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Vehicle starts grass fire



Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department were called to a vehicle fire on the southbound side of I-75 Sunday afternoon. However, once on the scene, first responders discovered the fire had spread to overgrown grass and brush on the side of the highway, causing a grass fire to start. High winds fueled the fire which burned about five acres before it was extinguished. No injuries were reported and the Brindle Ridge Fire Department assisted at the scene.

May Primary Election voting about to begin

By: Mike French
Editor

It is once again time for the May Primary Elections in Kentucky. Though Election Day is Tuesday, May 16, votes may be cast as early as May 3 under the post-COVID election guidelines.

Voting procedures changed dramatically with the COVID Pandemic but though the pandemic emergency has been lifted, many of those voting procedures remain in place.

A photo I.D. will be required to vote in the

2023 Primary.

Early Absentee Voting will be held May 3-5 and 8-10 during regular office hours of the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

Early in-person voting (no excuse required) will be held Thursday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 12 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Election Day May 16 polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(See "Elections" on A5)

County votes against \$12,000 support for City of Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

A vote to resume providing \$1,000 per month to the City of Livingston for security support, failed to pass during last week's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Livingston City officials recently hired Travis Davis as the Police Chief of the City of Livingston. Davis had previously served as Chief in the City of Brodhead.

Last week, when the Fiscal Court faced the motion by Magistrate

Shane Thacker to continue the county's support to Livingston for security, the motion failed 3 to 2.

After the vote an extended silence from guests and the court con-

tinued until Magistrate

William Denny broke the silence with a request for a closed session meeting to discuss personnel.

The county had provided security support

that had been used for the Livingston Police Department for several years.

But in recent months the past Livingston Police Chief, Mikie Ashurst, had not worked in November

and December of 2022. So then Mayor Dwane King returned that security support to the county. The fiscal court has not provided the security support since that time since

there was no police chief to pay in the city.

However, Davis was sworn into office a few weeks ago and Livingston

(See "County" on A5)

New chief gives report

Livingston officials hear citizens' issues and questions

By: Mike French
Editor

The regular monthly Livingston City Commission meeting was held last Thursday evening with a lengthy agenda. Mayor Larry Davidson

opens each meeting by listening to public comments or complaints and last week was no exception.

Resident Lawrence Thayer commented on some trash and debris left

around town recently by his neighbors and asked if the city can address the issue. "This is not a complaint yet. I am just asking if there is an ordinance in place or if something can be done to help

clean that area up," he said.

Davidson said there is a nuisance ordinance and city officials are about to begin strongly enforcing that ordinance. "This ordinance has been in place

for some time but it was never enforced before," he said. "But, it is about to be."

Davidson said he is also looking into a city

(See "Officials" on A5)

No tax dollars used

School Board joins Social Media Class Action Lawsuit

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their regular monthly meeting

last week with a full agenda.

The first half of the meeting was used in recognition of recent accomplishments of local students who have brought statewide recognition to the county. The room was nearly filled with students who placed in the Academic competitions from

each school and those who reached milestones in spelling bees.

"These kids get asked some really touch questions and still placed,"

said Board Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink. "We could not be more proud of our kids."

The board also approved the monthly financial statements as presented by Jenny Sweet, Finance Director.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger also asked the board to approve an expansion of the local Save the Children contract into math classes. The request passed unanimously and

is funded entirely through the Save the Children Program, according to Ballinger.

In other action, Ballinger asked for board approval that the Rockcastle County School District support national litigation in a class action lawsuit against social media giants who have targeted children over the past several years. Ballinger said

(See "School" on A5)

Accepts Jail budget

Fiscal Court holds regular meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda.

The court voted to provide \$1,140 to the Rockcastle County Development Board and ac-

cepted the RCIDA monthly financial report.

The court also approved the Detention Center Manual as presented by Jailer Nathan Carter and approved the jail budget update. The draft budget showed a shortfall of about \$800,000 but the updated

budget shows \$904,124 needed from the fiscal court to operate the facility. The biggest change came in the area of state reimbursements which

was estimated at \$600,000 but will actually be about \$499,431. Another change was

(See "Court" on A5)

Farmer and Business Banquet is May 4th

The 61st Farmer and Business Banquet will take place Thursday, May 4th. The Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce and Rockcastle County Conservation District will again host this event and present awards to outstanding farmers and business in our county.

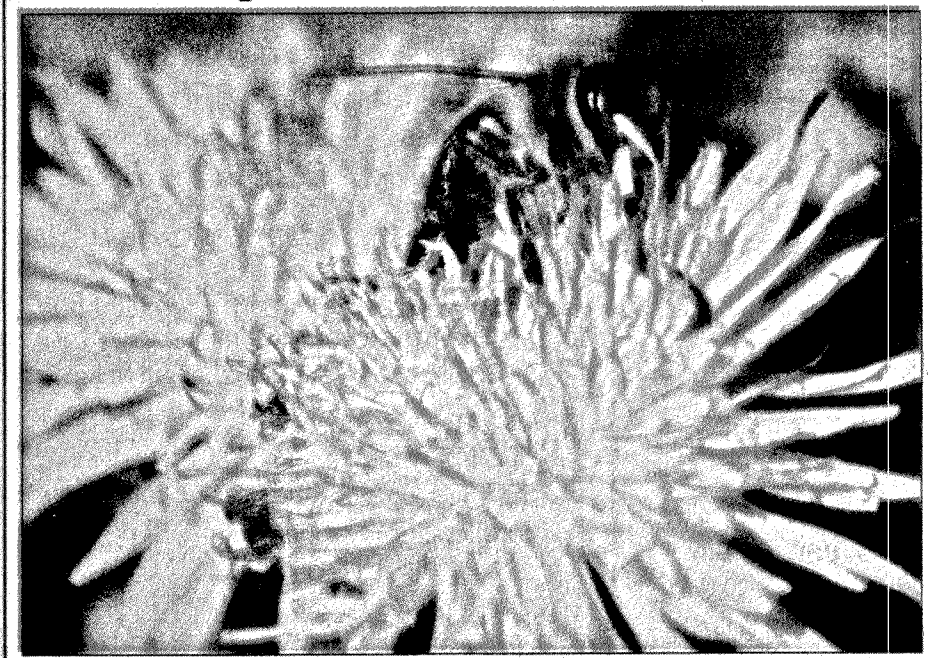
This year's speaker is Jeff Sheppard, Financial Advisor, and co-owner of Family Wealth Group. Many remember Jeff as a two-time national champion for the University of Kentucky Basketball team. Jeff and his wife

Stacey, a former Lady Cat basketball player have two children. Their son Reed will be a UK wildcat basketball player soon and Madison plans to be an ophthalmologist.

Dinner will be catered by Limestone Grille at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Doors open at 6:00pm and program starts at 6:30.

Tickets are available for sale at: Rockcastle Chamber Office, Rockcastle County Conservation District and Eliza York-Hansel at the Courthouse.

