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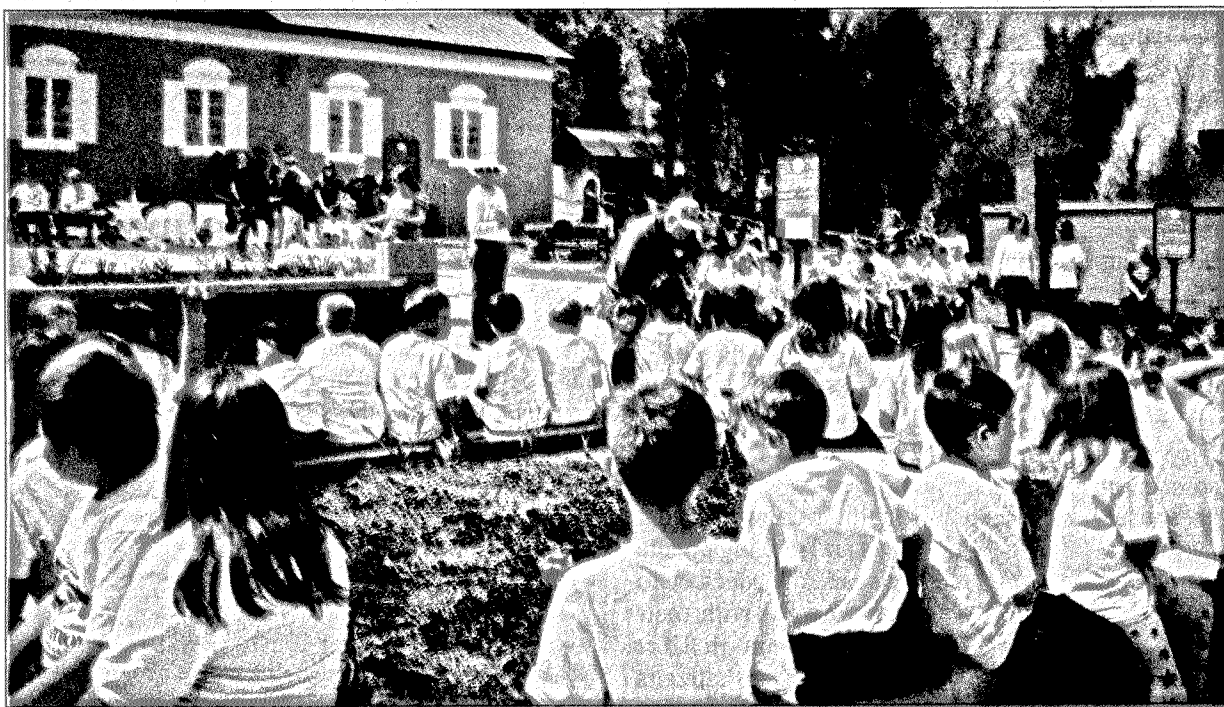
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Earth Day

MVES students playing a part in saving the planet



The new History Garden at Main Street and Richmond Street in Mount Vernon was the site of the 2022 Earth Day celebration last week. Three second grade MVES classes attended the event with Mayor Mike Bryant, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner speaking to them about Earth Day. District Judge Katie Slone read a children's book focusing on the Earth.



By: Mike French
Editor

A lot of hands played a part in putting together Rockcastle County's 2022 Earth Day celebration last week at the Mount Vernon History Garden and new Chamber of Commerce office on Richmond Street. The event brought local dignitaries to greet MVES second graders

and gave officials the chance to talk to the youngsters about the celebration.

Earth Day began in 1970 and has since grown to be celebrated by countless nations and has become a celebrated event throughout the United States.

This year, the Chamber of Commerce had help from Solid Waste

Coordinator James Renner, Climax Water, the Kiwanis Club, Rockcastle Arts Association, District Judge Katie Slone, Rockcastle Garden Club, the City of Mount Vernon, RCMS teachers Kim Hacker and Hillary Whitaker, MVES second grade teachers Charon Burton, Jamie Bryant, Julie Asher and Blake McKinney, Vitalize

Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum, Kroger, Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, the Environmental Club, UNITE, the FFA Club, Ag officers and Hallow Springs Organic Farm, among others.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Judge/Executive

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Mother admits to heroin use

Child calls 911 afraid of mother

By: Mike French
Editor

According to an arrest citation, Casey Ballinger, 33, of Mount Vernon was arrested Monday after her son called 911 and reported that his mother was on drugs and he was afraid she would hurt them.

The citation says Ballinger has four chil-

dren, a 10 year-old son, a 10 year-old daughter, a six year-old son and a five year-old daughter.

One of the sons called 911 Monday afternoon reporting that he was afraid and police immediately rushed to the home on Lone Oak Road in Mount Vernon

Upon arrival, police (See "Mom" on A6)

Man steals cruiser while being detained

By: Mike French
Editor

A 29-year-old Michigan man stole a Mount Vernon police cruiser and sped away and then crashing into another vehicle on Friday, April 22.

According to a uniform citation, Miles Hubbel, 29, of Detroit, Michigan was spotted by a 911 caller on I-75 holding a tire wrench and walking in and out of traffic. Shortly after the report, a representative of Thoroughtruck Towing told police that he had given a ride to the suspect and dropped him off at Bishop's Tire Service in Mount Vernon.

Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk, Mount Vernon Police Assistant Chief Joe Rush and MVPD officer James Royal then located Hubbel standing next to his car, which he had apparently left at the local business before venturing onto the interstate on foot. Royal says that after he arrived at Bishop's tire, he witnessed Hubbel

placing a large amount of cash into his vehicle's console.

K-9 officer Brian Maupin was called to the scene where the dog per-

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RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Ribbon Cutting change

The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Farmers Market building on Richmond Street, beside the Teaching and Learning Center, has been changed to Thursday, April 28 at 4 p.m.

Among countless dignitaries, Agriculture Commission Ryan Quarles is expected to attend.

The public is invited to attend.

Livingston City Hall Closed

Livingston City Clerk Amanda Thomas has announced that City Hall will be closed until May 9 while paperwork is being completed.

City Council

Blast in the Valley discussed

By: Mike French
Editor

If the Mount Vernon City Council has the last word on the subject, due to rising costs, there will be no inflatables, games, vendors or music at the Blast in the Valley Event in 2022. However, the event would include the hugely popular annual fireworks show.

The Blast in the Valley has become a staple event in the county as a "way to give back to the community," according to Mayor Mike Bryant. The event was cancelled in 2020 and this year the company who provides the event says the cost has risen

from \$30,000 to \$43,000. The event was discussed during the regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City

Council last Tuesday night at which two councilmembers, Shelly Raines Lewis and Sharon Saylor, continue to wear

a mask.

When the Blast in the Valley event began, the cost was split evenly between the City of Mount

Vernon, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the Rockcastle County Tourist Commission, ac-

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City to address local vacant buildings

State of the county address

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce held their annual State of the County Address last week, providing the three county mayors, County Judge/Executive Hal Holbrook, Jr. and State Representative Josh Bray an opportunity to address chamber members.

However, of the three mayors in Rockcastle County, only Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash was present.

Judge/Executive Holbrook addressed issues involving the entire county, Kentucky State Representative and City of Mount Vernon consultant Josh Bray

Chamber hosts luncheon

spoke on behalf of Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, while Livingston City Clerk Amanda Thomas spoke for Mayor Dwane King.

The meeting began with comments from Cash who said he is the oldest mayor in the state of Kentucky. Cash said Brodhead has changed since he took over the reins over 24 years ago. "We have come a long way," he said. "When I took over we had one fire truck and a backhoe. Now we have five fire trucks and all the emergency equipment you would ever need and

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Ed's Note: It was a surprise to me when, last Wednesday, I glanced at my ramblings column in the 4/21 issue. That column had been written the week before and, during the writing, I began feeling poorly and decided I didn't care for the direction the column had taken. I then informed Paige there wasn't going to be a column that week. Imagine my surprise when I realized that I had put that column in the drop box (our connection between office computers) instead of the one for 4/21. Paige normally reads behind me, in an effort to keep us all out of the political prison in Washington, D.C., but she didn't that week and readers got a terrible column. I apologize profusely. I can honestly attribute it to a senior moment (because I'm definitely a senior, and then some). Anyway, this week, I'm publishing the column I wrote for 4/21 with a couple of additions. pma

A federal judge in Florida has overturned Biden's airport/public transportation mask mandate and it immediately sent leftists into a tizzy fit. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently extended the mandate, which was due to expire in April, to May 3rd.

A federal judge in Florida overturned the mandate for all domestic flights and select international flights and leftists immediately began attempting to discredit her, since she was a Trump appointee. Besides being a Trump appointee and a clerk for Justice Thomas, they are attacking her on grounds of inexperience on the bench and her lack of handling trial cases.

What they forget is that commonsense is commonsense, I don't care if you're 5, 15, 25 or 35 -- as this judge is.

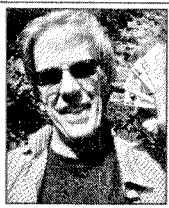
Airplanes have great ventilation systems and if 10s of thousands of people could sit shoulder to shoulder every week to watch college and professional football games maskless and the elite can party hardy maskless and, guess what?, anyone wanting to can still mask up, then what is the problem?

I only wear masks where I am forced to, i.e., hospitals and doctors' offices and even though I know it is somewhat psychological, I'm gasping for air the entire time and I spend a lot of time aggravated because I'm trying to figure out what nurses and doctors are saying to me from behind their masks.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Unfortunately for Democrats, about 150 million Americans believe in freedom. Of course there are degrees of freedom so there are differing opinions about it, even among those who love the idea of freedom.

Liberals have proven beyond all doubt, over the past decade or so, that they believe freedom is a terrible idea and that people are too stupid to make their own choices in life.

Most every idea that Liberals cry about, limit the ability of humans to make choices in life or to be what they wish to be. Democrats have become so afraid that some little cry baby is going to get their feelings hurt, that they try to force people to be someone they are not. So Conservatives have

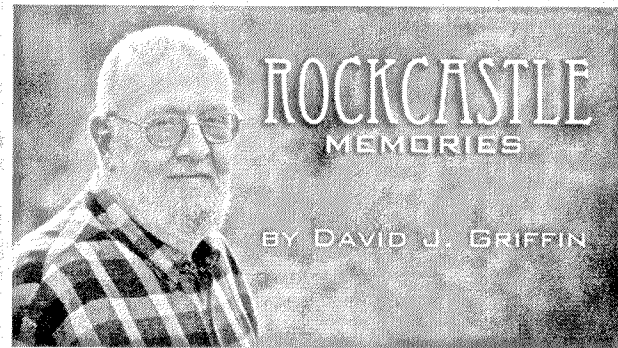
fought them a lot over the years and made attempts to keep American citizens free. Then along came the scared little rabbits, like Mitt Romney, who campaigned as a Republican and then joined forces with Liberals after he got elected. Hopefully, Utah Republicans will see to it that he couldn't win a hometown race for street sweeper now that we see his true colors.

Anyway, Elon Musk is making an attempt to buy twitter because he feels it should allow freedom of speech, you know, that whole First Amendment idea. That idea has blown the hats off the heads of Liberals across the country.

Once these far left wing Liberal media outlets began to see that Donald Trump was fixing things and making people free again, they decided to move forward with their biggest dream in life: "Stop American citizens from being able to say what they are really thinking." They know the sheep-like qualities of this latest, petted generation. The generation who thinks the world owes them something just because their parents were too selfish to teach them they have to earn their own way in life and the parent is the boss instead of the child.

This bunch of liberals do not want to hear the truth if it is contradictory to what they want to believe. This bunch of liberals want to live their life unoffended and taking what others earn and they certainly can't do that if

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Gunsmoke

For most of my life, I have been a fan of the television show, Gunsmoke. My wife and I are frequently found in front of the television weekdays at 3:00 pm in order to enjoy this old western focusing on the trials and tribulations of Dodge City and its U.S. Marshall, Matt Dillon.

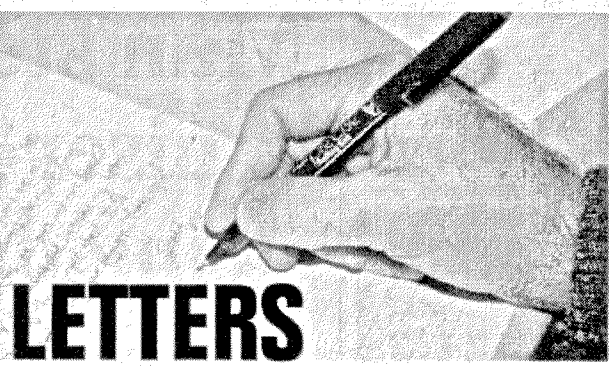
Surprisingly enough, my wife had never watched the show. I guess she did not belong to one of the many families who used to gather together for weekly viewings. We actually began watching the formerly popular show

during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Gunsmoke was television's number one ranked show from 1957 until 1961. The show was initially aired in black and white from 1955 until 1966. It was broadcast in color from 1966 until 1975.

The series ran for 20 seasons (1955-1975) and lasted for 635 episodes. James Arness played Matt Dillon and Amanda Blake was cast in the role of Miss Kitty, owner of the local saloon. Millburn Stone played Dr. Galen

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

Thanks to ALL those who contributed to the Earth Day Celebration including the following:

Lynn Tatum; RCHS Environmental Club & sponsor; RCMS FFA & sponsor; RCMS United Club & sponsor; 2nd graders from MVES, teachers & aids; Rockcastle Recycling; Citizens Bank; Community Trust

Bank; King Bottling/ Climax Water; Kiwanis Club; Soil Conservation; Hallow Springs Organic Farm; Judge Katie Slone; Kroger; Rockcastle Arts Association; City of My Vernon

Nancy Mullins

Rockcastle Garden Club

Election mess...

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter because America's elections are a mess. A friend of mine told me a personal story where he was involved while in the Army. I will not mention his name, nor the town or state where he lives. This was back in the 1990s.

He had become an Army Ranger and he was part of a special group that had been assigned to the CIA. At that time the CIA was very interested in an election that was upcoming - in Venezuela. They wanted to make

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



Edna

Dear Journal,

As some already know, Stanley's sister, Edna, passed away on March 27 following a variety of illnesses. Stanley and Dale, her remaining brothers, made a special trip to see her only days before she passed. It seemed that she started going down right after they left for home. I believe that she was holding on in order to see her brothers one last time. I didn't get to go but I'm so very glad that they did.

Through the years of being married to Stanley, I got to know Edna very well and thought the world of her. She was one of the best and dearest

people I ever knew. She really loved her family and loved to come back home when she could. She would come to a family reunion at least once or twice a year and if she was well enough and the weather permitted, she would come for Thanksgiving or Christmas. When she would come home she usually brought me a little something and maybe something for Stanley, too. She knew what I liked and we have things from Edna in probably every room of the house and I have some clothes given to me by her. She certainly was very generous.

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Margie Wilcop

At the inaugural meeting of the RCHS Alumni in April, 2021, these words appeared in the welcome, "Through these hallowed halls have passed teachers and educators, professors and provosts, police officers and law enforcement, military men and women who've served on battle fronts around the world, scientists and researchers, authors and artists, lawyers and judges, bankers and bank presidents, small business owners and entrepreneurs, ministers and missionaries, sports stars, hall of fame athletes and coaches. And like those who had the courage to push through the frontier and forever change the United States of America, alumni of RCHS have and continue to make an impact on our community, our Commonwealth, our great nation and all around the world. So, there is much to celebrate and much to reminisce here tonight." (April 24, 2021)

What was left unsaid in this tribute is that those

who have passed through the hallowed halls of RCHS and on to outstanding careers and achievements were taught, inspired and mentored by some extraordinary teachers and staff. Men and women who dedicated their life to invest in these young women and men.

