the two-point conversion, but head coach Jamie Todd's crew would answer back on their first possession of the game when Isaiah Jackson scored on a five-yard run with 1:49 remaining in the first quarter to draw within 8-6.

Caudill would extend its lead to 16-6 with 6:56 remaining in the second quarter, but from that point on, it was all Rockcastle.

Xavier Leger would answer back just 30 seconds later with an 8-yard scamper. Dillan Bullock would connect with Connor Wright for the two-point conversion to make it 16-14 in favor of Caudill.

A big defensive stop by the Rockets spearheaded by the defensive line would set up the Rockcastle offense in

great field position.

Jackson rode the momentum built by the defense on his way to a 50-yard score and Leger converted the two-point conversion to give the Rockets a 22-16 lead.

Caudill looked to take a 22-22 score into the halftime break after a touchdown pass with 0:37.4 remaining in the second quarter, but Leger would have nothing of the sort when he broke off a monstrous 51-yard touchdown run to give Rockcastle a 28-22 lead it would never relinquish.

Jackson scored the lone touchdown in the third quarter on 14-yard run to make it 34-22.

Leger would cement the win with two touchdowns sandwiched around a Caudill score all in just 42 seconds early in the fourth quarter.

Leger's first of the two touchdowns came with 5:56 to go in the game on a huge fourth and three play from 32-yards out.

Caudill answered just 28 seconds later with a 20-yard run, but the subsequent onside kick was recovered by Bullock to set up Leger's final touchdown of the game just 14 later, which was his second score of the game from 51-yards out.

The dynamic duo of Leger and Jackson combined to score 46 of the 48 points for the Rockets.



The RCMS seventh grade team won the Commonwealth Middle School Athletic Conference Championship Thursday night defeating Caudill Middle School. Members of the team are shown above, front row from left: Colin Hamilton, Ethan Tillery, Logan Bullock, Xavier Leger, Dylan Bullock, Isaiah Jackson and Connor Wright. Middle row from left: Ben Brenda, Kaiden Nunn, Daulton Santo, Heath Barnes, Jaiden Bowles, Dalton Flannery, Austin Miles, Isaiah Phelps, Zeke Anderson, Jackson Reams and Kaiden Riddle. Back row from left: Luke Poynter, Dwayne Mullins, Landon Martin and Breadon Campbell. The seventh graders were joined by some eighth graders in the celebration picture.

Rockets lose to Patriots

By Chad Hensley

The return to football action was not kind to the Rockcastle County Rockets as they took a 46-24 loss at Lincoln County.

Rockcastle County had 21 days between handily defeating Jackson County 51-0 on Oct. 9 before finally getting to play again at Lincoln County.

Unfortunately, the rust showed early as Lincoln County built a 16-0 lead with 8:42 to go in the second quarter.

The Rockets were not able to get much offense going throughout the night thanks in large part to the Lincoln County defensive front clogging up the holes for the Rockets to run through.

Rockcastle would finally get on the board when Matthew Chasteen scored on a one-yard touchdown run with just 20 seconds to go in the first half.

Chasteen would convert the two-point conversion to cut the Lincoln lead down to 16-8 heading into the halftime break.

Lincoln County would then ride the back of quarterback Clayton Davis to build up a 40-8 lead midway through the fourth

quarter

Davis scored the first three touchdowns of the second half for the Patriots from three, 70 and 39-yards, respectively.

Noah Parkey would ease the bleeding when he connected with Reese Coguer on a 24-yard touchdown pass with 4:11 remaining in the game.

Parkey's two-point conversion drew the Rockets to within 40-16.

A Lincoln County touchdown with under a minute to play extended the Patriots lead, but Parkey would find Drew Mink on a 58-yard pass for the final touchdown of the night for either team with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

Chasteen converted the two-point attempt for the final 46-24 margin.

Parkey would end up with 89 yards through the air and two touchdowns to go along with a team-leading 61 rushing yards on 16 attempts.

Chasteen finished with 59 yards on the ground and one touchdown.

Landen Broaddus and Mink finished out the rushing attack with 18 and 14 yards, respectively.

Mink would haul in two passes for 65 yards and one touchdown while Coguer converted his lone reception for a 24-yard score.

Defensively, the Rockets were led by Jeremiah

Mills with 10 total tackles and a fumble recovery while Mink had loss.

Chasteen collected six

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Chris Whitehead, above, and Jake Sanders, below, work hard on the Rocket line during the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County.



Cameron Wright, Jeremiah Mills and Matthew Chasteen prepare to bring down a Lincoln Patriot in the Rockets' loss Friday night.

The Marshall women's cross country team had a great meet on Saturday at the Conference USA Cross Country Championships hosted by UAB at Veterans Park in Hoover, Alabama. The team finished with 181 points, which is a new all-time school record best, and placed 8th overall, their best team finish since 2016.

Former Rockcastle County Lady Rocket and Marshall freshman Tori Dotson placed 34th for the Herd with an all-time personal best 6,000-meter (approximately 3.7 miles) time of

23:00.06. She was Marshall's third finisher overall. She will now begin further preparation for indoor track season.



Drew Mink gets run out-of-bounds in Rocket action last Friday. Mink had two receptions for 65 yards and one touchdown. Also pictured is teammate Matthew Chasteen who had 59 yards rushing and one touchdown.



Reese Coguer scores from 24 yards out on a shuffle pass from quarterback Noah Parkey in the Rockets' loss to Lincoln last Friday.

Governor warns of charity scams as Christmas season approaches

As Kentucky families continue to battle COVID-19 and Thanksgiving and Christmas draw near, Gov. Andy Beshear is warning families to watch out for scammers who try to take advantage of generous Kentuckians.

The Governor is taking action to help protect Team Kentucky by publishing a Charitable Giving Guide that advises how to verify legitimate charities and avoid charity scams, which can increase during the Christmas season and as the tax season draws to an end.

As we have faced the greatest challenge of our generation with COVID-19, we have seen so many compassionate Kentuckians step up to help others, Gov. Beshear said. Team Kentucky always answers the call when another person needs assistance, which could make us a target for charity scams. Those happen year round, but tend to peak around the Thanksgiving and Christmas giving season. The Charitable Giving Guide will help Kentuckians ensure their hard-earned dollars are used to help their neighbors and are not stolen by scammers. According to the Con-

sumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2019, 23,645 Kentuckians reported fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2019, with reported losses totaling \$10.5 million.

The Charitable Giving Guide recommends the following tips:

1. Plan your giving in advance

Dont respond to mass charity solicitations, suspicious charity requests that scammers typically use on social media ads, by phone or through email. Make sure you are donating to a known charity with an established track record.

2. Research charities

Only donations made to qualified charities are tax-deductible. Donors who are not familiar with a charitable organization should verify their 501(c)(3) status and what percentage of their income goes to the charity's purpose. There are several online watchdog websites where donors can verify this information and look over charity reviews, leadership and annual report information.

- BBB Wise Giving Alliance
- Charity Navigator
- Charity Watch

- GuideStar
- IRS
- The Office of the Attorney General also maintains information on active charitable organizations registered in Kentucky and safe ways to give.

3. Identify a charity aligned with your values

Before making a donation, think about which organizations align with your values. Dont be afraid to ask a fundraiser about the organizations mission, goals and history of success in supporting veterans, children, animals, food insecurity or other worthy causes you care about. Consider if you want your donation to support a large or small, local, national or international charity.

4. Decide the appropriate donation level

Donate at an amount or level you are comfortable with, not giving in to any pressured upsells.

5. Donate safely

- Donate by credit card or check and keep records of your contributions.
- Never wire money or use gift cards to make a donation. If possible, dont use cash either.

6. Watch out for imposters

- Do not give out sensitive personal or financial information, such as your Social Security number, birthday or bank account number.
- Be skeptical of unsolicited calls, emails and social media fundraising messages. Do not click on any links or open attachments.

- Be skeptical of social media ads and charities with similar sounding names or concepts. Make sure the website or mailing address you are sending your donation to is the correct, legitimate charity.

For more information about charity scams, or to report charity fraud, call 1-888-432-9257, or visit

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/AttorneyGeneral/ScamReport>.

“Rockets”

(Cont. from A7)

four tackles and an interception.

Rylee DeLeon would add four tackles with one tackle for loss before an injury cut his night short.

Coguer collected three tackles and was followed by Ethan Medley, Cameron Wright, Isaiah Didelot and Isaiah Dehart with two tackles each. Didelot would earn a tackle for loss.

Tyler Osborne and Jake Sanders added a tackle each while Sanders also notched a tackle for loss.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on the high school football landscape in our country and it is continuing to do so as Rockcastle's game at Perry County Central for this week has already been cancelled.

Rockcastle will have the week off to prepare for the Class 3A playoffs where they will be hosting a first round opponent that has not been determined at press time.

“Volleyball”

(Cont. from A6)

their potential, they can do amazing things.”

Eaton led the team with 12 kills and 10 blocks while Cornelius and Burns had eight kills each to go along with Brown with six, King with two and Haylie Owens with one.

King and Ellis had 15 assists each and Barron led defensively with 38 digs.

The Lady Rockets faced West Jessamine in the semifinals of the 12th Region Tournament, which was the first time since 2010 that the Lady Rockets had made it that

far in the postseason.

West Jessamine and Rockcastle were two of the top three teams in the region heading into the tournament. Rockcastle started out extremely strong by serving aggressively, getting key kills and playing excellent defense and allowing West Jessamine to make all the mistakes.

Burns collected two aces within the first five points of the match and Cornelius came up with a few kills to put Rockcastle up 9-3 early in the first set.

Brown made a great play at the net to put the Lady Rockets up 20-16, but the Colts would go on a 9-1 run to take the first set 25-21.

“West Jessamine started making adjustments to their game while we started playing passively,” added Maples. “I was very proud of the way my girls came out against a very tough West Jess team. I knew this would be a hard-fought game and we came out doing everything we had practiced; we just came up short.”

The Colts would ride the momentum all throughout the second set on their way to a 25-10 win.

“West made adjustments and started hitting where we weren't and our block and defense couldn't adjust,” Maples commented. “I think us leading the whole first set and then coming up short really let the wind out of our sails. We just couldn't recover.”

Down 20-11 in the third set, things looked grim for the Lady Rockets, it was the exceptional setting from King and Ellis that continued to give as many opportunities to the Rock hitters as they could.

Burns and Eaton delivered several good kills to keep Rock in the game and Ellis stepped up and had some very aggressive serves forcing West to call a timeout after Rockcastle cut the lead down to 22-19.

“I have never been prouder of a team's fight, grit and determination,” Maples declared. “West is a very good team and even though we fell to them, we didn't give up and went down swinging. This team had a lot of firsts this season and it is all because they refused to give up. We took down our district rival Pulaski County three times, won a district championship and made it to the second round of the region tournament. All this had not been done for 10 years and I couldn't be prouder of my girls or prouder to be their coach.”

After a very challenging start and navigating the Covid pandemic, the Lady Rockets ended their season with a record of 16-5.

12th Region All-Season Team

The 12th Region is composed of 16 teams. Each coach nominates athletes from the 16 teams in the region they feel deserve all season honors. Coaches can nominate players from their own team, but when the voting process begins, they cannot vote for any player from their team. The 12 players that receive the most votes are part of the 12th Region All Season Team, the top six are the first team and the next six are on the second team.

Barron won first-team honors after collecting 400 digs in 21 matches and Eaton won second-team honors by hauling in 147 kills and 48 total blocks.

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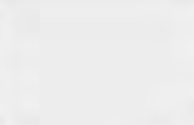

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Beautiful Sights & Sounds of Waterfalls

The year 2020 is one we may desire to get past. As I was debating what to compose a new column about, a recent customer for whom I built an especially lovely and peaceful sounding pond with stream and waterfalls sent me some photos, and I felt moved to share a little of that with my readers. Maybe it'll help lighten up your mood just to reflect on the sights and sounds of falling water.

MH said "thanks again, until you sit here awhile there's just no way to imagine how peaceful it is". And I recall RB saying "this is the best thing I've ever done" after he'd experienced his pond awhile. Then there was DT that said after sitting looking at the waterfalls for awhile, difficult phone calls were a lot easier to make. There's such varied things in landscaping, but the most praise through the seasons has come from those enjoying their waterfeatures.

JL says "in the evenings the song birds come, with their towels over their shoulders, start lining up for a bath", HG and AB said theirs exceeded all their expectations. One happy customer immediately said, you're going to build our

next one too! OH! I said. Many of us love the lake, the ocean, or the mountains and their streams. It's no joke that waterfront property commands top dollar in the real estate business. Both sights, like the beach or the river rapids, and sounds like waves descending on the shore or waterfalls splashing into a pool below a rock formation—sights and sounds of water top most lists of enjoyable things in the great outdoors.

I have seen quite a few of nature's lovely waterfalls. But the tally of those I built with stones and love for a family or couple are more in number. It's rewarding, but the greatest benefit comes to those that relax by them daily. And that bring back to mind the email that motivated me to share more of a topic I have loved for so long.

At another time I've shared the benefits of nature on test-taking, studying, reducing blood pressure, and the many other side benefits of spending some time in a lovely outdoor setting. Frazzled by life, taking time to appreciate some of these blessing in one's life can revive our spirits, even our bodies.

As autumn has descended and colors begin to pop and days get cooler, I encourage one and all to spend some extra time outside beside the water, or at least under a tree or a stroll in a green area. Plants, grasses, trees, rocks—and definitely the sights and sound of water give us pleasure to hear and behold.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday,

7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

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

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

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

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

Card of Thanks

Eddie Mahaffey

The family of Eddie Mahaffey is so grateful for all their family, friends and neighbors and also Grace Baptist Church for their love and thoughtfulness and for providing a lunch for the family. It was great

We thank Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Dr. Karen and staff and the Hospice Care Center at Richmond. Eddie could not have had better care. They were like family. Also thank you to Dr. Budeivie and a very special nurse, Dawn, both of whom were so good to him at Hospice.

Cousins Barbara and Bill Fain who took him for rides, out to eat and brought food often. Billy Wayne and Aletha Bryant - Billy took him fishing and they called often to check on him. Wendell Wise, Randy and Doris Durham, Dean Carpenter, Cline Mullins and other classmates who came to visit and called often.

Cox Funeral Home, who did a great job. Bro. Raymond Offutt for a great job preaching the funeral and Billy Wayne Bryant for singing. His nurse (at Hospice) who came any time we needed her. Cynthia we appreciate you so much.

Again, thank you all
We love you all
His sisters, Rita, Peggy and Carol, his wife Donna, sons Dwight (Shana), Dwayne (Mona) Tony, Jacki and Jesse, Cayse and grandkids and great grandchildren

In Loving Memory

Text Message From Heaven
In Memory of Ashley Nicole Rader 7-7-1986 • 11-7-2017

Don't cry for me
Don't weep no more
I am on Heaven's shining shore.
I know your loss
Is Heaven's gain
But up here I will never have no more pain.
Corey and Ashton, I know you miss me so
Buy I am up here with your Papaw and Jesus, you know.
I know my life on earth was short
I will be in Heaven forevermore
So please try to weep no more
You have so much to be thankful for.
I will see you again some day
So please stay on the straight and narrow way.
I am your Guardian Angel now
So please take care of your mamaw somehow
I will be waiting on you when your life is over
But, in Heaven, we will never grow older.
I love you so much
But in Jesus you must trust.
Until we meet again
Please be careful with sin
For when it comes your time to die
I will be waiting to come get you in the sky.

The Righteous Judgment of God!

With all of the unrighteousness in the world, we should have a great appreciation for righteousness. One might ask the question, how can I know what righteousness is, where can I find it, what does it look like?

Most all people would say that they want that which is right but may be looking in the wrong place for that righteousness. Does man determine what righteousness is? If so, who or which one? Would one look like the other? Would your standard of righteousness be the same as mine? Probably not.

So, if we accept that GOD is the arbitrator of that which is right, it would certainly cut out a lot of confusion. The Bible tells us throughout that this is the case, we have to accept that before God can influence our lives. Righteousness is not found in doctrines of men but rather in the gospel of Christ and we will be judged according to it.

Romans 12:1-21 Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. V2 And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: V23 For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God; V24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. V25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his RIGHTEOUSNESS for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God. V26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 2:2 But we are sure that the judgement of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

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Pastor Appreciation



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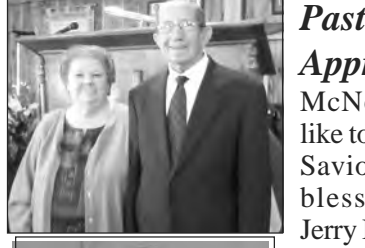
Pastor Appreciation

Sand Hill Baptist Church would like to express our



appreciation for the 21 years of dedication of our Pastor Brother Tommy Miller and his wife, Sharon. We love you both so very much and thank you for everything you do. May God continue to bless you and bless our church.

Pastor Appreciation



McNew Chapel would like to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for blessing us with Bro. Jerry Ballinger as our pastor and his wife, Barbara. We are also blessed to have Bro. John Vanwinkle to preach us the true word. We appreciate all of you more than we could ever tell you. We love you dearly, may God richly bless you.



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Daniel Boone Community Action Agency (DBCAA) is accepting applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Subsidy Component Beginning November 2nd

Heating assistance program offers one-time payment assistance to income-qualified residents in CAA service area.

Daniel Boone CAA will begin accepting applications for the Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) November 2, 2020. Applications will be accepted through December 11, 2020 or until funds are depleted. To apply, qualified residents should contact their local outreach office.

The Subsidy Component is designed to help low-income Kentuckians offset home heating costs, based on a household's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor in the form of a voucher. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, income eligibility has been increased to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

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COVID-19 Policies Statement For everyone's safety, Daniel Boone CAA may provide special accommodations, adjust locations and times and may ask that LIHEAP applicants follow safety protocols. Because these may change and vary between counties, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Community Action office for more information.

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

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

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

Will God Accept Our Excuses?

He didn't accept the excuses of Adam and Eve. Genesis 2:16-17 Of every tree of the garden thou mayest eat but, of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. But they did eat of that tree. Later God asked them if they had eaten of the tree that was forbidden? Adam said: Genesis 3:11-12 The woman that thou gave to me to be with me, she gave me, of the tree and I did eat. Then God ask the woman, and the woman said it was the serpent, it beguiled me, and I did eat. The excuses these two used was not accepted by our Lord and because of their disobedience to the Lord, we find in Genesis 3:17 They were cast from the garden of Eden and the ground they walked upon was cursed. Temptation didn't justify disobedience for either of them.

He didn't accept the excuse from King Saul, when he was told to destroy all the Amalekites, and all their animals. He disobeyed God, and kept the best of the sheep, and oxen and camels and burrows, and also, he spared King Agag. King Saul used the excuse it was the people, they wanted to keep the best to sacrifice unto the Lord, this is not what God had commanded. 1 Samuel 15:24 Because he listened to the people and not God, he confessed I have transgressed, the commandment of God. Because he rejected God, God rejected Saul from being King.

Some might think, these were good excuses, but if God accepted these excuses for not being obedient to his word, where would it stop, we would use excuses ourselves every time we didn't want to do something, or if there was something we would rather do, like going fishing on the Lord's day, or going on vacation, we would excuse ourselves from obeying the command of God. We don't want to learn like Adam and Eve and King Saul, we must remember 1 Samuel 15:22 It is better to obey than to sacrifice. We need to keep this in mind the next time we think our excuse for not obeying God is a good one. Let us look to King Saul, Adam and Eve and even the serpent was punished, for not obeying God.

Thank you so much for reading this message, I pray your health is good and your faith is strong, and Jesus Christ is your Lord and King. (You can be sure there is no traffic jams on the second mile religion.)

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can contact someone at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 - Bro. Ova Baker- 606-878-8104.
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In towns across the country, citizens have been campaigning for their favorite candidates and Rockcastle County is no exception. Being an overwhelmingly Republican County, Trump signs and parades have been evident in the area. This line of Trump supporters traveled through the city on election day.

Rogers Scholars now accepting applications

Rogers Scholars, The Center's flagship youth program, is open to high school rising juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky seeking to build their skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, technology, and community service. The program provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for young people to fulfill their potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders. Students apply during their sophomore year.

"It is now more vital than ever for The Center to provide leadership and scholarship opportunities to our region's youth,"

said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. "Through the Rogers Scholars program experience, students are able to gain confidence in order to become the leaders we need."

The Center for Rural Development partners with 18 universities in Kentucky and one university in Tennessee to provide scholarship opportunities to the students who get accepted into the program.

"Because of Rogers Scholars, I was able to attend Lindsey Wilson College (LWC) with a full-tuition scholarship," said Kennedy Bates, 2016 Rogers Scholar and cur-

rent junior and education major at LWC. "If it weren't for that, I definitely wouldn't be here right now. My life would look completely different if it weren't for Rogers Scholars."

Rogers Scholars is a week-long program held on the campuses of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia and Morehead State University in Morehead.

This past summer, The Center was not able to host any of its youth programs in person. However, The Center provided many opportunities virtually throughout the summer. It's The

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The local Veterans of Foreign Wars had a great turnout with their Halloween event. The VFW started with over \$200 in candy, eight bowls worth, with roughly 100 kids showing up. Along with candy, the VFW hosted games such as make your own mini painted jack-o-lantern, corn hole, and decorate your own caramel apple.



TRACK Program about to help 36 more students

By: Mike French
Editor

In 2019, the TRACK Program (Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky) was an-

— As well as countless patients

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Applications will be accepted through November 12, 2020 at 4 p.m.

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

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Notice is hereby given that Tatyana Yastremskaya, 15 Lone Oak Lane, Candler, NC 23715 has been appointed Ancillary Administratrix of the estate of Samuel Grady Thomas on the 15th day of October, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tatyana Yastremskaya or to Jeremy Bartley, 35 Public Square, Somerset, Ky. 42503 on or before April 15, 2021. 39x3

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Marriage Licenses

Nikkita Leeanna McGuire, 23, Orlando, Fed Ex and Garrett Lee Baldwin, 22, Livingston, Fed Ex. 10/15/20
 Amber Fintel Clark, 41, Gainesville, FL, retail and Aaron Keith Ferguson, 48, Gainesville, FL, driver. 10/16/20
 Sydney Mercedes Benedict, 24, Brodhead, CMA and Robert Curtis Alton Bradley, 25, Brodhead, horse trainer. 10/23/20

Deeds Recorded

Ronald Gregory Carpenter, property in Livingston to Nelson and Kim McFerron. Tax \$2
 Delroy and Janet Bishop, property on Negro Creek Road, to Dennis Hammock and Alicia Abney. Tax \$45
 Estate of Mary Katherine Bradley, property on Old Backbone Ridge Road, to Ronald K. and LaMonica R. Coffey. Tax \$16
 Larry and Jeanine Lawrence, property in Rockcastle County, to Gregory Justine and Jamison Rogers. Tax \$14
 Feldman Lumber Co., property in Rockcastle County, to Clayton Catterton. Tax \$92
 Mack and Jimmie L. McFerron, property in Rockcastle County, to Greg and Janice Strunk. Tax \$4
 Five Star Acres LLC, property on Marler Hollow Rd., to Matthew and Sibyl Colwell. Tax \$15
 Herbert and Dora Isaacs, property in Rockcastle County, to Hobert and Rebecca Isaacs. Tax \$1
 Christopher and Sheena Settles, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Johnny and Viena Anderson. Tax \$176
 Edwin Evans, property in Brindle Ridge section, to Scott and Michelle Wilson. Tax \$339
 Elbert Carl and Trina Gayle Bustle, property in Rockcastle County, to Andrew J. Gilbert and Bethany B. Taylor-Gilbert. Tax \$85
 Loretta F. Clark, and others, property on Rash Branch Road, to Richard Hitt and Donald Nelson. Tax \$85
 Steven and Janet Bolton, property in Rockcastle County, to Patrick J. and Laura Murphy and Thomas M. Murphy. Tax \$213
 Brenda Kay and Ivan Jeff Hayes, co-executors, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffery S. Hays. Tax \$160
 Richard and Lontonia Tiller, property in Rockcastle County, to Jason Lee Farmer. Tax \$12.50
 Jeff and Sonya VanHook, property on KY 150, to Kimberly M. Kidd. Tax \$260

District Court

Oct. 19-28, 2020
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Johnathan Tyler Davis: no/expired registration plates, failure to produce


insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine each charge plus one cost; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine/\$450 suspended on condition.
 Troy W. Bradley: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Angela Cox: public intoxication/controlled substance, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Donald R. Newcomb: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess and fleeing or evading police, 90 days in jail/each count/concurrent/costs waived.
 Greg Pelfrey: theft of services, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Stephanie Kay Ross: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Speeding: Stephanie Kay Ross, Trevor L. Wells, Dominique I. Williams, Stacey Leigh Baugh, Hassan Egal, Marquita N. Buck, Dionne M. Sellers-Menefee, Sparanjit Singh Bhatti, license suspended for fta; Grace A. Chappell, Sean M. Schnare, \$30 fine plus costs; Joshua Strause, Jr, \$5 fine plus costs; Kodi Alexis Hughes, \$36 fine plus costs; Mohammadtaqi Ahmadi, paid.
 Devon Blake McKeehan: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Alize Pelley: assault, sentencing order entered.
 Jacob Stewart: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and 15 other charges, bw issued for fta.
 Nathan L. Jacobus: criminal mischief, wanton endangerment, bw issued for fta.
 Kenneth Wayne Kirby: improper passing and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.
 Anthony B. Ingram: possess/view matter portray sexual performance by minor, unlawful transaction w/minor, bw issued for fta.
 Robert Charles Hawkins, Jr: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, criminal mischief, sentencing orders entered.
 Amanda Gadd: assault, sentencing order entered.
 Mikayla Dawn Goble: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Michael D. Goldy: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.
 Brian Grimes: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.
 Jason Douglas Bullock: alcohol intoxication in a public place and possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$50 fine (each count) plus one cost.
 Paula M. Daniels: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.
 Maranda Paige Didonato: endangering the welfare of a minor and drug paraphernalia-buy/

possess, bw issued for fta.
 Jennifer Ruth Creech: public intoxication, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.
 Adam Anglin: public intoxication, sentencing order entered.
 Donald Charlton: fleeing or evading police, failure to owner to maintain req. insurance/security, sentencing orders entered.
 William B. Gilfillan: failure to wear seat belts, Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle (two counts), license suspended for fta.
 Sardor Ikramzhanov: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Daryn Michael Barrett: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.
 Leslie Marie Thomas: possession controlled substance (three counts), TICS, operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, tampering with physical evidence, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, improper registration plates, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.
 Jennifer Ruth Creech: public intoxication controlled substance and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.
 Paul Daniel Clark: promoting contraband, sentencing order entered.
 Robert Eugene Davis, Jr: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Jason Eugene Delph: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.
 Tonya Hammons: disorderly conduct, menacing, resisting arrest, assault, bw issued for fta.
 Rebecca Harris: fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.
 Ashley B. Yauger: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Jaelin Montez Carter: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
 Nicholas E. Packard: public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Tonya M. Hammonds: public intoxication and assault, bw issued for fta.
 William Berkley Lewis: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/court notice sent.
 Jack McCormick, Jr: possession of marijuana, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp.,

disorderly conduct, sentencing orders entered.
 Jessica A. Nunnally: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.
 Tesla Pearson: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.
 Natasha Poynter: criminal trespass, \$100 fine plus costs; public intoxication, \$100 fine.
 Beata J. Ptak: speeding, \$100 fine; careless driving, \$25 fine.
 Arval Dale Robbins: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing order entered.
 Alicia Wilson: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing order entered.