Covered in pollen



This common bee was photographed this past weekend near Main Street in Mount Vernon with his entire body covered in pollen. Health officials say pollen levels are currently very high in Rockcastle County causing many allergy reactions. Emergency room visits are up as many need relief from the spring pollen. Officials say many products are sold over the counter that help with such allergies but anyone in doubt of the cause of their respiratory condition should contact your physician.

Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 7 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days.

There were an additional 12 probable cases reported.

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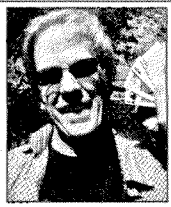
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Along with the many changes in attitude in America, there are changes in lifestyles. Not just the new raging fad of Democrats worshipping men who like to wear their mother's underwear and parade in front of children, but the actual daily lives of Americans. Not just the new attitudes of cities or counties proving free, clean drug paraphernalia to heroin addicts while ignoring their victims, but a physical change in the way America works.

There are so many jobs that people used to love that simply do not exist anymore, or have changed completely into a new profession.

So many American families used to depend upon the early morning arrival of the common milkman. Working into the night, the milkman would bottle his milk and sell each bottle. He often also had some butter that he could sell. The milkman became a part of the American family. He was there every morning with his delivery and a short conversation with his customers. Every day families across America depended on their milkman.

Switchboard operators used to typically be the friendly female voice Americans heard each time they picked up their phone to call someone. In the old days it took an operator to connect a call. When you picked up your one phone hanging on your kitchen wall, the operator was there waiting. Then you just told her who you wanted to call and she would physically stick your phone wire into the hole that connected

you to that person. More often than not, the operator was a friend and people would talk to her as much as whomever they were calling. The switchboard operator knew more about her town than anyone since they typically heard every phone call conversation.

Elevator operators are pretty much gone now too. There used to be a person that basically spent their day inside an elevator. Each person who stepped onboard would tell the operator where they wanted to go and the elevator operator would punch the proper buttons, delivering them to their floor, and wishing them a good day.

Ice men used to be important also. Before freezers existed, people depended on the iceman to deliver huge, heavy blocks of ice to their home. Without the iceman, a lot of foods would spoil and families had no other way to make ice.

Encyclopedia salesmen are gone. Your doorbell was liable to ring at anytime with a fellow selling encyclopedias or vacuum cleaners. They were everywhere.

It used to be a job to sit at the end of a bowling alley and reset the pins each time someone knocked them over. They were called "pinsetters."

There used to be a job called "lamplighter." Cities used kerosene/gas lamp posts throughout the city and the lamplighter would come out at dusk and light each street lamp with a match or a burning stick. Then at about dawn, this person would come along and

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By Roxanne Hammond

All In The Family

OH, The Places You Will Go!

Next month in May many high school seniors are anticipating graduation with questions about what now? College, a job, move away from home, will I make a difference in the world, what is my purpose and direction in life? Opportunities await.

Mrs. Jean Gentry, a guidance counselor at Brodhead High School asked Charles (Charlie) Napier this question as he anticipated graduation, are you planning on going to college? He replied that his plan was to pursue a job after graduation because he didn't have the money needed to pursue higher education. She quickly explained that she could help with a possible plan and arranged for him to connect with admissions at Somerset Community College who helped open the doors for him to work, study and begin his education. And so, the journey down his professional path began.

This week's featured RockStar is a very familiar Rockcastle County friend. He has worn many hats in his 73-year journey. He grew up in the Ottawa section of our county on his family's farm, learning to help his parents and siblings farm their land. From Somerset Community College Charlie graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in education and joined our school system as a 5th grade teacher, implementing his many gifts and talents to numerous young people, including a every Friday event of playing his guitar and leading his classroom in singing. Through the years Mr. Napier has served our school district

very well. He served on a committee that brought about the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) that brought sweeping changes to the Commonwealths educational system. He was an advocate and teacher in the Migrant program. Charlie Napier was a valuable resource and trailblazer for the young people in the Rockcastle County community, particularly in education.

In our community he is most often known as Country Charlie, a name

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



April is Animal Abuse Awareness Month Dear Journal,

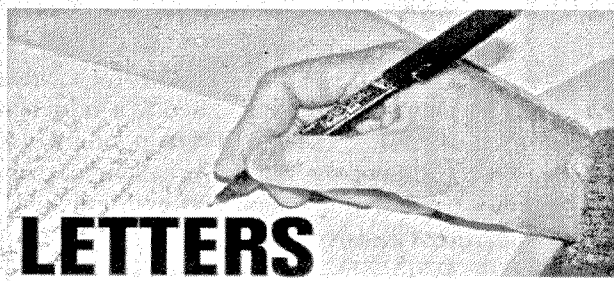
I was scrolling down my Face Book page this past week and I noticed that someone had put on their page and shared that this is Animal Abuse Awareness month. I stand before you ashamed for not knowing this. If there is one thing that can anger me more than just about anything else is animal abuse. I'd tell you of the things I'd do to people who commit these nasty things to animals but I can't be as graphic as I'd like to be in a family publication and I do mean graphic. Maybe I'm a

psychotic killer at heart Charles Manson would walk in fear.

There are people who do this kind of thing for fun or just because they can. There are those who just don't need pets. The pets go without food, water, medical care, and proper shelter especially in the hot days of summer or the harsh cold of winter, and the list goes on. They don't realize the harm they cause their pets

Then there are the ones who invent ways of torture that makes you wonder what kind of sicko did this. The ones I hate the most are the dog and chicken fighters. This gets me in a state I don't like to be in. There, too are the ones that steal your family pets who are gentle loving creatures and introduce them to fighting for fun and personal profit. They are often used as "bait dogs" that have their mouth sealed with a rope tied tightly around it or hampered in other ways to hinder them from standing on their own. The dog fighters often look for "free to a good home" ad-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historical Society seeking help...

Dear Editor, I am writing to you and the newspaper audience concerning the Rockcastle Historical Society.

As acting President I want to enlighten you concerning its viability. The society has not had a home for 40 years. We are asking people of our community to help us realize the dream of having our own space.

The society has been given a two story building in Mt. Vernon and of course it needs renovation. This expense at the cost of \$80,000. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization that is in the process of revamping the second oldest building in Mt. Vernon. We are seeking donations, new members and anyone who has

an interest in us having a museum.

In this museum will be collections of family

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May 6, 2023 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, May 6, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

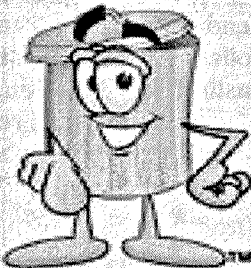
This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only. Identification and signature at the gate will be required!

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, 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



ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023 A-2

AMEND HOURS OF SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SUNDAY SALES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HOURS OF SALE FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, ARTICLE V. SECTION (3) STATES

"A Licensee for distilled spirits, wine and /or malt beverages shall be permitted to sell distilled spirits, wine and/or malt beverages on Sunday after the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Licensees must obtain Sunday retail drink license in order to sell distilled spirits or wine /and or malt beverages or wine by the drink on Sunday.

