

First use goes well



The new Spring Fling was called a great success this past Saturday. The event marks the first time the new Farmers Market building has been used and a large crowd visited the event throughout the day. Customers enjoyed items for sale and two food trucks. Organizers say the building provided a great location. The Soil Conservation office is expected to occupy an office in the building soon and the farmers market will begin as soon as growing season will allow, according to officials.

\$40 million Natural gas and KY 461 projects pass legislature 2022-2024 road plan

By: Mike French
Editor

The new budget on the Governor's desk provides nearly \$40 million for Rockcastle County.

Thanks to the efforts of Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, Rep. David Meade, House Speaker Protempore,

George Leamon, Lincoln County and help from several other county and city leaders, including Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Rockcastle County is about to become a completely different county, according to many local officials.

The legislature completed the state budget, (See "budget" on A7)

Tobacco Barn is robbed at gunpoint

By: Mike French
Editor

The Tobacco Barn in Brodhead was robbed at gunpoint Saturday, April 2, according to a Kentucky State Police report. According to Post 11

of the Kentucky State Police, 911 received a call concerning a robbery at the Tobacco Barn around 9:45 p.m. Upon arrival, Trooper Corey Jones determined a black, male entered

the local business and approached an employee armed with a firearm and demanded money. The report says the employee complied and the male subject fled from the store on foot.

Police on the lookout

The suspect was wearing a black bandana, black Nike sweat suit and black shoes.

The amount of money

stolen was not disclosed. An employee, who asked to remain unidentified, said it was a very frightening moment. "He just

came in here and pointed the gun at an employee, asked for money, grabbed it and ran," the employee said. "Nothing else was damaged and he didn't get anything else. We are just glad no one was

(See "Robbed" on A7)

Fiscal court calls special meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last Tuesday to deal with several issues.

The court agreed to a Chapin Manufacturing payoff extension to April 30 instead of March 30. Chapin has agreed to pay the entire \$1.8 million owed on the building instead of payments over the next two years. The extension request was approved.

Another item on the agenda included the fiscal year 2022-2023 Rockcastle County Detention

Jail Budget addressed

Center budget. Jailer Nathan Carter provided the budget to the court for review. No action was needed but the magistrates can study the budget and return with questions or suggestions in future meetings.

The budget compares the 2021-22 actuals to the 2022-23 budget and shows total expenditures of \$1,556,360 and total receipts at \$592,000. Salaries at the jail are estimated at \$749,434 while operating expenses are estimated at \$419,054. Receipts show an estimated \$405,000 in state prisoner revenue and

\$52,000 in jail bed allotments. Unclaimed bail fee transfers are estimated at \$35,000.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop asked why the budget shows an increase of over \$450,000 in expenditures but Carter explained that next year's budget includes insurance costs in the budget while last year that insurance expense was not listed in the jail's section of the budget. The two areas were consolidated for next year's budget. No action was required.

The county also agreed to open a new Farmers Market account and add the account to the annual budget. County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., said a committee, headed up by the Soil Conservation office, will oversee operation of the new building. The Farmers Market will occupy the building on Tuesdays, Thursdays and

(See "Court" on A7)

RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority has been postponed until Tuesday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Vote Primary Election is May 17, 2022

By: Mike French
Editor

All registered Rockcastle County voters may vote at any of four locations again this year. A photo ID is required to vote.

Before COVID-19 hit, Rockcastle County had 8 voting locations serving 15 precincts but that was changed to four locations due to COVID restriction. However, Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said that process worked so well, the county will continue that practice for the May Primary Elections.

The four voting locations are as follows:

The Rockcastle County Courthouse at 205 East Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Roundstone Elementary School at 6701 North Wilderness Trail Road

Brodhead Elementary School 27 School Street in Brodhead.

Livingston Volunteer Fire Department at 9254 Main Street in Livingston.

All precinct ballots will be available at each polling place, on Election Day so voters may choose any of the four locations,

regardless of your address or in which precinct you are registered.

Voting hours on Election Day begin at 6 a.m. and last until 6 p.m. Those in line by 6 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Anyone who would like to vote early for any reason, may do so in Rockcastle County. No excuse is needed

Early in-person voting will be available at the Rockcastle County Courthouse at the following times:

Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, May 13 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Again, a photo ID is required but all precincts will be available at all times.

Voters may also cast a **ballot by mail** this year.

Ballot requests may be made online at govoteky.com or by calling 606-256-2831. The last day to request a mail-in ballot will be May 3.

Mail-in ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the drop box located at the courthouse at the US-25 entrance.

There are also **emergency ballots** available (See "Vote" on A7)

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

Egg Hunt

The VFW Post 5908 will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. There will be fun and games with music and balloons. Please bring your Easter Basket. Kids may have their photo taken with live rabbits. The event will be held at 32 Mount Zion Road and everyone is invited.

Eight indictments handed down

Eight indictments were handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, March 25.

Indicted, and their offense/s were:

Christopher Lee Denney, 38, of Somerset was indicted for the offense of bail jumping, first degree. His bond was set at \$5,000 unsecured;

Donnie R. Lamb, 57, of Old State Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for assault in the shooting of George W. Davis. His bond was set at \$75,000 cash/property (c/p) with an ankle monitor;

Michael G. Whitt, 54, of Red Hill Road, Livingston, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Franklin Wayne Sizemore, 44, of Berea was indicted on three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, one count of trafficking in a simulated controlled substance and for promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail. His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Robin Malee Mason, 21, of Foxglove Hill Road, (See "indict" on A7)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

There are so many policies being put forward by the Biden administration that I completely disagree with that it's hard to direct my ire at any one specifically. Instead, I have not found one policy put forth by this administration, since they were installed January 20, 2021, that I can get behind and say "here is at least one policy that I can support."

On Day One, Biden killed the Keystone Pipeline and more than 11,000 jobs. Why? Because the Keystone Pipeline didn't fit within his Green New Deal agenda. Structured to provide more than 850,000 barrels of fuel per day, the pipeline would have gone a long way toward keeping our economy humming and our prices low.

Very, very early in his administration, he killed President Trump's Executive Order that had lowered the cost of Insulin, which diabetics desperately need to stay alive. Trump lowered the cost to \$30 a month and Biden's cancelling of the order raised it back to hundreds of dollars a month which many diabetics cannot afford. Heartless best describes that action to me.

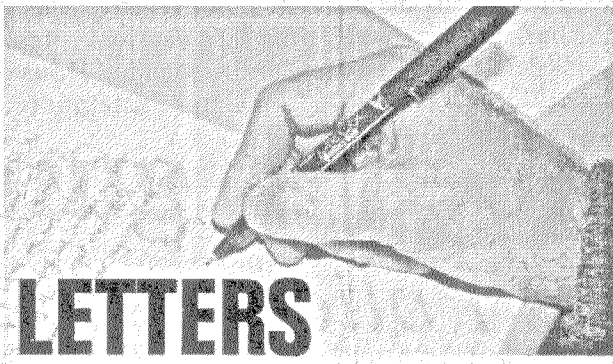
But, even worse, on national security, Biden halted construction of the border wall (even though the federal government had to pay millions of dollars a day any way in penalties to the companies who were involved in constructing the wall). But, never fear, Congress approved Biden's infrastructure bill which provides funds to eight different countries to strengthen their borders and billions of dollars in aid to Ukraine, much of

which will be used to strengthen their border.

It appears to me that Democrats want to see every border in the world secured, except ours, giving not a care to the fact that it is estimated that close to 80% of women and young girls are abused during their travels to the border.

Since Biden took office, there have been over 2.1M encounters at the southern border. In January 2022 alone, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents countered 153,941 individuals, a 21 year high. But, thankfully, in his March 1st SOTU address, Biden said he would "Secure our Border." I'm just not sure what his definition of a "secure border" is or if it's just another example of a Democrat saying one thing and do-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spring Fling a success...

Dear Editor,

Sassy Sister Design Co. would like to thank everyone who attended The Sassy Sister Spring Fling at The Rockcastle Farmers Market this past weekend. Thank you to RCIDA chairmen for working hard to get grants for this amazing building for our commu-

Aces Over

By: Mike French



Some of this may be hard for the modern generation to believe but I am not exaggerating, and this is an honest account.

I come from a family that fixes stuff. My dad and all his brothers, as well as grandpa, never called a "repair man" in their lives. If something broke, they fixed it. And dad raised me the same way.

I watched my dad take a 350 engine apart, leaving a yard covered with blankets that were covered with bolts and springs and nuts and pistons and valves and filters and every other motor part. Then, after fixing a cracked block, I watched him put it back together and start it after two cranks.

I've seen him repair broken air conditioners,

furnaces, water heaters, cook stoves, televisions, and build our home, including all the electrical panels, plumbing piping, flooring, block work, brick work, shingles, dry-wall and paint. All by himself.

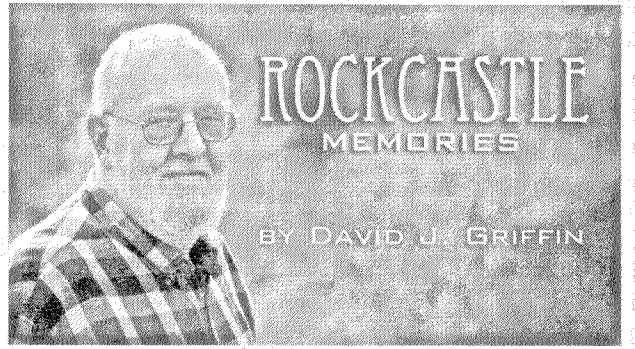
His generation didn't call for help. They fixed things. If he needed a fence, he built one. If he needed a cistern for water, he built one. If he needed a septic tank, he found 55-gallon drums and built one. When the lawnmower broke, he fixed it. He had a fifth grade education and it was all he wanted.

So I was blessed to be brought up in that kind of life style. Mind you, I never reached his abilities. Most projects I undertook, I eventually called dad with several questions but without fail, he would talk me through it. How he knew to warn me about a spring on an internal mechanism in a device I was working on, is beyond my level of understanding.

"Now when you take that bracket off son, there is a spring that will fly out. You have to be ready for that and see which direction it goes back in when you put it back together." How he knew that kind of thing astounds me. Even on modern things that he had never had in his hands, he somehow just knew how it worked and why.

So, being around that all my life, I find it very difficult to ask someone

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Ricky Nelson

I hopped into my Explorer the other day, and Ricky Nelson began to serenade me with his hit, "It's Late." The song was included on his album, released on February 9, 1959, Ricky Nelson Sings Again.

I became a huge fan of Ricky in 1952 when his family began to be featured on ABC's The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. The show was one in which the Nelsons were portrayed as themselves in everyday family situations. It was quite popular as family fare, which included the antics of young Ricky as a teenager.

Ricky launched his music career on the show in 1957 by performing Fats Domino's, "I'm Walking." His popularity helped to keep Ozzie and Harriet on the air until 1966.

The tune, "It's Late," was one of Ricky's hits that continued to play on Top 40 stations for several years after its release. When I began to drive in 1960, the song was still playing on the radio.

I remember hearing "It's Late" on the radio of my black 1958 Chevrolet when I was dating a young lady from Mt. Vernon. Part of the song that related to me was:

*It's late, it's late
We gotta get on home
It's late, it's late
We've been gone too long*

*If we coulda left home a quarter to nine
Woulda had fun and plenty of time
We got started just a little bit late
Hope this won't be our last date
It's late, it's late
I hate to face your dad
Too bad, too bad
I know he's gonna be maa*

I can remember one night when we were on a date to the Valley Drive-In Theater. The movie was longer than we had expected, and we were going to be later than she was supposed to be out. I told her, "I hope your dad will not be mad." When we pulled into her driveway, the front porch light immediately came on. In my mind, I was saying, "I hope this won't be our last date!"

Ricky Nelson's music was somewhat typical of early rock and roll in that it wasn't seen by parents or other elders as threatening or dangerous in some way. But his songs were very popular and widely played on the radio stations that teens were listening to. We could all sing the lyrics right along with him to virtually all of his hits.