Among the brightest and most inspiring of the myriad of teachers who have taught at RCHS is a former choral teacher. "Sing your Song" is a quote that defines former Rockcastle County High School Choral teacher, Margie Wilcop.

She is, without any doubt, a beautiful, talented, inspiring teacher who shines brightest as a ROCK STAR.

She is gifted with an amazing musical talent to sing, perform, and accompany on the piano. These gifts along with a love for young people helped her direct, inspire and motivate a generation onto extraordinary successes in music and other careers!

Margie Wilcop began her 27-year teaching career in the Rockcastle county school system in the early 1960's teaching typing and business classes. She earned her Bachelors and Master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. In 1964 she organized a glee club and the following year, 1965, began teaching music to four elementary schools in the county. In the fall of 1972 Rockcastle County High School began after the consolidation of the three county high schools. Mrs. Wilcop accepted the teaching position at RCHS as the music teacher and choral director.

On a personal note, I would like to add that Chorus was by far my most favorite class throughout my three years as a student at RCHS. I'm not alone in stating that Mrs. Wilcop soon became many of the student's most favorite teacher.

She invested her charm, charisma and love for music into each class and each student.

As students we loved her innovative teaching methods and her introduction to us of new and various types of music.

Her dedication resulted in many state competitions followed by many of her students making All State Chorus and choral champions.

My brother Earl Lewis Hammons and one of his best friends, David Craig, were some of the first to not only sing in All State Chorus, they also participated in the Nationally renowned "America's Youth in Concert." This was a high school choir made up of choral students all across America. They sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City and toured Europe with performances in London, England among other stops.

In her seventeen years at the helm of the music department at RCHS, Mrs. Wilcop inspired many other students who went on to become music teachers, choral directors, band directors, worship leaders, members of church choirs, praise band participants, musicians, performers and outstanding vocalists. Some of which returned back to Rockcastle county to continue and build on her foundation of excellence in music.

Margie Wilcop has been married to her sweetheart, Johnny Wilcop, for 61 years, April 23, 1961. Out of that Union we're born two children, Johnna Dell Wilcop Ward (who is an amazing music talent, accompanist, teacher and choral director in her own right). Johnna is married to Jim Ward.

They have two sons, Tyler Benton Ward and James Micah Wilcop Ward. The Wilcop's also have a son, Christopher Neal Wilcop.

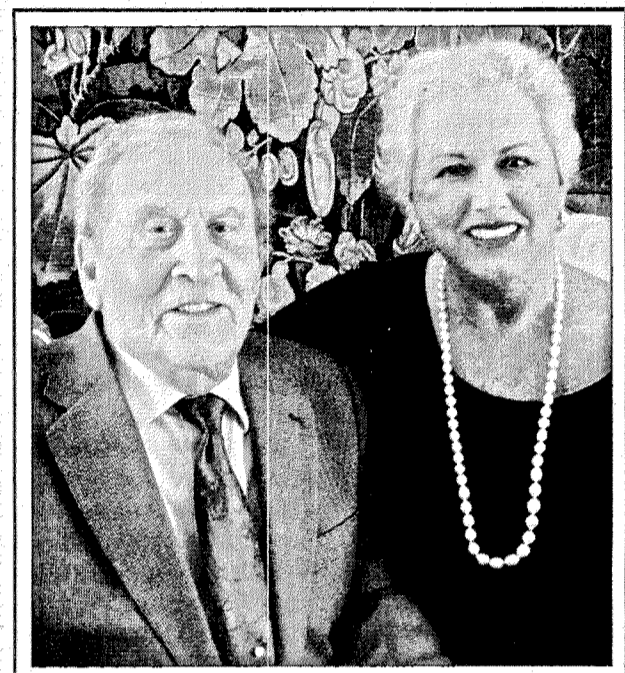
Mrs. Wilcop retired from Rockcastle County High School in 1989. But a teacher of her high caliber never retires completely. She continued for many years after her high school teaching days teaching private voice and piano lessons. Mrs. Wilcop also led the music at Brodhead Baptist for 50 plus years.

She and husband, Johnny, continue to reside in Brodhead, Kentucky where she continues to "sing her song." Her song has been heard

by so many people in our Rockcastle community, our Commonwealth, our great Nation and literally around the world. What a beautiful song it is.

I speak for the hundreds of students you inspired and a grateful community, "Thank You" Mrs. Wilcop for inspiring the Rockcastle community with your amazing song!

At this years Rockcastle County High School annual reunion, a group of nearly 30 (1973-1986) former Castle Chorus students sang in a tribute to Mrs. Wilcop. It's a goal of many to use this reunion as a catapult to having a Community Chorus, so stay "tuned."



Johnny and Margie Wilcop were married April 23, 1961

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, May 2nd: Child Development, Seek n' Learn, Lisa's Little People, Tic-Toc Preschool. **Tuesday, May 3rd:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

LF&R Soup Bean Supper and Cake and Pie Auction

Livingston Fire & Rescue will host a Soup Bean Supper and cake and pie auction on Friday, April 29th, beginning at 5 p.m. at their building at 9254 Main St., Livingston. All candidates are welcome to this event. Donations for the auction are appreciated.

Kiwanis Club meeting
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

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.

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY Contact 859-308-8900

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead: 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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.

Letters

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sure that the election went according to their plans, so they had an assignment for the Rangers; they were to deliver - get this - election machines to Venezuela for the people there to use on Election Day. Guess what? This guy won. His name? Hugo Chavez.

Guess what happened to those machines? They were brought here for the 2020 election. We all know what happened after that, don't we?

If we are ever to have free and fair elections again, we MUST throw out the voting machines. They are all tainted.

Beverly Wentzel
Crab Orchard

Vote Bishop...

Dear Editor,
My name is Sydney E. Hines Saylor. In 2014, I wrote a letter to the editor promoting my grandfather Doug Bishop for Rockcastle County Judge/Executive. The citizens of the county gave him a chance and thankfully with the help of the fiscal court a lot of progress was made in four years. They renovated the Livingston Gym for everyone to be able to enjoy. They acquired the land for the Family Dollar and Marathon gas station in

Livingston. They donated money and land to DAR for the Veterans Park. They also acquired a state grant for the Ag. Building in Brodhead.

During my senior year of high school, many of my fellow classmates wanted to leave the

Memories

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Adams, while Ken Curtis starred in the role of Festus, a character whom my wife has come to love.

When the Gunsmoke series opened in 1955, my mother (Bee) and I were living in her small home, adjacent to her parents. Bee and I arranged our schedules to make sure we could spend some time with Marshal Dillon on Saturday nights at 10:00 pm on the CBS network. That show was broadcast in black and white; it finally moved to Mondays at 7:30 pm in its 13th season.

Lots of senior citizens have returned to the show. My wife's father, John Scott Jones, began watching Matt Dillon again even before he was moved into a nursing home. Often, when we visited his room, he would say, "Sit down and watch Gunsmoke with me." He was quiet and

county graduation day because we don't have anything to do here. In the past 3 1/2 years the current administration has done nothing to change that. We have lost fellow citizens, we are going backwards. It's time for a change. It's

focused on Matt Dillon as he performed his Marshal duties.

We have been both surprised and delighted to see how many famous actors have made appearances on the Gunsmoke shows. The list includes the following: Dennis Weaver, Burt Reynolds, Betty Davis, Jodie Foster, Mariette Hartley, Buddy Ebsen, William Shatner, June Lockhart, Slim Pickens, William Hoppper, and Rory Calhoun. But there are also many others, whose young faces it sometime takes a moment to accurately recognize.

In 2013, Marshal Trimble, board president of the Arizona Historical Society, documented that Matt Dillon's character was shot at least 56 times, knocked unconscious 29 times, stabbed three times, and poisoned once. I am sure, after all

time for real leadership. It's time for progress. It's time we, as Rockcastle Countians, stand up for what we believe in. A vote for Doug Bishop is a vote for our future. Thank you

Sydney Saylor

these years, that I witnessed most of those attacks. As my folks used to say, he was as tough as a pine knot!

Gunsmoke was the longest running, primetime, live-action series at 20 seasons, until September 2019 when Law and Order took over that spot.

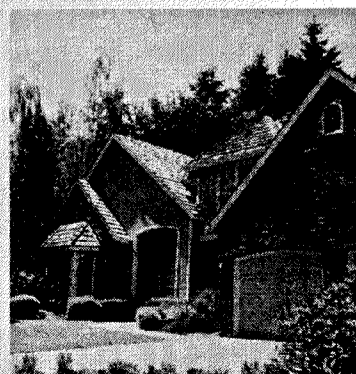
For almost 70 years, I have been a fan of the Gunsmoke television series. My opinion of Matt Dillon had largely remained unchanged over his 20 seasons. I will admit though that I think the writers robbed us all when they did not allow Matt and Miss Kitty to finally get married. After all, we all like a happy ending—maybe now more than ever.

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Obituaries

Elmer Paul Burdette

Elmer Paul Burdette, 84, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, April 19, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Rockcastle County on August 15, 1937, a son of the late Logan Burdette and Martha Ellen Cornett. He was united in marriage to Edith Brooks on January 11, 1958. From that union came three children, Raymond, Beverly, and Regina. They enjoyed 53 years together prior to her passing on May 30, 2011. He then married Mary Faulkner on May 3, 2014. He spent his life as an auto mechanic, and a business owner. He was well known for his hardware business, Burdette's Hardware, where he enjoyed meeting and building friendships with new people. He was a member of Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church, and in his free time loved going camping and going on scenic drives.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of eight years, Mary Faulkner Burdette of Brodhead; his children, Beverly Harrison (Tim) of Berea and Regina Looney (Jerry) of Brodhead; his step-children, Patricia Lewis (George) of Livingston, Donna Pigg (Alvin) of Brodhead, and Matthew Faulkner of Livingston; step-son-in-law, Richard Barnes of Livingston; six grandchildren, Julie Burdette, Melissa Ramey (Jason), Brian Bullock (Rebecca), Jonathan Burdette, Ashley Harrison, and Carissa Stallworth (Teddy); two great grandchildren, Jagger Stallworth and Brody Bullock; close friends, Jim Bussell, JR Johnson, and Randal Adams; as well as a host of numerous step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his first wife, Edith Brooks Burdette; a son, Raymond Burdette; a stepdaughter, Tammy Faulkner Barnes; and siblings, Clayton, Rufus, and JB Cornett, Betty Moore, Cecil and Elsie Burdette, and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church with Bros. Randal Adams, Scott Adams, and Tommy Miller officiating. Burial was in Saylor Cemetery.

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

Mayme Barron

Mayme Lou Barron, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Lincoln County on August 28, 1947, the daughter of John Elbert and Grace Ella Bunch Perry. She was a retired nurse's aide and homemaker and was a faithful member of Sand Springs Baptist Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and enjoyed sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Fred Barron. From that marriage came her children, Joseph Lester "Joe" Barron and wife Patty, and Lisa Ann McKinney and husband Jimmy, both of Mt. Vernon, and Jenny Lou Cooper and husband Stuart of Waco; four grandchildren, James Barron, Brandon Barron, Steven McKinney, and Tim McKinney; and 10 great grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Freddie Perry and Mike Perry and two sisters, Wanda Mullins and Charlotte Jean Denney. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Jerry Perry and Delbert Perry and a baby sister, Francis.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Eugene Gentry and Zandell Hasty. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brandon Barron, James Barron, Jerry Barron, Jimmy Barron, Steven McKinney, and Tim McKinney. Honorary pallbearers were: Jimmy McKinney and Stuart Cooper.

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

Marshall "Matt" Traugott

Marshall "Matt" Traugott, 57, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, April 8, 2022 at his home, after a courageous fight with cancer. He was born October 13, 1964 in Richmond, the son of Mrs. Betty Cornelison Lindblom of Mt. Vernon, and his late fathers, Lewie Traugott and Hans Lindblom. He was a woodworker, enjoyed fishing, motorcycles, helping strangers and his family, was a Kentucky Colonel, loved his dogs, and animals, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors, besides his mother are: five brothers, David Traugott, Christopher Traugott, Carl Lindblom, Monte Lindblom, and Dano Traugott; and one sister, Karin Lindblom. Besides his fathers, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Rhonda French Traugott.

Arrangements are by Cox Funeral Home and will be at a later date.



Hazel Fern (Falin) Stewart

Hazel Fern (Falin) Stewart, 85, of Orlando, died at her home on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born July 31, 1936, in Pine Hill, a daughter of the late Elmer and Vula (Clark) Falin. She was united in holy matrimony to David Lewis Stewart on August 27, 1955, and from that union came six children, Lewis, Vonnice, JoAnn, Elmer, Davy, and Sammy. They enjoyed 64 years together prior to his passing in July 2020. She was a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Lewis Abney and Susie of Tell City, IN, Vonnice Wilder of Orlando, JoAnn Fredricks and Kenny of Brodhead, Elmer Stewart and Vonda of Orlando, and Davy Stewart of Orlando; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; a brother, Carl Falin of NC; two sisters, Marilyn Kates and Juanita Falin, both of Brodhead; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, David Lewis Stewart; a son, Sammy Stewart; three grandchildren, Elmer Stewart, William Mason, and Catherine Greene; two great grandchildren, Brayden and Jack Greene; and siblings, Dorothy Prince, Wanda Grimes, Judy Gray, Patricia Falin, and Herman Falin.

Services were held at Brush Creek Holiness Church on Sunday, April 24, 2022 with Joe Spivey and Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial was in Clark Stewart Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Nathan, Jalon, Elmer, and Jacob Stewart, Nathaneal Barnett, and Lewis Abney. Honorary casketbearer was Jason Stewart.

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

Flossie (Barron) McFerron

Flossie (Barron) McFerron, 84, of Brodhead, died Sunday, April 24, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born in Rockcastle County on May 7, 1937, a daughter of the late Harvey and Pearly (Swinney) Barron. She married Andrew McFerron on September 29, 1953, and from that union came one daughter, Helen. They enjoyed 67 years together prior to his passing on May 9, 2021. She was a member of First Church of Jesus Christ in Sand Springs. She believed in the Lord and praised Him even when she didn't have the breath to breathe.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Helen Doan of Brodhead; two grandsons, Benton (Melissa) Doan, and Andy Doan; great grandchildren, Christa (Jessie) Renner, Megan Doan, Cager Doan, Kaiden Doan, and Tava Doan; great great grandchildren, Avery and Addy Renner, Jason Doan, and Trevor Johnson; a sister-in-law, Fannie Barron; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Andrew McFerron; siblings, Robert Barron wife Geniva, Raymond Barron and wife Doris, Daniel Barron and wife Locie, Altie McFerron and husband Billy, Anna Mae Anderson and husband Wilmer, and Ervin Barron; son-in-law, Carl Doan; and granddaughter, Missy Johnson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Wendall Martin officiating. Burial was in the Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Joe and Jerry Barron, Cager and Kaiden Doan, Jessie Renner, and Scottie McFerron. Honorary casketbearers: Benton and Andy Doan, and Eli Price.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Skaggs Creek Cemetery Fund.

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

Shelia Kay (Gibson) Hayes

Shelia Kay (Gibson) Hayes, 55, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, April 16, 2022, at Cornerstone Hospice House in The Villages, FL. She was born in Pulaski County and was the daughter of Anna (Sellers) Gibson and the late Arnold Gibson of Mt. Vernon. She was a resident of Eagles Nest in Fruitland Park, FL.