WHEREAS, AMENDED SECTION WILL READ:

SECTION 1. Article V: Section (3) of the Alcohol and Beverage Ordinance is hereby amended by rescinding the time authorized for regular sales (1:00pm to 6:00pm) and inserting in lieu thereof "1:00 pm to 6:00pm", so that when amended the time for alcohol sales shall be 6am to

Midnight

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Any chapter, article, section or division, sentence, clause or phrases of this ordinances is for any reason declared to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This amendment shall become effective upon its final adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY, THAT THIS SHALL BE KNOWN AS "AMENDED HOURS OF ALCOHOL SALES" IN THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY

March 13, 2023

FIRST READING

April 10, 2023

SECOND READING

Jerry W. Adams
JERRY W. ADAMS, MAYOR

[Signature]
CLERK

“Rock”

given to him from a friend many years ago that stuck most likely because of his love for country music, disc jockey at WRVK 1460 Radio, car shows across Kentucky and other states surrounding our Commonwealth, sports cast, and other pursuits.

I recently sat down with Country Charlie and asked about his career in radio. He shared with me that his longtime friend and eventual colleague, Pete Stamper, had introduced him to the radio quite by accident. He had a parent-teacher encounter with Pete about his son, who was a student at the time in his classroom. Pete then invited him to the studio at WRVK to have further conversation. While there he was asked to stay and answer the phone and play music for the program while Pete stepped out the studio to get a cup of coffee. Charlie agreed, thinking it would be for just a few minutes. Those minutes turned into an hour with Country Charlie manning the radio program, a complete stranger to the entertainment venue.

Charlie laughed when he said this would take him down a new path that he still enjoys to this day. These many years later he still does radio for WRVK 1460 AM and 97.7 FM with his programs “Chatter That Matters” and “Afternoon Delight.”

Charlie has also pioneered Kentucky Car Shows throughout the Commonwealth and surrounding states, where he and his wife, Carolyn travel to DJ. This has been a venue to help groups and communities fundraise and provides a wholesome, family oriented venue of fun and entertainment. In past years they have done as many as 50 to 60 shows per year, but in recent years have scaled back to about 20 per year.

He smiles and laughs describing himself as a quiet, hard worker among many. He’s also the father of four children and grandfather of six. He has traveled many roads throughout his life, but when asked what was most gratifying to him, without hesitation he stated it was his work to help establish the Rockcastle County Com-

munity Scholarship Program, where he served as President of the committee for ten years.

Over the past 55 years or so, Country Charlie has entertained on the stage at Renfro Valley Barn Dance, emceed the Country Music Hall of Fame and interviewed countless country music and other well know celebrities, Patty Loveless being his most favorite interview.

Dr. Seuss wrote a book many years ago entitled “Oh, The Places You Will Go!” It goes like this, “Congratulations! Today is your day! You’re off the great places! You’re off and away! And when

things start to happen, don’t worry, don’t stew, just go right along, you’ll start happening too! And will you succeed? Yes, you will indeed, ninety-eight- and three-quarter percent guaranteed!”

Well done Charlie Napier (Country Charlie)! You’ve made our Rockcastle County community a great place to live and raise a family. You’ve inspired countless young people to succeed and brought so much joy and entertainment to a host of folk. The good news is Country Charlie continues to cruise in our community, a true “Rockstar.”



Country Charlie Napier

Letters

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histories and items of historical significance from our own community. We want to have a safe place for sharing their own collections of family history and keepsakes of Rockcastle County history. We are going to make this a history resource center for our county, learning about digitizing records and involving our students in our school system.

We are inviting you to help with this endeavor in any capacity. We are accepting donations, applying for grants, meeting with archivists from EKU, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, Mt. Vernon City Council and local teachers. If interested please contact me. We meet every third Friday of the month at 1 p.m.

Sincerely

Debra J Brown
Acting President of
Rockcastle Historical
Society & Museum
859-582-3625

27th Golden Family Reunion is April 28-30

Dear Editor,
Date: Friday, April 28, 2023, family who can, please help in putting up the tent. Meet at cemetery 10:00 AM. Later we will be at the Williamsburg Tourism & Convention Center, located at 650 S. 10th Street (across the street from Cumberland Inn), Williamsburg, KY 40769, meeting from 5:00

-9:30 PM. Plan to arrive on schedule. Food can be brought into meeting rooms. Bring your supper and I’ll bring something for dessert. A beverage service will be set up including coffee, tea, water and sodas. A copy machine will be available to share copies of your history with others. Bring your family history, pictures, stories and plan to have some fun with your BIG Family! We have the room until 9:30PM.

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023, beginning at 8:30 AM and continuing until the last person leaves, plan to come, (Rain or Shine) and spend the day at the actual Stephen Golden first settlement site and his resting place on Golden Creek. Please arrive by 11:00 AM to allow time for our annual group photograph and so the prayer is not interrupted just before our meal. Then we can begin our potluck meal together at 12:00 Noon.

Be sure and bring a food dish to share and your lawn chair for this outing. Also, bring your voice and music instrument and plan to play and sing the afternoon away after we dine! See note under news regarding HELP NEEDED A potty and tents for shelter will be in place. Anyone who lives nearby your help is needed! Donations are welcome and any money collected at the auction

will go towards taking care of the cost for the Friday night event, cemetery upkeep and the cost to print newsletter and stamps for the newsletters mailing.

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023, the breakfast buffet for everyone spending the night at the Hampton Inn is from 6-10:00 AM in the hotel breakfast area, where we can have breakfast and do our fond farewells. Anyone who is not in a hurry and would like to help with the set up of Joshua Goldens grave marker at the Wells Cemetery, please come there by 1:00 PM.

Come to the event and learn about your history, both recent and ancient.

Carol Golden
Family Historian and
Editor of this newsletter
contact at
(865) 376-7141 or
goldencj@msn.com

T.J.s

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for dogs and cats, and these are sometimes fed to python snakes and such. They often visit shelters and adopt a “family pet”.

Women are often used to get these animals making others believe they are looking for pets for their children, etc.

Then there are the animal shelters that are paid for by our tax dollars. We, the citizens, pay our tax dollars to shelters who neglect the animals worse than if they were on the street in some cases. On the weekends and long three day weekends the animals have no food or water and are forced to stand or lay in their own feces and urine for hours or days. These shelters rarely try to adopt out these animals and are known as a “high-kill” shelters. Shelters are a death sentence for cats. Black dogs and any kind of elderly dog is very rarely adopted. May I suggest that you look into your local shelter to see where your tax dollars are going and see what you are supporting.

In this month of April and the months following, be a voice for those who can’t speak for themselves.

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I learned that most importantly Charlie Napier is a Christian man of great faith and has allowed God to order his steps along his journey. Psalm 37:23-24 says,

“The steps of a man are ordered by the LORD who takes delight in his journey. Though he falls, he will not be overwhelmed, for the LORD is holding his hand.”

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, April 24th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, April 25th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

RCHS Greenhouse Sale

Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse Sale will run April 24th - May 19th. Wide variety of garden vegetables, annual flowers, hanging baskets, ferns, succulents and more! Open 3:15 - 5:00 Monday - Friday, 9 to 1 on Saturday, May 6th and Saturday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 16th (Primary Election).

DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc., will be having a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

KPR Meeting April 24th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, April 24th at David’s Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Shawn Sparks, Director of Communications for the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Benefit

Reservations are now available for the region’s longest running Derby Eve party, benefiting Hospice Care Plus. The Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Benefit will take place Friday, May 5th at 6 p.m. at Churchill’s, in the historic Churchill Weavers building in Berea. Reservations are open through April 28th. Visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-985-1500 for reservations. All proceeds benefit Hospice Care Plus.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. 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 Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

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 Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella’s Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities Please join us each month.

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. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

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.

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

Obituaries

Don Stevens

Mr. Don Stevens of Maretburg, would like to announce that he has cracked enough walnuts, grown enough vegetables and raised enough cows. He wants everyone to know how grateful he is to have spent many years on his grandfather's farm with the best farmer's wife a farmer could have, his beloved Teet. However, knowing all great things come to an end; he has decided to relocate for eternity to be with his Savior Jesus Christ.

He was born November 16, 1928, in Brodhead, a son of the late Colson and Anne Emerick Stevens. He was an employee with the L & N Railroad in Louisville before retiring to the farm. Don served his country in the US Army, attaining the rank of Corporal. He was of the Baptist faith and found great joy in farming and his family. Don was a member of the #865 F&AM Masonic Lodge and The Scottish Rite.

On June 15, 1952, he was united in marriage to Kathleen "Teet" Albright, and from that union came two children, Nancy Jayne and Don Ambrose.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 70 years, Kathleen "Teet" Stevens of Maretburg; his children, Nancy Jayne Beanblossom and husband Dr. Brian of Louisville, and Dr. Don Ambrose Stevens and Libby Marbury of Shelbyville; his grandchildren, Dr. Lyndsie Beanblossom North and husband Dr. Alan, Mollie Beanblossom Shutt and husband Dr. Travis, Annie Beanblossom, Manny Beanblossom, Sam Beanblossom, Dr. Micah Emerick Stevens (Dr. Ashley Duvall) and Dr. Loah Ambrose Lewis and husband Eric; his great grandchildren, Savannah Mae North, Rosie Jayne North, Bennett Lee Shutt and Baylor Anne Shutt; his sisters, Virginia Broaddus of Brodhead, Iris Young (Joe) of Mt. Vernon, Patricia Blair (Herman) of Lexington, and Loretta "Sunny" Rowe of Knoxville, TN; his brother, Rex Stevens of Somerset; as well as many loving nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: sisters, Kathleen McLaurin, Juanita Cloud and Jo Ann Reusch; and brothers, Danny Stevens, and Jan Stevens, and infant Joyce Emerick Stevens.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 17, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery with Military Services by Rockcastle Co. Veterans Honor Guard.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Rockcastle County High School FFA Chapter, 1545 Lake Cumberland Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

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

Mary Katherine Mitchell

Mary Katherine Mitchell of Livingston was born January 27, 1933 in Manchester. She was the daughter of the late Richmond Cress and Celia Westerfield Cress. She was united in marriage to Robert Mitchell who preceded her in death.

She is survived by: her seven children, Darryl Mitchell of Newport, Judy Boswell of Amelia, OH, Peggy Snyder of Mount Vernon, Steve Mitchell (Jackie) of Lexington, John Mitchell (Kimberlie) of Gainesville, FL, Susan Mitchell of Livingston, and Jennifer Mitchell (Virginia) of Ann Arbor, MI; two siblings, Marie Cress of Seattle, WA, and Lundy Cress of Russell Springs; many grandchildren; great grandchildren; great great grandchildren; plus a host of other family and friends who love her and will mourn her passing.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is also preceded in death by: her four siblings, Kenneth Cress, Laverne Cress, Viola Hollon, and June Brenes; and three grandchildren, Nathaniel Mitchell, Frank Boswell, and Reuben Mitchell.

Mary Katherine, or Katherine as her friends and family knew her, had been a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, an IRS employee, a Kentucky State government employee at the Food Stamp office and a caregiver to many. She was a member of the Church of Christ in East Bernstadt.

Mary Katherine Mitchell passed away Friday, April 14, 2023 after having celebrated her 90th birthday in January. She loved reading, being with her family, quilting, travel, and playing along with the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy!

The family of Mary Katherine Mitchell will receive friends at Bowling Funeral Home on Saturday, April 22, 2023 beginning at 12 noon until the funeral hour of 1 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted in the Bowling Funeral Home Chapel with Roger Bowling and Steve Neeley officiating. Burial will follow in Ben Hacker Cemetery in Clay County.

Pallbearers are: Cody Mitchell, Michael McDaniel, Aaron Fleming, Darryl Mitchell, Steve Mitchell, and John Mitchell. Honorary pallbearers are: Roxanne Boswell, Dan Broman, and Ayden McDaniel.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in her name to the two facilities who took care of her in the last weeks of her life. They are: Compassionate Care Center Hospice 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond, KY 40475 -- OR -- Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center 131 Meadowlark Dr., Richmond, KY 40475.

Doris Jean Sowder

Doris Jean Sowder, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at her home. She was born November 21, 1936 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Lonnie and Malvinia Whitaker Payne. She was a housewife, enjoyed singing, sewing, cooking, spending time with family, and was a member of the Brindle Ridge Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one son, Donald Keith Sowder of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Betty Lou Burdette of Mt. Vernon, and Joyce Ann Hazelwood of Berea; one brother, Tex Payne of Blue Ash, OH; eight grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Raymond Keith Sowder; one daughter, Glenna Sue Spoonamore; two brothers, Ernie and Freddie Payne; and three sisters, Wilma Spoonamore, Brenda Payne and Linda Payne.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Judd Hisel, Chris Sowder, Ryan Bullock, Blake Mullins, Andrew Spoonamore, and Jordan Sizemore

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

Stella Bowman Sparks

Stella Bowman Sparks, 95 of Waco, passed from this life on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County, KY on August 24, 1927, the daughter of Isaac and Cleo Abney Bowman. She had been a homemaker and was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Berea.

She is survived and deeply missed by: her children, Barbara (Dave) Lipinski of Brodhead, Patricia Carpenter of Orlando, Judy Guinn of Paint Lick, Bonnie Watkins of Waco, and Dwain (Samantha) Sparks of Owensboro. She will be forever cherished and remembered by her 22 grandchildren as well as numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Joseph M. Sparks; a granddaughter, Debra Carpenter; two brothers, Ames Bowman and Jack Bowman; four sisters, Myrtle Rogers, Ollie Carter, Wetona Reams, and Etta Brockman; and three sons-in-law, James Carpenter, William Guinn, and William C. Watkins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 18 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Pastor Mark Horn and Pastor Kelly Blankenship. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Darrell Carpenter, Donald Carpenter, Connor Hampton, Michael Renner, Douglas S. Riley, Douglas Sexton, Dwain Sparks, and Ahriston Thomas.