TRACK
 (Continued from B1)
 Officials announced the program is about to make a big difference in the lives of 36 more students, while providing well trained nurses for patients.
 Officials said \$360,000 in ARC funding will be used to train 36 high school students, 12 per year for three years, who are interested in becoming state registered nurses aides (SRNA). According to the release, three of those will be trained in caring for patients that are ventilator dependent.
 Stephen Estes, CEO of the hospital, said the program will provide experienced mentors for students from the start of their career and foster a new generation of nurses for the benefit of patients now and in the future.
 Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has become well known across the country as a nationally recognized, award winning facility.

Scholars
 (Continued from B1)
 Classroom.
 “Most of the students in our service area are already using Google Classroom,” said Allison Cross, Community Liaison and Youth Programs Coordinator at The Center. “It is our goal to be as accessible as possible to our students. Moving to Google Classroom will allow them to use a familiar platform and work at their own pace.”
 The deadline to apply for Rogers Scholars is midnight on January 31, 2021. If you have specific questions about the application process or want to know more about The Center’s youth leadership programs, contact Allison Cross at across@centertech.com or call The Center at 606-677-6000.
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Five COVID deaths

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, as of Tuesday, November 10, there were 306 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 117 additional probable cases. The county remains at five COVID-related deaths with four of those through the Bordhead Rehabilitation and Care Center. Reports indicate cases at the center have dropped drastically to only one new case this week.

Still no in-person classes

Rockcastle County Schools is not holding in-person classes again this week due to the "Red Zone" classification from the Cumberland Valley Health Department. Officials will announce tonight, Thursday, November 12, about plans for in-person classes next week. Check rockcastle.kyschools.us for updates.

Fiscal Court meeting

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting was held Tuesday, November 10 at 4 p.m. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

Stolen commercial vehicle located in Livingston area

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer Steven Douglas located a vehicle, stolen from the Garrard County Road Department last week, in Rockcastle County. According to the report from KSP Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Officer Douglas was asked to attempt to help locate the stolen vehicle by the Lancaster Police Department. On Thursday, November 5, Douglas located the stolen commercial vehicle in Livingston. The report says the 2016 Ford F550 was discovered



The Rockcastle Arts Association is among the first to decorate their storefront for the Christmas holiday. The decoration also helps remind everyone of the Noel Night Market which is planned for Tuesday, December 1 from 5-9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Arts Association as well as the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

Commissioners discuss many issues

Newly-elected Brodhead City Commissioner Teddy Rose, who will be sworn in to office in January next year, sat in on the regular monthly meeting Monday night at Brodhead City Hall. Rose asked occasional questions about the most recent events in preparation for serving as a new commissioner. "I just want to give back some," he said. Current commissioner John Burton graciously welcomed Rose to the table and explained each detail of the night's events to Rose. "I'll help you any way I can," said Burton. "For the past four years I worked for you. But now you work for me and I

want what's best for the City of Brodhead." Commissioner Ricky Kirby, who was narrowly defeated by four votes in the recent election, did not show up for the meeting. Brian Bullock was also absent but Burton said that Bullock, the only commissioner to be re-

politicians for months. Estimates from politicians as well as health professions have ranged from "it's going away now," to "we could lose millions." However, locally, cases of the virus grew recently causing the City of Mount Vernon to reclose City Hall, as well as forcing in-person classes to be cancelled in the local school system. Rockcastle has seen five total deaths related to the virus while there are over 420 total cases reported in the county. Though the incident rate dropped from over 37 to 33.37 this week, the

Police say local man killed his stepmother

Rockcastle County has experienced its second murder in six weeks. According to a uniform citation from the Kentucky State Police, George Henshaw III, 42, of 394 Potter Road in Rockcastle County has been arrested for the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw, 60, also of 394 Potter Road. The report says police received a call from 911 that there was a female on Potter Road who had suffered a gunshot wound around 7:30 Monday evening. Upon arrival at the

scene, KSP Detective Ryan Loudermilk located Lois Henshaw lying on the floor of her residence after an apparent assault. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner. George Henshaw was then separated from two unknown persons present (See "Murder" on A5)



George Henshaw

Local incident rate remains in the "Red Zone"

Arguments, disagreements and discussions about the growth or decline of COVID-19 has been on the lips of most

politicians for months. Estimates from politicians as well as health professions have ranged from "it's going away now," to "we could lose millions." However, locally, cases of the virus grew recently causing the City of Mount Vernon to reclose City Hall, as well as forcing in-person classes to be cancelled in the local school system. Rockcastle has seen five total deaths related to the virus while there are over 420 total cases reported in the county. Though the incident rate dropped from over 37 to 33.37 this week, the

RCIDA optimistic of county's future

Listening to the members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA), one would feel extreme confidence in the economic future of the county as discussions focus around the planned Farmer's Market building, the incoming Chapin factory, expected growth of Microfoodery, growth of Kentucky Farmaceuticals, a possible gas line coming to the county, north end development, new Dollar General stores, the new Marathon station at Livingston and a long list of companies interested in locating in the area. "I am extremely pleased with all the positive stuff going on here in Rockcastle County even in these trying times," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. The regular monthly meeting of the RCIDA started Tuesday morning with a budget and financial statement reports. Corey Craig, Chairman of the board, said the financial statement shows

being operated by 25-year-old Terry L. Hawley of Lancaster. An investigation indicates the vehicle had been stolen in the early morning hours from the road department and then used to also steal a trailer, a skid steer and other construction equipment later the same day from PECCO, Inc. of Nicholasville. Hawley was arrested at the scene without incident and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with receiving stolen property. Officer Douglas is continuing the investigation. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer Eric Stallsworth assisted at the scene.

Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger looks at the honorary high school diploma awarded to 95-year-old Flossie Christine Harper McKinney after a ceremony last week. McKinney wrote the popular book *The Harpers of Pongo Ridge* and was named Mount Vernon Mayor for the day after receiving the honorary diploma. Mrs. McKinney is a native of the Livingston area and has resided in West Chester, Ohio for a number of years.



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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Communist dictator Joseph Stalin is reportedly credited with saying some version of "Those who vote decide nothing. Those who count the vote decide everything" And that may be true to a large extent in our recent Presidential election.

If just half of the accusations of voter tampering are true, the race should not be certified until they are properly investigated, not just recounted but audited.

At one point, President Trump was 700,000+ votes ahead in Pennsylvania, only to see the counting suspended on election night and thousand upon thousands of ballots suddenly appear for Democrat Joe Biden,

I don't want to sound like a sore loser but I also do not want to see my country descent into a

third world banana republic.

The Dominion voting machines used in over half the states were not encrypted making them subject to back door hacking. One 18 year veteran poll worker in Fulton County, GA noted a discrepancy in vote totals when Biden's total suddenly went up 20,000 votes while the President's went down by a thousand. He notified the election board but, he said, there has been no follow up to his inquiry.

There are sworn affidavits of votes being hauled into vote centers in boxes by vehicles belonging to the Biden/Harris ticket, ballots cast for President Trump being destroyed, certified Republican poll workers be-

(Continued on A3)

Aces Over

By: Mike French



I agreed to my better half that I will not discuss the election in my column this week. So all I will say is, I'm looking for Apophis in 2068 with Yarkovsky acceleration considered.

Now, on to a better subject.

For the life of me, I can't begin to fathom how it must have felt for so many young men across the country to be suddenly jerked away from their home, sent 3,000 miles over an ocean, handed a weapon and told that he is about to be shot at by people who hate him.

I can't help but envision a 17 year-old boy working in the field with his father and his brothers, trying to help feed the family.

Hoeing the weeds out of the garden with his shirt off on a hot summer day and being within yards of everyone he knows and loves and then

maybe, some neighbor must have run to him with a letter they just picked up at the post office.

In the days of my father, he would have been 18 in 1950, an official-looking letter from the federal government must have been a very rare event.

For my dad and his brothers, Jennings and James, their father was a true alcoholic and the boys had to do most all of the work if it got done at all. They raised the hogs, chickens and cattle and tended the garden and tobacco crops. Harvest time was the busiest time of year.

I have heard my dad complain most about having to miss school because he had to work on the farm. Without him and his brothers, the crops didn't get harvested and the animals didn't get fed.

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Pop's Black Scar

Last weekend I was looking at my knife collection and ran across one of my grandfather's (Pop) knives that my mother (Bee) had given me after his death. I could never forget that knife. I watched Pop whittle with it from the time that I was a little boy.

Pop gave me my first pocket knife when I was about eight of age. It was then and there that he

carefully explained how to properly use it and how to be extremely safe with a knife of any kind.

Then he taught me to whittle. He took a piece of cedar and demonstrated how to hold the knife properly, emphasizing that "You must always cut away from yourself, not toward your body."

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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook



"Come Little Leaves" Dear Journal, Last Sunday afternoon stands out in my mind as one of the most perfect days that I can remember...weather-wise in any case. It was a picturesque fall day, the kind that is written about in the pages of novels in or seen in the movies.

It was sunny without a cloud in the sky. The wind wasn't constant but came in gentle gusts blowing the few remaining leaves from the big maple trees that grow in our front yard. It was a shower of yellow and gold. Then those leaves blended with the already fallen leaves and they all went blowing along the ground to their various destinations wherever that may be to spend the cold winter ahead. There is a crepe myrtle tree at the driveway entrance that had a unique color all together different than anything I

had ever seen before. It was a blend of persimmon, cranberry, and butternut squash. It looked beautiful and may have tasted pretty good, too.

I sat at our living room window for a long time and beheld this beautiful sight, letting my mind wander where it would, daydreaming of many thoughts, past and present. Finally my mind wandered to when I was just a little girl back at home in London.

Quite often, especially after supper on cold wintery nights in the living room or hot summer evenings on the front porch, when our family would gather around, and the conversation would lull, Mom or someone would all of a sudden start reciting a favorite poem, not to interrupt the conversation at hand. The TV was

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I never thought I'd ever be saying this in November, but the high temperature on this Sunday, November 8, 2020, was pushing 78 degrees and we are expecting more of the same on Monday and Tuesday. Since moving into my long johns a week ago today, I have been way hotter than I really wanted to be for most of last week and I am really looking forward to getting back to some weather that better fits my clothes.

Now it's Monday afternoon because some health issues put a rapid halt to getting a column out on Sunday and, at this writing, there is no guarantee that I'll have a column finished in time for the newspaper's absolute deadline. The thermometer on our front porch is showing 85 and I'm thinking that can't be right. On the other hand, our air conditioner is going full blast and 10 minutes, already wet with sweat, was all I could handle outside before dashing back indoors to cool off.

Of course the long johns contributed mightily to the rapid sweat because I don't have the energy to do much in the way of physical exertion. In any event, even though the WKYT weather report is still a couple of hours away, I feel certain that Chris Baily is going to be gleefully reporting that we've just had some record breaking high temperatures for November 9.

In the meantime, I'm scheduled to have a hormone injection on Thursday that is supposed to boost my energy as well as enhance my prostate and daily bone cancer treatments. I can't recall ever looking forward to a doctor visit as much as I am this one.

The cancer treatment started out with the same hormone shot that was supposed to lessen the normal side effects of the chemo. After 90 days,

coming up this week, I get another hormone shot and the cancer treatment side effects are supposed to be leveled off. This next shot is supposed to give a bit more energy as opposed to dragging me down the way the last 90 days have gone. In the meantime I have read

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beautiful flowers...

Dear Editor,

I wondered if we could give a shout-out and a thank you to Ms. Nancy Mullins for the beautiful flowers welcoming the community to the Mt. Vernon Post Office. It is very much appreciated!

Thank you, John Abney



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“ramblings”

(Cont. from A2)

ing refused the right to monitor the counting, particularly in Pennsylvania, a direct violation of their election laws, and several thousand people rising from the dead, requesting a ballot and then voting (10,000 in Michigan), along with several voters participating in the election over a hundred years of age.

One counting center in Detroit, MI even went so far, after denying Republican monitors the right to watch the count, as to board up the glass in their building with plywood so no one could see them inside counting.

Before the counting stopped, President Trump was ahead 57% to 41.8% in Pennsylvania, 53.1% to 45.6% in Georgia, 54% to 44.4% in Michigan, 50.1% to Biden’s 48.7% in North Carolina and 51.7% to 46.8% in Wisconsin.

How is it that Florida, a state with the third highest population in the country, in a close vote count there, somehow managed to call a winner by 11 p.m. EST?

Anyway, there should be no hurry to call the election. It took 37 days to declare a winner in 2000 in Florida which decided the presidency between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Of course the press was very tolerant of this since it was the Democrat that was behind in the vote count. They also applauded Stacy Abrams when she refused to concede defeat, to this day, in her race for governor of Georgia.

Republicans, except for Lindsey Graham, and finally Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have been very quiet in their support of their President and it is disappointing.

We need to once again have confidence in the integrity of our election

We also need for our U.S. Senators, far left Alexandria Ocasio Cortez for one, to quit calling for lists to be made of Trump syncophants, it’s not American.

It’s also not American to elect a President who has known business ties to Communist China because that will influence him in his dealings with

them.

I hope there are recounts/audits of the election done in several of these states and done quickly. Of course, if the outcome were to change, we would then be in a fight for our life with the rioting, burning, looting Democrats. I personally think that when those swing states suspended counting it was because they knew that our President was heading for an insurmountable lead and they had to get the time to “manufacture” enough votes to overcome these leads. When the job is that big, there are bound to be major mistakes made and I only hope that our President’s team is sharp enough to catch them.

Fox News has come out a big loser in this election with their immediate declaration of some states for Biden and their refusal of calling a state for President Trump even when he has a commanding lead. I have decided that I won’t be watching them anymore. When Chris Wallace did such a terrible job of moderating the first debate that did it for me, ending a many year association.

Reportedly, some of Biden’s early intended action if he takes office include: rejoining the Paris Accord climate agreement, reinstating DACA, rejoining the W.H.O. and repealing Trump’s admin travel ban, along with a nationwide mandated mask law. And we cannot forget Comma-la’s support of allowing transgender women to compete in women’s sports, effectively destroying that sport for actual females. Oh, and there’s her “mandated” buy back of all guns in this country.

One good thing to come out of this election, thus far, is that the House of Representative’s number of Democrat representatives retracted, even while Speaker Nancy Pelosi was telling the American people that Democrats won a “mandate” in this election. The numbers are so low that it is questionable if Pelosi will even be able to hold onto her speakership.

I think we have a long way to go before this election is resolved. But, one thing is already clear, this will go down as one of the darkest days in our country.

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

I can’t even imagine the day they received their draft notice and was given a specific time to “report” to some office in a town they didn’t know existed.

Dad had to ride a train for three days and I would think that each mile must have seemed like another world away from his Red Lick farm.

Then, once finally there, he was stuck in barracks with countless total strangers from all across the country.

After being trained to kill other human beings and being taught how to survive messy, bloody wounds, and conditioned until his muscles ached and burned and learning to obey every command of a stranger, he was then placed on a boat and sent thousands of miles across the waves.

The most water he had seen to that point was Old Man White’s fishing pond where he caught Bluegill to help feed the family. The Pacific must have been more than

overwhelming.

Before he knew it, the kid that was holding a hoe out in the sun in his father’s garden, was suddenly holding a rifle in a muddy foxhole. His brothers couldn’t help and his mom’s supper would not be on the table that night.

People he never knew were wearing the same uniform and screaming at him while those wearing other uniforms were doing everything in their power to kill him.

His brother Jennings was blown apart by a grenade on another hill and his sadness must have been something that no spoken word could possibly describe.

Yet, even with all this pain, fear, confusion, loneliness, sadness, misery and sorrow, hidden inside him, I grew up watching him stand tall and proud every time he saluted the American flag.

My dad served his country with honor and pride and would defend his nation till the day he passed away in November of 2011.

Situations similar to this have happened to over 17 million people in America over the years.

And these people are all around us. We see them every day. We pass them on the sidewalk, in the grocery aisle, at the gas pumps and in nursing homes.

We play on our iPhones, complain because it is too hot outside, argue with those we love and have no clue what life could be like if not for that man or woman who just held the door open for us at WalMart.

Yesterday, November 11th, was Veteran’s Day and though I am not trained nor am I worthy to do so, I stand at attention to each of you.

Though it may not appear so in modern society, there are still those of us who bow at your sacrifice and offer our humble appreciation.

May God bless you and we will help pray that all you fought for was not in vain.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

well over a hundred articles written by oncologists at such places as Harvard and Yale Medical Schools, Mayo Clinic, and a few dozen other places that ought to know what they are talking about.

I am cautiously optimistic that I will not be

wanting a wheel chair for Christmas even though I have already put a lot of miles on two hurry canes. I keep one in the car just in case I forget to take my house cane with me when we go out.

Over the last 10 years I have spent a lot of time worrying about Parkinson’s Disease and actually making light about the ways it has affected me. I accepted, early on, that “Mr. P” was incurable and that “one day at a time” was the best way to cope with him. The long term physical and neurological deterioration of Parkinson’s have accumulated so slowly that I have to look back for 6 to 12 months at a time to tell the difference between stuff I could do then compared to what I can do now.

This bout with cancer started last October and the downhill slide has been like a bobsled ride where the longer I stay on the sleigh, the steeper the hill gets and the faster the thing keeps going. It has literally been months since I’ve even thought about Mr. Parkinson.

And while I certainly don’t recommend it, I can almost guarantee that if you have been overly concerned about politics, get cancer. That will take your mind off who did or didn’t win the election.

“T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

never turned on. They grew up in an era where poetry was taught in school or learned in self study. It seemed that everyone knew a few poems by heart. It was always noted that my great grandpa Henry Price knew a vast amount of poetry that he could recite. He knew great lengthy poems by heart. Even my grandma, Evelyn Price Norton, knew several lengthy poems when she was well into her eighties.

When I was older and Mom was terminally ill and confined to her bed, I would get a book of verse and read her poetry from time to time. “Maud Muller” and “The Children’s Hour” were two favorites and just for humor, “When Father Carves the Duck”. She taught me poetry as a child and had me recite it to her every so often.

One poem that she taught me when I was about five years old came to mind on this Sunday afternoon, The

title is “Come Little Leaves” by George Cooper (1838-1927) “Come little leaves”, said the wind one day, “come over the hills with me and play, put on your dresses of red and gold, summer is gone and the days grow cold...” Good memories right there.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

To reinforce his instructions, Pop proceeded to pull up his pant leg, revealing a solid black scar that was located just above his right knee cap. He explained. “I was whittling one time, and I cut the wood toward my knee and it slipped. The blade cut a huge gash out of my leg, and it began to bleed.”

Pop further described to me how he stopped the bleeding: “I ran into the kitchen, grabbed a handful of soot from the stove, and packed the wound with the black coal soot.” (Believe it or not, this was not an uncommon practice.)

Pop described how his father had told him about using soot for healing properties and to stop minor bleeding. Evidently, the soot worked, but Pop’s scar was black. Pop said that soot was very good to use on small cuts, but it did leave a black scar.

It was a day that remains in my memory. Pop and I used our knives that day to whittle, and I never forgot his useful rules to whittle safely. Maybe it was that black scar that kept me in remembrance of the rules, because it made an impression on me. I did not want to have to control any bleeding—and certainly not with any black coal soot.

Pop taught me so many things as I was growing up and making my way into manhood. He taught me to drive a car, shoot a gun, mow a yard, and to whittle. He was my mentor and many times my hero. And his lessons served me well. I’ve handled pocket knives all of my life—but I never had to control any bleeding. And I am free of black scars.

(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.)

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Health Department Holiday Hours
 The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We will also be closed November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Poinsettia Fundraiser
Now through November 13th: Poinsettia State Fundraiser. All proceeds go to support Hospice Care Plus’s care for patients and families. Order online at hospicecareplus.org, at facebook.com/hospiceCP, or by phone during business hours to 859-986-1500. Four varieties available. Orders will be available for pickup or delivery the first week of December.

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.

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Obituaries

James Michael Smith

James Michael Smith, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at his home.

He was born March 9, 1960 in Mt. Vernon, the son of Anna Lee Durham Smith and the late James O. Smith.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon and enjoyed coaching his sons, daughters and nephews in baseball and basketball.

Mike was a farmer and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

On July 12, 1984, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Lucille Roark.

Besides his mother and wife, survivors include his children: Victoria Lee Smith of Lexington and Krystal Ann, Jesse Whitley, Charles Michael and James Bryce all of Mt. Vernon; his sisters, Vickie Arnold and Sherry (Bobby) Webb, both of Mt. Vernon and a host of nieces, nephews and good friends.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Matt and Maggie House Durham and his paternal grandparents, James Whitley Smith and Lou Rimmel Smith.

Services were conducted Friday, October 30 at Marvin Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead with Bro. Shannon Franklin and Bro. Luther Allen officiating.

Pallbearers and special friends were: Bobby Webb, Mike Alcorn, Mike Burdette, Herman Smith, Robby Lay, Paul Nicely, Paul Rice, Jerry Dick, Neil Sluder, David Dees, Ronnie Roark, Matthew Sowder, Blake Arnold and his sons, Jesse, Charles and Bryce.

Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.



Debra Carol Debord

Debra Carol (McMillan) Debord, 64, wife of Mike, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born August 9, 1956 in Georgetown, to the late Benjamin Franklin McMillan, Jr. and Wanda Burton Murphy. She married Mike Debord on March 6, 1991. She was a waitress, a member of First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, and enjoyed reading.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Mike Debord; her children, Donnie (Jennifer) Hall, Jr. of Georgetown, Debra Darlene Lewis of Williamstown, Lavina Debord of Mt. Vernon, Travis Debord of Mt. Vernon, and stepson, Michael (Lisa) Debord of Mableton, GA; one son-in-law, Cromer Smith, Jr.; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Edward McMillan of Richmond; one half-brother, Frank Murphy of Florida; one sister, Elizabeth McMillan of Latonia; and one half-sister, Melinda Dennison of Morristown, TN; and her mother, Wanda Burton Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Franklin McMillan, Jr. and her daughter, Sabrina Smith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon with Bruce Ross and Shannon Franklin officiating.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Helen Marie McGuire

Helen Marie (York) McGuire, 78, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, November 9, 2020 at her home. She was born April 24, 1942 in Garrard County, to the late Sam and Betty (Creech) York. She was married to the late Less McGuire and together they had three daughters, Phyllis, Vickie and Melissa. She helped her husband farm as well as having worked at Cowdens, Park Seal and 36 years at Dresser Industries. She was a member of the Valley Baptist Church, where she enjoyed the fellowship and working with the food ministry. She most of all enjoyed being with her family and friends and always told people she loved them.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her three daughters, Phyllis (Rodger) Linville of Copper Creek, Vickie (Jerry) Petrey of Crab Orchard and Melissa (Adam Fitzpatrick) of Crab Orchard; five grandchildren, Katie (David) Meece, Josh (Macci) Linville, Blake, Riley and Noah Fitzpatrick; two brothers, Willie B. York and Robert "Bud" York; and one sister, Marilyn Short.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: a sister, Emma Jane Mosley; and five brothers, Leonard, Hugh, Oscar, Gilbert and Paul York.

Pallbearers are: Josh Linville, Blake Fitzpatrick, Kenny and Trevor Creech, David Meece and Anthony Noel.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Greg Lakes, Bro. Jeff Drapper and Phillip Schreyer officiating. Burial will be in Wilmot Chapel Cemetery.

Tommie Wendell Lane

Tommie Wendell Lane, 48, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at his residence. He was born February 13, 1972 in Dillon, SC, to Tony W. Lane and the late Betty Sue (Gaddy) Lane. He was a well-known Pipefitter/Supervisor for 28 years. After moving to Kentucky in January, he became a dispatcher for KLCC Trucking. T-Bone was loved by many. He was of the Holiness Faith and attended Pine Hill Holiness Church. He enjoyed fishing and sports, but most of all spending time with his children. T-Bone LOVED those Cowboys.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Keith Lane of Brodhead, Jamie (Jessica) Lane of Florence, SC, Wendell Lane of Latta, SC, and Charley Jo Lane of Latta, SC; one grandchild, Chandler Lane of Florence, SC; his father, Tony (Kathy) Lane of Crab Orchard; one sister, Dawn (Kenny) Collins; two nephews, Blaine (Tawana) Collins of Brodhead and Austin (Paige) Collins of London; one great niece, Makena Jade Collins, known by Uncle Tony as "Clown"; as well as a host of aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Sue Lane and infant brother, Tony Keith Lane.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Cooper Funeral Home in Dillon, SC. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: K.C. Odom, Dwayne Odom, Blaine Collins, Austin Collins, Andrew Rewis, Keith Lane, Jamie Lane, and Matt Cox.

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Billy Ray Brumett

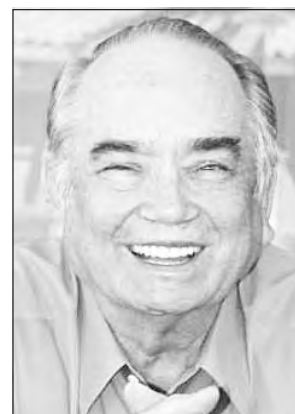
Billy Ray Brumett, 75, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born February 17, 1945 in Brodhead, to the late James C. and Marlie (Hopkins) Brumett. He married Connie J. Herrin on February 3, 1968. He was a machinist, a member of the UAW, was of the Baptist Faith, and enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, and gardening.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Angela R. Brumett of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers, Effie Brumett, Ronnie Brumett and Bobby Brumett; four sisters, Pearly (Kenneth) Lawson, Ruby Jewel (Charles) Bryant, Carolyn (Donnie) Woodall and Sharon (Roger) Bray; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Brumett; his honorary nephew and caregiver, Jarrod Poynter; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Connie Brumett; one brother, James Brumett, Jr.; and one special nephew, Stanley Hoskins.

Services were held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Randal Adams and Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in James Brumett Cemetery.