She was blessed with: a great partner, Glenn "Mike" Hayes; two daughters, Kayla Hayes and Jessie Hayes; along with three sisters, Mae (Shawn) Heath, Evett Bullock, and Emily (Jason) Cromer; two nieces, Sarah and Melissa; and one nephew, Jaxson.

A service will be held at a later date/time.

Condolences and flowers can be sent to: Kayla/Jessie Hayes at 2042 Corporate Drive, Richmond,



Sherry Decker

Sherry Lynn Decker, 69 of Orlando, died Sunday, April 24, 2022 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on January 25, 1953, the daughter of Delbert and Lucille Kidwell Stewart. She had been a welder for Tokico Industries.

She will be greatly missed by: her daughters, Mabelle Decker-Callahan and husband Eddie of Mt. Vernon, and Tina Blanton and husband Rodney of Lake Wylie, SC; her grandchildren, "Love you more, Mamaw", Chris Decker and wife Kylie, Brandon Bussell, Drake Callahan, Aaliyah Blanton, and Holden Blanton; her great grandchildren, "Love Mamaw Sherry to the moon and back", Brantley Jones, Leyton Decker, Nora Bussell, and Lorelei Bussell; and four brothers, Jerrol Stewart and wife Panna of Richmond, IN, and Ray Stewart and wife Regina, Randy Stewart, and Rob Stewart, all of Orlando. She is also survived by her long-time partner, Stanley Adams and his daughter, Sherry, and his grandson, Tyler. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie Decker; a great grandson, Lynnox; and Stanley's daughter, Chrystal King.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matthew Griggs. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stanley Adams, Holden Blanton, Rodney Blanton, Brandon Bussell, Drake Callahan, Eddie Callahan, and Chris Decker.

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Virginia (Jones) Barron

Virginia (Jones) Barron, 58, of Livingston, died Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born January 10, 1964, in Laurel County, a daughter of the late Jr. and Flossie (Overbay) Jones. She was of the Pentecostal faith, and enjoyed crocheting, reading her Bible, and spending time with her friends and family. She and Ricky Barron were united in holy matrimony on October 1, 1981.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 40 years, Ricky Barron of Livingston; two children, Kerri Abrams, and Rick Austin Barron, both of Livingston; two grandchildren, Alex and Kayla Abrams; two brothers, Jeff Jones, and Carlos Jones and Renea, Leavon; two sisters, Barbara Smith and Danny, and Christine McClure and Bobby; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter Lee, James, and Donnie Jones.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 28th from 4:30-8 p.m. Funeral service will be Friday, April 29, 2022, at 2 p.m. with Phillip Doan officiating. Both will be held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.

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

Douglas Holt

Douglas Wayne Holt, 63, of Dayton, OH, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022. He was born in Dayton, OH on March 28, 1959, the son of William Gene and Ruth Adams Holt. He had been a tow truck driver.

He is survived by: a son, Douglas Holt, Jr. of Tampa, FL; a daughter, Terri Turner and husband Jason of Dayton, OH; and two brothers, Terry Holt of Dayton, OH and John Holt of Beaver Creek, OH. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Christian, Jeremy, Ruthy, Roseanne, Azaria, Jonathan, Jr., Curtis, Lee, and Crystal. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Mack and Gary Holt.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 23, 2022 in Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ben Brewer, Jerry Wayne Holt, Jonathan Holt, Sr., Jonathan Holt, Jr., Terry Holt, and Jason Turner.

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As a sidebar to the mask mandate, in 2008 Dr. Anthony Fauci co-authored a paper about the Spanish Flu Epidemic. This epidemic rates as the most devastating modern pandemic. It swept the entire planet in the wake of WWI and caused millions of deaths (including my own paternal grandfather's).

Dr. Fauci and his colleagues found that most of the victims of the Spanish Flu didn't die from the Spanish Flu, they died from bacterial pneumonia and the bacterial pneumonia was caused by wearing masks.

And even knowing this paper, that he co-authored, is in the public venue, this man has still advocated masking everyone for C-19. If it doesn't make you stop and think about his motives, it should!!

Another sidebar, The CDC is urging Biden's DOJ to appeal the end of the mask mandate.

There was a shooting at a South Carolina mall this weekend, 14 people were seriously injured, and a 22-year-old black male was later arrested. His bond was set at \$25,000. The charge? Unlawful carrying of a pistol. He can leave his home wearing an ankle bracelet. So, he can shoot up a mall on the weekend and still make it to work on Monday (assuming he works). Meanwhile, hundreds of political prisoners have been rotting in a D.C. jail, for over a year, primarily for trespassing, go figure.

Judicial Watch is reporting that Mexican drug cartels are flying thousands of drones at the southern border to keep an eye on US law enforcement to facilitate human smuggling and drug trafficking and to smuggle small amounts of drugs into our country.

A senior Homeland Security official told JW that Mexican drug cartels have conducted more than 9,000 drone flights into U.S. airspace in the last year to surveil federal, state, county and city agencies near the Mexican border. The border patrol has captured about a dozen of the drones.

The government should be encouraging landowners at the border to shoot down the drones and paying them a bounty for each one disabled.

And, back to the COVID kick, a second Global Covid Summit has been announced for May 12 at the White House. The summit's aim is to "bring solutions to vaccinate the world for everyone, everywhere."

They're not giving up folks so if you're determined not to be vaccinated, you can either join the postal service, become homeless, be an illegal immigrant or just continue to be a stubborn holdout.

If you're unvaxxed, be glad you don't live in Rhode Island. Democrat senators there have created a bill that would double the income tax for parents of unvaxxed children, fine the unvaxxed \$50/month, fine companies \$5,000 month for each unvaxxed employee and require the approval of three doctors to get an exemption.

From the "I'm not really surprised department." Apparently, more female prisoners in New Jersey jails are pregnant since male trans inmates (now identifying as women) have joined them...who could have guessed this would happen?

California has made it legal to murder a baby after birth up to one month old. You know, what used to be called Infanticide?

And, The Satanic Temple filed a lawsuit recently on constitutional grounds against Northern Elementary School in York, PA, according to local ABC outlet KTUL.

The lawsuit seeks to litigate whether the school board discriminated against the organization by not allowing them to start an after school club when other organizations are allowed to, claiming a First Amendment right.

It seems someone is forgetting that schools, by and large, took out all reference to God years ago but now, a Satanic club wants to be included?

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced that Florida's

special session, in addition to congressional reapportionment, will include ending Disney's tax privilege and special exemption status.

Disney recently sided with leftists over a Parental Rights Law which, among other things, keeps Florida schools from teaching pre-K through third graders about gender identity and sexual orientations. Disney has reportedly been hit hard in the pocketbook by Disney+ cancellations and significantly less park attendance.

Since this column was written, the Florida House and Senate both passed the bill which eliminates the special district that allows Walt Disney Co. to self-govern its Orlando-area theme park and it was sent to Governor DeSantis for his signature. The bill is slated to take effect June 1, 2023.

The special district which consists of 25,000 acres and a 40 square mile area, allows Disney to self-govern by collecting taxes and providing emergency services. They are also allowed to build new structures and pay impact fees for such construction without approval of a local planning commission.

As a final thought, here is an interesting take I wanted to share with you all.

First we overlook evil.
Then we permit evil.
Then we legalize evil.
Then we promote evil.
Then we celebrate evil.
Then we persecute those who still call it evil.

--Author unknown

Aces

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the population is allowed to say it is unfair out loud.

They created a group of people who will seek out Conservative values and Republican ideas and block them. Shut them down and stop them from speaking the truth.

It was a brilliant idea to call them "fact checkers" because that name gave the sheep of America the idea that differing opinions must not be "facts." They believe you are obviously wrong if someone called a "fact checker" disagrees,

right? Since our new generation of Liberals is so easily convinced of ludicrously, they would fall for the name hook, line and sinker.

Seeing how easily the people are convinced of most anything, the name "fact checker" was born. The actual truth is they remove the facts and only allow propaganda. Yes, they locate and recognize facts all right. But that is exactly what they block from Twitter.

So Musk says he plans to fix that and allow free speech again. Apparently he is going to allow everyone to speak. Even the propaganda-spreading Liberals.

But Democrats are blowing fuses all over America at the idea that Conservatives may be allowed to point out ridiculous hypocrisy in Democrat policies. Clearly, they don't want you to be allowed to hear opposing ideas.

For those with a 3rd grade education, or more, it should be pretty easy to see all this is true just through the fact that Republicans agree with Musk and Democrats hate the idea. That makes it pretty obvious that only Democrats don't want you to know both sides of any story.

Now ask yourself, why would an entire party believe it is a good thing to stop their opposition from speaking? If you admit the truth, that in itself is proof beyond all doubt that they know they are not supporting the will of the people. If they were it would not matter what

others say.

Notice, Republicans want everyone to speak.

No Republican likes Musk's plan because he would block Democrats from speaking. That has never been his goal. They like him because he will let every side speak. It's called freedom.

I am glad I was raised with moral values and Christian ethic beliefs. I would hate to be constantly afraid to let anyone who disagrees with me speak their thoughts out loud.

Instead, we believe in freedom of speech. You know, that whole First Amendment thing.

T.J.s

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In the back of her mind, she always wanted to move back home. She has even had Stanley and me to look into prices and availability of rental houses and apartments over the years. We wanted her to move in back at the old Cook farm, but none of it seemed to work out for her. She was a soul divided between her family in Virginia and her family here in Kentucky.

This past Saturday the 23 of April, she got to come home for the last time. Her children, Jeff, Susan, Gina and Donnie brought her ashes from Virginia and she was laid to rest at an old family cemetery, the John Griffin Cemetery at Red Hill. It was a small impromptu

service. Only close family were there. Her brothers Dale and Stanley were there, Dale's sons Sherman and Darren, Darren's wife Torrie and Dale's fiancée, Tobie. Larry's daughter, Angie and her boyfriend were there. Edna's dear cousins Cathy and Diana and daughter, Jennifer, were in attendance. Cathy's husband, David had made and installed a beautiful bench at the cemetery with a plaque attached. It was made from white oak wood from the old Cook farm. We all loved it and I know it would mean a lot to Edna. There was a friend or so in attendance but I'm not certain of their names. I don't intentionally want to exclude anyone.

Edna's son, Jeff, slowly began to dig a small hole to receive the little black metal box of ashes. Just before inserting the small box of ashes, he led our family in a short prayer. Cathy began to sing "Amazing Grace" with some of us joining her. There was a gentle breeze blowing as it carried the somber tone of grieving and blended voices over the familiar hills of the origins of the Cook family. It was just the kind of service Edna would have loved and would have enjoyed the beauty and heartfelt sincerity in it. Edna was now at home with her ancestors. Welcome back home, Edna. We all love you.

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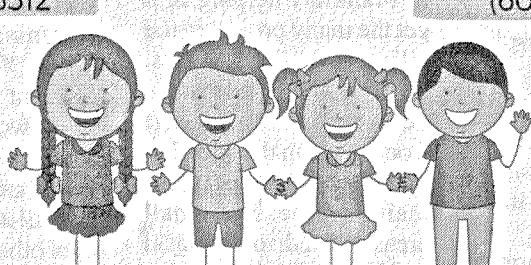
Hello to the voters of Rockcastle County's 3rd district. My name is Richard Dickie Martin. I am a life long resident of the 3rd district, growing up in Willailla and having lived in Mareburg for the past 25 years. My wife Merita and I have been married 31 years and have two children, Drew and Allie.

On May 17th you, the people, will have an opportunity to elect a magistrate to represent you on the fiscal court. If I am elected, I can promise you that I will work as hard as I can to ensure that you, the people, will have a voice when it comes to important decisions. Such as better roads, right of ways, and more parks and recreation facilities for everyone. Working together we can move Rockcastle County forward.

Your vote on May 17th, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Richard Martin

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“Earth”

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Howell Holbrook, and Renner, each spoke to the students about Earth Day and encouraged them to practice Earth Day activities that will help the environment.

Nancy Mullins organized the event.

The students sang Earth Day songs and received gifts from the Solid Waste Department and Kroger as well as other organizations who took part in the event.

Judge Stone read an Earth Day children's book to all the kids and then provided them with a gavel pencil and Mullins presented awards to children from each class.

The 72 degree, sunny day provided the perfect backdrop for a day of learning about the earth and how to take care of it.

"These are good lessons for these kids and I am glad to see them excited about this information at this young age," said Holbrook.

Tatum said she expects the event to become an annual celebration. "This was the perfect place to have the celebration today. It brings attention to our new history garden and our chamber office and provides invaluable lessons for our youth," she said.

“Mom”

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discovered the four children outside and gained entry into the home where they say conditions "were horrible."

After repeatedly calling for the mother and getting no response, police entered the home and found Ballinger asleep in the bedroom. The report says Ballinger did not awake until officers reached the bedroom.

Once the mother was taken outside, police discovered a baggie with eight needles inside and Ballinger admitted to using Heroin, the report says.

The children were removed from the home and two were placed with the father while two were placed with their grandmother.

Ballinger was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and endangering the welfare of a minor.

No bond was set at press time.

“Cruiser”

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formed a free air sniff of the vehicle and then indicated the presence of illegal drugs, the citation says.

While his vehicle was being searched, Hubbel jumped into officer Maupin's police cruiser and sped away on Richmond Street and turned left onto Main Street at a high rate of speed. Police gave chase immediately.

However, Hubbel then crashed into another vehicle, abandoned the police cruiser and fled on foot into a wooded area near US 25, according to the citation.

The citation says a police dog was inside the stolen cruiser as Hubbel sped down Main Street.

Police then located Hubbel in the wooded area but he refused to show his hands and a struggle ensued.

Hubbel was eventually subdued, handcuffed and placed in custody.

Police then went back to Bishop's Tire Service to finish searching the vehicle in question where officers located a pill bottle with suspected methamphetamine inside. Police also located a meth pipe and a large amount of cash in the vehicle.

Police say damage to the stolen cruiser was mini-

mal and neither Hubbel or the K-9 were injured in the crash.

Hubbel was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with wanton endangerment of a police officer, theft by unlawful taking, resisting arrest, public intoxication, criminal mischief, trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash.

“County”

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anything for repairing water lines. I'd say we have done well in our time."

Cash said he and his wife of 67 years have enjoyed their terms in Brodhead. "We are still growing a little every day and I think we will keep right on growing."

Thomas then spoke for King, who was not present due to health issues. She told the large crowd of the recent growth in Livingston, including the new Marathon Station and the Family Dollar Store and mentioned several of the established businesses, including Rockcastle Outdoor Company and Jason Medley's Barber Shop. The clerk discussed some of the tourist attractions available, including boating and the Christmas festivities as well as Thanksgiving events and the Red Bud Ride.

Bray spoke for Bryant who was not present also due to illness. Bray said this would have been Bryant's last state of the city address since he is retiring from government service and will not campaign for re-election.

"Mayor Bryant has made a huge mark on Mount Vernon. One that will last for generations to come," he said. "He has been proactive in tourism and has created a lake complex that has become a staple of Mount Vernon tourism." Bray continued to list Bryant's accomplishments as mayor and his countless projects that he has brought to fruition while refusing to increase local taxes. "Mayor Bryant is a mayor that will forever be a part of the City of Mount Vernon," he said. Bray listed the countless grants that Bryant was able to obtain for the city and many of the projects that developed from those funds.