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

Denise Chasteen Miller

Denise Chasteen Miller, 65, of Copper Creek, died Saturday, April 15, 2023, at her residence. She was born May 2, 1957, a daughter of the late Elmer Lee and Betty Ruth Brock Chasteen. She was of the Christian faith, loved to read, watch Christmas movies and spend time with family. On December 25, 1975, she was united in marriage to Lonnie Miller and from that union came two sons, Bobby Joe and Ronnie Lee Miller.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Ronnie Lee Miller (Felicia) of Copper Creek; grandchildren, A.J. Miller (Denise), Nathan Miller and Rylan Miller, all of Copper Creek; brother-in-law, Tubby Leger of Conway; sister, Donna (Jerry) Gray of Copper Creek; nieces/nephews, William "Tony" Leger, Jessica Baker, Stacy Chasteen, and Jaime Gray; and friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Lonnie Miller; her son, Bobby Joe Miller; her brother, Gary Chasteen; and sister, Karen Leger.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at Chasteen Family Cemetery at Copper Creek with Bro. Bruce Alcorn officiating.

Card of Thanks

Ann Benson

The family of Ann D. Benson would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, memorial donations, gifts, phone calls, and messages after the loss of our mother.

Special thanks to Rockcastle Regional Hospital and staff for the loving care they provided during our mom's stay and to those special angels who sat with Mom and prayed with her while she was there. Thank you to Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation for loving and caring for Mom while she resided at the facility, especially the staff on West Wing. Thank you to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, and Roy and Steve for taking great care in honoring Mom's last wishes.

Thank you to friends and family who visited, sent cards, and made phone calls while she resided at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation. Those small gestures of kindness made her days brighter and made her feel loved.

May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you again.

The Ann Benson family: John, Ronnie, and Melissa

Janelle Rhea Beaty

Janelle Rhea Thompson Beaty, 80, died Sunday, April 9, 2023 at The Terrace in Berea. She was born June 2, 1942 in Eubank, a daughter of the late Casper Virgil and Mannie Alice Larkin Thompson. She was a member of Fairview Church of Christ at Willailla. She found great joy in reading and studying the Bible, caring for her flowers, spending time with her family, particularly her grandchildren. Janelle owned and operated her own custom drapery business and had worked for Montag's Custom Draperies for many years. On April 24, 1964, she was united to Bobby Dale Beaty and from that union came two sons, Gregory Dale and James Dale.

Those left to celebrate her life are her: husband of 58 years, Bobby Dale Beaty of Mt. Vernon; her sons, Gregory Dale (Susie) Beaty of Hendersonville, NC and James Dale (Angela) Beaty of Knoxville, TN; grandchildren, Jerin Gregory (Brittany) Beaty, Julian Gregory Beaty, Jensen Gregory Beaty, and Jaylen Gregory Beaty; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: sisters, Rozella Faye Thompson Strunk, Ozella Maye Thompson Lawson, Leoma Ann Thompson Smith Johnson, Lucille Belle Thompson Douglas, and Dollie Beatrice Thompson Stansberry; and brothers, Kenneth Larkin Thompson, Goble Jefferson Thompson, Lowell Orville Thompson, and Raymond Neal Thompson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Herrin officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery.

Donation/contributions in Janelle's memory may be made to ones favorite charity, Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery or Hospice.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Larry Allen

Larry Allen, 71, died April 8, 2023, at his sister's home in Colbert, Georgia. He was born April 26, 1951 in Richmond, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his mother, C. Ellen Abney Allen, and his father, Vester Allen, formerly of Mt. Vernon.

He is survived by six siblings, Maxine Cockerill of Brandon, FL, David Allen of Alachua, FL, Philip Allen of Ft. Wayne, IN, Judy Vires of Gaffney, SC, Jennifer Purvis of Colbert, GA, and Catherine Bockoff of southern CO.

Larry was Valedictorian of his high school class in Livingston and graduated with honors from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He was employed by Raytheon Corporation in Ft. Wayne, IN until his retirement in 2016.

Larry was an avid collector with a variety of interests including vintage cars, western art, and other eclectic artworks. He had a unique story-telling ability paired with a terrific sense of humor that was sincerely appreciated by his family and friends.

Lord & Stephens Funeral Homes, Danielsville, Danielsville, GA is assisting the family with the arrangements.

www.lordandstephens.com

Church News

Homecoming/Revival

Maple Grove Baptist Church will be having their homecoming and revival with Homecoming on Sunday, April 23rd and revival following on Monday night at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Wayne House will be preaching. Special singing nightly. Bro. Jerry Owens invites everyone to attend.

Cemetery Notices

Johnetta Cemetery wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460. Donations will also be accepted May 26th through May 29th at the cemetery.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244. Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

For Sale: 6 sets scaffolding with walkboard. \$750 606-758-9312 if no answer, leave message.

LIHEAP Spring Subsidy Cooling offering Kentuckians assistance with electric cost

Community Action Agencies accepting applications for one-time assistance in all 120 counties

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy Cooling Component applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis through June 2, 2023, or until designated funds are depleted. Households, up to 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, can receive a one-time benefit to offset their home electric cost.

The Spring Subsidy Cooling Component provides households with one-time benefit ranging from \$38 to \$200 depending on income levels and housing category. The benefit amount awarded is based on a household's income and housing category. Benefits are paid directly to electric vendor.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact their local Community Action outreach office for specific application instructions. Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties.

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

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

Assistance received during previous LIHEAP components does not affect household's eligibility

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$1,580	5	\$3,807
2	\$2,137	6	\$4,364
3	\$2,694	7	\$4,921
4	\$3,250	8	\$5,478

Add \$57.00 for each additional family member to the monthly income limit.

“County”

(Continued from front) Mayor Larry Davidson, who was present at the fiscal court meeting, asked the court to reinstate the \$1,000 per month in security support to help with Davis's salary and expenses. Magistrate Shane Thacker immediately made the motion to do so and Magistrate Mike McGuire reluctantly seconded the motion. "I really don't want to, but I guess I second the motion," said McGuire.

Thacker then asked Davidson how the City of Livingston goes about vetting its police officer applications. "How do you check credentials and backgrounds before you hire someone," Thacker asked Davidson.

Davidson said he thoroughly vetted applications, and did so with Davis. "If you are asking about our police chief's history, we heard the rumors too. But we checked and there has never been a charge filed or a single document that supports those rumors," said Davidson. "No charges were ever pressed and none were ever filed. I believe everyone deserves a second chance and I don't listen to rumors. A lot of people have fallen and gotten back up and I don't even know that he (Chief Davis) has ever fallen. I guess I am asking the fiscal court to not decide whether to support the Livingston Police Department based on rumors that you may have heard with no documentation whatsoever."

However, when Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook asked for a vote, Thacker and McGuire voted in favor of the motion to continue the security support while three magistrates voted against continuing the support. "The motion fails, three to two" said Holbrook.

Magistrate William Denny said after the meeting that there had been a lot of rumors, innuendo and claims concerning Davis and he could not in good conscience support a police department that the people may not trust.

After the meeting Thacker said he hopes everyone understands his position. "I did not make the motion in order to support or not support any particular person," he said. "I made the motion to support the Livingston police department and it is up to the City of Livingston how to use that support. It didn't hurt my feelings that the motion failed."