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Poet's Corner

Unscheduled Expressions

We often utter moving words
Reflecting great devotion
When deeply overcome
with grief
And uncontrolled emotions
For one we loved has gone
from us;
Someone so very dear,
But why do we not share
these words
And fill the heart with
cheer
Of those still here and
waiting
We're sure they'd love to
hear!
This thought has just occurred
to us,
Tho' it's no special season,
No special year or special
day,
Or any other reason
Except to say "We love
you Mom!
And wanted you to know
And hope our heartfelt
gratitude
These words will somehow
show!"
We'd like to write a song
of praise
With words so sweet and
true,
In tribute to all Mothers
And especially to you!
We'd like to tell the whole
wide world
How precious Mothers are,
And how the Lord has favored
us
With the dearest one, by
far...
But we're not good at writing
songs,
Don't claim to be a poet,
Just had this special feeling
And wanted you to know
it!

Love you Mom,
Kathy Payne, Mike and
Robby McFerron

The Reason for Autumn

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If I could stop Father Time
in His flight
I'm sure I would stop Him
right here
And keep forever mid-
autumn,
The loviest time of the
year!
God must have made autumn
especially
To strengthen our faith in
His might
By painting the earth with
His magic,
A breathtaking wonderful
sight!

Earth artists, with talent
and training,
Their paintings can never
compare
With the enchanting
beauty of autumn
That nature created with
care!
Their art work is merely a
copy
Of the Master's expression
of love
And autumn is given as
proof to the world
That He's still in His man-
sion above!

New deadline

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

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now accepting applications for a

District Operations Manager

This position for that of a District Operations Manager will be required to: perform management functions such as administrative duties; including Annual Budget and Annual Plan of Work, Promote Conservation Education throughout Rockcastle County; Administer State Cost Share, County Ag Investment Program, Dead Animal Burial Program, Soil Test Program.

Applicants must be proficient in following programs: Microsoft Office (including Word, Publisher, Excel and Outlook) and Quicken/QuickBooks.

Applicants must be skilled in using internet, social media, communicating with public, interact with Local, State and Federal Agencies.

Interested applicants must complete application obtained by contacting the office at address provided below, submit a resume, preferred high school or college transcript.

Please pick up application at:
USDA Service Center

Rockcastle County Conservation District
153 Andover Lane • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

By contacting Sandy L. Whitaker at (606) 256-2525 ext. 3 or by email at sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdn.net.

Applications will be accepted through
November 12, 2020 at 4 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Card of Thanks

James Smith, Jr.

The family of James Smith, Jr. wants to say Thank You to all their family, friends and neighbors for all the calls, food, cards, gifts, flowers and love shown us during the loss of our beloved "Pap Jr."

Thank you Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church for all the love and food sent and support received during our most sorrowful time.

Dr. Karen Saylor for the care given to James during his illness and to the ICU nurses at Rockcastle Regional Hospital for the wonderful care shown to our "Pap Jr." Thank you all so much.

To Marvin and Judy Owens for the outstanding job you all did and the love and kindness you all showed us. Thank you all so much!

To Bro. Clyde Miller for the great job you did preaching the funeral. Thank you so much!

To all the pallbearers also for all you did: Josh Smith, Jamason Smith, Jimmy Smith, Ronnie Smith, Scott Miller and Ben Kirby.

His wife, Bernice and sons, Danny Smith, Ricky Smith and Roger Smith, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren



Shown from left behind the masks are, Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, Flossie Christine Harper McKinney, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, State Representative R. Travis Brenda and Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert. The 95-year-old McKinney received her honorary high school diploma and was named Mayor for a day in appreciation of her work over the years promoting the Rockcastle County area. Her book, *The Harpers of Pongo Ridge*, was used in a recent film.

“Murder”

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in the home and placed in a police cruiser.

After Loudermilk conducted a walk-through of the residence to secure the scene, he mirandized Henshaw.

According to the citation, Henshaw told Loudermilk he had been angry at his stepmother so he “walked into the kitchen area, picked up a pistol and fired and struck Lois Henshaw, killing her.”

The KSP report says an investigation indicates the two had been involved in an ongoing verbal altercation.

The stepson then exited the home to a nearby area and “threw the gun as hard as he could.” It is not clear if the gun has been found by police.

The citation says a rifle and ammo was also located in the living area of the home.

Henshaw was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with murder, tampering with evidence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Loudermilk was assisted at the scene by KSP Post 11 personnel, the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office, Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle County Coroner’s office.

Henshaw is already listed on the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry, after a conviction for aggravated sexual battery on a nine-year-old in Virginia.

Henshaw is being held on a \$1 million cash bond.

“Red”

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county is still listed in the “Red Zone” by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD). Any rating over 25 is considered the range that requires extra precautions.

As the person with hands-on information from hospitals as well as other health departments locally, Christ Green, Director of the CVDHD says she does not expect the virus to get better soon.

“In Kentucky we are seeing case totals that are breaking records every week,” she said. “I do not expect to see an over all decline in cases within the next month.”

If this hold true, some officials expect in-person classes to remain closed until 2021. However, Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger makes that direct decision on a weekly basis using more than one source.

While Ballinger says it is true that she will not recommend in-person

classes start until the incident rate is below 25, she uses more than one source to make that decision.

“We look at multiple sources to determine the incident rate and we use all that information to make the final decision,” Ballinger said. “We will remain cautious and keep safety as our first thought, but we know the best place for students is in a class room.”

Ballinger says as long as she feels it is safe for students, faculty, staff and parents, she will recommend in-person classes resume. But not until it is safe. According to Green, it will not be safe for quite some time.

“RCIDA”

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a \$752 surplus this month, slightly less than average.

“The reason that is slightly lower this month is that we had to pay for the survey of the Farmer’s Market site and we had the transformers turned on at the Plastic Factory to show the building to Chapin,” said Craig. “That electric bill went from the typical \$2,200 to \$5,931 this month.”

Executive Director Jeff VanHook talked to the board about several projects either underway or planned, as well as countless possible companies who may be interested in locating in the county.

The new Marathon station in Livingston has been held up slightly due to a state Certificate of Occupancy not being issued as of yet. VanHook said the business would already be open if not waiting for that approval. However, he said the owners are attempting to receive a temporary occupancy permit until the final approval is received. “We expect the Marathon to be open and fully operational in about three weeks,” said VanHook.

The director also told the board he believes the county will be able to acquire the additional \$75,000 needed to rebid the Farmer’s Market project. The project bids were higher than expected, partly due to COVID-related price hikes, according to VanHook, but rather than reduce the building to “less than what we really need” he believes he can get approval for the additional \$75,000 to build the structure as originally planned. “While we are building this structure to serve the entire community, we should do it right or not at all,” he said. “I expect that final approval for the additional funds very soon.”

VanHook also talked about the Delta natural gas line officials hope will come to the county eventually. VanHook talked about “several large companies” that would be “tremendous gas users that

have expressed interest in locating in our community. If that should happen like we expect, this would be another great benefit to Delta and give them even more reason to locate a gas line here,” he said.

Due to ongoing contract discussion and negotiations, officials could not name the companies interested in locating in the area.

VanHook also said he is excited about the Chapin company currently moving into the north Industrial Park. “They are making their presence known and working at the site,” said VanHook. “And they use local vendors for the work they need done there. I am very excited about the partnership we have with Chapin.”

Holbrook reported that the 2020 Census is now over and reports are being delivered in Washington. “Over all Kentucky’s response was 68.2 percent,” said Holbrook. “Rockcastle County’s response was 64.4. We will just wait to see how all this pans out now that the Census is over. We were listed at 17,056 (population) before. We will see.”

Holbrook also reported that cases of COVID-19 have dropped at the Brodhead Health and Rehabilitation Center. “I think they had one case this week and have a total of 57 active cases.

However, the residency at the center has dropped also. “They usually have about 100 residents but they are down to about 68 now,” Holbrook added.

The county over all has had well over 400 cases either confirmed or probable but officials with the Cumberland Valley District Health Department say they expect cases to continue to rise in the county.

Members of the RCIDA then entered closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Local students graduate

In what has been one of the most unprecedented years in history, there are still hardworking people achieving their goals, new doors of opportunity opening, and worthwhile reasons to celebrate.

In fact, right now, there are more than 1,100 reasons to celebrate - one for each student at University of the Cumberlands who earned a college degree this summer.

Local graduates include:

Laura Owens of Mount Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing.

Izak McQueary of Mount Vernon, who completed their Education Specialist in Principal.

Marcie Johnson of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Science in Nursing in Nurse Practitioner.

“Issues

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elected, was on vacation.

Current commissioner Dallas Todd, who was also defeated, attended the meeting as well.

Among the first order of business was the expected second reading of the “Golf Cart Ordinance.” However, Burton asked to table the second and final reading until all members were present.

The ordinance met with controversy since it requires anyone operating a golf cart or ATV on Brodhead city streets to make the vehicle “street legal” or face fines.

Burton said the ordinance was intended to protect citizens who wish to ride such vehicles on the street in the city. “Right now, anyone on a golf cart, or an ATV, can be pulled over by the state police or any officer and be fined,” said Burton. “But with this ordinance that can’t happen anymore.”

However, to be defined as an acceptable cart, the vehicle must be designed to operate at a speed not more than 35 miles per hour, carry not more than 6 people, have headlights, tail lights, stop lights, front and rear turn signals, reflectors on each side, have two mirrors, a parking brake, display a “slow moving vehicle” emblem in accordance with KRS 189.820, a seat belt for each sitting position, have a maximum gross weight of 2,500 pounds, have a maximum rated payload of 1,200 pounds, be issued a permit by the city, display a sticker or permit and be inspected by a certified inspector.

The ordinance also requires that such vehicles may only be used on roadways with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less and that such vehicles may not cross a roadway with a speed limit above 35. The operator must also have a valid driver’s license, and the vehicle may only be operated between sunrise and sunset. “We are a small town and we are trying to make it legal to use golf carts or ATVs if our citizens choose to do so,” said Burton. “We are trying to protect our citizens and make sure our people can ride their ATV to the store if they want.”

The inspection fee is expected to cost \$5

Burton, and Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell, also discussed upcoming funds to the city. “All the mitigation money has been approved,” said Bussell referring to the nearly \$600,000 applied for after flooding issues. “We are just waiting on the funds.” Burton also said there are funds coming to the city as part of the CARES Act as reimbursement for any expense the city suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have to have 10 percent match on the \$600,000 mitigation money,” said Burton. “We plan to store the CARES Act funds until the mitigation money is released and use those funds as our 10 percent match.”

Bussell cautioned that the mitigation funds will not completely fix the problems with flooding in Brodhead. “This money will not fix the problem,” he said. “It will go a long way towards helping but the only way to fix the flooding prob-

lems completely is for the state come in and build the roads (curbs, gutters and drainage) like it should be. They may do that. I can’t speak for them. Some of what we have was built in 1937 and sits on wood timbers that decay over time.”

In other discussion, Fire Chief John Dyehouse said the department is considering another t-shirt sale in an attempt to raise fund for the department that were lost after the cancellation of the Little World’s Fair in Brodhead. “Fortunately, we had a good year last year and that money is carrying over to this year,” said Dyehouse. “But we need to have some fundraising events to make up that lost revenue.”

Dyehouse also informed the commission that the Christmas Parade is still planned. “You can have a parade and practice social distancing. We are 100% planning to have the parade on the first Saturday in December.”

However, the time of the parade is not yet set. “I’m not going through that again,” he said. “First find out what time Mount Vernon is having their parade and then we will set the time of our parade.” Dyehouse was referring to the confusion and inability to attend both parades last year since the two events were scheduled too close together.

Before closing, Dyehouse informed the

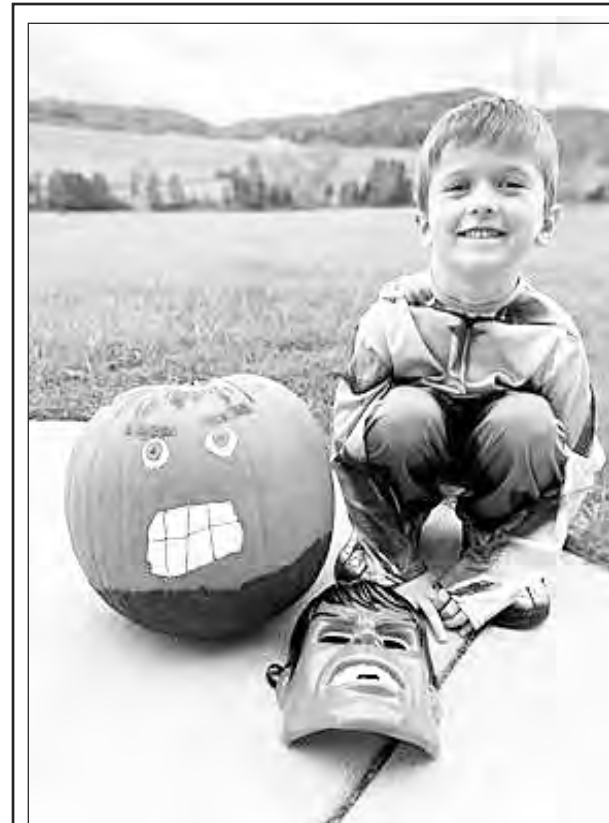
commission that five of his fire department volunteers are quarantined for COVID-19. Dyehouse said one has tested positive and the other four are listed as probable. “This isn’t limiting our response in any way,” he said. “We are still operating as normal.”

Police Chief Richard Reynolds said he is still searching for a police officer to replace Josh Foster who left the force recently. “I had some who wanted to wait till after the election to decide but now they aren’t interested in being police officers anymore,” he said.

The new Democrat administration elected last week has expressed plans to defund police forces and create new laws making a police officer’s job much more difficult and less attractive to new recruits. Many police officers across the nation have expressed their concern over a Joe Biden administration’s expected attitude towards police officers.

Reynold said he expects to begin holding interviews and hopes to find a new officer soon. The city is still accepting applications and/or resumes until further notice. “I have some good candidates but you just can’t find any who are certified who are interested after the election,” said Reynolds. “We will just have to train whom ever we hire.”

Having no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.



Kason Williams, 5, of Brodhead Elementary School, won the Rockcastle County Extension Service Pumpkin Painting contest. Great job Kason.

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead** (at the back baseball field)
- Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo** (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax** (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

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



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

Frankfort Update

**By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative**
*Veterans Day... Honoring
Those Who Make Election
Days Possible*

I am certain that I am not the only one grateful to have the election almost entirely behind us and that Kentucky's next regular election will take place in 2022 - that means two more years before we have to see another television commercial, hear another radio ad, or receive another mail piece. I also want to extend my appreciation to the folks who made this election possible - the men and women who volunteered at our polls in order for the rest of us to cast our votes. They were courteous, professional, and worked hard to keep us safe.

On Veteran's Day - November 11 - we pay respect to those men and women that have sacrificed of themselves in order for us to have the freedoms that we enjoy and cherish. Elected leaders may come and go, but the United States veteran stands always prepared to ensure this great experiment continues. The eleventh day of November is set aside every year as Veterans Day. It was established by Congress in 1938 to celebrate the brave men and women, past and present, who have served and continue to serve the United States of America.

It takes someone very special to be a veteran. When I think of the American soldier, I am reminded of the words of an unknown writer that really portray the two most important sacrifices made for us: "Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you; Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul; the other for your freedom." Regardless of which branch of our Armed Services someone serves in, they must be prepared to put politics aside and defend all Americans. They recognize that the United States Con-

stitution is a sacred document that was signed with pen in ink by our founding fathers, but fought for with the blood of patriots. That is why we each need to reflect on what it is to be a soldier and what it means to sacrifice of yourself for the greater good. I think if more of us thought that way, we might not have the great divide that faces us in America today.

If you want to reflect on our veterans, there is no easier way to do that than to look at how we honor them across our state. In county seats and towns across the commonwealth, you will see monuments to their bravery. In communities like Nicholasville, Williamstown, and Hopkinsville you will find the graves of hundreds of our veterans, lined up as if standing in formation.

Of course, memorials also exist in town squares and reminders stand at our military installations. At the main entrance to Fort Knox, you will find an M48 Main Battle Tank, the first generation of its kind. Those tanks were once instruments of war and are now reminders that they were deployed in the name of peace throughout our world. Daniel Boone, who defended the colonies in the French and Indian War and later our frontier from the British in the American Revolution, stands guard at the Kentucky National Guard's Boone Center in Frankfort.

In John 15:13, we read, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Over the last months and years, our country has been divided along political lines. Let us take this time to come together and remember the sacrifices of our friends, most of which we never met.

I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me by e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

NOTICE

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, d/b/a AT&T Mobility and Uniti Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company have filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") to construct a new wireless communications facility on a site located on Old U.S. Hwy 25, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (37° 21' 11.74" North latitude, 84° 19' 38.27" West longitude). You may contact the PSC for additional information concerning this matter at: Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to docket number 2020-00365 in any correspondence sent in connection with this matter.

Strangers On The Earth

Hebrews 11:13-14 And confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek such a country. These people were always reminded the God they served was alive, that he was real and heard their prayers and also their desires to be with God, many times our earthly wealth our troubles and our sorrows causes us to forget, that we are just pilgrims, in search of that same place. Abraham was looking for a physical place on this earth and he never gave up his search for that land that God had promised him, because in Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them that draw back.

This is the reason we see these people's names written in this letter is because they kept the faith, no matter the circumstance, they continued to follow God, how many of us if God said. Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a strange place which he should receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and went out, not knowing whither he went. Abraham was a very wealthy man, he had a lot of land, cattle, sheep, but God said Abraham, I want you to go over here, a strange land that you know nothing about. Abraham didn't get mad at God, or even question God's reasoning, he kept the faith and went, if we had been in Abraham's shoes would we have given up everything and just left where we were at?

Jesus tells us, Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. It seems in the world in general we have this all backwards, because it seems that most are seeking wealth and all the trimmings and very little time, do we spend seeking the kingdom of Heaven.

God has promised a land like no other not on this earth, this land is in Heaven, but are we really preparing to go there. When we spend 40 hours a week working, 56 hours a week sleeping, 16 hours a week eating, we have about 45 hours left and we act like it is a big deal to come to church for a couple hours on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, doesn't that seem a little strange to you, for those who are really seeking the kingdom of Heaven.

This is the reason Jesus said: Matthew 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. Let us all consider our faith, and if our faith does not move us to obey God first, then is it like Abraham's faith? Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you always remember to give Him thanks. (The most appropriate yet costly prayer one can pray, is have thine own way Lord).

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can call us at these numbers - Bro Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 or Bro Ova Baker: 606-878-8104.

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25



Let the Bible Speak

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

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.

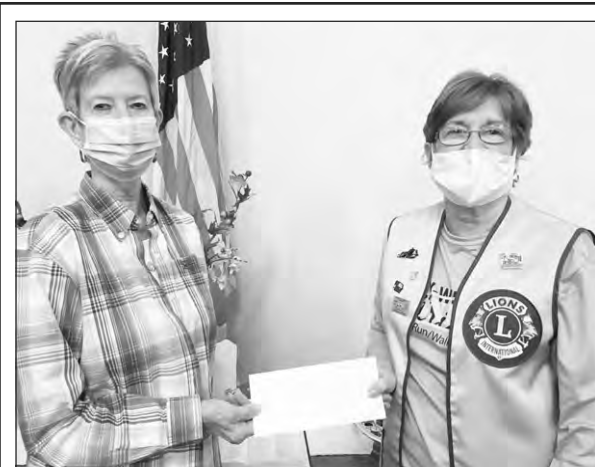
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.

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.



The winner of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club raffle was Sondra Mullins. Presenting the Cumberland Falls Lodge certificate to Mrs. Mullins is Sandy Dowell, President of the Mt Vernon Lions. The Lions would like to thank all who supported this fund raiser. The Lions continue to support community activities as well as buying glasses for qualified individuals .

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 19-CI-00159

Pennymac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff

V.

Michael Berry, individually and as Administrator of the estate of Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Thonda Berry Sams aka Rhona Fay Berry Sams Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 12, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS AND 34/100 (\$117,972.34) 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, November 20, 2020

Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

77 Scenic View Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Map ID# 044-00-049.06

Being the same property conveyed to Perry R. Sams and Rhonda B. Sams, husband and wife, jointly, with remainder in fee simple to the survivor of thereof, from Benton Bullock and Theresa Bullock, husband and wife, by deed dated February 12, 1997 and recorded February 14, 1997 in Deed Book 164. Page 546, of the records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Perry R. Sams aka Perry Reed Sams died on January 9, 2018. Upon his death, all right, title and interest in the subject property became vested in Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Rhonda Berry Sams by the right of survivorship clause. Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Rhonda Berry Sams aka Rhonda Fay Berry Sams died on January 8, 2019. Upon her death, all right, title and interest in the subject property 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 2020 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-00170

**U.S. Bank Trust National Association,
not in its individual capacity but
solely as Owner Trustee for Reo Trust
2017-RPL1 Plaintiff**

V.

**Liz Whitaker aka Elizabeth Whitaker
unknown spouse, if any, of Liz Whitaker
aka Elizabeth Whitaker and Beneficial
Loan Corporation of Kentucky Defendant**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND 68/100 (\$58,362.68) 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, November 20, 2020

Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:

Rural Route 1 Box 567, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Map ID# 024-00-041.01

Being the same property conveyed to Don Whitaker and Elizabeth Whitaker, by deed dated October 4, 1983, and being of record in Deed Book 121, Page 38, in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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.
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**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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
bhbp@gmail.com

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

Bible Baptist Church
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Travis Gilbert
Music Director: Dan Dull

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

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor

Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

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

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Hall, Pastor
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
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Central Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
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Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
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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

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

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

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Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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

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

Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Raso, Pastor
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S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Dennis Wilder, Pastor
Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmvky.org
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m., Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church
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Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church
Pastor: Josh Hasty
606-392-3809
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

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

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

Living Word Community Church
"About our Father's Business"
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist Church
6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mareburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

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

Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

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

New Heights Church
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Berea, Ky.
www.newheightsky.net
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Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
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New Hope Baptist Church
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Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor

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(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
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Kenny Allen, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Tuesday
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Wednesday
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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

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

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance

Philadelphia United Baptist
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368

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

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Providence church of Christ
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Livingston, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bill Hammond, Pastor
606-392-1826
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Roundstone Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Sand Hill Baptist Church
Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller

Sand Springs Baptist
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

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

Skaggs Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Clyde Hedge

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Pastor: Eugene Webb
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Brodhead, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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United Gospel of Christ
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Valley Baptist Church
4482 Copper Creek Rd.
Berea, Ky. 40403
Organized in December, 1908
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Jeff Draper, Pastor

Wildie Christian Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC BALLOT MAILING

Mount Vernon, Kentucky FarmService Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED, Warden Alexander, in Rockcastle County today announced that FSA began mailing ballots to eligible voters for the 2021 FSA county committee elections on Monday, November 2, 2020. Producers must return ballots to the Rockcastle County FSA office by December 7, 2020, to ensure that their vote is counted.

“County committee members play an important role in their communities and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA,” said CED Alexander.

This year, local administrative area ## 3 (east is up for election and the candidates in this year’s election are:

Brenda Parsons is nominated for Rockcastle County, to serve as a committee member. Brenda has produced Hay and Cattle for 30 years. Brenda Parsons is an active member of Rockcastle County Farmers Market, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Board, Rockcastle County District Conservation Board and the Rockcastle Co. Cattleman’s Association.

FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three (3) to eleven (11) elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment

to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Approximately 1.9 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of November 14, 2020. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. FSA has modified the ballot, making it more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at the Rockcastle County FSA office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 4, 2020. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2021.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at (606) 256-2525.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Any-

one wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

NEXT COC MEETING

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At the KTCCCA 6th grade and under cross-country state championships in Bourbon County on Saturday, RCMS 6th grader Maliyah Swinney had an awesome race, placing 9th in the first wave and 23rd overall out of 122 combined competitors with an outstanding 3,000-meter time of 13:36.3.

Mamaw’s Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BUTTER BEAN SOUP

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup diced cooked ham
1 small onion, chopped
2 small carrots, chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
2 cans butter beans, undrained
4 cups water
Salt and pepper
In a large saucepan, sauté the ham, onion, carrot and celery in oil until the onion is soft. Add water and beans to sautéed vegetables and ham. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until heated thoroughly.

CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

4 medium potatoes, diced
1 onion chopped, chopped
1 can (14 ounce) whole kernel corn
1 cup cooked chicken,

bite-sized pieces
1 cup whole milk or cream
4 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon cornstarch, optional
Place potatoes and onion in pan, cover with cold water and 1 teaspoon salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer gently 30 minutes or until potatoes are very tender. It’s fine if the potatoes start breaking up. It just makes the soup a little thicker. Add the corn and chicken. Heat thoroughly. Add the milk or cream and butter; let butter melt. Season to taste and serve. If you want soup a little thicker, stir cornstarch into milk or cream before adding to potato mixture. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Then add butter and seasoning. NOTE: Canned chicken works well in this recipe.

HERB VEGETABLE SOUP

To make this soup heartier, brown a pound of lean ground beef or use left over roast beef and add to soup. You can also use beef broth in place of the water.
1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes
1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained
1 dash hot sauce, optional
1 cup water
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon fresh minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon fresh sage
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon rosemary
1/2 cup chopped onion
Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.



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Winners declared after close general election

Rockcastle handles changes well

By: Mike French
Editor

The 2020 general election was anything but typical since voters had two weeks to vote in person before election day and all voters had the option of absentee voting or voting on election day. Also, there were only four voting locations in Rockcastle County, which included every precinct and any voter could vote at any of the four location.

Due to the many changes this year, the country experienced confusing and delayed totals.

Nationally, the race for President of the United States was so close that it took officials nearly a week to declare a winner. But even after the national media declared Joe Biden the winner, questions still surround vote totals and the legality of some ballots.

However, in Rockcastle County, the election went as expected and

totals were released Tuesday evening with the exception of some mail-in ballots. A total of six ballots came after election day (that were post-marked by election day) but only two of those counted since they were received within the required three day period. In Rockcastle County there are currently 12,835 registered voters and 7,814 of those cast their ballot during the election process this year for a voter turnout of 60.88 percent.

In Rockcastle, early voting was the most popular form of voting with 4,447 voters casting their ballot in person before election day. On election day, 1,735 cast their ballot and there were 1,632 voted absentee.

As for President of the United States, Donald Trump received 6,576 votes in Rockcastle County while Joe Biden received 1,133. Libertarian Jo Jorgensen received 56 votes, Independent Kayne West received 13 and Independent Brock Pierce received 3. There were 5 write-in votes.

United States Senator Mitch McConnell received 6,193 Rockcastle votes while past fighter pilot Amy McGrath received 1,224. Libertarian Brad Barron received 336 Rockcastle County votes. Statewide McConnell trounced McGrath 1,222,749 to McGrath's 793,729.

United States Repre-

sentative Harold "Hal" Rogers received 6,884 while Democrat Matthew Ryan Best received only 827 in Rockcastle. Statewide, Rogers had nearly 85 percent of the vote 250,660 to 46,993..