Bray then addressed the crowd as state representative and informed those present of the millions of dollars he was able to get approved in the Kentucky legislature during the last session. "I would think there has never been a budget as good for Rockcastle County as the one that was passed last week," he said. In fact, thanks to Bray's work, about \$60 million will be coming to Rockcastle County from the 2022-23 budget.

Bray mentioned the new natural gas line coming to Mount Vernon, Crab Orchard, Brodhead and Renfro Valley, as well as the KY 461 widening project and the new RCMS building. However, Bray gave credit to others as well. "One thing I discovered in Frankfort is that you can't get anything done by yourself," he said. "It takes relationships and dedicated people right here in the county taking part and taking action to get things done." Bray said Holbrook, Superintendent Carrie Ballinger and others spent countless hours in Frankfort helping him get the many project in the bills that would later pass.

Bray explained that the new redistricting left Rockcastle in the 71st district and the county remains whole. But small areas of Madison, Pulaski and Laurel County are also

now in the district.

Bray continued to express the help he received from Senator Brandon Storm and Senator Jared Carpenter and said the biggest game changer may be the natural gas line. "I don't think anyone has the slightest idea how much the gas line can do for Rockcastle County," he said. "This opens doors to big manufacturing and any other type of business. We have no limits to our potential as of this budget."

Chamber President Steve McKinney then closed the ceremony informing the crowd that the new chamber office will be located at the Rockcastle History Garden. A grand opening event will be scheduled once the move into the building is finalized.

“City”

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ording to Raines. However, over the years the cost became divided equally between the city and the county while the Tourist Commission only organized the event. For the last event the city paid \$15,000 for its half of the expense, according to Mayor Bryant. This year, the city would be required to pay about \$21,500, half of \$43,000. That idea did not sit well with the council.

The issue had previously been addressed at the April fiscal court meeting where Magistrate Shane Thacker suggested the court pay the additional costs saying, "we need to have this event, our children really enjoy that event." But Magistrate Shannon Bishop requested the court table the issue until the City of Mount Vernon makes a decision about how they wish to proceed with their share of the expense.

"We were really waiting to see what the fiscal court did about the rising costs but they have deferred to us," said Mayor Bryant Tuesday night.

Councilmember Jamie Bryant said she feels the inflatables, musical performances and other expenses could be paid for by other entities and the city and county should split the cost of the fireworks only. "I would have no problem with having only the fireworks," she said. "It would not hurt my feelings to do away with the inflatables and just hold the fireworks show."

Councilmember Jim Bowman asked why other entities aren't helping with the expense of the event. "I'd like to know what the Tourist Commission is doing to try to help with this cost," he said. "Are they holding fund-raisers and applying for help or do they have booths at other events to raise Blast in the Valley funds?" he asked.

Lewis asked if the tourist commission charges for booth space at the event but those present were not certain.

Councilman Clifford Mullins asked who the funds go to when the city pays its half. "Does that money go to the company or to the tourist commission or to a Blast in the Valley Committee or what? I think the Tourist Commission should be much more involved in this process and should be here now," he said. Mayor Bryant said the donation goes to the Tourist Commission and then they pay all the bills involved in the event. It was pointed out during the meeting that the Tourist Commission pays the Mount Vernon Fire Department \$400 for the full day of work, parking control and other duties throughout the event.

Mullins said he supports other entities paying their fair share. "I say we

should just sponsor the fireworks and then other entities can sponsor what ever they wish to have at the event," he said. "I am willing to support the fireworks but tourism or the board or the committee or whoever can sponsor whatever they want to add to it."

Lewis also pointed out the city now donates \$20,000 to the newly created Food Truck event. "That is an expense we didn't have before," she said. "I am not inclined to raise what we give for the Blast in the Valley that much."

There was no cost breakdown available to the council so the actual cost of the fireworks without the other attractions was not known.

After more discussion, Councilmember Bryant made a motion to provide half of the \$30,000, or up to half of \$32,000, for the fireworks only. "Whatever the fireworks cost, up to \$32,000, we can pay half of that," she said. "Then we will let others pay for other expenses at the event."

Mullins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

In other action, Hospice Volunteer Nancy Mullins asked the city for a donation to the Hospice organization. Though the center is in Richmond, Rockcastle County residents go to that facility when Hospice's service is required. Mullins provided a passionate plea for any funds the council felt the city could afford.

Upon questions about the city's financial status, City Consultant Josh Bray said "The city is in good shape. The money is there and Hospice is a 501-3C organization so that donation is perfectly allowable with city funds. The council should just decide what you want to give. It won't cause an issue financially."

Councilmember Bryant

made a motion to provide \$10,000 per year. No time limit was set but the council can vote to stop the donation at any time in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

In more action, Bowman asked the council what the city can do about the many abandoned and dangerous buildings within city limits. "I am seeing more and more transient people and we need to do something about this now. I saw a person asleep on the ground against a sign just today," he said. "What do we do about all these abandoned buildings on Main and Richmond Street and throughout the city? Do we just let them sit there?"

This prompted a lengthy discussion on the subject of planning and zoning and the current nuisance ordinance as well as the need for a city building inspector.

Mayor Bryant responded. "When you have no Planning and Zoning Committee, this is what you get," he said.

City Attorney Bobby Amburgy entered the conversation saying he believes there needs to be something in place to deal with such issues. There was discussion concerning creating a City Building Inspector position, some talk of adjusting the current nuisance ordinance to cover the issue, talk of adding an ordinance addressing the issue and discussion of a planning and zoning committee. Lewis mentioned adding utility bills to rent costs so that building owners would be responsible for maintaining the utilities, keeping property in better condition, and many other possible solutions were discussed. However, all councilmembers and guests seemed to agree that the problem needs to be addressed immediately.

Though Mount Vernon does not have a Codes Or-

dinance, Bray and Amburgy agreed the city can adopt the state building codes and apply them locally. The council asked Amburgey to investigate and prepare a document for possible approval that would give the city authority to deal with abandoned buildings and the homeless presence.

Bowman said he is concerned if nothing changes, the apparent growth the city is about to experience may be halted. "With the gas line and the developments and all the projects going on here, we may hit a brick wall when people come to our growing, developing city to find all these abandoned buildings and transient people," he said.

Bray agreed. "We do need to put our best foot forward right now," he said. RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, also present at the meeting, agreed that the area is about to grow in a huge way. "We need to be prepared for what is coming now," he said. "I'm telling you, do whatever you need to do as long as we maintain our spirit of cooperation and get ready to make some hard decisions about the growth and development that we are about to experience."

Amburgy said he will have a document at the next regular meeting to address the issue of abandoned buildings and transient people.

VanHook also informed the council of the success of the new Farmers Market building. "Our first event there went perfectly and everyone has been pleased with the building," he said. The structure is available for rent to anyone for about \$25 per hour or \$150 for a full day.

Having no further business, the council meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

ELECT Doug BISHOP JUDGE - EXEC.

Rockcastle Countians, We must do better!!

- Since 2010, we have lost 4.51% of our population.
- We are ranked 70th in Kentucky in population
- 20% of our population is below the poverty level.
- We have lost too many young families to other counties and states.
- We have too many people having to drive out of our county for work to support their families.
- We are losing our young people because they see other places offer more for their families.
- We have 283 less students in our schools in 2021 than we had in 2010. This is a great financial loss for our schools. $283 \times \$4,000 = \$1,132,000$ (one million one hundred thirty two thousand) less dollars for our schools.

This is not progress. We need real progress!!

We must invest in Rockcastle.

Our children are our greatest gifts and assets.

Elect someone who sees the hurting families of our county and the needs of our citizens.

On May 17th,

Elect Doug Bishop County Judge/Executive

Your vote and support is greatly appreciated

Paid for by Doug Bishop



Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
 State Representative
 Lawmakers focus on
 improvements
 Kentucky's K-12
 education system

While we finished the 2022 Regular Session, I hope to continue using this space to keep you updated on the important legislation we passed during the 60 day session. One of the main focuses of the General Assembly this year was education. We passed a budget with record funding for



schools, resources for teacher pay increases, and monies to replace old school buildings and build new vocational facilities.

We also passed several key pieces of education legislation, and here are just a handful of examples:

Reforming Public Education: SB 1 gives superintendents final approval over curriculum and principal hiring decisions. The legislation requires school districts to provide 10 days of paid leave to staff who test positive for COVID-19, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. The measure also includes provisions that identify histori-

cal primary sources that public schools must include in their curriculum – documents that include the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.; and speeches by U.S. President ranging from Franklin Roosevelt to Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan. SB 1 ensures students are being taught American History through important documents, which will then further preserve the history of our great state and country. It is important to update our outdated public school systems with new regulations which will keep with times to come, and that is exactly what SB 1 will do.

Focusing on Student's Mental Health: This year we passed a measure, HB 44, which allows excused absences for student's mental or behavioral health during the school year. We have seen our children's mental health suffer because of the COVID-19 pandemic and this measure helps remove any barriers students might currently be facing. I am proud to support this legislation because we are opening up a conversation about the importance of addressing students' and their mental and behavioral health.

The Wyatt Act: HB 517 makes participation in the Legislative Page Program an excused absence from school. The page program is an integral part of the legislative process, with students of all ages coming to the State Capitol and helping legislators for the day. The pages that make their way to the Capitol every day during session learn a valuable lesson about the legislative process.

Early Learning Initiative: The Read to Succeed

program helps promote early literacy in schools and will help students develop key skills. This year's budget allocates \$11 million to fully fund HB 226 and children can learn the skills necessary to succeed. The goal of Read to Succeed is to ensure that every child in Kentucky will be able to read by the third grade. It would implement the use of evidence-based reading strategies, a reading universal screener, reading diagnostic assessments, and training for all K-3 teachers.

Alternative Education Programs: HB 194 provides that a student enrolled in a district-operated alternative education program shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma under certain conditions. It allows students who are unable to graduate and who meet other specific criteria to immediately begin work-

ing on their General Education Development (GED) certification. The measure ensures that young Kentuckians can earn their GED as quickly as possible so they can enter into the workforce.

Empowering Parents at School Board Meetings: HB 121 gives parents more access and input in their children's education. The bill ensures local school boards set aside at least 15 minutes at each meeting for community members to provide input. Before the legislation was signed into law, education boards could cut down on public comments at their

meetings. School board meetings are open to the public, so it is key parents are getting time to speak about what their children are being taught. HB 121 ensures parents have a say in classroom instruction and giving them back their voices when it comes to their children's education.

As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website www.legislature.ky.gov.

Roundstone Elementary Parent SBDM Nomination Form May 3 - May 16, 2022

Parent members of the SBDM Council must be the parent, stepparent or foster parent of a child who will be enrolled at the school during the term of office. Legal guardians are also considered parents if the child lives with them. Parent members may not have a conflict of interest as defined by KRS Chapter 45A, which deals with doing business with the district. They must not be Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, relatives of Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, or members of the district school board or spouse of district school board member. Parents employed at other schools in our district and their relatives may serve as parent members of our council. For this purpose "relative" is defined as either a father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law. The Parent Teacher Organization shall oversee the election of two parents to serve on the council. These parents shall be selected during the month of May each year. All parents (except those previously excluded) who will have children attending Roundstone Elementary School during their term shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the council. All parents who will have children attending the school are eligible to vote in the parent elections.

The term of office begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023.

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

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. You must then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Melinda Osborne by Monday, May 16, no later than 3:00 p.m. Voting ballots may be completed by any individual that is eligible to vote, in the main office on Wednesday, May 18 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

I would like to nominate _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Phone _____

as a parent member of the Roundstone Elementary SBDM Council for the school year 2022-2023.

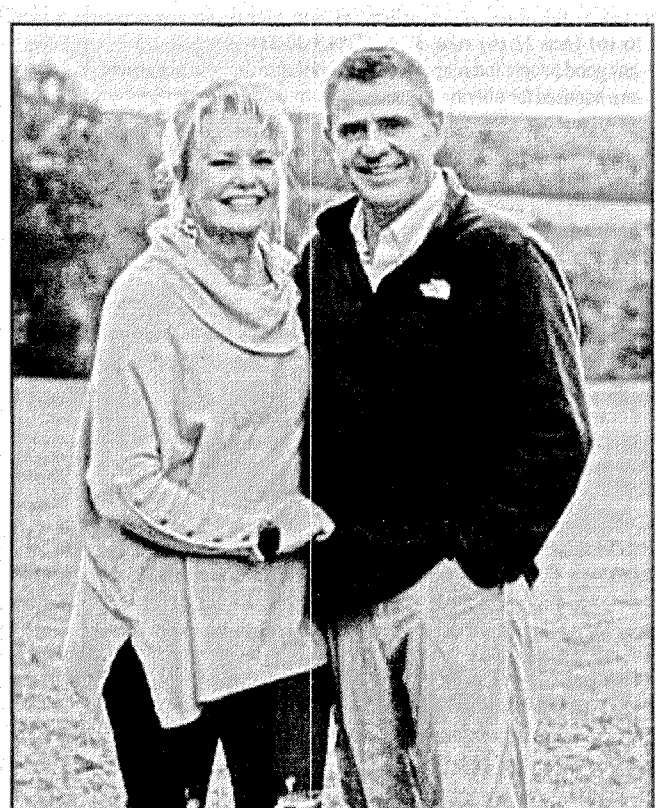
Signature _____

Date _____

I am Anthony Asher and this is my wife, Julie Dowell Asher. I am running for Rockcastle County Property Valuation Administrator.

The primary duty of the PVA is to fairly assess the value of property. This is where I come in. I have 28 years of banking experience with thousands of loans under my belt. There was not a day that went by in all those years that I was not reviewing or performing property assessments. I did it on a daily basis and promise to be fair and conservative in my assessments as your PVA.

I humbly ask for you vote and influence in the upcoming election in my bid to become your next PVA.

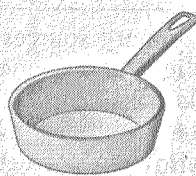


Paid for by Anthony Asher



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BAKED REUBEN DIP

1 jar (32 ounce) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
10 ounces sliced deli corned beef, chopped
2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
1 cup mayo (I used Miracle Whip)
1/4 cup Russian salad dressing
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 13 X 9 glass baking dish. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients. Transfer baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with crackers.

MINI REUBENS

1/2 cup sauerkraut, well-drained
1/2 cup mayonnaise
8 ounces thinly sliced corned beef, chopped
1/3 cup chili sauce
4 ounces shredded Swiss cheese
30 slices cocktail rye bread
Heat oven to 350°. Combine all ingredients except bread in large bowl; mix well. Spoon 1 tablespoon mixture onto each slice cocktail bread. Place onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until cheese is melted and filling is hot. Serve warm.
TIP: To make ahead, prepare as directed, but don't bake. Layer between slices of waxed paper and refrigerate until ready to bake.

RUEBEN LOAF

2 cans (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
1 cup finely chopped cooked corned beef
1 cup well-drained sauerkraut
1/2 cup Thousand Island or Russian dressing
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 egg
1 tablespoon water
Heat oven to 375°. Spray large cookie sheet with cooking spray. Unroll both cans of dough. Place rect-

angles of dough side by side on cookie sheet with long sides together. Press into 15 x 12-inch rectangle, firmly pressing perforations and seams to seal. Place corned beef evenly in 6-inch wide strip lengthwise down center of dough. Top with sauerkraut. Spoon dressing evenly over sauerkraut. Sprinkle with cheese. With kitchen scissors or sharp knife, make cuts 1 and 1/2 inches apart on long sides of dough rectangle to within 1/2 inch of filling. Twisting each strip once, alternately cross strips over filling. Bring short ends over filling and press to seal. In small bowl, beat egg and water. Brush dough with egg mixture. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until deep golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Cut into crosswise slices.