Eventually, his popularity waned, but he managed to remind us all of his talent when he released "Garden Party" in 1972 following an appearance at Madison Square Garden in an old-

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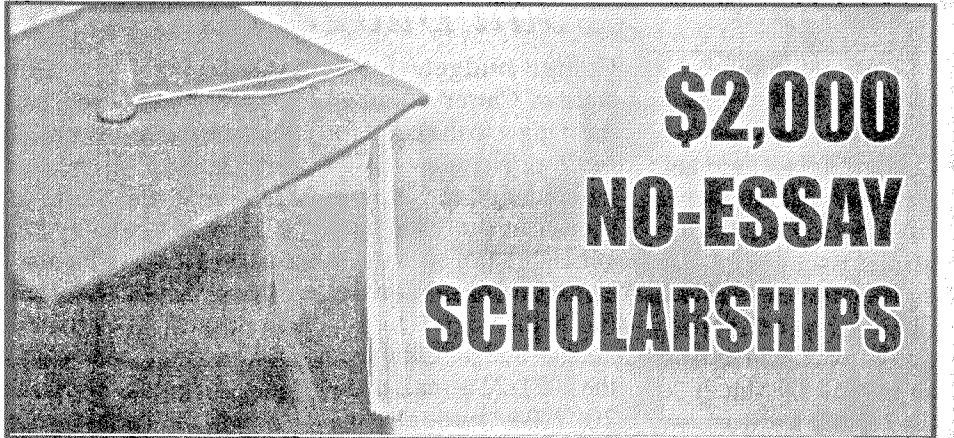
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nity to use. We would also like to thank Rockcastle Farmer's Market for not only letting us use their space, but being the first to be blessed by it. This space is going to be SUCH a blessing for our community! We look forward to many more events in this new space! Thank you to our customers for continuing to support and love us! We are two blessed girls!

Sassy Sister Design Co.
Tiffany & Kylee Fain

"Sparkles & Stamps had an amazing time at the Sassy Sister Spring Fling event! The Sassy Sisters brought our little community together for a fun shopping experience that catered to all. From food & coffee, to clothing, to jewelry, and so on, Saturday was a successful "Small Business Saturday" for all of the vendors involved. It was a wonderful moment to see our community come together to socialize, shop,

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Letters

(Continued from A2) and support locally-owned small businesses. Everyone seemed so happy to gather together and some came back to shop more than once! Customers complimented the beautiful new facilities, the variety of boutique and handmade

items available for purchase, and the organizational efforts of the Sassy Sisters to bring an event such as this to our great little town. I'm already looking forward to being a vendor at the next event! Sending many thanks to each person who had a hand in supporting our Spring Fling event!"

*Shawneha Watson,
Sparkles & Stamps*

"We were thrilled to be a part of Sassy Sisters Spring Fling! It was a great way to bring the community together to support small businesses. I loved meeting my customers and hearing them rave over their favorite cake flavors. It warmed my heart to hear how much my Cakesicles, cheesecake, and cupcakes were enjoyed! Everyone I encountered was so complimentary of this successful event. It was such a fun day, I hope it becomes a regular occurrence!"

Carrie Erwin, Cake by Carrie

Memories

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We were all shocked to learn of his death from a plane crash at the early age of 45. The accident occurred on December 31, 1985. He was posthumously inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

I still have most of Ricky's songs on my computer, and I listen to them often. My favorites are: "Hello Mary Lou" (1960), "I'm Walkin'" (1960), "Travelin Man" (1960), and "I Got a Woman" (1962).

Ricky was the first teen idol to use television to promote his hit records. This sales gimmick hooked me completely. After each television show in which he sang his hits, I immediately purchased his 45 RPM records. I had many of his hits, and I put them on my record player and let them play over and over.

I still love his music and the sound of that unique voice.

You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

Aces

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else to fix something. At a much lower level than dad, I became a fix-it man myself and over the years I too have worked on and/or repaired most anything that ever needed repair in my life.

For those lessons in life I have been so thankful.

What he didn't teach me to repair, he taught me how to find out how to repair it, way before YouTube was invented.

All that to say this. The day I turned 60, my ability to repair anything dropped drastically. The worst news is, it continued to drop every day since that day until now.

It's not because I don't know how or can't figure out how, it's because I physically can't do it anymore.

Our bathroom sink was leaking last week. Of course I jumped in to fix it. I immediately realized I was going to have to lie on the floor on my back and reach up into the back of the cabinet. I knew it was going to hurt. I just didn't know in how many different places it was going to hurt. My knees, my back, my neck, my hands, my shoulders and even my butt hurt. Refusing to admit my aches, I continued to work on the problem. I am certain those pipe nuts did not used to be that tight. Of course I forgot the backed-up water was going to shoot into my face when I finally loosened the nut. I also forgot that you don't jump when cold water hits your face because you will crack your skull on the sink bottom.

Nevertheless, I continued until it was fixed. Yes I fixed it. But instead of the typical ten minutes, it took me an hour and once it was done, there was no way back to my feet. "Honey, come help me up." Some repairman.

When I finally moaned and crawled my way back to my easy chair, I realized the days of serving as my household repairman are long gone. A simple ten minute job took my Sunday and I hurt even in the places that I didn't bruise.

I have determined America has left out a very important part of justice. Because we care about the old or weak or handicapped people, there are handicapped parking spaces and handicapped rails in bathrooms required by the state. There are senior citizen discounts. There are a thousand regulations that require society to consider the weaknesses of some and disabilities of others. Billions of dollars are spent to make life easier for older or weaker citizens. But we forgot the "Old Age Repair Bill." There needs to be a fund so that old people who used to fix things, can afford to call a repair man when one is needed. Perhaps even a state operated repair call center. Sort of the 911 of repair jobs.

"Hello State of Kentucky? My commode is stopped up again. And while you are here, one of my windows is broken."

"We will be right there Mr. French."

Senate Bill 1000, where are you State Representative Josh Bray?

ramblings

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ing the exact opposite (I'm pretty sure it's the latter).

And, because of our wide open border, Fentanyl seizures will only continue to skyrocket since, in FY 2022, CBP has already seized 3,569 pounds of Fentanyl, or enough to kill millions of Americans. The #1 killer of Americans 18-45 in 2020 was Fentanyl. We've recorded the highest number of drug-overdose deaths in a 12-month period, eclipsing over 100,000 Americans, according to the CDC.

It is one crisis after another with this installed administration. One crisis is the rampant inflation, which the government claims is 7%, even when the price of coffee has jumped 105%, gasoline is up 71%, heating oil 61%, natural gas 59% and, the item that is really going to hurt Americans' pocketbook -- fertilizer up 210%. That item alone is going to affect food prices more than any other. We are already seeing that at the checkout.

Besides our economic woes, brought on by this administration, we are seeing an all out assault on our children.

After passing a bill in Florida that bans the teaching of sex education to pre-k through third graders and forcing the removal of books detailing sex acts from classrooms, some Florida teachers are quitting their job because they can no longer talk about sex to five-year-olds. This proves the point that you can tell a lot about a person by simply observing which hill they choose to go to battle on.

Disney's CEO has chosen to align himself, and his company, with the protestors against this bill, a sad and horrifying action in my opinion. Walt Disney's dream was to bring out the innocence and imagination in our children, to make Disney World a fun place for families. Not anymore, they have traded their pixie dust for woke sex education in the parks, their television shows and new Disney movies.

The Disney+ channel

has announced that, henceforth, 50% of their characters will be LGBTQ whatever even though a February 2021 Gallup poll reported that less than 6% of adult Americans identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. 3.1% identify as bisexual, 1.4% as gay, 0.7% as lesbian and 0.6% as transgender.

Transgender women are using women's sports as a backup to a mediocre career as a male athlete and women's sports are being destroyed as a result.

And, as for our newest nominee to the supreme court, the *New York Post* just released a story about how Ketanyi Brown Jackson chose leniency, even in baby sex torture cases.

In the eight child-porn cases that came before her court, former D.C. District Court Judge Ketanzi Brown Jackson heard horrifying details of "sado-masochistic" torture of young kids - including "infants and toddlers" -- yet disregarded prosecutors sentencing recommendations to give the lightest possible punishments in each case. In some cases, she even apologized to some of the kiddie-porn perverts for having to follow the statutes, which she called "substantially flawed."

KBJ also under questioning by Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) refused to answer the question of what is a woman, citing that she is not a biologist.

And, in other partisan Democrat news, according to *Breitbart News*, the White House refused to rule out Resident Joe Biden issuing a presidential pardon for his son Hunter Biden or for his brother James as federal investigations continue over their foreign business dealings. But, can Biden pardon himself? is my question.

Stolen elections have consequences and we are living through a series of them.

Please remember our political prisoners in our nation's capitol and the cold-blooded murder of unarmed Ashli Babbitt on 1/6 at the hands of a capitol police officer who has never faced any consequences for his action.

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Tuesday, April 12th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax

Easter Egg Hunt

VFW Post 5908 will hold an Easter Egg Hunt, at their Post on Mt. Zion Road near Lake Linville, on Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 2 p.m. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and children should bring their own basket. Kids will also get to have their picture taken with live rabbits and there will be fun games, music and balloons.

Sign-Ups for Hot Rods/T-Ball

Registration for the 2022 Hot Rods/T-Ball season will again be held April 9th, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908, backside of Lake Linville beside the ball field. Registration fee is \$40 per child (cash only please) which includes a hat and shirt.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet April 23

The Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, April 23rd, beginning at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School. Classes to be honored are: 70, 71 and 72. Reservations and \$25 each and check should be received by April 14th. Make check to Brodhead Homecoming and send to Brodhead Homecoming, c/o Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

RCHS Alumni Banquet

RCHS Alumni Banquet will be Saturday, April 23rd at RCMS. Contact Facebook® page for any questions.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon at the Snack Shack dining room. 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.

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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-COED 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.

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Obituaries

Christopher Scott Bullock

Christopher Scott Bullock, 49, died March 27, 2022, at his home in Somerset. He was born December 26, 1972, in Somerset, the son of Floyd Bullock and Carolyn Hansel, both of whom preceded him in death.

After his graduation from Rockcastle County High School, Chris studied contemporary guitar at the Musicians Institute in San Francisco, CA. He graduated Barber College and worked part-time with his father in his shop. He studied physics at Berea College and then went on to study Theoretical Particle physics and Theoretical Condensed Matter physics at the University of Louisville where he received the Donald M Bennett award. He taught physics at several different schools and loved music, dark humor and his cats, Pickles, and Elliot. Chris was of the Christian faith and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by: his stepfather, Freddy Hansel of Walnut Grove; brother, Michael (Gail) Bullock and sister, Kimberly Bullock, both of Mt. Vernon; stepbrother, Danny (Dioni) Hansel of Brodhead; stepsister, Jennifer Hansel of Winchester; four nieces and two nephews; very dear friends, Damon and Sonya McGuire of Mt. Vernon; and a host of other friends and family.

Chris' final wish was to be cremated and have his ashes scattered on the graves of his parents. There will be no service. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Marvin Owens Home for Funerals.

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

Bonnie Sigmon Roark

Bonnie Susan Sigmon Roark, 47, of Mt. Vernon, died peacefully Wednesday, March 30, 2022 surrounded by family and friends following a hard battle with colon cancer. She was born in Rockcastle County on February 26, 1975 to Billy Gene and Nancy Thompson Sigmon. She was a member of Brindle Ridge Baptist Church.

Bonnie graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 1993 and from Eastern Kentucky University in 1997 with a degree in Agronomy and Natural Resources. She continued her education at the University of Kentucky. She was employed by the University of Kentucky Laurel County Extension Agricultural and Horticulture Office in London. Bonnie's love of farming was instilled in her by walking alongside her father on the family farm. Her love for the land and livestock lead her to pursue her agricultural degree and her desire to educate others.

She is survived by: her husband of seven months, Ronnie Roark; her two beautiful daughters, Makylee and Makenna McNally; nephews, Matthew and Mason and niece, Melody Garrison, whom she claimed as her own; her mother, Nancy Sigmon; sisters, Carol Jean Sigmon (Sam Fouts), Le Ann Sigmon Garrison (Julian Cromer), and Kristin (Brian) Nunn; a brother, Darrin (Renee) Sigmon; nieces and nephews, Courtney Jennings, Savanna Reeves, Logan Sigmon, Shania McNally, and Kaiden Nunn; uncles, Roger (Donna) Thompson, Jack (Patty) Sigmon, and Don Gabbard; a special aunt that helped care for her girls, Gayle Thompson; her best friend from birth, Amy Croucher Davidson; special family friends, Sam and Donna Hicks; and cousin, Brenda Kay Parsons. She was preceded in death by: her father, Billy Gene Sigmon; uncles, Bill, Parkey, Gary, and Larry Thompson; and an aunt, Joyce Faye Gabbard.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 3, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ron Roberts and Elijah Jervis. Burial was in Rimmel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Kelly Asher, George Clark, Wayne Kirby, Scooty Mays, Trent Prewitt, and Glenn Williams.

Donations are requested to Rockcastle County 4-H or FFA chapter.

