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## Seven COVID deaths

Rockcastle County has experienced the seventh COVID-related death according to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department. This week's loss is a 75 year-old male at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. There has been a spike in positive cases in Rockcastle County over the past week. Total positive cases are now at 475, up 125 since last week at presstime, with an additional 140 probable cases.

## Fiscal court meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 8 at 4 p.m. due to the large spike in local COVID-19 cases. Anyone interested, may watch the meeting via zoom by dialing 712-432-3900 and the ID number is 433828#.

## RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority will be Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

## School Board meeting

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend. Masks are required.

## Christmas Parades are Saturday

Santa may not visit some cities this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but Mount Vernon and Brodhead officials found a way for local children to get a glimpse of the (See "Parade" on A5)



Fire fighters responded to two fires at the same home on Carter Ridge Road on two consecutive days. The fires are under investigation. No injuries were reported.

## Two fires at same house

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to a residential structure fire on Carter Ridge Road Saturday evening.

Once on scene, officials found heavy fire conditions and fire fighters performed a "rapid interior attack" on the structure extinguishing the flames.

Fire fighters with the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department say they believe the house was occupied at the time of the fire

but no one was home.

Mount Vernon fire fighters said the home suffered heavy damage but was not destroyed.

The following day, Sunday, November 29, almost 24 hours later, fire fighters were called to the same home. Once at the scene, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said heavy flames were coming through the roof of the house and another aggressive attack was made by fire fighters.

The extensive fire during the second trip re-

(See "Fire" on A5)

## Sudden large spike locally Rockcastle back in red zone rating after 125 new cases

By: Mike French  
Editor

A sudden, massive spike in local COVID-19 cases and another COVID-related death has brought Rockcastle County back into the "Red Zone" incident rating.

As of Tuesday, only three of the 120 Kentucky counties remain in the orange incident rating as Rockcastle rejoined the Red Zone rating this week with a rating of 34.2

For the first time, Rockcastle County increased in positive COVID tests by well over 100. In the past seven

days, 125 new positive cases were reported with an additional 145 probable cases. This brings the reported cases in Rockcastle County to 475 total positive cases.

Officials from the health department, governor's office and hospitals say they expect cases to rise substantially more after the Thanksgiving holiday numbers begin to be included next week.

Governor Andy Beshear announced no in-person classes in public and private schools in the state on November 18

(See "Cases" on A5)

## Arrest made after burglary at Brodhead Farm Market

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office and the Kentucky State Police made an arrest this week in the November 2 burglary of the Brodhead Farm Market on US 150 near Brodhead.

According to the police report, Sheriff's Deputy Sam Brock, KSP Troopers Adam Hensley, Chris Prewitt and Brian Maupin began the investigation after owners reported someone had broken through the side of

the building.

The reports says acting upon information Deputy Brock received during the investigation, a search warrant was obtained and the stolen items were recovered from both Lincoln County and Rockcastle County.

Robert Adams, 44, of Crab Orchard, was arrested and charged with burglary in the third degree. He was also charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$10,000 and receiving stolen property. Adams was trans-

ported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$7,500.

"This is what happens when law enforcement agencies work so well together," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "We are proud of the effort of our deputies and the local agencies who all worked together to solve this case."

## Additional \$75,000 raised Farmers Market is back on track

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Farmers Market multiuse facility is back in the bid process once again.

The building, planned on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon, will house the Farmers Market during season, but will also be used for other purposes throughout the

year, according to officials.

The original building bids were higher than expected, according to Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, and plans were made to reduce the building's size.

However, after more (See "Farm" on A5)

## Lake Linville Road closed

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lake Linville Road (KY 2793) will be temporarily closed for about two weeks from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The closure notice

came after the previous publication of the *Signal*, giving no warning of the closure to residents in the area.

The press release says the closure started Tuesday, December 1 and is (See "Closed" on A5)



The first snow of the year fell in Rockcastle County Monday evening November 30 and lasted into Tuesday. Reports across the state suggest about 2 inches blanketed the area causing the usual winter scenes on Main Street in Mount Vernon as the newly hung Christmas decorations were coated with a layer of snow.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have made it no secret, over the 50 plus years I have, off and on been doing this column, about my feeling about winter. I hate, loathe and despise it in case you missed my sentiments over said period.

I was quite surprised Tuesday morning when I awoke and realized that we had been visited during the night with a couple of inches. Jax did his usual disappearing routine when I opened the door for him to make his morning exit outside to do his business and I had to force the issue. The red cat immediately ran out and had disappeared when I went to let them both in about 10 minutes later. Evidently he is a fan of the white stuff.

This seems to me to be earlier then we have had to deal with the white stuff in past years. I will always remember the first year we moved here, in 1966. I wasn't real happy anyway with being uprooted from my hometown of 25 years and, to add insult to injury, it snowed on Halloween that year. Not much mind you but enough to make the festivities quite uncomfortable.

I don't know why I dislike it so much except that we have always, except for one short period of time when we printed our paper here ourselves, have had to drive out of town to get the *Signal* printed and then drive it back here and spend several hours delivering it around the county. I always worried that someone was going to have a problem if there was a snow on the ground but luckily my fear was never realized.

**My fears are about something else entirely** these days. It is about the downfall of our great nation to the machinations of a party that has decided to take no prisoners in their efforts to regain power in our country.

I am down to having a presence on Twitter only, and that is going to go by the wayside soon, but one comment I read recently was breathtaking in its total disregard for the rule of law in this country. It came from someone who uses PhD in their title and who said they didn't care if the election was stolen as long as Trump was defeated.

That simply amazed me that anyone wouldn't care about an election being stolen as long as their candidate won.

It's inconceivable that President Trump received more votes than any previous incumbent seeking reelection and still got beat. He got 11 million more votes than in 2016, the third largest rise in support ever for an incumbent. (By comparison, President Obama was comfortably re-elected in 2012 with 3.5 million fewer votes than he received in 2008).

There are 100s of sworn affidavits from whistle blowers attesting

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



The truth is, there is just so much of this COVID stuff that makes no sense at all, and that is why there are millions of us who think it is mostly bunk.

Unfortunately, for the wanna-be dictators like Beshear, some of us look for things to add up. We expect some form of logic to mandates. Actually, we look for truth. We never blindly follow government. The Jews did that.

We are students of history and we know that governments lie to people sometimes. Yes, it does happen. More often than not.

To think Andy is not playing politics by reporting only the charts that support his opinions is not facing the truth.

There are those of us who actually question what we are told especially when it comes from those who have their own agenda.

I know there is a COVID-19. Yep, I've

read about it once or twice. It is a terrible flu.

But the stuff we are being told is not the whole story.

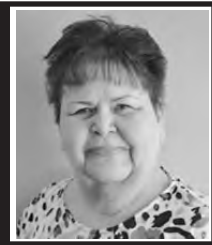
One way we can tell is how much the stories change after an election.

I watched Andy and Doctor Cry-baby spend 30 minutes talking about how disgusted they were when Donald Trump said a vaccine was just "around the corner." They both spent their free advertising propaganda hour calling Trump a liar and swearing to us a vaccine was two years away and how irresponsible Trump was. Andy even did his little head-bob nod at the pure audacity

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### Grandma's Great Discovery

Dear Journal,

When you have been around a few years like I have, you've seen a lot of products come and go. There are some products that I sure miss now that they are gone. About five years ago I got a craving for a Banquet frozen cream pie...just any kind. There were lemon, coconut, chocolate and maybe strawberry flavor pies. I looked at the grocery store for one but I couldn't find any. Must be sold out, or so I thought. They are rather

popular after all. We usually kept at least one or two in the freezer at any given time back home. I looked for a week or more here and there and still couldn't find any. As I found out, they stopped making them several years ago. What a disappointment. They were good and convenient. Why in the world would a company stop making such a product? They were the perfect quick dessert.

I've found in the last few years, I can go shopping and just go down

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fire building in order to make it last for hours on end. No one else in the house was permitted to add coal or to use the poker to stir up the coals. As far as Pop was concerned, it was a serious job, and it required masterful attention - which only he, as the expert, could provide.

Before retiring for the evening, Pop would adjust the damper on the stove pipe, set the draft on the bottom door, and place just the right amount of coal inside for the fire to last all night long. The next morning all he had to do was make a few adjustments and that Warm Morning stove would make the house feel "toasty" warm in no time at all. He was proud of his fire-making skills.

On cold winter nights, Pop made a roaring fire in the stove, pulled his cherry rocker up to the front of it, and rocked as he listened to his big, floor-model wooden radio. It wasn't long until we could hear him snoring away in his contented state. He was at home, warm, and satisfied.

We had another small coal-burning stove in the kitchen. It was used to warm that part of the house and to heat water for the water heater. Mommie Katie (my grandmother) only allowed coal to be placed in two coal buckets. They were hidden from view

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm not sure if it was, or still is, just a Letcher County thing, but when I was growing up the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day were unofficially called "firecracker season." After school evenings and all day weekends consisted of an almost steady roar of exploding firecrackers, bottle rockets and less frequently but much louder/far more dangerous M-80s and cherry bombs that made the county sound like a war zone.

Enterprising bootleggers drove to Tennessee

to purchase them legally and brought them back to sell illegally at double the price they had paid for them. To this day I suspect that law enforcement was paid to turn a blind eye to the entrepreneurs who made handsome profits peddling the illicit goods because anybody who wanted some could easily find them and that included every peace officer in the cities, county or state police. If any sellers were ever arrested, I never heard about it.

By the time I was out of high school the small scale, neighborhood sellers were mostly out of business because only 2 or 3 high volume sellers had prices low enough to make it not worth the risk for most people to sell them from their homes.

When I was in grade school, during the 1950s, there were at least 4 people among Blair Branch's 40 some families openly selling firecrackers between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Most of them were only selling enough to pay for the gasoline required to make a 200 mile round trip to a legal outlet in Tennessee but a few local merchants figured

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The next meetings will be at the Rockcastle County Emergency Operation Center, located at 755 Progress Dr. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 at 12:00 p.m. 12/3/20.

## Write a Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

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**Drop off letters to Santa's Mailbox located at Triangle Park in downtown Mt. Vernon.**

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 Rockcastle Regional Hospital



## “ramblings”

(Cont. from A2)  
to unlawful shenanigans that are being presented to state election commissions (mainly in the states that had to quit counting votes election night for various bogus reasons) that are being ignored, in some cases by Republican governors.

In Pennsylvania, I think it was, 1.9 million absentee ballots were requested, 1.4 million were returned but 2.5 million were counted in their final tabulation. Sounds a tad fishy doesn't it??

Also, according to a Judicial Watch study, 353 U.S. counties have 1.8 million more registered voters than eligible voting-age citizens.

I don't have much hope for there being any change in the election results because, let's face it, who would have any trouble believing that someone as intelligent and charismatic as Joe Biden (with a proven track record of accomplishing absolutely nothing for his 47 years already in office) could garner 80,000,000 votes (insert eye roll).

I turned 79 Monday. I have hopes of making it many more years but, even if I do, more than likely I will still get out of this mess we call a country right now sooner

than my children and grandchildren and I feel so sad for them. Mainly because I fear that if the powers that be allow this farce of an election to stand that there will never be a fair one again in this country -- and that will probably start with the runoff election for two senate seats scheduled for January in Georgia.

One last note about how the fear of COVID19 is being allowed to rule some people's lives entirely.

An Ohio subscriber of many years called us last week and told us to suspend delivery of the *Signal* for the time being. It seems they have been reading about how bad the infection rate is in our county and they were afraid they would contract it through touching the *Signal*. True story, I kid you not.

## “Aces”

(Cont. from A2)  
of Trump to suggest such an outlandish thing.

Then two weeks after the election, Andy can't wait to announce how close we are to a vaccine. His doctor even used the term “around the corner” in their proud announcements about how close it is.

Obviously, whatever best serves Andy's political stance, is what we

hear from him, even as he condemns those who use the pandemic for political purposes.

But there are simply too many things that do not add up for me to believe anything they tell us.

We have to jam a q-tip almost into a person's brain to test for COVID. Yet, we can catch it from 5.9 feet away through a mask.

Masks work, but we are told to shut down again after we were told the masks worked the last time.

When this all started in March, we were first told that masks help nothing.

If masks work, we shouldn't have to stand six feet away. If standing six feet away works, we shouldn't need masks. If the combination of masks and distance works, we shouldn't need to be quarantined/locked down.

We are contacted if we have been around someone who has COVID for more than 15 minutes. Apparently COVID waits for 14 minutes before it jumps on us.

We are shutting down our country because saving just one life is worth the destruction of our economy and the ending of many 100 year-old businesses.

Yet, we didn't shut down in 2018 when 34,000 people died of the flu. Apparently 34,001 would have gotten attention. If what Andy says is true and just one life is worth it, then be ready to shut down every flu season from now on. Truth is truth.

Mandates require restaurants to close but Walmart, car parts stores, barbers, insurance offices, etc., can stay open. Andy's reason for that is, (direct quote here) “that's different.”

The truth is COVID-19 is the flu. It is a bad flu. And like all flus since Adam and Eve, it is harder on elderly and those with underlying health conditions. But shutting down and naming Beshear as Lord and Master is not the answer.

Be as safe as you can. Avoid people who are sick and if you are sick, stay home. Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer. Wear a mask if you are afraid of catching the flu. That goes for this year and every year.

I don't need daddy government to decide what is for my own good. I eat sugar, I like chocolate, I don't always wear a seat belt, I currently smoke, I own guns, I ride motorcycles, I had Thanksgiving with my family and I will Christmas too.

I'll decide what is too dangerous for me and if I decide my fear of COVID outweighs my desire to experience life, I will stay home. But I will never ask you to stay home because I am afraid. That's called “freedom.”

Just think for yourself and use common sense. When this is over, Andy will scream from the mountain tops that he saved us all and we survived because we obeyed him.

It just isn't the truth. It is politics. We will survive as a state and Andy did no more to help than anyone else.

As for me, I won't stop living my life just because I am afraid to live my life.

## “T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)  
the aisles and see the products sitting on the shelves that I can remember being new to the market...and miss the older ones that are now gone.

When I was a kid growing up, every summer there would be this one or that one or perhaps a whole family would come to visit and stay a few days. Then, at some point, we would go and stay a few days with them. It was an exciting time. Back then, it didn't take a whole lot to excite people. We enjoyed the simple pleasures in life like spending time with family and friends. The very best was used. Special meals were cooked, linens were on the table, and the good dishes and silver were brought out...all the works. It was like Thanksgiving or Christmas.

I remember one summer when I was about six to eight years old, Grandma Norton's sister, my Great Aunt Lucille Broughton from Cincinnati came and stayed about a week, which wasn't anything unusual. She was always a load of fun and very cheery to be around. She always brought me some nice things, toys and clothes. She would bring other family gifts, too. She brought it all on the Greyhound bus. I remember waiting for that old bus to pull into the station. I said it was like Christmas. This is the year my grandma discovered Cool Whip.

I sent Stanley shopping to get a few things for Thanksgiving. Among the things to be gotten was some whipped topping for the pumpkin pies. We usually get the store brand but they were sold out of it, so he got the Cool Whip. We had it on the pies (sugar free) and he just kept going on about how much better it was than the store brand. I tried it and there really was a big difference. We decided that it was Cool Whip from now on.

I told him about remembering Cool Whip on the market for the first time. It was when my Aunt Lucille came for her summer visit that year when I was about six to eight years old. Grandma had some Cool Whip for the first time. Prior to that, you had to make whipped topping from pure cream yourself. Grandma, wanting to have everything special, tried some of the whip on strawberry shortcake. Wow! What an invention! We were all amazed. Remember, it didn't take much.

Grandma made stuff that week just so she could put Cool Whip on it. We must have gone through several boxes of it that week, and probably gained ten pounds each.

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)  
behind the stove in the kitchen. She was very emphatic about where coal could be stored in her home.

These two stoves were centrally located so that most of the rooms received the effect of their warmth. My bedroom, however, was the exception.

It was positioned at the far corner of the house and did not get warm air from either of these sources of heat. I can remember a couple of times when I awoke to find a small skim of ice on the top of the water glass at my bedside. Let me tell you, it was a rude awakening when it was that cold in your bedroom. It made it doubly difficult to get out of bed before the fires warmed the house. In winter, I usually slept in athletic socks and PJ bottoms, and I kept a sweatshirt hanging on the head post of my bed to put on before crawling out.

On nights that held the potential for extreme drops in temperature, my mother (Bee) would place a couple of bricks on the top of the Warm Morning stove to warm them before she wrapped them in a towel and positioned them under the covers at the foot of my bed. Placing your feet against warm towels was very comforting when it was quite chilly in my room.

I would lie there listening to my transistor radio until I fell asleep under the stack of quilts that Bee had made herself. Sometimes that stack would be so heavy that I could not even turn over, but I stayed warm.

By the age of ten or eleven, I was assigned the task of filling the coal buckets before it got dark. The coal pile was located on the back corner of the yard next to the chicken house. Pop kept an old, rusty, chipped hatchet near the coal pile to break up the larger pieces into smaller blocks that would fit into the buckets. If we were expecting snow or very cold weather, Pop would instruct me to gather an extra bucket or two and set them next to the kitchen door.

Even though it is much easier today to deal with winter temperatures, I still miss the warmth, smell, and sounds of a great Warm Morning stove

crackling in the den of our small farmhouse.

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

## “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)  
out how to purchase from wholesalers and it simply was not worthwhile for neighborhood sellers to make the trip because we could buy them close by at prices rivaling Tennessee. The free enterprise system put the poor folks out of the firecracker business in short order, much like the big box stores have shut down small town main street merchants.

I haven't been to Letcher County during the holidays in at least 25 years, but the last I spent a long weekend there, was in December of the early 1990s. Firecracker season was in full swing. A friend from Lancaster and I were on a business trip to Whitesburg and I had invited him along to spend a couple of days at my brother's home on Blair Branch.

Unlike yours truly, my buddy is an early riser. We had already been talking about the steady banging and booming of fireworks before we had turned in the night before but when I rolled out of bed the next morning he was sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee and shaking his head. I asked him what was wrong and he said, “I don't know that anything is wrong but this is the first time I've ever heard fireworks going off in broad daylight in December and I haven't even had breakfast!”

As I said earlier, the Christmas fireworks thing is or was an eastern Kentucky tradition. I've lived in the flatlands for over 45 years and never heard even a firecracker explode this time of year. Now that I think about it, I lived in Pikeville through 5 Decembers during the late 1960/early 90s and I don't recall holiday fireworks being overly popular there, back then. Apparently it was mostly a Letcher County thing.

I'm curious to know if it's still a happening thing there the way that June and July are in Madison and Garrard Counties. It's getting to the point that illegal booming and banging are going to last from Memorial Day until Labor Day in my neck of the woods. And frankly, the summertime explosions we hear on Charlie Brown Road are like comparing dynamite to popcorn to the stuff I used to buy from way under the counter at the old Isom, KY Cow Shed Trading Post during the 60s and 70s.

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**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.

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# Obituaries

## Noal Pigg, Jr.

Noal Pigg, Jr. "Junior", 77, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 6, 1943, to the late Noal and Edna (Bowman) Pigg. He was well known in the farming community.

He is survived by: his three children, Alvin (Donna) Pigg, Andy (Judy) Pigg, and Jenny Pigg, all of Brodhead; three sisters, Rachel (Johnny) King of Clear Creek, KY, Maxine (Lee) Hatfield of Dayton, OH, and Sue Barron of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Amber, April, Donovan, Erica, and Hunter; five great grandchildren, Ryden, Baley, Zayden, Hailey, and Wyatt; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Woodrow Pigg; and two sisters, Sallie Pigg and Norma Jean Witt.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Grant Martin officiating. Burial followed in Big Hill Cemetery.

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

## Ronald Lee Smith

Ronald Lee Smith, 57, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 24, 2020 surrounded by his family at his home. He was born September 20, 1963 in Mount Vernon, to the late Luther and Wanda Maxine (Lawrence) Smith. Ronald was united in marriage on June 7, 1989 to Alice Sandlin. He worked for the Plastics Factory in Mt. Vernon and loved hunting and playing with his grandkids.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Alice Louise Smith; four children, Tiffany (Eric) Wallin of Brodhead, Brittany (David) Ramsey of Science Hill, Dustin Smith of Brodhead, Samantha Smith of Brodhead; seven grandchildren, Tom Ramsey, Marley Wallin, Connor Smith, Paisley Young, Ava Hering, Boss Ramsey and Max Wallin; and three sisters, Darlene Cromer (Bill), Judy Childress (Benny), and Debbie Smith (Rodger), all of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Luther and Wanda Smith; as well as two brothers, Phillip Smith and Gary Smith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with graveside services following at Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: David Ramsey, Eric Wallin, Dustin Smith, Zach Hayes, Ottie Sandlin, and Gary Hayes.

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

## Margaret Lucille Stewart

Margaret Lucille Stewart, 88, of Orlando, widow of Delbert Stewart, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

In accordance with current state mandates, funeral services for Mrs. Stewart will be private. Burial will be in Briarfield Cemetery.

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

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## If Ye Then Be Risen With Christ

If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ sets on the right side of God. 2 Set your affections on things above, not on things of this earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and covetousness, which is idolatry. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In which ye also walked sometime, when ye live in them. But now ye also put off all these, anger wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not to one another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created Him.

Our goals and priorities change, when our new life in Christ begins, we begin to desire those things that are holy and heavenly and that are everlasting. We begin to desire and long for this place called Heaven, the closer we get each day to God, the more we realize, how material things come and go, but the things that are eternal, they last forever without end.

We have put off the old man that was in sin and away from God, thinking only of those that satisfied our taste, for only a season, we no longer allow that man to control our deeds. We are finally free from that old man, because now we know the truth, John 8:32 and the truth shall set us free.

The blood of Christ is able to cover our sins and is able to wash them away. We can no longer see that life in the flesh is its gone, it vanished away through the life of Jesus Christ, it is now just a memory and the longer we serve the Lord and are faithful to him, the less visible that memory is.

The more we know about the word of God and its saving power and the more we allow it to change our life and mold our life, the more we are becoming like our Heavenly Father.

Christians cannot remain the same after they are born again into Jesus Christ as we find in John 3:5 We make a change in our life and if there is no change in our life, then we were not actually born again.

Thank you and God bless you for reading this article, I pray always that you have the things you need in this life and you thank God for every blessing. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can call us at the numbers: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104. (Thy word have I hid in my heart)

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## Dean Herman Barron

Dean Herman Barron, 79, of Brodhead, died peacefully Thursday, November 26, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on December 28, 1940, the son of Robert Walker and Vadie Betty Mink Barron. He was a life-long cattle, tobacco, and vegetable farmer and a former tree trimmer. He retired from the Kentucky Stone Company as a security guard and was of the Church of Christ Faith. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved to tell stories and joke and laugh with his numerous friends.

He was formerly married to Lillie Fleming and from that union came two daughters, Carolyn and Steve Thomas of Union, and Stacey and Russell Blanton of Mt. Vernon.

He is also survived by: his common law wife and companion, Nettie Carr; a step-daughter, Jennifer and Gene Jenkins of Nicholasville; a brother, Bobby and Bonnie Barron of Brodhead; a sister, Darlene and Al Saunders of Crab Orchard; a brother-in-law, Mark Stratton of Brodhead; a sister-in-law, Margie Barron of Brodhead; nine grandchildren, Amanda Martin, Cassidy Martin, Sydney Martin, Nevaeh Childers, Ashton Fleming, Jamie Fleming, Savannah Fleming, Austin Jenkins, and Savannah Jenkins; and four great grandchildren, River, Charley, Melody, and Carter. In addition to his parents, Robert and Vadie Barron, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Thurnie Barron; two sisters, Claudina Stratton and Betty Lou Barron; and a great granddaughter, Laney.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 29, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dan Gutenson. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Larry Barron, Robbie Barron, Russell Blanton, Mark Stratton, Wayne Todd, and Coy Vance.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Steven Ray Kirby

Steven Ray Kirby, 50, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, November 26, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in London on March 16, 1970, the son of Joel Ray and Marilyn Gail Mason Kirby. He was a member of Sand Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his parents, Joel Ray and Marilyn Gail Kirby of Livingston; two brothers, Tony Mason of Berea and James and Dena Partin of London; a sister, Melissa Wagers of Mt. Vernon; special friends, Sam and Bri; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Sand Hill Baptist Church by Bro. Gordon Mink. Burial was in Sand Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Calvin Coolidge Meadows

Calvin Coolidge Meadows, 87, died Friday, November 27, 2020. He was born in Newport, KY on December 8, 1932 to the late Ted and Molly Young Meadows.

At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army. After basic training, he was sent to Korea on March 25, 1953, he was wounded in action. He was in Company C, 32nd Infantry, 7th Infantry Division and 101 Airborne Infantry. He was flown to Japan where he spent 3 months in a hospital recovering. During his years of service, Calvin received the National Defense, WWII Occupation Good Conduct and Korean Service Medals with two bronze stars and a purple heart.

Calvin attended Eastern Kentucky University receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He completed additional studies at the University of Maryland and the University of Miami in Oxford, OH. In 1980 he was named the Ohio National Guard soldier of the Year. He was also a Kentucky Colonel. He enjoyed traveling, boating and spending time with family and friends. He was a retired teacher, national guardsman, and civil service.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Josephine Hammond Meadows; daughter, Valerie Meadows (Jeff) Creed, of Russell; grandchildren, Casey Creed (Phillip) Sharp, and Kristin Creed (Jerry Lee) Winchester; great grandchildren, Ethan and Abigail Sharp, Skylar, Jeron, Lucas and Bode Winchester; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Arnold Meadows and sister, Marie Meadows Disney.

Private graveside services will be held Monday, November 30, 2020 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### TAMALE PIE

1 pound ground beef  
1 chopped onion  
1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes  
1 cup water  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon chili powder or to taste  
1 can (14 ounce) pinto or kidney beans  
1 small can green chilies, chopped  
1/2 cup cornmeal  
2/3 cup milk  
1 beaten egg  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
Shredded Cheddar and Monterey cheese  
Brown beef and onion in a pan. Add tomatoes, water, salt, chili powder, beans, and chilies; simmer for 15 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 425°. Mix cornmeal with milk, beaten egg, and vegetable oil. Place meat mixture in a 2-quart casserole and cover with the cornbread topping. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until corn bread is brown. Sprinkle with cheese and serve.

### ENCHILADA CASEROLE

1 can cheddar cheese soup  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 small can green chilies, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
3/4 soup can of milk  
1 pound ground beef  
10 to 12 soft corn tortillas  
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded  
Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix soups, chilies, onion, cheese, and milk in saucepan. Heat. In a skillet, brown ground beef until no pink remains. Layer half of tortillas in 9 x 13 baking dish. Layer ground beef and cheese sauce. Top with other half tortillas and layer again. Top with shredded cheese. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Let sit for 15 minutes after removing from oven. Serve with your favorite salsa.

### ROAST CHICKEN CHIMICHANGAS

2 and 1/2 cups shredded skinned, deboned roasted chicken  
1 cup crumbled queso fresco or Monterey Jack cheese  
1/4 chopped green onions  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 small can green chilies, chopped and drained  
6 (8-inch) flour or corn tortillas or as many small as needed  
Cooking spray  
Salsa  
Preheat oven to 500°. Combine chicken, cheese, onions, garlic and chopped green chilies; toss well. Top each tortilla with 2/3 cup chicken mixture; roll up. Place rolls, seam side down, on a large baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Coat tops with cooking spray. Bake for 7 minutes or until browned. Serve with salsa.

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### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

### Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

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

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

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



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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## District Court

Tonya Hammons: assault (two counts), 360 days/probated 24 months on condition (each count)/concurrent.  
 Terry Wray: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 30 days/each count/concurrent, costs merged.  
 Daniel F. Amaral: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.

## District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Mgmt. Inc. v. Donna F. Mitchell.  
 LVNV Funding v. Angela Owens.  
 LVNV Funding v. Jason Wallin. C-00322

## Circuit Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC v. Eliza Barnett, complaint.  
 UK Federal Credit Union v. William Elliott, complaint.  
 Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Byron Abney, complaint.  
 Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Brandon K. Dykes, complaint.  
 Discover Bank v. John W. Hamilton, complaint.  
 Regional Acceptance Cop. v. Daniel E. Hamilton, et al, complaint.  
 Michael Aaron Bennett v. Barbra Sue

Bennett.  
 Kristie C. Rountree v. Johnny Ray Rountree.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Martha Swinney. CI-00225

## Deeds Recorded

Stephen C. and Maree Lewis Terry, property on Tan Yard Road, to James Ray and Toni L. Olevsevsky and Wendell B. Halbrook, Jr. and Beverly A. Halbrook. Tax \$47  
 Tyler Kirby and Austin Kirby, property on Dixie Hwy., to Casey Rae Hasty. Tax \$15  
 David Howard, property on Red Hill Road, to Aaron K. and Amber F. Ferguson. Tax \$35  
 Carol M. Coffey, property on S. Upper River Road, to Jerry M. and Patricia C. Gulley. Tax \$95  
 Citizens Bank, property in Rockcastle County, to Larry A. Davidson. Tax \$1  
 David Perkins, property in Countryside Estates Subdv., to Alissa Mae Foreman. Tax \$194  
 Betty Richardson, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Derek E. and Chasity Abrams. Tax \$115  
 Austin Dakota Harness, property on Negro Town Hill Road, to Fereidoon Hosseinzadeh Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$7  
 David and Julia Pigg, property on Flat Gap Road, to Phillip D. Fox and Charli L. Feltner-Fox. Tax \$90  
 Jacob and Gina N. Harding, property in

Rockcastle County, to Mary Ida and William E. Taylor. No tax  
 Mary Ida and William E. Taylor, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny R. McClure and Mark Allen McClure. No tax  
 Mildred E. Smith, property in Mt. Vernon, to Dexter Chandler. Tax \$8  
 Denton and Ruby Childress, property on Poplar Grove Road, to Carol A. and Rick Brummett. No tax  
 Vicky D. Adams, property on Jack Goff Road, to Jonas A. and Candace N. Adams. No tax  
 Gary Robbins, Jr. and Stephanie McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Lisa Carpenter. No tax

## Marriage Licenses

Kayla Elaine Cromer, 23, Brodhead, CMA and Nathan Russell Garrett, 28, Brodhead, welder. 11/20/20  
 Debra Denise Chesnut, 47, Mt. Vernon, office manager and Jay Sowder, 47, Mt. Vernon, IT specialist. 11/23/20  
 Bethany Lauren Denny, 25, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Evan William Collins, 24, Nicholasville, pharmacy tech. 11/25/20  
 Elizabeth Ann Couch, 26, Laurel, IN, CMA and Roger Leaton Andrew VanWinkle, 26, Berea, crew trainer. 11/25/20  
 Joyce Ann Barboa, 77, London, retired and James Eldon Broughton, 78, London, retired. 11/25/20

## “Closed”

(Continued from front) expected to continue for two weeks.  
 The road is expected to be open to one lane of traffic each day after 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday and traffic signals will be placed while the road is open to one lane.  
 The closure is planned starting at the .2 mile marker while crews perform road maintenance.  
 All drivers should expect delays and allow extra time to reach their destination.  
 For more information about the closure, go to [facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8](https://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8).

## “Farm”

(Continued from front) thought, VanHook decided this was not the best choice in the matter. “This building is important to our community and we shouldn’t settle for less than what we need,” he said. “If we are going to settle for a smaller building that doesn’t meet all the needs we had planned, we probably shouldn’t do it at all.”  
 Officials with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mount Vernon agreed.  
 VanHook then began to seek an additional \$75,000 in funding for the original building.  
 This week that grant request was approved and the original building plans are expected to be rebid this year, according to VanHook.  
 “The full board of directors of the Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund (KADF) approved our request for the additional \$75,000 grant

on the Farmers Market,” said VanHook.  
 Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles complimented the unification with which the county, city, RCIDA and local farmers all worked together on the project. “It is always great to see a project where so many entities are willing to work together in unison on a project for their community,” he said.  
 Rockcastle County Judge Hal Holbrook also attended the zoom meeting with the board of directors and city officials have also worked closely with the project, VanHook said.  
 Though the project was held up due to the higher bids than expected, VanHook still intends to move forward quickly. “I expect to have the Request for Proposal out for bid by the end of the year,” he said.

person classes on December 7 if the rating is orange or lower.  
 Most local school board members strongly feel that students need to return to in-person classes to avoid falling behind. But mandates by Beshear forbid such an action.  
 In fact, in recent interviews, Kentucky School Board Association Education Commissioner Jason Glass said that if superintendents or board members defy the governor’s order, they could be removed from office under state law.  
 Beshear’s mandated closure of private schools was challenged by a suit involving a private school in Danville and Attorney General Daniel Cameron.  
 Their initial suit was upheld but later overturned by an appeals court.

## “Cases”

(Continued from front) mandating that such classes not resume in middle or high schools until January 5 and only then if the rating is Orange or lower.  
 Among those new restrictions, restaurants and bars must close to indoor dining, gyms may not have group classes, indoor venues and events cannot have more than 25 people, social gatherings (family) cannot include more than 2 households or more than eight people, retail must close seating areas and barbers and salons must close waiting areas.  
 Anything over a rating of 25 is considered a Red zone. Elementary schools may return to in-

## “Fire”

(Continued from front) required the use of two engines, two tankers, a ladder truck and 18 firefighters from both the Mount Vernon and Livingston fire departments.  
 Officials at the fire department say both fires are surrounded by suspicious circumstances.  
 About 17,000 gallons of water was used during the second trip to the fire. No injuries were reported during either trip.  
 The Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department were also at the scene and arson investigators are investigating the incidents.

# Students can earn money, get experience with work-study

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).  
 “Work-study not only helps students pay for schooling but also provides valuable experience that strengthens their résumés and prepares them for life after college,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Like scholarships and grants, work-study doesn’t have to be repaid, which means students won’t have to rely as heavily on student loans, making higher education more accessible.”  
 Federal Work-Study rules may vary by school, but generally a student must:  
 • Be enrolled in an eligible program.  
 • Be working toward a

certificate or degree.  
 • Have financial need.  
 • Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.  
 Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submit the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they ask not to be.  
 Many colleges have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school’s program should check with the college’s financial aid office.  
 KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to

help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit [AdvantageEducationLoan.com](http://AdvantageEducationLoan.com).  
 Many of KHEAA’s student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.  
 For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com); write to KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

## “Parade”

(Continued from front) jolly old elf.  
 On Saturday, December 5th, at noon, the City of Mount Vernon will hold their annual Christmas Parade. The lineup will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Mount Vernon Elementary School.  
 Candy is prohibited to be thrown out during the parade due to COVID-19 and officials ask that everyone participating in the parade, and everyone watching the event, wear a mask and practice social distancing.  
 The Brodhead parade will begin at 2 p.m. with the same guidelines.  
 The Livingston parade will be held Saturday, December 19th beginning at 5 p.m.  
 Santa is expected to be in the area for each parade.