• Cemetery Notices •

Maple Grove Cemetery

We are asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone that would like to help may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove account. Donations may also be sent to Penny Cameron at 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409

We will be at the cemetery Friday through Sunday, May 27-30. We are asking anyone with a family member buried in the cemetery, please help us keep it up. If everyone would give a little, it wouldn't hurt anyone.

You may call 606-758-4489 for more information or to make a donation. We would like to thank everyone that has given and the ones that will give. Please don't let us down. Every dime given goes for the upkeep of the cemetery.

McKinney Cemetery

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, May 29, beginning at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. There will be an election of three committee officers.

Donations can be made for the upkeep of McKinney Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. Checks or money orders, payable to McKinney Cemetery please. No cash will be accepted.

If you are not able to attend the Annual Meeting, you may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Roberts Cemetery

Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Spring Revival

Mareburg Baptist Church will hold their Spring Revival beginning Sunday, May 1st and continuing through Wednesday, May 4th with services at 7 o'clock nightly.

Bro. Eddie Nation, senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Centre, Alabama (and a former pastor at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon), will be the guest evangelist.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend these services.

Prayer/Faith Walk

Christ's Discipleship Ministries will host a Prayer/Faith Walk at the Depot in Livingston on Main St. on Friday, May 6th beginning at 6 p.m.

If you feel the need to intercede for this county, state and nation, we need you to join us. Everyone is welcome. Pastors, if you want to see a great change in your congregation, bring your flock and come help tear down denominational hinderances.

For any questions, call Jeff Cromer 66-308-1314 or Randy Thompson 606-308-5451.

James SMITH VOTE
for
CONSTABLE
Rockcastle County 4th District
Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

Responsibilities of the aged men and of the aged women

Titus 2:1-8

Are we, as parents, grandparents and members of the church, teaching our children about God? Are we too busy? In Titus 2, it is our responsibility to do so!

It is told in Vs 1, But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: we must teach them from the Word of God.

Vs 2 To the aged men, That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. To the aged women, Vs 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed. It is even the responsibility of the young men in Vs 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

We must take teaching the young seriously. In today's world, they need our guidance, example, love and, most importantly, our time.

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Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Un-Baptized

There is just one baptism the Bible recognizes and that is immersion, there are no places in the Bible where pouring or sprinkling was used for baptism. (Eph. 4:5) There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

Many good people are unbaptized because they have not been immersed in water. We find (Acts 8:36) a going unto the water, (Acts 8:36) A going down into the water, A burial, (Rom. 6:3-4) A resurrection (Col. 2:12) A new birth (John 3:5) And a coming up out of the water (Acts 8:39). If one has not been baptized as God says, then he has not been baptized at all, in the sight of God. For there is but one baptism (Eph. 4:5)

A lack of teaching hinders many good people from being baptized. (Matt. 28:19) Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them. Christ put teaching before baptism. His teaching calls for an understanding heart, to come before conversion, (Matt. 13:15). Therefore, man cannot be ignorantly converted.

Many good upright people are unbaptized today, because they have not been taught, it is a necessity, in order to obtain forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Many have been taught it is a Christian duty, rather than a command to be obeyed in becoming a Christian. The very fact that if one is baptized scripturally, he never has to do it again is proof that it is a command to the alien sinner instead of one who is already saved. (Mk.16:16) (Acts 22:16) (Gal. 3:27) (1Pet.3:20-21)

Many good people today are unbaptized because they did not repent, they were baptized for ulterior motives which would render their baptism null and void. (Luke 13:3) Unless you repent ye shall perish. (Acts 17:30) God commanded all men everywhere to repent.

Many are unbaptized today, because they received something called baptism when they were infants and they go through life thinking they were baptized, when an infant cannot be baptized, because he cannot comply with the conditions of baptism, teaching, (Matt. 28:19-20) belief (Mk.16:16) and repentance, (Acts 2:38).

Voting on candidates for baptism has hindered many from being scripturally baptized. Adding people to the church is a right that belongs only to God. (Acts 2:47) It is man's business to baptize and God's business to add to the church.

No one voted on the eunuch before Phillip baptized the eunuch, (Acts 8:35-38). Did this man of God do right or wrong, he was being guided by the Holy Spirit? No were in the scriptures were people voted on to see if they were worthy to become members of the church. Voting is a man-made tradition, were members of churches try and play God.

Procrastination hinders many good people from being baptized. It hindered Felix (Acts 24:25) Felix trembled and answered go thy way for this time, when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee. When I have more convenient season, I will call for thee, (Is the theme song of many lost souls.)

Thank you for reading this article, if you would like to get in touch with me, give me a call or e-mail at the listing below. Remember to watch our videos, on our website and Facebook.

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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

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

Volunteers needed for emergency shelter training

Christian Appalachian Project's Disaster Relief Program is offering a free, 3 hour training for anyone interested in helping run an emergency shelter when families are displaced from their homes due to a natural disaster. You only need to sign up for one training session on either May 3 or May 4, 2022. Please register in advance to save your spot. CAP's Disaster Relief Program has a memorandum of understanding with Powell, Rockcastle, and Jackson Counties to open a shelter when necessary. Many trained volunteers will be needed to assist families in need.

WHEN: May 3, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon (lunch provided), Mission Groups/Disaster Relief Office, 496 Williams Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (Rockcastle County)

WHEN: May 4, 2022 from 9 a.m. to noon (lunch provided), The Louis T. Foley Mission Center, 6134 KY-80, Martin, KY 41649 (Floyd County)

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Rockcastle County Sheriff

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In addition to the other duties of the Sheriff's office we have:

- Responded to more than 4,000 calls for service in 2021*
- Accurately, and honestly, collected and disbursed more than \$10 million in tax revenue and franchise fees (approved by state auditors)
- Hired a detective for undercover drug and criminal investigations, who is currently working with a federal drug task force.
- Implemented and maintained a new courthouse/court security program that includes metal detectors and surveillance cameras.
- Worked or assisted with completion of over 500 vehicle accidents.*
- Transported 63 emergency involuntary mental health patients (at an average of 5-6 hours per patient).*
- Obtained, through grants and the help of the fiscal court, three new patrol vehicles.
- Conducted Child and Adult Protective Services investigations with the Cabinet for Families and Children.
- And, remained under budget, returning money to the fiscal court at the end of the year.



I am asking for your Vote and Support to continue to protect and serve the citizens of Rockcastle County

With Faith, Prayer and Work, we will continue to build a legacy for future generations.

Paid for by Shannon Franklin

*Data provided by Rockcastle County 911

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Five Facts About the United States Drought Monitor

This is likely no surprise to you, but drought persists across the western U.S. and is intensifying in some areas. No geographic area is immune to the potential of drought at any given time. The U.S. Drought Monitor provides a weekly drought assessment, and it plays an important role in USDA programs that help farmers and ranchers recover from drought.

Fact #1 - Numerous agencies use the Drought Monitor to inform drought-related decisions.

The map identifies areas of drought and labels them by intensity on a weekly basis. It categorizes the entire country as being in one of six levels of drought. The first two, None and Abnormally Dry (D0), are not considered to be drought. The next four describe increasing levels of drought: Moderate (D1), Severe (D2), Extreme (D3) and Exceptional (D4).

While many entities

consult the Drought Monitor for drought information, drought declarations are made by federal, state and local agencies that may or may not use the Drought Monitor to inform their decisions. Some of the ways USDA uses it to determine a producer's eligibility for certain drought assistance programs, like the Livestock Forage Disaster Program and Emergency Haying or Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres and to "fast-track" Secretarial drought disaster designations.

Fact #2 - U.S. Drought Monitor is made with more than precipitation data.

When you think about drought, you probably think about water, or the lack of it. Precipitation plays a major role in the creation of the Drought Monitor, but the map's author considers numerous indicators, including drought impacts and local insight from over 450 expert observers around the country. Authors use several dozen indicators to assess drought, including precipitation, streamflow,

reservoir levels, temperature and evaporative demand, soil moisture and vegetation health. Because the drought monitor depicts both short and long-term drought conditions, the authors must look at data for multiple timeframes. The final map produced each week represents a summary of the story being told by all the pieces of data. To help tell that story, authors don't just look at data. They converse over the course of the map-making week with experts across the country and draw information about drought impacts from media reports and private citizens.

Fact #3 - A real person, using real data, updates the map.

Each week's map author, not a computer, processes and analyzes data to update the drought monitor. The map authors are trained climatologists or meteorologists from the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (the academic partner and website host of the Drought Monitor), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and USDA. The author's job is to do what a computer can't - use their expertise

to reconcile the sometimes-conflicting stories told by each stream of data into a single assessment.

Fact #4 - The Drought Monitor provides a current snapshot, not a forecast.

The Drought Monitor is a "snapshot" of conditions observed during the most recent week and builds off the previous week's map. The map is released on Thursdays and depicts conditions based on data for the week that ended the preceding Tuesday. Rain that falls on the Wednesday just before the USDM's release won't be reflected until the next map is published. This provides a consistent, week-to-week product and gives the author a window to assess the data and come up with a final map.

Fact #5 - Your input can be part of the drought-monitoring process.

State climatologists and other trained observers in the drought monitoring network relay on-the-ground information from numerous sources to the US Drought monitor author each week. That can include information that you contribute.

The Drought Monitor serves as a trigger for multiple forms of federal disaster relief for agricultural

producers, and sometimes producers contact the author to suggest that drought conditions in their area are worse than what the latest drought monitor shows. When the author gets a call like that, it prompts them to look closely at all available data for that area, to see whether measurements of precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and other indicators corroborate producer-submitted reports. This is the process that authors follow whether they receive one report or one hundred reports, although reports from more points may help state officials and others know where to look for impacts.

There are multiple ways to contribute your observations:

1. Talk to your state climatologist - Find the current list at the American Association of State Climatologists website.

2. Emails sent to droughtmonitor@unl.edu inform the USDM authors.

3. Become a CoCoRaHS observer - Submit drought reports along with daily precipitation observations to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network.

4. Submit Condition

Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) go.unl.edu/CMOR.

For more information, read our Ask the Expert blog with a NDMC climatologist or visit farmers.gov/protection-recovery.

Committee Meeting Date: May 4th 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

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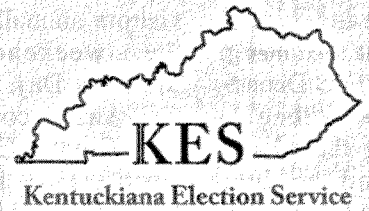
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PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FOR ALL PRECINCTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 17, 2022

Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot is May 3rd



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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for One)

Joshua Wesley BLANTON SR

Charles BOOKER

Ruth GAO

John MERRILL

ALL PRECINCTS

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT

ALL VOTERS

DISTRICT JUDGE

28th Judicial District

1st Division

(Vote for One)

Benjamin "B.J." HARDY

Dylan GORSKI

William LEGER

ALL PRECINCTS

SAMPLE BALLOT

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Vote for One)

John SCHIESS

Tami L. STAINFIELD

Arnold BLANKENSHIP

Valerie "Dr Val" FREDRICK

Paul V. HAMILTON

Rand PAUL

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

5th Congressional District

(Vote for One)

Harold "Hal" ROGERS

Jeannette ANDREWS

Brandon Russell MONHOLLEN

Gerardo SERRANO

Rich VAN DAM

PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR

(Vote for One)

Anthony ASHER

Kathy ROBINSON

COUNTY JUDGE / EXECUTIVE

(Vote for One)

Doug BISHOP

Howell H. HOLBROOK JR.

SHERIFF

(Vote for One)

L. Dale MILLER

Shannon FRANKLIN

ALL PRECINCTS

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

JAILER

(Vote for One)

Nathan CARTER

Micah OWENS

CORONER

(Vote for One)

Doug HUGHES

Dawn R. CARPENTER

ALL PRECINCTS

MAGISTRATE

District 1

(Vote for One)

Tammy COX

Michael "Mike" PINGLETON

Robert KIRBY

Lee Earl ADAMS

CONSTABLE

District 1

(Vote for One)

Jason William SMITH

Rodney G. ADAMS

PRECINCTS

A101 North Brodhead A102 North Mt. Vernon

MAGISTRATE

District 2

(Vote for One)

William Sherman DENNY

Christopher Thomas AYERS

CONSTABLE

District 2

(Vote for One)

Steve GRIFFIN

Carlos MCCLURE

PRECINCTS

B101 South Mt. Vernon B102 West Mt. Vernon

MAGISTRATE

District 3

(Vote for One)

Doug PREWITT

Debbie MASON

Richard Dickie MARTIN

CONSTABLE

District 3

(Vote for One)

Joseph "Joe" EDWARDS

Kevin BEGLEY

Rick BRUMMETT

PRECINCTS

C101 Brown C102 West Brodhead

C103 Bullock

MAGISTRATE

District 4

(Vote for One)

Brandon HELLARD

Wendell Shane THACKER

Ronald CHASTEEN

CONSTABLE

District 4

(Vote for One)

Matthew STOCKWELL

Jesse COFFEY

James SMITH

Donnie COPE

PRECINCTS

D101 Conway D102 Roundstone

D03 Climax

MAGISTRATE

District 5

(Vote for One)

James "Bryan" KING

Michael P. MCGUIRE

CONSTABLE

District 4

(Vote for One)

Brian WYNN

Eddie GABBARD

Fred Nathaniel HAMPTON III

Roger Dale ALCORN

PRECINCTS

E101 East Mt. Vernon E102 Orlando

E103 East Livingston E104 Wildie

E105 West Livingston

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT

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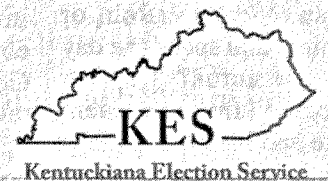
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William LEGER

ALL PRECINCTS

Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot is May 3rd





FBLA Chapter members who competed in the Kentucky State FBLA Conference held in Louisville were from left: Advisor Ashley Mullins, Kara Bullock, Carson White, Gary Ramsey, Keeley Tirivanti, Jailey Martin, and Bethany Martin.

FBLA State Conference Results

Last week, the FBLA Chapter members who placed in the top three at Regions competed in the Kentucky State FBLA Conference held in Louisville. Seniors Carson White and Gary Ramsey placed 4th in International Business, and Sophomore Keeley Tirivanti placed 4th in Insurance and Risk Management. Because of their top five performances, these students

will have the opportunity to compete at the National Conference held in Chicago later this year. In addition, Senior Jailey Martin competed in Business Calculations placing 6th, and Junior

Kara Bullock competed in Advertising. Sophomores Bethany Martin and Keeley Tirivanti served as the chapter's voting delegates for the upcoming state officer elections.

Address Change Note

Please call or email any changes of address to mvsignal@windstream.net or call 606-256-2244.

Open House at Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

After a two-year absence due to Covid-19, Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve will hold its 30th Open House on Saturday and Sunday May 14 - 15, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Guided tours of the Cave are given by members of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto, the Blue Grass Grotto, the Dayton Underground Grotto and Central Ohio Grotto all weekend. The last tour leaves at 4:00 pm. Admission is free, but donations are always appreciated.

There will be free soup beans and cornbread at the shelter. Livingston Fire Department will be grilling up and selling their hamburgers and hotdogs along Crooked Creek. You can enjoy good food and great conversation sitting in the shade of the trees or under the shelter. Aaron Collier, a caver and Kentucky native, will be playing old rock and folk tunes on the acoustic guitar.