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

NOTICE FOR TAX PREPARERS

An Amendment to Rockcastle County Ordinance Number Twenty-Three (Occupational License Fee)

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Rockcastle that this Amendment Number Three be herein enacted.

Section (\$12 Penalties)

Any person who is an income tax return preparer who willfully fails to prepare or inform any business entity of the necessity to file any returns or any reckless or intentional disregard of rules or regulations of the ordinance by any such person, such person shall pay a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) with respect to such return or incident.

So Ordained on the 14th day of December, 2010
Rockcastle County Fiscal Court 606-256-1293

Donna Jean Cloyd Hoskins

Donna Jean Cloyd Hoskins, 64, of Brodhead, died Monday, March 28, 2022, at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born February 18, 1958, in London, a daughter of the late Thurman and Wilma Cloyd. She and John Kelley Hoskins were united in marriage on July 5, 1999. She was of the Christian faith and spent her free time crocheting and reading Stephen King novels.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 22 years, John Kelley Hoskins; daughter, Tamara Wilder and Matthew of Brodhead; three grandchildren, Lane, Eli, and Connor Wilder; a sister, Sharon Dyehouse and Mike of Crab Orchard; a special aunt, Doris Jeffrey; and her cats whom she loved dearly, Jinx, Munchie, and Shadow.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, John Cloyd and her cat, Mokie.

Services were held Friday April 1, 2022, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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

Charles Roy Thompson

Charles Roy Thompson, 68, of Eubank, died Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at his home. He was born May 16, 1953, in Somerset, a son of Charles A. Thompson, and the late Myrtle Ann Blevins Thompson. He worked several years as a Sheriff's Deputy in Pulaski County. He was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed making knives and collecting pocket watches.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his father, Charles A. (Charlie) Thompson; two sisters, Valerie Joan Thompson of Somerset and Beverly Jane Rohrer and Ronny of Kiawah Island, SC; and a special friend and caregiver, April Lawless-Reardon; as well as a host friends and neighbors.

Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Amie Denise Thompson and a sister, Vanessa Jean Thompson Bailey.

Following the families wishes, a private service will be conducted.

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



Good Friday Service at First Christian

First Christian Church will host a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

The service will combine video, music and singing, a devotional and a very personal time of challenge and encouragement.

Please join us as we remember the sacrifice Christ Jesus made on our behalf.

May God bless you!

Buffalo Baptist Sunday evening services

Buffalo Baptist Church, located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.) will start having their Sunday evening services against beginning Sunday evening, April 10th at 6 p.m. Pastor Bill Mink and congregation invites everyone to come out and worship with us. 606-256-3547.

Easter Egg Hunt

VFW Post 5908 will hold an Easter Egg Hunt,

at their Post on Mt. Zion Road near Lake Linville, on Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 2 p.m. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and children should bring their own basket.

Kids will also get to have their picture taken with live rabbits and there will be fun games, music and balloons.



Lisa Kaye Black Rice

Lisa Kaye Black Rice, 50, of Lexington, formerly of Somerset, died Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at Berea Health and Rehab. She was born February 3, 1972 in



Somerset, to Tina Francis Foster Helmburg and the late Joe Black. She loved her Lord, her children, and her grandchildren. Lisa enjoyed listening to gospel music and was good at making people laugh.

She is survived by: two daughters, Regina (Jordon) Thompson of Brodhead and Amber (T.J.) Abrams of Mt. Vernon; Devin Black of Lexington; her mother, Francis (Bill) Helmburg of Somerset; one brother, Michael "Mike" (Sherry) Black of Lexington; one sister, Debra Brinegar of Lexington; three grandchildren, Kairi Thompson, Kyren Thompson, and Railen Abrams; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Joe Black; three sisters, Mary Jane Bruhnson, Vickie Black, and Donna Hamadany; and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 2, 2022 with Bro. Roger Goble officiating. Burial was at Beech Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jordon Thompson, T.J. Abrams, David Black, Joseph Black, Jacob Young, Allen Hamadany, Raymond Lee Young, and Brayden Barnes.

Lake Cumberland Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for Lisa Rice.

You are welcome to view the obituary and send condolences to the family at website:

www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com

Flossie Irene Mink

Flossie Irene (Tackett) Mink, 88, of Mount Vernon, died Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born December 29, 1933, in



Sand Hill, a daughter of the late Edd and Nona Mae (Kirby) Tackett. Flossie was united in marriage on December 17, 1949, to Ronald Mink, and they shared 61 wonderful years together, prior to his passing on December 21, 2010. She was a member of Buffalo Baptist Church and enjoyed sewing and painting.

She is survived by: two daughters, Donna Poe and Don of Morrow OH, and Linda James and Victor of Mount Vernon; two sons, Ronald Mink and Cheryl of Middletown, OH, and Jerry Mink and Deanne of Somerset; one brother, Floyd King of Burkesville; one sister, Anna Clifford of Mount Vernon; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ronald Mink; one brother, Burgess King; four sisters, Irene Craighead, Freda Mink, Lorene Mize, and Doris Brockhart; and a great grandchild, Kenneth James.

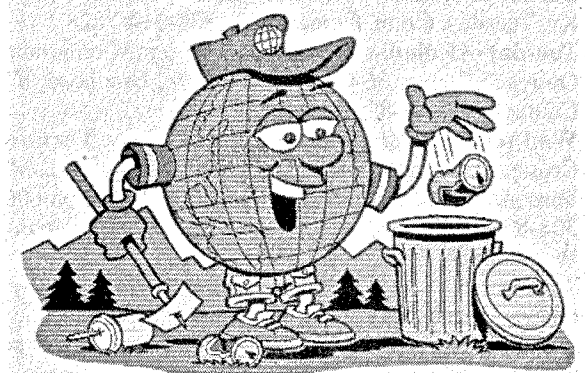
Funeral services were held April 2, 2022 with Bill Mink officiating at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

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

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Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

Rockcastle County Solid Waste

\$100.00 Per Mile

Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

Keep The Rock Clean!

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

Save A Lot donates to Grateful Bread

Save A Lot partners with Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Grateful Bread Food Pantry to serve the community. The store recently donated to the pantry after being recognized by its parent company as a top location in its annual Bags for a Brighter Holiday food donation program.

"We're very grateful for the donation, but not surprised at their generosity," said Brad Hunt, Grateful Bread's warehouse driver who works directly with Save A Lot throughout the year on pantry purchases. "It is an awesome relationship that we have."

Save A Lot is one of the largest discount grocery chains in the United

States. Each year stores support local communities where they operate by donating much-needed, high-quality food to local charities like CAP's Grateful Bread that fight hunger.

Customers purchased pre-assembled bags of food for \$4.99 and Save A Lot donated those bags to the pantry for distribution. Our local Save A Lot was among the stores recognized for the number of bags they were able to donate. The store received a cash award which was donated to the pantry to help the community.

"We know when we work with Christian Appalachian Project it goes to help the community," said Paul Harper, store

manager in Mount Vernon. "A lot of people are struggling day to day to meet basic needs. This is an additional way that we can help out. We thank CAP for what they do in the community."

The donation received goes directly back into ways to serve children, their families, and seniors in Rockcastle County.

"We use those donations to purchase food for our backpack program that provides nutritious food over the weekend for students in Rockcastle County Schools," Hunt said. "Our partnership year around with Save A Lot helps provide extra food for our holiday pantry boxes and they work to fight hunger in the community."



Save A Lot partners with Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Grateful Bread Food Pantry to serve the community. The store recently donated to the pantry after being recognized by its parent company as a top location in its annual Bags for a Brighter Holiday food donation program. Pictured from left are: Sherri Barnett, Save A Lot Store Manager Paul Harper and Brad Hunt.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Planting Time

Days are more than half summertime length and finally the freezing nights are about behind us for another year. So, it's planting time. Over the past half century I've began planting a garden most years by April 1st. And by April 15th at the latest. Some of you get started in March and some in May, but no matter, the birds are chirping, bees beginning to hum, and blossoms opening, and it's planting time.

April is often thought of as tree planting month, but for many of us it may be March or even November is the preferred option. Arbor Day is celebrated in April in most states; perhaps I'll do an article just on that soon.

Bare root trees or seed-

lings can be transplanted anytime they are dormant, before leaves come out in spring.

For evergreen seedlings, go by the same planting times. Both fruiting and ornamental trees and shrubs can be planted bare root in spring. Also seedling trees for forests can be planted in April, although earlier is preferred.

Nursery stock raised in containers can be planted most any time of the year. Some cautions are to not move a plant in a shaded spot directly to a full-sun location, and if nature doesn't cooperate in providing timely rainfall, be sure to get out the garden hose. B&B (balled and burlapped) trees are typically dug in dormancy, but can be moved and planted under

most conditions—I've had success even in August.

Peas, onions, corn, carrots, beets, lettuce, chard, broccoli, cabbage—an a bunch of other seeds can be direct planted in the garden or raised bed. And before month end, tomatoes, beans and cucumbers can also be planted.

Some plants do much better after it gets hot; squash, melons and pumpkins fall into this category.

Bulbs and tubers, potatoes, root crops—and ornamental plants—elephant ears, dahlias, canas and Jerusalem artichokes can be planted this month.

Once in a decade or so there may be frosts on up into the month of May, but I'm ok having to re-plant damaged vegetables and ornamentals once in 5 or 10 years, in order to enjoy earlier blooms the other 8 or 9 years that I can succeed by planting earlier.

The sooner you can get your seeds, plants, shrubs and trees ordered, the better selection you usually have.

The garden centers and box stores may have tomato or cucumber plants all summer, but the choice of varieties are very limited.

Some fruiting plants a grafting supplies I ordered as early as last September. Some currants and honeyberries still have not been shipped from northern states. If you ordered in September you might have had as many as a hundred varieties of apples you could have gotten via the mail. Presently, it's maybe 15 or something.

So, if you order in May, expect to get only things nobody else has been buying.

Shop early if you have made a list of things you plan to buy and plant this year. (I realize some shop by going and 'just looking' and bring home everything that's pretty! I don't recommend that—but it keeps happening.) In my local area, probably the three retail nurseries in Corbin, KY have the best selection and best pricing (I noticed one gallon blueberry plants for \$8 at one of them recently); but, the price of things are increasing all over, as my recent column on inflation spoke about.

Longer days and dandelions blooming are sure signs of spring and spring is planting time. I think I'll get off the computer and

go to the garden, let's plant some things!

The author is a land-

scaper. Phone: 606 416 3911 or rockcastles.net to contact Max.

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NOTICE
Rockcastle County Government
Tax Collection
1.5% Occupational License Tax

The Rockcastle County Government provides that, effective July 1, 2008, the 1.5% (one and one-half percent) Occupational License Tax (Ordinance No. 23) applies to all businesses, including home businesses, farms, rental property, and employers in Rockcastle County.

The rate is:

- 1.5 % of the Net Profits of every business from activities conducted within Rockcastle County. The Net Profit License Tax Return must be used by each business to report annually its net profits subject to 1.5% license fee.
- Each employer must withhold 1.5% Occupational License Tax from gross wages, salaries and commissions paid to employees for services performed within Rockcastle County. The Occupational License Fee return should be used by employers quarterly and returned by April 30, July 31, October 31 and January 31.

Each business becoming subject to the Ordinance must register for Occupational License Tax for Rockcastle County. Registration applications may be picked up at the Fiscal Court Clerk's office or call 606-256-1293 between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

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Collins
Noah Bullock, Jaxon Burkhardt, JJ Byers, Brittlei Caldwell, Karsen Carpenter, Kasen Carpenter, Hunter Gehret, Matthew Gray, Weston Jackson, Andrew McCoy, Toni Ray, Maryanna Stallsworth, Landon Tucker, Ethan Woods.

Hunt
Emilee Albright, Harper Blair, Easton Coffey, Sophie DeBorde, Kenley Doan, Ariana Dominguez, Faith Dooley, Cambree McHargue, Rhett McNew, Finlee Northern, Emalyn Owens, Quentin Owens, Brayden Parker, Emmett Rigsby, Kinley Rush, Shandelle Stevens.

Phillips
Levi Bennett, Jaxon

Burton, Ashlynn Cornelius, Korie Davidson, Ally Deborde, Elijah Dodd, Bryce Gardiner, Emerlyne Hall-Elam, Noah Hopkins, Makynlee Lakes, Easton Martin, Jasper Mason, Eli Noble, Wesley Sheene, Mattilynn Stanley.

Rigsby
Connor Allen, Justin Caldwell Jr., Brittany Carpenter, Willow Carpenter, Aliviah Green, Riley McFerron, Maddox Medley, Branson Nicely, Ava Parker, Ryder Parker, Liam Rader, Maddox Ramsey, Addison Wearren, Jamie Witten.