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- Extension cords can occasionally overheat. Periodically touch-test the cord. If it’s hot, unplug it.
- Elevate outdoor extension cords’ plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It’s lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.
- When it’s time to pack the lights away until next year, put them in a well-sealed container that will keep them dry.

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# SPORTS

## Rockets end season with 13-6 loss to Bell

**By: Chad Hensley**

Untimely turnovers and questionable penalties loomed large as the Rockcastle County Rockets saw their season come to an abrupt end to the Bell County Bobcats 13-6 in the KHSAA Class 3A District 5 title game.

The game started out with both teams struggling to move the ball consistently until Rockcastle's defense forced a turnover on a Bell County 4th down in Rocket territory.

Noah Parkey and company would go to work moving the ball down the field.

A pass interference by Bell County would extend the Rockets possession before Parkey hit Landon Dillingham for a 28-yard pass and Matthew Chasteen's 12-yard run would give Rockcastle the ball first and goal at the Bell

County 1-yard line. It may have been a sign of things to come the rest of the night, but the drive immediately ended when the ball was fumbled over to the Bobcats.

Rockcastle (4-3) would regain possession a few plays later thanks to another fumble recovery of its own at the Bell County 6-yard line by Caleb Williams that was caused by Isaiah Didelot on the first play of the second quarter.

Drew Mink would punch it in from 1-yard out to give the Rockets the lead a 6-0.

Rockcastle's next possession was marred by multiple holding penalties that kept the offense with lots of yardage to cover to gain a first down.

Thanks to one of those holding penalties, Rockcastle had the ball 1st-and-24 from its own 9-yard line, but two plays

later, Parkey would connect with Mink for the biggest gainer of the night for the Rockets. The 68-yard pass and catch would give the Rockets possession at the Bell County 21.

Another penalty two plays later would stall out the drive and give possession back to Bell County (6-3) with 5:59 before the half.

Bell County would methodically move the ball deep into Rockets territory and would eventually take a 7-6 lead when star running back Brandon Baker scored from 9-yards out and Aaron Dean's extra point kick was converted with 1:49 remaining in the second quarter.

Rockcastle's following drive saw two more holding penalties wipe out any chance of scoring prior to halftime and would give the ball back to the Bobcats with about a minute to go before the break.

With Bell County looking to run the ball up the middle to run out the clock, Baker would break free for a 74-yard touchdown run that proved to be too much for the Rockets to overcome as the Bobcats led 13-6 at the half.

Rockcastle showed a fighting spirit coming out of the locker room and was moving the ball ef-

fectively and efficiently on runs by Parkey and Chasteen, but the yellow piece of cloth thrown by the referees decided to rear its ugly head twice in the drive on extremely questionable holding calls.

The first negated a first down run and pushed the Rockets back to 2nd-and-15 from the Bell County 46.

Chasteen would rise to the occasion on the next play for a 31-yard run.

Two plays later Parkey would hit Mink for a touchdown from 14-yards out, but another holding penalty was called on the offensive line almost as instantly as the ball was snapped thus negating the touchdown and pushing the Rockets even further back.

An unsportsmanlike penalty on the Rockets sideline was also called following the play and would push the ball back to the Bell 40 for a 2nd-and-35 play.

Rockcastle would fail to get into Bell County territory the rest of the game.

"This was as strange and frustrating a game as I've been part of," stated Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey. "Aside from a couple turnovers, our gameplans for offense, defense and special teams were executed perfectly. The untimely, questionable and sheer number of penalties were big momentum killers. Our players handled it well, battling back every time to keep the pressure on them."

"I could not be more proud of how our team prepared and played. Our

defense forced four turnovers and held them in check all but a single play at the end of the first half. Our offense consistently moved the ball, outgaining them and had more first downs, but were constantly behind the sticks due to way too many penalty yards."

Rockcastle had 286 yards of total offense with 178 coming on the ground compared to Bell County's 247 yards of offense with 229 yards rushing.

The Rockets notched 13 first downs to the Bobcats' 10, but the penalty yards were heavy in the favor of Bell County as the Bobcats had eight penalties for 43 yards to Rockcastle's 11 for 105 yards.

Baker would end the night with 19 carries for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Bobcats.

Parkey would end his career as the starting quarterback with 1,637 yards passing and 16 touchdowns through the air along with 2,015 yards rushing and an additional 20 touchdowns.

On the night, Parkey totaled 68 yards rushing on 12 carries along with 108 yards passing on five completions.

Chasteen once again led the way offensively with 109 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Mink was the only other Rocket to carry the ball and that was on the

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Junior Landon Dillingham prepares to make a tackle during the Rockets' playoff loss to Bell County Friday night.



Senior Isaiah Didelot makes a tackle in the Rockets' playoff loss to Bell County.



Senior center Caleb Williams prepares to start the offense during the Rockets' loss to Bell County. Photos courtesy of Jenifer Didelot.

**From head coach Scott Parkey**

"I want to thank the Health Department, School Board and Rockcastle Schools Administration for entrusting us with the tedious daily processes to ensure the health and safety of our team. Thanks to our RCHS Administration for their support and trust through the most difficult of times. Thanks to our senior class: Mitchell Buckner, Rylee Deleon, Isaiah Didelot, Drew Mink, Noah Parkey, Chris Whitehead and Caleb Williams. Thanks to the best coaching staff in the state for coming in every day with a never-wavering attitude to get this team prepared for each game and the bigger goal of creating great men! Thanks to each player's parents for their time, trust and belief in what we are about in the football program. Finally, a huge appreciation to all the fans, businesses and supporters in the county for helping make Rockcastle County High School football special for the players. We sold out of every available ticket allotted to us each home and away game this season. Our players know and believe they don't play simply for themselves, but for their families, fans and every person who calls Rockcastle County home."



Kentucky Football Coaches Association recently named the Coach of the Year and Player of the Year for each district in all six classes in the KHSAA. Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey was named the Class 3A District 5 Coach of the Year while his son, Noah, was named the Class 3A District 5 Player of the Year.



Senior Rylee Deleon, juniors Jake Sanders and Isaiah Dehart block during the Rockets' 13-6 loss to Bell County Friday night. They Rockets ended the shortened season 4-3.



Senior Drew Mink is shown scoring the lone touchdown for the Rockets' in their second round playoff loss to Bell County Friday night, 13-6.



# Roundstone Honor Roll

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Isaacs, Bryson Maggard, Stryder Owens, Lacey Prewitt, Abby Ramey, Logan Rogers, James Short, Brayden Sims.  
**5th – Mrs. Jennifer Chandler**  
 Evan Hayes, Taylor Jones, Leighton McKinney, Matthew Moore, Kinley Shearer.  
**5th – Mrs. Stephanie Hurst**  
 Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Marrick Hester, Cole Rogers, Mason Taylor.  
**“Rockets”**  
**(Cont. from A6)**  
 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.  
 Mink had the one catch for 65 yards while Dillingham tallied three receptions for 31 yards and Rylee DeLeon had one for 12 yards.  
 Dillingham was all over the place on defense and notched 10 total tackles, one fumble caused and once fumble recovery.  
 Didelot had the previously mentioned forced fumble and added nine total tackles.  
 Jeremiah Mills tallied eight tackles, once forced fumble and one fumble recovery.  
 Chasteen added seven tackles and was followed by DeLeon's four tackles with one tackle for loss.  
 Jake Sanders and Tyler Osborne added three tackles each while Mink, Isaiah Dehart, Caleb Williams and Reese Coguer collected two tackles apiece.  
 Williams had two fumble recoveries and Coguer added a forced fumble.  
 Bell County now moves on to face the Belfry Pirates in the next round. Belfry easily defeated Bell County in last season's Class 3A state finals  
 While the results were not what Rockcastle County players, coaches and fans wanted to see, it was great to see everyone out on the field and in the stands enjoying what Friday nights in the fall are known for in this community despite having to battle through the COVID-19 pandemic.  
 “We came into this season with a lot of uncertainty about who, when and where we would be playing,” added Coach Parkey. “That uncertainty continued all season long with cancellations, rescheduling of games and players in and out indirectly effected by the virus. Through it all, we were certain of our team's abilities, talent and grit. This bunch was truly a special team full of special guys. Our senior class set a pace for our team. They established an identity of physicalness, toughness, athleticism and ‘Rock hard’ attitude that spread through the young guys and carried onto the field.  
 “Each one of the seniors played huge roles on our team and led us to a very successful season despite the hardships beyond their control. To me, the 2020 team should always be regarded as one of the most talented, hardest working and successful teams in school history. Given a ‘normal’ year, playing a full schedule of games from week-to-week with no 20-day and 30-day layoffs, this team would have had double-digit wins. There are no ‘excuses’ in that statement – it is what it is. This team was special.”

# Yards to Paradise

**By Max Phelps**  
*Natives: Combining Environmental Consciousness With Lovely Landscaping*  
 Words like 'native', 'sustainable' and 'green' are tossed around freely these days. The words, the concepts, in some cases requiring modifications of behavior and choice, all seem confusing to many people. I may raise more questions than I attempt to answer, but I intend to re-introduce the homeowner or family member to the reality that there are hundreds of native trees and shrubs that make fine landscape options, while probably also benefiting local wildlife and the environment.  
 I want to begin by impressing the point of how disruptive to the natural ecosystem it is to plant a bunch of Bradford pear trees and red maples in huge expanses of nonnative lawn grasses. Choosing a mix of trees and native shrubs makes much more sense. Then, some large expanses of trees or plants in place of so much lawn grass could be installed. There's the variation — not copycatting everyone else. Then, too, there's risk if one kind of tree gets a disease, you might lose all your trees if you only have one kind planted. I sometimes use a tree or two that isn't found in an area, but wouldn't suggest getting carried away with using exotic plants.  
 Another disruption I want to bring to notice is I don't know how many times I've had someone want plants that attract butterflies or some other cute critter; but when these fluttering beauties lay eggs on our shrubbery and they hatch into caterpillars that begin to eat up our plants, we get out the insect sprays. Seems selfish at best.  
 Entice wildlife, then punish it for being wild and doing what wildlife does.  
 Rather than stating I'm for or against some of the rhetoric and concerns about only using natives, I suggest we consider diversification and not doing our whole yard or hedge or foundation plantings with just one or two species of plants. Good landscaping may necessitate the repetition of certain plants in more than one spot, but we can still vary the other or filler plants that connect those that are our main plant. Monoculture isn't very 'native' even if the one plant we picked happens to occur in the wild in our community. There are many lovely and diverse plant choices we can utilize to create a pretty yard.  
 What are the objectives of landscaping? And when we select a tree or group of trees, what are we asking it to accomplish for us? Maybe we want shade. Maybe we want to frame or draw attention to the home, or it's entrance? Maybe we want to blend the home into the surroundings; perhaps some woodlands just past our property? Give some thought to what you need and what you desire before shopping for trees or hiring someone to landscape for you.  
 Seems logical if there are nearby woodlands that we might want to select one or two trees we like among those and

plant some more in our yard. Obviously they are acclimated and love the soil and climate you already have.  
 And if a given homeowner wants one special or exotic tree, it will stand out from the crowd all the more surrounded by native items. (Incidentally, the garden center that wants to sell you numerous pretty specimen trees is trying to increase the amount of their sale, not think of gaining value in your yard for the money being expended. A specimen is supposed to stand out from the crowd—it can't if there is no crowd but each other planting is also a special plant. Hence, you waste money and look foolish.)  
 In the past several years I've noticed cities and towns trying to compete with their street plantings. Often they hire an employee just for their tree or plant expertise. Besides taking care of the trees that belong to the municipality, often they are tasked with diversifying the street plantings. Beautification. And often use of natives is part of the assignment.  
 Let's take a quick look at possible new plantings or selecting things that will be different from other yards. First, at the government level, what are some useful trees to select and plant? Then at the homeowner level, ideas for the front as well as backyards.  
 Street trees have frequently been Bradford pears. In a few years they are too large, and begin to crack the sidewalk. Other fairly common options are honeylocust and ginkgo. These also get too large eventually, but at least the ginkgo has a taproot and doesn't destroy sidewalks so much. Street options to consider would be crab apples, dogwoods, redbuds, columnar elm and European hornbeam, hedge maple, yellowwood, fringetree, and serviceberries. False spirea, crepe myrtle, evergreen forms of sweet bay magnolia, and parrotia trees. For parks and larger lots, perhaps add sycamore, burr oak, linden, chestnut, pecan, catalpa, Kentucky coffee tree, hackberry or alder.  
 American holly, southern magnolia, and the needled evergreens or conifers (spruce, juniper, fir, pine, laurels, cypress and cedars). These are evergreen, and also many are very large, although dwarf specimens can be purchased sometimes.  
 The homestead can have an even broader list of plants than those a town might use along it's streets. There are dozens of different oak trees. And several maples. Ever-

green maples, eucalyptus, olives and many more choices become available in zone 8 and southward. Some trees I use in yards besides large maples include birch, sweetgum, blackgum, linden, silverbell, paw-paw, mountain ash, stripebark or snakebark maples, spicebush, mooseberry and sassafras. Even walnuts, hazelnut, pines and cryptomeria. Fruiting apples, pears, cherries, quince, jujube, medlar and many others can be grown unless you object to fruit in the yard."  
 Some want to supply food and habitat to wildlife at the same time as have a pretty yard. Acorns, beechnuts, walnuts feed the squirrels. Deer love acorns, especially white and burr oak. Seed and fruit bearing trees feed many of the songbirds. Trumpet creeper, mimosa and yellowhorn will make the hummingbirds happy.  
 A word of caution: if you attract butterflies, you'll want to let the larvae of Morning Cloak and Zephyr eat your elms and you'll have lots more butterflies when they hatch. If you let the black swallowtail larvae eat up your parsley, you'll have a lot more later in the year feeding on your zinnias and coneflowers. So if yours is a native landscape, keep aware of the native critters you may attract from time to time.  
 Next time you want a new tree, search for one not common along your street. If it happens to be a wild plant from the woods, that's fine too. (Get permission if you're going to take a trek and dig up wild plants for your yard.) And if you have a new home to landscape, consider some native plants. Not only are they usually more economical, they will be a great backdrop for that one tree you can't seem to live without and you want to show off. Trees found nearby in the woods are usually native, and they work well in the landscape. But, buying trees in pots or balled and burlapped from the garden center or tree farm is usually the place to start landscaping the new home. Some of the choices will be 'natives' and some won't. If you have the time and inclination, a cutting or a seed could be fun. In the end, it's a lovely landscape you want, and using some plants that have always grown in your part of the country can help you create a lovely place while also being conscious of the existing environment.  
*The author is a landscaper.*  
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## Financial Aid Tip for Students

# You should know these financial aid terms

As high school seniors and their parents begin the college financial aid process, they may find themselves faced with unfamiliar terms. This short glossary from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) may help.  
 “Understanding the language of student aid helps ensure that students and parents can take advantage of all the funding opportunities that are available for technical and college education,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Any Kentucky family with questions about admissions and financial aid should contact KHEAA — the staff there are eager to help you.”  
 Terms parents and students should know include:  
 • Conversion scholarship/loan. This type of scholarship requires students to provide certain services. If they don't provide the service, the scholarship becomes a loan.  
 • Cost of attendance. The total cost of one year of college: tuition, fees, room, meals, supplies, transportation and personal items.  
 • Expected family contribution (EFC). This is the amount the student and family are expected to pay for the student's education. It is based on a formula set by Congress.  
 • FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal

Student Aid must be submitted by students applying for federal and state aid. The best way to do so is at fafsa.gov.  
 • Financial need. The difference between the cost of attendance and the EFC.  
 • Institutional aid. The scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs provided by the college.  
 • Verification. The process of making sure the information submitted on the FAFSA is correct. The federal government requires colleges to have certain students' FAFSA information verified.  
 KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit [AdvantageEducationLoan.com](http://AdvantageEducationLoan.com).  
 Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.  
 For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com); write to KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

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*Sheriff Shannon Franklin*

## One case of COVID-19 that ends well

By: Mike French  
Editor

"I can say this. It is certainly easy to take everyday blessings for granted," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "I can't describe the joy I felt the first morning that I could smell coffee brewing again."

Franklin was one of the 380 local residents who have had COVID-19 and the loss of smell and taste were among the first things he noticed. "I wanted to celebrate when I first smelled that coffee

brewing again," he said.

Franklin had begun feeling mild cold symptoms but thought he must have picked up a common cold. The sheriff was continuing with his daily routine except he stayed away from others while he fought the cold.

But soon, the Sheriff had an engagement that would force him to be around others, so, he got tested for COVID-19.

"I didn't really think I had COVID but since I had to be around others soon, I got tested at the local health department,"

he said. "I came back hot and then my wife came back positive as well. COVID left her with a parting gift called pneumonia."

Suddenly Franklin and his family had to be quarantined and his daily tasks had to be delegated.

"By the time COVID set in, I couldn't carry on," he said. "The unbelievable extreme fatigue was the worst of all the symptoms."

Franklin explained that he had many different cold symptoms and flu-like symptoms but the complete loss of taste and smell and the fatigue were his most difficult battles.

However, Franklin and his family were not alone. "I can't say enough about our local health department," Franklin said. "They answered every call I made and answered so many questions we had. They were right there helping

us through everything we were going through. We are blessed as a community to have the health department that we have."

Of course, the Sheriff was quarantined for 14 days. Counting weekends, holidays and other days off, this required Franklin to miss about six days at work. "At least the timing fell very well so that I didn't have to miss work that much," he said.

Franklin says he does not want to get involved in the political portion of the virus. "I am not qualified to say if masks work or if social distancing works or if shutting down a business works. I don't know if closing schools or avoiding your family is a good idea or not. I have an opinion about all that but it's not my place to make such recommendations," he said. "I just know it can be very bad and it is real. COVID

does exist."

Still, Franklin says he is willing to offer advice that he hopes can help someone. "There is a lot of misinformation out there coming from a lot of different sources," Franklin says. "People should simply use common sense. Be smart, be careful and take normal precautions. The sooner you find you have COVID, the more you can mitigate the symptoms. Go ahead and get tested if you think you may have it or have been around someone who has it. And be glad we have a health department like we have."

This week, cases in Rockcastle County rose dramatically and the COVID virus seems to be present at some government offices.

Health Department officials still suggest that all citizens wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash hand regularly,

use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available and when possible avoid others, especially crowds.

Franklin supports the established recommendations but promises some mandates will not affect his office. "We are not the COVID police," he said. Franklin said he will never count the number of people in your home, nor arrest anyone for not wearing a mask.

Franklin is now back in his office and seems to have few after effects from the virus.

"I feel fine now and my wife is better and we are back," he said. "Our prayer is that everyone stays safe and healthy and Rockcastle County and the country can get back to normal."

Franklin sat back in his office chair and lifted his cup to his lips. "In the meantime, I am going to enjoy the smell of this good, hot cup of coffee."

## State is ready for snow season

The first snow fell this week in Kentucky but the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet was ready for this one and many more.

"With more than 29,000 tons of salt on hand, combined with more than 80 snow plows, salt spreaders and other equipment ready in Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell and Wayne counties, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 8 crews are ready for winter weather duty," says the recent KTC press release.

More snow was expected this week and crews are monitoring weather through the region constantly.

Officials with KTC say crews have been inspecting snow plows and calibrating salt spreading equipment as well as developing snowstorm response procedures to keep district 8 state roads passable during inclement weather.

"We take snow and ice very seriously," said Chief District Engineer James, Jones. "highway safety is an essential function of the transportation cabinet and our crews are prepared to meet that mandate by keeping our roads safe during bad weather."

The KTC mission is to keep traffic moving in a safe manner with an emphasis on maintaining mobility along critical

corridors and priority routes.

The cabinet's snow and ice website is <http://snowky.ky.gov> which provides details about priority routes, helpful weather tips, fact sheets and videos on salt application and snow removal.

Officials with the KTC say the public can monitor winter operations in real time on the states interactive traffic system [GoKY.ky.gov](http://GoKY.ky.gov) to find out what is happening on state routes in their local counties.

The cabinet offers some suggestions for all who may travel in inclement weather.

Pay attention to weather advisories. Travel only as necessary during major snow events, maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other highway equipment, do not pass snow plows on the shoulder, allow extra time for a slower commute, winterize vehicles, and supply vehicles with blankets, flashlight and an emergency supply kit.

For more information about winter travel or KTC or general traffic information, go to [goky.ky.gov](http://goky.ky.gov) and download the free Waze app to check traffic conditions before you travel.

Officials also suggest motorists eliminate distractions and move vehicles to the shoulder in the event of a non injury crash.

## Livingston Christmas Parade is December 19

The City of Livingston will hold their Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 19th at 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should call the Rockcastle River Family Health Clinic at 453-3901.

Following the parade, children can have a visit with Santa in the Livingston Depot. CDC guidelines will be followed with masks required along with social distancing between families.

Safety precautions to visit with Santa include children should come through the front door of the depot and afterwards, they will be given hot chocolate and snacks in the rear before exiting through the back door.

Each child will be given an age appropriate toy, infant through 12 years, and monetary or toy donations are still needed. All donations can be taken to city hall, Rockcastle River Family Health Clinic, Medley's Barber Shop or the Family Dollar Store where there will be a collection box.

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**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

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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

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Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ronnie Lamb or to Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 2, 2021 at 11 a.m. 45x3

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# Prevent frozen pipes this winter by preparing now

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sessing their homes and completing a few simple tasks so that their homes are well-prepared for colder temperatures." Frozen water lines typically occur in areas such as crawl spaces or along the outside walls where air penetrates. Customers are encouraged to do the following:

- Disconnect garden hoses from your home. If you have an irrigation sys-

tem, make sure it is turned off and drained.

- Search your house for un-insulated water pipes, especially in unheated areas. Check attics, crawl spaces, and outside walls. Consider wrapping pipes with insulation sleeves. Another option is electric heating tape, but follow manufacturers' instructions carefully to avoid a fire hazard.
- Seal cracks and holes

in outside walls and foundations with caulking to keep cold air away from pipes.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes to freeze.
- Once cold weather arrives, follow these tips:
- Set the thermostat no

lower than 55 degrees if you're going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is safe for pipes.

- When below-freezing temperatures occur, keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets supplied by pipes that run through unheated or unprotected spaces. This will help prevent the water in pipes from freezing.

- Keep kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.
- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is located inside your home so that you can shut off your water quickly in the event of a water pipe leak. This valve is often located in a utility room, closet or in the basement or crawlspace.

## 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
General Time-of-Day	<b>New Rate Schedule</b>				
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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## George Henshaw II Hearing reveals details of local fatal shooting

By: Mike French Editor

As George Henshaw II wiped tears from his eyes, Judge Scott Lawless heard from public defender Andy Long and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe during a preliminary hearing Monday morning, December 7.

about the gun and the bullets continued as Loudermilk spelled out each detail of the investigation that night and the following days.

Henshaw originally said he had thrown the gun he used to shoot his stepmother into the woods but it was later discovered that Henshaw had used his hunting rifle and then replaced it in his bedroom at the home after the shooting, according to Loudermilk.

Henshaw, 42, of Potter Road in Rockcastle County, is accused of the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw, 60, after a fatal shooting on November 9.

After an interview the following day, Loudermilk returned to the home to continue the investigation and to retrieve a Bible and medications requested by Henshaw.

After a 911 call from Henshaw's father, George Henshaw Sr., police responded to Potter Road and arrested and charged the local man with murder. Henshaw was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with possession of a gun by a convicted felon and the murder of Lois Henshaw. He was held on a \$1 million cash bond.

(See "Henshaw" on A8)

During the preliminary hearing Monday, Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk was the sole witness as he answered questions from attorneys concerning the events of November 9.

Loudermilk said Henshaw admitted to shooting his stepmother with one shot from a 30.06 hunting rifle. Not from a handgun as he had earlier stated.

Detailed discussion

## Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 506 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 157 probable cases. There have been seven deaths in Rockcastle related to the virus.

## School Board meeting

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting was Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. after our deadline. See next week's *Signal* for the story.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14. This will be the final meeting for three of the commissioners who were not re-elected in November.

## Mount Vernon meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom,



## Parades carry on in county

By: Mike French Editor

There have been a lot of holiday cancellations in 2020, including Halloween events, Veteran's Day, Independence Day and more, but the local Christmas

parades were not among them.

Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade may have been shorter than previous years, but there was no shortage of enthusiasm or Christmas spirit and Brodhead's parade

included nearly as many participants as ever.

"This year's annual Christmas Parade, while different, was a success," said Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. "Of course, the differences were related to the

Coronavirus restrictions and also impacted spectator attendance. Still the event was successful in terms of actually pretty good attendance, cooperative weather,

(See "Henshaw" on A8)

## No in-person classes here in 2020

### A-B schedule in January

By: Mike French Editor

In the constantly changing world of COVID-19, it has been difficult to keep up with when school will hold in-person classes. At least now parents know through December 18 there will be no in-person classes in Rockcastle County and Christmas break starts the following Monday.

In-person classes will not resume until January 5, if possible at that time.

Some optimistically hoped elementary schools could return to in-person classes this week, but most agreed that would not happen due to the Governor's restrictions. Now Superintendent Carrie Ballinger has announced that in-person classes will not resume in elementary classes through December 18 since the county is well into the Red Zone as defined by Governor Andy Beshear.

Through Beshear's lat-

est mandates, in-person classes could not resume in high school or middle school through December 18 if the county was out of the red zone rating by

then. However, elementary in-person classes could resume on December 7 if out of the red zone.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases in Rockcastle County began to spike last week picking

up an additional 125 positive cases, the most ever in one week. So, Rockcastle not only remained in the red zone but actually went deeper into the red zone rating forcing elementary schools from holding in-person

classes. Rockcastle County's incident rate rose from 23 to 70 in two weeks.

Ballinger has now announced that the county will remain on the NTI schedules through De-

(See "Classes" on A8)

## RCIDA board gets updates on projects

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning via conference call.

Among the items discussed was the \$28,780 shortfall listed in the financial statement. Corey Craig, Chairman of the board, said the shortfall is due to the recent expense while negotiating with the Chapin Company at the Industrial Park.

According to Craig, over \$11,000 of the shortfall came from Jackson Energy and \$25,000 from the CSX rail spur fee.

Craig said these expenses were part of the

negotiations with Chapin and the CSX fee and the electric cost will be transferred to Chapin after this month's bills are paid by the RCIDA.

The board also discussed the Livingston Marathon Station which is about to open for business. "The only thing left is basically paperwork,"

said Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "Once the Certificate of Occupancy is granted, they will be

(See "RCIDA" on A8)

## Second liquor store set to open next week

By: Mike French Editor

The second liquor store in Mount Vernon is expected to be open for business sometime next week.

The city was allocated two liquor store licenses by the State of Kentucky once the city voted to become wet, and the first

store opened quickly in Renfro Valley.

Now "On the Rocks" is expected to open near exit 59 before the end of next week, according to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook.

The new store is located east of I-75 at exit

59. Signs will be placed to direct customers to the business.

"This is a very nice business and an exceptional building. It will be a strong addition to our community and our economic development," said VanHook.

(See "Store" on A8)

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



There I was, bouncing around, jumping over bushes, climbing Apple trees, riding my bicycle and worried to death about big, huge problems like how I am going to get my hands on that new HotWheel. My favorite shows *The Rifleman* and *Captain Kangaroo* were the highlights of my days.

Of course time moved on and again, there I was, standing on stages like Renfro Valley and the Grand Old Opry and traveling the world with an instrument in my arms. All with friends that were so close. Rubbing elbows with the biggest stars in the business and acting like it would last forever.

Oh, the stories I could tell about what went on backstage at Renfro Valley and the great times had at the Hee Haw recording set. Good days.

It seemed about every week I was in an airplane for one reason or another. Either a show to play somewhere or a trip or a job to do.

Young and energetic and running wide open from one memory to the next and through it all keeping my hands involved in my first love, the newspaper business.

To say I have been blessed with an exciting and full life would be an understatement.

But as I often write, I am betting all I have that every older person I meet has similar stories and memories and events that they too thought would never end.

I was such a fan of *The Rifleman* that I named my identical twin sons after the show. The Rifleman's son was named Mark McCain. He was a little fellow and sure did teach me lessons about life.

One of my son's first name is Mark, and the other son's middle name is McCain.

Television shows back

then had moral fiber and taught ethical values. Each episode taught us some kind of valuable lesson in life about caring for others and being a good, honest human being.

Any more they teach us that God's instructions to us should be pretty much ignored and everything a person wants, they deserve whether they have earned it or not.

I like the old fashioned moral values better.

Anyway, this week I had a couple of "Time flies" moments.

Passing through "Liberalbook" (some call it Facebook) I saw that Johnny Crawford (Mark McCain) just turned 75 or some outrageous number like that, (sorry Perlina and mom.)

He is supposed to be a 10 year-old boy following his daddy, Lucas McCain, around the prairie on a horse. When did he get so old?

So I spent the next few days pondering how long ago it was that I sat in front of my old black and white television watching Mark McCain and his dad Lucas protecting weaker people and helping their neighbors and displaying good, moral values.

As I sat there, Ellen came on my new 60-inch "smart" tv and talked about gay rights and murdering children and how evil people are for wanting to promote Christian values.

Yes, time has sure moved on. Just as I was getting over it, a dear friend of mine from my years at Renfro Valley came in the office to pay for an ad.

I hadn't seen him in 25 years.

No longer did we stand side by side with instruments in hand. Two young men with a world ahead of them.

Now we stood there

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm pretty sure I've written about this story before, but if you are younger than 40, you probably missed it. In fact, if you are younger than 50, you probably didn't spend a lot of time reading a weekly newspaper in the early 1980s unless an elementary school teacher forced one on you. I'm reasonably sure my column was in its infancy when I first spun this yarn, but I can't find the original, so I'm guessing it was in the late 1970s to early 80s.

Anyway, it's still a Christmas story and I can only hope that contains some elements of the first go around.

When I was growing up on Blair Branch, in Letcher County, during the 1950s and 60s, it was not unusual for my younger brothers and me to start being on the lookout for the perfect Christmas about the time blackberries started getting ripe in late June and July.

We would usually settle on a hemlock sapling, white pine or cedar well before Thanksgiving. Usually they were much taller than the rooms in our old house could accommodate and we had to saw the tops out of the first cut and use them to make our tree. Oftentimes we would drag a 25 footer home and then have to cut it down to less than 8 feet. The bottom 2/3s often made enough kindling for the fireplace and 2 stoves to last for weeks.

I can't recall whether it was a Douglas Fir or some variety of Spruce, but several decades earlier, our Uncle Stevie Craft had planted it to sit on the corner of his old home place. His old

home had been torn down many years before any of the Adams Boys were even born, but the big evergreen was still standing and it was probably 50 feet or taller. It would have been ideal for a Christmas tree at the state capitol.

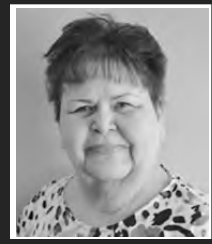
However, we only wanted the top 8 feet and the tree was much too big for us to undertake felling it.

I asked Uncle Stevie if I could climb and cut the top out. He just grinned and shook his head before telling me to ask my mom if it was okay. I asked Dad and he also told me to "Ask your Mom." Of course we all knew what the answer to that one would be but I figured that what Mom didn't

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## T.J.'s Journal

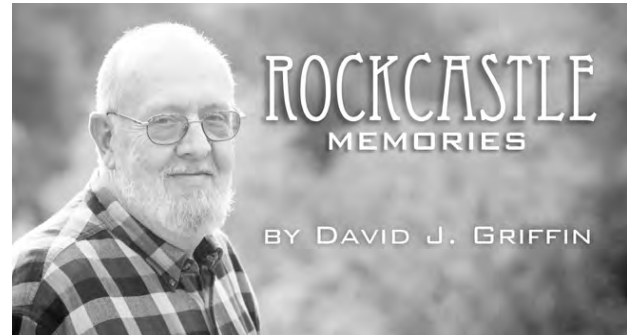
By: Tonya J. Cook



Planning a Routine Day  
Dear Journal,

I have been noticing lately how routine my days are. I'm stuck in a rut. I work at something all of the time, as my health allows, working at something really necessary but doesn't seem to get anything accomplished. I can't seem to get ahead. Then there are the long term projects that never seem to get started. I sure would enjoy doing something I enjoy like writing, reading and writing poetry, my artwork, quilting and such. Those days are gone forever, I guess.

I've heard that you need a schedule for every day, a routine. I've tried that but it just won't work either. There is always that important interrup-



What'd I Say

Last week I was reading an article about a concert that Ray Charles was performing in 1958, at a dance hall in Pittsburg, PA. His contract called for his band to play for four full hours. Realizing that he had some time to kill, he said to his band and the Raelettes, "Listen, I'm going to fool around and y'all just follow me."

Ray began to sing short lyric lines, and he encouraged the backup singers to repeat what he was saying. After the song was finished, Ray explained, "When I got through, folks came up and asked where they could buy the record. Ain't no record, just something I made up to

kill a little time."

A few months later Ray released the song which he called, "What'd I Say." That summer (1959) the song reached number one on the Rhythm and Blues Chart and number six on the pop list. The song became his first Gold Record.

I began to be a fan in the early 60's. But he really hooked me in 1962 when he released his popular album called Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music. I literally played that vinyl disk so many times that it finally wore out and had to be replaced before I went to college. It included songs like: "Bye Bye Love"; "You Don't Know Me"; "Born to Lose"; "You Win Again" and my favorite, "I Can't Stop Loving You." Rolling Stone Magazine named the album one of the greatest of all time. The album achieved Gold status, meaning that it sold over one million copies. At that time, that was a huge number for sales of a record.

I remember taking those albums, along with my other "rock and roll" music, to UK as a student in 1962. That year Ray and his band came to Louisville, and guess who was in the 10throw? After convincing a group of my friends to accompany me we piled into my '58 Chevrolet and went to see "The Genius." None of us were disappointed. Ray played to a packed house. When he took a break, he introduced the audience to a celebrity sitting in the front row. It was Cassius Clay - known to the world today as Muhammed Ali. I will never forget that Cassius was wearing a white sport coat and a red cummerbund. He turned

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Happy Birthday to Janet Vaughn...

Dear Editor,  
Just wanted to use this way to say Happy Birthday (December 9th) to Ms. Janet Vaughn, one of the nicest la-

dies in the world or anywhere else.

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God bless and good luck.  
Bob Lunsford  
P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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# “Memories”

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to the crowd and took a bow.

In 2003, Ray was scheduled to play at Renfro Valley in my home town of Mt. Vernon. My wife and I ordered tickets, and I was so excited to finally get to see him again. A few weeks later, we were notified that the concert was canceled because Ray was too ill to perform. He was suffering from liver failure.