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve (GSP) is a 306-acre Karst Preserve along Crooked Creek near Mt.

Vernon, Kentucky that contains the primary entrance to Great Saltpetre Cave. It has long been a landmark in the community as a primary site for the production of saltpeter between 1801 and 1815. Later between 1938 and 1985 it was operated as a commercial cave and occasionally as a site for the Renfro Valley Barn Dances. In 2013, Great Saltpetre Cave was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is closed to the general public. Nonetheless, the Preserve is open to visitors annually during the weekend after Mother's Day. For over ten years in conjunction with Greater Cincinnati Grotto, GSP has been hosting school field trips in the Spring and Fall to help local teachers bring the elementary science curriculum to life.

GSP is owned by Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, local volunteer organization dedicated to protecting Kentucky's karst environments and supporting access to caves in the Rockcastle

County Region. RKC's goal is to become the leading non-profit organization in owning and protecting significant cave and karst resources. RKC manages each cave resource to support continuing enjoyment by the community through wise stewardship and ownership. For more information about Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, please visit "<http://www.rkci.org>" www.rkci.org.

Directions:

Take I-75 to Exit 59 (Mt Vernon/Livingston). Turn east on Route 25, turn left onto Route 1004, then continue on Route 1004 till it comes to a "T" (Just past tracks and cement bridge). Turn right and continue to Great Saltpetre Preserve, approximately 9 miles from the interstate highway.

More information about the Preserve is available at www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp/.

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Golden Reunion will be held April 29-May 1

Submitted

The upcoming Golden Reunion will be held April 29 - May 1. The agenda is as follows:

Date: Friday, April 29, first we will be putting up the tent in the morning, 9 a.m. this year. It's a BIG job and in past years James Golden has had only a couple people help, due to the Friday night event. Please come out and help if you can, big job.

Afterwards, come to the Williamsburg Tourism Center in Williamsburg, KY for our evening event, from 5 - 9:30 p.m. Plan to arrive on schedule. Food can be brought into meeting rooms. Bring your supper! We will have a beverage service set up including coffee, tea, water, and sodas. A copy machine will be available to share copies of your history with others. Bring your family history, pictures, stories, and plan to have some fun with your BIG Family. We have the room until 9:30 p.m.

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until the last person leaves, plan to come, (Rain or Shine) and spend the day at the actual Stephen Golden first settlement site and his resting place on Golden Creek. Please arrive before Noon so the

prayer is not interrupted, and we can get a group picture again too. Then we can begin our potluck meal together at 12 noon.

Be sure and bring a food dish to share and your lawn chair for this outing. Also, bring your voice and music instrument and plan to play and sing the afternoon away after we dine! See note under news regarding HELP NEEDED. A potty and tents for shelter will be in place. Anyone who lives nearby your help is needed to bring extra tables! Donations for auction are welcome and any money collected at the auction will go towards taking care of the cost for the Friday night event, cemetery upkeep and the cost to print newsletter and stamps for the newsletters mailing.

Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022, anyone who is not in a hurry and would like to do some more genealogy or see someplace in the area where our families once lived, let me know.

Mark your calendar NOW and send me a quick email or note to let me know that you will be in attendance and celebrating with your BIG Golden family. Then I can tell others in your immediate family that you will be coming.

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New RCMS project starts

But it came within moments of never happening

By: Mike French
Editor

Most everyone is now aware that a new RCMS building is coming to Rockcastle County and plans are currently underway as architects begin the process. But many may not be aware how close the local school district came to missing out on the project all together. A final, last-minute vote made it possible or there would be no new RCMS.

Many steps had to be taken and several legal situations had to fall into place to make the district eligible for such funding, according to Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray.

The local district, with the help of engineers and architects and other advisors, had determined a new middle school project would cost about \$14 million. Due to many new, more modern, high tech requirements in all Kentucky middle school buildings, much of that cost could not be adjusted, school officials said.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger and the school board were able to place the district in a nickel pack program through tax incentives without raising taxes more than 0.01%. Typically, a district is required to raise the school tax by about 5% in order to qualify for equalization funding from the state.

However, the local district was able to lower the school property tax enough that by adding the required 5% nickel tax, local property taxes were raised by only 0.01% from the previous year, according to Rockcastle County Schools Finance Director Jenny Sweet. This placed the district eligible for the equalization funding from the state without increasing local taxes by 5%.

Then, Bray began the arduous task of getting the funding into the state budget. Although Bray had been newly elected during the last election, he quickly made contacts and built relationships to get the money inserted into the state budget.

"It takes a whisper campaign like you would never believe to get these kinds of things done in Frankfort," said RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig. "Agreements and deals and talks and an amazing effort goes into getting something like this done."

Bray agreed it was not easy. "The only way this was possible was through building good relationships," he said. "I learned quickly that nothing gets done in Frankfort without help from those around you."

So, all seemed in place and the equalization funding was in the budget. Once on the governor's desk it was not part of his vetoes and the funding passed.

But that was not the end of the story and there still would be no building project planned just yet.

"Through recent changes in the equalization laws, the calculations are done differently now," said Bray. "It turned out that through the nickel program that the district had joined, we were only able to get \$10 million into the budget. That just wasn't enough."

This placed the district in a conundrum. "There were steps that had to be completed by certain dates and things we had to get organized to meet requirements from KDE and the state," said Ballinger. "But the full funding just wasn't there yet."

So, Ballinger and the board took a chance. They began moving forward

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Earth Day



Earth Day poster winners were: Josie Cruz, 2nd place, Charon Burton's class; Lynlee Shepherd, 1st place, Charon Burton's class; Arabella Smith, 1st place Blake McKinney's class; Lilly Cornelius, 2nd place, Blake McKinney's class; Brylee Dollins, 2nd place, Julie Asher's class; Nickolas Barron, 2nd place, Jamie Bryant's class and Tilly Cope, 1st place, Jamie Bryant's class. Not present was Grayson Carvalho, 1st place, Julie Asher's class. Shown below, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant addressed the students and asked them to be mindful of Earth Day.



City of Mount Vernon

Department reports

By: Mike French
Editor

Department reports were omitted from regular monthly meetings of the Mount Vernon City Council for over a year, due to required Zoom meetings after COVID began. The reports were available at City Hall for anyone who wished to ask for a copy.

Now that COVID is all but gone from Rockcastle County, and public meetings are once again being held in person, the meetings include department head reports live for those present.

Coordinator Wayne Bullock presented the All American Club report. The April report says 49 bags of trash were picked up though it doesn't say what the time period was. The report says 13 bags were from Sweetwater Road, eight bags from

1326, 13 bags from Old Dixie Road and US 25 and 15 bags were picked up along Lake Linville Road.

The report also says a new sign will be placed at the welcome area near McDonald's and that the club picked up trash that had been dumped on Richmond Street.

According to the report, there are currently four Pride workers and the club received \$500 from Pride and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter reported his department made 409 calls for service in March. Of those calls, 26 were for non-injury accidents, four for injury accidents, 36 total arrests, seven drug charges, 18 traffic violations, 19 other criminal charges, 26 warrants

served and two grand jury indictments received.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales reported his department made 47 runs in March. Of those runs, there were four structure fires, 1 smoke in structure call, five accidents with injuries, nine accidents with

no injuries, 1 vehicle fire, five controlled burns, four woods/brush fires, several illegal burns (for which two citations were given), three EMS assists, four fire alarms answered, two hazmat calls, one traffic control, one mutual aid given, one mutual aid received and three automatic aid given.

Blood drives planned

Two local blood drives are planned in Mount Vernon. The first will be Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bloodmobile on 145 Newcomb Street in Mount Vernon. The second will be Tuesday, May 3 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Gym in Mount Vernon. The KBC is currently operating on less than one day's supply of blood and citizens are urged to participate and help save lives. Visit

kybloodcenter.org or call 800-775-2522 to donate.

Driver's license location

Another "pop-up" Driver's License location is being planned so that local residents may obtain a driver's license without a trip to a regional office. The date, time and location will be announced soon.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Sara Danielle Hutton, 26, Mt. Vernon, esthetician and Samuel Richard Stallard, 30, Berea, teacher. 4/19/22

Deeds Recorded

David A. and Marcia Coffey and Gary D. and Megan Coffey, property on the waters of Roundstone Creek, to Cameron Properties. Tax \$270

Katherine Robinson, and 27 others, property on the forks of Boone's Hollow Road, to Lonnie Joe Robinson. No tax

William Cash, Jr. and Donald L. and Violet Cash, property in Brodhead, to Mona's on Main LLC. Tax \$105

Jerry Sims and Carol A. Sims, property in Green Fish Hill section, to Lazaro G. Villar Hidalgo and Ana R. Marin. Tax \$200

Laura Frances and Oscar B. Hensley, property in Rockcastle County, to David and Mary Newcomb. Tax \$8

Paul M. and Connie G. Pearson, property in Rockcastle County, to Sara Carson. Tax \$225

Betty Rose and Thomas Courtney Payne, property in Jones Addition, to James and glenna Bell. Tax \$110

Heather N. White, property in Hidden Valley Place, to Ryan E. Bradley. No tax

21st Mortgage Corp., property in Rockcastle County, to Raymond L. and Ronda L. Hughes. Tax \$35

Michael Wayne and Julia K. Lamb, property on U.S. 25, to Daniel Wayne Lamb. Tax \$95

District Court

April 18-20, 2022
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Aaron Scott Hansel: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 30 days in jail/to serve/concurrent/costs waived.

Danny Lee Collins: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition.

Michael W. Denny: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and six other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Joseph C. Edwards: violation part 383 Fed Safety Reg-Commercial Driver license, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired registration plates, Pt 393, Federal Safety Reg, Parts Needed for Safe Operation and Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, \$25 fine each count.

Walter N. Hardesty: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Speeding: Dustin Ryan Hines, \$50 fine plus costs and \$38 fine plus costs;

Gary Holland: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Gilberto Howell: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta.

Ronnie Johnson: operating motor vehicle under influence of substances, sentencing order entered.

Richard E. McCormick: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Donovan W. Mullins: operating motor vehicle under influence of sub-

stances, sentencing order entered.

Donnie Parker: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Eric Christopher Philbeck: careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

Lisa Renee Robinson: one headlight and seven other charges, bw issued for fta.

James Ray Allen: public intoxication controlled substance (excludes alcohol) and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Vernon Doan: fines/fees due (\$278), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Andrew Scott Elam: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol and disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.

James Dwayne Fleming: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Billy Jack Heflin: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possess open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Charles Julian: alcohol intoxication (two counts), \$50 fine/suspended on completion of rehab each

charge; disorderly conduct, three days in jail/costs waived; harassment, \$50 fine/suspended.

Albert D. Lear: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Sheila Diane Patterson: criminal trespass, sentencing order entered.

Tesla Pearson: no/expired registration plates-receipt, license to be in possession, failure of

owner to maintain req. insurance/security, and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Jameson Pingleton: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid, driving on DI suspended license, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol (two charges), bw issued for fta.

William Dan Woodall: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Charles Julian: assault, sentencing order entered.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in an April 29, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after May 29, 2022.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00055	\$ 0.00062
AES	\$ 0.00323	\$ 0.00363
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00079

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each affected electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
General Service	1,677	113,728	18.9	0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,604	529,806	40.5	3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	79,421			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,722			255.70
Fluctuating Load	No customers on this rate	529,806	40.5	NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	7,297			0.88

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 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 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. 2022-00123.

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 the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 2, through May 16, 2022. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2022 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2022 will be due about September 15, 2022.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Although COVID-19 restrictions are easing ROCKCASTLE County will continue to offer taxpayer conferencer remotely. Conferences may be held via videoconference, where available, or by telephone, or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA via email or fax. Additionally, our office will be open for in person conferences this year as well. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at janet.vaughn@ky.gov and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at 205 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

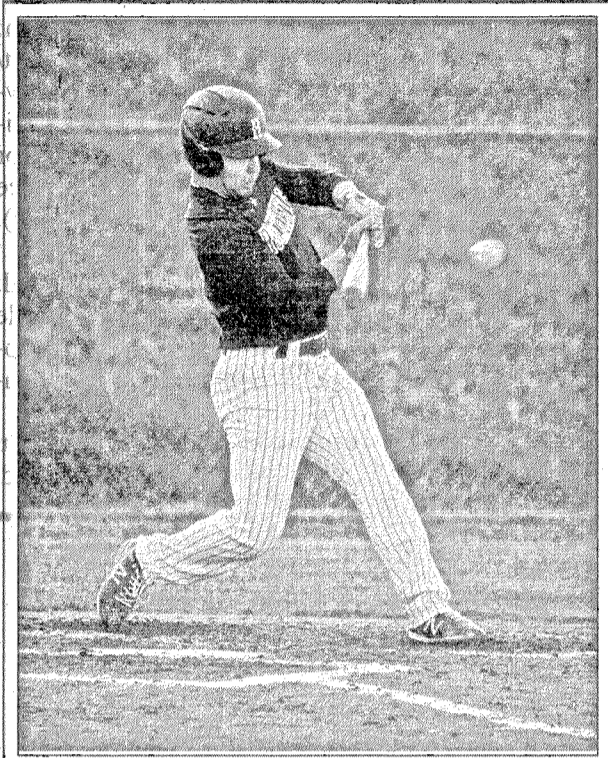
Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

SPORTS



Noah Fain hits a sac fly on this swing scoring his brother, Ethan, during the Rockets' win over Casey County last Tuesday.

Rocket baseball moves to 15-5

RCHS baseball had Casey County's number this past week picking up 3-0 and 13-3 victories.

Silas Shaffer threw a two-hit shut-out last Tuesday when the Rockets hosted Casey County. Shaffer struck out 14 over seven innings while walking only one and allowing two hits.

Casey County was stingy with hits themselves with Rockcastle picking up seven hits and three runs. Rockets took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second when Dalton Gibbs singled and scored on a Carson King double.

Rockcastle added another run in the fifth.

Ethan Fain singled, advanced to second on a ground out and took third on a passed ball. Fain scored on a sac fly by Noah Fain for the 2-0 lead.

The Rockets added an insurance run in the sixth inning off a homerun by Landon Dillingham.

Offensively, Gibbs went two for three with a run scored. Ethan Fain was one for three with a run scored. Noah Fain was one for three with an RBI. Cam Prewitt was one for three with a double. Carson King was one for three with a double and an RBI. Landon Dillingham was one for three with a

homerun, run scored and RBI.

Rockcastle traveled to Casey Thursday night and their offense exploded for 13 hits and 13 runs in the 13-3 win.

Ethan Fain picked up the win for the Rockets going six innings allowing three runs on four hits, walked two and struck out five. Dalton Gibbs threw one inning in relief striking out two.

The odd innings were the productive innings as the Rockets scored in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings. Rockcastle

belted three homers in the win. Landon Dillingham, Carson King and Cam Prewitt each went yard.

Silas Shaffer, Cam Prewitt, Carson King and Landon Dillingham each had two hits on the night while King led in the RBI department with three. Shaffer, Dillingham and Dalton Gibbs each had two RBI on the night. Cam Prewitt, Skyler Durham and Cade Prewitt each had one RBI.

Rockcastle was active

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Rocket softball wins three of last four

RCHS softball split with Casey County this past week with a 10-4 win on Tuesday and a 11-5 loss Thursday on the road.

Adisynne Lovell came through at the plate driving in four on two hits to lead the Rockets.