Mount Vernon's Josh Bray received 6,870 Rockcastle votes for State Representative 71st district. Bray, who is currently the Mount Vernon City Administrator, picked up 6,968 votes in Garrard County and 5,869 in Madison County for a total of 19,639 in his district. Bray ran unopposed but there were 180 illegal write-in votes cast in this race in Rockcastle County. Write-in votes are considered illegal votes and are not counted if the candidate named had not filed a letter of intent to accept the position.

Republican Andy Barr beat Josh Hicks 214,268 to 149,739.

Incumbent Leroy Lamb received 49 votes in his unopposed race for Livingston City Commission. There were five write-in votes for the seat. None of those had filed the Letter of Intent.

L. Dale Miller received 1,337 votes for constable in the 4th district along with 26 write-in votes.

Teresa Whitaker received 3,969 votes in Rockcastle County for Circuit Judge while her opponent Walter F. McGuire received 2,300 here.

No change in Mount Vernon City Council

By: Mike French
Editor

Candidates for the Mount Vernon City Council were all incumbents and the council will remain the same after January's swearing-in ceremonies.

Jamie Anderkin Bryant was the top vote-getter with 578. Bryant was followed by Sharon Saylor, 531 votes, Jackie Weaver 514, Clifford Mullins 506, Wayne Bullock with 497 and Shelly Raines Lewis with 486.

In the city council election, there were 3,123 votes cast in the race. Of those 1,697 were cast in early voting, 961 by absentee voting and only 483 in person on election day.

There was only one vote difference between Saylor and Weaver in early voting.

There were 11 write-in votes for the council but no letters of intent was filed with the Clerk's office for any of those candidates.

Two new School Board members

By: Mike French
Editor

Several races in Rockcastle County were watched closely during the 2020 general elections. Among those were candidates for the Rockcastle County School Board.

Two incumbent board members chose not to run for re-election and will step aside in 2021. Jeff VanHook, Division 2 board member, did not run and only Angela Parsons-Woods ran on the ballot to fill his position. Woods received 2,079 votes for the seat with 15 write-in votes.

Board member Susan Jordison also chose not to run for reelection in Division 5, but there were two candidates running to fill her open seat.

Larry B. Hammond, former Rockcastle County Superintendent, ran against John Matthew Chaliff to fill Jordison's seat. Hammond won the election in a close race 846 to 804 and will take office in January.

Misty Lakes had been appointed to her seat in Division 4 after Carrie Ballinger resigned to become Director of Student Services and later Superintendent. Lakes ran unopposed for the seat this election cycle and received 361 votes. Anna Goff and Angela Stallworth-Mink's term expire in the next election cycle.

There are two meetings left this year with the existing school board members. New members will be sworn in in January of 2021



The Rockcastle County Public Library would like to thank their patrons for making their Halloween goodie bag event a success. Throughout the day, 174 kids stopped by to pick up treat bags.



Brodhead City Commission to see some big changes in 2021

Three new Commissioners to take office in January

By: Mike French
Editor

The 2020 general election has been anything but a typical election and many have been surprised by some of the results.

Arguably, the biggest surprise in the local election, was the big changes to the Brodhead City Commission. Of the four incumbent candidates, only one was re-elected.

The top candidate in the race was Harold Taylor, who received 222 votes with Jerry Wayne Adams close behind at 211. Incumbent Brian Bullock placed third with 166 votes and the final elected commissioner, Teddy W. Rose, received 162 votes.

Incumbent Ricky Kirby ended election day only four votes short of the fourth place candidate with 158 votes. Incumbent John Denver Burton received 139 votes and incumbent Dallas Todd was the lowest vote-getter receiving 99 votes.

The current city commission has accomplished many changes in the city, including bringing back the city's police department, city park improvements, water and sewer plant improvements, adopting a nuisance ordinance, increased city revenue, along with several other larger city projects underway. The current com-

missioners have been working on a water retention system to avoid flooding and reducing pump station wear, as well as overseeing the alcohol administration ordinance.

Through the experience and watchful eye of Brodhead Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell, the city has also laid claim to several state and federal grants for city improvements, including nearly \$600,000 in mitigation money as well as CARES Act funding.

However, the commission has also seen its share of controversy as some residents strongly op-

posed recent annexation and a tax increase as well as the turnover inside the new police department. There has also been vocal opposition to the most recent "Golf Cart Ordinance" awaiting its second reading.

Vocal citizens attended more than one monthly meeting expressing their concern about annexation.

Still, replacing three of the four City Commissioners was not expected by many Brodhead officials.

The top four vote getters will take their seat as Brodhead City Commissioner in January of 2021.

Students should learn about credit scores

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- 35 percent is based on your payment history. Early payments will have a higher number than on-time payments, which will have a higher score than late payments.

- 30 percent is based on outstanding debt. This outstanding debt is how much you owe on car loans, mortgages, credit cards, etc. The number of credit cards you have and if those cards are near the maximum borrowing limit will hurt your score.

- 15 percent is based on the length of time you have had credit. The longer you have been borrowing money and paying it back in a timely manner, the better your score.

- 10 percent is based on new credit. If you have opened several new accounts, that will have a negative effect on your score. Also, the more inquiries on your credit report in a year, the lower

your score.

- 10 percent is based on the types of credit you currently have. It helps to have a mix of loan types. If you have a credit card, an installment loan will even out the credit.

KHEAA is the agency that administers the state's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos at itsmoney.kheaa.com and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery receipts.

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

Election note

According to Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, in any election a write-in vote is not officially counted if the candidate has not previously filed a Letter of Intent to Accept the position.

No one in Rockcastle County filed a Letter of Intent in any race, thereby disqualifying all write-in votes.

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Notice is hereby given that Lonnie McGuire and Jean McGuire, 301 Houk Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors w/will of the Estate of Gladys Chesnut on the 9th day of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lonnie and Jean McGuire or to Rowe Law Office, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2021. 42x3

Notice is hereby given that Betty Sue Long, 590 Ottawa Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Donald Lee Long on the 20th day of October, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Betty Sue Long or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey and Ford, OSC, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. 41x3

Notice is given that Amy Holtkamp has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of Jerry Smith, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held December 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 42x1

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 Anton K. and Kristi Flesher, property in Rockcastle County, to Elizabeth and Jonathon Engle. Tax \$72.
 Matthew Shepherd and Brandi C. and John Baugh, property in Joseph Lambert Lot Division, to Carl David Bengel and Latanya R. Hager. Tax \$40
 Estate of James Dennis Thomas, property on KY 1787, to Roy Gene and Anita Todd. Tax \$135
 William David Abney and Gwendolyn Flannery, property on Scaffold Cane-Conway Road, to Kenny and Penny Combs. Tax \$12
 Kendra Mullins, property on waters of Copper Creek, to Scott A. Baird and Rebecca C. Bradley. Tax \$170
 Virginia Lewis, property on waters of Rockcastle River, to Amber Kemp. Tax \$85

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Kate Allen, county property taxes due.

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Jeff Green v. Christy Jo Bailey.

US Bank National Association v. Michelle M. Martin.

Midland Credit Management v. Jeremy Fleming.

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Newcomb, county property taxes due.

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Nov. 2-4, 2020

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Editor's Note: Due to the Kentucky Supreme Court's guideline of 10/29/20, as Rockcastle County is in the COVID-19 "Red" Zone, all cases scheduled to be heard on November 2 or November 4, 2020 have been rescheduled to January 4, 2021.

New deadline

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

Marriage Licenses

Carolyn Sue Hubbard, 52, Livingston, Hitachi and Jeffrey Dale King, 57, Crab Orchard, self-employed. 10/30/20
 Emma Lee Donielle Miller, 19, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Richard Allen Skelly, 25, London, unemployed. 11/5/20
 Alisha Kay Durbin, 29, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Matthew Wayne Bullock, 34, Mt. Vernon, forklift operator. 11/6/20

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Tuasha R. Flores.
 Brittany Nicole Masten, et al v. Mickel Kalan McDaniel.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. James Bradley.
 Angel Rochelle Thompson v. Tim Gillis Thompson.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Sabrina Campbell.
 Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. v. Clyde Christopher Powell.
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC dba Mr. Cooper v. Dakota B. Smith. CI-00210

District Civil Suits

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC v. Byron Abney, money claimed due.
 Valley View apartments, LTD v. Dora Isaacs, eviction notice.
 Valley View apartments, MLTD v. Allen Pearson, eviction notice.
 Valley View Apartments, LTD v. Stormi Oldridge, eviction notice.
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According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there are now 320 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 134 additional probable cases. The county now has six COVID-related deaths with five of those reported from the Brodhead Rehabilitation and Care Center. Last week's Covid-related death was a 93-year-old female at the center.

In-Person classes resume

Since Rockcastle County was lowered to an "Orange" rating by health department officials, in-person classes have been resumed in the local school system. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger says she will remain in daily contact with all involved to make future decisions concerning in-person classes. Check rockcastle.kyschools.us for updates.

Free meal

The VFW will be providing a free Thanksgiving meal Saturday, November 28 for all veterans, current military, first responders and family members. The meal will be at 4 p.m. at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon past the boat dock at Lake Linville.

Noel Night Market

The Noel Night Market is planned for Tuesday, December 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association, the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.



Clay and Sawyer Nelson, sons of Andrew and Tricia Beth Nelson, waved their flags as first responders led the Veterans' Day Parade through the streets of Mount Vernon last Wednesday. The parade took place of the annual celebration held each year at Rockcastle Middle School. Despite the weather, many Veterans took part in the parade. In the bottom photo, Kinsley Smith, RCMS sixth grader, rides along with her grandfather and Veteran, Roger Smith.



Veterans' Day Parade huge success

By: Mike French Editor
In a time when countless events are being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials in Rockcastle County were determined to hold a Veteran's Day Parade and make it as safe as possible last week. So, The Rockcastle County School system partnered with the City of Mount Vernon to make that happen and, (See "Vet" on A8)

School board member resigns with only one remaining meeting

By: Mike French Editor
School board member Jeff VanHook submitted his immediate resignation at last week's regular monthly meeting. VanHook did not run for the seat in the recent election and the seat will be filled by board member-elect Angela Parsons Woods who ran unopposed for the Division 2 seat. Though VanHook had only one more regular meeting before his term expired, he said his resignation was required by law since he sold his home and no longer lives within the district 2 borders. "According to KRS statues, one has to live inside their district to legally have a seat on the school board," he said. VanHook is also Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Chairman Angela Mink said the board will not have to fill his seat since it would take 60 days to follow the appointment guidelines and Woods will take the seat before that time anyway. Though Superintendent Carrie Ballinger read VanHook's letter of resignation aloud to the board, VanHook spoke after. (See "Resign" on A8)

Rockcastle bounces between orange and red zones

By: Mike French Editor
Closings and cancellations have become a part of life in Kentucky, since COVID-19 first struck the state in March. Governments buildings and schools were closed, events were cancelled, meetings were virtual and many other changes followed. But not at all times. From time to time, businesses were reopened and school restarted and then closed again, and then opened again and many have wondered what determines when closures occur and when reopenings happen. The seemingly unpredictable opening and closing is actually based on a formula designed by the government creating "zones." Different restrictions and recommendations (See "Zone" on A5)

Kentucky students fall behind School Board members each express concern

By: Mike French Editor
To say it was an emotional meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education last week may be an understatement. On two separate occasions, different subjects during the abnormally long regular monthly meeting, brought some to visible tears. After an entertaining presentation from the Mount Vernon Elementary School and then another from representatives of the GEAR-UP Program, the meeting started with the signing of a proclamation designating November 16-20 as Family Engagement Week. The proclamation supports and encourages family engagement with each child's education, growth and development. Then, during the regular course of the meeting, board member Anna Stevens Goff expressed strong concern that Rockcastle County students are falling behind. (See "School" on A5)

"The most cataclysmic thing to ever happen to education is this virus."
—Marcus Reppert

Heather Lovy faces thirteen charges

By: Mike French Editor
Heather Rae Lovy, 26, of Oldham County faces 13 charges, following her arrest in Rockcastle County on Sunday, November 15. According to an arrest citation, police were called to Hayes Market on Highway 461 where a woman was apparently unresponsive. Upon arrival, Mount Vernon Police Officer Dylan Hale found the driver of a vehicle unsteady and with slurred speech. Hale called EMS since the driver seemed unable to communicate or stand, the report says. EMS workers administered 2 Narcan to the driver who then began to "realize where she was." The citation says the driver then claimed she was unresponsive. (See "Charges" on A8)

County signing final Chapin agreements

By: Mike French Editor
The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court started their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening with a closed session. Once the meeting was back in open session, the court voted to give both Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook the authority to negotiate and sign the final agreements between the county and the new Chapin Plastics, Inc. (See "Chapin" on A8)



Mount Vernon Water Superintendent Frank Baker and city employee Jordon Bales placed Christmas decorations this week. Donations from the Rockcastle Garden Club will also help adorn city streets through the holidays.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

As you reach a certain age, unless you are very, very luck genetically or have lived an exceptionally well ordered life (read correct food and exercise), you may encounter some health issues as you age. That has happened to me but, I'm happy to say, still nothing excessively worrying on the scene, as yet.

One of the good things about feeling under the weather occasionally is having five daughters who care enough about their old mom to decide that, at this point, she needs some help with day-to-day living.

That help, thus far, has taken the route of bringing in delicious meals and spending several hours each weekend taking turns cleaning the homestead (one with the additional help of granddaughter Alaina).

I really appreciate the cleaning effort. When you live alone, with just a few pets, you really don't get excited if the dishes pile up in the sink and the vacuum doesn't get taken from its resting spot real often. It's only when these situations get corrected that you realize that life can actually be much more enjoyable/comfortable if there are not dishes piled in the sink and the vacuum is put to good use.

Anyway I do appreciate their efforts and wanted them to know that publicly. I have really been down in spirit lately, and if you read this column at all you'll realize why immediately. I firmly believe that there were serious shenanigans afoot with our presidential election which resulted in the current outcome and I also feel that said shenanigans are a threat to this country's survival as a republic.

I fear that the two-tier system of justice that we seemingly have going on will extend to a "don't rock the boat" attitude by those in power that could do something about this farce of an election simply ignoring facts of fraud.

Doesn't it bother anyone that six states called a quit to counting votes election night and, in all those states, with President Trump substantially ahead at the time. But, early Wednesday morning our President had fallen substantially behind when thousands of votes (130,000 at one point in Pennsylvania) were cast for Joe Biden with none for President Trump.

I think this has been planned by the Democrat Party for months hence

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was always a week-long job and I enjoyed every moment of it. Of course, at the time, I didn't know how much I enjoyed it and would someday wish for those days again, but I never really got tired of it even in the moment.

It was the Thanksgiving celebration.

My aunt Mary Ruth hosted the family Easter celebration every year. We all gathered at her house to feast and hunt eggs and play on her farm. There must have been 20 of us kids dashing to the yard searching for that elusive "Prize Egg."

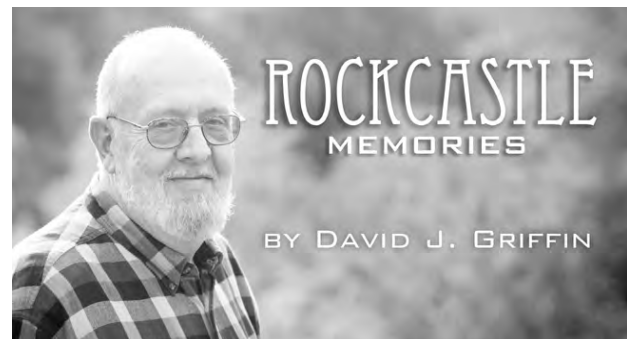
In those days, people didn't believe in "participation awards." If you won, you won. If you didn't, you tried again next year. I was not "damaged" or "psychologically affected" from that. Instead, I was taught real

life and the truth about the world rather than fantasy expectations

Aunt Edna Mae sometimes hosted our Halloween festivities and everyone in the family dressed as something. I was taught we are all the same behind the masks.

My Grandmother hosted the family Christmas dinner every year. Each member of the family opened their private presents at home under their own tree, but then we all got presents for every member of the huge

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Favorite Drives
When my November edition of Southern Living magazine arrived, I took a glance at the contents page and was delighted to find that the Travel and Culture section had a story about scenic drives.

When I turned to that segment of the magazine, I discovered that three of the five featured road trips were ones which my wife and I have visited on numerous occasions:

Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, and the Red River Gorge Scenic Byway.

My first experience with two of the drives began in the spring of 1961, when my friend Bud Cox, and I drove to Manassas, Virginia, to visit my brother (Al) and his family. Because we were on Spring Break from high school, we opted to take the leisurely drive to make our trip last

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Last Friday, noonish, I was sitting on the front porch, soaking up the last warm day we're apt to see for awhile, when Loretta stepped outside to bring me a cup of just-brewed coffee. I'm lucky she didn't spill half of it in my lap because she was no sooner put the door than she began exclaiming, "Look, look, look at that beautiful hawk in the garden!"

The garden, at least

what little is left of it, is only a few feet directly beside the left side of the porch and by the few seconds it took me to spot the bird, it was ready to take flight. Suffice to say that my wife has no future career as a wildlife stalker. A pet cat would have taken flight at all the commotion she was making.

In the meantime, I was wondering where the peregrine falcon had come from and what was it doing in my late cabbage plants? (The cabbage plants are something else that have no

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We Give Thanks...

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1 Thessalonians 5:18

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Gunner, a Hero of WWII

Dear Journal, This morning was a cool, rainy Sunday morning and I was in no hurry to get out of bed. I finally managed



to get up and sat on the side of the bed and reached to the night stand to get my tablet. As I woke up, I scrolled through Facebook. I don't get on it as much as I did, so I needed to catch up on things. The very first thing I saw was that my first cousin, Linda, in North Carolina had died

yesterday. So sad.

I scrolled a little farther and saw a post that really got my attention. It was a post that a man named Ian Brown had posted in remembrance of his uncle (he didn't mention his name) on this past week's Veterans Day.

The first thing that caught my eye was a rather scruffy looking mixed breed dog. He looked like he was mostly a Jack Russell.

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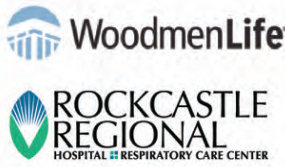
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“ramblings”

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their universal mail-in ballots efforts. The only thing that caused something of a problem for them was that President Trump was winning so heavily that they had to come up with more bogus votes than they originally thought they would have to and this required them shutting down the counting in these swing states to give them time to come up with their thousands upon thousands of bogus ballots.

I think that election machines furnished by Dominion were built for just such an outcome. I think there is significant proof of voter fraud (illegals and the dead besides just plain old ballot box stuffing) in these states particularly but do I think that we will see a just outcome for our President and our country? No, I do not. I think that with the support of 99% of the media, the tech industry and big business (who love Democrats for their pro position on illegal immigration which helps them have a constant supply of cheap labor) that the lie will be allowed to stand and we will all be worse off for it.

We may even be “worse off” enough that our country will cease to be that “shining city upon a hill” President Reagan talked about in his farewell speech in 1989.

I am bereft. I am saddened that there is even the hint of improprieties in our national election. It sickens me when I think of the lives that have been lost by our soldiers who have fought for our country because they assumed

that we would always be a country of law and order for everyone and the best example of exceptionalism in the world.

Call me a sore loser, call it sour grapes, call it whatever you want but deep down, each and everyone who participated in this farce knows the damage they have done to our country and they are still rejoicing in it.

“Aces”

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family and took those to Grandma's house.

Luckily, all of mom's 11 brothers and sisters and all their children knew why we were there. I was taught it wasn't for the presents.

Then, at Thanksgiving, it was our home that hosted those same family members.

For the full week before Thanksgiving, mom was cooking the stuff that would last till Thanksgiving Day and changing all the tablecloths and curtains to look seasonal.

The two days before Thanksgiving, mom never sat down. I felt sorry for her because she worked like a farm mule but the truth is, she loved every minute of it.

I see her heart breaking every time she stands in front of a stove wishing she could still cook such feasts..

Our home was filled with people and dishes covered every flat surface. Typically, in those days, the men gathered up in one area of the house and the women gathered in another, while us kids were outside playing.

Yes, kids used to run and jump and climb trees and get dirty and cold and explore life. We experi-

enced fellowship, made friends, learned lessons, got bruises and learned to heal from life's misfortunes.

The only time we were sitting on the couch, with our face buried in a device ignoring our family, was when the device was a humidifier and we had a cold. Of course in those days, when it was flu season, we didn't lock our doors and hide in the basement.

Holidays were about family in those days. We were so thankful for our freedom, our liberty, our family, our home, our jobs and the things that most people seem to take for granted anymore.

Mom can't host such family events anymore but it wouldn't be the same even if she could. Of course grandma and grandpa are gone and most of mom's brothers and sisters and dad is gone as well.

Myself and Dora gather at mom's with my kids and their other halves and my grandchildren now. We all bring what we can and we still laugh and sing and play and our house is filled with thanks givings.

But I was blessed to live in a time when family holidays gave us all one more big reason for joy. Old fashioned joy.

That kind of joy of knowing there is a house filled with people who all love each other. Some of them I only saw two or three times a year but there was no gap in our love for each other. It was like we had just seen them yesterday.

Those were days filled with fellowship and prayer with respect for everyone, honor for those older and adoration for those younger. No one in the house was rich and no one was poor. No one was better or worse, above or below anyone else.

It was life as we knew it. I was taught thankfulness comes from the heart, not the lips.

Because we grew up with it, we will always have it. And those memories are yet one more of the countless things I have to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

longer and to allow us to see the amazing wildlife in the area. Bud and I talked about that trip for the next 50 plus years.

My wife and I have driven on the Blue Ridge Parkway several times. On at least two occasions, we even planned our vacation travels around the parkway.

Since we are addicted to scenic views of nature and wildlife watching, my wife and I love the slow-paced 45 mph speed limit. It is also especially helpful because we take lots of photographs, and the Parkway offers frequent and extraordinarily easy pull-offs that make this possible.

We have spent a couple of our vacations visiting Skyline Drive, which is a 105 mile road that runs the entire length of the National Park Service's Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. It is hard to beat for viewing fall foliage.

The speed limit along Skyline Drive is 35 mph, giving the visitor a leisurely view of the National Park. Deer, black bear, and turkeys are often seen crossing the

highway in the Park. I have taken photos of a black bear on a couple of occasions in the area.

Southern Living's article about the Red River Gorge began this way: “If outdoor adventure is what you're after, the Red River Gorge Scenic Byway has it at every turn.” The 16-mile drive passes through the Daniel Boone National Forest in Powell County.

Before we moved to Mt. Sterling in November of 2019, we lived in an A-frame house on top of Furnace Mountain in Powell County. Our house was only eight miles from the entrance to the Red River Gorge. We often drove through the gorge as we enjoyed the amazing views, the trails, the awesome trees in the fall, and an occasional glimpse of wildlife.

When we had our friends visit from other parts of the state, we often took them on a drive through the gorge. Combined with the mountain-top view from our back deck, they often likened it to a visit to the Smokies.

I have enjoyed taking road trips since I acquired my driver's license in March of 1960. But no matter how many I have experienced, I often still find myself up for a leisurely drive through the rolling hills and mountains of Kentucky—it may not be a road trip, but it will do for the time being.

(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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He was white with a brown spot on his back and two spots covering each side of his face, ears and base of his tail. He had ears that stood up and then drooped down a bit in the front and had hair that was about an inch long. Altogether, he was just a very cute little dog. Some soldiers had raised him while being deployed on the front lines in Germany during WWII. They cared for Gunner the best they could considering the conditions. They fed him of their rations and he slept under an anti-aircraft gun that Ian Brown's uncle used in service.

When Gunner was about eighteen months old he began aiding his family, the soldiers. He would get up and listen

quietly, almost as if he had been trained. He could just sense a danger in the air. If he didn't growl, all was safe. If he began to growl, the German fighter planes would soon be seen in the skies above. He was known to be 100% accurate. Gunner could hear the German planes coming before any instrumentation the Allied forces had, if they even had any at that time. He alerted this family to the swiftly approaching danger and his outfit no doubt warned other soldiers in the area. This little dog saved the lives of an untold number of soldiers and aided in the victory of WWII. Ian wanted to save this unique bit of his family's history before it faded away. He thought it was a tale worth remembering and so do I.

The day came when the Allied Forces won the war and it was time for Ian's uncle to come back home to America. Guess what. He brought little Gunner home with him and the uncle and little Gunner spent their days together from then on in peace and happiness with the front lines and the German planes only a distant memory.

According to Wikipedia, there is a similar story about a dog but this dog is black and white. This dog's name is Gunnar and was an Australian Kelpie. He also detected planes and was trained by Percy Westcott. Gunnar served in the Royal Australian Air Force 1942-1945. He worked defending northern Australia from Japanese aircraft. To see more about Gunnar go to Wikipedia.

“Points East”

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future unless you count them as green manure but my buddy, Ralph King, brought them to me in early October and my brother, Andy, felt obligated to stick them in the garden. And, hey, it is still 2020 so you never what will happen to them.)

The only thing I know for sure is that, for a scant few seconds, I was staring down a peregrine falcon. It would be difficult to miss identify one in broad daylight when it was standing fewer than 20 feet away and didn't seem to be in any particular hurry to leave. Our yard is infested with voles and/or moles and I suspect the falcon had found an easy meal. I'd be willing to build it a perch if it

wanted to take up residence.

I know that there are nesting peregrines some 20 miles away on Herrington Lake and I've been told that they are frequently sighted much closer by on Silver Creek and several other, nearby, larger bodies of water.

It's also not uncommon to spot other birds of prey off our front porch. We have seen bald eagles on numerous occasions. Three years ago we had an osprey hanging around for a couple of weeks and we still see it every now and then. Red tail hawks are with us nearly every day and a friendly Cooper's hawk often lights on the roof of Loretta's she shed located on the opposite side of the garden. I hear both barred and great horned owls' talking to one another nearly every night, within 200 yards, or closer, to the house, but the falcon was a rather pleasant surprise.

It's a very common sight to spot one sort of raptor or another perched on a dead sycamore limb directly in front of or right beside our house. We also see one or another varieties of hawks utilizing the same habitat nearly every time we make a daylight trip to Berea, Richmond or Berea.

This is a tad off the subject, but I'd like to know why the sycamores are dying in our neck of the wood and whether other folks in other places are experiencing the same phenomena? It seems to be a rather slow death that starts in the topmost branches and works its way down.

One larger sycamore beside our house is nearly completely dead now and its demise has been 20 years in the making. Two others that tower upwards of 100 feet tall, directly in front of the house, have been noticeably dying for the 3 or 4 years to the point that their top 20 feet have already become leafless skeletons.

Without trying very hard, I counted 26 sycamores on a 7 mile stretch alongside highway 21, between Paint and Berea that were in various stages of death and decay. A couple of them are so tall and the limbs so large that they are rapidly becoming dangers to the traveling public.

If anybody knows what's going on with the sycamores, please let me know, not that I can do anything about it. I'm reasonably sure this one can't be blamed on Covid 19.