First Grade
Bowman
Leighton Barron, Micah Blakey-Tibbits, Lyla Bustle, Charles Gray, Mason Lunsford, Penelope Mosley, Avery Renner, Abigail Rowe, Roy Smith, Peyton Wilson, Savannah Woodard.

Brown
Connor Barnett, Loukas Bubulici, Stoney Herring, Gunnar Lakes, Diesel Teegardin, Emma Valentine.

Isaacs
Tanner Brock-Mason,

Connor Cochran, Abriela Dominguez, Cooper Ford, Penelope Howard, Kinley Hunt, Corte Jones, Everly King, Dexton May, Cace McClure, Isabelle McGuire, Harper Parrett, Bonnie Price, Henry Rader, Ransome Ray, Oliver Smith.

Hasty
Jace Brifford, Cooper Burkhardt, Kholer Carpenter, Piper Durham, Lincoln Ennis, Skylar Ennis, Haven Ledford, Dawson Martin, Zakkariah McFerron, Allie Mullins, Mattaly Northern, Destiny Reynolds, Addison Rice, Aubrey Smith, Collin Smith.

Second Grade
J. Asher
Tucker Bowman, Cooper Brown, Grayson Carvalho, Avery Dobbs, Brylee Dollins, Devlin Edward, Alyana Gray, Elona Messer, Jase Napier, Xander Sattler, Abel Sparks, Trinity Tanner, Jazzy Taylor, Grayson Vance, Benjamin Wyatt.

Bryant
Raleigh Begley, Ellarae Bradley, Tilly Cope, Bailey Cotton, Brantley Fletcher, Braylin Holland, Kaelynn Overbay, Jaycee Rhodus, Austyn Robinson, Christian Smith, Adrienne Winchester.

Burton
Josie Cruz, Nevaeh Durham, Kinley Harris, Payton McClure, Adasynn Payne, Lynlee Shepherd, Shooter Strunk, Hannah Taylor.

McKinney
Parker Anglin, Lily Cornelius, Aaron Eckert, Cadence McFerron, Ethan Powell, Arianna Sizemore, Arabella Smith, Landyn Smith.

Third Grade
Alexander
Maggie Medley, Leighland Moore, Brodie Rumsey, Reagan Tracy.

Honor Roll
Isaiah Barnes, Braxton Falin, Marcos Jones-Njie, Colten Lear, Addy McFerron, Sophie Poe, Corey Shafer, Ezekiel Swinney, Hanna Whicker.

Anderson
Principal's List
Kindle Howard.

Honor Roll
Keelyn Damrell, Ashton Fleming, Allie Mullins, A.J. Poole, Jordan Rhodus, Abigail Rush, Logan Scalf.

Bradley
Principal's List
Carson Burdine, Madison Carter, Gavin Chrisman, Ella Ford, DJ Martin, Brannon Northern, Abby Reynolds, Christopher Sprinkles.

Honor Roll
Gavin Chrisman, Christopher Sprinkles.

McClure
Principal's List
Audrey Caldwell, Bristol McClure, Jasper Smith.

Honor Roll
Aleena Napier.

White
Principal's List
Blyth Baker, Alex Bray, Wyatt Carter, Annabella Deatherage, Jace Doan, Aubree Harris, Kara Philbeck, Ava Phillips, Paisley Wheeler.

Honor Roll
Waylon Cowan, Zane Gilbert, James Mink, Elayna Wearren.

Fourth Grade
Martin
Principal's List
Carabella Mink, Aubree Winkler.

Honor Roll
Sawyer Bryant,

Kerrigan Fox, Christian Ginter, Jaylen Hager, Colten Johnson, Maleigha McFerron, Ayden Nolan, Hanna Parsons, Hunter Patterson, Erika Pheanis, Stephanie Proctor, Taylor Sizemore, Makenna Stanley.

Reams
Principal's List
Kynlee Calico, Parker Cash, Brycen Dollins, Abigail Northern, Gracie Parker, Brylee Silcox.

Honor Roll
Sadie Adams, Aniya Barnett, Xzavier Bond, Lucinda Brown, Casen Burdette, Devin Means, Jacob Renner.

Rose
Principal's List
Gus Akin, Landon Carvahlo, Ryli Harris, Kennedy Hopkins, Daniel Jackson, Abby I. Northern, Chase Prewitt, Noah Rader.

Honor Roll
Carlee Davidson, Gavin Feltner, Bryson Miller, Camden Richards-Powell, Dessie Thomason, Brooklyn York.

H. Shepherd
Principal's List
Trapper Bray, Titus McGuire, Lacey Mize, Lauren Overbay, Jasper Reynolds, Beckham Smith, Spencer Woods.

Honor Roll
Bella McClure, Molly Willis.

A. Taylor
Principal's List
Bryce Hunt.

Honor Roll
Lilyanna Asher, Kylie Dees, Ethan Hall, Henry Joyner, Gavin Lovett, Desmond Martin, Theo Riggs.

Fifth Grade
Albright
Principal's List
Bailey Baker.

Honor Roll
Jamie Fleming, Aryanna Group, Madison Hasty, Corinne

Messinger, Zane Mullins, Macensie Strunk.

Cameron
Principal's List
Brynna Davis, Grace Lambert, Sophia Lewis, Addie Payne, Isaiah Powell, Lila Rigsby, Caleb Smith, Kevin Valle.

Honor Roll
Landon Alexander, Kayleigh Carpenter, Bella Cox, James Dobbs, Emma King, Gabe Powell, Sydney Tracy.

Coguer
Principal's List
Dillon Bradley, Saw-

yer Cash, A.J. Martin, Zaydon Scalf, Coleson Shepherd, Alyssa Wagers.

Honor Roll
Madison Bradley, Elizabeth Gross, Hunter Newcomb, Josiah Rodriquez, Elizabeth Santo, Bailey Tompkins.

Mason
Principal's List
Darius Bubulici, Tyson Johnson.

Honor Roll
Karleigh Allen, Sophia Owens, Chrislynn Sprinkles, Tatum Wilkerson.

Sign-Ups for Hot Rods/T-Ball this Saturday

Registration for the 2022 Hot Rods/T-Ball season will be held April 9th, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. each day at the Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908, backside of Lake Linville beside the ball field.

Registration fee is \$40 per child (cash only please) which includes a hat and shirt.

Rockcastle County PRIDE Spring Clean-Up

Remainder of March and all of April are Spring Cleanup Months in Rockcastle County!

Volunteer during the remainder of the month of March and the month of April, 2022



Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office will provide trash pick-up and disposal, safety vests and signs for safety for roadside cleanups and cleanup supplies will be provided

If you can help with Roadside Clean-up at any time in the months of March and April, please call Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

It's our community and it's up to us to take care of it! You can make a difference, one piece of trash at a time and one cleanup at a time!

The dangers of procrastination!

There are numerous problems that need to be corrected in the Lord's church today, but perhaps none more than the problem of procrastination. So often the resources are available, the fields are white unto the harvest, and the opportunities abound, but the laborers are few as it says in *Matthew 9:37-38*.

This begs the question why do we procrastinate when it comes to religion?

A. Is it because so many are unaware of their responsibility to serve?

B. Is it because those who are aware of their responsibility, lack the ability to serve?

C. Or could it be that most folks know their responsibility, have the necessary abilities to render effective service unto God, but just never get around to using those talents?

The word procrastinate means: to put off intentionally and habitually; to put off intentionally and reprehensibly the doing of something that should be done. Procrastination is a double first cousin to lazy! In *Matthew 20:6*, Jesus asks this question, why stand ye here all day idle? The bible is full of condemnations of laziness and exhortations to work and to be diligence. *Proverbs 6:6-11* says, the sluggard is to take lessons from the ant, poverty awaits the lazy man - spiritual poverty.

Proverbs 12:27 says, the slothful man is too lazy to cook that which he kills. Do we start things for the Lord, but are too lazy to finish?

Another problem that causes procrastination is many of God's people are too busy to serve God. This world has so much to offer to draw people away from the service. The scriptures tell us what if we gain the whole world and lose our own soul? This life and the things in it wont last long, but those works we do in Christ they have everlasting value.

Everyone Welcome

Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

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Providence CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Innovations in Worship

For the next few weeks, we are going to investigate innovations that have been introduced into our worship by men.

1. Instruments of music is widely accepted by most people claiming to be religious and that call themselves Christian. The first recorded example of anyone using an instrument in the worship, was introduced by Pope Vitalian 1, in the year 670 A.D., this was almost 600 years too late. It was later removed to preserve unity, in the Roman Catholic Church.

2. God has never accepted the playing of instruments in worship, even under the Old Testament. Amos 6:5 Woe to them that invent to themselves instruments of music like David. God called their music in Amos 5:23 A noise.

3. The apostle Paul stated, in Acts 17:25 God is not worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath and all things. God is trying to tell us he does not care for music that is made by instruments, that are invented by man in the worship service.

4. Every instrument of music is man-invented, man-made and is artificial by every standard known. The human voice is God-given, God-created, and the natural device that God accepts in the worship today. It is foolish to think that God Almighty, would prefer the squeaking sounds of some man-made instrument, that cannot say a word, than the sweet sounds of the human voice which he created Himself, to sing praises unto Him with words that are easy for all to understand.

5. Instruments of music make the words of the hymns harder and harder to understand, but they never help, and in most instances, hide or cover the words of the hymn altogether. Yet the very purpose of the singing is that we should, Colossians 3:16 Be teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing, with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Songs that are sang with the human voice, teach, they encourage, they help us to grow spiritually and closer to God, while we serve Him on this earth. No instrument of music can teach you anything, it will not help you grow in wisdom, or can it teach you anything about God.

6. Instruments of music is most assuredly an innovation of New Testament worship, that has divided the people of God.

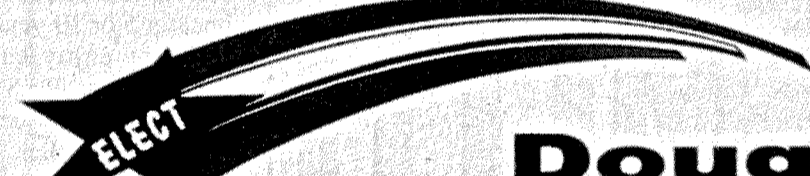
7. Jesus said *Matthew 15:9* But in vain they do worship me. Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Since the playing of musical instruments is not found in the New Testament, we must consider it to be from men, and innovation of man, that is worthless when it comes to worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for reading this article, if you have any questions, please contact me or e-mail me at the number or address listed below. We have videos on the Yellow Banks Church of Christ web-site and we also offer a free Bible correspondence course.

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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Wake Up! Rockcastle County

It's Time For A Change!!

- Are you tired of the condition of our county roads?
- Some requests for road repairs are slow or never get done!
- Slow to remove snow, in many areas of county.
- Stopping maintenance on some cemetery roads that have been maintained for many years.
- Magistrates work many hours and travel many miles to check on their districts, but have little or no input on how or when to fix the problem. Many times, Just A No!
- Maintenance has been stopped on at least one section of county road that has been maintained for decades.
- Is your road being properly maintained?



These are just a few of the issues!!
Are you concerned yet??

If elected, I will treat our magistrates with dignity and respect. We will work as a team. I will work as a partner with every elected official for the good of Rockcastle County. I will work hard for the citizens of our county. My goal will be to help everywhere we can. Let's find a way to help our people instead of "We Can't" or NO NO NO! Our road department can do a lot with the proper leadership!

Rockcastle Countians, please take time to vote May 17th

I have a plan — Elect Doug Bishop

Rockcastle Co. Judge-Executive

Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated

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“Indict”

(Continued from front)
Robin Malee Mason, 21, of Foxglove Hill Road, Livingston was indicted for assault, first degree and tampering with physical evidence. Her bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Lisa Marie Johnson, 40, of Shelbyville, IN, was indicted on four counts: operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of a controlled substance, possession of synthetic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Michael David Calder, 54, of Elsie Lane, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of sexual abuse of a minor. His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p and,

Larry Cecil Hubbard, Jr., 42, of Sawgrass Lane, Brodhead was indicted for: fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p.

“Vote”

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but only to those who qualify through KRS 117.077. Emergency ballots are available for medical emergency situations for the voter and the spouse. Emergency voting will be May 3 and May 17. Call 606-256-2831 for details.

There is also **absentee early in-person** voting available to those who meet the requirements of KRS 117.085. Those who wish to vote early absentee in-person must have a valid excuse and meet all requirements. Early absentee in-person voting will be May 4 and May 11.

“Robbed”

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hurt.”