Shortly before his death, Ray gathered together a group of awesome singers to join him on a duets album called Genius Loves Company. This album includes singers from a variety of musical types. They include: Norah Jones, James Taylor, Diana Krall, Elton John, Natalie Cole,

Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Michael McDonald, B.B. King, Gladys Knight, Johnny Mathis, and my personal favorite Van Morrison. This final album was released posthumously in 2004. It received several Grammy Awards, including Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

Ray died on my son's birthdate (June 11) in 2004. Shortly after his death, the biography of his life, Ray, opened in theaters across the country. Jamie Foxx received an Academy Award for Best Actor for portraying the legendary singer. As I watched this movie, tears filled my eyes because I knew that a long-time friend of mine had passed away. But his music lives on, and I have a better appreciation of it because of my life-long

admiration of his talent. (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.)

# “Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

with our white hair and crows feet, talking about good memories from decades ago, both of us admitting that we just don't have the energy to play like we used to.

It was a sobering week.

I wish I knew then how I would someday look back at those days thinking they were great memories. At the time, it was just another day.

Here's hoping we can all appreciate today a little more and I hope that someday we look back at today as a wonderful memory.

Better yet, I hope I can help make this day a good memory for someone I love.

# “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

know wouldn't hurt her and that I'd had all the approval I needed if anything did go wrong. I had absolutely no expectation that it would.

The trunk of the “spruce pine” as Uncle Stevie called it was well over a foot in diameter for the bottom 8 feet or so and it was covered with globs of resin we called pine tar. The resin was all that stood in the way of scaling the tree because climbing it was as easy as going up a ladder until I got to about 15 feet from the top and it began to sway. Reaching up as high as I could, I managed to use a bow saw and the top was soon on the ground.

When I sawed out the top 8 feet, it turned into the scraggiest Christmas Tree we had ever seen and I was covered, head to foot, hat to boots, including my best winter coat, with pine tar. I even had the stuff on my hands, face and in my hair. I soon found out that soap and water had no utility for cleaning it off anything. Visions of Uncle Remus's Tar Baby flashed through my mind and I knew I was in deep trouble.

Thank God my Mom, after getting over her mad spell, had a sense of humor. Somehow she managed to use turpentine to scrub the stuff, none too gently, off my body and had Dad siphon some gasoline from the truck, to get it off my boots and clothes. Dad said, “The next time I tell you to ask your Mom about something, you better pay attention”.

I believe I was in either 3rd or 4th grade at Blair Branch Grade School at the time and my school mates teased me about smelling like a Christmas Tree for the rest of that winter. I suppose it could have been worse.

# “T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

in the last few days only to repeat and wear again. Anyway, you get the idea.

I think the catalyst behind all of this is not being able to go out anywhere. There is no more going out to eat with friends, no entertaining at home, no going to the movies or anywhere else for that matter. If you get involved in such things, you risk your very life in

the process. I wonder when all of the madness will end. I personally believe we're in the new normal. Welcome to the rest of our lives. It doesn't make for a very aspiring outlook for the future, does it? I sure

wish people would do as we all have been advised.

I guess the secret to all of this is being satisfied with what you do have. “This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” I have my health such as it is,

money enough to get the things we actually need, and a bit more to occasionally get something desired, a partner and friend in life to share life with, friends and family and a solid relationship with God.

# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

*Dec. 11 Deadline Approaching for USDA Program for Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by COVID-19*  
*FSA Staff Standing by to Help*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) by Dec. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers facing market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

With over 300 eligible commodities, from livestock and row crops to specialty crops and aquaculture, most farmers and ranchers are potentially eligible for CFAP 2.

Producers have several options for applying for the CFAP 2 program by the Dec. 11 deadline. Producers can find eligible commodities, payment rates, calculations and options to apply on farmers.gov/cfap.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office. The call center can also 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.

Additionally, farmers.gov offers a number of resources for producers interested in applying for CFAP 2, including:

- Eligible Commodities Finder
- Videos, including “How to Apply for CFAP 2”
- Blogs, including

“Myth Debunked: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2”

A correction to the CFAP 2 rule is pending. In case a producer is affected by this correction, FSA will provide additional time to apply or edit their application.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first iteration of CFAP, now referred to as CFAP 1. Participating in CFAP 1 is not a prerequisite for participating in CFAP 2. Additionally, producers who applied for CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled in CFAP 2 and must complete a new application to be eligible for assistance.

Both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 are self-certification programs, which means the applicant certifies the information submitted is correct. As part of the internal controls portion of CFAP 1, FSA is conducting spot checks of applications, asking producers to provide supporting documentation to verify the information on them. Producers are being selected using a statistically sound methodology. These CFAP 1 applicants will be contacted by FSA staff and asked to provide supporting documentation to verify the information certified by the producer on their CFAP 1 application.

### COVID-19 INFORMATION:

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No cus-

tomers 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.

- Important program dates and Interest Rates*
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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
**Library is open 9:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.** Bookmobile Schedule: **Monday, Dec. 14th:** Child Development, Lisa's Little People and Tic Toc Preschool. **Tuesday, Dec. 15th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie. **Wednesday, Dec. 16th:** Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

**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

## Joel Ray Kirby

Joel Ray Kirby, 76, of Livingston, died at his home December 5, 2020. He was born July 25, 1944 in Sandhill. He was a member of the Sand Hill Baptist Church, a retired construction worker, and he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era receiving special certification in Aircraft Electrical Repairman, and Aircraft and Missile Electrical Repair Technician.

He is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Marilyn Gail Mason Kirby; sons, Tony Mason, James and Dena Partin, and daughter, Melissa Wagers; grandchildren, Joseph Wagers, Jeremy Wagers, James Schueler, Whitney Reams, and Nathan Partin; great grandchildren, Makayla Wagers, Caden Wagers, Aaliyah Partin, and Jaxton Reams; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends to mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by: his son, Steven Ray Kirby; father, Sylvester Kirby and mother, Mollie Nicley Kirby; brothers, Coy Kirby, Cecil Faulkner, Donald Faulkner, and Bruce Faulkner; and sisters, Vivian Board, Chloe Blackburn, Wilma Thomas, Gloy Ruffin, Trilba Reynolds, and Goldie Thomas.

Private funeral services will be conducted by Bowling Funeral Home.



## Marsha (Riddle) Ellison

Marsha (Riddle) Ellison, 69, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, in Mt. Vernon. She was born August 26, 1951 to

the late Clarence and Blondell (Harp) Riddle. She married Glen Edward Ellison and had one son, Dana Glen. Marsha was a member of Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church and owned and operated Marsha's Florist in Brodhead for many years.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Glen Edward Ellison; one son, Dana Glen Ellison of Copper Creek; three grandchildren, Zachary, Sarah, and Emma; four great grandchildren, Oakley, Jace, Marva, and Jake; one brother, Ryan (Connie) Riddle of Mt. Vernon; one sister-in-law, Ruby Brock; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Services will be private.

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



## Timothy Wayne Cottrell

Timothy Wayne Cottrell, 47, of Brodhead, died Monday, November 30, 2020. He was born November 4, 1973 to Darrell Cottrell and Margie Thomas.

He was a welder, enjoyed playing horseshoes, and basketball.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Takina Cottrell; two grandchildren, Camden and Brantlee; two brothers, Danny Thomas and Josh Thomas, both of Somerset; three sisters, Ashley (Brady) Durham of Oklahoma, Kimberly (Lance)

Baldwin of Brodhead, and Billie Stokes of Somerset; his parents, Darrell (Brenda) Cottrell of Brodhead and Margie (JC) Thomas; paternal grandfather, Lester Cottrell; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his paternal grandmother, Flossie Cromer Cottrell; and maternal grandparents, Freda and Gilbert Alexander.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery. Casketbearers were: Lance and Kimberly Baldwin, Ashley and Brady Durham, and Ernie Alexander.

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## Kay (Spivey) Shelton

Ms. Kay (Spivey) Shelton, 75, of Crab Orchard, died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington. She was born August 9, 1945 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Henry and Lousie (Pospisil) Spivey. She was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed motorcycles, car shows, and bike rallies. Kay will be fondly remembered as proprietor of Brodhead Dari Delight where people passing thru Brodhead stopped for a meal or coffee, to visit, and fellowship. Kay was very civic minded – sponsoring bike rides and shows and vintage car shows. She enjoyed people, cared for others, was charitable to all in need and a friend to many.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Kevin (Tammy) Shelton and Monte (Angela) Shelton, both of Crab Orchard; four grandchildren, Logan, Lucas, Chase, and Keesha Shelton; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry and two brothers, George and Charles "Chuck" Spivey.

Services were private.

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## Margaret Lucille Stewart

Margaret Lucille Stewart, 88, of Orlando, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Rockcastle County, on October 31, 1932, the daughter of Roy and Lizzie Dalton Kidwell. She was a homemaker and attended Brush Creek Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her children, Jerrold and Panna of Richmond, IN, and Ray and Regina, Randy, Rob, and Sherry and Stanley, all of Orlando; a brother, Barney Dalton of Tennessee; and two sisters, Wyoma Smith of Berea and Cill Williams of Orlando. Also surviving are: nine grandchildren, Machele Decker Callahan, Tina Blanton, Tammy Maridan, Chrissy Stewart, Delbert Stewart, Angie Gross, Jason Stewart, Josh Stewart, and Landon Stewart; 12 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Delbert; a grandson, Jerrold, Jr.; two great grandsons, Trent and Austin; a great great great grandson, Lynnox; three brothers, Floyd, Virgil, and Robert; and a sister, Mary Jane.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Griggs. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stanley Adams, Chris Decker, Delbert Stewart, Jason Stewart, Josh Stewart, and Rob Stewart.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Melvin Edward Denny

Melvin Edward Denny, 75, of Berea, died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at his residence. He was born November 9, 1945 in Broughtontown, to the late Newton and Lucy (Smith) Denney. He retired from the US Army and later retired from Hyster. He was a member of St. Sylvester Catholic Church and the American Legion. He loved to play cards, was an avid reader, a fan of John Wayne westerns, and a proud family man.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three daughters, Nancy Jane Fetters of Livingston, Stacy Jean Denny of Columbia, SC, and Rebecca Sue Denny of Berea; two grandchildren, Kayla Elizabeth Clay, and Zachary Edward Harrison Fetters; and one sister, Bonnie Watson of Broughtontown.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Jane Elizabeth Denny; three brothers, Ben Denney, Wilburn Denney, and John Denney; and three sisters, Flonnie Mae Godbey, Nettie Trinkle, and Okie Faye Norris.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 7, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in St. Sylvester Catholic Church Cemetery in Ottenheim, KY.

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

## Bobby L. Bullock

Bobby L. Bullock, 79, of Eubank, died Sunday, November 29, 2020 at his residence. He was born June 20, 1941 in Brodhead, to the late Floyd R and Eva (Payne) Bullock. Bobby proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of Ottawa Baptist Church and was a retired truck driver. He enjoyed deer hunting, gardening, and family get-togethers.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Roger Dale Bullock of Douglasville, GA, Shelley (Lester) Hopkins of Crab Orchard, and Kevin Ray Bullock of Lexington; four grandchildren, Zachary Bullock, Alexandria (Nelson) Perez, Rachel Hopkins Speer, and Lucas Hopkins; two great grandchildren, Abel Perez, and Inzo Perez; three sisters, Annalene Renner of Deer Park, OH, Reba Cash of Brodhead, and Elva (Frank) Cook of St. Louis, Missouri; and special friend, Debbie Bullock.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings, Ray Bullock, Henry Bullock, Charles Bullock, Jimmy Bullock, and Louise Renner.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 4, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Rev. Ron Renner officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Dale, Kevin, and Zachary Bullock, Lester and Lucas Hopkins, and Ray Denney. Honorary casketbearers were: Ronnie Duvall and Lester Fletcher.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hope Lodge, 1500 College Way, Lexington, KY 40502 or online at [donate3.cancer.org](http://donate3.cancer.org).

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## Glenna Sue Spoonamore

Glenna Sue Sowder Spoonamore, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Berea on September 26, 1954, the daughter of Keith and Doris Payne Sowder. She was a retired LPN and a member of Higher Praise Ministries Church. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, her church, gardening, her cats, and chickens.

She is survived by: her children, Ronnie Spoonamore and wife Stacy of Mt. Vernon, and Crystal Spoonamore and husband Brian of Grovetown, GA; her mother, Doris Sowder of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Donnie Sowder and wife Karen of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Betty Burdette and husband Clyde of Mt. Vernon, and Joyce Hazelwood and husband Jim of Berea; five grandchildren, Blake Mullins and wife Sara, Austin Spoonamore, Andrew Spoonamore, Gracie Spoonamore, and Joseph Spoonamore, all of Mt. Vernon; and two great grandchildren, Ian Mullins and Eli Mullins, both of Mt. Vernon. Her extended family also survives, Richard Spoonamore, Sr. and wife Penny, Patricia Spoonamore Collins and husband Clifford, Pam Spoonamore McGuire and husband Lonnie, and Vickie Bradley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Spoonamore, Sr. and her father, Keith Sowder.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, 2020 at Higher Praise Church by Bro. Chris Davidson. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jim Hazelwood, Justin Hisel, Blake Mullins, Shawn Sowder, Andrew Spoonamore, and Austin Spoonamore.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Fern Caldwell

Fern Caldwell, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 7, 2020 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead.

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

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and have been entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

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## James M Browning

James M Browning (Jim), 64, of Garrard County and formerly of Rockcastle County, died December 3, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington in the care of Hospice. He was born on July 6, 1956 in Dayton, OH. He was the son of the late James L Browning and Barbara Hansel-Browning.

Jim had a career in the printing industry before he became a full-time farmer in 2003. He made many life-long friends in the printing industry in Ohio. He loved his farmland and was happiest when he spent time beautifying it. Jim enjoyed being outdoors and fishing. He was heartfelt about his beliefs in God, country, and the constitution. Jim loved a good political discussion and was passionate about his conservative views. He loved old television shows and movies, especially John Wayne and James Bond. Jim loved old country music songs and always had them playing on his farm truck radio with a cold "dew" in his cooler. In 2015, he was inducted into the Rockcastle County High School Football Hall of Fame. But his most important role was being a Papaw nanny to his granddaughter "Mae" as they shared a love for Kentucky basketball.

He is survived by: his wife, Janice Holbrook Browning and two children, James Adam Browning of Cincinnati, OH and Mary Beth Browning-Hawthorne of Alabaster, AL, along with five grandchildren, Marisa Bukky, Avery, Benjamin, and Olivia Browning and Jon David Hawthorne. He is also survived by two sisters, Rebecca Browning-Sharp (Michael) of Miamisburg, OH and Carolyn Browning (Rita) of Garrard County. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Barry L Browning.

In lieu of flowers, Janice requests that gifts of gratitude be sent to the staff of the Cancer Clinic and the Infusion Center at the Cancer Center at Baptist Health Lexington.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, a graveside service for family members was held at Buffalo Springs Cemetery in Stanford on December 7, 2020 with Leonard Harrison officiating. He was laid to rest next to his parents, James and Barbara Hansel-Browning.

Honorary pallbearers were: Danny Pennington, Ron Thomas, Ronnie Aldridge Sr, Mike Dyehouse, Kenny Dyehouse, Dean Underwood, Clayton Shepherd, Dwayne Shepherd, Greg Combs, Jerry Combs, Jack Vawter, Patrick Murphy, Greg Hull, Mike Tidd, Mike Haney, Blair Fraley, Don Erwin, Randy Osborne, Mark Osborne, Tim Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Joe Clontz, and Ray Allred.

Arrangements handled by Spurlin Funeral Home in Stanford.

## Card of Thanks

### James Michael Smith

The family of James Michael Smith wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during this difficult time.

Rhonda, Victoria, Krystal, Jesse, Bryce, Charles, Vickie, Sherry, Anna Lee



# Obituaries

## Geraldine "Gran" Peele

Geraldine (Brock) "Gran" Peele, 82, of Brodhead, died November 30, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was the widow of James Peele, who preceded her in death on March 23, 2008. She was born in Crab Orchard on March 16, 1938 to the late Ernest E. and Grecian (Saylor) Brock. She had worked several years for Sowders Nursing Home in Brodhead. She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. She loved her family, especially her precious grand babies and enjoyed quilting.

Those left to celebrate her life are: three daughters, Teresa (Bill) Spurgeon of Stanford, and Tammy (Wilbur) Harrison and Tina Peele, both of Brodhead; step daughter, Susan (Less) Weiss of North Carolina; three granddaughters, Nicole Mullins, Ella Zielke and Heather Atkins; two sisters, Phyllis Jean (Dave) Nickell of Stanford and Sheila (Harry) Helton of Crab Orchard; and a host of great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: a step daughter, Beverly Jean Peele; and two brothers, Danny Brock and Ed Brock, Jr.

Due to current COVID-19 regulations, a private visitation and funeral service was held for the immediate family only.

Bro. James Poynter and Bro. Nathan DeLeon will officiate the funeral service.

Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

## Edwin "Baker" Brown

Edwin "Baker" Brown, 86, of Sharonville, OH, passed away November 23, 2020 at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. He was born November 17, 1934, the son of the late Marquis and Edith (Albright) Brown.

He was the husband of the late Ruth L. (Spoonamore) Brown. Devoted father of two sons, Ed "Bruce" (Sue) Brown, Kevin (Barb) Brown and one daughter, Robin L. Brown, all of Sharonville, Ohio. He was a loving grandfather of David (Ruthanne) Brown, Lesley Napier, Jade Brown, and Kristin (Anthony) Mitchell. Great grandfather of Ethan, Kaitlin, Corbin, Weston and Charlotte. He was a dear brother to Garner (Mary Ann) Brown, Doris Jean Ramsey Brown, Lorene (Bobby) Lawrence and Raymond (Brenda) Brown.

Baker was a quiet, kind man and loved helping others, went fishing almost every day, raised a garden in his back yard. He was a faithful Christian man, was a member of the Evandale Church of Christ in Evandale, Ohio.

Funeral services were held December 2nd at the Spring Grove Funeral Home in Sharonville, Ohio with Bro. Jerff Mink officiating. Burial was in the Crown Hill Memorial Park in Sharonville.

## William Frank Robinson

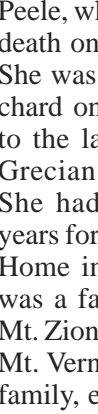
William Frank Robinson, 63, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at his residence. He was born June 29, 1957 in Brush Creek, to the late Frank Robinson and Alvenia Hood Robinson. He married Vickie Lynn Noe on October 17, 1975, was a member of the Crab Orchard Baptist Church, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and NASCAR racing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Vickie Lynn Robinson; three children, Rebecca Hamm of Richmond, Natosha Robinson (Sonny) of Somerset, and Frances Robinson of Crab Orchard; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Powell, James Powell, and Charlee Lynn Robinson; four brothers, Clayton (Sonya) Robinson of Mt. Vernon, Steven (Jenny) Robinson of Mt. Vernon, Kenneth Robinson of LaGrange, and Roland (Sharon) Robinson of Indianapolis, IN; five sisters, Linda Martin of Mt. Vernon, Mary Ramsey of Mt. Vernon, Ruth (Charles) Taylor of Indianapolis, IN, Donna Powell (Paul Evans) of Mt. Vernon, and Peggy (Mike) Childers of Georgetown; his mother, Alvenia Robinson; and mother-in-law, Shelby Jean Mosley Noe.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Hamm, Jr. "Little Poss" and his father-in-law, Gene Noe.

In accordance with current COVID recommendations, all services will be private.

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By Max Phelps  
Act Now to Add Winter Interest to Your Yard

Winter finds people, just like animals, hibernating--when we can get away with it.

On weekends, and if you're lucky, during the week, you may get to see your yard, and those of your neighbors, during daylight hours. You'll find they look much different than they did before the frost and cold winds took away all the tree leaves. This is also when you realize there are actually a few homes on the block that look good in winter-time.

Let's take a look at some simple things we can do to give a little sparkle, color or brightness to our yards as the days get more short and dull.

First off, you will notice any large and well-established evergreen trees. Maybe a southern magnolia, a pine, a spruce, a hemlock, a fir, a cedar or arborvitae. Hollies, taxus, junipers, viburnum, laurels and azaleas, too. Evergreens are simple and require less maintenance, and they give four seasons of greenery rather than maybe six or eight months of it. Most yards should have an evergreen or two, even something dwarf if the space is restricted.

(Caution: remember to not plant most evergreen trees in deep shade as they will fail. I've seen nursery owners design fancy, expensive, junipers or falsecypress in shady locations...they are thinking of just making a sale when this happens.)

Success with evergreen trees and shrubbery is in their long term

# Yards to Paradise

performance; they should become more beautiful and look like they belong. Spacing them for the size they will become, not the size they are when planted, is one of the keys.

In addition to evergreen trees, how else can we add some pazazz to our yards in winter? I like to suggest plants that have colorful twigs or stems, sometimes plants that retain leaves after they change colors, and a few winter blooming trees, shrubs and perennials.

A Japanese maple with the name Sango Kaku is a coral bark dwarf maple that has lovely bark in winter. The red and yellow twiggged dogwoods can be a winter-time delight. Some blueberry bushes have red or yellow limbs that are showy in winter.

Some junipers turn orange or purplish in winter instead of the green of summer. Some azaleas turn red or purple or almost black in winter. Nandina are famous for their red color in winter, and some for their berries. Winterberry holly bushes and hawthorne trees show off in winter; their red berries cling until wildlife eat them.

Sasanqua camellias are blooming at 400 Center Street in Berea, Kentucky as I write this. Hellebores will bloom much of the winter, they are ground cover plants with evergreen leaves that bloom in the snow. Witch hazel is another plant, actually a family of plants, that bloom in winter or very early spring.

Remember to plant daffodils and crocus and tulips in the fall (anytime

before the ground freezes will be OK). Those lovely harbingers of spring will show off in your yard next Spring if you hurry to plant a few bulbs soon.

Clumps of grasses, with their seed heads waving in the cold winds, and covered with snow, can be a winter-time asset to the landscape. Don't be in too big a hurry to cut the dead back, as they will look nice laden with snow this winter. And the grass and flower seeds you leave for now will save you from having to feed the birds.

I will end with some pansies or violas...they look great down into the teens, and sometimes survive winter to grow

and bloom in the spring a second time. And I like how horseradish leaves take the cold for the first half of the winter, they can give some green to the flower bed, and some tangy leaves to spice up a bowl of salad.

Perhaps you can still find time to take some action this fall for a more attractive yard throughout the seasons to come.

The author is a landscaper.  
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## What Is The Greatest Commandment?

When Christ was asked that question in *Mark 12:28*. Look at his reply in *verse 29*. The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: *verse 30* And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength: this is the first and great commandment. *Verse 31* And the second is like, namely this, thou love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

The world would be such a better place if we all could just master this simple commandment. But what Christ says in plain language, that it's not hard to understand but it seems hard for Christians to do. Why? If we could love God in this, loving our neighbour would become an easy task. This is not optional it is a commandment of God.

*John 14:15* Christ says, if you Love me keep my commandments.

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## Stedfast in Prayers

When the Lord built the Church, he made prayer, a very big part of the church. Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 14:15 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. From the beginning, prayer was a daily part of one's life, if he or she was a child of God? Some scholars believe Christ, during his earthly ministry, spent more time in prayer than in any other activity. It is no wonder that prayer is so important to his spiritual body, the church.

Luke says of the congregation at Jerusalem. Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfast, in the apostle's doctrine, in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. Prayer is the expression, of our personal piety, and praise and prostration before God. James links prayer to a righteous behavior, saying, In James 5:16 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Abraham Lincoln often prayed in this way, declaring, I have been driven to my knees many times because I had nowhere else to go.

Private prayers are unrehearsed outburst of praise or usually a cry for help. Psalms 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, said the Psalmist, and that all that is within me, bless his holy name. Having himself mired in sin. Psalms 51:1-2 Blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, cleanse me from my sin.

Overwhelmed by trials and temptations we find it impossible, to speak to God sometimes what we really feel, and what we really want to speak. Romans 8:26 The Holy Spirit makes intercessions on our behalf. Explaining to God what is really on our heart and in our mind, that God does really know and understand, what we really trying to say.

Jesus tells how to pray in public, Matthew 5:15 Thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are, for they love to pray to be seen of men. This is not the reason we pray in public or it never should be, we must remember even when we are praying in public we are praying to God, though men may hear us, our aim is to reach Heaven and to be heard of God.

Luke 18:10-12 Do not use vain or empty repetitions, as the Pharisees do, vain or empty, words said that do not come from the heart and they have no purpose or real meaning. There is nothing wrong with praying for the same thing. Genesis 25:21 Isaac prayed, that Rebekah his wife would soon give him a child, Isaac prayed this prayer for twenty years, finally the Lord gave Isaac twins, Esau and Jacob.

Let us be like the disciples, Lord teach us to pray. Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember to count your blessings. Remember the live stream, our services, at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, on Facebook, Sunday 10:00 A.M. Wed- 7:00. Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova baker-606-878-8104

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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### CHEESY SHEPARD PIE

1 pound ground beef  
1/2 medium onion, chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/4 soup can of milk  
1 can green beans, drained  
1 can corn, drained  
Cold mashed potatoes  
3 cups shredded cheese  
Preheat oven to 350°.  
Brown ground beef with onion, salt, and pepper to taste. Drain; mix with mushroom soup and milk. Put in casserole dish. Sprinkle green beans and corn over ground beef mixture. Spread cold leftover mashed potatoes over beef. Cover with 3 cups shredded cheese. Bake until hot and bubbly.

### BOBBY'S SHEPARD PIE

1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 pound ground beef  
1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
1 bag (1 pound) frozen mixed vegetables  
1 and 1/2 cups mashed potatoes, cold or warm  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
Preheat oven to 350°.  
Heat a 9-inch iron skillet on medium-high heat. Add oil. When oil is hot, add onions. Cook for about 2 minutes and add

ground beef. Cook until no pink remains. Stir in the dry onion soup mix. Remove from heat. Place frozen mixed vegetables in a 2-quart casserole dish, cover with ground beef. Spread mashed potatoes over ground beef. Bake for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake 5 more minutes or until cheese melts. Serve.

### SWEET POTATO SHEPARD PIE

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 medium yellow onion diced  
1 and 1/2 pounds lean ground turkey or beef  
2 tablespoon tomato paste  
3 garlic cloves minced  
1 cup chicken or beef broth  
1 cup frozen peas with carrots  
2 cups mashed sweet potatoes  
Preheat the oven to 375°.  
Heat oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Cook onions for 3 minutes. Stir in garlic. Cook for 2 minutes. Add meat and cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until the meat is cooked through. Stir in tomato paste, and broth. Simmer for a few minutes until the liquid is reduced, stir in the peas. Spread meat mixture into a 2-quart baking dish. Spread mashed potatoes evenly on top. Bake until the potatoes are just starting to brown, about 30 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes.

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## Utilities unite to protect customers from scams

Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company and Old Dominion Power Company joined more than 145 fellow U.S. and Canadian utilities on November 18 for the fifth annual Utility Scam Awareness Day to raise consumer awareness on how to recognize scams and offer advice to avoid them. These efforts have become more important this year during the pandemic, as reports of scams have risen as a result.

This annual international initiative is led by Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS), a consortium of electric, water, and natural gas utilities and their respective trade associations. Through its work and with the help of customer reporting, UUAS has successfully taken out of operation nearly 9,500 toll-free numbers used by scammers against utility customers.

“Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more sophisticated and attempting to exploit an already challenging time during the pandemic,” said Eileen Saunders, LG&E and KU vice president-Customer Services. “We try and do everything we can to help protect our customers. We offer year-round resources and partner with UUAS members to raise this collective attention and report known scammers, and we encourage everyone to stay vigilant and follow the advice being offered to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams.” Scammers most often resort to using intimidation tactics and may even

pull information they’ve found publicly available online to make themselves sound more credible. LG&E, KU and ODP advise customers to follow these SAFE tips to protect your personal information.

- Safeguard personal information: LG&E, KU and ODP will never contact you and demand credit or debit card numbers, checking account information or other personal information.

- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E, KU and ODP do not make live phone calls to demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection, and the utilities will never require using a prepaid debit/gift card or ask you to transfer money to a payment app. The utilities offer a variety of payment options, including special COVID-19-related payment plans.

- First check with LG&E, KU and ODP if you’re suspicious: Customers who receive a suspicious live phone call, an email or letter should call LG&E, KU and ODP which will always verify official communications. LG&E residential customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU/ODP residential customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

- Enlist the help of law enforcement: Customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with scammers, should report it to their local police department and contact LG&E, KU and ODP.

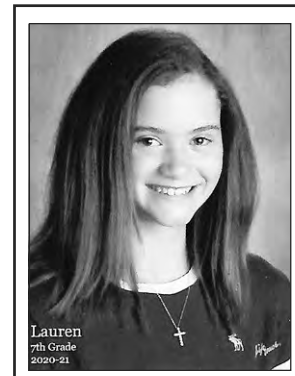
The utilities, in turn, work year-round with local law enforcement agencies investigating these types of crimes.

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LG&E, KU and ODP encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company’s behalf. The utilities’ employees and contractors will always carry an authentic company ID badge that shows the LG&E, KU and ODP logos, the person’s name and a color photograph. During in-person visits, employees and contractors are following CDC and pandemic guidelines. The utilities practice social distancing when feasible; request customers who are sick remain at a distance; and wear additional protective equipment – such as masks, respirators, gloves and

protective suits – when needed to ensure employee and customers’ safety.

Visit [lge-ku.com/COVID-19](http://lge-ku.com/COVID-19) for more important scam prevention tips and resources available to help customers during our fight against the pandemic.



**Birthday celebrated**  
Lauren Sanders, granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, OH celebrated her 13th birthday Saturday December 5th with a sleepover with five girlfriends at her home in West Chester.

## New deadline

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

## Tax tips for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the tax preparation process go more smoothly.

“One of my top priorities as governor is making higher education more accessible to everyone on Team Kentucky. Students and families paying for technical education or college after high school should take advantage of credits and deductions that can lower their tax burden,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Those credits and deductions are another way the state and federal governments help make education more affordable for Kentuckians, which is more important than ever during a year where so many families have suffered financially.”

Before students file their tax return, they should discuss the situation with their parents who may be able to claim the student as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

- Tuition and fees de-

duction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. These expenses must be for college.

- Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to [irs.gov](http://irs.gov) to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing a return.

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](http://itsmoney.kheaa.com) and free copies of “It’s Money, Baby,” a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com).

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

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

From KHEAA website

## Kentucky’s college planning guide now in audio file

Portions of the newest edition of “Getting In,” Kentucky’s college planning guide, can now be downloaded in an audio file from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) website.

“I want to ensure all Kentuckians have the information they need to make informed choices about continuing education after high school, whether they are interested in technical studies or college classes,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Many Kentucky students and their families continue to find resources like ‘Getting In’ helpful and having this information available in multiple formats makes it accessible to a larger population. Having an audio version will make planning for college easier for Kentucky high school students, particularly those who are visually impaired.”

The audio versions include Chapter One, a guide to college admissions, and the first part of Chapter Two, which helps students and parents navigate the financial aid process.

People who access the audio version can listen to the complete chapter-long recordings or to separate sections that deal with specific topics, such as planning for college or finding financial aid.

From the Students section on [kheaa.com](http://kheaa.com), click on the Other Resources button, then Publications and then College Planning. From the Families section, click on Publications, then College Planning and look for Getting In: Class of 2021 (with audio).

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC). For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit [advantageeducationloan.com](http://advantageeducationloan.com).

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*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**

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*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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(Off US 25) • Calloway  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**George Renner, Pastor**  
606-224-4641

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning 11 a.m.*  
*Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
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*Sundays 10:00 a.m.*  
*Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.*  
**Bro. Ova Baker**  
**Bro. Dale McNew**  
**Bro. Phillip Scott**

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**Clear Creek Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*

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

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

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

**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*  
**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
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**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Donald King**  
606-355-7595

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

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

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
**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**  
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246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
*Sunday School 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship Noon*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor**  
606-308-4312

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

**Maple Grove Baptist**  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*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.*  
www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

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

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

**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 5 p.m.*

**New Heights Church**  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightsky.net  
*Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.*  
*Worship & Children's Church*  
*Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.*  
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**Bro. Chad Burdette**  
**New Hope Baptist Church**  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor**

**Northside Baptist Church**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
**Kenny Allen, Pastor**  
**Sunday**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
**Tuesday**  
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9  
**Wednesday**  
*Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.*  
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Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

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

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

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

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

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

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
859-986-1579  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
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**Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor**  
**Poplar Grove Baptist**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*

**Providence church of Christ**  
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618  
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*Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**Bill Hammond, Pastor**  
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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.*  
**Pastor: Bro. Richard West**  
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**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
606-25605894  
*Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Clyde Hodge**

**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
**Pastor: Eugene Webb**  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
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*Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.*

**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December, 1908  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian Church**  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.*  
*Family Fellowship 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 6 p.m.*  
**Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

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## “Henshaw”

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During the testimony, it was revealed that Henshaw and his stepmother had previous altercations and police had been called to the residence several times before.

Loudermilk also said Henshaw had told him he had heard voices for some time.

It was also revealed that Henshaw had admitted to using methamphetamine the day before the shooting and Loudermilk said he found a plastic baggie that appeared to have contained the drug.

“George (Henshaw II) indicated to me that none of this would have happened if he had not taken the meth,” said Loudermilk.

Testimony also indicated Henshaw had “done meth with another individual that the accused refused to identify,” said Loudermilk. “We don’t know who that person is...yet.”

Rowe asked Loudermilk to detail evidence such as blood spatter patterns, bullet holes in the wall, location of the body and other details.

Though there were two holes in the wall, Loudermilk said he believes there was only one shot from the rifle. The Detective said he believes the bullet separated from its jacket causing the two holes.

According to Loudermilk, evidence indicates Henshaw leaned around the refrigerator from the hallway, raised the rifle and shot Lois Henshaw.

Defense Attorney Long asked Loudermilk about medications and any evidence that Henshaw had previous psychological problems before this incident. Loudermilk said he was not aware of any evidence concerning the issue. Nor was he aware of any medication that had been prescribed for that purpose.

“I think he (Henshaw II) had a heart attack earlier and was on medication for that and for blood pressure,” said Loudermilk. “But I am not aware of all the uses for all the medications that he had. I am not aware of any psychological medications.”

Loudermilk testified that Henshaw had told him “this had been a long time coming,” and that “he couldn’t take it anymore,” on the night of the shooting.

According to Loudermilk, there had been four previous calls to the home due to altercations between Henshaw and his stepmother, but on this night Henshaw “did not appear to be under the influence” of any drug.

Testimony indicated Lois Henshaw had been sitting at the kitchen table when shot and George Henshaw Sr. was in the bathroom.