McGuire also said after the meeting that he seconded the motion for similar reasons. "I am not for or against whoever they decide to hire as police chief," he said. "But Livingston is in my district and I have to vote to get them all the help I can. I represent them and that's my job."

Two nights later, Davidson said at the regular monthly Livingston City Commission meeting that he expects the alcohol regulatory fees and related revenue would support the position of police chief. Officials did not say the hours Davis will work since some may take advantage of that information, said Davis. "I think Travis is the best possible choice for our city and he fits our needs exactly."

Mayor Davidson was asked if Chief Davis will

remain since the county voted against the \$12,000 in support that had been used to pay the police chief. Davidson said, "He has done more in his first two weeks than has been done in the past two years to help our city. As far as we are concerned, Travis will be with us for a very long time. Everyone in this room will admit an improvement in our city since Travis has been on board."

All commissioners, and most guests present, vocally agreed that the City of Livingston has seen a noticeable change in late-night activity since Davis has joined the force. "I think it is quite obvious what a difference Travis has already made in our town. We are very proud and lucky to have him on board."

“School”

(Continued from front) a mental health crisis has flooded America focusing mostly on youth and many studies indicate those troubles stem from social media usage.

Ballinger told the board that one in five students now suffer from a mental health disorder. "We all know these social media giants are targeting our youth to these addictive practices and it is time we stand up and do something about it," said Ballinger. "Social media has had a huge affect on our youth and enough is enough."

Ballinger said the support will cost the district no money and no tax dollars will be used to join the class action suit. The board approved the support unanimously.

Board member Matt Chaliff said he believes it is time parents play a role in stopping the excessive social media usage that is targeting youth. "We can win millions in the law suit and that does not solve the issues. What has to happen is parents need to get involved and stop this excessive social media usage," he said. "A fifth grader does not need a cell phone and certainly doesn't need Tic Toc or Instagram. There is no need in that and parents need to step up and stay involved in their child's social media life."

The motion to support the law suit passed unanimously.

The board also approved Ballinger's request to continue the contract of Teresa Combs as the district's attorney. The request includes an additional \$10 per hour for services from the attorney but there is no retainer fee, according to Ballinger. "I am in touch with her almost daily and she is available to all of us," said Ballinger. "She is very well respected in her field and is always willing to help us anytime we need her expertise."

The board then entered executive session to discuss the possible purchase of land. After the private discussion, board members reentered open session and Mink made a motion to give Ballinger the authority to negotiate for property. The motion passed. Mink said she could not discuss the specific property in open session because such discussion may affect negotiations.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action report. It is as follows:

Resignations

Anna Brown, substitute

teacher; Billy Hackworth, JROTC instructor at RCHS; Chris McGuire, counselor at RCMS; Jennifer Arlt, substitute teacher; Jennifer Thompson, substitute cook/baker; Jordan Eaton Noel, substitute instructional assistant; Joyce Craig, substitute instructional assistant; Kelly Rogers, Substitute cook/baker; Michelle Atkin, substitute teacher; Rita Shaffer, kindergarten teacher at BES; Silvia Coldiron, instructional assistant at BES; Tammy Stevens, LBD teacher at RCMS.

Retirements

Angie Hendrickson, gifted and talented teacher at RCHS; Charles Bullen, PE teacher at BES; Cloia Collins, kindergarten teacher at MVES; David Burton, custodian at BES; Detrina Owens, media librarian at RCMS; Jamie Cornelius, vocal music teacher at MVES; Julie Asher, 2nd grade teacher at MVES; Shelia McFerron, speech language pathologists at BES.

Classified substitutes hired

Amy Wyatt and Tessa Smith, cook/baker district wide; Landon Dillingham, substitute instructional assistant; Tessa Smith, bus monitor; James Scalf, substitute custodian district wide.

Certified staff updates

Larry Lee, transfer to LBD teacher from PE teacher at MVES.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

“Elections”

(Continued from front)

Once again this year there will be four voting locations and all Rockcastle Countians may vote at any of the four locations regardless of your residence. The four locations are Roundstone Elementary School, Brodhead Elementary School, the Livingston Fire Department and the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Registered voters may choose any of the four locations to cast your ballot.

This year's primary elections include both Republican and Democrat party candidates and offices up for election include the governor, auditor of public accounts, Kentucky State Treasurer and commissioner of agriculture.

Republicans running for Governor include Eric Deters, Bob DeVore, Mike Harmon, Alan Keck, Dennis Ray Ornerod, Ryan Quarles, John Ray Rice, Robbie C. Smith, Daniel Cameron, Jacob Clark, David O. Cooper and Kelly Craft.

Democrats candidates running for Governor include Peppy Martin, Geoffrey M. "Geoff" Young and incumbent Governor Andy Beshear.

Democrat candidates running for Commissioner of Agriculture include Seirra J. Enlow and Mikael Malone.

Republican candidates running for the office of Secretary of State include Stephen L. Knipper, Allen Maricle and Michael Adams.

Republicans running for the office of Auditor of Public Accounts include Allison Ball and Derek Peters.

Republicans run-

ning for Kentucky State Treasurer include Mark H. Metcalf, O.C. "OJ" Oleka and Andrew Cooperroder.

Republicans running for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture include Richard Heath and Jonathan Shell.

This election will narrow the field of candidates and decide who will be on the ballot for each office in the general elections in November of 2023. The last day to register to vote in the 2023 General Elections is October 10.

“Officials”

(Continued from front) dumpster that citizens could use to help keep their residence clean as a service to the citizens of Livingston.

Guests also expressed concern about ATVs and loud dirt bikes after 10 p.m. in the city. Davidson and Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis addressed the issue. "We are a trail town and we do promote ATV and such activities," said Davidson. "But we do expect our riders to demonstrate common respect and courtesy for others. If they won't do it themselves, we do have some measures we can take to help the issue. We actually have a curfew ordinance here. It has never been enforced, but it could be."

Chief Davis said he too will keep an eye out for those taking advantage of the local trail activity. "I would much rather see our youth out enjoying nature and riding ATVs than to have their face stuck in a video game," he said. "But we do expect our riders to show common respect for the citizens of Livingston. If I see someone out riding respectfully and not doing donuts and tossing litter and making terrible noises, I don't have a problem with that."

Those in the audience eventually agreed with Davidson and Davis that Livingston is trying to create an inviting environment for ATV riders and canoers and those who enjoy the outdoors. "If you are not on private property and not causing any trouble for Livingston citizens, I'm not going to bother you," said Davis.

There were also some complaints concerning loose animals, including cats, throughout the town. "We have a leash law and ordinances involving loose animals as well," said Davidson. "We will look into the increase in animals recently." Chief Davis said he is currently working on a new and improved animal control method in Livingston. "I am working on a partnership between the LPD and Animal Control," he said. "Together we can help this issue and we are working on it as we speak."

Davidson also publicly thanked David Mahafey who donated security equipment, cables and devices to the City of Livingston for security purposes.