An investigation was immediately launched by Trooper Jones. Anyone with any information concerning the armed robbery is urged to contact the Kentucky State Police post 11 at 606-878-6622 or 1-800-222-5555.

The Kentucky State Police were assisted by the Brodhead Police Department and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

“Court”

(Continued from front)

Saturdays for no charge. However the building will be leased or rented for other events the remaining days of the week.

The Soil Conservation office will occupy the building full time at no charge but will be responsible for the day to day operations of the facility, according to Holbrook.

RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook informed the court of the additional jobs now available at Exela Technologies in Mount Vernon. "The occupational tax alone will generate \$100,000 (annually) for the county for every 200 new jobs created," he said.

In other action, Chief John Dyehouse of the Brodhead Fire Department (BFD) requested the court purchase a boat motor for \$4,800. The BFD has undergone extensive swift water rescue training and has become one of the elite swift water rescue

squads in the state, according to officials.

Dyehouse said the department now has over \$22,000 invested in swift water rescue equipment and will purchase a boat after the motor is ordered. Cheaper options were available but magistrates agreed the best motor was appropriate. "We appreciate all that the BFD is doing in this area and we don't want to cut you short here. This is important," said Magistrate Mike McGuire.

Dyehouse described some recent rescues, including providing oxygen to trapped elderly people during the frequent flooding problems throughout the county. Dyehouse also said his department is willing to use the boat and the department's equipment and training anywhere in the county.

Dyehouse said there are currently 17 fully trained swift water rescue technicians in his department. The motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz asked the court to approve an amendment he is working on for the upcoming budget. The court expressed their full trust in Clontz's efforts and agreed. The amendment's first reading passed unanimously.

The court also received an agreement from the USCKY/KACo insurance company for a utility truck. The truck was wrecked during a snow storm recently and rolled over a hill. The truck was then driven back to the garage. However, the insurance company chose to total the vehicle and offered the court their choice of \$23,000 for the truck, or \$19,000 and the county may keep the truck. Magistrates voted to accept the \$19,000 and keep the truck.

Having no further business, the court adjourned. The next regular meeting of the fiscal court is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

“Budget”

(Continued from front)
which was handed to Governor Andy Beshear last week, with district-altering funds for Rockcastle County. In total, of the \$250 million in infrastructure projects in the budget, nearly \$40 million of that is for Rockcastle County projects.

Local projects included by the legislature in the budget have been at the top of the wish list of local economic developers and city and county leaders for 20 years, according to Bray.

The budget provides \$20 million to bring the natural gas line from Lincoln County to Rockcastle County and provides the funds for the 461 widening project from I-75 to US-150 in two separate projects. The Governor does have the authority to veto line items in the budget, but the legislature also has the power to override those vetoes, Bray said.

RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig has said more than once that those two projects are the top two priorities in Rockcastle County and will determine the future of the county's economic development. "The widening projects on 461 and the natural gas line are monumental projects for Rockcastle County's growth and develop-

ment. This would cast our county and our region in an entirely new light."

Bray agreed. "People have been trying to get these two projects done most of my life," said Bray. "The day has finally arrived when Rockcastle County is about to see some big changes. These two projects alone can change the direction of the county virtually overnight."

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant agreed and said he is proud to have played a part in helping the city and the county reach such goals. "As I am in my final months as Mayor, I am so happy to see some of these projects come to fruition," he said. "I have been a part of these conversations for many years and the City of Mount Vernon will greatly benefit from these projects. The city extends congratulations to all those who worked so hard to get these things done."

VanHook also agreed. "As of the passage of this budget, there is no company, no manufacturer and no entity that we would hesitate to approach now," he said. "Rockcastle County can offer them anything they need to locate their business here. Easy access from the interstate and natural gas were the only two obstacles that any site selector could have asked for that we could not provide. And now we are the Gold Standard of locations for so many large companies and industry. I can tell you, everyone better be ready to hang on for the ride."

In fact, according to Bray and VanHook, the development below Wendy's on US-461 was held up only because of those two items. "Even that project can begin to move forward now," said Bray.

"What many may not understand is that all this is part of the same economic development goal," said VanHook. "Everything we have done in the past few years has been a step-by-step process to get us here. If not for the Microfoodery project, there would be no Farmers Market, probably no Chapin Industries in Mount Vernon, no natural gas line, no US-461 widening and most other future plans would not be moving forward either. It all works together, as long as we work together, and you can't move toward the third part of a goal until the first and second parts are complete. Some were concerned that Microfoodery didn't grow as fast as expected but look where that project has taken us. Some complained that we worked so hard to get Lincoln County a gas line. But now look what that got us. We all have to work together, and then this happens."

The budget sent to the Governor last week includes \$20 million for the gas line project from Lincoln County to Rockcastle County. Including the \$12 million already promised by Delta Natural Gas, VanHook said this money will provide natural gas service to Mount Vernon, Crab Orchard, Brodhead, the industrial parks and Renfro Valley. "It is finally going to happen," he said.

"Rockcastle County has been crossed off the list for site locators for years only because of I-75 access and the lack of natural gas," said Bray.

In fact, some reports indicate multimillion dollar companies and worldwide industries have considered locating in Rockcastle but have postponed those plans due to those two problems. "This will not be the case any longer."

"The economic impact of these two projects are incalculable," said VanHook. "Rockcastle is a day's drive from two-thirds of the population of the country, located on the interstate that connects Florida to Canada, centrally located in the nation, high speed internet available, now entrance and egress from I-75 and natural gas with a lake here and Lake Cumberland access from here, a little more than one hour from two other interstates, US-150 is a major truck route and we are the crossroads to the country. Now there is nothing holding us back."

Holbrook agreed saying "We already had a lot going for us. But now these two projects only add to our amenities and provide a much more interesting place for a lot of big industry. There is no doubt this is a big win for our county."

Bray agreed. "The potential for industrial development in Rockcastle County now has skyrocketed," he said. "We are crossed off almost every list before we even know because we don't have the infrastructure in place that large industry requires. Within the next couple of years, that's not going to be the case any longer."

That's not all. There is also money in the budget to begin the study of a long-discussed access roadway that would connect US-25 at Exit 59 to US-25 at exit 62. The access road would provide hundreds of acres of commercial property directly off the interstate with what some local officials call the best location in the state for large companies such as Wal Mart or Kroger.

VanHook said if all the current projects remain in the budget, the funds to begin work on all projects would be available in July of this year. According to Bray, even if the Governor vetoed some items, the legislature would override those vetoes.

The Biennial Highway Construction Plan for 2022 through 2024 includes widening KY-461

from US-150 to the existing four-lane approach at US-25. This allocation is for \$13.35 million over three years.

The plan also includes access management along US-25 (Richmond Street) from the US-25/US461 intersection to I-75 with \$1.35 million.

Also in the plan is a bridge at Clear Creek on KY-1787 with \$1.133 million.

Other projects include guardrail and other repairs and bridge work throughout the county. According to Bray, there is a total of \$28 million set aside for transportation projects in Rockcastle County, including the state budget and federal funding already ap-

proved. There is also \$20 million set aside to fund the gas line project plus the \$12 million that Delta Natural Gas has agreed to fund for the project.

When state, federal and private dollars are combined, Bray says nearly \$60 million will be used to fund Rockcastle County projects over the next three years.

The budget passed the Senate 35-0 and passed the House 93-3. The budget is currently on the Governor's desk for approval, for line item veto or for full veto. The General Assembly, in which Republicans have a super majority, will then be able to override any or all vetoes when they return in mid-April.

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

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive funds for Phase 39 in the amount of \$12,052.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

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

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

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Feeding the Flock Ministries, Grateful Breads, and Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Leslie Faulkner at Daniel Boone Community Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315. The deadline for application to be received within 10 days of advertisement.

Logan Taylor receives commission from USMC

Submitted
Second Lieutenant Logan Taylor, United States Marine Corps, was commissioned on 26 March 2022.

2nd Lt Taylor attended Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia and graduated after 10 weeks of grueling training.

The mission of Officer Candidates School (OCS) is to educate and train

officer candidates in Marine Corps knowledge and skills within a controlled and challenging environment in order to evaluate and screen individuals for the leadership, moral, mental, and physical qualities required for commissioning as a Marine Corps officer.

OCS screens potential officers using a program designed to test and assess the candidates by using the

three graded categories of Academics, Leadership, and Physical Fitness. Academic subjects covered include Marine Corps history, leadership, close order drill, weapons handling, and general military subjects such as land navigation, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, interior guard, moral and ethical leadership, and basic combat.

The next step for 2nd Lt Taylor, is to attend The Basic School, also in Quantico, for six months. At TBS, newly commissioned Second Lieutenants receive the

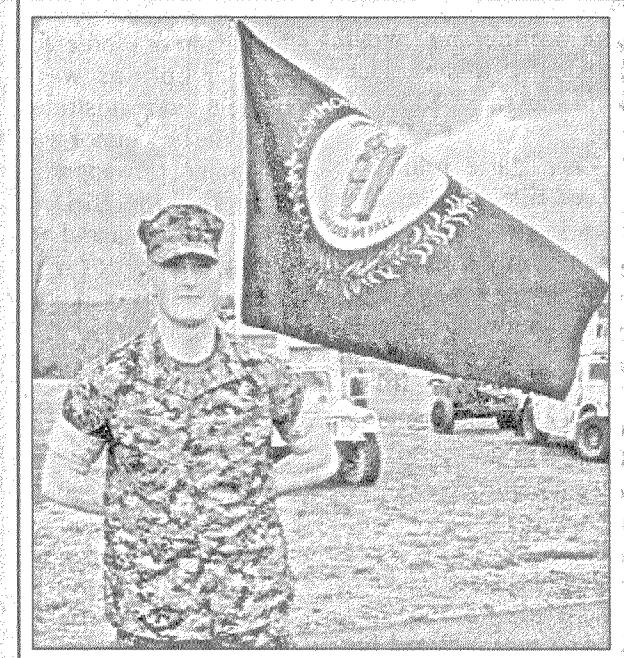
skills and knowledge necessary to lead Marines in combat; much like "every Marine is a rifleman", every officer is introduced to the skills necessary to lead a provisional rifle platoon.

Best of luck to Second Lieutenant Taylor, and all the graduates of the winter Officer Candidate Class - "Fair winds and following seas"

Logan is a 2017 graduate of RCHS and 2021 graduate of Western Kentucky University. He is the son of Troy and Natalie Taylor of Mt. Vernon and the grandson of

Christine Taylor of Brodhead and Bob and

Carol Pybas of Mt. Vernon.



Second Lieutenant Logan Taylor stands at ease in Quantico, Virginia after completing 10 weeks of intense training in Officer Candidate School.



Troy and Natalie Taylor pin their son Logan, after receiving his commission from the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School.



Second Lieutenant Logan Taylor completed 10 months of intense training and will now attend The Basic School for six months in Quantico, Virginia.

Retiring after 22 years



Jeanette Robinson has served the City of Mount Vernon for 22 years and spent many of those as the City Clerk. However, due to health issues, Robinson has been forced to retire from her position. A special retirement party was held at City Hall for Robinson recently. Robinson told those she has worked beside all those years, "I wish I could say I'll see you at work tomorrow, but I can't do that." She advised those present to remain thankful daily for their health and thanked each person for their friendship. "You are not co-workers, you are family," she said. Pictured from left are (front) Mayor Mike Bryant and his wife Carol, Fire Chief David Bales, Police Chief Brian Carter, Assistant Chief Joe Rush, newly-appointed City Clerk Crystal Lear Rush, Jeanette Robinson (sitting), Becky Payne, Jill Medley, Louise DeBord, Nicole Roberts, Lloyd Prewitt, Tim Owens and John Bray.

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RCHS Student Council reaches gold level

By: Mike French
Editor

"This group of kids deserves so much recognition. People really have no idea how hard and constant they work."

Those accolades came from Debbie Coleman, RCHS Student Council Advisor. Coleman and Rachelle Cornelius, took the RCHS Student Council to the state conference in Lexington last week and left the conference with countless awards and recognitions. "We received so many awards on that day," said Coleman. "And these kids had it coming. They work over 100 hours every week on countless projects that benefit the students and the teachers and the community as well."

Coleman herself was named Advisor of the Year at the conference and the RCHS Student Council was one of only two in the state to receive Gold Level status.

"This is a huge deal," said Superintendent Carrie Ballinger. "These kids, and their advisors, have done amazing, outstanding work for their school, their teachers and their fellow students. They help the community in

ways that are rarely recognized and they spend countless hours volunteering their time to help others. If there is anyone who deserves recognition for work above and beyond the call of duty, it is this student council and their advisors."