Loudermilk testified that the father said he heard the shot and ran out of the bathroom to find his wife Lois Henshaw wounded on the kitchen floor and his son had replaced the rifle in his bedroom. The couple had been married 12 years, according to Loudermilk.

Apparently during the 911 call, the husband performed CPR on the victim but she did not respond.

Many other details of

the evening and the investigation were explained by Loudermilk during the hearing.

Judge Lawless then ruled that there was probable cause to hold Henshaw and leave the bond at \$1 million.

Henshaw will now be held for 60 days pending his indictment by a grand jury, according to Rowe.

## “Parade”

(Continued from front)

nearly 40 parade entries and I think it definitely helped generate the Christmas spirit.”

Bryant said he was happy the event was not cancelled. “It was a plus to have an event, after the city cancelling all of the other 2020 scheduled events,” he said. “Many thanks to everyone who participated in the parade this year.”

Officials at both cities said they missed the personal contact with Santa this year. “We are so sorry that Santa and Mrs. Claus could not stop and talk with the children and that we could not throw out any candy,” said Bryant. “We are hoping and praying that 2021 will be a better year for us all.”

The cold temperature and threat of rain didn’t deter those who stood on sidewalks along the parade path and officials in both cities say they believe the events were safe and well attended.

“The parades made for an enjoyable day which allowed the community to come together in a safe way to experience a sense of normalcy during this Christmas season,” said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

Officials at both parade say they were pleased with the event and thank those who participated in making the events enjoyable for the citizens of Rockcastle County.

## “RCIDA”

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open for business.”

VanHook also informed the board of the progress on the Farmers Market building. “As you saw in the *Mount Vernon Signal* last week, the additional funds have been approved and we expect bids to be on the street very soon,” he said.

Board member Roland Mullins asked if the market can be ready by spring so that local farmers may take advantage of the building.

“I believe there is a very good possibility that it will be ready for them,” said VanHook. “The site work is basically done and we can pour the slab quickly. Putting up the structure shouldn’t take that long and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, I think we can complete the project by then.”

VanHook also discussed the DELTA Natural Gas project and detailed his continued efforts for the future of the project. “This project is on my daily agenda,” he said. “We are continuing to look for more potential customers for Delta along the US150 corridor and Josh (Bray, Mount Vernon City Administrator) and I met with Delta last week again. We are working on the project every day.”

The next meeting of the RCIDA is scheduled for January 8, 2021.

## “Classes”

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December 18 and teachers will continue providing daily instruction through Google classrooms as well as scheduling small, targeted group instruction several days per week as permitted.

There will be no school December 21 through January 4 due to the Christmas break.

Board members had expressed a concern that some students may be falling behind through the NTI method so Ballinger, board members and other school officials, have found another way to combat that issue.

Ballinger said students, with any sort of need that arises, will be asked to join small targeted groups that will provide one-on-one lessons between the student and a teacher. These groups will range greatly in areas of need but will include students who may be falling behind in their lessons. “We are going to do everything we can to help our students catch up if they have fallen behind,” she said.

But this is just one purpose of the target groups which will include speech therapy, mental health services and other needs.

To help prepare for a smooth transition to in-person classes in January, all Rockcastle County schools will practice the alternating day schedule beginning on January 5 if classes do indeed resume then.

Ballinger says this smaller number of students in the classroom will provide teachers with more ability to social distance all students and better manage cleaning and disinfecting classrooms. “We are encouraged by the possibility of returning to school and allowing our students to receive teacher-led instruction while keeping our students, families and staff safe and healthy,” said Ballinger. “The high school successfully implemented an A/B schedule since September and we believe all of our schools will benefit from the same schedule.”

The A/B schedule will allow in-person classes for students whose last name begins from A to L on Monday and Wednesday, and for students whose last name begins with M-Z on Tuesday and Thursday. All students will practice NTI on every Friday.

School officials say they will work closely with parents who may have students in their home who would have different last names that may be in different groups. The school system will make exceptions for those students so that an entire household may be able to attend in-person classes on the same days.

Ballinger says she and all school officials appreciate parents’ patience. “We appreciate all continued patience and flexibility as we make these adjustments to better serve our students and help keep our community safe,” she said.

Any questions concerning the new schedules or any other subject should be directed to the student’s school or by visiting the school website, Ballinger says.

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## “Store”

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In fact, the business is located on an industrial development lot, according to VanHook and more businesses are planned for the area.

“This is part of that TIF District we are working on,” he said. “Once this store is up and running, we expect considerably more development, including retail businesses, in the area.”

According to VanHook the new black-topped road to the business is completed and the opening is waiting on a few finishing touches. “We believe the entire area will be developed very soon,” he said. “Once On the Rocks is open, part of the plan they submitted to the state includes more development on the site.”

KSP Spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory said he hopes the early arrival of the raffle tickets will increase sales during the holiday shopping season.

We hope that people will like the uniqueness of a gift that not only provides the opportunity to win a car but also supports Trooper Island Camp, says Gregory. Even if they don't win the car, the recipient knows that their gift helped send a child to camp, who otherwise would not have had that opportunity.

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A total of 35,000 tickets will be sold with the winning ticket to be drawn on Sunday August 29, 2021 at the Kentucky State Fair. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win. The raffle winner is responsible for all tax and license fees. (Charitable gaming license

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The 2021 Chevrolet Camaro features legendary looks with its black convertible top, 20 aluminum 5 spoke silver wheels and a silver rally stripe. There's a remote engine start with heated seats and steering wheel. Inside the convertible, there's an AM/FM infotainment system 3.8 CLR display with NAV, a premium audio system and SiriusXM satellite radio. Its equipped with top of the line safety features including HD digital vision rear view, rear park assist, rear cross traffic alert, lane change alert and heads-up display. A full list of features and equipment can be found on the Trooper Island website at [www.trooperisland.org](http://www.trooperisland.org).

Trooper Island is a free summer camp for underprivileged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations; no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

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## Rockcastle native takes top U of L Position as provost

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County native Lori Stewart Gonzales, Ph.D. has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Louisville.

Pending approval from the University of Louisville Board of Trustees, Gonzales is expected to accept the position by April of 2021. She replaces Beth A. Boehm who had held the position since 2018.

Gonzales was previously the Vice Chancellor for Academic Faculty and Student Affairs at the University of Tennessee Health and Science Center.

The Provost reports directly to the President and serves as the university's chief academic officer. The goal of the office is to advance teaching, research and service missions at the university.

"The University of Louisville is a unique institution that combines a national reputation for teaching and research with a firm commitment to community," Gonzales told reporters after the appointment. "This is an opportunity to make a real difference both locally and globally."

The vetting committee

members say Gonzales "stood out" among those vetted for the position.

The Rockcastle County native earned her Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Kentucky and her Masters degree in Communication Disorders from Eastern Kentucky University. She earned her Doctorate from the University of Florida.

Dr. Gonzales is the daughter of the late Wayne and Ruby Stewart of Mt. Vernon.

## Getting ready for the parade



Workers at fire departments across the county cleaned their fire trucks before the Christmas Parades last week. Shown here, volunteers in Brodhead washed one of the engines before line up started. See the Christmas issue of *The Mount Vernon Signal* on December 23 for pictures from the local Christmas Parades.

## Local traffic stops yields 12 charges

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County 911 received a complaint Wednesday concerning a vehicle driven by 53-year-old Aashi Deacon that ended in an arrest and apparently 12 charges.

According to a uniform citation Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Tom Atkin responded to the call and observed the vehicle traveling east on US150, crossing the foglines and traveling in the oncoming traffic lane for 3/10ths of a mile.

The citation says Deacon was manifestly under the influence and "did not realize his nine-year-old son was in the vehicle's back seat."

After checking Deacon's pockets, the citation says an Adderall pill was found in a plastic container.

Sheriff Deputy Kirk Mays assisted at the scene. Deacon was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his charges were listed as reckless driving, no

seat belt, no license in possession, no insurance card in possession, no tail lamps, no brake lights, no registration, open container, no headlamps, D.U.I., wanton endangerment and possession of a

controlled substance. However, the Sheriff uniform citation only lists wanton endangerment

and possession of controlled substance, as charges. Deacon was held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

See our Christmas issue on December 23 for photos of the parades in Rockcastle County

## Local first responders deal with two unusual accidents

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to two unusual traffic accidents Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday a pick up truck left the road on Richmond Street and struck the building formerly occupied by Subway and Godfather's Pizza. Reports say the vehicle first struck a tractor-trailer parked near the building but then travelled on to hit the build-

ing itself.

The Brodhead Fire Department Special Operations Structural Collapse Division was called to shore up the structure to prevent further damage when the truck was removed. The Mount Vernon Police Department also responded

Officials say there were no injuries reported and the name of the driver was unknown at presstime.

On Monday, Mount Vernon first responders

were called to a single vehicle accident on South Wilderness Road US25 near Madison County after a vehicle left the roadway and travelled over a large embankment.

Officials say they found the driver of the vehicle about 50 feet away from where the car stopped.

The driver was carried up the embankment by ems workers to the ambulance and transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

## Farm Bureau receives 2020 Gold Star Award

Recognized for the achievements of its Women's Program this year, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau received the

2020 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Kentucky Farm Bureau. The award honors the county Women's Committee for

its active participation in Farm Bureau leadership development programs, state competitions, and educational or promotional initiatives. Carla Parsons chairs the Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization with more than 460,000 member families. For more news and updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau, visit KYFBNewsroom.com.

## Farm Bureau recognized at annual meeting in Louisville

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 101st Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in

2020. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices that meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal.

Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau, was acknowledged as the award recipient by Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of KFB Insurance, and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation, during a portion of the general session on December 4.



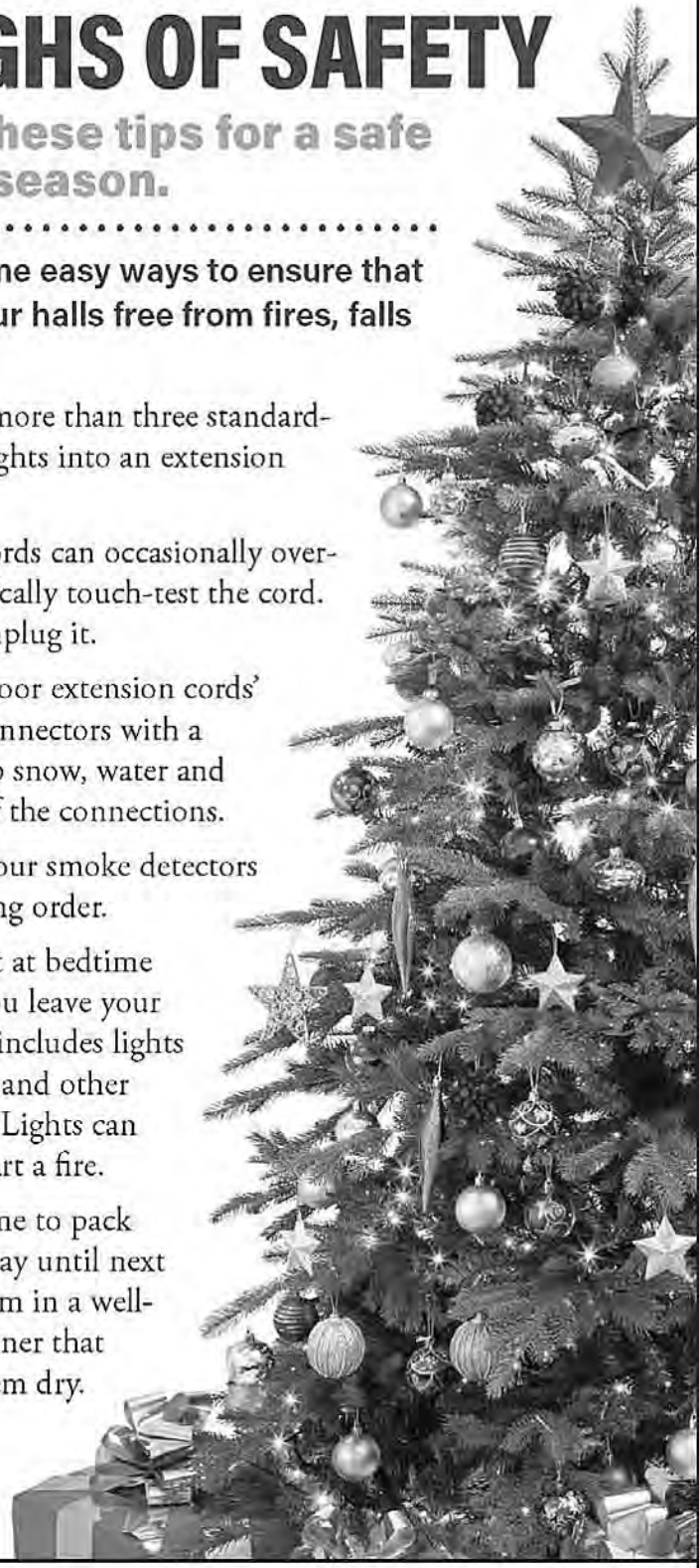
Terry Lawson

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- Elevate outdoor extension cords' plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It's lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.
- When it's time to pack the lights away until next year, put them in a well-sealed container that will keep them dry.



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## Property For Sale

**Lot for Sale** in Owens Subdivision at the corner of Joyce and Liberty Streets behind library. 1-606-256-5471. 44x4p

## Posted

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing for any reason on property belonging to Ernest Alcorn, located off Hwy. 461 bypass at 257 Reverend Green Loop and 23 Jarber Road, formerly Old Rocky Road, without my written permission. Violators will be prosecuted. 45x3

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

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## Notices

**Michael Flannery,** mailing address 3294 Hwy. 4215, McKee, KY 40447 hereby declares intention to apply for a NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Package License no later than December 30, 2020. The business to be licensed will be located at 8953 Main St., Livingston, KY 40445 doing business as Livingston Marathon. The owner principal officer is Michael Flannery, 3294 Hwy. 4215, McKee, KY 40447. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

**Storage Sale Lien:** Ivy Brown, 303 Minton Drive, Barbourville, Ky. 40906 VIN#IGBDC1401RZ129033. Larry or Mary Lou Campbell, 222 Collier Avenue, Jackson, Ky. 41339 VIN #1Z37L7S448751. Emery's Towing LLC, 535 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead, Ky. 40484. 46x3

**Notice is given that** Carolyn J. Browning, 300 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Scott Chadwick, 106 South Montgomery, Unit 108, Union, Ohio 45322 have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of David Allen Chadwick, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carolyn J. Browning and Scott Chadwick or to

Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

**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 day 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.

**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-Executrices 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. 44x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Ronnie Jay Lamb, 3740 Old State Road, P.O. Box 4192, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Charley Lamb on the 1st day of Decem-

ber, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ronnie Lamb or to Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 2, 2021 at 10 a.m. 45x3



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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Perry and Amy Mink Properties, property in Rockcastle County, to Fred N. Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$5  
 Jeffery Keith and Janice Ingram, property at Boone, to Jeffery B. Ingram. Tax \$150  
 Robert B. and Willie Gaye French, property on

U.S. 25, to Judy French Jones, Nancy Carol Brinkman and Sandra Lee Whitaker. No tax  
 David and Julia Pigg, property near Boone, to Christopher N. Powell and Samantha Robbins. Tax \$45  
 Barbara A. McKnight, property in Hamm's Subdv., to Danny and Betty Jo McKinney. Tax \$140  
 Heather Michelle Miller, property on Flat Gap Road, to Gheorghe

and Maria Poenaru. Tax \$70  
 Travis and Krystal Powell, property on Paul St., to Shawn and Alexis Ross. Tax \$90  
 Tony and Carolyn Isaacs, property on U.S. 25, to Amanda P. Hopkins. Tax \$135  
 Wilson Associates, Inc., property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Jordan Stamper and Destiny LeKee Niece. Tax \$174.50  
 Danny and Carolyn Hinton, property in Rockcastle County, to Darren and Danetta F. Allen. Tax \$8.50  
 James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford, property in Rockcastle County, to Tamera A. Collinsworth Burdette. Tax \$20

## District Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. KBA Lawn Service LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Harrison Emmer, 2018 county property taxes due.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jeffrey Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rockcastle Stone Masonry

LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Peeble Jones LLC, 2018 county property taxes due. C-00312  
 Community Trust Bank v. Christopher B. Mullins, complaint.  
 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Samantha Brown, complaint. C-00331

Marjorie Lynn Woods, complaint.  
 Christopher Watkins v. Holly Madison Watkins, complaint.  
 Mid South Capital Partners LP v. Richard Hensley, et al, complaint CI-00232

## Marriage Licenses

Brittany Mae Taylor, 20, Mt. Vernon, call center agent and Jacob Douglas Sizemore, 21, Mt. Vernon, HVAC wholesale. 12/2/20  
 Mary Louise Sparks, 66, Brodhead, retired and Bentley Glen Collins, 67, Mt. Vernon, truck driver. 12/3/20

## Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jessica Dekorte  
 James P. Kidwell v.

## Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative  
 Proposed Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association Settlement



I received the following information and was asked to share it with those that may benefit.

"If you grew burley tobacco in any of the 2015-2020 crop years in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri, you could get money from a proposed settlement. A partial settlement has been proposed in a legal matter concerning the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association ("the Co-op") that would result in dissolving the Co-op and payments to certain tobacco growers in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. The payment is estimated to be \$2000-\$6000 for each eligible grower.

"The partial settlement stems from a lawsuit against the Co-op in Lexington, Kentucky, seeking, in part, the dissolution of the Co-op because of its alleged lack of any continuing purpose. You may have heard that a special meeting was called for Co-op members to vote on the Co-op's dissolution. That special meeting was postponed and, if the settlement is given final approval, will be canceled. If the partial settlement is approved, any claims you may have against the Co-op or its officers and directors will be released or limited. Details about the partial settlement and the release or limitation of claims are available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below.

"Any person or business that was a landowner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper growing burley tobacco in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri during at least one of the 2015-2020 crop years is a member of the settlement class. After verifying your membership in the settlement class, submit a W-9 (tax i.d.) form as soon as possible, and no later than January 29, 2021. More information about getting a payment is available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below.

"You must verify that you are a member and submit a W-9 to receive a payment. If you are a member of the settlement class and the partial

settlement is approved by the Court, you will be bound by its terms even if you do not receive a payment. You should promptly check whether you are identified as a member of the settlement class by calling the number or visiting the website listed below. If you are not (but should be) identified as a settlement class member, there is a process to have your membership verified. You should complete the verification process by January 29, 2021. Information about how you verify membership is available through the number and website listed below.

"If this partial settlement is approved, the Co-op will be dissolved and its assets will be liquidated and debts paid. The net assets that will remain are estimated to be worth as much as \$28 million. The Court will oversee the process. From the Co-op's net assets, \$1.5 million will be set aside to establish a farming related non-profit, costs relating to the administration of the settlement will be deducted, and a service award to representatives of the settlement class and attorney's fees up to 25 percent of the net assets may be awarded by the Court. The assets that remain will then be paid out equally to members of the settlement class.

"The Court will hold a hearing in this case — Haynes Properties, LLC, et al. v. Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, No. 20-CI-332, Fayette Circuit Court — on February 24, 2021, to consider whether to approve the partial settlement and award attorneys' fees and other expenses. You have the right to object to the partial settlement and may attend, with or without an attorney, at the hearing, but you are not required to attend to potentially share in the money paid out.

"For more information, call toll free 1-855-965-5569, go to [www.BTGCASettlement.com](http://www.BTGCASettlement.com), or write to 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210, Philadelphia, PA 19103."

I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181 or by e-mail at [travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto: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](http://legislature.ky.gov).

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# SCHOOLS

If you paid property taxes in Rockcastle County, you financed the education of its most important asset: our children -- all of our children. This year, you're not getting what you paid for. In spite of the noble and admirable efforts of our teachers, "virtual classrooms" are a lot of virtual with very little classroom. The software the teachers are required to use was never designed as a substitute for in-person schooling.

The schools don't belong to the Superintendent, nor do they belong to the school board. Those people are merely custodians to whom we entrust allocation of resources. The schools belong to us.

**It's time for us to take control as those to whom we entrusted the responsibility of overseeing education in our county are clearly failing.**

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## Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 542 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 204 probable cases. Seven deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus.

## Mount Vernon meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details

## Livingston Parade

Don't forget the Livingston Christmas Parade is planned for Saturday, December 19 at 5 p.m. Officials say Santa is expected and children may visit with the jolly old elf. However, masks requirements must be observed.

## Still no In-Person classes

The latest mandates from Governor Andy Beshear this week, may delay in-person classes even longer than expected. In-person classes were scheduled to restart on January 5 but the latest mandate may delay such classes to later in January. The school superintendent is in meetings this week to determine how to proceed. Go to [rockcastle.kyschools.us](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us) to see the latest decisions.

## Annual Give Hope



Shown above volunteers handed out Christmas-filled backpacks to children in Rockcastle County during the annual Give Hope event Saturday, December 12 and sponsored by the Rockcastle Association of KY Baptists. Over 450 cars with an estimated 1,300 to 1,500 residents attended the event. Shown below, Randy McPherson, a Rockcastle County Associational Missions Strategist, presented the Christmas Story and a Gospel message to all those present. Officials say over 1,000 backpacks, and a truckload of toys, blankets and more were given away.



## New commissioners seem ready to take the reins

By: Mike French Editor  
"I truly want to thank you for your service. I hope there are no hard feelings and I just want what is best for the city

of Brodhead," said top vote getter and newly elected Brodhead City Commissioner Harold Taylor.  
Taylor, Teddy Rose and Jerry Adams, all

newly-elected members of the commission, sat in and participated in Monday's regular monthly Brodhead City Commission meeting. This was the last meeting

as commission members for John Burton, Dallas Todd and Ricky Kirby, who hasn't attended a meeting since the November election.  
Earlier in the meeting,

Taylor strongly disagreed with the new "Golf Cart Ordinance" that was passed Monday night. "I know I am not sworn in as a commissioner yet, but I am asking you to hold off on passing this ordinance," said Taylor. "I have a lot of questions about this ordinance and I'd like the chance to look

## Livingston Christmas Parade is this Saturday

The City of Livingston's Christmas Parade is this Saturday at 6 p.m. (line-up at 5 p.m.)

and, at the city commission's regular meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Dwane King told

the commissioners that everything was arranged for the parade and for the arrival of Santa.

and that anyone distributing the candy would be wearing gloves.

He also said that there had been plenty of toys collected for the children for after the parade when Santa will be available in

the depot building. The

(See "Livingston" on A5)

(See "Reins" on A6)

## Fiscal court holds regular meeting

By: Mike French Editor  
With a short agenda, the Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting last week with increased

mask and social distancing requirements.

The meeting began with a closed session which is provided for in KRS 61.815. The results (See "Court" on A5)

## Local indictments

Ten people were named in eight indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, December 11th.

Indicted, and their offense/s were:

Arturo Bryan Perez, 27, no known address, was indicted for the Sep- (See "Indict" on A5)

## Higher Praise Ministry to hold Christmas Giveaway

Higher Praise Ministry will hold a *Gracious Giving Giveaway* on Saturday, December 19th on Main St. in Mt. Vernon, at the former location of Brenda's Collectibles (old McBee Dept. Store) beginning at 12 noon. The giveaway will include clothing and toys for children (while supplies last). Entrance will be limited to one adult per household, due to social distancing, and masks will be required. Everyone should bring their own bags. Donations of toys and clothing will also be accepted that day.

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## Lincoln County murder suspects are arrested here

By: Mike French Editor  
Two Lincoln County murder suspects are in jail thanks to the quick work of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Sam Butler.  
Una Mae Singleton, 43 and Matthew Wilson 33, are both in custody at the Lincoln County Regional

Jail after Deputy Butler found them in hiding in Rockcastle County.  
"I had already received some information by text before I ever got to work that day," said Butler. "We started the investigation as soon as we heard they may be in the area."  
(See "Arrest" on A5)

## Both local murder suspects indicted

By: Mike French Editor  
Two murder suspects were indicted Friday, December 11th by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury. George Henshaw II, 42, of Potter Road in Mount Vernon was charged with the November 9 shooting death of his stepmother Lois Henshaw.  
Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and lead investigator State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk presented the case against Henshaw II

last week at a preliminary hearing.  
According to testimony, Henshaw shot his stepmother in their home on Potter Road with a 30.06 hunting rifle.  
Reports indicate police had been called to the home on other occasions due to disagreements between Henshaw II and his stepmother.  
Arturo Perez, 27, was indicted for the September 29 murder of Famey Hellard on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.  
(See "Arrest" on A5)

## Planning for post-COVID School officials looking forward to new normal

By: Mike French Editor  
For the last time Jeff VanHook and Susan Jordison sat in as members of the Rockcastle County School Board last Tuesday during the regular monthly meeting. VanHook did not run for reelection and will be replaced by Angie Woods, and Matt Chaliff was defeated in the election by former superintendent

Larry Hammond.  
The meeting was the first attempt at providing a virtual meeting in the future. Brandon Reynolds, of the technology department, ran the new system and used the evening as a "test run" so that future meetings could be virtual. Though there were some glitches and time-outs, most agreed  
(See "School" on A5)



# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

The older you get the more you realize that our time on earth is actually short and goes by so quickly that maybe we should have stopped and smelled the roses a little more often so as to have experienced it a little more fully.

All that was to say that I lost a really good friend last week. I met Bob Faulkner, a native of Livingston and a resident of Ohio, in 2017 when he came into the office to deed some of his property in the county to his daughter.

We became good friends and had many great visits/trips together for almost two years. Bob became ill last year and took up residence in an assisted living facility in Ohio where he was doing well, although he missed being able to come and go as he pleased. In November, he contracted COVID and then pneumonia and, even though he recovered from both of those and was scheduled to begin rehab this week, he slipped away unexpectedly last Thursday.

Bob was a friendly, kind man and a great companion. He owned and operated an optical business in Ohio for 35 years and then he and his wife retired to Florida for several years before returning to Ohio about 10 years ago. During that time, he loved nothing better than to often visit Livingston for various events and to see friends there from his childhood.

The loss of a good friend is hard anytime but especially as you get older and finally realize that the chance of your living forever are zero to none. Goodbye, Bob, you will be missed.

You thought I was going to finally write a column that didn't bemoan the current state of politics in our country didn't you? But, even though I

hate to beat a dead horse, I am going to once again reiterate my firm belief that we have witnessed the most blatant theft of an election that has even been seen, except in third world countries which have no respect for law and order at all.

There is simply too much evidence, in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Michigan especially that President Trump was denied a second term solely due to organized chicanery on the part of Democrat election officials (and actually Republican officials also in Georgia).

When you have hundreds of thousands more absentee votes cast than actual absentee ballots mailed, 663 votes cast in a precinct in Georgia where there are only six registered voters and only three of them actually voted, thousands of people voting who were well over a hundred years of age (125 in at least one instance), felons voting by the thousands, along with teenagers not even legally old enough to vote, it's mind boggling

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



In my opinion it is not in any way the fault of the local school board or Superintendent that our children are behind in learning.

It is indeed a massive shame and if I had a child in school, I too would be hot under the collar right now. And, yes, I would become active in trying to fix it.

But you can't fix a problem by blaming those who had nothing to do with it.

If you live in Rockcastle County, and your child is behind in his school work, it is no one's fault except Governor Andy Beshear's.

I attended every meeting and I listened to every school board member and the superintendent express their disgust at having to keep our kids out of school.

They did not want to do that. In fact, I watched them take some risks in trying to avoid it. But the order came from above.

It is true that they could have completely

ignored the order. They did have that power. And honestly, I believe a couple of the board members wanted to do just that.

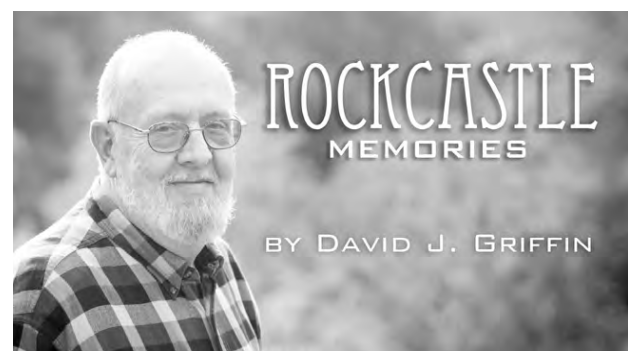
But the truth is, if they had done that, Beshear's office could (and I believe would) have cut funding to our school system and removed every board member and the superintendent who voted "yes" from office.

I believe most board members agree with me that we should not have kept our kids out of school this long. But they had no choice.

Talking with some local officials, I believe some of our government closures are much the same.

Talking behind closed doors (off the record) I have heard more than one

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"Hootie"

When I was a very young boy, my grandfather (Pop) surprised me, and the family, when he brought a small owl into the house. Pop said he found the tiny bird in his chicken house and thought it had a wounded wing. My immediate response was, "Can we keep it?"

At first, we kept "Hootie" (I named him) in a cardboard box with a soft towel for a bed. We made sure he had plenty of fresh water available.

My grandmother (Mommie Katie) was not as enthusiastic as I was about the bird staying in the house. She told Pop, "Gene, tie a string around its leg so it will not fly around the house." Pop

did as she said and tied a soft cotton string around the owl's ankle. He used enough string to allow it to sit on the top of a bedroom door with the string tied to the door knob, where the owl eventually perched in his new, temporary home. Mommie Katie made certain that we put plenty of newspapers on the floor underneath his door perch.

Pop told me to catch some insects and to dig earthworms so we could offer them to the owl. I was surprised to watch how quickly the owl adjusted to us feeding him.

After a few days, Pop announced that it was time to allow "Hootie" to get back to his normal life. He said I could let the owl perch on my bedroom door one more night. I was sad because I did not know anyone that had a pet owl, and I thought he was so cool. But Pop said the bird might have a family of his own in the woods. That made me feel better.

That night I used my Worldbook Encyclopedia to determine what kind of owl we had rescued. It was a small barn owl. I was glad to learn this fact for some reason.

The next morning, Pop and I took "Hootie" out on the porch. Pop cut the string off his leg and allowed the bird to fly away. He flew to a tall poplar tree in the yard. After a few minutes, he flew into the woods be-

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



My younger brother, Andy, was already talking about gardening 2 weeks ago. He is ready to get all the tomato cages and fall bean hoops set aside and spend a day cutting down corn stalks and all the dead stuff that grew several dozen varieties of fresh vegetables between April and the end of last November. Seed catalogues are already piling up all over the house and Loretta keeps shaking her

head.

"I guess you want me to keep this," she is prone to muttering almost every time the mail runs? Of course I want here to keep it, even if I have no intention of ordering from that particular catalogue. I'm like a kid with a Spiegel's Christmas catalogue in the 1950s. I can wear a seed catalogue out without spending a dime.

Truth be told, I hope to order from Twilley's, Shumway's, Totally Tomatoes and Baker's Creek Seed Companies. You can google them online and order your own copies, if you hurry, or even order online at your convenience. All 4 companies have varieties that we love that are not available elsewhere. If you don't have a computer or a smart phone, call someone who does and get them to send you the catalogs. It only takes about a minute per book. I don't have any of the addresses or the catalogs handy and I'm already in serious deadline trouble with your editor.

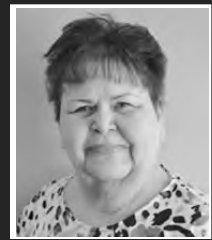
Late last September, in an effort to beat the raccoons out of our late crop of Bodacious sweet corn, Loretta, wet with sweat, came into the yard with her garden wagon loaded down with several dozen ears of plump corn.

"This has to stop, she exclaimed! Nobody in their right mind needs a garden anywhere near this big and it's working me to death and breaking my back. Next year I want it to be about 1/4 this big with just enough room to share some stuff with Barb and Helen and Adella and Joe & Connie and Charlie & Linda and Kevin & Sean and Johnny and Nannie and Don and Judy and Diana and some of our friends

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Are We Broken?

Dear Journal, I slept in this morning until about eight. When I got up, I went through the living room and headed for the kitchen to put on water for tea or hot chocolate; I hadn't decided which. I noticed the morning was all white outside due to a fog that rolled in during the night. The air had a really bad biting cold in it I soon learned.

Stanley had gotten up about ten minutes prior and was letting the dogs

out the back. Was I ready to face another day I wondered. I've been wondering that question more and more recently. I'm on a fourteen day quarantine as I've been exposed to COVID. I am about five days in now. So far so good, no signs of it so far.

It seems that I'm just broken. Broken mentally, emotionally, spiritually and most any other way you care to mention. I guess you could say I have the blues. There are so many worries to face

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am thankful...

Dear Editor, I just wanted to share this with your readers.

My husband James and I were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. Our youngest daughter Bethanie was diagnosed with brain cancer when she was 7 years old. She fought a good fight and lost the battle on January 31, 2017 at age

44.

James was ill before she passed and his health worsened after we lost her. On May 3, 2018 James passed away. I cannot tell you how my heart still aches from missing them both. At his passing, we were married for 51 plus years, I was 16 when we

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## “ramblings”

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that it's just treated as a minor problem rather than the direct contravention of the will of the majority of the people in this country.

We will pay dearly for this as a country. In my opinion, we will immediately be thrust back into policies very damaging to us such as the Paris Accord (a ridiculously expensive - for the US mostly -- lip service to controlling climate change; an onslaught of illegal aliens who will once again be allowed to enter the country at will; our second amendment rights will be threatened and no doubt violated; a policy of appeasement will be reinstated toward Iran; China's influence in our country will strengthen and, I fear, all of President Trump's success in bringing peace to

the the middle east will be undone by a foreign policy which will favor war instead of peace.

It is a dark time in our country and one which I foresee being very hard to pull ourselves back from. I sincerely hope I'm wrong.

## “Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

official in our county express concern about closing government offices. And I know there were many who did not want to cancel some of the local events this year.

Several have told me that Beshear could (would) cut very needed funding and grants to the county or cities if they did not choose to follow his “suggestions.”

So the fact that they had the power, does not necessarily mean they had a choice.

Granted, there are

many officials who did indeed agree with Beshear. But even then, they had no choice.

My argument here is not whether closing schools and businesses was the right choice to make. I'm not qualified to argue that point (though I personally disagree with it).

My argument is that if we are going to complain about it, we should complain to the ones that forced those choices. Not those who had to follow them.

If you think closing down schools, businesses, government buildings, parks and canceling events was a terrible idea, blame Andy Beshear. It was his choice.

If you think it was a good idea, then sing Beshear's praises.

Either way, small town officials had little say.

*On a side note:* I have not heard of human beings dying of old age in 2020. According to several sources, in 2017, 25 million people (world wide) died of complications from old age before COVID.

Interesting.

Also, several sources indicate less people have died this year than any other year in a decade. Shouldn't there be an additional 300,000 deaths in the United States alone since COVID is new?