In other action, Chief Davis provided his first department report to the commission. "I am so glad to be here. This feels so much more like home than where I worked before. The people are so nice and truly care for each other. This is my kind of town," he said. "At the end of the day, all

the programs and functions and this massive (500+ page) standard operating procedure police manual that the city has now adopted, is all about one thing, keeping the City of Livingston safe. Most of my police training is narcotics-related and I will be involved in cleaning that part of our city up as well, and I am available to anyone, anytime. It is my pleasure to be here and I am going to work hard for the people I am entrusted to protect."

Mayor Davidson said he is pleased and proud of Davis. "So far, he has been amazing and we can all tell a difference in our town since Travis joined us and it is only going to get better from here."

The commission also approved \$153,000 state water grant that was recently awarded to Livingston. "We can do a lot with this money and we are going to use every nickel of it to improve our water system," said Davidson. Davidson said the money is not in the bank yet, but the application has been approved and the funds will be allotted.

The commission also heard the first reading of the new Livingston Customer Water Agreement Ordinance which establishes fees and hookup regulations and more. A copy of the ordinance in its entirety is published in this week's issue of the *Signal*. A second and final reading is expected at the May regular meeting.

The commission also voted to list a city vehicle as surplus equipment and sell a small bus. Commissioners decided the accepted bids for the bus beginning at \$2,500.

Davidson read the financial statement which shows \$10,547 in the general fund and \$17,806 in the road fund. The report also shows, \$11,417 in the water fund, 42,654 in the FEMA fund and \$9,721 in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund.

The commission also accepted a bid to mow city property at \$140 per mowing.

Having no further business, the commission meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

“Court”

(Continued from front)

listed in the food category which had been estimated at \$179,028 but was updated to a more accurate \$198,202, according to Carter.

The court also approved a Resolution Contract for \$1,129,831 in Road Aid funds.

The court also faced the task of filling two seats on the Rockcastle County Public Library Board of Trustees since the terms of Carolyn Hunt and Virginia Mink will expire on June 30. On the vote to fill one seat with either Hunt or Alice Smith, the vote ended in a tie vote. On the vote to fill the other seat with either James Renner or James McKinney, the court voted and it was a tie once again. Both votes were held again with Hunt and Renner winning the two seats.

County Treasurer

Vickie Miller read the fund reports to the court. The General Fund shows a balance of \$97,651 while the Road Fund shows \$261,062 and the Detention Center shows \$60,381. The ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund balance was listed at \$3,255,494 and the Economic Development fund shows \$3,114,209. All funds were approved as read.

The court also voted to create an Occupational Tax position for 20 hours per week at \$18 per hour. The position will be a part time and not include benefits.

The court also approved a request from Regina Goff, who will be performing some financial duties for the court, to place a time limit on cashing payroll checks for all county employees. A check must now be cashed or deposited within 60 days after issuance.

The court also set the speed limit on East Fork Skaggs Road at 15 mph.

The court also approved lease agreements as prepared by County Attorney Jeremy Rowe for the four rental spaces in Livingston that are owned by the county. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook pointed out that the agreements involve leasing conditions only and do not address utilities or other properties in the city of Livingston.

Some magistrates asked if the county would continue the program support to the City of Livingston if the county is taking over paying the utilities for the four rental spaces. Holbrook said the lease does not address program support and those details will be worked out after exact utility costs are calculated. However, until those details are worked out, the county will continue to provide the program support to the city.

The court did however vote to eliminate the \$1,000 per month security support to the City of Livingston that had been used to support the payroll of the Livingston Police Chief. (See related story in this issue.)

The court then entered closed session to discuss personnel. Upon reopening the meeting, the court voted to provide a \$5 per hour raise to Miller since she has been appointed as Treasurer. "Vickie's duties have been greatly increased and she is doing a wonderful job for the people of Rockcastle County," said Holbrook. "She has never complained and is willing to do any task to make the county run better. She is well deserving of this raise."

In final action, Miller asked the court to approve a transfer of \$196,500 from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund. Miller also requested transfers of \$1,500 from the General Fund to the Forestry Fund, \$70,000 to the Jail Fund and \$35,000 to the 911 Fund. All transfers were approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

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Costs county \$904,124

Jailer looking for ways to increase revenue, cut costs

By: Mike French
Editor

Some may wonder why the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court must provide close to \$1 million per year to the Rockcastle County Jail. But according to Jailer Nathan Carter, until legislation is changed, there isn't a lot more a jail can do to support itself and still meet all the state requirements. However, that doesn't keep Carter from trying to help any way he can.

"I have implemented a total of eight programs and am working on the ninth," said Carter. "They are all ways to bring some revenue to the jail. We are very limited on the amount of revenues we can raise but we are helping in several ways."

According to the recent budget, the fiscal court will have to provide \$904,124 of the jail's \$1,733,990 expenses. But it could be a lot worse, according to Carter. "We have imple-

mented the MRT program among others and that brings some revenues in. I currently have about 10 empty beds and am requesting state inmates all the time to help," he said. Carter also has another possible revenue in the near future but said that plan is in negotiations.

The jail receives \$35.34 per day for housing a state inmate but receives nothing for local inmates. In turn, the jail must provide upkeep and medical services, meals, clothing, hygiene and more for inmates. Guards must be on site at all times and services provided as well as utilities. "There is a lot of expense that we

don't get any help from the state with, that have to be provided and that is why jails across the country are losing money," said Carter.

The federal government provides about \$55 per federal inmate but the Rockcastle County facility does not qualify to house federal inmates due to several requirements that would cost multi-millions to implement, Carter said.

There are some expenses that new regulations or corrections to the judicial system could help correct, according to Carter, but thus far those measures have not come to fruition. "State Repre-

sentative Josh Bray is working hard on some of the things that would help local jails," Carter said. "Increasing the state inmate revenue and changing how the medical system works and how long some inmate wait for trial would help. If we could get credited for time served at sentencing for inmates that would also help us."

Carter said he has some inmates that have been in his facility for over 700 days waiting on a trial. "That entire 700 days is on the county dime," he said.

By law, though an inmate may be fully paid up with health insurance,

Carter says that health insurance is immediately terminated the instant an inmate enters the jail system. The county has to provide health services for all inmates the moment they enter the system," said Carter.

However, though costs are rising every year the local jail brings in more revenue than it has typically in prior years, Carter said. "We have some things I am working on that would bring our deficit down to around \$650,000 and that would help the county a lot," said Carter. "But it seems that when I find a way to save funds or bring more revenue in one area, then the cost of food and utilities goes up and we just can't seem to catch up," he said.

Carter said he spends time most every day thinking of ways to either cut the budget or increase revenues. "I will keep scratching at it and doing all I can to have a jail more self sufficient. But until some legislation comes our way, county jails are not going to be able to pay their own way in Kentucky."

"Aces"

blow out each lamp along the city streets.

Shoeshiners used to be everywhere. A person could make a living stopping at bus station, sidewalks or train stations offering to shine your shoes while you wait. You didn't take your shoes off you just placed your foot on his knee and he shined each shoe to a sparkle shine. Very shiny shoes used to be very important to people.

There are also a lot of jobs that still remain but have changed dramatically. Those who work in service stations, or gas stations, have it made compared to their predecessors. When you pulled up to a station in 1960, two adults would run (not walk) to your car and clean the windshield and side windows, check your oil, your tire pressure, pump your gas for you and ask if there is anything else they could do. You would pay your \$3 for a full tank of gas and drive away.