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Health Department Holiday Hours
 Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
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.
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Obituaries



Charley Lamb

Charley Lamb, 85, of Old State Road, Mt. Vernon, has been lovingly reunited with his parents, his beloved wife, Lois (Mason) Lamb, of 57 years, and their infant son after peacefully passing on November 12, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 30, 1935 to the late Lafey Scott and Ida Mae (Kidwell) Lamb. He married Lois (Mason) Lamb on June 26, 1963.



He was a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County. He was a child of God and a member of Roundstone Baptist Church. He served his

country in the United States Army and was also a former employee of the Rockcastle County Road Department. He was a farmer, farmhand, handyman, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a true friend. He was a very honest, hardworking man who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by: his children, Betty Jean Lamb Brinegar, Ronnie Jay (Susan) Lamb and Donnie Ray Lamb, all of Mt. Vernon, Sheila Lynn Lamb Alexander (Herbert Shanks) of Richmond and Charles Steven (Snake) (Fannie) Lamb of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren, Larry Travis (Jennifer) Smith of Richmond, Sgt. Alicia Nicole Lamb of Georgetown, Latoya Lamb (Michael Collins) of Mt. Vernon, Brandon (Stephanie) Lamb of Berea, Danielle Alexander of Richmond, Deanna Alexander of Richmond, Savannah Lamb of Mt. Vernon and Steven Lamb of Mt. Vernon; eight great grandchildren, Jordan, MJ, Kaliee, Kayden, Kendall, Landon, Branson, and Oaklee; siblings, JT Lamb of Berea, Dora Faye Lamb Smith of Mt. Vernon, and Wilma Jean Lamb Moody of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Betty Lois Mason Lamb, and infant son, Phillip Joe; his parents, Lafey Scott, and Ida Mae (Kidwell) Lamb; a brother, Albert Forester Lamb; sisters, Julia Melissa Lamb and Elvena Lamb Powers; and dear friend, Bruce Fraley, all with whom he will be reunited.

His final resting place is in Wynn Cemetery, Conway, with a graveside service held Saturday, November 14, 2020 with Jamie Hamilton officiating.

Casketbearers were: his sons, Donnie, Snake, and Ronnie; grandson, Steven Lamb; nephew, Lafey Smith; and family friend, Jeff Carpenter. Honorary casketbearers were: JT Lamb, Scott Lamb, Vester Maples, Bruce Fraley Jr. and Ernie Eugene Mason. Obituary provided by the family.

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New deadline

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

Expectations

What Do We Expect From God?

In this world of unaccountability, Christians often think somehow they should be able to live under the canopy of Christianity, that is the security of God, without having any expectations upon them. In other words, God pour out your bountiful blessings upon me. It leads to the attitude that somehow God owes us and that we are entitled to all that He has to offer.

In all other relationships, there are expectations from both parties. For example, in marriage we want faithfulness, loyalty. In the family, we want respect for and from each other. In business, we want honesty, dependability, reliability but somehow we have gotten the ideal when it comes to God that we should have great expectations of Him and He should not expect anything from us. I would like to point out a few scriptures that teach otherwise:

Exodus Chapter 14 Moses had to expect God to save them when he parted the Red Sea or he wouldn't have led the children of Israel across the floor of the sea. Point is it's okay to expect great things of God when you're acting on His instructions and He will deliver you. Folks, that takes faith.

Deuteronomy Chapter 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, IF thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy GOD.

28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy GOD, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee.

It takes faith in God and no one else, in *Genesis 22* Abraham followed God's instructions in offering up Isaac. In *Daniel 3* Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not fall down and worship Nebuchadnezzar's gold image. They put their faith in God, not in themselves and not in Nebuchadnezzar and in *verses 25-26*, once again, God delivers His servants.

In *John 10:10* Christ says I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. In *John 14:15* He says if you love me keep my commandments. If we put our faith in God, He'll exceed expectations!

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Marietta (Gatliff) Jones

Marietta (Gatliff) Jones, 70, of Brodhead, died Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born May 17, 1950 in Berea to the late Delbert and Dorothy (Ramsey) Gatliff. She married Billy Jones on March 20, 1970 and from that union came three children, Angela, Toni, and Steven. She was a factory seamstress for 39 years, was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 50 years, Bill Jones of Brodhead, her children, Angela (Scott) Mullins of Stanford, Toni (Marty) Evans of Mt. Vernon, and Steven (Alice) Jones of Quail; grandchildren, Matthew Smith, Jessica (Josh) Lowery, Zachary Bledsoe, Marissa Jones, Kasie Mullins and Israel Mullins; two great grandsons, Brenton Layne Bledsoe and Cason Zachary Bledsoe; and two brothers, Barry (Lavada) Gatliff of Mt. Vernon, and Benny (Joyce) Gatliff of Franklin, OH.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: two infant twin brothers, Floyd and Roy; and one sister, Teresa Gatliff.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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David John Purcell

David John Purcell, 85, a resident at Thomson-Hood Veterans Home, entered eternal rest Friday, November 6, 2020 while hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Lexington. He was born in the Plato community of Pulaski County December 6, 1934, the son of the late John and Evelyn (Bullock) Purcell. He was a Veteran who served in the Air Force receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1957. He then studied and graduated from Western Kentucky University. He was a member of Burnett's Chapel Methodist Church. He and his wife, the late Alene Norton Purcell, enjoyed their church and shared a love of gospel and bluegrass music.



He was preceded in death by: his wife, Alene Norton Purcell, who he married January 27, 1961; and his daughter, Melinda (Dan) Hunter.

Survivors include: his daughter, Melanie (Brett) Williams of Raleigh, NC; a brother, Donald (Louanna) Purcell of Somerset; grandchildren, Spencer Williams and Ramsey Williams, Hannah (Bill) Semones and Collin Hunter; and great grandchildren, Quinn and Scout Semones.

Burial service was held at the gravesite in Skaggs Creek Cemetery in Rockcastle County on Saturday November 14, 2020.

Pulaski Funeral Home was entrusted with funeral arrangements.

You Are Not Alone

Remember the words of Peter as he wrote to those who were enduring terrible afflictions. 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. The Heavenly Father does care for you, He has provided many things for us in our times of trouble. He knows you personally by name. John 10:3 To him the porter opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

When you pray to God, Jesus is able to call your name out to God and say to him, this is John Doe or Cathy Deer, or your name and they are going through some difficult times and they need your help. Our Father is so aware of you, that the very hairs of your head are numbered. Matthew 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. If God pays that close attention to us, to know the very number of hairs that are on our heads, can we doubt that God is with us at all times. We are not alone.

Not only does the Father know our names and the number of hairs on our head. He puts the tears in a bottle and writes them in His book, according to the Psalmist. Psalms 56:8 Thou tells my wanderings, put thou tears in a bottle, are they not in my book. Putting our tears in a bottle has reference to the ancient practice of bottling the tears of a mourner burying it with the deceased.

What David is asking God his to not forget his tears. This verse indicates the interest God has in the tears we shed in sorrows, grief and losses. When we ask God to remember our tears we must also remember, His promise about taking away all tears.

Revelations 21:4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. Remember you are not alone in your suffering, God wanted you and I to know, others are suffering along with us. This is the reason Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:13 But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

This verse puts forth the idea for us to trust in God and draw nearer to Him when we are in trouble. No wonder Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

Thank you as always for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with things you need, and you remembered to give God the thanks that He so richly deserves. (It is shocking that many men are more concerned with the weather, that they are facing God in judgement.) If you would like to call someone from the Church, you can reach us at these two numbers: Bro. Dale McNew- 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Let the Bible Speak

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

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 Re-

covery 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 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.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 19-CI-00170

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Reo Trust 2017-RPL1 Plaintiff

v.

Liz Whitaker aka Elizabeth Whitaker unknown spouse, if any, of Liz Whitaker aka Elizabeth Whitaker and Beneficial Loan Corporation of Kentucky Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND 68/100 (\$58,362.68) 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, November 20, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:

Rural Route 1 Box 567, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Map ID# 024-00-041.01

Being the same property conveyed to Don Whitaker and Elizabeth Whitaker, by deed dated October 4, 1983, and being of record in Deed Book 121, Page 38, in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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 2020 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**

“School”

(Continued from front)

Rockcastle County students, and students throughout Kentucky, are falling behind. With an emotional expression of her views, Goff said she was speaking as a mother as much as a board member. "Our kids are so far behind. I mean way, way behind where they should be right now," she said. "I am so heavy hearted that my kids were 4.0 students and now they are this far behind."

She continued to say students may not be doing their work as expected under the new virtual system of education. "I started checking and my kids weren't doing anything. They were just learning nothing. And I am one of the mothers who checked on it and tries to keep up with their progress," she said. "We have to do something. I don't know what all the answers are, but something needs to change. It is very sad that our students have fallen behind this much. Our students are not getting the education they should be getting."

At the time of the meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th, Rockcastle County was still listed as a "Red Zone" county and, with rising COVID-19 cases, many expected that rating to remain intact for some time. State mandates all but require Kentucky schools to close to in-person classes with this rating. However, Rockcastle County was lowered to an "Orange Zone" two days later.

Not knowing that rating would be lowered, Goff's statement sparked an intense conversation among every board member and most department heads, each of whom expressed similar concerns.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger answered questions and responded to comments during the conversation agreeing that students should be in a classroom. "There is no doubt that kids need to be in a classroom with a teacher," she said. "But we have no choice but to consider the personal safety of each student as well as the staff, faculty and parents. We have a responsibility to all of them to make wise decisions based on facts."

Board Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink said officials may not be fully aware of the problems parents and students are having with the new system. "Let's face it," she said. "You guys are all central office. Parents and kids say things to us that they may not say to you. Parents come to us

with concerns they may not share with central office. I talk to mothers who are hurting. I mean they are really hurting and there is nothing they can do to help."

While Rockcastle County students are scoring better than students in many other counties, according to some, Ballinger hopes to get students caught up quickly. "All we can do is take into consideration all the health department recommendations, the state's recommendations, the mandates, the spread of the virus, the dangers involved and consider every possible angle and make the best decision for the safety of everyone," she said. "We have to consider so many factors before we make any decisions and we have to do the right thing for everyone. Sometimes that may not be popular or expected but we have no choice but to keep everyone's health and safety in mind."

Board member Jeff VanHook suggested he is ready for students to return to class in person. "There is danger involved in driving home tonight. It may be dangerous to sit here right now. Life is filled with danger and risks. But sometimes you have to accept some risks in life," he said.

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert agreed all students are not getting the proper education. "It is clear that some students are definitely struggling. We know that some students haven't done anything at all," he said. "We try our best to reach out to those students and contact the parents and keep everyone involved. There are some who take very well to this system. But truthfully, there are others who do not and yes, they are behind. The most cataclysmic thing to ever happen to education is this virus."

Director of Instruction Jason Coguer said students need relationships with teachers. "What we are missing here is the one-on-one relationship with teachers and fellow students. If any of us listed who we would thank for where we are today, we would list some of our teachers. Kids are not getting that," he said. "It takes two things to provide a good education -- keeping a student interested and keeping a student involved. Virtual learning does not provide either of those two things. The honest truth is, every teacher in the state is a first year teacher this year. We have no experienced educators because there is no one with experience at any of this. That, combined with no social contact, and it is a

difficult time for everyone. Students need a teacher to see, to speak to, to share with, to bond with, to work with and you just can't get that with virtual learning."

Several board members told sad stories that started with "I know one parent who..." but all of them ended with the student being left behind and not getting the education the board member believed they should.

VanHook and Mink both suggested the "facts and figures" provided by the state may not be accurate. "The numbers the state tell us may or may not be the whole story," said Mink. VanHook expanded saying "These incident rate numbers they (state officials) are using are based on things that don't apply to Rockcastle County's population," he said.

Ballinger listened to each story and each recommendation and before moving on to the next agenda item, made a final comment. "I believe it is our responsibility and our duty to look at all data and take every form of information possible into consideration. Not one person wants kids back in school more than I do. But the reality is we have to look at the health of the staff as well as the students and families of Rockcastle County," she said. "We have to make the wise decisions based on every aspect of health and education and everyone's well-being. It is all we can do."

Two days after the meeting, Rockcastle County was taken out of the "Red Zone" and placed in the "Orange Zone" lifting some of the Governor's and the Health Department's recommendations. On Thursday evening, Ballinger announced school would be back in session this week for in-person classes. By press time Tuesday, the rating was back to within 0.02 of the Red Zone rating again.

The meeting then moved on.

Finance Director Jenny Sweet provided the monthly financial statements and budget statements to the board. The 40-page Order of the Treasurer report listed detailed expenses in the school system but Sweet reaffirmed her transparency. "Look though all of it and if you have the slightest question on anything at all, for any reason at all at any time, please don't hesitate to ask," she said. "This goes for the entire budget and all expenditures and revenues. Ask..please ask. It is your job to ask questions and it is my job to answer them. Don't hesi-

tate."

Ballinger also asked for board approval to change the wording of the Rocket Relaunch Program. She asked to change the word "will" to "may" in every instance in the program guide.

According to Ballinger, this will provide more flexibility to the school system and avoid possible misunderstandings in the future. "Rather than say we 'will' do something under certain conditions, we need to say we 'may' do that," she said. "It gives us more flexibility to study all factors involved instead of putting us in a corner."

As a last item for discussion, Ballinger announced that future meetings, beginning in December, will be broadcast live on social media. "There are a lot of questions people have that could be answered at our meetings. This will make it easier and safer for anyone who wants to attend a meeting to do so from home," she said.

The board then heard the Superintendent's Personnel Report. It is as follows:

Full Time Classified Employees:

Charity Johnson, Assistant Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Scott Adams, Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Matthew Brown, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at RCHS; Lisa Durham, Food Service Manager at BES; Angie Payne, School Based Mental Health Coordinator at RCMS.

Resignations:

Scott Adams, Assistant Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Jason VanZant, custodian at RCHS, Angela Hendrickson, Academic Team Coach at RCMS.

Retirements:

Marian Cable, Teacher at MVES.

“Zone”

(Continued from front)

Conditions apply for each incident zone rating and that rating is based on a complex formula designed by health professionals.

The new ratings place an area or a community in either Green, Yellow, Orange or Red Zones.

Coincidentally, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger had created a system specifically for Rockcastle County, prior to the state's color system, that was nearly the same system. Unfortunately, this caused even more unavoidable confusion locally because the state's new four-color system was slightly different from Ballinger's three-color system. Hence, many local residents confused the two systems.

Since then Ballinger addressed this issue at a board meeting and abandoned her system locally to avoid more confusion.

Statewide, the "Green" rating is for counties with zero or one case daily per 100,000 people. Even in the Green rating, the state lists many restrictions and suggestions including masks, the cancelling of field trips and limiting visitors. Administrators and community leaders are asked to consider avoiding events or gatherings.

The "Yellow" rating is for counties with 1-10 new positive cases daily per 100,000 people. Those in the Orange Zones have the same restrictions as those in Yellow Zones with minor additions. However, those additions only suggest more awareness and encouragement of masks and social distancing and asks that officials consider restricting the number of student at one time in one place and to consider other steps to avoid spread.

The "Orange" rating asks that administrators consider remote learning only and is applied to counties with 10-25 cases daily per 100,000 people. The wording of restrictions in the Orange rating is more aggressive and "suggests" that no groups gather unless necessary.

The "Red" rating is for communities with 25 or more cases per day per 100,000 people. None of the ratings forbid in-person classes but the wording avoids words like "consider" in the Red Zone. Officials locally (school board member Jeff VanHook for example) said the

Governor's "suggestions" may as well be mandates if he may withhold funding unless those "suggestions" are followed.

The Red rating "suggests" suspending in-person classes and the closure of government buildings unless essential. All school-related activities, including sports, are also cancelled in the Red Zones.

The color zone system was created in a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

As of Thursday, November 12, Rockcastle County was moved from the Red Zone to the Orange Zone and Ballinger and school board members decided to return to in-person classes this week. Ballinger suggests she intends to avoid halting in-person classes again unless the spread begins to put individual students or staff in direct danger.

Ballinger says she will continue to remain in contact with the health department and other officials to monitor the spread of COVID-19, but she feels "confident that we can work to mitigate this spread and keep our students safe."

Ballinger says there are no teachers who are positive for COVID-19 and only one bus driver is in quarantine. There are two students in quarantine and two students who tested positive. One of those students has not been in a school building this year and the other is in quarantine.

Rockcastle's rating as of Sunday, November 15 was 22.2. The highest rated Kentucky county is Elliot with 157.5. Allen County is the lowest with 16.1

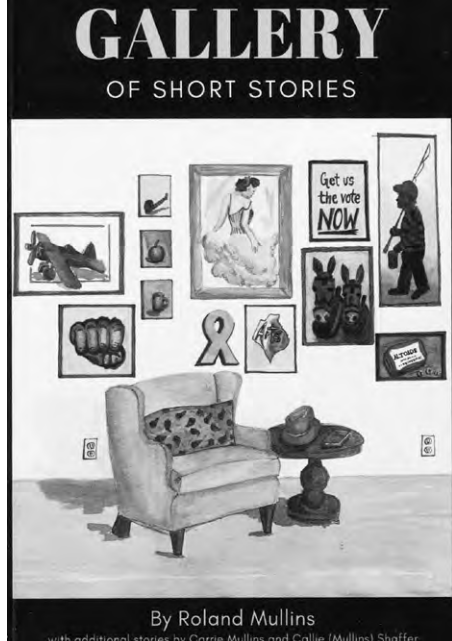
The sudden Orange rating came as a relief to Ballinger since every board member and most department heads asked Ballinger to send students back to in-person classes at last week's regular monthly school board meeting.

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Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger signed a declaration for GEAR UP Family Engagement Week for November 16-20. Pictured standing are from left: Cayci Mahaffey (Academic Interventionist), Eric Bullock (College and Career Navigator), Rebecca Isaacs (Program Manager), Kayla Bryant (Academic Interventionist), and Caitlin Callahan (College and Career Navigator).



Roland Mullins donated a copy of his newest book titled *Gallery of Short Stories* to the Rockcastle County Library. Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle County Librarian, is shown accepting the book.

Remembrance Tree goes virtual

One of the community's most beloved, holiday traditions is the annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony, with hundreds participating each year for more than 25 years. The 2020 ceremony will be hosted live and virtually on Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m.

The event will be live streamed on the Hospice Care Plus Facebook page. A Facebook account is not required to participate. To participate, request a memorial ornament at hospicecareplus.org or 859-986-1500, then visit facebook.com/hospicecp at 2 p.m. on Dec. 6.

people to memorialize those loved ones and acknowledge and respect their absence."

Lisa Knicely, who leads Hospice's bereavement program, believes the COVID-19 pandemic may make grief during the holidays even more pronounced.

"A lot of people who've had a loss this year had to go through it without the typical supports. They may not have had the chance to mourn together with family and friends, or to participate in the rituals that help us have closure and say goodbye. It's possible that will make the holidays more challenging this year. The Remembrance Tree, as a ritual and a ceremony, can help."

For questions or more information, contact Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's non-profit provider of home hospice care, inpatient hospice care the Compassionate Care Center, home palliative care, and bereavement support.

Anyone can request a memorial ornament. There is no fee for ornaments, but a donation of any size is encouraged. Proceeds from the ceremony cover the cost of the ornaments and help fund all programs offered by Hospice Care Plus.

The Remembrance Tree ceremony gives the community a chance to remember loved ones during the holiday season by placing a personalized memorial ornament on a remembrance tree. Hospice Care Plus sponsors the event as part of its bereavement program, which provides grief support services to the community. Although this year's event must be virtual to comply with COVID guidelines, the program and purpose remain the same.

"We recognize that the holidays are a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones, even if the losses are not recent," says Hospice Care Plus CEO Scott Thompson. "I hope the Remembrance Tree tradition will allow

Many families save and collect each Remembrance Tree ornament. The 2020 ornament is a round, transparent disk featuring a winter scene with a cardinal, and includes the saying, "I am always with you."

The live-streamed ceremony will begin with an opening prayer and holiday music and continue with the reading of memorial names. Hospice Care Plus staff will place memorial ornaments on the Remembrance Tree as the names are read. Guests who participate virtually are invited to use Facebook comments to type their loved one's name as it is read or to share a favorite memory.

Guests may claim their ornaments on one of four dates in December. The pick-up will take place outdoors, socially distanced, on Dec. 7 and 8, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Compassionate Care Center, and Dec. 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Hospice's Berea office.

New deadline

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



MIKE HARMON
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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• Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2019 Fee Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter is being published by Auditor of Public Accounts on November 19, 2020 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
Sheriff of Rockcastle County

**SLICE AND BAKE
FRUITCAKE COOKIES**

These two recipes come from a friend of mine from Brodhead High School, Phyllis Shivel. We both remember good times at the skating rink. I graduated with one of her brothers. For the first recipe Phyllis writes: Regina, I use 1 cup of the mixed fruit, which usually has cherries in it. After I roll dough in a log, I roll one log in green sugar and one in red and chill. I put 1/2



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



of red or green cherry on top. (Red cherry with red sugared roll, green with green.)
1 cup butter, softened
1 cup powdered sugar
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 and 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup each red and green candied cherries, chopped
In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda. Gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in raisins and cher-

ries. Shape dough into two 2-inch thick logs. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Preheat oven to 350°. Cut logs into 1/4 -inch slices. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to

cool.
MOCHA NUT BALLS
1 cup butter softened
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 3/4 C all-purpose flour
1/3 cup cocoa
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
1 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 325°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, cocoa, and coffee granules. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture and mix well. Stir in nuts. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes or until firm. Cool on pans for 1 to 2 minutes before removing to wire racks. Roll warm cookies in powdered sugar.

CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

**KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL
ELECTRIC RATES**

Residential Service - Rate RS

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Infrastructure:	\$ 0.05886	\$ 0.06750
Variable:	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Total:	\$ 0.08963	\$ 0.09950

Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.02683	\$ 0.03312
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Off-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.05760	\$ 0.06512
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.24465	\$ 0.18924
On-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
On-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.27542	\$ 0.22124

Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.01276	\$ 0.01276
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):	\$ 0.04353	\$ 0.04476
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:		
Base Hours	\$ 3.44	\$ 4.01
Peak Hours	\$ 8.90	\$10.37

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions and to add two optional rate schedules: General Time-of-Day Energy Service ("GTOD-Energy") and General Time-of-Day Demand Service ("GTOD-Demand"). KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 10.4%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,120	68,176,839	10.68	12.85	10.67
Residential Time-of-Day	1,184	19,427	10.68	12.08	10.69
General Service	1,689	26,734,943	10.68	26.91	10.68
New Rate Schedule					
All Electric School	25,276	1,453,830	10.68	285.86	10.68
Power Service	31,900	19,592,722	10.67	351.54	10.67
Time-of-Day Secondary	194,032	14,530,948	10.69	1,580.24	10.69
Time-of-Day Primary	1,288,759	26,942,083	10.68	8,786.08	10.68
Retail Transmission	5,852,624	8,787,141	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,490,867	3,514,118	10.69	292,843.20	10.69
Outdoor Lights	58	(129)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting Energy	3,373	18	0.01	0.02	0.01
Traffic Energy	150	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
PSA	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rider - CSR	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Sports Lighting - Pilot Program	6,800	(4,762)	(4.97)	(99.21)	(4.97)

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer's residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU's billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU is also proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

Other Charges

KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.50
Meter Test Charge	\$75.00	\$79.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$24.00	\$21.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$28.00	\$37.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	New	\$0
Unauthorized Connection Charge - without meter replacement	\$70.00	\$45.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase standard meter replacement	\$90.00	\$66.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMR meter replacement	\$110.00	\$87.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMI meter replacement	\$174.00	\$149.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for three-phase meter replacement	\$177.00	\$154.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	New	\$39.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	New	\$15.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.16	\$1.36
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.99	\$0.92
EVSE - Networked Single Charger	\$132.09	\$132.09
EVSE - Networked Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$193.62
EVSE - Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$82.86
EVSE-R - Networked Single Charger	\$121.79	\$121.79
EVSE-R - Networked Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$173.02
EVSE-R Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$30.86
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for First Two Hours	\$0.75	\$0.75
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for Every Hour After First Two Hours	\$1.00	\$1.00
EVC-FAST - Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
Excess Facilities - w/ no CIAC	1.16%	1.17%
Excess Facilities - w/ CIAC	0.47%	0.47%
TS - Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS - Seasonal	100%	100%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com.

A person may examine KU's application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or at the other KU business offices, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Kentucky Utilities Company
c/o LG&E and KU Energy LLC
220 West Main Street
P. O. Box 32010
Louisville, Kentucky 40232
800-981-0600

Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
502-564-3940

“Chapin”

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The deal will sell the building to the New York company who is already moving into the building. "This will be a very strong relationship between the county and Chapin," said VanHook. They have already hired about seven people at the plant and they are using all local vendors to get the building ready. They have a visible presence here already."

The company expects to eventually hire about 100 full time people at the new facility with an average pay of \$22 per hour, according to VanHook. However, that salary is an average pay for all levels of positions so most employees will start at less than that rate but still more than the state average, VanHook said.

"This is going to be a tremendous benefit to our county," said VanHook. "Not only will we have the occupational tax but also the property tax as well as the opportunity to recirculate local money and increase jobs. It's just a win/win for everyone."

Several officials present said they have been approached by local citizens wishing to apply for a job with the company. Officials say the company will have a website where anyone may submit an application or resume very soon.

The fiscal court then heard County Treasurer Joe Clontz ask for a motion to approve transfers from the general fund. But the transfers equaled much more than the figures shown available in the general fund. "How are we going to transfer more money from the general fund than it has available?" asked Magistrate Shannon Bishop.

Clontz explained that he is making deposits in the general fund that do not appear on the report yet. "We deposited well over \$400,000 in the general fund," he said. "\$141,000 is from the CARES Act reimbursement and another \$232,000 in property tax from the Sheriff's office." The court voted to transfer \$100,000 from the general fund to the jail and \$25,000 from the general fund to 911. Holbrook told the court the CARES Act provides nearly \$500,000 of available funds and he will be applying for the remaining funds this month. "We got the \$141,000 and I submitted the request for the other \$414,000 today (Tuesday, November 10)," he said.

Clontz said a lot of cities and counties have not applied for the funds so he expects announcements soon that even more money is available for those who have applied already.

When funds were low last month and concerns were expressed about making payroll and other bills, Clontz said then "We shouldn't panic just yet. Things will be okay. There are funds coming soon."

Clontz also said the COVID-19 pandemic has not caused the financial damage that many expected. "I really can't tell that COVID has caused that much damage to our finances," he said. "I see a little but not much. After CARES Act funding we are okay." The total deposits in the general fund since November 1 has been

\$473,565.

The court also heard from the new Livingston Chief of Police Bill Barrett who requested help purchasing a computer. "We are very under-policed in Livingston," he said. "There is a lot going on in Livingston that most people don't know anything about and I need to be able to do my job."