Interesting.

And by the way, Donald Trump invented operation Warp Speed. He funded it, cut red tape and made it happen even while Democrats were screaming he shouldn't. There would be no vaccine if he weren't President, whether you like that or not. Live with it.

Andy said a vaccine by the end of 2020 was “impossible” and technically called Trump a liar...until after the election.

Interesting.

Now we have a vaccine and they tell us it is our choice to take it or not. Let's see how long that lasts.

## “T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

and I'm just tired of trying to piece myself together every few days and glue myself back in place. The glue is just about gone.

I have noticed in the last few weeks, there are more and more people in the same situation. They are depressed, and really hurting very badly. There is so much sickness, death, loss of jobs, financial burdens...you name it.

About half of the people I know are grieving sickness or a death in their families. Several are facing a holiday season without a family member for the first time. That is a tragic situation if you've never experienced it, and it usually doesn't get much better as the years pass.

The holidays are just ahead and we're all supposed to be all holly and jolly, but in all reality all this merry is just a mockery of how so many feel. The suicide rates at this time of the year skyrocket. I can understand that. You have to be a really strong individual to make it through and know that situations change in a few days...usually for the better.

The Bible says that if we can endure until the end, we will be saved. The word endure doesn't indicate that we are in for

a joy ride at all. To me it means that we have to fight to survive, to take one day at a time, to overcome the hurdles in life...and yes, there will be some. Sometimes they come in bunches.

Let me say to all who are going through something right now, and you know who you are. Let's all endure this thing together, OK?

## “Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

at Copperhead and Friends of Paint Lick.

All we need to plant is some sweet corn and green beans and zucchini and crookneck squash and leaf lettuce and banana peppers and bell peppers and eggplant and Yukon Gold potatoes and Wala Wala onions and cucumbers and snow peas and no more than a dozen varieties of tomatoes and some spinach and turnips and mustard greens and sweet potatoes and cantaloupes and watermelons and maybe some pumpkins if you can keep the cinch bugs out of them. I don't know why you bother with cabbage because we don't even make kraut anymore.”

Of course I rarely set foot in the actual garden anymore because I'm too crippled up to do anything other than watch it grow. Andy does all the tilling and hoeing. Thomas Begley did the initial turning and disking last year and my buddies, Ralph King and Johnny Sexton sometimes stop by to help Andy out. I do sit on the front porch and start a couple or 3 hundred plants from seed. Andy gets the seedlings into the ground. I help pick a few peas, tomatoes, beans, cukes if I can reach them from a lawn chair and drag it along with a walking cane. Loretta is out there nearly every day to pick, harvest, preserve and distribute to friends and relatives.

Any gardening I do this coming year will involve a walker or a wheel chair unless Mr. Parkinson and cancer both take drastic turns for the better.

In the meantime, Loretta says we absolutely have to have more Glacial sweet corn from Twilley's and Giant snow peas from Baker's Creek. I'll probably order something from Totally Tomatoes and Shumway's because old habits are too hard to break.

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

hind our house, out of sight.

I was extremely happy to have had an owl in my young life. I have never met anyone who had such a unique friend. It taught me a lesson about how to interact with nature without disrupting its natural rhythms. A good lesson for a young boy.

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

## “Letter”

(Cont. from A2)

married and he was 19.

Just last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer, Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. I had surgery, many tests, chemo and radiation. I am now on a 5 year piull. and see my Oncologist regularly.

My oldest son now lives with me and has seen a surgeon for a blockage he has. He has been ill for awhile and will be seeing the surgeon on December 18 to schedule surgery. We won't know the results until then.

Now, just over the last month I noticed that my heater in the car is not working. I had a friend check it and was told that the Anti-freeze all leaked out and that the radiator is leaking. She said that it will continue to leak and needs to be fixed ASAP.

With running to Richmond several times a month in the past year, wear and tear on my car, it is beginning to show. I have only the one vehicle that we got when James and Beth were here with us. But, we are so blessed. All of us are feeling the affects of the Covid and times are tough for many. I am thankful for everything we have. I want to tell all to hang in there, better times are just ahead. I don't have a lot to offer but if I can help anyone, you let me know. If I can, I will be right there.

Merry Christmas to everyone of you who read this.

Thank you Editor for printing this, I hope it helps someone who has endured as much as my family has.

*Kathleen Bretz  
P.O. Box 435,  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409.*

## Coronavirus vaccines...

Dear Editor,

Coronavirus vaccines are a hot topic these days. Sadly, much of the information being spread by the media and on Facebook has been distorted to promote distrust and fear of the many vaccine candidates that President Trump's enormously successful Operation Warp Speed has produced. As a student pharmacist, I have spent a great deal of time researching these vaccines and I am writing to your readers in hopes of setting the record straight so that every Rockcastle Countian can make an informed decision when the vaccine becomes available to the public.

The biggest falsehood about COVID-19 vaccines is that they are dangerous, carrying high probability of death or serious side effects. While it is possible and even likely that you will have a few mild side effects after vaccination, it is unlikely that any of them will be severe enough to interfere with your normal routine. They are just a sign that the vaccine is working!

I know I have just barely scratched the surface here. My fervent advice to anyone with additional questions or concerns is to seek out the advice of a trusted physician, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional and not to trust everything that you read online. When the time comes that the vaccine is available to us all— and that time is fast approaching, I hope that each of you will consider receiving it. For those that know me, I am always willing to answer any questions that you may have.

*Merry Christmas!  
Jacob Taylor*

## To all Rockcastle Countians,

Dear Editor,

I have been to downtown Mt. Vernon a few times this fall and now this Christmas season. The decorations are beautiful and so festive! It is my understanding that the Main Street Committee and several members of the Rockcastle Garden Club are largely responsible. On my way back home, I see how nice Livingston looks, too! I am betting the other communities look very nice. I just felt compelled to say 'thank you and great work!'

*Carclille Carloftis  
Burchette*

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### Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, 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

## Ronnie Bradley

Rockcastle County Sheriff Deputy and (Ret.) Lieutenant Ronnie Bradley, 74, of Brodhead, died Sunday, December 13, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was born November 25, 1946 in Stanford, to the late Everett and Nancy (Smith) Bradley. He married Brenda Moore on June 8, 1979 and from that union came one son, Ron. He retired from Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement in 2003 and since then was a Deputy Sheriff for Rockcastle County. He was of the Christian faith, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Brenda Bradley; one son, Ron (Angela) Bradley of Brodhead; two granddaughters, Olivia Denney and Katelyn Denney; one sister, Cathy (Denton) Owens of Brodhead; nieces and nephews, Chris (Debbie) Owens, Micah Owens, Andrea Owens and Danielle Owens; special cousins, Nancy Carol Sigmon and Linda Hout; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Shannon Franklin officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Michael Brumett, Paul Whitaker, Isaiah DeHart, Dalton Gross, Mark Carpenter and Ethan Carpenter.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Lawless, Jimmy Silvers, Anthony Philbeck, Gary Lane, and Jack Chaliff.

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

## Winston Gene Jones

Winston Gene Jones, 76, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at his home. He was born in Knox County on December 27, 1943, the son of Lathat and Viola Frederick Jones. He had been an assembly line worker for Ford Motor Company and was a deacon at Old Fashioned Grace Baptist Church of South Amherst, OH.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 55 years, Francis Edwards Jones; three sons, David (Regina) Jones, Antonio Winston Jones, and Adam Nottingham, all of Brodhead; four daughters, Terry Jones of Pennsylvania, Briann Francis Jones of Danville, and Rhonda Nottingham and Adrianna Nottingham, both of Brodhead; three sisters, Audrey Jones Hardwick of Vermillion, OH, and Shirley Jones Griffith and Brenda Jones Byrd, both of Wakeman, OH; and four brothers, Dwayne Jones and Glenn Jones, both of North Carolina, Harold Jones of Amherst, OH, and Randy Jones of Wakeman, OH. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Perry, Charles, Jerry, and Barry Jones; three sisters, Judy Jones, Irene Jones Golson, and Faye Jones Combs; and an infant daughter, Ronda Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Barry Hurst. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

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## Jacob Vanwinkle

Jacob Vanwinkle, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on October 7, 1935, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Robinson Vanwinkle. He was a retired sawmill worker and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

He is survived by: three sons, Gary Vanwinkle of Brodhead, and Eddy Gilbert Vanwinkle and Jesse Lee Vanwinkle, both of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Peggy Sanders of Quinlan, TX, Terri Lynn Sanders of Mt. Vernon, and Kimberly Gibbons Smith of Seagoville, TX; and a sister, Cindy Atwell of Mt. Vernon. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Alene Baker Vanwinkle; a son, Larry Edward Vanwinkle; a daughter, Patsy Kay Haling; a brother; and six sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at McNew Chapel Baptist Church by Bros. Jason Medley and John Wesley Vanwinkle. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Shane Gibbons, Ashton Sanders, John Keith Sanders, Austin Vanwinkle, Jacob Vanwinkle, and Larry Vanwinkle. James Coffey was an honorary pallbearer.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Rev. Jerry Ballinger

Rev. Jerry Ballinger, 77, of Berea, died early Tuesday morning, December 8, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on February 2, 1943, the son of the late Murphy and Virgie Himes Ballinger. He was a retired truck driver for Cisco Food Service and had been a minister for over 40 years; 25 of those as pastor of McNew Chapel Baptist Church.

He was married on Christmas Day, 1964 to his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara Vanwinkle Ballinger. Also surviving are: three sisters, Shirley

Harris of Lexington, Vonda Stewart and husband Boyd of Orlando, and Vivian Armstrong and husband Bill of Louisville; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other beloved family members, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Eugene Gentry and Keith Carr. Entombment was in Berea Cemetery.

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## Viola Baker Richards

Viola Baker Richards, 83, of Mt. Vernon, peacefully passed from this life on Thursday, December 10, 2020 in the company of her family. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 15, 1937, the daughter of Rufus and Hesper Clark Baker. She was a homemaker and a former employee of Keller Industries in Berea. She attended First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. She loved her flowers and cardinals, but most of all, she loved her family unconditionally; spending time with them was one of the joys of her life.

She be deeply missed by her family: her children, Dewayne Richards and wife Kim of Berea, and Glenna Robinson, Gail Linville and husband Gary, Gloria Barnett, and Donnaleah Martin and husband Steve, all of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Jesse Baker of Orlando; and grandchildren, James Robinson, Jeannie Kendrick, Teresa Jackson, Dewayne Robinson, Shawna Northern, Joshua Linville, Rodney Owens, Brandon Barnett, Anthony Barnett, Thea Grace Richards, Gunnar Richards, Ryan Martin, and Wyatt Martin. Several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Gene Baker and Herman Baker; three sisters, Ida Smith, Mae Vanzant, and Alene Vanwinkle; and a grandson, Shane Linville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Dennis Wilder and Luther Allen. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joshua Linville, Ryan Martin, Dakota Messenger, Rodney Owens, Gunnar Richards, and James Robinson.

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## James L (Lloyd) Burton

James L (Lloyd) Burton, 85, died December 12, 2020, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Somerset to the late Grover and Mattie (Hurst) Burton.

He was a member of the Loveland Heights Church of Christ and a faithful Christian for 66 years. We take comfort knowing he is resting in the arms of Jesus. He retired from General Motors in Norwood after 30 years of service. He loved his family and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all those that knew and loved him.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Violet (June) Burton (nee Carter); and three children, Doug (Cathy) Burton, Jim (Rae Lynn) Burton, and Paula (Jeff) Middendorf. He adored his eight grandchildren, Michaeline Bailey, Matt and Nicholas Burton, Brandy (Shannon) Grubb, Ashley (Dewayne) Stanifer, Chelsey (Adam) Pettyjohn, Emmalee Middendorf, and Maggie Burton. He also took great pride in his nine great grandchildren, Elizabeth Burton, Logan, Alexis, and Kody Grubb, Owen, Oliver and Sydney Stanifer, Trevor and Harper Pettyjohn. He is also survived by two sisters, Berniece (Jearl) Cromer and Ruth (WA) Owens, and two sister-in-laws, Billie Burton, and Edie Raines.

He was preceded in death by: two brothers, Ronnie and Carl Burton; and one brother-in-law, Floyd (Bill) Raines.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Hodapp Funeral Home. There was a short visitation at the Fairview Church of Christ in Somerset on Friday, December 11 and a graveside ceremony following at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of Cincinnati. They were an amazing comfort to us in Dad's last days.



## Fern Caldwell

Fern Caldwell, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born Feb. 7, 1933 in Quail, a daughter of the late Herman Weaver and Edna Scott Caldwell. She was a member of Providence Church of Christ. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed cooking, gardening, UK basketball and NASCAR. In August 1950 she was united in marriage



to Carl Caldwell and they enjoyed 62 years together prior to his passing in 2013.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Carol Ann Harris, Gary Lee (Doris Ann) Caldwell and Carlos Ray (Beverly) Caldwell, all of Brodhead; grandchildren, Dana Renee (Andy) McKinney, J.C. (Bonnie) Harris, Leigh Ann (Jared) Sanford, Gary Keith (Joanie) Caldwell, and Mahala EkkoCaldwell; step grandchildren, Logan McClure, McKenzie Elam, and Hunter Elam; great grandchildren, Shelby Makala Harris, Bailey Addison Harris, Jaimey Lynn Harris, Brodie Keith Caldwell, and Daniel Reed Sanford; a brother, Ron Weaver; sisters, Nina Burkhart, Mabel Cash, Ethelene Caldwell, Ella Barnett, Norma Cherry and Dianne Shannon; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Truman Weaver, Wayne Caldwell, and Raymond Caldwell.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Robbie Cable officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Donations may be to the American Diabetes Society in Fern Caldwell memory.

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

## Charles B. Faulkner

Charles Bobby Faulkner, 81, of Ohio Valley Manor in Ripley, Ohio, a native of Livingston, died Thursday, December 10, 2020 after a short illness.

Mr. Faulkner was born November 22, 1939 to the late Lee and Mildie Overbay Faulkner. He was a 1960 graduate of Livingston High School, a proud Army veteran, assigned to Troop B, 1st Squadron of the 1st Armored Division 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood and an optician, owning and operating Forest Hills Opticians for 35 years.

He was also a member of the Church of Christ.

After retirement to Florida, Bob enjoyed his Gold Wing traveling, gardening, his everyday running and walks, Bluegrass music, his favorite ice cream, M&Ms and spending time with his loved ones.

He made annual trips back to Livingston for the homecomings and class reunions and kept in contact with special friends, Junior (Amos) Owens and Perlina Anderkin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vona Ruth; one grandson, Christopher A. Hanes and his five siblings, Everett, Juanita McQueen, Noel, Barb Runions and Louise Bonnett.

Survivors include his four children: Vona Jo, William Ray, Lisa Gail and Robin Leann; a sister-in-law, Shirley Faulkner of Florida; 10 grandchildren: Tom, Chuck, Jessica, Billy, Ashley, Rachel, Ryan, Keith, Coty and Kevin; 15 great grandchildren (his "Little Roamers") and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held in early Spring in Livingston.

## Kay (Spivey) Shelton

Kay (Spivey) Shelton, 75, of Crab Orchard, died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington. She was born August 9, 1945 in Mt. Vernon,

to the late Henry and Louise (Pospisil) Spivey. She was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed motorcycles, car shows, and bike rallies. Kay will be fondly remembered as proprietor of Brodhead Dari Delight where people passing thru Brodhead stopped for a meal or coffee, to visit, and fellowship. Kay was very civic minded – sponsoring bike rides and shows and vintage car shows. She enjoyed people, cared for others, was charitable to all in need and a friend to many.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Kevin (Tammy) Shelton of Crab Orchard, Monte Shelton and Angela of Crab Orchard; four grandchildren, Logan, Lucas, Chase, and Keesha Shelton; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her companion, Jerry Smith and two brothers, George and Charles "Chuck" Spivey.

Services for Kay were private.

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

## Linda Kay Fielder

Linda Kay Fielder, 77, wife of Ed, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Hospice of Lake Cumberland in Somerset.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and have been entrusted to the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

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## Indict

(Continued from front) September 29, 2020 murder of Famey Hellard. He was also indicted for burglary, robbery and tampering with physical evidence.

He is being held on a one million cash bond;

Also indicted for murder was George R. Henshaw, II, 42, of Potter Road, Mt. Vernon, for the November 9, 2020 shooting death of his stepmother Lois Henshaw. Henshaw was also indicted for tampering with physical evidence.

He is also being held on one million dollar cash bond;

Billy J. Rayburn, 42, of Mt. Vernon, Ashley B. Yauger, 37, of Pinetree View Dr., Mt. Vernon and Mindy K. Stidham, 44, of Mt. Vernon were all named in a joint indictment.

All three were indicted for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespassing and Yauger was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

All three's bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property (c/p);

Jerry D. Barron, 33, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offenses of burglary and theft by unlawful taking.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

David L. Cromer, 34, of Rank Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts - possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Sonya M. Bourne, 51, of Parsons St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, registration plate not illuminated and expired registration plates.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Nicholas J. Denny, 31, of Nicholasville was indicted for the offenses of wanton endangerment, reckless driving and fleeing or evading police.

His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p, and

Buford R. Pearson, 53, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for burglary and resisting arrest.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p.

## Arrest

(Continued from front) They suspected that they may be headed this way"

Sheriff Shannon Franklin got the call from Lincoln County authorities asking for help in locating the two murder suspects that may have traveled towards Rockcastle County.

Franklin then gave all the information to the deputies and Butler was about to go on the search. "We had some tips as to this location. Luckily, on the way to find Matthew, we came upon him and was able to arrest him on the spot," said Butler.

After taking Wilson into custody, Butler received information about a complaint from a Rockcastle County resident, that Singleton was at her home and would not leave.

"We went to the house in question at about 1:30 a.m. and found Singleton. We were able to arrest her without incident as well,"

he said.

Both suspects were then transported to the Lincoln County jail where they were placed in custody.

Singleton had no bond set at press time and Wilson's bond was set at \$100,000 cash.

"Deputy Butler was on top of the situation and he and our other deputies did what they do best," said Franklin. "They kept our citizens safe."

## Court

(Continued from front) of that meeting were not discussed in open session.

Once court was reopened to the public, court members approved the payment of a shortfall from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) of \$28,780. RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the shortfall was mostly due to an electric bill and railroad spur fee as part of the Chapin Manufacturing plant negotiations. The fees will be paid by the company in the future, VanHook said.

Magistrates also approved \$1,140 in support for the Rockcastle County Development Board.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook told the court he is applying for an additional \$192,523 that is available through CARES Act funding. The court also accepted \$1,000 in rental fees for the Livingston Gymnasium. The court discussed surplus property sales and adopted the Drug and Alcohol policy for the county after a second reading of the ordinance was held.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop made a motion that the local animal shelter change its winter hours to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz provided the financial statement through December 8th which included a general fund balance of \$563,017 at the end of November. The report also showed a final November balance of \$552,871 in the road fund, \$19,589 in the detention center fund, \$20,337 in the LGEA fund, \$1,586 in the forestry fund, \$500 in Federal funds, \$42,846 in the 911 fund, \$63,977 in the CSEPP fund, \$3,361 in the fairgrounds fund, \$301 in the LEPC fund, \$472,806 in the Occupational Tax account, \$67,264 in the Microfoodery account and \$7,724 in the Parks and Rec board account.

Clontz asked to transfer \$150,000 from the general fund to the detention center fund. The requested passed unanimously.

Having no further public business, the court adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

## Livingston

(Continued from front) children will enter at the front door, tell Santa their heart's desires and then progress to the back of the building where they will receive hot chocolate, cookies and a toy and exit through the rear door.

Mayor King gave great praise to everyone who donated to the expense of buying the toys

and said that Crazy John's, just south of Mt. Vernon, where many of the toys were bought also donated a huge box full of toys for the giveaway. He also noted that workers at the local Family Dollar Store, where a box was located for people to drop off toys they bought, had furnished free gifts for girls ages 3 thru 12. Plus owners of the new Marathon station, that will soon open in the city, also gave a large cash donation to purchase toys.

City Clerk Amanda Thomas told the commissioners that Daniel Boone Community Action Agency had paid \$11,000 towards water customers delinquent water bills and that had "really helped a lot of people and also helped the city."

Thomas said that the city will also let delinquent water customers, who did not get their bill caught up by the Daniel Boone funding before it ran out, enter into a contract to pay off the past due balance over a period of time.

The commissioners unanimously voted to amend their liquor sales ordinance to allow liquor sales in the city from noon to 11 p.m. on Sundays and to look into amending the ordinance to possibly also add city licensing fees.

John Hackley, with the Kentucky League of Cities, was at the meeting to answer any questions the commission might have about becoming a member of the organization. Mr. Hackley, who lives in Crab Orchard, recently donated his services to act as city attorney for one year.

He told the commissioners that belonging to the League of Cities would be a "remarkable asset" to the city for the \$400 a year membership fee. He cited their help available on writing ordinances, dealing with surplus property and just answering questions in general on administering the city's business.

City Clerk Amanda Thomas told the commissioners that she had a 2017 handbook put out by the League which she uses often to help her with specific questions that come up.

Commissioner Leroy Lamb made the motion to join the organization which was seconded by Katha Carpenter and it passed unanimously.

Lamb is the only commissioner that stood for reelection in the November general election. However, Katha Carpenter, Clyde Carpenter and Julie Hazelwood, who are finishing out their terms this month, will be reappointed as commissioners in January, Mayor King said.

During the meeting, Thomas told the commissioners that applications had been made for the city's share of the CARES Act Grants, made available by the federal government to help city's deal with expenses caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic. She said the city would receive something over \$15,000 in the first grant and that a second round of the grants would provide an additional grant to the city of almost \$5,000 which would be used to upgrade the police department.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to give the city clerk a \$100 a week raise, bringing her salary to \$400 a

week. Mayor King said Tuesday that Thomas was doing an "excellent job" and had been working so many hours since being hired that "Her salary has been averaging about \$4.50 an hour."

During the meeting, Mayor King noted that the new computer, provided by the fiscal court for the Chief of Police Bill Barrett's cruiser, had been received, installed and was in operation.

The commissioners also discussed: the best method of selling a three bedroom house and lot that belongs to the city; a cost estimate (\$28,250) for repairs to the city's water tank; the annexation of more property to the city limits and a new/amended nuisance ordinance. However no action was taken on those matters at the meeting.

## Murder

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Perez has no known address and has not had a preliminary hearing.

Authorities say Perez entered the new business known as The Glitter Box, in an attempt to rob Hellard and stabbed her eventually cutting her throat.

Both suspects are being held on \$1 million cash bonds.

Rowe handles the initial stages of felony cases through arraignments and preliminary hearings, but Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery's office resolves the cases.

Though Montgomery's office will determine the penalty to seek in each case, Rowe says Henshaw does not qualify for the death penalty while Perez's case does qualify due to aggravated circumstances involved in the case.

## School

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the system will work very well soon. All department heads virtually provided their reports on the huge screen in the conference room.

But, as some members said their goodbyes and all members experienced a new meeting format, a full agenda was addressed.

Of the many items addressed, the creation of a new position within the system surprised most because it was among the first discussion in months concerning Post-COVID-19 learning.

With mandates, restrictions, new operating and teaching methods and entirely new guidelines called "the new normal," conversation has centered around COVID-19 and meeting Governor Beshear's mandates since the pandemic began.

However, now Superintendent Carrie Ballinger and members of the board agreed to create the position of "Digital Learning Coach." The new position will provide teachers, principals and staff with a specialist concerning digital and/or virtual learning after all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the new form of education has been established.

Most agree that schools will never be the same as they were pre-COVID-19 but Rockcastle is among the first to begin preparing for whatever the "new normal" will look like, according to school officials.

Some of the new equipment, new systems, new software and new digital process that officials have been forced to learn and use during COVID-19 mandates, will be valuable tools once the systems are no longer the only option, according to Ballinger.

"It is clear that we have all learned a great deal about digital learning and we know we will incorporate some of this technology when this is all over. This new position will help any staff or teachers needing assistance in keeping up with the new technology and services we will be able to offer our students, even after the pandemic is over."

"I'm not saying this (pandemic) has been a good thing because it hasn't," said Student Services Director Marcus Reppert at a previous meeting. "But I am saying we can make some good things come out of it."

Among the duties of the Digital Learning Coach are creating a Student Technology Leadership Program and a District Instructional Technology Team, among other duties.

The motion passed unanimously.

However, not all news was great news Tuesday evening. Jennifer Mattingly provided the results of diagnostic testing held at all schools this year and, as she said she expected, the results were less than hoped for.

"We have to remember this was the first of the year testing and with the pandemic and new testing for the teachers, this is to be expected," said Mattingly. "We knew this would happen. The question is, what are we going to do about it."

According to the results, the over all reading test results show 27 percent of students performing at their grade level while 37 percent are one to two grade levels below their current class. Also, 37 percent were listed as "at risk" students. Mattingly said of the 2,636 students, 2,233 were tested.

Students scored lower in math with 44 percent in the "at risk" section and only 14 percent at their grade level. "Some of the problem was that some students were just clicking answers without bothering to read the question," Mattingly said. "They were just trying to get through the test as quickly as possible."

Mattingly said she and officials are already discussing approaches to bringing the students back to their grade levels and above. "We have a lot of work to do and these are indeed challenging times," she said.

"We are working so very hard and we will not stop."

Ballinger said she is glad to know the test results. "I am thankful for this diagnostic," she said. "This will help develop our targeted groups and lets us know what we need to work on and focus our attention toward. With this detailed result, we now know more what we need." She also said everyone should be prepared to do whatever it takes to bring student levels back up. "We have to take responsibility for these results just like we do for any results," she said. "We have a lot of work to do and we have to recognize that and stay on it every day."

Ballinger also presented the Rockcastle County Schools annual salary schedule.

Members also heard the food service department reports which include 35,314 breakfasts and 36,712 lunches served in November.

Reppert also told the board of recent discussions with court personnel concerning the issue of truancy. Reppert said no one has been charged with the offense yet since monitoring such behavior is more difficult in a virtual environment. However, he said he, and others, are putting programs in place to better ascertain truancy in the near future. "We have a team designated to identify such problems and we work very closely with parents and students to resolve any barriers that may be in the way of the student's education," he said.

VanHook did not speak at his last meeting, but Jordison said she will miss the other board members and appreciated the support she has received over the years. VanHook submitted his letter of resignation at last month's meeting.

To end the meeting, the board heard the Superintendent's Personnel report. It is as follows:

### Full time certified employees

Holden Barnett, assistant football coach at RCMS; Christina Lear, youth service coordinator at RCMS; Jimmy Clark, Jr., volunteer archery coach; Rachelle Smith, cook/baker at MVES.

### Retirements

Linda Taylor, school grounds monitor at RCHS; Melissa Owens, Teacher at RCMS; Rebecca Griffin, instructional assistant at MVES.

### Certified Substitutes

Maggie Franklin, and Cindy McCullogh, both substitute teachers.

### Classified substitutes

Christina Prewitt, substitute cook/baker

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OpEd

# Students showing grit through virtual learning

My name is Zach Gentry and I teach 8th grade science at Rockcastle County Middle School. I am not afraid to attach my name to something I strongly believe in.

I strongly believe in the importance of education and the skills that a good education provides to kids.

In my nine years teaching, this has been the most difficult year. I do not like teaching virtually.

I do not write this seeking sympathy for teachers for our "noble and admirable" efforts. Kids need school. And not because taxpayers are not "getting what they paid for." But because nothing can replace the nurturing and guidance of a classroom teacher. Nothing can replace the interactions and relationships kids develop with other kids.

This is a difficult situation and kids are struggling. However, I am not one that believes irreparable damage is being done to our students. Kids are also resilient. The grit and resolve of most students to do the best they can in this situation is both humbling and motivating. They make me want to be the best teacher I can be. I am encouraged. I am encouraged by the students that are working, giving their best efforts on assignments, and motivated to learn independently.

I am encouraged by the students that are

logged on to Google Meets at 8 a.m. for math instruction and review and then attend each Meet for science, social studies, and language arts.

I am encouraged by the student that sends me an email to let me know that they will not be on my science Google Meet today because they have an orthodontist appointment. That shows responsibility.

I am encouraged by the student that watches their siblings during the day while their parents are at work, helping their brothers and sisters with their schoolwork while completing their own as well.

I am encouraged by the student that goes above and beyond and is willing to tutor their peers by helping in an area of struggle.

I am encouraged by the student that emails asking for an individual Google Meet with a teacher to get one-on-one help.

I am encouraged by all our students that, when in person, wore a mask all day without complaint, limiting spread of the virus to basically zero in our schools. If we, as adults, were as disciplined as that, we could reduce community spread and be in school in person.

I am encouraged by the parent that contacts us regularly, not just asking for our help, but lending their support, realizing that they are one of the most important influences on their child's education.

I am encouraged by

the support of community businesses and organizations, allowing their places to be food pickup and internet connection sites.

I am encouraged and thankful for the leadership of our Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, district administration, my Principal Robbie Phillips, and the wonderful team of teachers that I teach with. The decisions they have had to make have not been easy, but I am confident that our leadership is trying to do what is best for kids.

Even in this most difficult time, good things are happening. Things that we must build on when we get through this. Are there problems? Absolutely. However, the problems that we are facing in education are not new. Virtual learning and school shutdowns have only magnified the problems that were already there. Going forward, listening to teachers, students, and those involved in public education will be critical to solving these challenges.

We will get through this. Not by simply taking to the newspaper and other forms of media and declaring "Open Our Schools." Saying that is easy. We will get through this by doing. By doing the necessary things that are best for our kids and our community, even though they may be hard, realizing that what we do has a far greater impact than what we say.

## "Reins"

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into it before it is passed." Brian Bullock, the only incumbent to retain a seat on the commission, told Taylor to ask any question he wished. "Go ahead and ask and let us address your concerns now," he said.

A detailed conversation ensued concerning the requirements of the ordinance and its purpose.

Bullock said it is currently illegal to operate a golf cart, ATV or UTV on city streets in Kentucky unless a city has an ordinance that permits it. "We are trying to find a way to make it legal for you to drive your utility vehicle on city streets in Brodhead," said Bullock.

Bullock said the requirements in the ordinance, such as headlamps, inspection stickers and several other mandates, are required by the state of Kentucky and must be included in a city ordinance. "These aren't our rules," said Bullock. "These rules come from the state and it's the only way we could find to make it legal for you to operate your golf cart on city streets in Brodhead."

Burton said those wishing to drive such vehicles on city streets now will have a way to do so. "As it stands right now, it is illegal for you to ride your golf cart on city streets," said Burton. "But if we pass this ordinance, you can make these minor changes and be legal. Or you can refuse to make the changes and still be illegal. That's up to each person."

After discussion, all those present voted in favor of the ordinance after the second reading Monday.

Mayor Walter Cash invited each new member to introduce themselves.

Once done, current commissioners went over details of the budget, financial reports, requirements for the police department, the separation of the Water and Sewer finances, payroll, utility bills and many other city items with the new incoming commissioners.

Bullock said the police department is still searching for another police officer since the resignation of Josh Foster.

Commissioners also discussed the little park shelter and informed the incoming commissioners of plans already underway that they will have to face. For example, some expected revenue, such as CARES Act funding, are already set aside for projects in flooding and the sewer plant repairs and upgrades.

"There is a lot to keep up with," said Burton. "But I will be here for every meeting and I will gladly help. I care deeply about this town and I will be right here to help in any way I can. There are some tough decisions to make and we have come a long way in four years."

Todd said his farewells to those present. "The first two year on this commission, nothing happened," he said. "But once these two (pointing at Bullock and Burton) came on board we had the biggest turn I have ever seen. They have done wonders for this town."

Bullock said he looks forward to working with the new commissioners. "For years, we pulled off band-aids and patched things. But now we fix things. We have made some huge progress in the last few years but there is still a lot of hard work to do," he said. "We built this city up and I hope you all are ready to work hard to help keep us moving forward."

The meeting was eventually adjourned but the current and future commissioners as well as Mayor Cash stayed at the table informally going over countless details of city business.

The next scheduled meeting, and first with the new commissioners, is Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m.



**Congratulations to Shelly Lee Mullins on his retirement from Kentucky Farm Bureau! Thank you for 42 years of service. Come by Kentucky Farm Bureau to congratulate Shelly and wish him luck on this new chapter in his life on Tuesday December 22nd from 2 – 4 p.m. Cards may be sent to: Shelly Mullins, PO Box 476, Mount Vernon, KY 40456.**



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**RCMS freshman Lexi Dotson was named to the All-Area 8 High School Girls' Team recently for her amazing performance this cross-country season. Area 8 includes 19 counties in Kentucky and is one of 9 areas grouped together by their geographical location including the following counties: Rockcastle, Pulaski, Laurel, Lincoln, Casey, Jackson, Russell, Wayne, Owsley, Clay, Knox, Bell, McCreary, Whitley, Taylor, Green, Adair, Cumberland, and Clinton. Lexi was one of only 10 high school girls awarded this honor in Area 8.**



**RCMS 8th grader Gracie Peavie had an awesome race, finishing with an impressive 4,000-meter (2.4-mile) time of 22:33.7 at the KTCCCA middle school cross-country state championships in Bourbon County recently. Gracie will now set her sights on indoor track season where she will continue to work on sprinting and jumping events.**



**RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney was named to the All-Area 8 Middle School Girls' Team recently for her outstanding performance this cross-country season. Area 8 includes 19 counties in Kentucky and is one of 9 areas grouped together by their geographical location including the following counties: Rockcastle, Pulaski, Laurel, Lincoln, Casey, Jackson, Russell, Wayne, Owsley, Clay, Knox, Bell, McCreary, Whitley, Taylor, Green, Adair, Cumberland, and Clinton. Maliyah was one of only 10 middle school girls awarded this honor in Area 8.**



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### Born Again

Many it seems today in the religious world, have a lot of different thoughts on how they were born again and we could spend several minutes on these ideas and pen many words, but I hope the serious Bible student, wants to know what the Bible does say about being born again.

In John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said to him, most assuredly, I say unto you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said to Him. How can a man be born again when he is old? Can he enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born? Jesus answered. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. This is what the Bible teaches about being born again. Jesus uses the example of a baby being born into this world and compares it to one being born spiritually. Just as a baby must break water to enter into this fleshly world, one who is born again spiritually must break water to enter into this spiritual world. (7) We should not marvel at this teaching, Jesus said, this would be the only way to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus warned in His sermon on the mount, Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in Heaven. Then Jesus pointed out the wise builder hears the word of God and heeds it. The foolish builder hears the word of God and does not heed it. There is no permission given to man to do as he pleases, or to do as others say. The deciding factor is always did I do the will of God.