Coleman enthusiastically began listing the projects her students are involved with but there are so many she was well aware she would leave some out. "These kids do so much throughout the year that there is no way to mention them all," she said. "They spend so much time and hard work coming up with their own ideas to help others and recognize others that it would be impossible to mention them all."

However, among their work is raising funds on their own for two \$500 scholarships, over \$700 for Wounded Warrior Projects and over \$1,000 for a program that provides warm clothing for students who may need it. The council also recognizes teachers for their outstanding achievements and organized 50th RCHS Homecoming events. And this is only a few of their accomplishments this year.

The state conference recognizes students who excel in community service, school service and their service projects and the RCHS council was proud of their Gold Standard banner that now hangs in the office at the school.

Individual students received awards as well, including Emma Ballinger for Outstanding Speaker and Ella Bussell received an Honorable Mention for the same award, while

Haley Thacker and Gary Ramsey both presented at the conference with Bailey Bullock former RCHS Student Council member.

Coleman's obvious pride in her students was evident, as she listed accomplishment after accomplishment, and then pointed out that registration to join will be held beginning April 18. Anyone interested should contact Coleman or Cornelius at the school.

There are still many projects underway that the council is working on every day, according to Coleman. "These kids are so dedicated to the council and they work so hard," said Coleman. "They keep me running full time but they make my job easy at the same time."

The Kentucky State Council Association Conference was held last Friday and the school banner is in the office for

all to see. "Only two councils received this rating and it is indeed an honor. But the truth is, these kids deserve it. They don't do this for the banner. They do it because they care."

Members of the RCHS Student Council are Brylee Mullins, Landon Carlton, Emma Ballinger, Ella Bussell, Anna Chaliff, Briana Gahret, Destiny Adams, Gary Ramsey, Haley Thacker and Darby Smith.



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County Attorney asks for better system

By: Mike French
Editor

Part of the reason sheriff's offices across the state deal with tight budgets, is due to regulations and state requirements, according to Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray testified recently before the Kentucky Senate Health and Welfare Committee in support of HB730 which would help the financial strain on sheriff's offices across the state.

Rowe has headed an effort to change a regulation that has cost the county, and other Kentucky counties, needed funds and reduced time that deputies are available to citizens.

Currently, regulations require sheriff's department deputies to transport involuntary mental health cases, who are ordered to receive treatment, to ARH hospitals in Hazard, Harlan or Prestonsburg. Rowe says these trips require three to five hours that deputies are not in their county serving the public and costing the sheriff's department transport costs, which include gas and overtime pay. The long trips are also detrimental to the patient who, Rowe says, should not have to be in the back of a cruiser for such long periods of time before they can receive treatment.

"We are only a short distance on I-75 from Eastern State Hospital in Lexington," said Rowe. "However, due to current regulations, we are unable to send individuals to Eastern State."

Rowe and Bray says these regulations cause hardship issues. "The taxpayers are burdened with paying for overtime

for our deputies," said Rowe. "Our deputies are also burdened with working extra hours and spending excess time away from their families. But most importantly, it is a hardship on individuals who need mental health treatment to spend excess time in a police cruiser. We need to show com-

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—Jeremy Rowe

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treatment they need as quickly as possible."

Rowe says HB730 is an important first step in remedying these problems. The bill requires the cabinet to redistrict based upon specific criteria, including distance.

Bray and Kentucky State Representative Samara Rae Heavrin

have worked extensively on the bill that Rowe says will be beneficial to

many counties, including Rockcastle.

Deputy Justin Richards, who drives the patients to those centers, stated on social media that he strongly agrees with the bill. "I know I signed on for this but it isn't fair to those who are suffering from legit mental disorders to ride that far and be separated by distance from their families that can't make it to see them," he said. "A change is greatly needed."

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin also agreed with the bill. "I want to thank Representative Josh Bray and

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe for listening to and responding to the needs of citizens and law enforcement in Rockcastle County," said Franklin. "The passage of HB730 will allow emergency mental health patients to receive treatment in a timely manner."

Franklin says the entire community will benefit. "The county will literally save thousands of dollars in overtime, fuel and associated transportation costs, while returning deputies to service inside the county in half the time (or less) than was previously re-

quired."

Rowe says the change will impact the sheriff's department and will provide a more safe community for citizens and better treatment for patients.

The bill is currently under consideration.

COVID is better

For the first time in a year, every Kentucky county is out of the Red Zone for COVID transmission. Though officials warn that COVID still exists, the positivity rate is less than 2 in most Kentucky counties

Jailer looking to make jail self-supporting

By: Mike French
Editor

Jailer Nathan Carter released his tentative budget to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court last week and the numbers continue to show a shortfall.

Each year the fiscal court is responsible for about \$1 million in jail expenses, since the jail does not receive enough revenue to operate.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., said the expense is a drain on the county budget. "There is a lot we could do with that million dollars," he said. "But it may cost more to do without a jail than it does to help operate this one."

The current budget shows expenses of \$1,556,360 with revenues estimated at \$592,000, a deficit of \$964,360.

This 2022-23 budget is not a lot different this year but Carter is involved in several projects that he says may help the issue.

The fiscal court is currently looking over the budget and will return

with any suggestions or ideas that may help that deficit but Carter says there are limits to what can be done.

"We have to meet certain criteria and guidelines and provide certain services to the inmates and to the county. We have little or no control over most of the expense the jail has. They are state mandated requirements," said Carter. "but we simply do not have that kind of revenue."

But Carter is always looking for ways to help. "Not a day passes that I am not looking for a way to cut expenses or bring revenue to the jail," he said. In fact, Carter says the jail makes several thousand dollars per year through the MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy) program. "The state provides \$2 per month for every inmate that participates in the program and then \$1,000 for each graduate," he said. "We are the first jail in Kentucky history to receive a 100 rating on our MRT program and my goal is

to graduate 10 to 12 inmates each month." That would mean over \$100,000 per year to the fiscal court, Carter said.

Carter is also looking into medical options. "By using Medicaid, and providing in-house blood work and labs, and using the programs I am working on, that could be potentially \$100,000 more per year we can save."

Carter is in negotiations with three medical companies currently and intends to cut medical costs dramatically.

"That is one of our biggest expenses," he said. "When a person is arrested, their medical coverage is dropped at that moment. It becomes the county's obligation to provide all medical needs for every inmate the moment they are arrested."

Holbrook agreed. "If a person gets arrested for public intoxication and is taken to our jail, they are instantly on the county dime," he said. "If they need medical service the next morning it is all on the taxpayer." Holbrook

suggested a person may decide to have one extra drink that would put them over the legal limit, and that decision could potentially cost the county \$10,000 or more over night.

Though the City of Mount Vernon, Livingston and Brodhead do not pay any part of the costs to house any inmates their police departments arrest and put in the local jail, the state provides \$31.34 per day for each state inmate housed in the detention center.

"Since Lincoln County closed their jail, I work with them and now they pay us \$31.34 for each person they arrest that we house," said Carter. "This is a big help. They are also responsible for their medical expense."

Carter is also currently investigating the costs of reopening the jail's kitchen. "Rather than have to pay for prepared food, which is going up drastically right now, it may be less ex-

pensive to have our own kitchen. I am looking into that right now."

Carter said the jail also gets revenue from the phone system provided for inmates. "There are ways out there to save money and to create revenue and I am constantly on the search for more ways to help the county with this expense," he said.

According to local officials, the biggest income for jails across the state is the housing of federal prisoners. However, the local detention center cannot provide that service. "It would be nice to have that federal contract but the requirements are so strict that the jail itself does not qualify for federal prisoners," Carter said.

Carter said the budget that was presented last week is far from complete. "It is a work in progress because I spend every day looking for ways to save money," he said. "Even after the budget is approved, I can still amend it."

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Elizabeth Jewell Kidwell, 20, Mt. Vernon, asst. manager and Dalton Clyde Payne, 20, Mt. Vernon, factory. 3/28/22
 Edna Margaret Cameron, 73, Livingston, senior citizens site manager and Donald Ray Coffey, 76, Mt. Vernon, retired. 3/30/22
 Janet Leigh Walker, 51, Mt. Vernon, IGA and Anthony Steven Rutherford, 54, Georgetown, IGA. 3/31/22
 Jessi Nichole Thomas, 38, Brodhead, waitress and Roy Chadwick Hurd, 49, Marana, Arizona, self-employed. 4/1/22

Deeds Recorded

Lester G. Stewart, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Jonathan Sowder. Tax \$25
 Thomas Brock, Executor and Albert T. Hampton, property in Rockcastle County, to Martha Turner. No tax
 Jearl Dixon and Rachel Blanton, property in Rockcastle County, to Adam McCallister. Tax \$64
 Anthony E. and Dana L. Shelton, property in Rockcastle County, to Joshua Elliott Renner. Tax \$100
 CarJason and Summer Price, property on Flat Gap Road, to James E. Collins. Tax \$52
 Timothy V. and Vicki Renee Bullock and Paula L. Clark, property in Rockcastle County, to Timothy V. and Vicki Renee Bullock. No tax
 Timothy V. and Vicki Renee Bullock and Paula L. Clark, property in Rockcastle County, to Paula L. Clark. No tax
 Robert and Sharon Sizemore, property in Rockcastle County, to Jacob Douglas Sizemore. No tax
 Christie E. Turner, property in Hunters Ridge Subdv., to Karen Lynn Leach and Bryan Curtis Leach, Sr. Tax \$294

Marvin Dean and Carolyn Sue Carpenter, property in Rockcastle County, to Crystal E. Cotton. No tax
 Skeeter and Brenda Cromer and Normagena and Robert Carpenter, property on Hwy. 461, to Normagena and Robert Carpenter. No tax
 Jamie Lynn Mullins Worley and James E. Worley, property on Greenway Drive, to Kimberly Lynn Johnson and Nicholas William Gillespie. Tax \$260
 Noah David Cope, Sr., property in Bruce Fraley Project, to Shannon Clark. Tax \$10
 Mary P. Hill, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Charon Burton and Andrew L. Burton. No tax

Thomas Hines, property in Rockcastle County, to Amber and Shane Winkler. No tax
 Kentucky Highlands Community Development Corp., property on Poplar St., to Southern Tier Housing Corp. Tax \$142
 Kathy L. and Charles E. Littrell, Terry Manning Lake and Dewey Lake, property in McGuire Subdv., to Gwendlyn Lambertz. Tax \$82.50
 Bert and Angie King, property in Hunters Ridge Subdv., to Lyndsay West. Tax \$243
 Kennetha McGuire, property on John Baker Road, to Richard Birney. Tax \$0

District Court

March 28-30, 2022
Hon. Kathryn G. Stone
 Anthony D. Allen: Driving motor vehicle while license suspended for DUI, 90 days in jail/probated 12 months on condition plus costs.
 Damien Belt: failure to produce insurance card and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security.
 Choemae Bradley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and driving without license/negligence in accident, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to

appear (fta)/license suspended.
 Jamey Dwayne Fleming: burglary, bw issued for fta.
 Lloyd A. Hayes: fines/fees due (\$543), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.
 Stephanie Marie Hines: public intoxication, disorderly conduct and three other charges, bw issued for fta.
 Erica Oakes: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Brittany Nicole Pittman: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
 Speeding: Juan A. Rodriguez, \$100 fine plus costs; Barbara Ann Chambers, license sus-

pending for fta.
 Ibeth Cruz: failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for fta.
 Elizabeth A. Traugott: alcohol intoxication, harassing communications, falsely reporting an incident, bw issued for fta.
 Jimmy Williams: no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.
 Jonathan Allen: assault, three months in jail/concurrent/costs merged.
 Daryn Michael Barrett: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, 30 days in jail/concurrent, license suspension up to 18 months/costs merged.
 Jessica R. Carr: theft by unlawful taking, 90 days in jail/probated 24

months on condition plus costs.
 Jamie L. Dugger: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged.
 Mark Edward Isaacs: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged.
 Clinton L. Daugherty: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$100 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 on condition plus costs.
 Aaron Scott Hansel: failure of owner to main-

tain req. insurance/security and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Shirley Ann Harmon: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.
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April 9, 2022
Rockcastle County
FREE TRASH
DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held **Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign in at the gate will be required!

We will be **accepting** the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

We will **NOT** accept any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902



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

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive funds for Phase ARPA-R in the amount of \$37,246.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

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

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

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Feeding the Flock Ministries, Grateful Breads, and Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Leslie Faulkner at Daniel Boone Community Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315. **The deadline for application to be received within 10 days of advertisement.**

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. (close 1 on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:
 Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, cat's ones, 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.