Barrett continued to express several needs but only requested help for the computer and gasoline right now. "If you want a police presence in Livingston, then I can help. I love my job but we are grossly under funded. The funds I have for gas for one month is less than most departments have per day. I don't make arrests right now and can't patrol."

Barrett expressed his desire to provide a better police force for the town. "Can you imagine the worry every day that I face trying to do my job but not having the gas to do it?" he said. Barrett continued to describe funding shortfalls in his department while seeking any help the fiscal court could provide.

Barrett said the computer is \$1,600 and the City of Livingston could provide \$500 of that amount. "I will pay \$100 myself if the court can help with the rest," he said.

The court voted to provide \$1,000 towards the computer but Magistrate Mike McGuire said Barrett would have to approach the City of Livingston for a bigger gas allowance.

The court then discussed the Livingston Gym and Depot. Holbrook said a committee should be formed to oversee the Depot Building. "The Sheltoewe Trace is supposed to be paying rent down there but I can't find where they have paid anything since 2014," he said.

Bishop said he doesn't understand the purpose of the group's space in the Depot Building. "What does the Sheltoewe Trace do anyway?" asked Bishop. "I haven't ever seen them do anything." Holbrook said he isn't certain why the space is rented. "I know that's the name of the trace that goes through there but I really don't know the purpose of the office," Holbrook said. Bishop continued to ask if anyone knows what the Sheltoewe Trace or its employees or volunteers do in Livingston. No one answered but after a moment of waiting, Bishop said, "Well, they need to pay their rent."

In further action, the court voted to repair the Livingston school gymnasium heating and air system for \$26,000, repair the jail roof for \$15,870, repair the CSEPP building for \$28,100 labor and \$14,227 materials, repair a county vehicle for \$4,141, pay auditors \$16,500 for the county audit and remove trees near the sheriff's office (across from the rear of the courthouse) for \$900.

Holbrook then read the new job descriptions for county employees aloud, listing each position's salary and raise schedules and provided those job descriptions to all magistrates.

“Resign”

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wards in an emotional speech. "We need to try

to be the best school system we can be and strive for perfection," he said. "We will never be perfect but the more we strive for it, the closer we may come to it."

VanHook thanked the board and his constituents and said he feels Woods will be a "capable and caring, service-oriented individual" serving on the board in his seat.

Most members of the board took turns repeating their respect and admiration for VanHook, including Chairman Angela Mink who hasn't always agreed with the division 2 board member. "I don't always agree with Jeff. We see some things differently but I will say I have the utmost respect for him and his desire to put the kids first," she said. "I believe his top priority has always been to do whatever is best for our kids and he doesn't back down from that."

VanHook's letter of resignation listed 30 school employees, workers or staff who played a part in his desire and success as a school board member.

“Charges”

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was Kayla Stewart and provided an ID and a Social Security Card that belonged to Stewart but the photo on the card didn't match the driver.

Officers located an ID for Heather Lovy that matched the driver and performed a background check on the name to discover she had an outstanding warrant from Jefferson County.

The citation says Lovy told EMS workers that she had "taken Xanax along with a lot of other drugs but could not remember what all she had taken."

When officers were



County Judge Executive, Howell Holbrook, signed a Proclamation with the Rockcastle County Health Department proclaiming Saturday, November 14th as Diabetes Awareness Day in Rockcastle County. The Proclamation urges all citizens to help fight Diabetes and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for Diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment for those suffering with Diabetes. Pictured from left are: Heather McGuire, Dreama Parker, County Judge Executive Howell Holbrook, Melinda Osborne and Cristy Smith.

about to take Lovy to the hospital, the citation says she asked officer to get her purse. However, inside the car, police discovered a cap to a hypodermic syringe, ziplock baggies, methamphetamine (18.36 grams), a brown substance believed to be heroin, several pills including Suboxone, hydrocodone and Adipex, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, digital scales, a hand gun, a \$350 roll of cash and another \$305 roll of cash.

Lovy refused a blood test at the hospital and, once released, was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with DUI, giving false identity, possession of heroin, trafficking in meth, possession of controlled substance 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree, prescriptions not in proper container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a hand gun by a convicted felon, theft of identity, possession of marijuana and being a persistent felony offender.

Lovy's bond was set at \$20,000 cash or property.

“Vet”

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according to officials, the event was a huge success with 21 local veterans participating in the event held Wednesday, November 11th.

The typical annual Veteran's Day Celebration held at RCMS had grown in popularity as the somber event drew large crowds each year to honor Rockcastle County veterans and their families.

But that event was cancelled due to the close proximity of those in attendance and the parade served as a chance for local citizens to honor veterans without the increased COVID-19 risks officials said..

Though rain fell throughout the parade event, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said he enjoyed the day. "Despite the rain, Wednesday's Veteran's Day Parade in Mount Vernon was a success," he said. "It was an honor for the City of Mount Vernon to be a co-sponsor with our local school

system for this year's recognition event. We do so appreciate all of our vets and all of those currently serving in our armed forces."

School officials, as well as city officials, lined the streets joining citizens who wished to honor veterans as they passed those applauding, along sidewalks through the city.

Some stood holding flags while others held banners in the rain, but all offered their appreciation to each veteran who participated in the event.

Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said she and the school system enjoyed the opportunity to honor those who have served as well as those serving now.

"The Veteran's Day Parade was a huge success and was just one small way that Rockcastle County Schools could show our appreciation for our nation's heroes," she said. "On Veteran's Day and every day, we honor their service."



Rockcastle County Schools Holiday Break Meal Box

Dear Rockcastle County Families,

Rockcastle County Schools will be out of session for the holidays from Monday, December 21st through Monday, January 4th. However, we want to ensure Rockcastle County children still have access to food during this time, so we are offering a holiday break meal box for **ALL CHILDREN** in Rockcastle County. Each box will provide 10 shelf-stable breakfasts and 10 shelf-stables lunches including milk for each meal. Boxes will be delivered prior to December 21st (not everyone will receive their box on the same day).

To participate in this program, families MUST REGISTER and give Rockcastle County Schools permission to share their mailing address with the vendor (Optimum Foods) by November 20, 2020.

Your participation in this program is greatly appreciated. Food Services is dependent upon federal funding that is directly linked to the number of meals served. Your participation does not deprive other families in need, but ensures that we can continue to serve all families across the district. Thank you for supporting our program and allowing us to provide for your child(ren).

Register at the link below by Friday, November 20th.
www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/holidaybox

Thressel Owens receives over 200 cards in honor of her 100th birthday

When Mrs. Thressel Irene Broyles Owens celebrated her 100th birthday in May of this year, the *Signal* ran a story signifying the date.

In that article, her daughter Mava June Owens Stamper asked that people help her mom celebrate the occasion by sending her a birthday card. Her niece in Arizona also put her picture on Facebook along with the same request.

"Because of the Coronavirus, we could not have her a big birthday bash. We hoped Mom would get 100 cards and were amazed at the fantastic response," Mrs. Stamper said. "We were amazed at the fantastic response when Mom received 205 birthday cards! The most she received in one day was 44."

"We want to take this time to thank everyone who took the time to send Mom a birthday card. A special thanks to those who sent money, a gift card, a small token gift or a note explaining who they were or how they knew of Mom's birthday," her daughter said.

Mrs. Owens said, "I have received cards from people I don't know and have never seen!" Two very special cards were from two men in a West Virginia prison. "I don't know how they knew of her birthday but the cards were beautifully hand drawn (think style of a tattoo artist). Mom's name was done in large script lettering, the number 100, and columns with twining vines, leaves and roses. One card had red roses, one had yellow. I was very impressed."

Mrs. Owens received cards from 16 states, Washington, DC and Canada.

On her birthday, Mrs. Owens, who lives on Spiro Road in the Wabd area, and 11 close family members celebrated with a meal and birthday cake. This included her only grandchild, Shawn Stamper; daughter, Mava; brother, Sherwin Broyles; sister Marie Broyles Frazier; a nephew; four nieces and two in-laws.

The day after her birthday, Mrs. Stamper and her son, Shawn, took Mrs. Owens to Pigeon Forge to

play Putt-Putt. This has become a summer tradition for the three over 25 years. The trio played one game. At the 18th hole Mrs. Owens was getting tired but was still smiling and had the energy to swing her club above her head (see accompanying picture). It was a beautiful special day.

"How many 100-year-old people are physically and mentally able to vote?" asked Mrs. Stamper. "My Dad, who died in 2014 at the age of 97, felt it was a citizen's civic duty to vote and he and Mom had voted in every election since their marriage in 1940. Mom was disappointed not to go to the polls to cast her vote in the 2020 general election but, since the COVID 19 cases had increased in the county, we felt it safer to vote absentee ballot. On the Friday before election day, I drove the three miles to her house to help her with her ballot. When I got there, she had the ballot on the able and had filled in the circles for the Republican candidates (as usual). I had her sign in the appropriate places and we sealed the envelopes. She previously had told me she did not want the ballot mailed. She went with me to drop her ballot off at the courthouse," Mrs. Stamper reported.

"My Mother is an amazing woman," Mrs. Stamper went on to say. "She has been a humble, hard working, Christian woman her whole life who believes in helping others. During the past couple of weeks, she has gathered items from her home to give to a family who lost everything in a house fire. She is an inspiration to me and others as well."

"This is a six month belated, but heartfelt thanks to all of you who sent Mom a birthday card to help her celebrate the big 100th Birthday," Mrs. Stamper said.

"Now that cold weather is near and Mom won't be able to dig and pull weeds and deadhead her flowers, I expect to see her looking at all these birthday cards many times during the cold winter months ahead! Mom always says pulling weeds is what has kept

her going all these years. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you, for the 205 birthday cards." Mava June Owens Stamper



Mrs. Thressel Owens, of the Wabd area, is shown with the over 200 cards she received from around the country, and Canada, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.



The day after her 100th birthday, Mrs. Owens, her daughter, Mava June and grandson, Shawn made their annual summer trek to Pigeon Forge, TN to play putt-putt golf. After the round, Mrs. Owens still had the energy to wave her club to show her enjoyment of the game.

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Hannah Laswell receives DAR classroom grant

Ms. Hannah Laswell, an English/Language Arts teacher at Rockcastle Middle School is a recipient of the 2020 DAR sponsored Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant. Fifty-one \$500 grants are awarded each year to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

Ms. Laswell received her grant based on her project of giving more reading opportunities to the gifted and above-grade-level readers by supplying e-readers for her classroom. With access to books unavailable in the school library, students could be challenged and grow in their reading comprehension.

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2021 will be available February 15 through April 1. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com

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

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606-308-2491

Property For Sale

Two Lots on McFerron St. Lots 55 and 65. Sewer and water hookups, adjoins the church. \$10,000. 813-509-8529. 43x2

Posted

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

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. 25fn

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Notices

Rockcastle Hardware and Rental, formerly Mark's Hardware, 226 West St., Brodhead, is now open under new ownership. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 606-758-9980.

Notice is hereby given that Lonnie McGuire and Jean McGuire, 301 Houk Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors w/will of the Estate of Gladys Chesnut on the 9th day of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lonnie and Jean McGuire or to Rowe Law Office, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2021. 42x3

Notice is hereby given that Betty Sue Long, 590 Ottawa Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Donald Lee Long on the 20th day of October, 2020. Any person hav-

ing claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Betty Sue Long or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey and Ford, OSC, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. 41x3

Help Wanted

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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Zandell D. and Sarah E. Hasty, property in Happy Acres Subvd., to Renita Joy Reynolds. Tax \$180
 Duane and Betty Lewis, property on Walter Turner Road, to Laurotino Bubulici. Tax \$235
 W.D. Shayne Broadbudd, property in Rockcastle County, to Rosalyn Natasha Broadbudd. No tax
 Herman House, property in Rockcastle County, to Central Kentucky Collision Auto Care LLC. Tax \$60
 Lester Miller, Jr. and Jennifer Robyn Miller, property on Sand Springs Rd., to James Robinson. Tax \$84
 James Benton King, Jr. and Janie King, property in Rockcastle County, to James Benton King, Jr., Janie King and James Bryan King. No tax
 Elmer and Mary B. Burdette, property on Clyde Halcomb Estate, to Carissa Stallsworth and Charles Stallsworth. Tax \$12.
 Emily and Phillip Cromer, property on Brush Creek Road, to Venus Belcher. Tax \$30
 Denver Clinton and Jamie Doan, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Jerry Wayne and Cathy Anne Man. Tax \$105
 Jonah Mikhael and Callie Ellen Shaffer, property on Sand Springs Road, to Jacobson David and Elizabeth Abigail Woodall. Tax \$30
 Marjorie G. Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Romona and Steven Whittemore. No tax
 Tyler and alson Peterson, property on Copper Creek Road, to Craig David Chambers. Tax \$185
 Crystal and Robert Singleton, property in Miller Addition to Mt. Vernon, to Lloyd and Betty Cain. Tax \$27
 Libby Burdette, property in Rockcastle County, to Rebecca Powell and Jeletta Johnson. No tax
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Pennymac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff
v.
**Michael Berry, individually and as
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 Rhona Fay Berry Sams Defendant**

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Six COVID deaths

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there are now 350 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 135 additional probable cases. There were 18 new cases reported Monday. The county remains at six COVID-related deaths. Of Rockcastle County residents, 0.028 percent of the population has tested positive for COVID-19.

Noel Night Market cancelled

The Noel Night Market, planned for December 1 has now been cancelled. The event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association, the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. The Tree Lighting ceremony, planned in conjunction with the Noel Night market, has also been cancelled.

In-Person classes cancelled

By order of new mandates from Governor Andy Beshear, schools are once again closed to in-person classes throughout the state. Visit rockcastle.kyschools.us for more information.

Free meal

The VFW will be providing a free Thanksgiving meal Saturday, November 28 for all veterans, current military, first responders and family members. The meal will be at 4 p.m. at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon past the boat dock at Lake Linville.

No Virginia, not this year



In 1897, *The New York Sun* told a little girl named Virginia that there is indeed a Santa Claus. This year, lights are hanging, the ribbons, bows adorn the tree and the tinsel is placed throughout Triangle Park. But there will be no tree lighting ceremony in Mount Vernon and in many towns, there will be no Santa Claus this year. The Noel Night Market event has also been cancelled. Due to government mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, most holiday events have been cancelled across the country as well as in Rockcastle County. Though the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade was still planned at press time, officials will be discussing the event further this week.

City council working on local water issues

— Eighth officer coming soon

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council met virtually again last week for the regular monthly meeting.

City Administrator Josh Bray informed the council that the city is experiencing slight dips in revenue from the water department but CARES Act funding will correct those issues.

Bray says most of the downturn in revenues is due to the city's decision to halt late penalties and cease all water shut-offs during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We should receive \$176,000 in CARES Act funding very soon," Bray said. "How we use that money is restricted but we can place it in a rainy day fund and

use it to help with lost water department revenues."

Councilman Clifford Mullins said the city will do "whatever it takes to keep the water flowing" for customers of Mount Vernon Waterworks. "If

we have to borrow from other funds or whatever it takes, we will do that," he said.

Bray fully agreed. "Most definitely," said Bray. "Keeping the water

(See "Close" on A6)

Christmas events are now cancelled

By: Mike French
Editor

The country, the state and Rockcastle County have been plagued with cancellations after government mandates due to COVID-19. And now, yet more events in Mount Vernon have been cancelled.

Officials had fought to maintain plans for the

Noel Night Market, in conjunction with the annual Mount Vernon tree lighting ceremony, but due to Governor Andy Beshear's latest mandates, these events too have been cancelled.

The tree lighting ceremony will not be held this year and Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said

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Two years later

Alcohol sales tax used for positive local programs

By: Mike French
Editor

In the 2018 general election, some were strongly and openly against the sale of alcohol in the City of Mount Vernon and those residents still are, including many local officials. But at least officials have found a way to help slightly ease the worries of those against the sale of alcohol.

Two years later, several "good things" have come from the legal sale of alcohol, according to officials. In the 2018 elec-

tion the measure passed by only 79 votes in Mount Vernon.

Once the measure passed, City Administrator Josh Bray, who was appointed Mount Vernon's Alcohol Administrator as required by the state, and RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook immediately took to the halls of Frankfort in a successful effort to allow the city to charge a 5 percent regulatory fee on alcohol sales. This tax would help cover the expense involved with the

(See "Tax" on A6)

Beshear forces closures again

By: Mike French
Editor

As if it comes as a surprise to anyone, school plans and schedules have changed once again this week.

The latest change came last Wednesday when Governor Andy Beshear decided all Kentucky schools (public and private) should cease in-person classes again, even counties who were not a "red zone" county at the time.

After intense and emotional expressions from local school board members, and Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, at this

month's regular board meeting, in-person classes were resumed last week to avoid students falling farther behind than such restrictions and mandates have already caused.

Local officials agreed that students need to be in school and that educating the children of Rockcastle County was worth some level of risk. However, Beshear revealed new rules and regulations last week basically forbidding in-person classes in Kentucky schools.

Beshear also forced bars and restaurants to

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KSP to increase patrols during Thanksgiving

By: Mike French
Editor

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) plans to increase patrols during the Thanksgiving season this year.

According to a KSP news release, Thanksgiving weekend is among the heaviest traveled weekends of the year. In 2019 there were five fatal crashes and 1,253 collisions during the holiday travel period in Kentucky.

Patrols will pay special attention to seat belts and speeding but will also focus on impaired driving.

Officials expect to combine the Click It or Ticket program with Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort) beginning November 26 to November 29 at midnight.

Governor Andy Beshear has asked the public to limits travel in general, but if you must drive, to buckle up and watch your speed.

KSP spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory says KSP will utilize federal overtime funding to increase the number of troopers on the roadway this holiday season.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Wow, how times have changed.

I did a story once about a family that had left their 12-year-old in charge of their other children for a bit. Unfortunately, one of the younger ones escaped and was found walking on a roadway. The family was apparently in turmoil after police were called and they were arrested.

I had to do the story. That was my job. It's a public record and the general public needs to be aware of what can happen. So, I did my job.

But the truth is, when I was 12 years old I was alone every day. Kids who were 12 actually ran the household in many cases back then. The mother would show up occasionally to make sure things were going okay, but by the time a kid was 12 they were pretty much on their own.

When my mother was 12-years-old, she actually helped support their whole family by baby sitting and entire housefull of kids. It was her job, as it was the first job of most every 12-year-old in those days.

Mom's brother would drive her to this family's home, drop her off to watch all the kids, and pick her up a week later. Her income helped feed the family.

By the time my dad was 10, he hardly even saw his mother or father anymore, except on weekends.

When I was 12, I was not only alone every day, I drove the car on occasion and took the trash off.

I know in today's world most people apparently think it is a terrible thing to give a 12-year-old any responsibility but (my opinion) that attitude is why we have 30-year-olds who think the world owes them something.

It's why we have jails full of 18-year-olds who thought there would be no consequences to their actions.

It's why we have a country filled with youth who do not respect authority.

It's why we have a record number of 25-year-olds still living off their parent's.

Personally, I think it is very near child abuse to NOT give a 12-year-old some responsibility or to teach them that there are consequences to their actions. Maybe not leave them alone but at least give them some responsibility.

Children are not born with a work ethic or moral values or the knowledge that there are consequences to their ac-

tions or with the knowledge that other people matter and they are not the center of the world. Children must be taught respect and compassion and personal responsibility. It's the only way they will ever know those things.

I'm not advocating leaving your 12-year-old alone, but I am saying we sure used to.

There may not have been as many pervs back then, but I bet there were. We just didn't hear about it as much.

Anyway, here's hoping the next generation knows right from wrong and knows there are consequences to their choices. But I do hope it is parents that teach them those lessons before the judicial system has to.

T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



As Thanksgiving Approaches

Dear Journal

This year as Thanksgiving approaches, it will bring about an entirely new scenario that we know nothing about or ever expected. It will be the first Thanksgiving that COVID will play a part in the plans. Just a moment ago when I typed the date on this column, I remembered that this is the date that JFK was assassinated in 1963. It has been fifty-seven years ago. Oh my, how the world has changed since then. It was a day that reminds me of today. It was overcast with rain expected and not so very cold. In a few days I remember watching the funeral on TV.

I don't remember Thanksgiving that year or even if we celebrated it or not. I was raised a devout Democrat and our family was probably still in mourning and thought it rude and in poor taste.

As I was saying, Thanksgiving is almost here and will bring for some at least, a new twist in planning. As for Stanley and me, we aren't planning to go anywhere or entertain at our house. We've never had a Thanksgiving like this. None of my family plan to be entertaining or will be going anywhere due to the COVID. Most of us are at high risk and out of respect and caution, we all feel that it is for the best that we all stay home this year.

That morning, I will call all of them and send

Points East

By Ike Adams



If I had caught myself going to the garden, 3 hours after dark, on a night when the temperature was supposed to drop into the low 20s, nobody would have been the least

bit surprised. I love turnips and mustard greens so much that I'll try to save them from a hard freeze if I'm able.

However, on Tuesday, November 18, just



Loretta's night time garden haul on November 18th. The bucket holds 2.5 gallons. Some of the turnips are much larger than regulation softballs.

after 9:00 PM, I had already stretched out in bed in pajamas when Loretta walked in and asked if I thought she ought to grab a flash light and fetch the veggies because they were nearly sure to freeze. The outside thermometer was already down to 34 and falling fast.

It's a good 40 yards from our front porch steps to the greens and turnip patch and 20 of those yards are covered with old corn stalks, dead tomato vines and weeds that are over her head, not to mention that it was pitch black dark.

We had already had both greens and turnips for a couple of meals and that's usually enough to satisfy my wife for the

well wishes and give them our best and hope to be able to see them for Thanksgiving next year.

Unfortunately, death has visited the Cook family in Ohio and my Oxendine family in North Carolina. This past week and Thanksgiving will be very painful for them. There are so many other families that I personally know of that are really suffering right now. It makes you thankful that your situation is as well as it is even if it

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Half Runner Green Beans

Last week, brother Al and I decided that we should cancel our regular Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations because of the Covid-19 virus. Believe me, this was a decision that was not made lightly.

Since my mother (Bee) and my grandparents passed away, my sister-in-law (Eva), has assumed the responsibility of feeding the "Griffin Clan" for the major holidays. Let me state emphatically that Eva has done a spectacular job of hosting these traditional celebrations. She deserves a medal!

Eva uses the family recipes mixed with her own mother's "fixins" to serve a meal that is always fabulously tasty. She serves: turkey and dressing, dumplings, sweet potato casserole, scalloped oysters, "shuck beans," assorted pickles and olives, and my favorite, frozen cherry salad. Now ladies and gentlemen, that is a meal fit for a king - something to look forward to for a year in advance.

I am sure that each of you has a favorite dish for special occasions. I certainly do. Out of all the dishes listed above, my most favorite is some form of half-runner green beans.

When I was a boy, my grandparents grew enough half-runners to last us all year. As a family, we picked them,

snapped them, and then Mommie Katie cooked them to death.

Mommie Katie would get up early on Sunday mornings and put on a huge pot of these wonderful beans. When we got home from church, she would turn up the beans while she fried chicken, baked home-made cornbread, and sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. We could hardly wait as the aroma of such a scrumptious meal wafted through the house.

Bee and Mommie Katie made sure that they dried enough of Pop's half-runners to make "shuck beans" to last until the next season. We were never out of half-runners. I suspect that they also canned 75-100 quart jars of these beans each year. I can remember one complete wall of our cellar filled with quart jars of half-runners.

When Bee cooked a pot of half-runners, we had them for dinner until they were gone. I believe each time they were reheated, they tasted even better.

My wife and I are planning a down-sized Thanksgiving dinner for ourselves since we cannot visit our family. Our menu includes baked country ham, Bee's cornbread, sweet potato casserole, Kat's corn pudding, dumplings from Cracker Barrel, and "shuck beans."

One of our wonderful neighbors from Furnace

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“T.J.s”

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isn't the best. It could be so very much worse.

I plan to cook a big meal, anyway. It is not possible to cook a small Thanksgiving meal. I plan on turkey, homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, fried sweet potatoes, corn casserole, my mom's apple salad, deviled eggs, and for dessert my homemade sugar free pumpkin custard pie and eggnog. After it is all ready we plan to share our meal with my brother, Don, and wife, Carolyn, a shut-in family or two in

our neighborhood and two close friends in Mount Vernon. We will deliver it with only a brief greeting at their door and be gone to the next stop. I'm looking forward to getting back home and eating with Stanley.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

Mountain in Powell County, Donna Gabbard, stopped by our new home in Mt. Sterling a few months ago. She handed us a large bag of “shuck beans” that she dried last summer. We are so thank-

ful that she remembered us. That was a wonderful house warming gift. She would never take payment for her beans.

Thanksgiving is going to be a little strange this year but, like many others, we will make the best of it and declare our thanks for all of the blessings that we do have. The best that I can wish for you is that your Thanksgiving will include a taste of your favorites.

(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.)

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

garden season. If I want any more I usually get them myself. I could not have made a trip to the garden, even in broad daylight, if my life had depended on it because this cancer treatment has me pretty much whipped.

Then, before I knew what was going on, I heard our hand-pulled garden wagon going through the yard and I stumbled to the door to see my wife, in her hooded, red, ankle length overcoat, holding the flash light in one hand and pulling the wagon with the other as she stubbornly headed to the garden. If we hadn't just been talking about going to the garden, I would have called 911. Even then I didn't feel plumb certain that I was not witnessing an apparition.

About 15 minutes later, she gleefully rushed back in doors dragging what I'm guessing was over a half bushel sack of easily the largest turnips I've ever seen grow. A few of them were double the size of regulation softballs and several others were at least as large as softballs. I'm guessing the sack weighed over 30 pounds. It was more than I could lift to the counter top but she managed to do so rather easily. This was followed by a feed sack crammed full of curly mustard.

I still have no idea what we are going to do with all this stuff but I'd be willing to bet that it all gets parceled out. We've had 2 more meals from this haul and I can tell you that previous hard frosts hadn't hurt the way they tasted, but that's not the end of this story.

About 10:00 PM we were both in bed, Loretta facebooking with her iphone and me engrossed in a Kindle novel, when she suddenly sat straight up, reached over and tapped me on the arm. “I just remembered, there's a head of cabbage out there that I was going to go back and get,” she said. Do you reckon it'll freeze?”

I told her not to worry about it but she lay there for another 15 minutes and did just that. Before I realized what was going on, she had jumped out of bed, dashed into the kitchen and grabbed a butcher knife. Still in pajamas, she had pulled on her garden boots and put the overcoat back on.

She promptly returned with a head of cabbage about the size and shape of a football that had been sliced in half around the middle and proudly brought it back to the bedroom for my inspection. Said cabbage would never have won any ribbons at a county fair but I expect it will taste just fine at our Thanksgiving Dinner.