Man does not and cannot provide salvation. He does not author salvation. We find in Hebrews 5:9 Jesus is the author of salvation unto all them that obey him. There is no case, this side of Pentecost, when a sinner received salvation without obeying the gospel.

Man since beginning of time has always had to obey God to be justified in his sight, we find in Joshua 1:7 God told Joshua after the death of Moses, be strong and courageous and observe to do according to all the law, which Moses commanded, to turn not from it to the right hand or to the left.

Jesus warned against following the teachings of men, Matthew 15:9 in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. To follow the teachings of men, no matter how good they sound will not lead us toward God, something I hope we consider as we read this article. We need to make up our mind if the Bible does not teach it, then I will not accept it.

Then what can the lost do to be saved, or what does the Bible say for those that are seeking salvation, what must they do according to the word of God. 1- one must hear the word of God, Romans 10:17. 2- Then we must believe, John-8:24, 3- we must repent, Luke 13:3, 4- we must confess with the mouth our belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Matthew 10:32-33, 5 then we must be baptized, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38. Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember to give him thanks. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church you can call us at: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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# Church Directory

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156 Scenic View Lane  
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*Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Pastor: Bill Davis**  
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**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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Channel 3 - New Wave  
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**Pastor: Travis Gilbert**  
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*Services:*  
*Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
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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.  
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606-758-8316  
*Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Children's Programs:*  
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*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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606-224-4641

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86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
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*Sunday Worship 10 a.m.*  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*

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

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

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

**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*  
**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
606-758-4007

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**

**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
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606-256-2876  
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*Sunday School: 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*

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

**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday 3:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7:30 p.m.*  
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Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday School 10:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.*  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
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**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
**Randal Adams, Pastor**  
*Youth Pastor, Scott Adams*  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Evening 7 p.m.*

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

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
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**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

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*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.*  
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Home Phone 606-256-3075  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*

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2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
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Phone: 256-8844  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

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

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

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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 5 p.m.*

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www.newheightsky.net  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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**Northside Baptist Church**  
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606-256-5577  
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**Sunday**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Gordon Mink, Pastor**  
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**Pine Hill Holiness**  
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*Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.*  
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**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
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**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.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.*

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758-8524  
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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 Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*

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

**Sand Springs Baptist**  
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**

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

**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
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**Pastor: Eugene Webb**  
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*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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606-256-4494  
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## Rockcastle County restaurant owner endures during pandemic shutdowns

Marcella Lovell prefers to let her meatloaf and Rocket Burger speak for themselves. Tourists and regional food lovers have been listening, answering and enjoying Marcella's Farm to Fork local delicacies for years.

But what happens when a pandemic hits and success is greeted by restrictions and safety measures? Lovell, her staff and her loyal customers continue working through it all - together.

Lovell's Mount Vernon-based restaurant had just hit its stride over the summer and early fall. She and her staff had adapted to social distancing restrictions and masking up, following the spring shutdown. She was gearing up for holiday meals and events in November when Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear's mandate ending indoor dining put her plans on the back burner for a bit longer.

The Rockcastle County native says she and her staff will continue working hard to serve their loyal customers and community during these changes. "We will offer carryout and curbside pickup during the shutdown of indoor dining," Lovell said. "We may also, at my discretion, close on occasion during this time to give my hard-working staff time to rest and be with their families at home."

She added that her staff has been hard hit by the

pandemic. Many have chosen to work instead of taking vacation time, due to fear of future restrictions. "We take precautions for all contagious situations, and COVID is no different for our protocol," she added. "But, when this happens, it leaves other staff picking up the hours and filling in where needed, including myself. So, some time off for all of us will be OK, and God will see us through as He always has."

Operating on faith is nothing new to Lovell.

She's invested a lifetime learning to cook fresh, home-style food and baked small-town customer service into her business. It's not something she takes lightly.

She was raised on a farm not far from the restaurant's locale and says her life as a young Kentucky farm girl has given her just enough grit and mettle to endure the shutdowns and setbacks. Lovell has faced more significant challenges than this, she said.

"Operating a woman-owned business can be a challenge itself," she said. "In the beginning, it was hard to get people to believe in me and my dream. It was hard to get the money I needed and to be taken seriously."

That is except for Don and Sue Long, friends and previous owners of the property on which the restaurant sits. "Don and Sue were kind enough to

waive payments on the property for over a year, just on my word. It was then I slowly began to see the reality coming to light. So, with second-hand equipment, a Discover (credit) card in hand, and a small home equity loan, I began building my dream."

But perhaps her biggest inspiration to sustain comes from the women who taught her to cook in the first place: her mother and grandmother. She keeps a sign in her restaurant that is a constant reminder of why she continues. It reads: "Marcella's: Simple country cookin' the way mom cooked for me."

"At Marcella's, we pride ourselves on using the freshest, best-quality ingredients available. We do this by sourcing from top-quality vendors and locally grown farm and dairy products, when available," Lovell explains. "My staff and I take pride in preparing the food and serving to our customers in a timely and most hospitable manner. We cook and prepare our food just like my mom cooked for me. It's filled with love and will put a smile on your face one bite at a time."

In addition to the support of loyal customers, friends and neighbors, Lovell found a new and supportive lending partner over the summer: Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED).

She was preparing to expand her successful business in early 2020 when COVID-19 hit the nation. At that point, Lovell put those plans on hold but still needed new equipment and working capital to keep her customers fed.

She heard about SKED from a family friend and applied for a business loan from the regional, nonprofit lender. With the SKED loan, she was able to buy a new ice maker, new grill and put in a new heating and air conditioning unit. Best of all, she was also able to keep her 17 employees on the payroll.

"Everything (her equipment) went down at the same time," she explained. "The SKED

loan was the easiest one I've ever done in my life. They came to me for all of the paperwork and closing, and turnaround was fast."

SKED Business Loan Officer Karen Minton says being able to help homegrown entrepreneurs like Lovell keeps SKED's mission alive.

"We are thrilled to be able to help Marcella buy new equipment and get some important working capital when she needed it most," Minton said. "We hope to help her expand in the future so that she can serve even more hungry customers when all of the restrictions are lifted and life returns to normal."

To learn more about how SKED helps small business owners over-

come obstacles and learn to do business better, visit [www.skedcorp.com](http://www.skedcorp.com).

SKED is a nonprofit economic development organization, and CDFI formed 34 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Its offices are based in Somerset, serving a 45-county service region. Nine professionals work with business owners, small and large, to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion, and working capital needs and provide them the technical assistance and training they need to succeed. For more information about SKED, visit our website: [www.SKEDCORP.com](http://www.SKEDCORP.com) or call (606) 677-6100.



Marcella Lovell, owner of Marcella's Farm to Fork.

To help support students who lack internet access

## KET and KDE to pilot service for at-home learners

KET has announced a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education to pilot datacasting technology to help school districts more efficiently and effectively support students who lack home internet access.

The extended home learning brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the challenges of providing and receiving instructional materials to the homes of students, a need that is

also prevalent during weather-based and other closures. KET's statewide transmission network can support teachers and students by delivering classroom resources - such as worksheets, presentations, tests, images and even video - to computers in households without broadband internet.

The pilot program, funded in part by the Kentucky Department of Education and set to begin in January, will use

datacasting technology to securely send learning materials through KET's existing broadcast network to small receiver boxes in homes. KET previously used datacasting to send emergency, public safety, and weather information, as well as training for first responders, state and local agencies.

"KET was founded on the belief that every Kentuckian should have equal access to educa-

tional resources," said KET Executive Director and CEO Shae Hopkins. "This project has the potential to deliver much-needed classroom materials to students without broadband internet. And it does so in a more convenient and timely manner for students and teachers by utilizing KET's statewide infrastructure."

"I am thankful that Kentucky Department of Education and KET are

working together to find another way to reach students who have been struggling during this period of distance learning," said Jason E. Glass, Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner. "While Kentucky has been a pioneer and national leader in most aspects of K-12 education technology for students, teachers and leaders for the past 25 years, there is a small percentage of students that still have no internet accessibility. Through diligent work with our districts and our partners, we are closing the digital divide for our students to ensure that learning can happen anytime, anywhere. This initiative brings us significantly closer to reaching that goal."

Households participating in the pilot will be provided a receiver box and antenna, and teachers will be trained how to upload their curriculum into the datacasting system. Information, mate-

rials, and content are encrypted, and the transmission via datacasting does not interfere with KET's programming services enjoyed by viewers across the Commonwealth.

The use of datacasting to support at-home learning has emerged as a promising new path for school districts seeking cost-effective and efficient solutions for delivering educational materials to students lacking internet access at home. Public television stations in South Carolina, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota have also begun similar pilot projects.

KET is Kentucky's largest classroom, where learning comes to life for more than one million people each week via television, online and mobile. Learn more about Kentucky's preeminent public media organization at [KET.org](http://KET.org), on Twitter @KET and at [facebook.com/KET](http://facebook.com/KET).

## School district finances reported to be in great shape by auditors

By: Mike French  
Editor

Among many other issues, Members of the Rockcastle County School Board discussed finances during Tuesday evenings regular monthly meeting.

The evening began with the annual audit report from White and Associates, PSC. A representative of the company told the board they should be well pleased with their audit again this year.

"This is an excellent report," he said. "You are right on budget and there are no corrections or suggestions needed."

The board accepted the recommended worker's compensation insurance though it was nearly \$7,000 higher than last year's premium.

According to Jenny Sweet, Director of Finance, the cost next year will be \$53,880, a 22 percent increase. Sweet said the increase was due to claims paid during the last fiscal year.

However, KEMI applied a 10 percent credit from prior years plus credits Sweet said she had not used in past years. "We knew we would need those credits one day and this year we applied them. It worked out very well for us," Sweet said. Counting all credits Sweet had set aside for the district, there is a 35 percent credit due to the district. In addition to the credits, KEMI will provide a dividend check to the district for \$6,399 for the 2017 policy year which will offset the in-

crease.

Sweet provided the board with details of what the insurance covers throughout the district.

Sweet then presented the month ending financial report showing a general fund cash balance of \$2,621,625. Along with balances from fund 2, 310, 320, 360, 400 and food service fund, the total cash bal-

ance was \$5,961,830 at the end of November.

Sweet told the board her and her staff plan to have the draft budget ready for the January meeting.

This budget will have to include some guesswork since numbers needed from the state and federal government, as well as other entities, will not be provided by that meeting.

See next week's *Signal* for photos from the Christmas Parades

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Bring the children out to visit Santa Claus and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights Friday night, December 18th at the home of Sam and Dana Hamilton in Houston Point Subdivision on Cedar Rapids Rd. Santa will be visiting from 6 p.m. - ? Also, bring your Santa letters and drop them in the mailbox for direct transport to the North Pole.



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**Notice is given that** Carolyn J. Browning, 300 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Scott Chadwick, 106 South Montgomery, Unit 108, Union, Ohio 45322 have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of David Allen Chadwick, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carolyn J. Browning and Scott Chadwick or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 45x3  
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Jeffery Keith and Janice Ingram, property at Boone, to Jeffery B. Ingram. Tax \$150

Robert B. and Willie Gaye French, property on U.S. 25, to Judy French Jones, Nancy Carol Brinkman and Sandra Lee Whitaker. No tax

David and Julia Pigg, property near Boone, to Christopher N. Powell and Samantha Robbins. Tax \$45

Barbara A. McKnight, property in Hamm's Subdv., to Danny and Betty Jo McKinney. Tax \$140

Heather Michelle Miller, property on Flat Gap Road, to Gheorghe and Maria Poenaru. Tax \$70

Travis and Krystal Powell, property on Paul St., to Shawn and Alexis Ross. Tax \$90

Tony and Carolyn Isaacs, property on U.S. 25, to Amanda P. Hopkins. Tax \$135

Wilson Associates, Inc., property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Jordan Stamper and Destiny LeKee Niece. Tax \$174.50

Danny and Carolyn Hinton, property in Rockcastle County, to Darren and Danetta F. Allen. Tax \$8.50

James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford, property in Rockcastle County, to Tamela A. Collinsworth Burdette. Tax \$20

## District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC v. Delilah Pyles, complaint for monies due. C-00332

## Marriage Licenses

Brittany Mae Taylor, 20, Mt. Vernon, call center agent and Jacob Douglas Sizemore, 21, Mt. Vernon, HVAC wholesale. 12/2/20

Mary Louise Sparks, 66, Brodhead, retired and Bentley Glen Collins, 67, Mt. Vernon, truck driver. 12/3/20

## Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jessica Dekorte

James P. Kidwell v. Marjorie Lynn Woods, complaint.

Christopher Watkins v. Holly Madison Watkins, complaint.

Mid South Capital Partners LP v. Richard Hensley, et al, complaint CI-00232

Austin Tyler VanWinkle v. Annie and Wayne Rigsby and others.

Jesse Allen Bugg v.

Tiffany Kaye Bugg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Regina Nicole Reams v. Bradford Scott Durham.

Jim Neeley, et al v. Jacob Singleton.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Jerry Saylor.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Kevin Hall, monies claimed due. CI-00239

## District Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. KBA :awm Servoce LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Harrison Emmer, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jeffrey Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rockcastle Stone Masonry LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Peeble Jones LLC, 2018 county property taxes due. C-00312

Community Trust Bank v. Christopher B. Mullins, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Samantha Brown, complaint. C-00331

# Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As I am writing this update, we are less than two weeks away from Christmas, and three weeks to the start of 2021. At my house, we are looking forward to celebrating the holiday season. However, we will be modifying how we usually visit with family and friends. We will be using technology to maintain social distancing in order to protect those that may be more vulnerable to the virus that has been in the headlines throughout this last year.



I also want to take time to thank each of you for the opportunity over the last two years to be your voice in Frankfort. It has been an honor to serve you, and to listen to your concerns. I appreciate the input on so many issues that have been brought before the legislature over the last two years. I tried to meet with anyone that requested a meeting to discuss issues that were important to them. Occasionally, I did not have an opening in my schedule when someone or some group was available to meet. I read each email and phone message that was sent and tried to respond to as many of those that I could. I did keep each of those contacts in mind as I had to cast a vote in a committee meeting or on the House floor. This was the reason that I went to Frankfort, and I kept that in mind each moment of time. As I have told my students for years, no two

people are going to agree on every issue. We can still agree to disagree and discuss issues civilly.

I appreciated the opportunity to work with local and state officials to advance highway and economic development projects across the District, including adding some new projects to the 6-year Road Plan such as the future work around Exit 62 of I-75 and Renfro Valley, and assisting with a \$27 million economic development project in Lancaster. When I received complaints about road issues, I organized meetings to help address the situations. One of those concerns was the entrance to the new Cartersville Fire Department. By arranging the meeting between the local and state officials, that project was able to continue. I reached out to each of the Health Departments before the vote during the Special Session in 2019 to get their input on the bill that was directly going to impact them. It was an honor to serve while maintaining my integrity. Again, thank you for the opportunity.

In recent days, the vaccine for the coronavirus is now being shipped to our state. Hopefully, as the vaccinations become more readily available, our lives can begin to return to some sense of normalcy. There are differing opinions on whether to take the vaccination. I encourage each person to talk with their medical provider to decide what is best for you personally. I have already talked

with my doctor to get his recommendation for me.

In closing, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In the Gospel of Luke, we read, "And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

If you need to contact me through December 31, I can be reached at [travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov). You can keep track of the legislature through the General Assembly's official website at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov). Kentucky Educational Television televises many committee meetings and the work on the House Floor. To access the KET coverage, visit the legislature's website and click on the Live Coverage box or log on to [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org). The legislature also created a YouTube channel (KY LRC Committee Meetings) to broadcast live from committees that KET is unable to cover.

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## Santa comes to Livingston



Jeffrey Carpenter, AKA Santa Claus, rode down Main Street in Livingston during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday evening. Shown below, a large crowd waited their turn to visit with Santa after the parade. A gift was given to each child after they visited with Santa and snacks were provided to all who attended the event.



## RCIDA Director gets 25% raise County sets aside \$125,000 toward Delta pipeline here

By: Mike French  
Editor

“After three years of hard work and 30 years of hoping, it looks like we have a wonderful opportunity here.”

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook spoke those words after the fiscal court made a motion to pursue a Delta natural gas pipeline for the county at a special called meeting Tuesday. “This is the first step in having natural gas in our county and that opens doors that would never have been opened otherwise,” VanHook said earlier.

VanHook says a gas line in the county will provide a greatly increased incentive for larger manufacturing companies to locate here. That, in itself, according to VanHook, will have a ripple effect increasing the opportunity for smaller businesses, housing growth and economic development as well as many other benefits.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. the county accepted a motion to make \$125,000 available to help with that gas line when Delta begins to move into the area.

“No money is being used or tied up right now,” said Holbrook. “We are simply letting them know that we are willing to do our part, along with Lincoln County who also put up

(See “Delta” on A10)

## Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 577 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 256 probable cases. Seven deaths have been connected to the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County. There are currently 102 active cases and over 700 people have recovered in Rockcastle, according to the department.

## I-75

### construction

The I-75 widening project has now moved south of the Rockcastle County exits and continues between Exit 59 and Exit 41 near London in Laurel County.

In several locations, the highway is restricted to single lanes divided by concrete barriers. Motorists are urged to allow extra time for travel south of Exit 59 and to use extra caution in the area.

## Livingston Special meeting

The Livingston City Commission will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, December 29 at 6 p.m. to hold swearing-in ceremonies for the four commissioners. The agenda also includes discussion concerning outstanding delinquent water accounts. The public is invited to attend.

## Mount Vernon receives CARES Act funds

### —Water basin still planned

By: Mike French  
Editor

Once again, the City of Mount Vernon held their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Thursday, December 17.

Though the agenda was short, it dealt with vital issues for the city.

During the financial report, City Administrator

Josh Bray informed council members that the city had received \$176,000 CARES Act funding and has applied, and received preliminary approval for, an additional \$54,000.

The funding, which has been placed in a rainy day fund, must be used for COVID-19 issues mostly through the

Though the money was placed in a rainy day fund, it will be used to reimburse funds to the police department for their expenses related to COVID 19.

In other big news, Bray announced that he had

received the 150-page approval from the Army Corps of Engineers to submit the design for the new water basin that is expected to solve the water taste and odor problem of the Mt. Vernon Water Department. After the de-

cadec-long battle, Bray said the design will now be submitted immediately for state approval but he doesn't expect that process to take nearly as long.

(See “CARES” on A10)

## City Administrator to stay on board in Mount Vernon

By: Mike French  
Editor

Josh Bray is a well-known name in the City of Mount Vernon. Partly because of his close work with Mayor Mike Bryant, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and many others. During his tenure as Mt. Vernon's City Administrator, Bray has played a major role in many extremely success-

ful endeavors within the city and county.

Those include: the new water basin project, expected to remove the bad taste and odor from Mount Vernon's water system; new state legislation allowing an alcohol regulatory fee to be collected by the cities; the expansion and development of property near exits 62 and 59, the Farmers Market building project; Chapin Indus-

tries; Microfoodery; Kentucky Pharmaceuticals; improvements at the water and sewer department; increased funding for the local police department; countless grants obtained for these projects and and other city projects and many other endeavors.

In November, his accomplishments were recognized by voters throughout the district

(See “Stay” on A10)

## Local holiday hours announced

By: Mike French  
Editor

Business hours in Rockcastle County through the holiday season, vary slightly depending upon current closures due to COVID-19 restrictions

government entities during the holiday season are as follows.

### County Judge/Executive.

The County Judge/Executive's office is currently open to the public but the number of visitors

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

*It's the most wonderful time of the year...*

It actually is, except maybe the second most wonderful after Thanksgiving. It is also one of the reasons that I don't consider Winter an entire time of purgatory for me.

With 13 grand and 5 great grandchildren it's still fun to watch the joy they take in the season and the fact that I'm not entirely responsible for bringing that joy to them makes the season just a little sad.

Physically it's better because I'm certainly not in a physical shape to rush around trying frantically to fulfill the dreams of this many children -- five and then two at one time fulfilled that phase for me and my husband quite well. So, at this point, I get to sit back and watch my children carry on with the effort required to make the holiday wonderful for their children/grandchildren while I get to enjoy the season with little or no effort.

We spent our first Christmas here in 1966. Rick was five, Jamie three and Jane was on the way. It's been a good life, a busy one filled with joys and heartaches just as every life is if lived to its fullest.

I'll make this column short and sweet (giving you all a rest this week from my usual gloom and doom thoughts) because I mainly want to say how much we have enjoyed and appreciate the support of our readers and advertisers through the years and hope to continue to be a part of your lives for the foreseeable future.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Paige, Spencer, Mike, Jimmy and myself.*

## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Dear Santa,

The truth is, I haven't been the best boy this year. I have made a lot of mistakes in 2020.

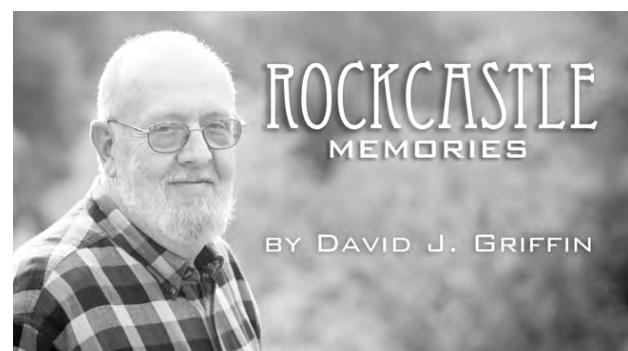
There were times I could have given more to someone in need. There were times I could have done more for someone that needed help. There were times I could have been more understanding and less judgmental.

There were times I could have shown more

compassion and been slower to anger. There were times that I could have been more humble and I know I could have been more uplifting to some.

There were times in 2020 when I didn't even consider the idea that I may have been wrong. There were times when I let a very little problem grow into something bigger.

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### Love of Trains

My love of trains began in 1950, when I was six-years-old. It was one of my most memorable Christmases. My aunt Ruth (Bee's sister) and Uncle Charles arrived at our house on Christmas Eve to celebrate with our family. We had our Christmas dinner in the early evening and then

dispersed to the living room in order to open packages.

Uncle Charles suggested that I begin by opening a gift from him and Aunt Ruth. I anxiously ripped open the package to discover a Lionel electric train. I was thrilled beyond words. The set contained

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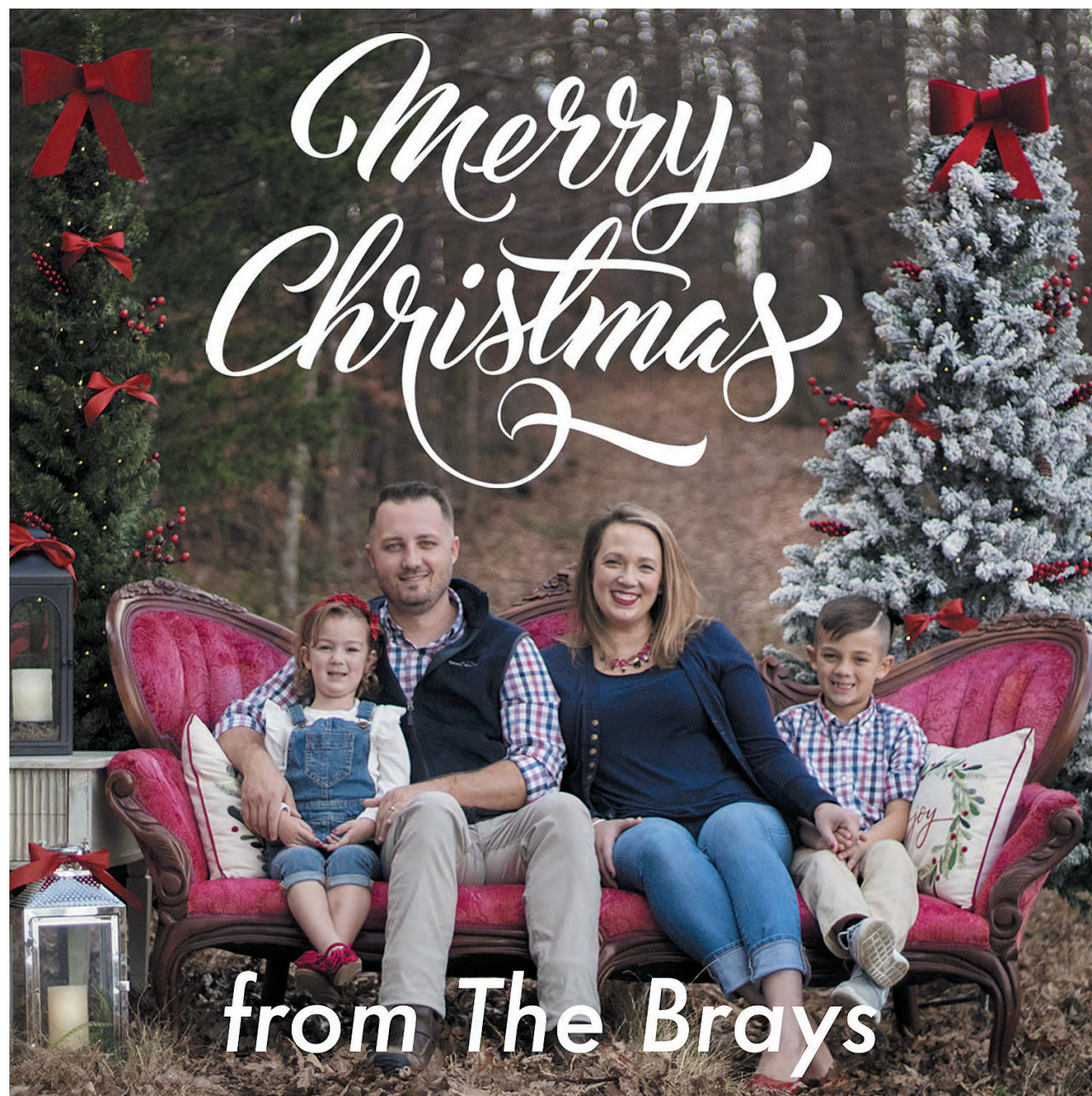
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# Points East

By Ike Adams



My closest friend, when I was growing up on Blair Branch, was Truman Caudill. Actually Truman was my best friend off and on because his parents moved around a lot and often spent 1 or 2 years at a time in Indiana before his mom would move back home for 3 or 4 years while his dad would rent a room in a boarding house to stay up there and work. Truman's mom simply could not tolerate city living for long stretches of time, but his dad had a better job than he could find in KY and made monthly, weekend trips back home. He also had ample vacation time to come home through the holidays and during the summer.

There was an old saying that the further you went up Blair Branch, the meaner it got and Truman Caudill lived in the last house. There were a few times, before and even after Truman's folks lived in their old place when I lay claim to that dubious honor but I never lived up to it anywhere near Truman's bent for mischief and even that was largely unearned.

The fact of the matter was that Truman would give you the shirt off his back unless you happened

to be a teacher he didn't like and he didn't like very many. The sentiment was mutual. If a teacher sat down on an upturned thumb tack, she didn't even question the rest of us. Truman took the paddling and swore that hearing her scream when flesh connected with needle sharp tack was worth every lick of it.

One particular teacher had a paddle about 2 feet long and half an inch thick with holes drilled through the middle that spelled out BOARD OF EDUCATION. Truman took great pride in having the boys meet him at our outdoor toilet to see how many words we could find on his rear end when he dropped his pants. I don't believe she ever caught onto the fact that, instead of punishment, she was giving him a badge of honor.

At Christmas I was often more anxious to see what presents Truman had received than I was in getting my own, more modest haul. Truman was an only child and, as previously mentioned, his dad had a good job with steady work. My dad was a miner and during the winter months his work often depended on whether or not coal trucks could get to and from the mines. Santa Claus's fi-

ancial position on Blair Branch usually depended on how well the mines were working.

While my brothers and I were often thrilled with Tonka toys and new jeans, Truman usually had a new bicycle, the newest Daisy BB gun on the market, a shiny new bobsled or all 3. We usually got to play with Truman's stuff as much as he did. At least while it lasted, because Truman was rough on stuff. His mom used to say that he could tear up an anvil. His Christmas bike was often beyond repair before the weather was warm and dry enough for it to have a lot of utility on the muddy, rutted roads of Blair Branch, but he rode it anyway.

Truman was 3 years older than me and several inches taller. His widow, Margie, my classmate for 12 years, recently sent me an internet photo of the two of us when I was about 10 and Truman about 13. In the photo he and I are standing side by side and I am wearing a pair of his hand-me-down jeans with the waist line pulled up nearly to my arm pits. Loretta took one glance at the picture and said I looked like Urkle on the old tv show, Family Matters.

As Tom T. Hall might have said, "I thought he was a hero and I used to follow Truman around." I simply can't let December go by without fondly remembering my late, dear friend. It simply does not feel like Christmas without Truman Caudill in it.

Station in D.C., approximately 30 miles from their house.

At its inaugural on April 30, 1932, the George Washington was C&O's top-notch train. It was one of only two all air-conditioned, long-distance trains operating in America. Just before we decided to take the ride, it was completely refurbished by Pullman and by C&O. Tracks Magazine reported, "The newly redesigned George is a sizeable train with its engine, three baggage cars, a diner, three coaches, and four Pullman cars."

I was thrilled to take an excursion on such a special train. When we boarded, Bee and I stashed our bags, settled down, and tried to contain our excitement when we felt the engine pull out of the L & N Depot. It was late afternoon, and we watched the familiar scenery through our window as we headed east.

After dark overtook our view, we settled down into the comfortable seats and were lulled to sleep by the sound of the wheels on the track. After a short nap, it was difficult for me to stay in one place while on board this exciting ride. With Bee sleeping, I quietly got up and walked to the back of the last car where you could go outside and see the tracks disappear into the darkness. I stood there for a long time just feeling the train as it rocked gently from side to side. Occasionally, I could get a glimpse of the engine as it traveled through a curve.

In 1960, I was able to ride the George Washington one more time. Al and Eva had visited Mt. Vernon and invited me to go home with them. After spending a few days in Manassas, I boarded the George to make my way home to Kentucky. The trip was completely different because I was familiar with the train. But I again found myself standing on the back of the last car watching the tracks slipping away. I was mesmerized by the sight, sound, and feel of being on a train. I am so glad that my older brother provided a reason for me to spend time on the George.

Since my first encounter with trains, I have loved them—the look, the sounds, the sight, and even the smell of them. I consider it a gift from the good Lord above that I experienced an actual trip on the George Washing-

ton Special.

It has been quite a while since I have taken any train rides. But I have rarely passed the on the chance – even if it was a tourist-inspired short jaunt up, down, or around a mountain. To me, there is nothing like the feel and sound of being on the rails.

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

## Aces

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In 2020, there were days that I just wasn't in a good mood. With the family, loved ones and health I have, why would I ever be in a sour mood? Yet, I was at times.

I'm sure there were days that I didn't give someone the personal attention they were seeking or perhaps, needing. There were days when I didn't comfort someone who was telling me of a problem they had.

There were times that I could have smiled, but didn't. Times when I could have laughed, but didn't. Times when I could have said "thank you," but didn't.

This year there were moments when I could have said something good about someone, and I let it pass. Moments when I could have taken up for an underdog, but I just sat quietly.

There were times that I was impatient and times that I was not tolerant. Times that I judged others and was prideful.

Yes Santa, I could have been a lot better person this year. Then again,

I guess that goes for every year.

My guess is that most of us on earth could say all the same things. Surely, there was a moment that everyone could have been a better person.

I suppose there will never be a year when I can't say the same things again. It's a shame really. I tried to do all these things right. But over and over, I failed.

I had an aunt (Sissy) with Downs Syndrome who passed away years ago. I think about her every year at this time because she may be the only person I ever met who may not have had these same weaknesses.

She sat in the living room floor for 40 years with her doll and ate light bread every day.

She didn't own anything except a doll and a loaf of bread. It's all she had and it was all she wanted. She was perfectly content.

Though I couldn't understand her much, she never spoke an ill word about another person. Never seemed jealous. Never missed a chance to smile.

Still, every time I walked in, she would offer me her bread and hand me her doll.

To me, that is the spirit of giving and compassion and love, and kindness. She offered me less than anyone I knew. But she was the only person to offer all she had.

Yes Santa, I could have been a lot better person this year.

What do I want for Christmas?

Give me a heart like Sissy's.

*Merry Christmas to all.*

## Memories

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an oval track with several buildings, including a depot, church house, and a courthouse.

Uncles Charles helped me set up the track properly and showed me how the train worked. That train had a working headlight, a train whistle, and smoke that arose from the stack! It might have been my all-time favorite toy.

Later, when I was about eight-years-old, I would go with my grandfather (Pop) when he placed his grocer orders with the Louisville and Nashville 11:00 pm train. Pop was a drummer for Louisville Grocery Company and Aubry Feed Mills. He covered Mt. Vernon grocery and feed stores on Mondays. On Tuesdays, he covered Brodhead and that section of Rockcastle County. On Wednesdays, he took orders in Livingston and beyond to London and other areas in Laurel County.

After dinner, Pop would complete the paperwork for his orders, and he allowed me to ride with him when he took his orders to the L&N Depot. I loved seeing the big, black train pull into Mt. Vernon and then pull out as it headed to Louisville and beyond. That train seemed so powerful to a young boy.

Years later, my mother (Bee) and I boarded the majestic train called the George Washington Special to Washington D.C. when I was 14 years of age. The year was 1958. We departed from the Lexington station for a visit with my elder brother and his wife, who had recently moved to Manassas, VA. He was a pastor there for the Woodbine Baptist Church. The George did not unload passengers in Manassas, so Al and Eva would meet us at Union



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

Dear Editor,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to these four fine gentlemen: Delmas Bullock, Ernie Bowling, Kenneth Parsons and Howard Saylor.

The first three have worked on most of their neighbor cars, trucks, tractors, farm machinery, lawnmowers over many years.

The fourth, Howard Saylor, has helped cure a lot of men and women in Rockcastle County thru his pharmacy work. The best in the county. Thanks to all four of them. Good luck and God bless all of them.

*Bob Lunsford*

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**Rockcastle Health Dept.**  
 The Rockcastle County Health Dept. will be closing for the Christmas holiday at 1:30 p.m. on 12/23/2020 and will be closed until 12/28/2020 reopening at 8 a.m. We will be closing for the New Years holiday at 1:30 p.m. on 12/30/2020 and be closed until 1/4/2021 reopening at 8 a.m. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**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.

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 VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other then 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.

**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.

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# Obituaries

## Donnie Andrew Barron

Donnie Andrew Barron, 40, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 15, 1980, the son of Russell and Mattie McFerron Barron. He enjoyed fishing, ginseng and mushroom hunting, trading, and making others laugh. He loved his dog, Daisy, making pecan pies, and taking drives back in the hills, no matter the weather.