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

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



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

HOW to WHEN to WHERE to VOTE

Primary Election - May 17, 2022

BY MAIL
 Ballot requests can be made online at 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.**
****Emergency ballot available only to those who qualify per 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**
 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



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SPORTS

State Runner-Up

RCHS anglers Sean Cash and Christian Larkey finished as the State Champion Runner-Up in second place out of 186 teams at the SAF (Student Angler Federation) State tournament on Lake Cumberland held March 26th. By doing so, they qualified for the SAF World finals on Lake Pickwick in Alabama which will be held in June. They will compete for scholarships and prize money against 400 plus boats. Pictured from left are Head Coach Billy Hackworth, Sean Cash and Christian Larkey.



Rocket baseball wins four straight

Rockcastle baseball has been busy this past week picking up four wins to up their record to 3-2 on the season.

Wayne County came to town Tuesday, March 29th and lost 9-2 for the

Rockets fifth win of the season.

The Rockets traveled to North Laurel Thursday and came away with a 6-5 win over the Jaguars.

Rockcastle found themselves down 4-0 be-

fore their bats came to life in the fifth inning to tie the game.

Carson Carrera got things started with a walk, stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Ethan Fain also drew a walk and advanced to second on defense indifference. Carrera scored the Rockets' first run on a Noah Fain fielder's choice and Ethan Fain scored on a passed ball for the second run. Cam Prewitt reaches on a hit by pitch and advances to third on a Landon Dillingham single. Dalton Gibbs singles scoring Prewitt

and Dillingham for the final runs of the inning.

North Laurel took the lead scoring one run in the sixth inning, 5-4.

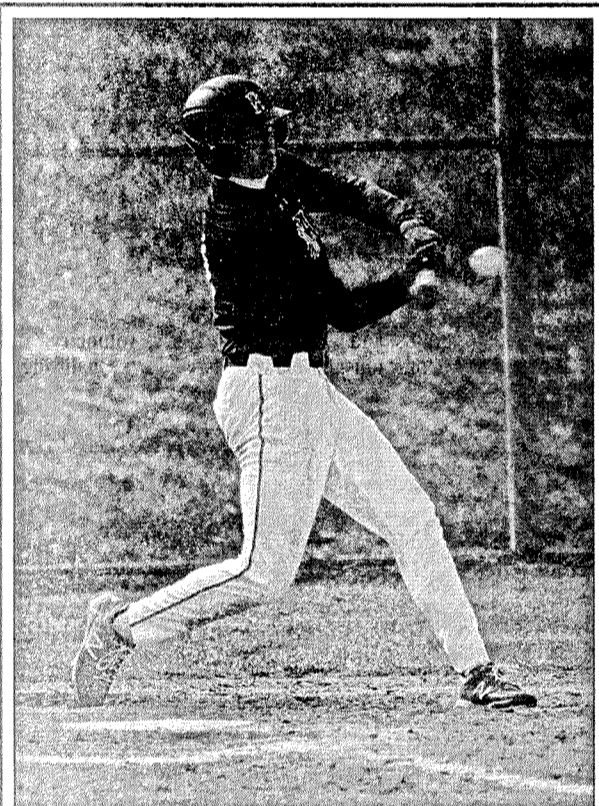
Rockcastle immediately took the lead back with two runs in the seventh.

Cam Prewitt walked and advances to second on a Dillingham bunt and both score after a Gibbs double to left field.

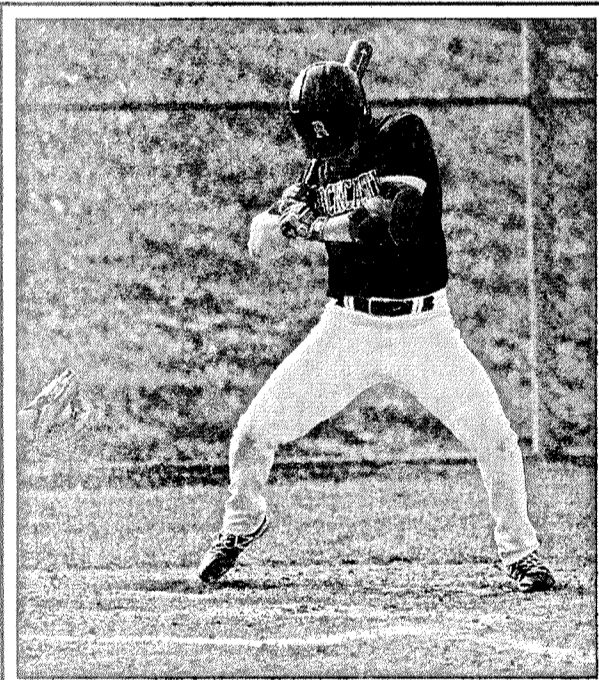
Skyler Durham came in to finish off the Jaguars with two strikeouts and a ground out.

Gibbs led the Rockets offensively going three

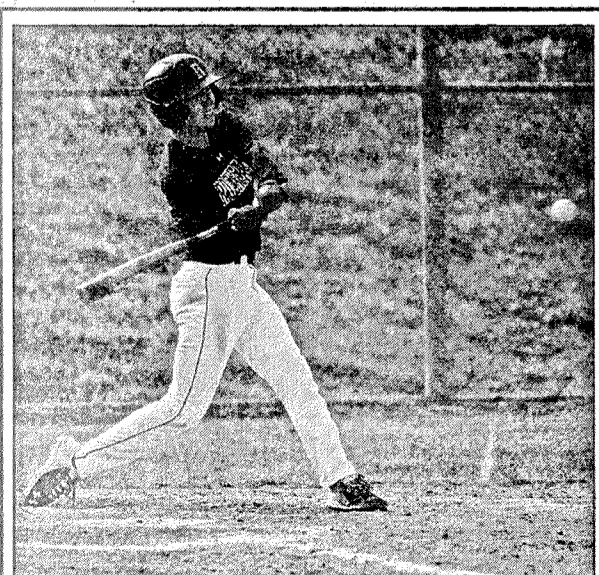
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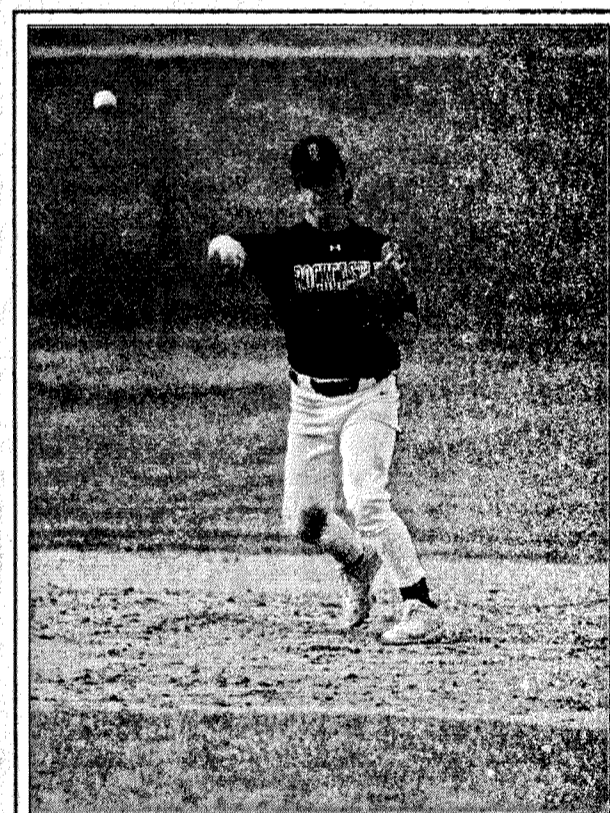
Landon Dillingham hit a three run dinger on this swing during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday.



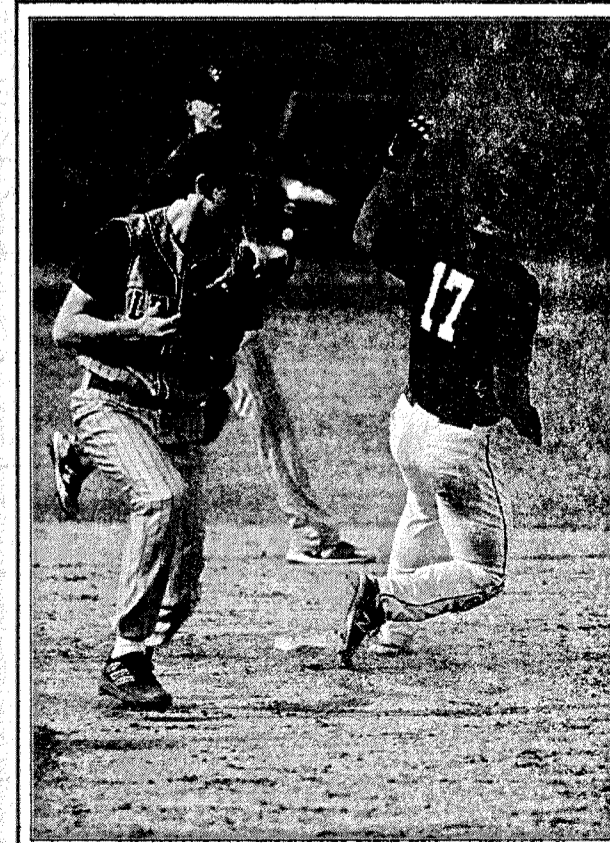
Noah Fain takes an inside pitch during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday. Fain went one for one with two runs scored and two walks.



Dalton Gibbs takes a swing during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday.



Shortstop Cam Prewitt makes a play to first during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday. Prewitt had one hit, one RBI, a run scored and a stolen base.



Ethan Fain shown stealing one of his three bases during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday. Fain went 3 for 3 with 3 runs scored, one RBI and a walk.

RCMS softball 9-3 on season

The Rockcastle Middle School softball team has started their season on fire winning nine of their first 12 games.

Sydney Holcomb got the season started off right pitching a no-hitter while striking out 14 to lead the Rockets past Clark Moores Middle 5-1.

Kelsey Maupin was two for three with a double, a run scored, stolen base and an RBI. Lauren Hensley was also two for three with an RBI and run scored. Macy Spivey was one for four. Tatum Bishop was one for three with a triple, an RBI and run scored. Holcomb had two walks and an RBI. Kiley Dunaway and Ella McKinney was one for three. Sadie Osborne had a walk, run scored and a stolen base.

Rockcastle won their next game 4-3 over Farristown.

Holcomb once again picked up the win going five innings, allowing only three hits and one run while striking out eight and walking one. Lauren Hensley threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Kiley Dunaway led the Rockets offensively going two for two with a double and RBI. Kelsey Maupin was one for three with with a run scored. Tatum Bishop was one

for two with a double and an RBI. Ella McKinney was one for two with a double and run scored. Lauren Hensley was one for two with a double and a run scored. Brailyn Todd was one for two with an RBI.

Rockcastle's third win came with a 14-0 blowout of Garrard County.

Lauren Hensley got the win for the Rockets going four innings giving up three hits, no runs and striking out two.

Offensively, Mahala Miller was two for three with a homerun, four RBI and one run scored.

Tatum Bishop was one for one with two walks, an RBI and two runs scored.

Ella McKinney, Lauren Hensley and Sydney Holcomb each had a hit with McKinney also scoring two runs.

The Rockets picked up another easy win defeating East Bernstadt 15-0.

Sydney Holcomb, Lauren Hensley and Ally Brummett each threw one inning for the Rockets.

Brummett was two for two with two runs scored.

Macy Spivey was one for one including a homerun, two RBI and one run scored.

Haley Hopkins, Sadie Osborne, Ella McKinney,

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RCMS baseball wins six of their first eight

The RCMS baseball squad has gotten off to a good start this season going 6-2 in their young season.

The Rockets first win came at the hands of Foley Middle, 5-3.

Rockcastle took an early 5-0 lead and this proved too much of a deficit for the Warriors as they scored three in the fourth and the Rockets allowed no more.

Hunter Pingleton picked up the win for the Rockets going four innings giving up three runs on three hits, one walk and five strikeouts.

Luke Poynter picked

up the save going two innings giving up one hit, one walk while striking out four.