Students and staff at RCMS participated in Mismatch Day on Tuesday, November 17th during Red Ribbon Week. The theme was “Don't get mixed up with Drugs.” Drug Use Among Youth: Facts & Statistics are - 86% The percentage of teenagers that knows someone who smokes, drinks or uses drugs during the school day. 50% The percentage of teenagers who have misused a drug at least once in their lifetime. 43% The percentage of college students who use illicit drugs.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC BALLOT MAILING

Mount Vernon, Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED, Warden Alexander, in Rockcastle County today announced that FSA began mailing ballots to eligible voters for the 2021 FSA county committee elections on Monday, November 2, 2020. Producers must return ballots to the Rockcastle County FSA office by December 7, 2020, to ensure that their vote is counted.

“County committee members play an important role in their communities and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA,” said CED Alexander.

This year, local administrative area ## 3 (east is up for election and the candidates in this year's election are:

Brenda Parsons is nominated for Rockcastle County, to serve as a committee member. Brenda has produced Hay and Cattle for 30 years. Brenda Parsons is an active member of Rockcastle County Farmers Market, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Board, Rockcastle County District Conservation Board and the Rockcastle Co. Cattleman's Association.

FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three (3) to eleven (11) elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and

judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Approximately 1.9 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of November 14, 2020. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. FSA has modified the ballot, making it more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at the Rockcastle County FSA office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 4, 2020. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2021.

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at (606) 256-2525.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the

building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

NEXT COC MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

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Health Department Holiday Hours

Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

DBCAA Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at the central office. The public is invited to take part. The meeting will be viewed thru Zoom in the conference room. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

Inez Collins

Inez Collins, 85, of Berea, formerly of Mt. Vernon, went to be with Jesus on November 17, 2020. She was born to the late Raymond and Maggie Bethurum.

She was retired from Dresser after 31 1/2 years of service. She was a dedicated Christian of the Holiness faith, a Sunday School teacher at Town Hill Holiness Church. In her free time, she enjoyed her church, her family, cooking, shopping, and traveling. She always put the Lord first in her life, a great example she left for us all. She loved everyone she met and always found laughter in each day.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by: her first husband, Raymond Lopez; second husband, Preston S. Collins; a daughter, Lisa R. Lopez Hasty; a grandson, Jeffrey C. Argerbright; a brother, Charles Bethurum; and two sisters, Marie Robinson and Leana Smith.

She leaves behind: two sons, Roger (Phyllis) Lopez of Crab Orchard and Steven (Ruth) Collins of Lewisburg, TN; three daughters, Rose (Allen) Hensley of Mt. Vernon, Donna (Fred) Brewer of Brodhead, and Becky Northern of Mt. Vernon; 20 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; and one brother, McKinley (Lana) Arnold of Flagstaff, AZ.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2020 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Allen Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Visitation will be Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Mike Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Tim Argerbright, Jerry Hensley, Kevin Hensley, Jason Northern, and Jonathan Northern.

Per state mandate, facial coverings and social distancing will be required.

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

Bobby Brummett

Bobby Brummett, 64, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his residence. He was born November 5, 1956 in Stanford, a son of the late James C. Brummett and Marlie Hopkins Brummett. He was a member of Mt. Zion Church of Christ and he enjoyed breaking Tennessee Walking Horses and gardening. He had been a concrete construction worker.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Kimberly Burchard and Kenny of Soddy Daisy, TN, Robert L. Brummett, Jr. of Lancaster, Josh Brummett of Somerset, Adam Brummett of Frankfort, Dustin Brummett of Broughtontown, and Brently Brummett of Lancaster; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers, Effie Brummett of Brodhead and Ronnie Brummett and Tracy of Brodhead; sisters, Pearly Lawson and Kenneth of Indiana, Ruby Jewel Bryant and Charles of Brodhead, Carolyn Woodall and Donnie of Brodhead, and Sharon Bray and Roger of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Brummett, Jr., and Billy Ray Brummett. Graveside services will be held Friday, November 27, 2020. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. until funeral services at 2 p.m.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Gearldine Richards

Gearldine Richards, 73, of Mt. Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born December 10, 1946 in Breathitt County to the late Fred and Eva Bryant.

She was married 46 years to the late Kelly Richards of Mt. Vernon, and had five children, Dola (Vince) Gustin, Lavon (Jeff) Jett, Robert (Melinda) Monk, Greg Richards, and Amy (Jeff) Navarre. She was employed at Hardees of Mt. Vernon where she enjoyed her job and the friends she made. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed listening to gospel music and watching WJLC.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children and her sisters and brothers, Marie (Roy) Jackson of Winchester; Freddy (George) Hayes of Wolf County, Edith (Dick) Wilkerson of Ohio, Lonnie (Joan) Bryant, Orville (Pearl) Bryant, Estil Bryant and Eddie Bryant, all of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren, Josh (Tiffany) Cromer, Blake (Lisa) Powell, Tina Chesteen, Madison, Tyler and MaKensey Navarre, Matt Gustin and Kaleigh Richards and great grandchildren, Peyton, Charli, Calli, Lincoln and Blakeley. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Kelly Richards; her father and mother, Fred and Eva Bryant; her sisters, Sadie Mae Thorpe and Christine Bolin; and one brother, Charles Bryant.

Service were held Monday, November 23, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Willie Gaye French

Willie Gaye (Denton) French, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, November 16, 2020 at her residence. She was born December 9, 1934 in Bristol, VA, to the late Daniel and Hattie Ethel (Cross) Denton. She married Robert French on June 30, 1956 and from that union came three children, Judy, Carol, and Sandra. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church, enjoyed gardening, working in her flowers, and sewing, but most of all, she loved cooking for and spending time with her family.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 64 years, Robert French; three daughters, Judy French Jones of Mt. Vernon, Nancy Carol (Butch) Brinkman of Batesville, IN and Sandra French (Dale) Whitaker of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Jessica Jones (Jason) Lucas, Jordan (Whitney) Whitaker and Hannah Whitaker; two great grandchildren, Landon Robinson and Brad Lucas; and two sisters, Nancy Barker Pope, and Charlotte Montgomery.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her siblings, Ralph, Carson, Dewey, Frank, Robert, John, Earl, Tom, Mandy, Florence, and Maggie Denton, Rose Hagaman, Bonnie Bathis, Mattalee Crosswhite, Ackie Rosenbalm, Minnie Jane Reese, Martha Kidd Cross, and Linda Shafer.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 20, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Randal and Scott Adams officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jordan Whitaker, Landon Robinson, Jason Lucas, Mike Montgomery, Travis Montgomery, and Manual Rosenbalm.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Charles Dean Carmack

Charles Dean Carmack, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Select Specialty Hospital in Danville. He was born in Berea on November 11, 1957, the son of Coy, Jr. and Helen Bishop Carmack. He retired as a machinist where he manufactured injection molding equipment.

He is survived by: two brothers and a sister, Dale Carmack, Danny Carmack, and Yvonne Carmack, all of Mt. Vernon; five nieces, Stephanie Hines, Cheyenne Haste, Jasmine Johnson, Hope Sturgill, and Jennifer Durham; and a nephew, Kellen Carmack.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Haste. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Ricky Dean Kirby

Ricky Dean Kirby opened his beautiful blue eyes for the first time on Feb. 9, 1959. He passed from this world suddenly of a massive heart attack at the age of 61, on November 20, 2020 at his family farm in Rockcastle County doing what he loved...farming and taking care of his cattle. He was a hard-working man all his life. He was hoeing the fields when he was only eight years old while most of us did not know what true hard work was that young. He was never lazy a day of his life and in his sixties could out work people in their twenties.

He was a very kind-hearted and fun man who never saw anyone as a stranger and could talk to you for hours like he's known you all his life. He never failed to make jokes, poke fun, and make you smile. He always had a story to tell which would leave you laughing. He always provided for his family and made sure they were taken care of and would always lend a helping hand when you needed him. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, telling stories, watching wrestling, and loved animals. Rick will be sorely missed by all his family and friends forever and for always.

He is survived by: his common law wife of 31 years, Phyllis Howell of Somerset, where Ricky also resided; his mother, Christine Kirby of Mt. Vernon; a son, Richard Lee Kirby of Mt. Vernon and daughter-in-law Casey; a daughter, Tina Renee Kirby of Somerset, and son-in-law, Donald Ray Brown; a sister, Sheila Dykes of Mt. Vernon; his grandkids, Ryder and Kaylee Kirby of Mt. Vernon; and his step-kids, Deanna Locke and Lil John Coleman.

He was preceded in death by all four of his grandparents, Rosa Blackburn Kirby, Burgess Kirby, Joe McClure, and Sybil McClure. Also preceded by his Daddy, William Dean Kirby.

May Ricky's stories and memories forever live in our hearts.... we loved him to the moon and back. Sorely missed always.

This obituary submitted by the family.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, November 23, 2020 with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boone Cromer Rd., Pongo, KY.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Leonard Donald Bishop

Leonard Donald Bishop, 88, of Brodhead, died Saturday, November 21, 2020. After months of failing health, he died peacefully within his home in Brodhead with his beloved wife Dorothy and family by his side.



He was born February 6, 1932 in Brodhead to George Grant Bishop and Pauline Ellen Brummett Bishop. As a boy, he helped his parents in their grocery store and on the farm. He worked in construction and sold and delivered produce.

Leonard and Dorothy Marie Cash were married July 20, 1957. From that union, they started a family. Together

they had six children, Timothy Lynn, Mark Anthony, Peggy Sue, Pamela Marie, Leigh Ann, and an infant son who died at birth. Leonard was a hard worker and provided for his family.

Known to many as Red, he was a talker and loved to tell stories. He had a love for bicycles and flea markets. He knew how to wheel and deal to get a bargain. All the children in the neighborhood knew to go to Red's if they needed their bicycle fixed. He and Dorothy would travel to many places to go to flea markets. He could bring home a bicycle he bought for \$1, fix it up and resell it for sometimes over one hundred dollars.

Later on, as life settled down and things got slower, Leonard loved to spend time with his family. He would take his great grandchildren on golf cart rides or sit on the couch telling stories. He was very proud of his family.

Leonard was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church. He was baptized by Brother Luther Allen and they remained friends until his death. He enjoyed listening to sermons by Brother Ralph Baker.

Leonard was a strong, proud, and good man. He is loved and will be missed by many.

He is preceded in death by: his parents, George Grant Bishop and Pauline; brothers, Delbert and Elmer; sisters, Rosemary Wilson, Dessie Moberly, and Bonnie Bradley; and two sons, Timothy Lynn and an infant son who died at birth.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Dorothy Marie Cash Bishop of Brodhead; siblings, George Jr. Bishop of Brodhead, June Hutcherson of Frankfort, Beulah Broome of Louisville and Nina Cummins of Somerset; children, Mark Bishop (Audrey) of Mt. Vernon, Peggy Allen (Jerry) of Brodhead, Pamela Cash of Brodhead, and Leigh Ann VanWinkle (Ralph) of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Natasha Hubbard, Skyler Bradley, Quincy Allen, Ashley Reynolds, and Kayla Silcox; two step-grandchildren, Nicole and Dalton VanWinkle; 10 great grandchildren and one step-great grandchild; two sisters-in-law, Alma Jean Cable and Geraldine Cash; and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Luther Allen and Ralph Baker officiating. His final resting place will be at Providence Cemetery.

Obituary provided by the family.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Devert Lee Hamm

Devert Lee Hamm, 74, of Middletown, OH, died Thursday, November 19, 2020. He was born April 27, 1946 in Cincinnati, OH, a son of the late Devert Hamm and Dessie Livesay Hamm. He was previously a Tool maker, producing dental equipment. He found great joy in riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and his computers. On August 23, 1979 he was united in marriage to Carol Ann Hamm, and from that union came a son, Jerry Dale Hamm.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Jerry Dale (Sandi) Hamm of Middletown, OH; grandchildren, Tiffany Nichole Hamm and J.D. Elwood Hamm; great grandchildren, Hailee Marie Rogers and Michael Rogers; sister, Lola Mae Mitchell of Virginia Beach, VA; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents and wife, Carol Ann Hamm, he was preceded in death by: three brothers, Robert, William, and Coy Hamm; and sister, Betty Jean Brock.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. George Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

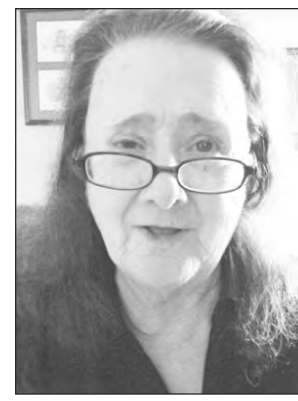
Janet Sue Burns

Janet Sue Burns, 73, of Lexington, died Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the home of her daughter, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born at Scaffold Cane in Rockcastle County on December 30, 1946, the daughter of George William and Hazel Irene Miller. She retired after 32 years as a housekeeper for Holiday Inn North in Lexington.

She is survived by: her daughters, Anita Carol Bowman and husband Donald, Tandra Louise Strange, and Jennifer Lynn Stamper, all of Lexington; two brothers, Floyd Miller and George Miller and wife Mae; two sisters, Louise Spencer and husband Sterling, and Marie Townsend and husband David; a sister-in-law, Faye Miller; four grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Reed, Nicholas Bolton and wife Mary, Jacob Clem, and Justin Chase Bowman; and eight great grandchildren, Emily, Cloe, Alyssa, Kiera, Nevaeh, Samantha, Jeffrey, Jr., and Cora. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Boyd "Pee Wee" Stamper; brothers, William, Jr., Larry, David, Gary, and Jerry Miller; a grandson, Johnny Ray Clem; and a sister-in-law, Kathy Miller.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, November 21, 2020 in Scaffold Cane Cemetery by Bro John Poe.

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



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Dora Faye Isaacs vs. Andrew Isaacs.
Barbara Blondin vs. Paul Blondin.
Marty Reagan vs. Cindy Lou Reagan.
Courtney Prater vs. Eric Prater. CI-00216

Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Eugene Coffey., 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Conopco, Inc., 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Conopco, Inc. 2018 county property taxes due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Elvin G. Pratt, money claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Paula Smith, money claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery

Asso., LLC vs. Taylor Cameron, money claimed due. C-00319

Deeds Recorded

Phillip and Trisha Doan, property on U.S. 25, to Larry and Tamarra Senters. Tax \$12.50

Carolyn Niceley, property on Hammond Fork Road, to Thelma and Gary Amburgey. Tax \$65

Mitchell and Jenni Weaver, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen E. and Kim D. Roth. Tax \$225.50

Brenda Hayes, property on Cardinal Hollow Road, to Jeremy S. Jones. Tax \$40

Frank E. Beaty, property south of Honey-suckle Lane, to Hailey M. and Jeffrey D. Stewart. Tax \$130

Stella Sparks, property in Cromer Lambert Subdv/Conway section, to Phillip and Charli Fox. Tax \$14

James C. and Lee Rash, property in Rockcastle County, to Richard Hitt. Tax \$7.50

Richard H. and Medeleine Gagliardi, property on KY 3274, to Ronald C. Eisenberger. Tax \$170

James Reynolds and Patricia Bradley, property on John Brown Rd., to Timothy C. and Tiffany Nicely. No tax

James Reynolds, property on Mullins Rd., to Timothy C. and Tiffany Nicely. No tax

Harold and Sandy Whitaker, property on Wabd Jones Road, to Jaclyn S. Bullock. Tax \$52

Caliber Home Loans, property on U.S. 25, to E&M Construction Services. Tax \$99

Martin and Jennifer Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to James M. and Juanita A. Chasteen. No tax

Douglas and Paula Abney, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Christopher S. and Jenise K. Abney. Tax \$169.50

Stephanie M. and Alfred Martinez Hernandez and Steven Emanuel Coffey, property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Clyde M. and Edith F. Powell. Tax \$24.50

Roy and Lula Scarborough, property on Maple Grove Road, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal A. Hampton. Tax \$10

Roy and Lula Scarborough, property in Rockcastle County, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal A. Hampton. Tax \$10

William M. and Hillary Whitaker, property on Wabd-Poplar Grove Road, to Harold and Sandy Whitaker. No tax

Susie Horn, property near Negro Creek Road, to Donavan Bishop. Tax \$12

Raymond and Kathleen Reynolds, property on Line Creek Road, to Darin and Angela Danette McKinney Playle. Tax \$275

Edna Jo Cook, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeremy Rex Davidson. Tax \$35

Randal and Cheryl Wallen, property on Green Pond Ridge, to Matthew Langenbacher. Tax \$60

Betty Lou Hartke, property in Rockcastle County, to Daniel and Megan Pingleton. Tax \$25

Dale and Gayle T. Scoggin, property in Rockcastle County, to Jamie L. and Kacey J. Nicely. Tax \$57.50

Mary K. Mitchell, property in Rockcastle County, to Jennifer Mitchell. Tax \$15

Judy K. Boswell, property on U.S. 25, to Susan Mitchell. Tax \$20

Andrew Justin and Bethany Taylor Gilbert, property on KY 617, to Leigha McFerron. Tax \$127

Daniel R. and Megan J. Pingleton, property in Hill View Subdv., to Ashley Nicole Johnson. Tax \$123

James Galloway, property on old Copper Creek Road, to Anna Marie Hays and John David Coty Laws. Tax \$99.50

Melanie and Marvin Daulton and Tommy and Lynn Baldwin, property on Water Tank Hill Road, to Crystal E. and Steven M. Jones and Margaret A. Jones. Tax \$38.50

Stacy D. Hall and

Michelle C. Hall, property on Copper Creek Road, to Eddie Wayne Simpson. Tax \$5

Frances Arleen and Ronald Myers and Anita Louise Scott, property in Rockcastle County, to Brenda D. Estes. Tax \$15

Joseph E. and Carolyn Pearson, property in Sunny Side Estates, to Jason A. Vincent. Tax \$125.

District Court

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Eddie Gilbert Vanwinkle: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 10 days in jail/costs merged.

Amanda Jean Blume: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus

costs.

Sherrie R. Combs: drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, \$25 fine; disorderly conduct, \$100 fine plus costs.

Aaron Deatherage: terroristic threatening, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Calvin Mitchell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jeffery Mullins: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Marriage Licenses

Erica Danielle Blake Smith, 27, Somerset, homemaker and Kauntan Tyler Price, 24, Somerset, Hendrickson Mfg. 11/19/20

Organ donation, the priceless gift of life

As the holidays are approaching, communities are reminded of the season of giving. While family gatherings and gift exchanges may be from afar this year, organ transplant recipients and their families are incredibly thankful for the priceless gift of life.

This year, the Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL) has emphasized the importance of educating Kentuckians on organ, tissue, and eye donation. Since January 2020, 464 people have received their gift of life thanks to generous organ donors. However, 1,000 Kentuckians still wait for their gift of life this holiday season.

Riley, a heart transplant recipient, and his family experienced the wait firsthand. While facing a devastating diagnosis, there was a glimpse of hope because of a stranger's generosity. Now, 14 years after his transplant, Riley will spend another holiday season thankful for the gift of life.

"Organ donation has given us the most precious gift — our son, Riley. We have watched him play, laugh, and grow over the years that we wouldn't have had if it weren't for his donor family making that important decision to donate their loved one's organs. We are forever grateful to our donor family and continue to cherish each and every moment we have with Riley," said Brandi Speck, Riley's mom.

2020 has introduced many unexpected chal-

lenges for all communities. With the rise in organ transplants during the coronavirus pandemic, the number of patients experiencing financial difficulties has drastically increased.

The Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund was started by TFL to assist transplant patients who have fallen into financial hardship because of mounting medical bills, medication costs, and hospital-travel expenses. Financial contributions directly aid transplant recipients whose only wish is to be good stewards of the most precious gift of all: life.

"This year we have all been affected by the pandemic in some way. Registering as an organ donor and contributing to the Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund are two fulfilling ways to give back this holiday season," Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk.

To join the TFL mission, you may join the Organ Donor Registry in the following ways:

- Online 24/7 at RegisterMe.org

- Driver's License Renewals: Check with your local Circuit Court Clerk and KYTC office to confirm renewal processes by visiting <https://bit.ly/driverlicenseky>.

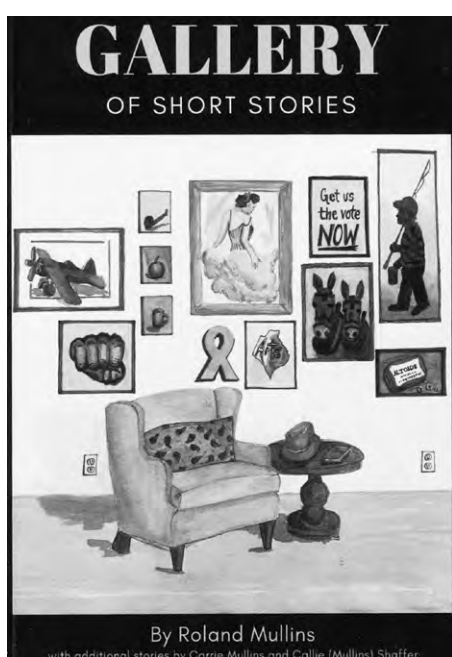
- On your Apple iPhone, go to the Health App and toggle "organ donor"

Individuals may contribute to the Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund by visiting <https://donatelife.org/> and selecting the 'Financial Contributions' tab.

Gallery of Short Stories

by Roland D. Mullins

with additional stories by Carrie Mullins and Callie (Mullins) Shaffer



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“Tax”

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legal sale of alcohol and to fulfill all government mandates and those expenses were sizable.

But now, the fees collected from that tax are being used for programs that nearly everyone supports, including programs aimed at avoiding alcoholism and drug abuse.

“No one knows the true and complete costs of alcohol sales in any community,” said Bray. “But we are using the proceeds from those sales to affect some positive change in our community.”

Those positive changes include the restart of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) program in the Rockcastle County school system and the hiring of the new School Resource Officer (SRO) inside the school system.

“We are using the money to implement a DARE Program in the school system to help fight addiction issues at an early age. The money will also be used to partner with the school system to hire an additional officer to be used as a school resource officer. This will help keep our kids safe in schools,” said Bray.

Not only is the school system benefiting from the revenues generated from the tax on alcohol sales, but so is the community as a whole. “We are also using the revenue to better equip our police department,” Bray said. “While other cities are defunding their police departments, we are using the alcohol regulatory money to better equip ours.”

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant is one of the officials who was against the sale of alcohol but said he is pleased that the new revenue funds are helping the city. “Since city voters approved alcohol sales, a number of businesses have begun providing the sales,” he said. “While the matter of going wet continues to be controversial, at least the sales tax revenue is staying in the city and not going to the state.”

Bryant said the money is being used wisely but there is still some controversy involved. “Those tax dollars are helping meet needs in the Mount Vernon Police Department and, from a financial perspective, both businesses and city government are benefiting from the city going wet.

“Professionally, of course, I understand the business value. Personally, based on my beliefs and convictions, I did not and still do not support the city going wet. We were already doing well as a city and I think there was every indication we would continue to do well without adding alcohol sales. However, as mayor, I always try to work closely with all of our businesses.”

According to Bray, if the city’s expenses weren’t more than the revenue from the tax, the city would be forced to refund the excess fees to the State of Kentucky. Though Bray says no one can put an exact cost on how the sale of alcohol affects a community, he does not doubt that the cost is more than the revenues.

From July 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020, the city received \$77,839 in alcohol

sales regulatory fees. This year, from July 1 to now, the city has already collected \$33,919. “We are on pace to collect well over \$110,000 in this fiscal year from the alcohol regulatory fee,” said Bray. “That money can do a lot of good for our community.”

The Rockcastle County school system will reimburse the City of Mount Vernon for the new officer’s salary for 175 days each year. But the city will remain fully responsible for all equipment and supplies and training the officer will need.

To date, only one liquor store has officially opened in the city limits but another is completed and ready to open near exit 59 once the State of Kentucky issues the Certificate of Occupancy, according to Bray.

The city has approved 16 licenses to sell alcohol but currently only 11 sell alcoholic beverages inside the city limits.

No stand alone bar or saloon has applied for a license in Mount Vernon though there is a bar and grill that serves food as well, Bray said.

“Close”

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halt all in-person service but promised to provide \$40 million to help such business owners for losses during the new closures.

However, no fund or programs were announced to make up for the loss in education that officials agree students will experience.

Moments after Beshear’s new mandates, Ballinger released a statement informing parents, students and staff that in-person instruction would cease again, beginning Monday, November 23.

Middle schools and high schools must remain closed to in-person classes until at least January 5. Elementary schools may return on December 7 if the county’s status is “orange” or lower at the time, though Rockcastle County was “orange” when the mandates came.

Beshear also admitted that a vaccine may be very near, though just four weeks ago he berated President Donald Trump for suggesting a vaccine was near as Beshear told Kentuckians that a vaccine that quickly “cannot possibly happen.”

Beshear also mandated that no families should celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday in groups larger than eight people.

“Cancel”

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a joint decision between the City of Mount Vernon and the Kiwanis Club was made in the interest of safety and the governor’s mandates.

Bryant said lights will be added to the tree and it will be lit, but there will be no formal ceremony.

As of Tuesday, the Christmas Parade was still planned for Saturday, December 5 at noon but Mayor Bryant said this too may change. See next week’s *Signal* for an updated report.

“City”

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flowing is top priority but that’s not an issue. The water plant is not in any danger of shutting down or imposing limits or anything like that. The water will keep flowing. It will

just be nice to have the funds to help the water department when those funds arrive.”

Bryant also said he now expects to be able to see the start of construction of the new water basin by the first of December.

Bryant, Mayor Mike Bryant and Water Superintendent Frank Baker, along with several other officials, have worked tirelessly attempting to correct the taste and odor in the Mount Vernon water system. But delays have caused the project to take much longer than many citizens and many officials have expected. “We have been trying to get these approvals for almost two years now,” Bryant said. “But it looks like it is about to happen.”

Water experts, state officials and advisors from across the country have said the new basin will neutralize the taste of the algae in the local water system.

The council also approved the second reading of Ordinance 2020-4 annexing the property where the new Chapin

2021 Essay Scholarship deadline quickly approaching

The clock is ticking on the deadline to apply for the 2021 Jackson Energy Essay Scholarship. High school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or a trade program in the fall of 2021 are invited to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship by November 30, 2020.

Applicants, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy Cooperative member with their primary resident or business served by the cooperative. Jackson Energy will award eight \$2,000 scholarships.

To apply, submit a cover sheet and your essay of 1000-1500 words discussing the topic, “Due to the spread of COVID-19, the year 2020 brought unprecedented challenges that impacted everything from our world economy to our local rural communities. As you continue to plan for your future, how will the changes we have experi-

manufacturing plant is locating at the industrial park. Mayor Bryant says the annexation was agreed upon between the plant as well as the county. The motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, the council agreed to give Mayor Bryant the authority to sign the contract between the city and the Rockcastle County School System concerning hiring a new School Resource Officer (SRO).

The school approached the city asking for the new officer who will be fully designated to work for the school system during school hours. When school is not in session the eighth Mount Vernon Police officer will work for the City of Mount Vernon as a needed extra officer.