He was united in marriage to his loving wife, Sheila Bowers Barron, on March 13, 2014. Other survivors include: a step-daughter, Candice Scalf and husband Jon of Mt. Vernon; his mother, Mattie Barron of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, Roger Barron, Bobby Barron and wife Carolyn, and Ricky Barron, all of Mt. Vernon, and Billy Barron and wife Karen of Scaffold Cane; two sisters, Brenda Cromer and husband Skeeter, and Linda Callebs and husband Mark, both of Mt. Vernon; two step-grandchildren, Zaydon and Amiyah Scalf, both of Mt. Vernon; nieces, Normagena Carpenter and Tiffany Hayes, both of Mt. Vernon, and Elizabeth Barron and Katelyn Barron, both of Scaffold Cane; nephews, Danny Barron, Justin Barron, Thomas Jones, and Mitchell Jones, all of Mt. Vernon; a great niece, Aivyn Barron of Mt. Vernon; and great nephews, Nathaniel Carpenter and Elijah Carpenter, both of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Russell Barron; two brothers, James Russell Barron and Danny Wayne Barron; his paternal grandparents, Edward and Evie Swinney Barron; his maternal grandparents, William and Mae Cromer McFerron; a niece, Rebecca Lynn Barron; and a great nephew, Braxton Ray Barron.

Funeral services were held December 21, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery. Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Elsie Gilliam Jones

Elsie Gilliam Jones, 90, of Livingston, died Monday, December 14, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Lamero in Rockcastle County on January 4, 1930, the daughter of Claude and Myrtle Brown Gilliam. She retired from the Lamero Post Office as Postmaster. She enjoyed traveling, fishing, and swimming. She was a member of Livingston Christian Church.

She is survived by: her children, James E. Jones and wife Eula Jayne of Orlando, and Sharon Gail Jones of Livingston; and two brothers, Clarence Gilliam of Livingston, and Kenneth Gilliam of London. Also surviving are five grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Claude and Myrtle Gilliam, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Jones, a brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held December 18, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Phillip Doan and Jason Medley. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Gilliam, Troy Johnson, Eddie Jones, Janelle Jones, Charles Mullins, and Mazzie Ruder.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

This day is the topic of a lot of discussion, that is on what day was Christ born? Obviously, the scripture does not put a calendar date on this event.

Isaiah the Prophet foretold this event some 700 years before it happened. *Isaiah 9:6-7*. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

What should be important to all of us is that this prophecy was fulfilled in Christ. *Luke 2:11* That scripture tells us that a Saviour was born. Christ lived and preached his gospel during his ministry. He was crucified for the sins of all of humanity. In *Matthew 28:18*, it says All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth.

Yes, Christ's birth was a very important occasion but more important was his sacrificial death on Calvary's Cross that we might have forgiveness of sins and a hope of an eternal abode with our Saviour and Heavenly Father when this short life is over.

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## Fannie Mae Wallin

Fannie Mae Wallin, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died December 16, 2020 at Baptist Health in Richmond, after a long illness. Fannie was born in Mt. Vernon on February 11, 1943, the daughter of the late Robert "Bob" and Rose Jones Jasper. She was a school teacher in Owen and in Rockcastle County for 31 years. She loved singing, playing music, writing songs, writing poetry, reading, and traveling. She was a baptized member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: one daughter, Regina (Philip) Hull-Brown of Mt. Vernon; siblings, Shelby Shockley of Conway and John Jasper of Crab Orchard; sister-in-law, Rosa Lee Jasper of London; four grandchildren, Brandy (Matthew) Smith, Brandon (Kirbie) Reynolds, Rachel Killen, and Caleb Price; nine great grandchildren; and one very special great great niece, Patience Gleissner. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Tom E. Wallin; a daughter, Tomina Price; a son, Thomas F. Wallin; and siblings, Carroll Gilliland and Wayne Jasper.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, December 19, 2020 at Elmwood Cemetery and services were private.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Reynolds, Matthew Smith, Caleb Price and Phillip Hull-Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were Jasper Reynolds and Beckham Smith.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com).

## Beulah Lear

Beulah Lear, 90, of Berea, died Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

## Bro. Don Stayton

Bro. Don Stayton, 74, husband of Donna, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 26, 2020 from 5-8 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Bible Baptist Church.

A complete obituary will be posted as soon as it is available.

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

## Keith Rigsby

Keith Rigsby, 90, of Brodhead, died Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea after a long illness. He was born November 17, 1930 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Clyde and Margaret Harris Rigsby. He was a retired farmer and licensed Funeral Director, was a former Brodhead Fire Chief, he enjoyed collecting toy tractors and playing Santa Claus, and was a member of the Union Chapel Church. The joy in Keith's heart these past few years came from his love for the Lord and the joy he received from his grandchildren. Dalton Keith, Bailee and Brittney were loved with everything he had.

Survivors are: Kaye Rigsby, Buford Parkerson, Sharon McKinney, Anna Lee Huddleston, and Faye Rigsby; five step-children, Charles and Paula DeBorde, Wayne DeBorde and Vicki Reynolds, Betty Brown and David, all of Brodhead, and Robert and Ginnie DeBorde of Mt. Vernon; and seven grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by: his wife, Susie Rigsby; Glen Rigsby, and Lucy Rigsby Harns.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial followed in Piney Grove Cemetery. Services were private.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Higher Praise Ministries Chris Davidson, Pastor & Gracious Giving

would like to give our thanks to our donors who helped make this event possible. We would like to say Thank You to WalMart, Crazy Johns, Family Dollar, Mt. Vernon Signal and for the community donations. To everyone we were able to serve during this event, you all were an absolute blessing. We love each and everyone of you.

God Bless

## Linda Kay Tackett-Fielder

Linda Kay Fielder, 77, went home to Jesus after a brief illness on December 13, 2020, one day after securing 57 years with her beloved husband. She was born August 2, 1943.



She is survived by her husband, Ed Fielder; her son, Wayne Fielder (Angela Estep Fielder); her beloved kitty, Goldy; and her granddog, Jojo.

She was the daughter of Wilhelmena and Arthur Tackett of Boyd County. After graduating high school, she attended King's Daughters' Hospital School of Nursing graduating as a Registered Nurse. This officially began a life of healing and saving others. Beginning her career as a student nurse at Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, she met Ed Fielder and they were soon married. They had a son, Wayne Edward Fielder in 1967.

Kay lived a life of service and family. Leading the charge in the Home Healthcare industry, she helped to found the Rockcastle Home Healthcare system. After hanging up her Nursing hat, she became an entrepreneur with her husband. As owner of Keepsake Record Shop and Country Meadow Soap Company, based in Mt. Vernon, she pursued her passions with a fire as bright as her vibrant red hair.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 18, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bruce Ross officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

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

## James L (Lloyd) Burton

James L (Lloyd) Burton, 85, died December 5, 2020, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Somerset to the late Grover and Mattie (Hurst) Burton.

He was a member of the Loveland Heights Church of Christ and a faithful Christian for 66 years. We take comfort knowing he is resting in the arms of Jesus. He retired from General Motors in Norwood after 30 years of service. He loved his family and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all those that knew and loved him.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Violet (June) Burton (nee Carter); and three children, Doug (Cathy) Burton, Jim (Rae Lynn) Burton, and Paula (Jeff) Middendorf. He adored his eight grandchildren, Michaeline Bailey, Matt and Nicholas Burton, Brandy (Shannon) Grubb, Ashley (Dewayne) Stanifer, Chelsey (Adam) Pettyjohn, Emmalee Middendorf, and Maggie Burton. He also took great pride in his nine great grandchildren, Elizabeth Burton, Logan, Alexis, and Kody Grubb, Owen, Oliver and Sydney Stanifer, Trevor and Harper Pettyjohn. He is also survived by two sisters, Berniece (Jearl) Cromer and Ruth (WA) Owens, and two sister-in-laws, Billie Burton, and Edie Raines.

He was preceded in death by: two brothers, Ronnie and Carl Burton; and one brother-in-law, Floyd (Bill) Raines.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Hodapp Funeral Home. There was a short visitation at the Fairview Church of Christ in Somerset on Friday, December 11 and a graveside ceremony following at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of Cincinnati. They were an amazing comfort to us in Dad's last days.

## The Birth of Jesus

We find the birth of our Lord and our Savior had been prophesied, many hundred years ago by Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom.

Isaiah prophesied of the names our Lord would be called, Wonderful in that he was conceived by a virgin. *Matthew 1:23* The virgin shall be with child and they shall call his name Immanuel, meaning God with us. How wonderful it is to have the Son of God with us to live among us as John declares in *John 1:1* In the beginning, was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.

*Isaiah 28:29* Speaks of Jesus being wonderful in his counsel, and excellent in his working. Jesus came to show us how we must live to be pleasing in the eyes of the Father. He is our Guide, Teacher, Counselor, our Intercessor, our Helper in time of trouble. What a blessing Isaiah declares Jesus to be at all times.

What a blessing it was when Jesus came into this world, He brought peace to those who would receive it. *Luke 2:14* Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. This promise of peace was not made to the world, it was made only to the children of God. We find in *John 14:27* Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Putting our trust in the Lord, while we wait for the blessed hope, gives us peace knowing, that our Lord is the Almighty God. *Titus 2:13* Looking for that blessed hope, and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

There stands One who has come to deliver us, forgive us and save us. He is the bread of life. He is the light of the world. He is the reason for our rejoicing, Not just this season. But every day we live, he should be the reason we rejoice, and we have peace in our hearts.

Remember that peace that Jesus gives, is a peace that passes all understanding. Let us share that peace with those that we love, our friends, our neighbors, anybody that will listen.

Thank you for reading this message, I pray God keeps you safe and your holidays are happy.

(It is a shame, a change in the weather is talked about more than our risen Savior.)

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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Marriage Licenses

Shelby Lynn Loverle Woodall, 24, Brodhead Marathon and Jonathon Coy Broughton, 26, Brodhead, INDFAS. 12/15/20  
 Dorothy Lou Robinson, 56, Berea, housewife and Raymond John Mueller, Berea, 65, retired. 12/18/20

## Deeds Recorded

Doris J. Lamb, property on US 25, to Michael Wayne and Julia K. Lamb. No tax  
 Cody Stewart and Raychel McKinney, prop-

erty on KY 461, to BaD Property Holdngs LLC. Tax \$28.50

Daphne Renee and Jeffrey Dean Durham, property on Wildie School Road, to Chelsea Lakay and Joseph Kyle Riddle. Tax \$175

Stephany Hancock, property in Dusty Trails Subdv., to Barbara Pitman. No tax

Willene Burton, property on KY 70, to Matthew and Tara D. Brown. No tax

Andrew C. and Tricia Beth Nelson, property in Rockcastle Coounty, to Mitchell R. and Jenni M. Weaver. Tax \$180

Robert T. Hayden, property in Rockcastle County, to Rose E. Hayden. No tax

Douglas and Loretta Mink, property in Rockcastle County, to Frankie

and Joanie Woodall. No tax

Jason Dale and Jeannette Raye Scoggin, property in Rockcastle County, to Marshall Dale and Gail Scoggin. No tax

Glenda Gentry, property in Happy Acres Subdv., to Judy D. Harris. No tax

Raymond Griffin, property in Livingston, to David and Betty Newcomb. Tax \$13

Sylvia H. Waddle and Lewis Dale and Pamela Holcomb, property on US 150, to Benny Ray and Sharon G. Burchett. Tax \$134

Howell H. Holbrook, Jr. and Lena Gail Holbrook and Jeffrey T. and Twila C. Burdettem property on KY 1505, to Steve and Patricia Taylor. Tax \$1

Walter Reusch, property on US 25, to Jeffrey King and Treena C. Burdette. Tax \$7.50

Edith Smith, Trina Coffey and Porter and Ashley Smith, property on KY 1249, to Cromer Smith, Jr. and Jeffrey Smith. No tax

Kevin L. and Angela A. Cole, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy R. and Jessica Baker. Tax \$235

KBR Enterprises LLC, property on Laswell Farm, to Stephen C. McClure. Tax \$100

Sallie G. Stallworth, property on Rose Hill Road, to Sallie G. and Wayne Combs. No tax

Joshua Reed and Destiny Kesler, property on the banks of Rockcastle River, to David and Tammy Gibbs. Tax \$6

Pactiv LLC, property in Rockcastle County Multi-County Industrial Park, to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Assn. and Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

# Rockcastle County gifting hope this holiday season

For many Kentuckians, the holiday season is bittersweet. Families across the commonwealth are praying for a gift that cannot be found wrapped under the tree –

the gift of life. The Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life encourages everyone to spread holiday cheer by joining the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

Families like Eden's, a liver recipient from Harrison County, will make new memories this year because of a generous donor family. Eden was born with a liver disease and was extremely sick. Her family was told that a liver transplant was their only option. "Because of Eden's transplant, we can do normal things as a family without having to run back and forth to the hospital," said Ashley, Eden's mom. Knowing that time with her is priceless, Eden is now a special part of holiday memories that will last a lifetime!

## Boosting holiday cheer at home during socially distant season

(StatePoint) Unfortunately, many Americans will be unable to celebrate the holidays with their extended family and friends in person this year, making it all the more important to boost holiday cheer at home. Here are few festive ideas for getting into the holiday spirit during this unusual kind of socially distant season.

barely larger than the keys themselves. Integrated Bluetooth audio lets you connect your device wirelessly to the musical keyboard, so you can play all your favorite holiday music through its powerful stereo amplification system.

- Don't skip out on the decorations: You may not be hosting any houseguests, gatherings or big meals, but this shouldn't be the year to skip out on the full-scale decorating you typically enjoy. Lights, trees, garlands, stockings and wreaths can evoke favorite memories of past seasons and invite hope for future ones all season long. You can even set up a video conference to enjoy the camaraderie of decorating with far-off loved ones.

- Add favorite aromas: Now that you have the sights and sounds of the season covered, don't forget its delicious scents. Your nose will know the holidays have arrived when you bake that first batch of gingerbread cookies or light candles in scents like evergreen and peppermint. You can even try simmering a pot of water and add aromatic ingredients to it such as cloves, cinnamon sticks and rosemary.

- Deck the halls with music. Add a digital piano to your holiday-scape to help elevate the mood with Christmas carols and other seasonal tunes. Consider Casio's line of PX-S console digital pianos, which have a striking design that fit any room, décor and mood. A glossy top panel and unibody case evoke a luxurious acoustic grand in a sleek case that's

- Send season's greetings: Set aside an afternoon to compose and send holiday cards. This end-of-year tradition allows you to reconnect with the people you care about most and can help lend the season a touch of normalcy.

While you may not be making your usual visit to relatives or throwing your annual bash, there are many creative ways to make the most of the season and create happy memories for years to come for you and your entire family.

"This year 60,000 Kentuckians have joined us in our mission to save lives through organ donation. Time with those we love is priceless; give the gift of health and hope by saying 'yes' to joining the registry!" says Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk.

With nearly 1,000 Kentuckians waiting on a transplant this holiday season, the need is great. Everyone can register online as a donor to bring hope to those, like Eden, who are in need.

To join the TFL mission, you may join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry by using any of the following methods below.

- 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>.
- Using your Apple iPhone, toggle to "organ donor" through the Health App

*Wishing you and your family peace, love and joy during this holy season.*

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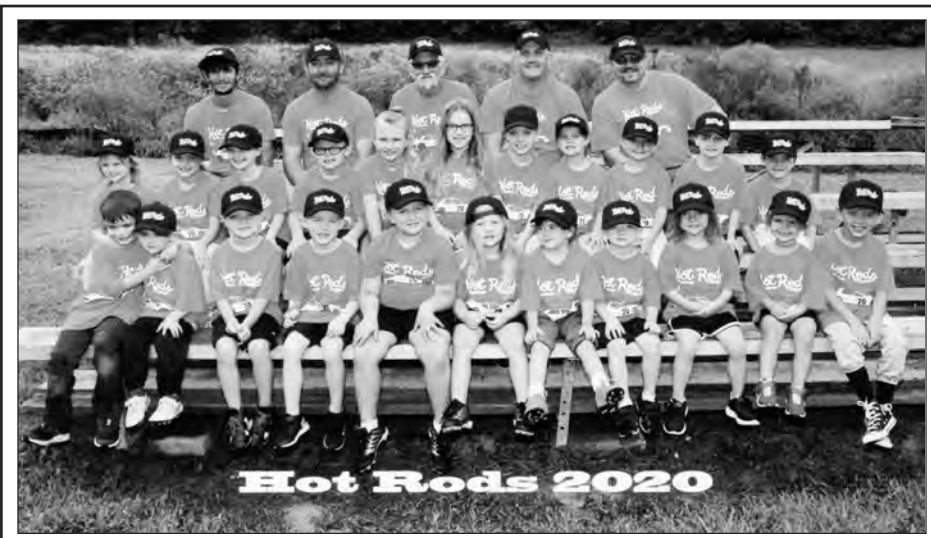
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Hot Rodders shown in the above photo are, front row: Jasper Mason, Randell Reynolds, Corbin Hacker, Castiel Miller, Emery Reynolds, Madison Reynolds, Natalie Smith, Drake Gibbons, Albeni Mason, Amyla Foster and Jackson Cruise. Second row: Destiny Reynolds, Emma Reynolds, Zoey Hughes, Nolan Cecil, Macy Ann Code, Lillie Proctor, Stephanie Proctor, Aliva Smith, Emma Vincent, Destiny Allen, Tanner Mason. Back row, coaches Perry Mason, Jr., Brandon Reynolds, Doug Proctor, Jason Proctor, B.J. Thomason. Not pictured: Brittani Coffee (announcer), Chris Benge (coach), Jaxon Burton, Sadie Gibbons, Korbin Gibbons, Adalin Horick, Kalijah Higgins, Adalin Hedrick, Elijah Miller, Corbin Thacker, Donovan Higgins, David Pearson, Maci Surface, Kale Thompson and T.J. Mason.

## Hot Rodders hold picnic and give awards at VFW Post

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, the Rockcastle Hot Rodders league was postponed to the fall this year but there was still a pretty good turn out and a good year. The picnic was held on October 31st at the VFW Post and the children came in their Halloween costumes. Everyone got a trophy and a toy. Even with all the shutdowns, businesses and individuals gave generously to help get the toys and we

thank everyone who contributed. Sponsors were: Citizens Bank, Best Little Hair House In Town, Marcella's Farm to Fork, New Visions, Terry Morgan Plumbing, Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel, County Judge Howell Holbrook, Jr., County Clerk Danetta Allen, R. Marlene Lawson, Brodhead Farm Mart, Lone Star, Big Tease Hair Salon, Los Cazadores, Mary Mathis Insurance Agency, Marvin Owens Home for Funerals

and Monuments, Pam's Flowers and Gifts, Cox Funeral Home, Lambert and Lambert PLC, Dicie Allen, Limestone Grille, Deno's Bar and Grill. Also a thank you to our yearly sponsors: Rockcastle Professional Pharmacy, Mt. Vernon Signal, KFC, Wendy's, Marathon, Galaxi Screenprinting, Mt. Vernon Drug, Brodhead Pharmacy, Collins Respiratory Care, Inc., Back Porch Smokehouse, Foster Trophies, Barbara Ann's Photography, Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908. Also a big thank you to the City of Mt. Vernon for the use of the field at the lake.

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# New Whitley County Welcome Center open to visitors

Governor Andy Beshear recently announced the official grand opening of a new welcome center in southeastern Kentucky located at mile marker 1.5 in Whitley County off I-75 North.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, federal and state public health officials advised that travel should be limited throughout the nation to slow the spread of COVID-19. As Kentucky continues its fight to defeat the virus, state officials have remained committed to ensuring travel and tourism can safely resume in the commonwealth.

Once travel can safely resume across the nation, the welcome center in Whitley County will serve as a major point of entry for tourists traveling north into Kentucky from Tennessee, and a thoroughfare for commercial drivers passing through the Bluegrass State.

As we remain diligent in our fight to defeat COVID-19, our administration continues to work tirelessly to ensure travel can safely resume in the commonwealth, said Gov. Beshear. This new, modern facility will provide the nearly 30,000 vehicles per day that cross into the southern portion of I-75 a safe, welcoming first impression as travelers enter the commonwealth.

Construction of the new facility is a collaborative effort between the Transportation Cabinet, Finance and Administration Cabinet, and Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. The Finance Cabinet oversaw the construction of the new ADA facility, while the Transportation Cabinet will manage the day-to-day operations, and tourism employees will provide staffing for the center.

The construction of the welcome center was funded with 80 percent federal funds and a 20 percent state match. D.W. Wilburn of Lexington was awarded the \$5.5 million contract to design and build the new welcome center, which is similar in design to one located in Shelby County on I-64 East.

The new centers design is ADA compliant and includes enhanced safety features, such as high mast lighting at entrance and exit ramps, as well as parking areas. The exterior features rail fencing, ample bench seating and family-friendly picnic areas. Inside, numerous TV screens will feature videos highlighting Kentuckys famed tourist attractions and lush natural scenery.

The faade of this new welcome center is not only visually appealing, the facility is also very efficient, said Finance and Administration Cabinet Secretary Johnson. An energy recovery ventilator improves indoor air quality while decreasing energy expenses. High-efficiency plumbing fixtures and LED lighting also help reduce recurring operational costs, saving taxpayer dollars.

Kentuckys ideal geographic location puts it at the confluence of the Northeast, Midwest and South, giving it proximity to key populations, and centers of industry and commerce. Although COVID-19 has limited travel throughout the

country, commercial drivers continue to transport essential goods nationwide through our highly developed logistics and distribution infrastructure.

The new Whitley County center features expanded truck parking, which allow commercial drivers to rest in a safe location instead of stopping on ramps or shoulders. Increased restroom capacity and improved vending amenities are also sure to be appreciated by road-weary travelers.

This welcome center offers travelers a safe, inviting place to stop, rest and relax a while, said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Gray. Its been a collaborative effort on the part of our cabinets and the Federal Highway Administration, and it will provide many years of service to the traveling public.

As one of the states largest economic factors, Kentucky tourism is an \$11.8 billion industry in

the commonwealth and serves as a mechanism for helping stimulate the economy in local communities. The Whitley County welcome center will serve as a gateway to some of the most popular tourism destinations in southeastern Kentucky including Cumberland Falls, Lake Cumberland and Big South Fork.

Welcome centers often times serve as our first touchpoint with guests who are traveling through Kentucky, said Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Mike Berry. The opening of the new welcome center creates an opportunity for Whitley County and the southeastern Kentucky region to benefit from the revenue generated by tourism and travel spending in the commonwealth.

The new Whitley County welcome center replaces a 1971 rest area that had deteriorated and was frequently closed to the public for costly maintenance and repairs. The center is expected to

welcome nearly 70,000 visitors annually.

For travelers planning a Kentucky getaway, discover the Bluegrass State by downloading the Kentucky Official

Visitors Guide. Travelers are encouraged to follow all public health safety guidelines including Red Zone Reduction Recommendations.

For a list of welcome

centers in Kentucky, visit kentuckytourism.com. To learn more about the Whitley County welcome center, visit <https://youtu.be/2fdmVe401rU>.



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<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm</li> <li>Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> <li>Mt. Vernon - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm</li> <li>Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> <li>Lancaster - Garrard Co Health Dept: 9:00am-1:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>24</b>	<p><b>CLOSED in observance of the holiday.</b> Testing will resume on Monday, December 28th.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>25</b>	<p><b>CLOSED in observance of the holiday.</b> Testing will resume on Monday, December 28th.</p>

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<b>MONDAY</b> <b>28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> <li>McKee - McKee Baptist Church: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm</li> <li>Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> <li>Mt. Vernon - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richmond - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:30pm</li> <li>Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:30pm</li> <li>Irvine - White House Clinics: 9:00am-5:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>31</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berea - Folk Center: 9:00am - 5:00pm</li> <li>McKee - McKee Baptist Church: 9:00am - 5:00pm</li> <li>Lancaster - Garrard Co Health Dept: 9:00am-1:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1</b>	<p><b>CLOSED in observance of the holiday.</b> Testing will resume on Monday, January 4th.</p>

**No Appointment Necessary.**  
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## Shop With a Trooper

Due to COVID-19, Shop With A Trooper looked a little different this year.

Troopers didn't take children shopping, instead they were able to play Santa and deliver all of the gifts!

Kentucky State Police were busy Thursday, December 10th spreading cheer to children across Rockcastle County.

In the bottom photo, representing the KSP were, from left: Scottie Pennington, James Royal, Chris Pruitt, Jordan Hopkins and Adam Hensley.



## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

After Will and I moved to California, Mum asked me what I wanted for Christmas. My reply was "A blackberry jam cake with no raisins and lots of frosting." She searched until she came upon this recipe. This was much better than any present she could have gone out and bought for me. All ingredients should be at room temperature.

1/2 cup shortening  
2 cups sugar

5 eggs  
1 cup buttermilk  
3 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon cloves  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 cups blackberry jam  
1 cup walnuts  
Preheat oven to 300°. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan. Cream together shortening and sugar until light. Add unbeaten eggs. Mix well. Stir in 1 cup

buttermilk. Sift together flour and spices; add to egg mixture. Then until well blended. Mix until vanilla, jam, and walnuts. Mix well. Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake about 1 and 1/2 hours in 300° oven or until toothpick inserted comes out clean.

### CAMEL FROSTING

1 stick butter  
1 cup light brown sugar, packed  
1 cup milk  
1 pound powdered sugar  
Mix butter, brown sugar, and milk together. Put on stove and cook until butter is melted. Take from heat and add powdered sugar. Beat until blended. Let cool. Spread on cooled cake.

### BOURBON BALLS

It wasn't Christmas if Mum didn't make these.

1 cup pecans, chopped  
3 tablespoons Kentucky bourbon  
1 stick butter, at room temperature  
1 pound powdered sugar  
1/2 bag (12 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate  
1/2 rectangle paraffin  
Combine pecans and bourbon; wait at least 3 hours for pecans to absorb bourbon flavor. Cream butter and powdered sugar with mixer. Add bourbon and pecan mixture to butter mixture. Mix well. Roll mixture into small balls and chill in refrigerator for 1 and 1/2 hours. Melt chocolate in double boiler, adding shaved paraffin. Heat until thoroughly melted. Using a toothpick or long skewer, dip balls into chocolate and put on waxed paper to dry.

## Merry Christmas

May the beauty of this joyous Christmas season bring you joy and happiness all year round.



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Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhopen@gmail.com

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

**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
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Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Music Director: Dan Dull

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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)  
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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  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
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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.  
George Renner, Pastor  
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Sunday  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
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Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
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Youth/Family Minister  
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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.

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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

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

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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  
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Wayne Harding, Pastor  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.  
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

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

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

**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 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.  
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
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Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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5:30 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller

**Sand Springs Baptist**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

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

**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
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**Tabernacle of Love**  
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Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
Pastor: Eugene Webb  
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Brodhead, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

**United Gospel of Christ**  
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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  
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606-256-4494  
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
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# Deputy Sheriff passes away in Rockcastle



Shown above the Madison County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard stood at attention for the funeral of Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Ronald Bradley last week at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Shown below, the streets were lined with officers and first responders from all local forces honoring the late Bradley who had volunteered for 17 years as a Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy after retiring from the Kentucky State Police Vehicle Enforcement Department. Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin performed the services for Bradley. Bradley's fellow officers said it has been an honor to work with Bradley over the years in law enforcement.



**By: Mike French  
Editor**

Badge Number 1114 has been set aside as Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Ronald (Ronnie) Bradley passed away on December 13.

According to his friends and family, Bradley had retired from the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement agency in 2003 but immediately returned to police ser-

vice when he joined the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

According to Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Bradley passed away of "duty-related illnesses."

According to Scottie Pennington, Public Relations Officer for the Kentucky State Police, Bradley had served as a volunteer with the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for 17 years. "Deputy Bradley is a

## "Delta"

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\$125,000."

According to Holbrook, the county already has a \$500,000 ARC grant for the project should the gas line come to Rockcastle but the additional \$125,000 will help the company when they approach state and federal entities in an effort to bring the line to Rockcastle.

"All we are doing here is letting them know that we will do our part."

VanHook said some have worked on getting a gas line in Rockcastle County for 30 years and this money will provide funds for a right of way and the surveys needed. "Fortunately, we don't have to spend any money at all until Delta has already done the work," said VanHook. "We just have to show that we will be willing and able to do our part."

VanHook said there are countless industries and businesses that will

be much more attracted to the area if gas is available.

"We are working with companies right now who are simply not willing to locate here because we do not have natural gas but if we can tell them it is coming, doors suddenly begin to open for our community."

VanHook said the gas line would be routed through both industrial parks and into Renfro Valley when it comes to the county.

"This is a major first step in getting that line to Rockcastle County and providing an avenue for economic development that we could never have otherwise," he said.

The motion to provide the funds eventually if needed passed unanimously.

In other action, the court voted to approve an RCIDA request to increase VanHook's salary from \$60,000 to \$75,000 per year.

Members of the RCIDA Board met with fiscal court members in a

prime example of service above self," said Pennington.

Bradley's funeral was conducted by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. He was buried Wednesday, December 16 at Piney Grove Cemetery. The funeral was officiated by Sheriff Franklin with many members of law enforcement included in the ceremony.

## "Hours"

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at the same time are being restricted.

Officials say a deputy at the door will only allow a few visitors at the same time. Others may wait in their car until called.

However, the office will be closed December 24 and 25 and will reopen on Monday, December 28. The office will close again on Friday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

**Rockcastle County Clerk**

The Rockcastle County Clerk's office is currently open to the public with a limited number of visitors allowed at one time.

The office will close December 24 and 25 and will reopen on Monday, December 28.

The office will be closed again for New Year's on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4.

**Circuit Clerk**

The Circuit Clerk's office in the courthouse is currently closed to in-person customers except for certain required in-person business. Call the clerk's office for details.

The Circuit Clerk's office will close Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas.

The office will close again on Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1 in observance of New Year's.

**City of Mount Vernon**

The City of Mount Vernon is currently closed to in-person visitors due to COVID restrictions. However, the drive-thru window is open and bills may also be paid by phone and at Community Trust Bank.

The office will close for business Thursday, December 24 and reopen on Tuesday, December 29.

The city will then close again for New Year's Day on Friday, January 1, 2021 and open again Monday, January 4.

**Brodhead City Hall**

Brodhead City Hall is currently open to the public by appointment but will be closed from noon Wednesday, December 23 until Monday, December 28 for the Christmas holiday.

In observance of New Year's, the city will be closed December 31 and January 1 and will reopen on January 2.

**Livingston City Hall**

The City of Livingston will close city hall, in observance of Christmas, at noon on Thursday, December 24 and be closed all day Christmas Day.

The city will reopen on Monday, December 28 and close for New Year's on Thursday, December 31 at noon and remain closed New Year's Day.

Livingston will reopen City Hall on Monday, January 4, 2021.

## "CARES"

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"I would guess that we should be able to turn over some dirt by spring," he said. "It won't take nearly as long for state approval to begin work. I am very excited about this. It has been an issue since I was a child in Mount Vernon and I am so glad to see this finally happening."

The final news came as Police Chief Brian

Carter reported changes to the police department policy, as required by new state and federal laws.

Legislatures recently decided to greatly reduce or restrict an officer's ability to protect themselves in the line of duty, partly because of complaints from the Black Lives Matter organization.

Though Carter did not refer to the organization or comment on his views over the new anti-police regulations, his, and all police departments, are forced to adopt the new mandates by state and federal law.

The new regulations address chokeholds and neck restraint and do not allow police to use such maneuvers unless no other option is available. There is also additional mandates on an officer's duty to intercede.

"This is not something we have an option to accept," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "We must adopt these policies by state and federal regulations."

The motion to accept the new regulations passed unanimously.

The council then entered closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting was reopened shortly when Mayor Bryant asked for a motion to hire Bray on a professional contract to continue his work with the City of Mount Vernon even after he begins his new position of Kentucky State Representative in January. (see related story).

The motion was unanimously approved.

Before closure of the meeting, Mayor Bryant performed his duty of swearing in all six current council members whose term in office will run through 2022.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

and others gave the issue a lot of consideration and made the choice carefully. "This is not just something the mayor wanted to do or the council wanted to do," he said. "This move is in the best interests of the citizens of Mount Vernon. We don't want to miss a step in moving forward."

Mayor Bryant said he thinks this was a good decision by the council. "Josh has done a wonderful job for us all and we know he will continue to do so."

According to Bryant, Bray will not be paid by the city of Mount Vernon for any hours he is working in his capacity as a Representative. "The details have been worked out carefully and we will only be paying him for the hours that he is working for the City of Mount Vernon," the mayor said.

How to separate those hours has been a point of discussion. But Mayor Bryant, and Bray say those details have been worked out to the benefit of the citizens of the district and of Mount Vernon.

"My time working for the City of Mount Vernon will only be day-to-day operations outside the scope of a representative's duties," said Bray. "Things like managing specific projects like the new water treatment basin, overseeing finances, auditors, planning events, writing grants and such activities will be part of my work for the City of Mount Vernon. This arrangement allows the momentum to continue. The projects the city has underway won't skip a beat."

The city has not paid Bray for any time he has spent working in Frankfort on anything related to his campaign or representative duties. "I have been taking vacation time and comp time when I do work outside the scope of my city obligations," he said. "The only time I will be paid by the City of Mount Vernon is when I am doing work specific to the city itself," he said. "My main goal here is getting some of these needed projects across the finish line."

Some of those projects, including the water basin, have been a goal of his for many years. "The City has been in need of this water basin since before I was born," he said. "I am looking forward to completing that project and helping provide the citizens of Mount Vernon with good tasting water. I can't wait till that project is completed and I won't stop until it is."

Actually, this agreement with the City of Mount Vernon is common across Kentucky, according to Bray. "This is a common arrangement across the state and has been vetted through the Kentucky League of Cities and their attorneys as well as our own city attorney."

So in the future, if you see a young man sitting in a seat in the halls of Frankfort wearing a suit and tie, don't be surprised if the next day you see the same man in muddy jeans holding a shovel at the Mount Vernon water plant.

*Merry Christmas from the staff and management of The Mount Vernon Signal*



# State reminds drivers to plan safe rides this season

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement nationwide in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign Dec. 16, 2020 through Jan. 1, 2021.

It's been a tough year for all Kentuckians and I want us to have a great Christmas and New Year's holiday, said Gov. Beshear. But to keep each other safe, I've got to ask you two things. First, please celebrate safely—avoid travel, significantly limit gatherings and use precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while with anyone from outside of your household. Second, please get home safely. Drive sober or plan a safe ride home with someone else to protect yourself and everyone on the road.

According to NHTSA, impaired driving-related

crashes tend to increase during the holidays.

While our holiday celebrations may look a little different this year, our message stays the same: Always plan for a sober ride home, said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. If you are under the influence of any substance and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself.

In Kentucky, 547 impaired driving-related crashes resulting in 276 injuries and 10 deaths occurred during the Christmas and New Year holidays over the last five years.