Rockcastle scored in four of their six innings

building a 7-0 lead before Casey finally got on the board scoring four in the top of the sixth.

Rockcastle added three more in the bottom of the sixth to building their lead back to 10-4 before Katie Denham shut them down in the seventh.

Denham picked up the win going seven innings giving up four runs on seven hits, walking none and striking out five.

Lovell went two for four with a double, two runs scored, a walk and three RBI.

Addison McClure was three for three with a double and triple and three runs scored. Lexie Brock was two for three with a triple and an RBI. Makayla Coffey was one for two with a run scored. Haven King was one for four with an RBI. Haley Pingleton went one for three with an RBI. Ella Bussell was one for three with a run scored. Makinlee Goff was one for one. Kailee Collins scored one run.

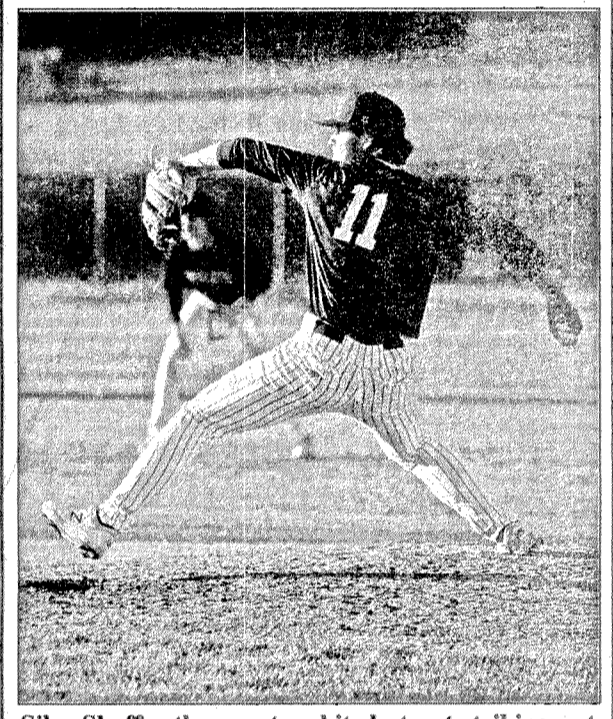
Casey County returned the favor Thursday night with an 11-5 defeat of the Rockets.

Rockcastle scored one in the top of the first off a Haven King single scoring Laney Bryant.

Casey answered in the bottom of the first and added three more in the third and fourth and four in the fifth.

Rockcastle managed 13 hits led by Addison McClure with three, Lexie Brock, Haven King and Laney Bryant each with two. Makayla Coffey, Adisynne Lovell, Haley Pingleton and

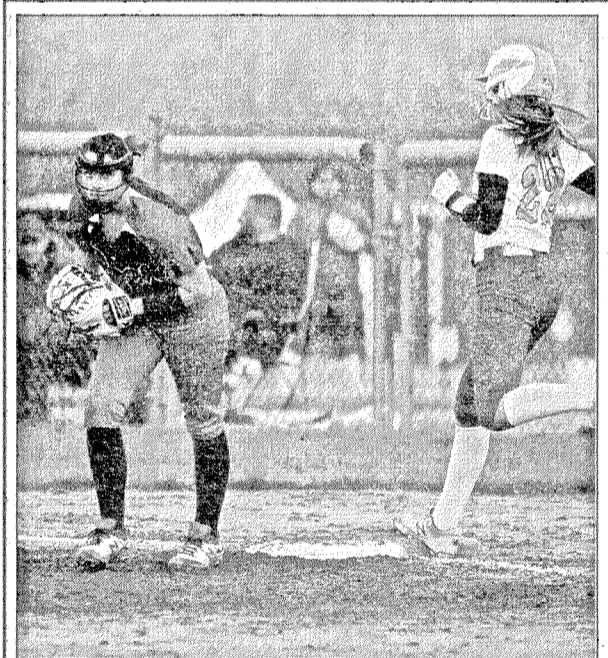
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Silas Shaffer threw a two-hit shut-out striking out 14 and walking one in a 3-0 victory over Casey County last Tuesday.



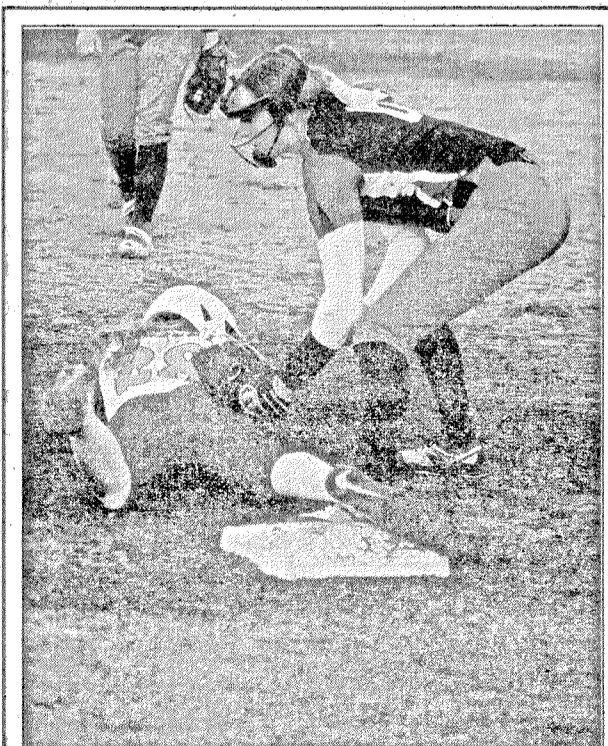
Haven King picks up a hit on this swing during the Rockets' 10-4 win over Casey County.



First baseman Lexie Brock records the final out of the Rockets' 10-4 win over Casey County.



Adisynne Lovell takes a low pitch during the Rockets' 10-4 win over Casey County. Lovell had two hits, two runs scored and four RBI in the win.



Laney Bryant makes a tag at third during the Rockets' win over Casey County Tuesday night. Bryant had one hit, three RBI and two runs scored in the win.

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“Softball”

(Cont. from B3)

Makinlee Goff each had one. Coffey picked up two RBI on the night.

Rockcastle will host Somerset Tuesday, April 26th and travel to Somerset on Thursday for a 6 p.m. start. The Rockets next home game is Monday, May 2nd when they host Madison Southern.

Whitley County came to town Saturday and the Rockets picked up a 13-3 win over the Colonels.

Katie Denham got the win for the Rockets going four innings, giving up three runs on six hits, striking out one and walking zero.

Whitley County scored first jumping on the Rockets 2-0 after the first inning. It took until the third inning but the Rockets broke for eight runs to take an 8-2 lead. Makayla Coffey got things started with a walk and advanced to second on a Laney Bryant single. Addison McClure singled on a bunt to load the bases. Coffey scored the first run on a passed ball and Haven King is hit by a pitch to once again load the bases. Adisynne Lovell and Kylee Fletcher each drew RBI walks. Lexie Brock singled home King. Kailee Collins, running for Lovell, scored on a Makinlee Goff sac fly. Makyla Hester singled to score Fletcher and Brock and Hester scored on a Makayla Coffey single to round out the scoring.

Rockcastle added five more in the fourth inning off hits by King, Fletcher, Brock, Goff, Coffey and a walk to Lovell.

Lexie Brock was big

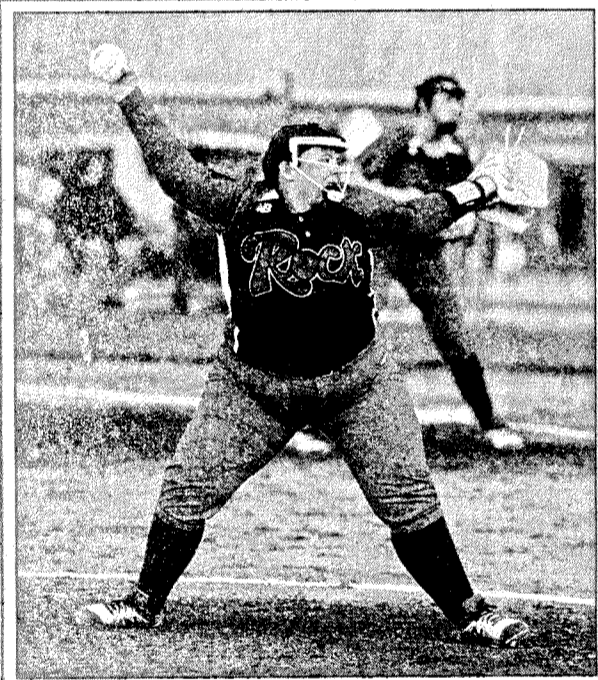
at the plate going three for three with two RBI and a run scored. Laney Bryant was two for three with a run scored. Addison McClure was one for three with a run scored. Haven King was one for two with two runs scored. Adisynne Lovell drew three walks and had an RBI. Kylee Fletcher was one for two with two runs scored, an RBI and a walk. Makinlee Goff was one for three with three RBI and a run scored. Makyla Hester was one for three with two RBI and a run scored. Makayla Coffey was two for two with three RBI and a run scored. Kailee Collins scored two runs and Kierra Larkey also scored a run.

The Rockets picked up another win Saturday with a 12-4 victory over Lynn Camp.

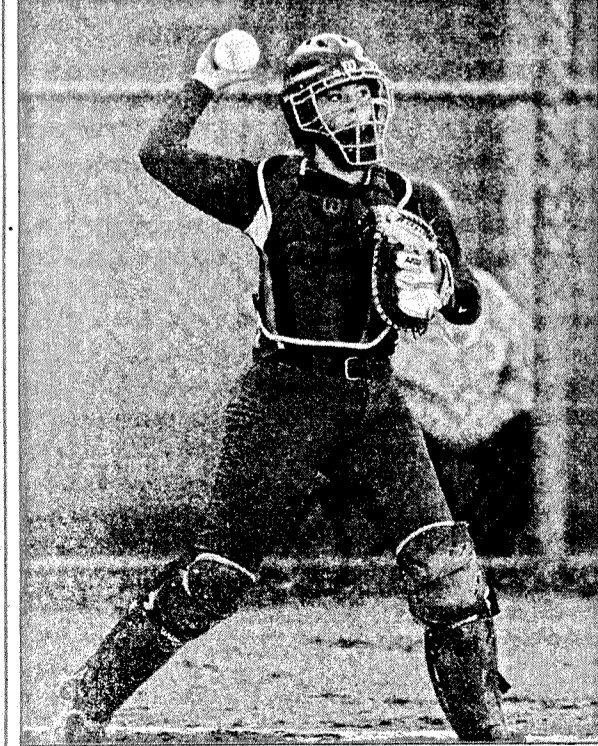
Haven King got the win for the Rockets going five innings, giving up four runs on two hits and struck out six.

Rockcastle scored in every inning but one gathering 10 hits. Laney Bryant, Addison McClure, Ella Bussell and Kylee Fletcher each had two hits. Fletcher had four RBI and Lexie Brock picked up two RBI. Bussell scored three runs and Bryant, McClure and Kailee Collins each scored two runs.

Rockcastle was scheduled to host Somerset Tuesday, April 26th and will travel to Somerset on Thursday for a 6 p.m. start. Friday, Rockcastle travels to George Rogers Clark and to Frederick Douglass on Saturday. Monday, May 2nd, Madison Southern comes to town for a 6:00 start and Tuesday, May 3rd the Rockets will host Lincoln County at 6 p.m.




Katie Denham picked up the win for the Rockets 10-4 over Casey County Tuesday night. Haley Pingleton, below, was the other half of the battery in the win. Offensively, Pingleton was one for three with an RBI.



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### FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf on the City of Brodhead, Kentucky Emergency Management has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through KY Emergency Management as a sub-applicant.

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Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** KYEM

**Sub-Applicant:** City of Brodhead

**Project Title:** Church Street Drainage Improvements

**Location of Proposed Work/Date of Construction:**

A map showing the area of the proposed mitigation project is available by contacting Bryan Bussell at [bussell.bryan@gmail.com](mailto:bussell.bryan@gmail.com) or 606-758-8635.

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the replacement of storm sewers outside all flood zones. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 2120300C0070C, effective 8/3/2009 The proposed work conforms to all applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed outside the floodplain and will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work does not have the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Brodhead is requesting funds to construct a replacement storm sewer with inlets and other necessary structures to alleviate storm-caused flooding on Church Street. The purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing infrastructure to reduce the frequency of road flooding and road closure.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1 (no action alternative):** If no action is taken to replace the storm sewers, flooding of Church Street will continue.

**Alternative #2:** Remove the existing storm sewer and construct a new storm sewer system down Church Street, starting at an inlet on Silver Street and connecting to the box culvert at Main Street.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to Bryan Bussell, City of Brodhead, 7 West Main Street, Brodhead KY 40409. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Brodhead will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

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**“Baseball”**

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on the base paths picking up six stolen bases. Carson King had two, Landon Dillingham, Noah Fain, Cam Prewitt and Cade Prewitt each had one.

**North Laurel came to town Friday night** and the Rockets sent them packing with a 6-3 win and their 13th win of the season.

Rockcastle took an early 2-0 lead after the first inning and North Laurel tied the game in the fourth. Rockcastle took the lead back in the fifth by scoring one run but the Jaguars tied it right back up in the sixth inning. Rockcastle got active in the bottom of the sixth scoring three runs with two outs to take a 6-3 lead.

Cade Prewitt doubled to start the rally and advanced to third on a Carson Carrera single. Prewitt scored on an Ethan Fain single. Silas Shaffer drew a walk and Carrera scored on an error by the shortstop. Fain advanced to second on that same error and stole third before scoring on a

passed ball.

North Laurel threatened in the top of the seventh with the first two batters reaching base however Skyler Durham struck out the next batter and North Laurel was caught trying to steal third base for the second out and a ground out to Dalton Gibbs secured the victory.

Caleb Bullock threw four innings allowing two runs on two hits, gave up three walks and struck out six. Skyler Durham threw three innings giving up one run on three hits, walked two and struck out one.

Silas Shaffer, Cam Prewitt and Cade Prewitt each had two hits for the Rockets. Noah Fain was one for three with a homerun, run scored, two RBI and a walk. Ethan Fain had two runs scored, an RBI and a walk. Shaffer also had a run scored, RBI and a walk.

**Rockcastle moved to 15-5 Saturday** with a 7-1 win over Franklin County.

Dalton Gibbs got the win for the Rockets going five innings giving up zero runs, two hits, no walks and struck out five. Carson King threw two

innings of relief giving up one run on one hit, walked two and struck out two.

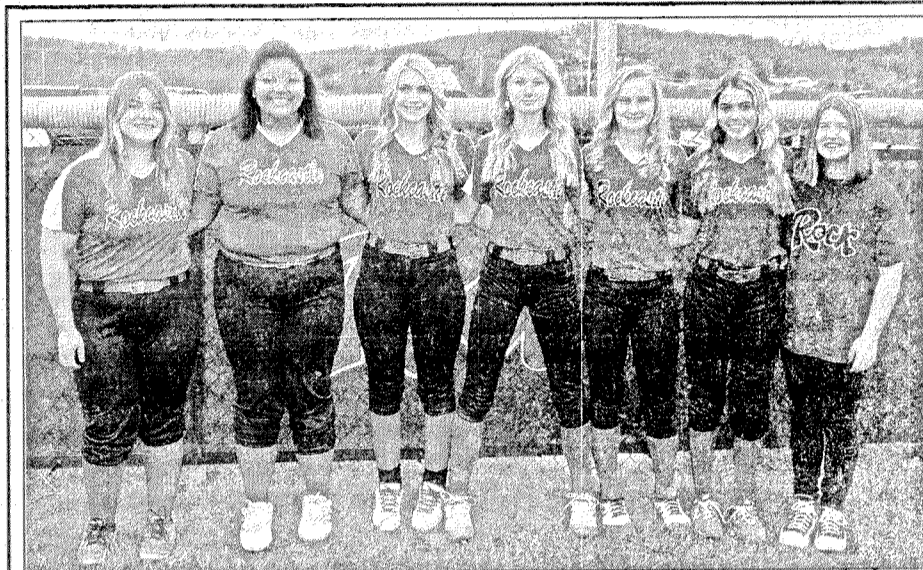
Rockcastle took an early 2-0 lead scoring two in the first inning. The Rockets got hot in the fifth inning scoring five runs off hits by Carson Carrera, Ethan Fain, Silas Shaffer, Noah Fain, Dalton Gibbs and Carson King.