According to the contract, the new officer will be equipped by the city, including a cruiser, gun, uniform and all other materials the same as any other Mount Vernon police officer. But this officer would work at the school as the SRO while

enclosed impact you moving forward? Also, what plans and provisions could be implemented for our local communities, businesses and schools to assist them in overcoming existing obstacles, turning their deficits into profits, staying successful moving forward - all while keeping everyone safe and healthy?”

The cover sheet must include: 1) student name, 2) high school, 3) full home address, 4) phone number, 5) email address, 6) name of person and relation on Jackson Energy account, and 7) Jackson Energy account number.

Essays submitted after the deadline, November 30, 2020, or not in accordance with the guidelines will not be considered.

Mail cover sheet and essay to Jackson Energy Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships, 115 Jackson Energy Lane, McKee, KY 40447, or email cover sheet and essay to scholarship@jacksonenergy.com.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a day that families have gathered together for many years in our country, to give thanks and to count our blessings. President Abraham Lincoln changed Thanksgiving Day to the last Thursday in November in 1863. Congress made Thanksgiving Day a legal holiday in 1941.

Since this is the time our country has set aside to give thanks, we want to consider the idea of being thankful. What trait is actually more beautiful than thankfulness? What is more vile than ingratitude? The apostle Paul places the unthankful in the class as the covetous, traitors, and blasphemers. 2 Timothy 3:1-4 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, and it goes on and on. Did you notice the apostle put unthankful, with this list of ugly traits, how sad it is but it is true that this is the way that it is for many people in this great country of ours, they have lost their natural affection and love for God.

One of the saddest statements in the Bible is found in Luke 17:17 Jesus says where is the nine? These ten came to Jesus with the dreaded disease of leprosy and begged Jesus for help. Master have mercy on us, they cried. Jesus cleaned the ten of their leprosy as they went on their way but only one went back and thanked Jesus for being healed. They readily accepted the fact that they were healed but didn’t take time to say thank you. How sad but typical of this present generation that lives today.

God bestows so many blessings on us every day that we could never thank Him enough, even if we stayed on our knees all the time. His gifts to mankind cannot be counted. All He asks, is that we be thankful? Let us look at a few verses: Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which you are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Gratitude is a beautiful trait and one that every Christian should strive to obtain and practice every day.

Folks how long has it been since you went to the Lord in prayer simply to say, Thank You Lord, for your many blessings. Most of our prayers are requests for things we want or need. The apostle Paul tells us to give thanks always to God for all things. The apostle Paul thanked God for whatever state he was in, he found something to be thankful for, he thanked God when he was hungry, he thanked God when he was supplied with goods, when I suffer need, I am still thankful.

There is no better way to give thanks to God than to live a life that glorifies Him. Thanks-living is thanksgiving. Heaven belongs to the grateful, and hell belongs to the ungrateful. Let us come before God with thanksgiving. Thank You for reading this article, I pray this week you have been blessed with the things you need and so much more and you give God the thanks.

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can reach us at the numbers listed below-Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104/Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021.

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school is in session.

Bray said the school system is not currently in compliance with SB-1 which requires the SRO. This noncompliance also limits school system funding. Bray said hiring a retired officer would save the city considerable funds.

In a detailed discussion, councilmember Shelley Lewis asked that the city not consider only retired officers. “This officer will be dealing with young kids and will have a lot of duties,” said Lewis. “I’m not saying retired officers are too old, I’m just saying they will have to deal with the kids and be very active.”

Mayor Bryant agreed that the officer should be “a viable, energetic officer with a passion for the job.” But said the city would save a “consider-

able amount of money” through retirement and insurance costs that are different when hiring a retired officer.

Mayor Bryant said the new officer would have to be an officer that students could “look up to and respect.”

The funds to provide the additional police officer will come from the Mount Vernon alcohol tax (see related story).

The memorandum passed unanimously.

Mayor Bryant thanked members of the council for their cooperation and willingness to participate in Zoom meetings. “We had hoped this wouldn’t last this long but with recent spikes it looks like we may be doing this for awhile.”

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17 at 6 p.m.

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Why is there so much division in our nation?

Why is there so much division in our state?

Why is there so much division in the religious realm?

It seems we are in a time when people are looking for things to be divided over in our nation, state and our religious beliefs. What causes division? Why can’t people live in harmony and work together for the greater good?

Our state motto is united we stand, divided we fall. What does that statement mean? Does it mean that there is strength in unity and numbers? Sure it does. So much more can be accomplished when people work together. When people don’t work together, it seems inevitable that they will be working against one another.

I was talking to a man just recently who was living in an adulterous relationship and I tried to explain to him how God felt about that. He took offense to that as if he felt like I was judging him and went on to say he really didn’t care what anybody thought about him or his situation. I told him I was just the messenger, but he should be concerned about God’s standards on any topic. I told him it didn’t matter what I thought because I am, too, in the flesh and have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that without Jesus Christ we all would be without hope.

And I realized that the reason people don’t agree is because they are usually living by different standards. For example, I am trying to live by God’s standards and he couldn’t relate to that because he was living by his own standard. Christ said in Matt. 5:37 *Let your yeas be yeas and nays be nays.* Just think of all the division that would be stopped if everyone lived by that simple rule. What about Matt. 7:12 the Golden Rule, *do unto other as you would have them do unto you.* Simple isn’t it? Matt. 22:37-39 *Jesus said love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment.* And the second is this *love thy neighbour as thyself.* On these two hang all the law and the prophets. These are just a few examples, the Bible is full of them, but if you want to see why there is so much division, just read the word of God.

We all need to remember Satan is the real enemy. He loves division in our nation, in our state, and most of all, in our churches. James 4:7 says *Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. V8 Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you.*

Let us all draw nigh together as a God fearing nation and become one!!!

Please pray for our nation!!!

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POTATO AND BACON GRATIN
 4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
 1 small onion, thinly sliced
 5 baking potatoes
 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 and 1/2 cups shredded swiss cheese
 Heat oven 400°. Cook and stir bacon in large ovenproof skillet on medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet with slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet. Add



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



onions to reserved drippings; cook and stir 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove onions from skillet. Cut potatoes into 1/8-inch-thick slices, place in large bowl. Add Parmesan and oil; mix lightly. Arrange half the potatoes, in concentric circles, on bottom of skillet, overlapping edges as necessary to make even layer of potatoes, top with onions and half the

Swiss cheese. Repeat layer of potatoes. Top with bacon and remaining Swiss cheese. Bake 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender and cheese is melted.
PARMESAN POTATO ROUNDS
 8 medium red potatoes, thinly sliced
 1 large onion, thinly sliced, separated into rings
 6 tablespoons butter, melted

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 Preheat oven to 450°. Grease 9 x 13 baking dish. Place half of potatoes in prepared pan. Top with onion and remaining potatoes. Drizzle with butter. Sprinkle with cheese, salt, and garlic powder. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until potatoes are

golden brown and tender.
CROCKPOT BACON CHEESE POTATOES
 1/4 pound bacon, cooked and crumbed
 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
 4 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
 1 tablespoon salt
 1/2 pound cheddar cheese, shredded
 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter, sliced and cut into quarters
 Green onions (optional)
 Line crockpot with foil. Spray the foil with non-stick cooking spray. Layer half each of the bacon, onions, potatoes, and salt in the crockpot. Dot with half of butter. Repeat layer with remaining bacon, onions, potatoes, and salt. Cover with foil. Place lid on crock pot and cook on low for up to 6 hours (check at 4 hours – depending on your crock pot). Add cheese and green onions for the last 20 to 30 minutes of cook time and enjoy!

CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES
Residential Service – Rate RS

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Infrastructure:	\$ 0.05886	\$ 0.06750
Variable:	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Total:	\$ 0.08963	\$ 0.09950

Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.02683	\$ 0.03312
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Off-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.05760	\$ 0.06512
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.24465	\$ 0.18924
On-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
On-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.27542	\$ 0.22124

Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.01276	\$ 0.01276
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):	\$ 0.04353	\$ 0.04476
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:		
Base Hours	\$ 3.44	\$ 4.01
Peak Hours	\$ 8.90	\$10.37

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions and to add two optional rate schedules: General Time-of-Day Energy Service ("GTOD-Energy") and General Time-of-Day Demand Service ("GTOD-Demand"). KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 10.4%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,120	68,176,839	10.68	12.85	10.67
Residential Time-of-Day	1,184	19,427	10.68	12.08	10.69
General Service	1,689	26,734,943	10.68	26.91	10.68
New Rate Schedule					
All Electric School	25,276	1,453,830	10.68	285.86	10.68
Power Service	31,900	19,592,722	10.67	351.54	10.67
Time-of-Day Secondary	194,032	14,530,948	10.69	1,580.24	10.69
Time-of-Day Primary	1,288,759	26,942,083	10.68	8,786.08	10.68
Retail Transmission	5,852,624	8,787,141	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,490,867	3,514,118	10.69	292,843.20	10.69
Outdoor Lights	58	(129)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting Energy	3,373	18	0.01	0.02	0.01
Traffic Energy	150	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
PSA	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rider – CSR	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Sports Lighting – Pilot Program	6,800	(4,762)	(4.97)	(99.21)	(4.97)

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer's residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU's billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU is also proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

Other Charges

KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.50
Meter Test Charge	\$75.00	\$79.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$24.00	\$21.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$28.00	\$37.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	New	\$0
Unauthorized Connection Charge – without meter replacement	\$70.00	\$45.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase standard meter replacement	\$90.00	\$66.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMR meter replacement	\$110.00	\$87.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMI meter replacement	\$174.00	\$149.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase meter replacement	\$177.00	\$154.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	New	\$39.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	New	\$15.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.16	\$1.36
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.99	\$0.92
EVSE – Networked Single Charger	\$132.09	\$132.09
EVSE – Networked Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$193.62
EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$82.86
EVSE-R – Networked Single Charger	\$121.79	\$121.79
EVSE-R – Networked Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$173.02
EVSE-R Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$30.86
EVC-L2 – Charge per Hour for First Two Hours	\$0.75	\$0.75
EVC-L2 – Charge per Hour for Every Hour After First Two Hours	\$1.00	\$1.00
EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC	1.16%	1.17%
Excess Facilities – w/ CIAC	0.47%	0.47%
TS – Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS – Seasonal	100%	100%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com.

A person may examine KU's application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or at the other KU business offices, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

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

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.

Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund can help

There's help for Kentuckians who have fallen behind on paying for essential utilities. Titled the Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund, it is in place to assist hard-pressed citizens across the commonwealth ensure uninterrupted access to water, electric and more.

The fund can assist households with income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level that have suffered financially due to COVID-19, covering up to \$500 for past-due utility, water or wastewater bills. For a limited number of households, the fund can pay up to \$200 for past due electric or natural gas bills, up to two times. Kentuckians can apply at their local Community Action Agency: To locate your local office, call 800-456-3452 or visit <https://www.capky.org/>. Community Action administers the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or

LIHEAP and is accustomed to assisting Kentuckians in paying their utility bills.

"I encourage all eligible Kentuckian's to access this program," said Eric Friedlander, secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. "The fund is available and offered as another resource to help get us through this pandemic together as Team Kentucky."

Applicants will need the following documentation:

- Most current utility bill;
- Proof of arrearage, payment plan or disconnect notice for utilities;
- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household, and;
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.

By Max Phelps Landscaping With the Nation's Favorite Nut, the Pecan

What do you think of when you hear the word "Pecan"? (Or as some of our friends to the south may say "pee-can".) Is it a basket of nuts at the roadside market? Is it Butter Pecan ice cream? Pecan pie? Maybe the thing there's only 3 or 4 of in a can of salted mixed nuts? How many of you think of a large shade tree?

From South Carolina to Texas you're apt to find some pecan trees in a yard, on the farm a piece away, or even along creeks and highway rights-of-way. From old Mexico to at least the southern shores of Lake Michigan, you can find wild pecan trees. There's variation in the species, and the varieties that grow well in Mississippi may not do well in Kentucky or North Carolina. But, there are indeed ancient trees in the wild in these states, and many others, especially along most of the Mississippi River.

As a possible yard tree, some make prettier trees than others. Disease free cultivars will look the best in the yard. And if you want nuts, you'll need a second tree nearby that is compatible for cross pollination. Pecan trees can grow sixty feet or more tall and wide so they need plenty of room. They're larger trees, but

Card of Thanks

Charley Lamb

A special Thank You from the family of Mr. Charley Lamb to:

Hospice Care Plus, Pastor Jamie Hamilton, Joy Reynolds, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Pam's Flowers and Gifts, Roundstone Baptist Church, Maple Grove Baptist Church, The Little Country Church and family and friends for all your prayers, calls, visits, thoughts, food and gifts in honor of Mr. Charley Lamb.

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Yards to Paradise

not nearly so messy as black walnut trees. And they have a much lower concentration of juglone that can stunt or even kill some other things in the landscape compared to walnuts.

As the headline says, pecans are generally the favorite American nut. Sure there are almonds, English or Carpathian walnuts, black walnuts and hazelnuts, among others. But other than perhaps the hickory, or a hican (hickory x pecan), pecans make the best shade trees. I seldom see potted pecan trees for sale at garden centers, and never balled and burlapped. Bare root trees are available via mail order nurseries. But, you'll want to avoid planting a seed as it will take 10 or more years to bear nuts, and you don't know if they'll be tiny, taste poorly or if the tree will be a pretty and healthy one you'll be happy to have around.

Let's suppose you might be thinking about adding a pecan to the landscape. What tree should you buy? And what about the pollination?

Pecan trees have two traits that clearly distinguish them when they reach the age to bear nuts. Some have male catkins shedding pollen all over the place, but the female part of the plant is located towards the tips of the limbs and is not receptive to the pollen for a few days yet. Ah! But there's another type of pecan that has the female parts all ready for fertilization, but their pollen catkins aren't matured yet. These are called "protandrous" and

"protogynous" - or simply type I and type II. You'll have to figure this out if you expect a crop of nuts from your trees.

Let's list some of type I and some of type II that can be expected to be free of scab and other diseases and also will probably do well where most of my readers are living. Good looking trees that will crop well, too.

Hark, Major, Mandan, Amling, Giles, Pawnee, and Yates 68 are some recommended varieties of the Type I pecans. Some excellent options for Type II trees are Kiowa, Kanza, Lakota, Nicono (huge nut but not scab resistant), Colby, Witte, and Posey, the winter hardy tree that has quality small nuts and looks good in the yard.

May other varieties are available, and some of them might be better where you are. I've tried to avoid listing those from the Gulf Coast or those that must have a regular spray schedule.

Grafted trees should bear nuts in three to seven years after planting. Trees have a long taproot, and the holes must be dug quite deep. If the soil is hard, heavy clay or thin and rocky, you may have to work on a much larger planting hole and fill it with improved soils. A large raised bed can also make a fine home for a new pecan tree in your yard; flowers, bulbs, day-lilies or ground cover can grow underneath in the bed.

Can you find room for a large pecan shade tree in your yard? I trust that some of you both can and will, for some of them look lovely and there's the possibility of 20, 50 or 100 pounds or more of high quality nuts every year from a mature tree. There's value in the nuts, and there's certainly value in a big tree that makes good shade.

The author is a landscaper. Visit www.rockcastles.net or call (859) 684-0642.

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Local authors publish new book with 13 short stories

By: Mike French
Editor

Sometimes in today's world, a person has a need to get their mind off of troubles. A need to forget about the pandemic and the seemingly endless political street fights of today can be overwhelming. So where does one go to get away? Problems are everywhere it seems. There is no distance to travel farther than time itself and now, everyone has a chance to go back in time and get away from all we face.

Gallery of Short Stories will provide that escape.

The new book, written by Rockcastle County's own Roland D. Mullins, takes the reader to places that only memories can go. Back in time.

Mullins, a member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, has now written four books including *The Laurel Spur*, *Aunt Beck* and *Grifton* and has seen success with each of them. But this time, the book also includes stories from two of his daughters, Carrie Mullins and Callie (Mullins) Shaffer, each authors in their own right.

Carrie, a lawyer and a writer, published her first book *Night Garden*, in 2015.

Callie, a pediatrician and an artist published *The Neighborhood Party* which is a children's picture book. Callie also designed the cover of her dad's newest publication.

The book, published by Old Seventy Creek Press with Rudy Thomas as the publisher, provides 13 captivating stories that each place the reader in a scene that engulfs their thoughts.

As one sits by the fire this winter and opens the cover to this new book, they will essentially disappear into a time and place when life was harder in many ways and better in as many more.

Each story is set in its own world and takes the reader to a place and a time that no one wants to forget.

Though it started in Crooked Creek in Rockcastle, the book takes readers from woman's suffrage to conquering the wilderness and from Tennessee to Texas and each story gives the reader insight into a life that had an effect on today's world.

Those who live in or have been to Rockcastle County should find a way to open the pages of the new book. And those who haven't been in the area, would miss an irreplaceable experience if they don't visit the county through the

pages of this publication.

Currently, the book is available at Amazon and other online book sellers as well as drcallie.net and www.oldseventycreek.com.

Anyone who enjoys short stories or history or life in general, should find a way to sit in a comfortable chair, near a warm fire, in a quiet place and go visit a place far away. A place you may have never been and yet, just around the corner.

New gym opens



With some businesses closing and others slowing down, Mount Vernon is still seeing new businesses open in the area. This week, *Rock Strength and Fitness* will officially open their doors Friday, November 27th. The new gym, owned and operated by Chris and Matthew Miller, springs from the Iron Mafia training club. The Millers have become a well-known weight lifting family and located their new business in the old Jack's Hardware store at 160 Williams Street. The gym will be staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 1. A ribbon cutting ceremony is expected to take place after the COVID-19 pandemic has become less prevalent. Everyone is invited to visit the new gym or drop them a line for any questions you may have at rockstrength.fitness@gmail.com.

Livingston cancels Thanksgiving event

By: Mike French
Editor

As COVID-19 cases continue to grow in Kentucky, there has been another cancellation due to the virus.

Livingston City Commissioners voted this month to cancel the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. "We really hated to do that," said Mayor Dwane King. "This is a big deal for us. Last year we had over 150 people come and eat Thanksgiving dinner with us. We

had nine turkeys and our community comes together at this event every year."

However, King said the Christmas Parade is still planned and there will be a chance for kids to sit on Santa's lap. "We can't just stop everything for our kids," he said. "We will be extremely careful and the kids and Santa will have to wear a mask, but we are going to go ahead with it."

Since King said so many will be disap-

pointed about the Thanksgiving Dinner, he is planning a similar event for Easter of 2021. "We may be able to have an Easter Dinner instead, and provide that community fellowship for everyone. It will just be a little later than usual," he said.

King expects to begin the search for three additional city commissioners immediately. Only one candidate, Leroy Lamb, ran for the office but state laws requires four commissioners.

Looking for Commissioners

King and Lamb say they will begin appointments after the first of the year.

A city commission and a city council are two very different forms of government, according to Kentucky statutes.

On a city commission, the mayor has equal powers with each commissioner and votes as a commissioner. To form a quorum in a city commission, there must be either two commissioners and the mayor, or three commissioners

present. However, with only one elected commissioner and the mayor, it is not clear how the City of Livingston will form a quorum to vote on the appointment of the remaining commissioners needed.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe is looking into statutes and exceptions that would provide an opportunity to add one commissioner, and then a quorum would exist to appoint the other two.

DAR promotes National Native American Heritage

The Rockcastle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution promotes the continued education of the history and culture of Native Americans as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

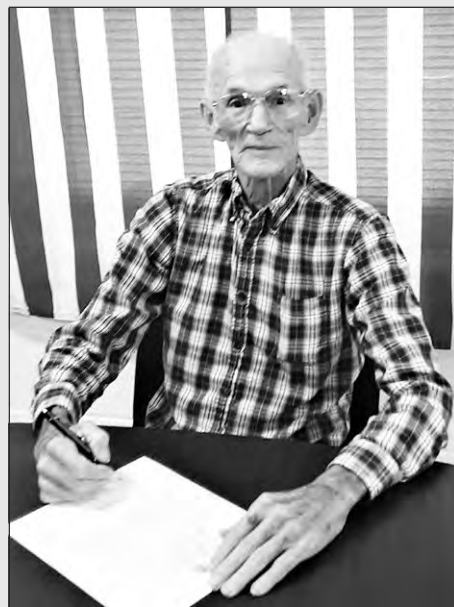
In August 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter, commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month. This was a landmark bill honoring America's tribal

people. This commemorative month aims to provide a platform for Native people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life.

The Mayors of Brodhead, Mt. Vernon, and Livingston all signed proclamations declaring the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month, in Rockcastle County and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



The Mayors of Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, and Livingston all signed proclamations declaring the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month in Rockcastle County. Pictured above from left: Jamie Bryant, Council Member; Mike Bryant, Mt. Vernon Mayor; Josh Bray, City Manager and 71st District State Representative-elect; and Jill Medley, Utility Clerk. Below left: Walter Cash, Brodhead Mayor. Below right: Dwane King, Livingston Mayor.



KSP hopes shoppers fill their carts "Beary" full

Its nearly Black Friday and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) hope shoppers will include a Trooper Teddy Bear on their Christmas list this year. The bears go on sale Thanksgiving night at 6 p.m. and will sell for \$15 through the holiday weekend. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Trooper Teddy Project, which provides teddy bears to children in traumatic situations such as a car crash, exposure to drugs, or domestic abuse cases which frequently result in the arrest of a parent.

KSP Spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory says the Trooper Teddy Project is designed to develop trust between officers and children.

Often times, we are meeting these children on their worst day, says Gregory. Whether they are scared or nervous from the circumstance they are dealing with, the bear seems to immediately resonate with them. That connection builds trust and opens the door to communication between the child and the trooper.

Gregory says the program does not utilize state dollars and relies solely on donations and the sale of bears to sustain it.

Annually, we host a bear sale on Black Friday and then again on Valen-

times Day to raise money for the project, notes Gregory. We also accept general tax-exempt monetary donations to the project. We remain humbled by the public support for this project. Its absolutely heart-warming to see the way Kentuckians respond.

Trooper Teddy Bears will be sold for \$15 plus shipping during the promotion. Citizens have the option to pick up their bear for free at KSP Headquarters in Frankfort or at any KSP Post.

For those interested in purchasing a bear or making a tax deductible contribution to the project, citizens should visit trooperteddy.square.site/s/shop or shop through Ebay at <https://www.ebay.com/itm/KSP-TROOPER-TEDDY-BEAR-/223858694990?hash=item341f049b4e:g:nu0AAOSw4iVIV7cl>.

The Trooper Teddy Bear Project came to life in December of 1989 after Kentucky First Lady Martha Wilkinson hosted a Gala fundraiser at Red Mile Racecourse earlier that summer. The black tie event raised the needed funds to purchase 2,000 Trooper Teddy Bears. The first allotment of bears included a personal note on each stuffed animal from First Lady Wilkerson.

New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant,

Mount Vernon Signal's deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

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

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

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

For Rent

Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale

Two Lots on McFerron St. Lots 55 and 65. Sewer and water hookups, adjoins the church. \$10,000. 813-509-8529. 43x2

Lot for Sale in Owens Subdivision at the corner of Joyce and Liberty Streets behind library. 1-606-256-5471. 44x4p

Posted

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

Posted: No trespassing! on Property located at 16762 Big Cave Road, Orlando. Trespassers are subject to be prosecuted. 44x2

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

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. 47ftn

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. 25ftn

Miscellaneous For Sale

Registered Black Angus Bulls. Have four that are 14 months old. All have had all their shots and been dewormed. Had BSE's and Semen checked. All are calving ease and low birth weight with lots of growth. DNA tested for enhanced EPDs. Priced according to pedigree and DNA numbers. From \$1800 to \$3500. For more info, call 606-308-3670. LA Angus Farms, Rick Bryant.

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

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

Help Wanted

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

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Notices

Rockcastle Hardware and Rental, formerly Mark's Hardware, 226 West St., Brodhead, is now open under new ownership. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 606-758-9980. 41x4

Notice is hereby given that George Henshaw, 394 Potter Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Lois Henshaw on the 19th ay of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said George Henshaw on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 44x3

Notice is hereby given that Luke Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 and Sherri Woodall Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Dustin Matthew Linville, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Luke Linville and/or Sherri Linville or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 44x3

Notice is given that Christie Turner has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Seth Ian Barrett, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held December 16, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exception to said settlement must be filed before that date. 44x1

Notice is hereby given that Lonnie McGuire and Jean McGuire, 301 Houk Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors w/will of the Estate of Gladys Chesnut on the 9th day of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lonnie and Jean McGuire or to Rowe Law Office, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2021. 42x3

Notice is hereby given that Ellen G. Miller, 284 Houston Point Subdv., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Debra E. Fisher, 121 Colt Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been named Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Patsy R. Falin on November 23, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ellen G. Miller and/or Debra E. Fisher or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 23, 2021. 44x33

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Linda Durham



Cindy McCullough



Marian Cable



Denise Carpenter



Thana Connelley

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Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

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FOURTH GRADE

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H. Shepherd

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Honor Roll

Katie Adams, Brooklyn Doan, Kaiya Njie, Aidann Lear.

Witches hour



Fourth Grade faculty and staff dressed as Witches from Roald Dahl's book. Pictured are: Joyce Lear, Heather Shepherd, Kandace Rose, Lyndsey Reams and Michelle Martin.

Red Ribbon Week



As part of Red Ribbon Week at MVES, Brandy Alexander's 3rd grade class was one of the many classes that wore silly socks. The theme was "Sock it to Drugs!"

Save the turkey



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Mt. Vernon Message

MVES staff & students celebrated World Kindness Day virtually this year! Students were sent kindness calendars, songs, writing prompts, and digital children literature books to inspire acts of kindness into their day! In these unprecedented times we really wanted to spread this message that kindness matters and encourage others to do the same!

As part of Red Ribbon Week, we wore silly socks on Thursday. The theme was "Sock it to Drugs!"

On Friday, we dressed up as our favorite storybook character and had a parade. The theme was, "Too Smart To Start!"

Fourth Grade faculty and staff dressed as Witches from Roald Dahl's book:

Mrs. Kara Brown's preschool classes participated in Red Ribbon Week Activities.

There will be NO turkeys for Thanksgiving!

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Kenna's Kitchen plans are underway! To make donations and or get more information about our Annual Kenna's Kitchen, please contact MVES FRC Coordinator, Regina Hull-Brown at 606-392-1876.

MVES Literacy Team will be having a Drive-Through event on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 5-6 pm. We will be handing out goodie bags and an age-appropriate book to any children who attends. Santa will be there waving to the children as they go through the line to receive their book and goodies. We will also have Santa's Mailbox set up if you would like to drop a letter off. We are asking that everyone follow COVID-19 guidelines and stay in their vehicle. We will hand your items to you as you drive through. Books and bags while supplies last.