Drugs and/or alcohol not only hinder your ability to drive, but also affect your judgment about whether you can or should drive, said KYTC State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. This is why we ask that you make a plan before drinking begins. No matter what you choose—a sober

friend, taxi service or ride booking company—we want you to arrive to your destination safely.

To prevent impaired driving-related tragedies this holiday season, the KYTC recommends the following:

1. Before festivities begin, plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night;
2. If impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely;
3. If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the KSP toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911.
4. If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get them safely to where they are going.
5. Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, it is the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if involved in a crash.

Impaired driving-related crashes are 100 percent preventable, said Ballinger. All we ask is that you make safe choices this holiday season and celebrate responsibly.

For more information on drunken driving visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving>. For more information on drug-impaired driving visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drug-impaired-driving>.

# Millions of Americans are facing hunger this season

(StatePoint) Millions of people nationwide face hunger every holiday season. And this year, the COVID-19 pandemic thrust even more Americans into this vulnerable position.

Before the COVID-19 crisis began, one in nine people, including 10 million children, already lived in a food insecure household. Communities of color are disproportionately affected by both poverty and hunger. For example, one in four Native American and Alaska Natives experience food insecurity. One in five Blacks and one in six Latinos experience food insecurity. As a result of the pandemic, unemployment has soared and the need for food assistance has increased.

"Unfortunately hunger impacts Americans every day of the year, but we know that this holiday season will look much different than last. More families are accessing food banks than ever before, and many of them for the very first time, which is why it's really important for everyone to come together to help fight hunger this holiday season," says Casey Marsh, chief development officer for Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

Fortunately, efforts are being made to meet the sharp rise in food insecurity. As part of its "Many Hearts, One Community" holiday campaign, Wells Fargo is fulfilling its commitment to help provide 82 million meals to families in need through the Feeding

America network of 200 food banks by year-end. This is a continuation of Wells Fargo's decade-long relationship with the Feeding America network which, since the start of the pandemic, has included efforts such as turning Wells Fargo corporate properties and branch locations into mobile food distribution centers. Additionally, during this holiday season, grants will be made internationally to food banks operating in Wells Fargo's global footprint.

"It was life-changing," says Andrea Thomas, a single mother who received food assistance in Mesa, Ariz. "I didn't have to figure out if I was going to pay for groceries or pay for rent to keep my household afloat."

So how can you get involved? There are 200 Feeding America member food banks across the country, many of which need volunteers to help pack food boxes, distribute food at drive-through pantries and more. Feeding America food banks have adjusted their practices to ensure social distancing to keep everyone safe. Contact your local food bank to see how you can help families in need. You can also join the fight to end hunger by making a donation. For more information, visit [feedingamerica.org](https://www.feedingamerica.org).

While the issue of hunger is timely during the holidays, it doesn't stop once the season is over. Year-round philanthropy, volunteerism and innovative efforts like drive-up food banks, can help meet the needs of families across America.

The COVID-19 vaccine does more than keep you from getting sick. It will get folks all across Kentucky back to work. Get kids back to school. Get our economy back on track.

As the FDA-authorized vaccines arrive, all you have to do is keep doing your part. We can't all get the vaccine at once, but we'll all get a turn. You can get all the facts at [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.ky.gov/covid19).

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## Scenes from 2020 Livingston Christmas Parade



Livingston Mayor Dwane King and city employees led the Livingston Christmas Parade down Main Street.



Livingston Fire Dept. engines had sirens running as bystanders enjoyed the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle Recycling Coordinator James Renner pulled one of the floats down Main Street in Livingston during the annual Christmas Parade.



Members of the Livingston Baptist Church rode down Main Street waving at the bystanders lining the streets during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Magistrate Mike McGuire took part in Livingston's annual Christmas Parade.



Tony Bullock drove a Pongo Fire Department engine down Main Street during the Livingston Christmas Parade.

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Woodall Tree Service took a boom truck down Main Street during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.



Kentucky State Representative R. Travis Brenda drove an antique tractor with a tobacco setter attached in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.



Classic cars played a big part in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade as antique vehicles cruised down Main Street throughout the event.

All parade photos by Mike French



Climax Volunteer Fire Department played their part in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.



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Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department joined the floats and other fire trucks during the Livingston Christmas parade.



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. drove his decorated truck down Main Street in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.



Rodney Hensley joined youngsters grabbing candy tossed from parade participants during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



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# Gifts to make Kentucky taxpayers smile

By Jim Waters

What's in Santa's bag for Kentucky this Christmas?

Will he even want to stop and fill up his sleigh here, considering powerful forces in business, government and politics are colluding to push through a whopping increase in the gas tax that will disproportionately affect working and lower-income Kentucky families?

Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce President Brent Cooper's comment to WCPO-TV recently that "nobody would've noticed" a 10-cent increase in Kentucky's gas tax seems like an out-of-touch comment, especially during the challenging economic circumstances many are facing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Raising the tax by a dime on each gallon of gas would result in more than an additional \$150 coming out of the pockets of working Kentuckians who fill up twice weekly over the next year.

That would fill many working families' car trunks with bags full of groceries and get them through another week of the current craziness.

Those driving the tax-hike truck claim more fuel-efficient vehicles combined with a drop in fuel prices have reduced the amount of tax rev-

enue in Kentucky's road fund.

Therefore, they argue, the dollars needed to build new roads and bridges and repair existing ones just aren't there.

Missing from their narrative is the fact that Frankfort plucks millions each year – including \$113 million last year alone – from that fund to spend on unrelated programs. Plus, the big-business and big-government groups colluding to raise the gas tax on hard-working Kentuckians seem to have little interest in addressing the waste generated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) single-bid practices.

Bluegrass Institute Visiting Policy Fellow Andrew McNeill reports the KYTC in November awarded more than \$14 million worth of contracts which had no competition and exceeded the estimates of the KYTC's own engineer.

The month's largest single-bid contract of \$10.5 million to repave 11 miles of Interstate 75 in Whitley County was more than \$600,000 above the cabinet's internal estimate.

McNeill says it's just one of many examples of "a bureaucracy seemingly incapable of efficiently using the current resources at their disposal."

Transportation Secretary Jim Gray with his

business background has a real opportunity to apply private-sector practices and make the cabinet more efficient – beginning with a full audit of its bidding practices.

Such a review could provide taxpayers with more information about why, for instance, Kentucky spends \$1 million per interstate mile of concrete repairs.

Another item that should be on every Kentucky taxpayer's Christmas list is a new retirement plan for future teachers, which will begin to address Kentucky's huge unfunded pension liabilities while ensuring those who teach our children receive adequate benefits in their twilight years.

Apparently, Santa's doing his best to find that gift as the Interim Joint Committee on State Government heard testimony regarding a proposal to create a new plan for new teachers that provides them with a safe retirement income yet with the portability that better fits a modern workforce and will be preferred by younger teachers while also protecting taxpayers from shouldering the full risk and burden of the system's liability.

Despite record amounts of funding in recent state budgets, the Teachers' Retirement System's (TRS) negative cash flow was more than \$600 million during the past two years, while the system's level remains under 60% funded, meaning it doesn't currently have the assets to cover more than 40% of its obligations to beneficiaries.

This new approach, if passed, will stabilize the pension plan, offer incoming teachers a generous retirement plan and protect taxpayers from having to dig out of a deeper pension hole in the future.

Kentucky should give taxpayers the gift of increased fiscal responsibility by reigning in multi-million dollar single-bid transportation contracts and stabilizing the teachers' pension system.

Just the prospect of those measures alone makes for a much merrier Christmas indeed.

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### Berea College Dean's List

Michael Allen and Julian Kirby, both of Mt. Vernon, were among more than 509 Berea College students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

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### Hasty named to President's List

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

Kali Hasty, of Mt. Vernon, has been named to Campbellsville University's President's List for Fall 2020:

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours. The Fall 2020 academic honors' list includes a total of 837 students, with 366 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average, and 471 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.

### McKinney named to Fall Dean's List

The academic honors' dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Elijah McKinney, of Brodhead, has been named to Campbellsville University's Dean's List for Fall 2020:

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## Scenes from Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Steve Griffin and daughter Makayla had sirens screaming as they rode down Main Street during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



Crystal Rush and her daughter, Kinley Raye, drove down Main Street during the Mount Vernon Christmas parade. Mayor Mike Bryant rode along wishing a Merry Christmas to all.



Dawn Stallworth, along with Xavier and Maryanna, rode through Main Street in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Though the rain held off for the parades, the cold air caused many to bundle up.



Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales drove a department truck down Main Street during the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



Steve Thorn, aka Santa Claus, waved at children and bystanders of all ages during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

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Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook waved at bystanders as he drove down Main Street in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



Jordan Smith, of Rockcastle Weather, waved at bystanders during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade as his grandfather Gary Parker drove the side-by-side. Main Street was lined with vehicles as residents enjoyed the parade.



Kentucky State Representative Travis Brenda drove an antique tractor during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Mayor Walter Lee Cash drove his classic Chevrolet Impala down Main Street in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



One of the many parade participants cruised down Main Street during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade sharing stuffed animals. Streets were lined with spectators enjoying every parade participant.



Sherman and Jennifer Cook cruised down Main Street during the Mount Vernon annual Christmas parade.

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Climax Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Steve Pheanis took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade in one of the department's utility trucks.



Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Mays represented the department as he rode down Main Street during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



The Boreing family joined many who enjoyed the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Cova Boreing (shown here with the stuffed animal) and her brother Ryder wound up with one of the teddy bears that were given away during the event.



Jeff S. Carpenter represented his department in a Livingston Fire Department truck during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



RTEC was represented by volunteers cruising Main Street in one of the transportation vans during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

### A Hillbilly Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas  
 And far from my home,  
 A little bit scared as I traveled alone,  
 I stopped to rest and rented a cabin,  
 Late in the night, unsure what might happen.  
 I settled in quick and went right to bed  
 Happy at last to just lay down my head,  
 When all of a sudden somewhere on the mountain,  
 The Hillbillys began singing, dancing, shoutin'.  
 The sound was like thunder, it woke the whole town,  
 The Hillbillys were having a Christmas Ho-Down.  
 Me in my cabin unable to sleep,  
 Standing in nightshirt and only sock feet.  
 No hope for rest I decided to go,  
 So I dressed myself warmly, and walked out of my  
 cabin  
 And into the cold.  
 Walking in the moonlight on a new fallen snow,  
 Passing through the woods to a place I didn't know.  
 I arrived at the cabin not sure of the time,  
 It was a very big cabin much larger than mine.  
 The inside was well lit and gave off a glow,  
 That shone out the windows and on to the snow.  
 Taking a breath, I knocked on the door,  
 The host was a man I had never seen before.  
 After looking me over, saying get on in here!  
 Once inside I knew I had nothing to fear,  
 Even hillbillys won't shoot you this time of the year.  
 The festival inside was wonderful to see,  
 The hillbillys were happy as happy could be.  
 In the corner an old jug band was playing a song,  
 In the center of the room a great dance going on.  
 I was invited to dance, but danced very little,  
 When I saw a great table just loaded with vittles.  
 After filling my plate and a jar of country wine,  
 I sat with the hillbillys and started to dine.  
 After eating and dancing for most of the night,  
 I realized these hillbillys are really all right.  
 Growing tired and sleepy, and ready to go,  
 I thanked my new friends as I walked out the door.  
 As I headed toward my cabin the stars as my light,  
 I was filled with new hope on this wonderful night.  
 Arriving back home and warm in my cabin,  
 I pondered this night, and all that had happened.  
 Lying in bed, I thought of this place,  
 My heart filled with joy and warmth of God's grace.  
 So for all of earth's people, and all of life's faces,  
 And for those far from home, staying in strange  
 places,  
 I prayed to our Lord on this most Holy of Nights,  
 Take care and watch over us and help us do right.  
 Merry Christmas, God Bless...and to all a Good Night!!  
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Cecil and Judy King took those in attendance back in time with a 1957 Chevy Belair, 2-door hardtop during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, pulled a float through the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 11 joined the festivities during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Eugene McCoy idled down Main Street in his Mustang during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



Lonnie McGuire drove a Camaro down Main Street during the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.



Brindle Ridge Fire Department volunteers joined in the fun during the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.

## Gifting your child a mobile device? What to know

(StatePoint) Does your child's holiday wish-list include a mobile phone or other electronic device? With kids and teens spending more time online than ever these days due to social distancing guidelines and remote-learning, you may feel the time is now to gift them their very own device.

However, as a result of all that additional screen time, families should be doubly sure that kids use their devices safely and responsibly. After the holiday gift-giving excitement settles, consider these tips:

- Driver's safety: While no one should ever text and drive, newer drivers need to be especially mindful of the road and the operation of their vehicle. Have a serious discussion about distracted driving. Cell phone usage was responsible for 12 percent of moderate-to-severe crashes of teen drivers studied by AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety in 2015.

- Extend the device's life: Let's face it, devices are highly breakable and easily lost. Extend the life of your child's device by ensuring the gift is accompanied by a protective case and warranty. Talk to your child about what to do if the device gets wet, and have a backup plan for the event that it's lost and your child needs to reach you. Installing a location monitoring app can help you locate the device in a pinch.

- Set ground rules. A few ground rules can help

ensure your child uses their new device responsibly. These rules may involve schedules for when the device can be used for purposes unrelated to school, as well as limits on what apps and sites your child can access. Talk to your kids about such topics as healthy digital habits, the need for screen-free time each day, and how and why to report cyberbullying and other inappropriate or abusive online behavior.

- Make your rules stick. In so many areas of parenting, creating rules is easier than getting your child to follow them. However, a parental guidance app can help make your digital rules effective. For example, OurPact allows you to remotely set up automated schedules for when internet, apps and the device itself are unavailable. Features include URL whitelisting and blacklisting, daily screen time allowances and iMessage/SMS blocking, helping you ensure your ground rules stick and that all the apps installed on your child's device pass your approval. Available at the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, parents can also sign up for an account at [www.ourpact.com](http://www.ourpact.com).

- Lead the way. Don't text during dinner. Put your phone away when you are driving. Build goodwill and mutual respect by following the same rules you give your child.

If a digital device is in your child's future this holiday season, be sure that gift comes with the know-how to use it safely and responsibly.

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# MERRY Christmas!

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Front row from left: Sam Alcorn, Marcia Olinger, Sandra Hamm, Priscilla Napier and Stephanie Allen.  
Back row from left: Brenda Miller, Brittney Mullins, Kim Denny, Renita Blanton and Eliza Jane York-Hansel.

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# VFW holds annual Christmas dinner/Awards Banquet

The VFW was able to feed about 40 people in the county at their community Christmas dinner/Awards Banquet, as well as hand out awards to county officials, businesses, students, public safety individuals, and teachers.

Those who received awards were: Mt. Vernon Signal, WRVK, IGA, Save-A-Lot, Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Post Commander B.J. Thomason from his members, Bill Barrett for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Steve Griffin for Firefighter of the Year, Traci Storms for EMS worker of the Year, Holly Robinson for High School Teacher of the Year, Sheila Johnson for Middle School Teacher of the Year, Blake McKinney for Elementary Teacher of the Year, Enrique Botellos for

VFW's Voice of Democracy essay contest, and Conor Oldridge for the VFW's Patriots Pen essay contest.

All teachers and public safety individuals not only won their respective title for Rockcastle County, but also won for the VFW's District 11 level which encompasses Rockcastle, Laurel, Pulaski, Whitley, McCreary, Estill, Garrard, Lincoln, Jackson, and Powell counties. They will now be competing at State level, hopefully to advance on to National level.

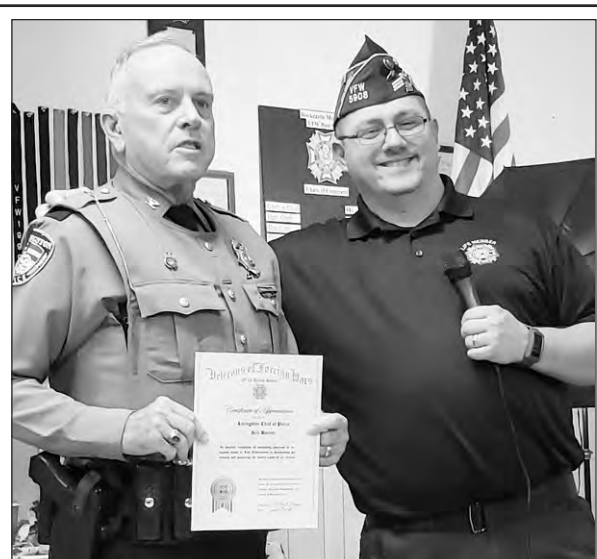
The VFW wishes all the teachers and public safety individuals best of luck as they represent Rockcastle County as they compete for the titles of Teacher of the Year in each of their grade levels, and the Law Enforcement/Firefighter/EMS Worker of the Year, for the State of Kentucky.



Post Commander B.J. Thomason was recognized and received an award from members of the VFW. Presenting the award was Chad Oldridge.



Spencer Bengel, Mount Vernon Signal, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Bill Barrett, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Steve Griffin, Firefighter of the Year, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Sheila Johnson, Middle School Teacher of the Year, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Conor Oldridge, VFW's Patriots Pen essay contest, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



Traci Storms for EMS worker of the Year, and Post Commander B.J. Thomason.



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A big thanks to all the volunteers for the many hours they worked in the cold weather to give joy to others. A special note of thanks goes to Denise May (School Teacher) who traveled many miles most of the day Saturday going door to door handing out hand sanitizer and other items. Note the picture of her attached ribbons and a note around each sanitizer bottle.

We will send the rest of our inventory to our local churches and needy families in Eastern Rockcastle and Western Jackson Counties.

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## Related to COVID-19 pandemic Kentuckians support liability protections for businesses

Kentuckians overwhelmingly support liability protections for businesses related to the COVID-19 pandemic, recent polling shows. When asked if businesses that act in good faith when reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic should or should not be provided protections from lawsuits, 67% agreed that they should while 22% did not support such protections.

Support was mainly even among all Kentucky regions, age, gender, and party registration.

Republicans support liability protections the most at 73%, with strong support from Democrats at 63% and Independents at 65%.

Partnership for Commonsense Justice spokesperson Greg Thomas said, "These poll results show that there is strong support for meaningful COVID liability

protections all across Kentucky. Our elected leaders should take note as we begin the 2021 legislative session."

He added, "Job creators, healthcare providers, educators, and taxpayers understand that in order to get Kentucky's economy back up and running, we must have pandemic liability protections in place for everyone that is opening back up safely. The Legislature must act soon to provide certainty for Kentucky's businesses and healthcare providers."

The poll was conducted by the firm Mason-Dixon and was paid for by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Additional details of the survey are available upon request.

Find more information about the Partnership for Commonsense Justice at <http://kylegalreform.com>.

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from

Rockcastle County Attorney  
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& staff



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# LG&E and KU offer support to fellow utilities

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In a record-setting year, more than 1,200 LG&E and KU employees and resident contractors have responded to support 18 fellow utilities in repairing damage left behind after two ice storms, eight severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, and six hurricanes and tropical storms. These individuals are linemen, vegetation crews, damage assessors and support personnel.

Most recently, more than 150 contract partners returned this month from assisting Alabama Power and Oklahoma Gas and Electric in the aftermath of Hurricane Zeta and an historic ice storm in the Great Plains state. An additional 95 contract partners returned after assisting AEP Ohio and Consumers Energy in Michigan restore service for customers after a significant windstorm swept through their areas.

“In our industry, we know when Mother Nature delivers the worst, it often means we must be at our best to restore power and vital services for these impacted communities,” said Steve Woodworth, director of Distribution System Operations & Planning for LG&E and KU. “This year presented its own

challenges as we all pivot to accommodate necessary pandemic guidelines, and we had employees stepping into and excelling at new restoration leadership roles for the first time.”

Communities across the U.S. are still overcoming impacts from devastating natural disasters that caused more than \$1 billion in estimated damages, and it’s also one of the busiest Atlantic hurricane seasons on record amid a global pandemic. This year marks the second time the official alphabetical list of hurricane names was exhausted, requiring forecasters to use Greek letter names, as hurricane season along the Atlantic coast officially comes to an end Nov. 30.

Before sending crews, LG&E and KU ensure there are ample resources on hand for everything from routine maintenance to emergency situations. The company takes many factors into consideration — including the weather heading toward our service territories — when allocating resources.

This coordination takes place through the company’s participation in Great Lakes Mutual Assistance, chaired by Woodworth; Midwest Mutual Assistance; and the Southeastern Electric Exchange. The company also participates in mutual assistance through the American Gas and Southern Gas associations. These mutual assistance groups represent a collection of utilities

who provide access to invaluable resources and hundreds of crews from more than 20 states when mobilizing for potential large-scale restoration efforts.

In turn, many of these same utilities have offered mutual assistance support to the company when restoring customers’ power following historic storms and weather events that impacted our LG&E and KU service territories.

“We’re thankful to be in an industry where so many partners are willing to lend a hand,” said Woodworth. “This year was no exception, and we know many of these partners would be there if we needed them like in 2018.”

This year’s support posed additional challenges to ensure crews could follow pandemic guidelines and take additional safety precautions. Crews left equipped with necessary safety equipment including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and thermometers. Host utilities provided any additional protective equipment that might be needed. Additional adjustments accommodated COVID-19 precautions: smaller staging sites limited interaction between other, non-LG&E and KU crews; crews worked separately from other utilities; and box lunches replaced buffet-style meals.



*Merry Christmas*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called  
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*Isaiah 9:6*

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## Mamaw's Kitchen



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**WHITE CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT FUDGE**  
 3 C white chocolate chips  
 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk  
 1 C chopped candy canes  
 1 t. peppermint extract  
 1/4 teaspoon sea salt  
 crushed peppermint candies for topping

In a large microwavable bowl, mix the white chocolate chips and the condensed milk together. Microwave for 15 second increments, stirring between each set, until mixture is melted. Should take no more than 1 minute max. Stir in peppermint extract, salt, and chopped candy canes. Pour into a greased, foil-lined 9 x 9 or 8 x 8 baking pan, smooth with spatula, and top with peppermint candies. Allow to cool completely before slicing into 1-inch pieces

**PEPPERMINT LUSH**  
 3 cups sugar cookie or shortbread cookie crumbs  
 1/3 cup butter, melted  
 1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened  
 1 t. peppermint extract  
 1 cup powdered sugar  
 1 container (16 ounce) Cool Whip® whipped topping, thawed  
 1 cup crushed peppermint candy canes or candy mints  
 2 boxes (3.4 ounces each) white chocolate instant pudding  
 3 cups cold milk

bowl, beat cream cheese, peppermint extract, and powdered sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, scraping side of bowl frequently. Beat in 2 cups whipped topping. Stir in 1/2 cup of the crushed candies. Spread over cookie crust. In medium bowl, beat dry pudding mixes and milk with whisk about 2 minutes or until thick. Spread evenly over cream cheese layer. Drop remaining whipped topping by spoonfuls over pudding layer; spread evenly. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. When ready to serve, sprinkle remaining crushed candies on top. Cover and refrigerate any remaining pieces.

**CREAM CHEESE MINTS**  
 3 ounces cream cheese, softened  
 1 t. peppermint extract  
 1/4 cup all-vegetable shortening  
 4 cups powdered sugar  
 Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese, shortening, and peppermint oil with a mixer until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating until well combined. (Dough will be soft and elastic.) Roll dough into small balls and place each ball on prepared baking sheet. Press fork into each ball to flatten. Cover baking sheet with plastic and chill overnight.

*Merry Christmas*



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From left: Katy Chrisman, Marlene Lawson, Crystal Griffin, Christa Taylor, and Ashley Harding.

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## Scenes from 2020 Brodhead Christmas Parade



Brodhead Mayor Walter Lee Cash drove his classic Chevrolet Impala through the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade. Cash purchased the car brand new in 1967.



Kaitlin, Ryder and Pyper Mason, Deborah and Zoey Todd and Sydney Holcomb ride in one of Brodhead Fire Department's vehicles during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. drove down Main Street wishing all citizens a Merry Christmas during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas parade.



Santa Claus and his elf, Patrick, visited with Noah Denney after the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.

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Brodhead Fire Department's Engine 12 made its way through Brodhead during the annual EJ Taylor Christmas Parade.



Bobby Phelps with the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas parade.



Jarred Blair of the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department drove a fire truck through Brodhead during the annual EJ Taylor Christmas Parade. Brylee Mullins rode in the back during the event.



Bryan Mullins of the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department drove the department's all terrain multi-purpose vehicle through Main Street in Brodhead during the parade.



Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department firefighters Brandon and Kim Evans along with their daughters, Jasmine and Olivia Evans took part in the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade driving the MVFD's ladder truck.



RTEC volunteers rode down Main Street in Brodhead during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

# Merry Christmas

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Zach Pheanis with the Climax Volunteer Fire Department made his way down Main Street during Brodhead's annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Kentucky State Representative Travis Brenda drove an antique tractor during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Newly-elected city commissioners Harold Taylor and Teddy Rose drove a classic Chevy through the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Newly-elected Brodhead city commissioner Jerry Adams drove a Jeep decorated for the holidays through the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

### Tips to redeem credit card rewards

(StatePoint) During a holiday season that by all counts will be unlike any other experienced in recent history, shoppers may be looking for creative and nontraditional ways to celebrate and share the festive spirit, while at the same time carefully managing tight budgets in an especially challenging economy.

Offering gift cards during the holidays is nothing new, but the options people have for purchasing and using them are evolving.

Each year, PNC Bank sees a spike in credit card award redemptions during the holidays, and this year, there are more opportunities than ever to exchange points for gift cards without any additional expenses, according to Tammy McIntosh, head of credit card rewards at the bank.

"This year we are seeing more demand as credit card holders are finding new ways to give," she said. "Given social distancing guidelines, there are far fewer holiday parties or other in-person engagements, so some may view awarding gift cards as a way to safely say thank you to a friend, newspaper carrier or hair stylist."

In addition to general merchandise cards that allow recipients to choose their own gifts,

other ideas this year include food delivery services, restaurant certificates for catering small gatherings and subscription services – things that may help the recipient offset costs for basic needs.

"In response to customer preferences, PNC and many other credit card issuers have changed their redemption policies to allow for more flexibility," McIntosh said.

This has been especially true with travel cards, as many are home-bound due to the pandemic's impacts on travel.

"Check with your issuer to see if it has expanded its redemption catalogue for travel card holders," McIntosh said. "Many can now convert their travel points into redemption options for a variety of items, including physical and digital gift cards for retail, grocery stores, drug stores, restaurant takeout and delivery, or even charitable donations."

Further, customers can add value by using their card company's online shopping portals to receive extra rewards through cash back on those purchases.

"Accruing points throughout the year and redeeming for holiday gift cards, merchandise and even cash, for your-

self or as a gift, is as trendy – and easy – as ever," McIntosh said.



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.

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From left: Willis Coffey, Nicole Roberts and John Ford (Not pictured: Jenni Ellis and Robyn Fain)

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Jackie and Cagie McCoy rode down Main Street during Brodhead's annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner pulled a float encouraging recycling through the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade



Brodhead's annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade was filled with classic cars from several decades. Most were award-winning, antiques.



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Jordan Smith, with Rockcastle Weather, stood in the back and waved at the parade watchers as his grandfather Gary Parker drove through the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Cecil and Judy King cruised down Main Street in a classic pick-up truck during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Current Brodhead City Commissioner John Burton drove his Mustang GT through town in the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Jessica, Mia and Devon Cameron of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department rode a side-by-side down Main Street in Brodhead during the annual Christmas parade.



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# Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Getting Motivated to  
Landscape

Getting started on that landscaping project you've been wanting can be like a lot of other things in our lives; we kick the can down the road until we get disgusted or agitated enough to get up and do something.

Having a pretty yard is important to many of us. But, everyone these days seems to want a care-free landscape. Of course, the only care free one is a condominium or apartment where you don't have a yard. (And I assume few of those read my thoughts.)

Making your landscape simple and low maintenance is a good goal, especially if you're busy and rushed all the time. Either make it simple, or hire someone to keep it looking pretty. The lucky folks are those who enjoy the flowers, the gardens and the orchards and actually have the time to spend with them.

If your yard looks like the "black sheep" of the neighborhood, maybe this is the year you find the inspiration to change that. Or, if the whole neighborhood looks bad, maybe if you dress your yard up, some of your neighbors will copycat your actions? I don't know at the times over the years I've been working in a yard and the neighbor next door has a landscaper looking their yard over and giving an estimate! Gotta one-up the neighbors!

So, do you have a pretty yard? Does it have pretty trees and shrubs, and nice lawn grass? Or is it spotty grass, misplaced trees, and a pain to mow? If you have an older home, are the trees and shrubs overgrown, maybe even a threat in a wind or ice storm? Some just get tired of looking at the same yard, and want to mix things up with a new drive, walk, patio or garage, some new trees, and maybe build a pond

or plant a garden. What will stir you to coming up with a plan and then taking action?

A tree threatening to fall sometimes gets someone motivated. A wreck tearing up a fence or killing a tree sometimes stirs a homeowner up. Roots breaking a sidewalk, or salt from the road crews killing some plants, these sometimes induce us to take action. Maybe slipping on a steep slope and nearly getting seriously hurt causes us to plant the bank into something besides grass, or maybe to terrace it with a retaining wall.

For some, a need to sell a home forces us to realize it won't bring top dollar if we don't get it looking better. Others may have moved in a couple years ago, because we loved the fireplace, the kitchen, master bedroom or the basement. And the time has come to deal with a yard we never did like much.

Whatever the final straw is that motivates you and your family, most get around to the landscaping that needs attention sooner or later. It could even be that we are tired or red brick or cream colored vinyl—and something simple as a new paint job and a couple large planters with a shrub or some flowers that coordinate with our new color scheme is all that is required to update our home's appeal.

The best time to plan is actually while it's too cold or too hot to actually be outside working, so why not now?

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max (606) 416-3911 or visit [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)



## Project LIFT Community Sponsors/Volunteers

A huge thank you to our community sponsors and Volunteers for making our 1st "Lift Off to Literacy" event a success! The MVES Literacy Team, teachers Kami Phillips, Cloia Collins, Kara Brown, and Robin Bowman, filled bags with a free age appropriate book, pencils, stress balls, candy, water bottle, cups, and tons of other goodies and gave those away to 350 Rockcastle children! We would like to thank these community sponsors and volunteers for helping to make this a success!

Rockcastle Public Library; Cumberland River Regional Prevention Center; RTEC; Kentucky Cancer Program; Rockcastle County Health Department; Kentucky Farm Bureau; Rockcastle County Extension Office; Rockcastle Regional Hospital; IGA; King Bottling/ Climax Water; MVES Family Resource Center; Climax Fire Department; Angie Parsons-Woods; Morgan Mason with MVES Americorps; Trina Thomas, Eric Eversole, Jeannie Kendrick, Roberta Richards; Thomas Coffey, MVES Principal; Rockcastle LIFT Coordinators Jennifer Mattingly and Wendy King; Rockcastle Storytime Holly Robinson; Our Video Readers; Spencer and Marcos Bengé; Selena Thompson; ALL MVES staff who assisted in the LIFT project; AND OF COURSE Santa Claus, Patrick the Elf, and Mr. Grinch.



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May this great season find each of you in health and good will for your neighbors and families.



Front row from left: Vicky Miller, County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., Wanda Coffey and County Treasurer Joe Clontz.

Back row from left: magistrates William Denny, Shane Thacker, Doug Prewitt, Mike McGuire and Shannon Bishop.



*During season of giving*

## Quarles encourages Kentuckians to keep state's hungry in mind

In this season of giving, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles encourages Kentuckians to remember Kentucky food banks and their partners.

"In Kentucky, there are nearly 700,000 Kentuckians, including nearly 200,000 children, who struggle with hunger," Quarles said. "That means one in seven adults and one in five children in Kentucky lack access to enough food for a healthy, active lifestyle. If you're able, now may be the perfect time to think about donating to a local food bank."

This year's coronavirus pandemic has created an even greater need for food banks and the agencies that support them, as many Kentuckians have found themselves out of work and struggling financially.

By either donating money or volunteering time, Kentuckians can make a difference to those struggling to provide food for their tables.

In addition to money and volunteers, many food banks also rely on food donations from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, processors, growers, trucking companies and community food drives.

In the spirit of giving aid to those in need, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) provided grants in April for refrigerators and freezers to 25 Kentucky food pantries across the state. The cold storage grants enabled food pantries to store more fresh Kentucky-grown produce donated from Kentucky farmers through the Farm to Food Banks program as well as meat, eggs and other frozen and cold-storage products.

The grants were provided by the Department's Hunger Initiative. The program was launched three years ago as a way to fight food insecurity in Kentucky. A first-of-its-kind effort in Kentucky, the Hunger Initiative brings together farmers, charitable organizations, faith groups, community leaders, and government to look for ways to reduce hunger in Kentucky.

In addition to the those grants, in October, the KDA worked to provide even more resources for Kentucky food banks by launching the Kentucky Cheese Cares, which lets consumers join the fight against hunger by purchasing award-winning Kentucky specialty

cheese products at participating Kroger locations. Kroger stepped in as a key operational partner as the state's largest purchaser of Kentucky Proud products. Kentucky Cheese Cares artisan cheeses can be found in select Kroger stores in Lexington, Louisville, Frankfort, Elizabethtown, and Richmond.

Fifty cents from each unit sold is used to distribute Kentucky dairy products through the Feeding Kentucky food bank network.

"At Kroger, we Live Our Purpose, to Feed the Human Spirit, in big and small ways through our Zero Hunger|Zero Waste plan. This is our commitment to help create Communities free of hunger and waste. I am so proud to be able to offer this incredible product to our Kroger customers that allows them to have an easy and local way to give back to their communities by simply buying great food at Kroger," said Ann Reed, President of the Kroger Louisville Division. "The 50 cents that is donated from the sale of each unit provides much needed funding to Feeding Kentucky and further moves our commitment to ending hunger in our communities."

The new initiative increases access to dairy products for food-insecure families, with the added benefit of supporting Kentucky dairy farmers. The Dairy Alliance also provided key support for the project by purchasing the cooler units.

"We are honored to partner with these organizations to help nourish those in need," said Geri Berdak, chief executive officer of The Dairy Alliance. "Dairy farm families care passionately about helping their communities and are honored to give back to their neighbors through the Kentucky Cheese Cares program. We encourage Kentuckians to join the fight against hunger by buying or gifting cheese this holiday season."

The standalone coolers can be found in 10 Kroger stores across the state.

To find out more about the Kentucky Cheese Cares program visit [feedingky.org/programs/cheese](http://feedingky.org/programs/cheese).

Whether it's donating your time, your money or simply buying cheese, consider helping Kentucky food banks help families in need this season.



May you and your family enjoy the many blessings that give true meaning to the holiday season.

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