Offensively, Ethan Fain was two for four with two doubles and two runs scored. Silas Shaffer was two for three with a homerun, two runs scored and three RBI. Noah Fain was one for two with a double, walk and two RBI. Dalton Gibbs was one for two with a double, an RBI and a walk. Carson King was one for three with an RBI. Carson Carrera was one for two with a walk and run scored.

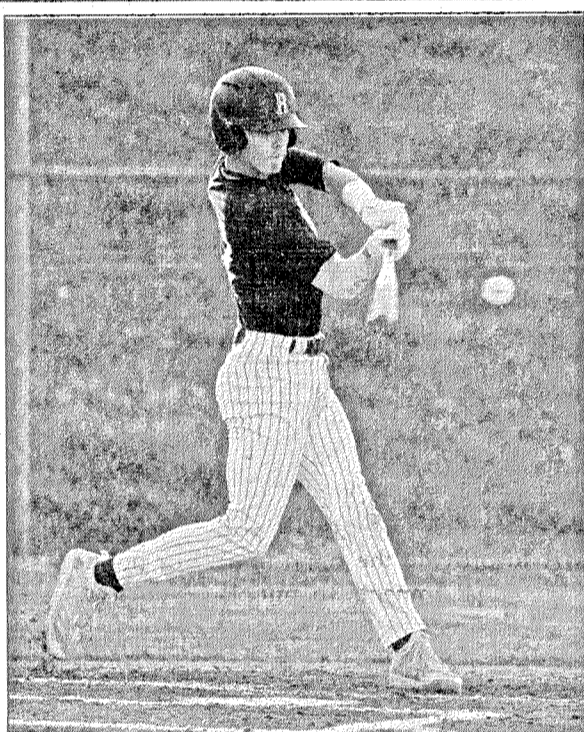
The Rockets were scheduled to host district foe Somerset Tuesday, April 26th and travel to Somerset on Thursday, the 28th. Saturday, the Rockets travel to Southwestern for a 12 p.m. start and Boyle County comes to town Monday, May 2nd for a 5:30 game.



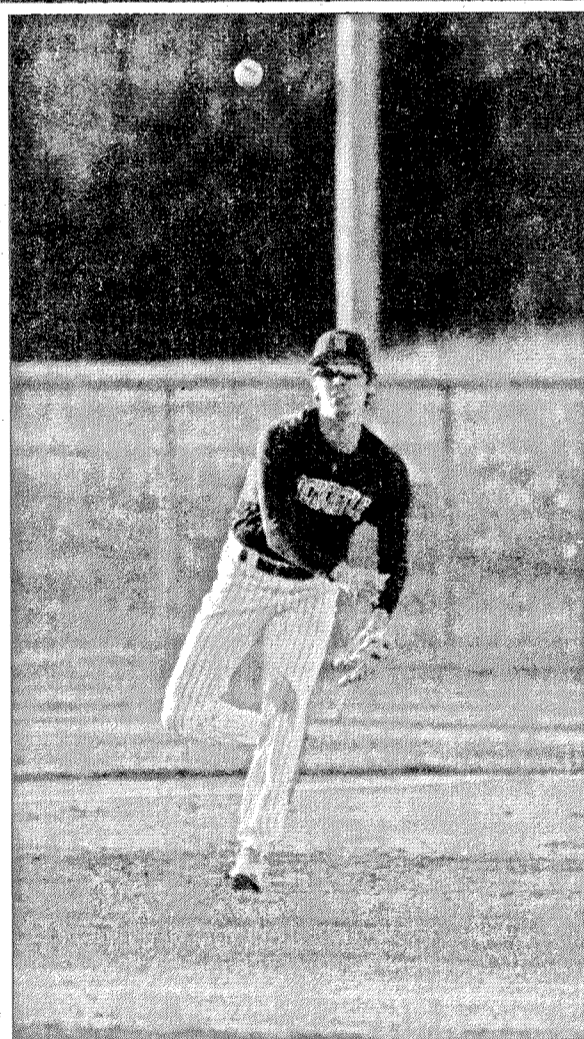
RCMS volleyball honored their eighth graders last Thursday night along with family members. Eighth graders are shown above, from left: Addy White, Brilee Bussell, Aisha Njie, Addy King, Taylor King, Hannah King, Jocelyn Reynolds and Emma Noel.



RCMS softball honored their eighth graders last Friday night along with family members. Eighth graders are shown above, from left: Cailee Mullins, Mahala Miller, Kiley Dunaway, Macy Spivey, Ella McKinney, Sydney Holcomb and Bailee Adams.



Carson Carrera prepares to make contact during the Rockets' 3-0 win over Casey County last week.



Carson King makes a play for third to first during the Rockets' win over Casey County last Tuesday.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“PSC”) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the PSC’s offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“SKRECC”), and intervenors in PSC Case No. 2021-00407, regarding the Application of SKRECC for a General Adjustment of Rates, Approval of Depreciation Study, and Other General Relief. This notice is being made in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov). Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

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**Applicant:** KYEM

**Sub-Applicant:** City of Brodhead

**Project Title:** New Pump Station

**Location of Proposed Work/Date of Construction:**

A map showing the area of the proposed mitigation project is available by contacting Bryan Bussell at [bussell.bryan@gmail.com](mailto:bussell.bryan@gmail.com) or 606-758-8635.

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the replacement of sanitary sewer infrastructure within an Approximate flood zone, elevation 941.1 feet. Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 2120300C0070C, effective 8/3/2009. The proposed work conforms to all applicable Commonwealth of Kentucky and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will be installed at the same approximate location as the existing pump station and will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The action will be mitigated by protecting all electrical components to the 1% annual chance flood elevation for non-critical actions and to the 0.2% for critical actions.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Brodhead is requesting funds to replace the existing pump station with a new, upgraded pump station to alleviate sewage overflows into the environment and the Dix River. The purpose of this project is to prevent pollution.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1 (no action alternative):** If no action is taken to replace and upgrade the pump station, overflows will continue to occur.

**Alternative #2:** Remove the existing pump station. Construct a new, upgraded pump station at the same location.

**Comment Period:**

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### Notices

**Notice:** The contents of Unit #16 at Chism Drive-Thru Storage, Kelsey Drive, Mt. Vernon, will be disposed of Saturday, May 14th. Owners have until 4 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022 to claim property and pay rental arrears. 11x2  
**Notice is hereby given that** Marquita Roberson, 58 White Lane Rd., Pheba, MS 39755, has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Alexander Roberson, deceased, on the 12th day of April 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Marquita Roberson or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box

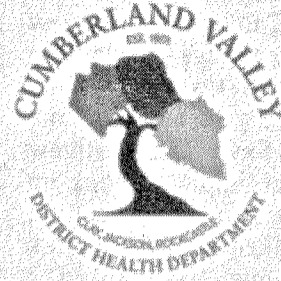
1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 17, 2022 at 11 a.m. 11x3  
**Notice is given that** Larry G. Barron has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Administrator of the Estate of Jana N. Robinson, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held May 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 12x1  
**Notice is hereby given that** Debora Gilliam, 2619 Ocosta Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Gillis Gilliam, deceased, on the 20th day of April 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debora Gilliam or to the Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. 12x3

### Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing on property belonging to Benny Rader at 400 Terry St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Violators will be prosecuted. 12x2  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on property owned by James Tudor and Rosa Lee Perkins. 9x4  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Joseph and Kimberly Ramsey on Copper Creek Road. No illegal dumping of trash. No hunting, riding horses, ATVs or any other type vehicle. Not responsible for accidents. 8x5  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 5x18  
**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 52x28  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

**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. 33x52  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22pd)  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x50p  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf  
**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn  
**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf  
**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.  
**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).  
**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

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## Local DAR receives over 40 state awards

Rockcastle Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was recently honored by the state society at the 125th KSDAR state conference, held in Lexington, KY with NSDAR President General Denise Doring Van Buren as special guest.

Rockcastle Chapter received over 40 awards on the state level in the fields of public relations, literacy promotion, Americanism, project patriot, commemorative events, Children of the American Revolution, and conservation. Other awards given to the chapter were in historical preservation, service to veterans, promotion of the DAR magazine, flag of the United States, national defense, community service, chapter development and the golden award for state honor roll.

Several chapter members received individual awards. Kayla Bryant received the outstanding chapter junior award. Debra Brown and Karen Adams received special recognition for outstanding work in conservation. Donna Gabbard received recognition for her work as volunteer information specialist. Chapter Regent, Karen Adams received 1st place for outstanding chapter events for women's suffrage and the 50th anniversary of the chapter. She received 2nd place for 75th anniversary of WWII project.

Mrs. Adam received recognition in public relations for outstanding chapter/community event coverage in print and outstanding chapter brochure. Four members of the chapter, Karen Adams, Debra Brown, Sharon Lovell, and Amanda McNew graduated from the NSDAR leadership program.

Rockcastle Chapter sponsored this year's recipient of the state's out-

standing American history teacher award, Melissa Renner and American history essay contest winner for 8th grade, Cody Jackson. The DAR medal of honor recipient will be announced and presented in May.

Rockcastle Chapter re-

ceived the NSDAR excellence in historical preservation award for its commitment to historical preservation by the establishment and dedication of the American Revolutionary War monument located at the county courthouse.

## RCMS

(Continued from B1) anyway with confidence in Bray and Jared Carpenter and Senator Brandon Storm (Rockcastle new Senate representative) "In order to meet deadlines and to have a hope of meeting our own timelines, we had to move forward as if the money were already there," said Ballinger at the recent school board meeting. "If we waited until it all fully passed, we would have never met the required deadlines."

The board moved forward and chose the architect and project manager and began developing a plan to move ahead.

Meanwhile, Bray's work had just begun.

"I had to get another \$4 million from somewhere," he said.

So Bray put the additional \$4 million into HB 604. However, during the budget voting, the bill was not taken up. "I don't remember having been that upset before," said Bray. "They didn't take it up and the money was not there."

More and more battles ensued and Bray started addressing the legislature, Carpenter spoke on behalf of the project and Storm stood before the legislature promoting the additional \$4 million. "Even the speaker himself stood and spoke on our behalf," said Bray.

For the next four days, all involved fought daily to get the additional funding approved. Local officials made trips to Frankfort, meeting with committees and speaking to legislatures. Meanwhile Bray was talking to his fellow representatives and anyone he thought could help.

Finally, in the very last

hour of the legislative session, at 11 p.m. on the house floor, with local and state officials sitting on the edge of their seat, HB 604 was finally approved and the entire \$14 million was available.

"Without this final \$4 million, I'm not sure how the district could have moved forward at all," said Bray. "There wouldn't be many options. They would have to raise taxes, or drop the project or postpone it or reduce the scope of the building. Either way, it would not have been good."

Ballinger agreed. "I would guess that we would have had to postpone the entire project," she said. "\$10 million simply would not have been enough to provide what the district needed."

Ballinger said trying to build a new RCMS building with \$4 million less than needed would not have been an option. "The result would have been a building that did not meet the needs of the district and, more importantly, could not provide what the students need." With the new high-tech requirements involved in building a middle school building, Ballinger, and the board and Bray agreed that \$10 million alone would not have met those needs.

When all was said and done and the legislative session was over, all the funding required was obtained but most citizens had no idea how close the project came to never happening.

"That was close," said Ballinger. "I can't tell you how much HB 604 has done for the education of Rockcastle County students. We will be able to provide a better education to our middle school students. The community, especially students and parents owe Josh, the board, Brandon Storm, Jared Carpenter and many others a big thank you."

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Monday - Wednesday 7 PM

Evangelist - Brother Greg Lakes  
4482 Copper Creek Road

We are all in this together!

Debbie Mason

Candidate for District 3 Magistrate

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The time for empty words is over!  
The time for action is now!  
If you want lower taxes, and more money in your check, then elect Debbie Mason!



Debbie Mason is running for District 3 Magistrate

Payroll Supervisor for 15 years at Time Warner Cable!!  
You need typing skills, email, Facebook and other social media skills plus data base skills to ADVANCE OUR COUNTY!!

Lowering taxes should be everyone's top priority, so you, the taxpayer, will have more in your paycheck!

May 17th is the date you will decide if you get lower taxes and fire hydrants or keep the same ole, same ole!!

Taxpayers need 16 foot wide blacktopped roads, mowing right-of-ways, culverts need replaced all over District 3!

If you want change for the better, vote  
Debbie Mason  
District 3 Magistrate

My number is 606-308-4197

paid for by Debbie Mason

**Elect Rick Brummett**  
3rd District Constable

Retired Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff  
18 Years Experience  
606-386-9515

Paid for by Rick Brummett

## Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

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

### The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer 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 (behind City Hall)
- 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.)

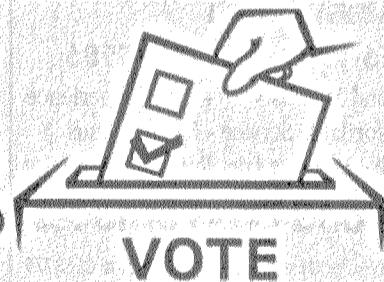
Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

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



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### Primary Election - May 17, 2022

#### BY MAIL

Ballot requests can be made online at [govoteky.com](http://govoteky.com) or by calling (606)-256-2831. The last day to make your request is May 3, 2022. Ballots may be returned by mail or placed in drop box located at the Rockcastle County Courthouse - US 25 entrance. [KRS 117.085](http://KRS 117.085). \*\*Emergency ballot available only to those who qualify per [KRS 117.077](http://KRS 117.077). May 3, 2022 - May 17, 2022 - call (606) 256-2831\*\*

#### (EXCUSED) ABSENTEE, EARLY IN-PERSON (ID required)

Available to those who qualify per [KRS 117.085](http://KRS 117.085)  
May 4, 2022 - May 11, 2022

#### (NO EXCUSE) EARLY IN-PERSON (ID required)

Early in-person voting will be available at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 for ALL registered voters, regardless of precinct.

- Thursday : May 12, 2022 : 10AM - 6PM
- Friday : May 13, 2022 : 6AM - 2PM
- Saturday : May 14, 2022 : 8AM - 4PM

#### ELECTION DAY - MAY 17, 2022 (ID required)

Rockcastle County will have four centralized voting centers, meaning ALL precinct ballots will be available at each location, on Election Day from 6AM-6PM. Rockcastle County voters may use whichever location works best for them.

Locations are as follows:

1. Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
2. Roundstone Elementary School, 6701 N Wilderness Rd, Mt Vernon, KY 40456
3. Brodhead Elementary School, 27 School Street, Brodhead, KY 40409
4. Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, 9254 Main Street, Livingston, KY 40445