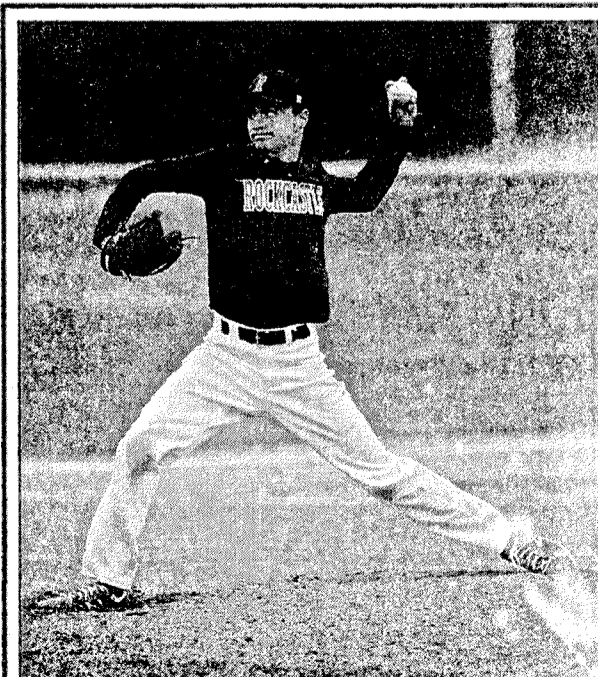
The Rockets made the most out of three hits and four walks during the game.

Poynter, Colton Cash and Ethan Weaver picked up the hits while Caden Lovell, Cameron Smith, Jack Childress and Sawyer Yates each drew a walk.

Lovell, Smith, Childress, Cash and Yates each had a run scored.

Their second win

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Caleb Bullock picked up the win during the Rockets' 11-1 win over Lincoln County Saturday.

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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

tate of Mary A. Durham (deceased) on the 23rd day of March, 2022. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Velma R. Bryant or to Hon. Jeremy R. Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 23, 2022. 8x3

Notice is hereby given that Larry C. Harmon, 4579 Bedford Drive, Evans, Georgia 30809 has been appointed Executor (with will attached) of the Estate of Patricia Harmon deceased on the 16th day of March, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry C. Harmon or to J. Robert Stansbury, P.O. Box 928, London, Ky. 40743 on or before September 16, 2022. 7x3

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Notice is hereby given that Luther Cromer, Jr., 462 Doc Adams Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Peachie Boone on the 28th day of March, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall

present them, according to law, to the said Luther Cromer, Jr., or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, Rowe Law Office PLLC, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 28, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

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“Rockets”

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for four with four RBI. Noah Fain had the other RBI for the Rockets.

Three pitchers took the mound for the Rockets. Noah Fain threw three innings giving up three hits, four runs, four walks while striking out three. Caleb Bullock went three innings giving up three hits, one run, one walk and had one strikeout. Skyler Durham threw the seventh inning giving up one hit and had two strikeouts.

Rockcastle played two at home Saturday beginning with a shut-out to Southwestern and a 11-1 blowout of Lincoln Co.

Skyler Durham got the win for the Rockets going five innings giving up four hits, no runs or walks while striking out seven. Silas Shaffer finished off the last two innings giving up one hit and had four strikeouts.

Noah Fain led the Rockets offensively going two for three with a homerun, two RBI and a run scored. Silas Shaffer was two for four with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Ethan Fain was one for three with one RBI. Landon Dillingham, Dalton Gibbs and Caleb Bullock each went one for three.

Gibbs and Shaffer each had a stolen base and Dillingham had two. In the final game Saturday, the Rockets came away with an easy victory over Lincoln County, 11-1 to bring their season record to 8-2.

The Rockets scored in each inning with the third inning scoring five runs.

Ethan Fain started off the inning with a double followed by his brother Noah with his own double. Cam Prewitt singled scoring Ethan Fain and went to second on a Landon Dillingham sac bunt. Lance Coffey walked to load the bases. Noah Fain scored on a passed ball and Coffey stole second. Cam Prewitt scored on another passed ball. Cade Prewitt drew a walk. Carson Carrera doubled scoring Coffey and Prewitt.

Rockcastle added three more in the bottom of the fourth.

Ethan Fain singled, and Noah Fain drew a walk. Landon Dillingham followed with a three run homer.

Ethan Fain led his team going three for three with two doubles, three runs scored, a walk, one RBI and three stolen bases. Carson Carrera was two for three with a double and three RBI. Noah Fain was one for one with a double and two runs scored and two walks. Cam Prewitt was one for three with a run scored, an RBI and a stolen base. Landon Dillingham was one for three with a homerun, three RBI and a run scored. Lance Coffey had a walk, run scored and stolen base. Cade Prewitt drew three walks, had three runs scored and a stolen base.

Caleb Bullock picked up the win for the Rockets with Kaden Kidwell getting the save.

“Softball”

(Cont. from B3)

Lauren Hensley, Sydney Holcomb and Brailyn Todd each had one hit for the Rockets.

Osborne and Caylee Holcomb each had two runs scored and Lauren Hensley had two RBI.

Adeline Bussell had two walks and a run scored for the Rockets.

The Rockets first loss of the season was a 5-4 loss to Wayne County.

The Rockets fell down 5-1 early and scored three more in the bottom of the fifth but fell short one run in the comeback.

Brailyn Todd was two for two with a triple, stolen base, walk and run scored.

Maupin, Spivey, and McKinney each had a hit and RBI while Mahala Miller had one hit.

Maupin and Spivey each had two stolen bases while Todd and Clara Shaffer each had one.

Rockcastle got back on the winning side with a come from behind win over North Laurel, 6-5.

Rockcastle was down 5-0 before scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth and fifth inning for the win.

Lauren Hensley got the win going five innings giving up six hits, five runs (two earned), one walk and struck out three.

Kelsey Maupin was two for three with a double, run scored, RBI and a stolen base. Lauren Hensley was two for three with two runs scored. Brailyn Todd was two for two with a double, two RBI, run scored and a walk. Macy Spivey had a walk and a stolen base. Tatum Bishop drew a walk. Kiley Dunaway was one for two with a double and run scored. Ella McKinney was one for three with a double, RBI and a run scored.

Rockcastle easily defeated Corbin 13-2 for their next win.

Lauren Hensley was the winning pitcher surrendering two runs on three hits over four innings, striking out seven and walking one. Offensively, Brailyn Todd was the lone Rocket with multiple hits going two for two with four RBI, run scored and a walk.

Macy Spivey was one for two with two walks and three runs scored. Tatum Bishop was one for four with a run scored and RBI.

Kiley Dunaway was one for two with a double, two walks, run scored and one RBI. Cailee Mullins was one for two with a run scored and one RBI.

Ella McKinney scored two runs, drew two walks and had one RBI. Spivey led in stolen bases with three. Maupin had two and McKinney and Bishop, one each.

Clinton County came to town and gave the Rockets only their second loss of the season, 5-3. Clinton County struck early taking the lead 2-0 in the top of the first before Rockcastle came back and took the lead 3-2 after scoring in the bottom of the third.

Clinton County added three more in the fifth inning and kept the Rockets at bay for the win.

The Rockets had five hits on the game highlighted by a double by Kelsey Maupin and a triple by Brailyn Todd.

The Rockets next two games were easy wins with victories over Foley 11-1 and Meece 16-0. The Rockets traveled to

South Laurel last week and picked up only their third loss, 7-6.

On April Fool's Day, Rockcastle traveled to Northern Pulaski and came away with a 5-1 win.

The Rockets were up 4-1 after two innings then both teams turned up the pitching and defense as both teams were scoreless until the sixth inning when the Rockets added one more.

Macy Spivey led her team going three for three with three runs scored, a walk and three stolen bases.

Kelsey Maupin was two for four with a triple, two runs scored, two RBI and a stolen base.

Brailyn Todd was two for three with a double, two RBI and a walk.

Mahala Miller was one for three.

Lauren Hensley earned the win going six innings, allowing one run on three hits and striking out two.

The team, under head coach Adam Hensley, are now 9-3 on the season. Their next home game is April 12th at the RCHS field when they host Madison Middle starting at 5:30.

Next week: Recap of the 8-0 Rockets B-Team.

“MS Baseball”

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came with a 7-1 defeat of Bates Middle.

It was a pitcher's duel for three innings before Bates struck first with one run in the top of the fourth.

Rockcastle answered in a big way in the bottom of the fourth scoring six runs to take the lead for good.

Maddox Parsons threw four innings giving up only one run on one hit, four walks and struck out eight.

Zeke Fain finished the last two innings striking out four and giving up two hits.

Fain, Cameron Smith, Colton Cash and Blake Mullins each had one hit

for the Rockets with Smith picking up three RBI.

The Rockets first loss came in a slugfest with Corbin, 20-13.

Caden Lovell, Zeke Fain and Jack Childress each had two hits for the Rockets with Fain picking up two RBI.

Hunter Pingleton, Braedon Campbell, Zeke Fain and Cam Smith all took the mound for the Rockets.

The Rockets got back in the win column with a 3-0 win over Boyle County.

Maddox Parsons picked up the win surrendering zero runs on zero hits over four innings, striking out seven and walking one. Luke Poynter earned the save pitching the final two innings striking out five and giving up two hits.

Zeke Fain picked up the lone hit for the Rockets with Sawyer Yates and Colton Cash each drawing walks.

Fain and Blake Mullins each had a stolen base.

Rockcastle's second loss came at the hands of North Laurel 12-1 bringing their record to 3-2.

Floyd Central came to town and the Rockets shut them out with an 8-0 victory.

Braedon Campbell got the win going four innings giving up two hits, no runs, two walks and struck out five. Luke Poynter got the save going one inning striking out one and giving up one hit.

Hunter Pingleton was two for three with three RBI and a run scored. Zeke Fain had two walks, two RBI and two runs scored. Caden Lovell, Cam Smith and Jack Childress each had a hit for the Rockets.

Paintsville was the Rockets fifth win of the season with a 6-5 victory.

Rockcastle took a 6-2 lead into the bottom of the fifth with Paintsville mounting a comeback but falling one run short to tie the game.

Maddox Parsons earned the win going four and two-thirds innings giving up five runs (one earned) on two hits, walking four and striking out six. Luke Poynter got the last out of the game with a strikeout.

Poynter, Colton Cash and Jack Childress each had two hits, each with a double, for the Rockets. Poynter's other hit was a homerun.

Childress had three RBI and Hunter Pingleton had two.

Rockcastle's sixth win came with an 8-4 defeat of Lexington Catholic.

Rockcastle managed runs in each inning of the game taking an 8-1 lead into the sixth inning. Catholic staged a mini-comeback scoring three in the top of the sixth but the Rockets shut the door

for the win.

Hunter Pingleton was three for three with a double and triple, three runs scored and an RBI. Caden Lovell was one for four with a double and a run scored. Zeke Fain had an RBI. Luke Poynter was one for two with a double and two runs scored. Colton Cash was one for three with a double and two RBI. Jack Childress was one for three with an RBI. Sawyer Yates was one for one with a run scored. Ethan Weaver scored one run.

Yates had two stolen bases and Lovell picked up one.

The Rockets, under head coach Tyler Holman, are 6-2 on the season and have a doubleheader Saturday at the RCHS field and will host Meece Middle next Monday at 5:30.

4-Family INDOOR Yard Sale

RAIN or SHINE! 8:00-2:00 Friday, April 8th and 8:00-12:00 Saturday, April 9th. Given by Traci Rowe, Nacole Smith, Lyndsey Boreing and Melissa Cromer Renner. Located at Mt. Vernon Church of God, 1025 West Main Street Mt. Vernon...just past Save A Lot. LOTS of ITEMS! Neora Fit, New Vera Bradley Items, Womens Small to 3x, Ladies Shoes sizes 8 - 10. Womens pants size 16-20, Baby Girls 3 months to 3T, Girls 4-5, Girls 8-16 and Shoes 1-7, Mens Large and 2X Shirts, Pants & Shorts 38 x 30. Purses, Toys, Household Items, Interior Paint, Wall Mounted Gas Heater, School Supplies, Decor & Curriculum from Classroom Cleanout. High chair, Vacuum cleaners, 84" curtains, 26" Schwinn Legacy Cruiser Bicycle, Hyla Vacuum w/ Shampooer, Brodyhill Side Table, Genesis Bows w/Cases & Arrows, Sherri Hill Prom Dresses and other formal dresses, 5x7 Rug, air ion purifier, Adult Potty Chair, LOTS of \$1.00 items!

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CALL FOR ARTISTS

ALL ROCKCASTLE VISUAL ARTISTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ORIGINAL WORK IN ANY VISUAL ART FORM FOR EXHIBITION AT AN ART SHOW IN SPRING 2022

ART SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

@ THE DEPOT IN LIVINGSTON

6:00-8:00PM

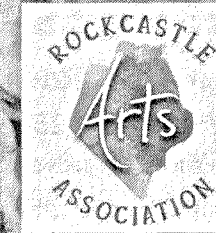
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