The one I miss the most are cigarette girls. They used to be everywhere and you could buy a pack of smokes anywhere, all the time for 40 cents.

Cashiers have also changed a lot in my time. The cashier used to represent the business. Rather than post signs every few feet telling a customer something they are not allowed to do, and explaining that they don't

accept American currency anymore and basically treating you as though you have interrupted their day, they used to appreciate a customer's patronage.

And of course places like WalMart and Kroger's now expect you, the customer, to check out and bag your own merchandise. For this reason I go to smaller, local grocery stores and try to support those who still appreciate customers and keep local dollars circulating locally.

I guess some day, there won't be a need for my job as well. I've done it all my working life and there has always been some left-wing, WOKE activist who thinks they know my job better than I do. But the truth is, if Democrats keep getting their way, journalists won't exist much longer in America. Instead they will all be propagandists spewing whatever new lie the government wants you to believe.

Life is a lot different these days and with those changes jobs are changing and many are disappearing all together. Even the ice cream truck is a much more rare sight these days.

I suppose my grandchildren will never know such things existed. I believe they will miss the Constitution the most. After all, the liberal agenda will do away with it eventually.

RCIDA to assist KCF to raise funds for new center

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday morning.

First on the agenda, Executive Director Jeff VanHook informed the board members of a Kentucky Cattleman's Foundation (KCF) hopes to create an Agriculture Education Center.

The KCF has asked that the RCIDA and its Executive Director Jeff VanHook, assist the foundation in grant gathering and seeking funds for such a project.

There are currently about 74,000 farms in Kentucky employing 128,000 workers with 12.9 million acres of land dedicated to farming, according to the foundation.

Director Jeff VanHook said the RCIDA has voted to proudly assist in creating the educational center since it will benefit Rockcastle County and the local region in countless

ways. "This will not only support operations and families in Rockcastle County, but ultimately have impact and benefits to local enterprises that supply equipment and other goods to those operations."

The KCF has offered \$125 per hour to the RCIDA for their assistance in the matter, with a ceiling of \$12,000. Members of the RCIDA board voted to assist in advocating for funds and provide strategic expertise towards the center. An exact location of the center has not been set.

In other action, VanHook announced that 46 full loads of piping was expected to be delivered by this week for the natural gas line project. This piping is designated as the pipe that will carry the natural gas to Rockcastle County. "The natural gas pipeline is progressing very well," said VanHook.

The RCIDA members also mentioned that they had not received any of the program support promised

by the City of Mount Vernon.

The city voted to provide \$1,000 per month in program support to the RCIDA toward the end of 2022 but according to board members, no support has been received at the time of the meeting last Wednesday. "I'm sure it is just an oversight," said VanHook.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 22-CI-00181

Community Trust Bank, Inc. Plaintiff

V.
Billy Barrett, unknown spouse of Billy Barrett Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action March 10, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 39/100 (\$16, 838.39) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, April 21, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:30 a.m.

All that parcel of land in City of Mount Vernon, Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, as more fully described in Deed Book 202, Page 704, ID # 034E-17-006, being known and designated as beginning at a stake by the pike that leads to the Sand Springs; thence along the edge of the pike S 36 3/4 W 100 feet to a post in Millers line; thence with the Millers line S 69 E 176 1/2 feet to a stake; thence N 30 1/4 E 97 feet to a stake; thence 69 1/2 W 162 feet to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Billy Barrett and Nella Barrett, husband and wife, by deed dated December, 15, 2004 and recorded December 28, 2004 in Deed Book 202, at Page 704, Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 100 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Map # 034E-17-006

Being the same property conveyed to Billy Barrett, single by deed dated May 25, 2010 from Nella Barrett and recorded September 23, 2010 in Deed Book 232, Page 328 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, Mount Vernon, KY.

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

1. The real property shall be sold as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 5.00% per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

What Does It Mean To Receive The Word?

(Acts 2:41)

Those who received the word on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls. God did the adding to the church. (Acts 2:47) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church such as should be saved.

In receiving the word man saves himself. (Acts 2:40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. In rejecting the word man condemns himself. (Acts 13:46) Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

We must receive all of the word of God. (Jas.2:10) For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. (Isa.30:10) Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Is not that what we have in the religious world today. Preachers for most part are doing that today, preaching things that are smooth, it is more about making them happy in this life, instead of preaching the truth that will prepare them for the life to come.

Some people who think they want to receive the Word actually do not. The cost is more than they are willing to pay. (Matt. 19:22) But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

For a man to eternally be saved he must do more than receive the Word. He must allow it to abide in his heart. (Matt. 13:23) But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

We must remain steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. (1Cor. 15:58)

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our YouTube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think whether you agree or disagree your suggestion is important to us. We also offer free Bible correspondence courses. We would love for you to visit the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ in Mt Vernon Kentucky. We worship every Lord's day at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to contact me my number is 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Get Around To It!

We are all capable of procrastinating, that means putting off things we need to do. Most all of us like to do certain things and they come natural for us, but unfortunately most all of us have things we dread doing and with that being said, we put them off as long as we can. We are persistent about personal things like keeping our hair cut and groomed, shaving, how we dress, most of us want to look nice. As for things around our house, we also want it to look good. We want the grass mowed and the landscaping to look nice, because we feel that reflects who we are. Certainly, there is nothing wrong with that.

What about the spiritual things though, are we as adamant about those things?

Let's look at a Biblical example of the danger in procrastination. Matthew 25:1-13 In this parable, Jesus speaks of the wise and the foolish virgins. Some had prepared for the coming of the bridegroom and some hadn't. Basically, those that had not were procrastinators. There is a difference in being ready. Another lesson we can take from this parable is that we can't depend on others to do what we are responsible to God. I can't save my children. I can't save my grandchildren, certainly, I would if I could, but they must make that choice. Neither will anyone enter Heaven on the coat tail of another.

In verses 11 through 13 we are reminded that there will be a time when God's judgement comes to all of us. The time of preparation and time of procrastination will be no more.

Are you ready for the coming of Christ?

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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

RCHS shows off talent with "Rock's Got Talent"

The talent show was held Friday, April 14 in the RCHS gym. The show displayed the many talents from students as they performed in front of the student body.



The Ethan Medley Band performed "Gimme Three Steps" and "Walk Softly on this Heart of Mine".



Kaden Nunn sang "Something in Orange".



Cynthia Harrison played and sang "Just a Dream".



Ethan Cromer performed a bass guitar solo backed by Ezekiel Graves on drums.



Katelyn Barron played and sang "Jolene".



Emma Robinson sang "Make You Feel My Love".



Rhobert Rhodus played and sang "Careless Whisper".



Marcos Bengé played and sang "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright".



Jesse Kidwell sang "Three Wooden Crosses".



Dillon Pickle played and sang "Disenchanted".

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Lost Patience Band performed "I Don't Wanna Lose You" and "Baby What You Want Me to Do".



Emily Sturgell and Kaitlyn Burgin sang "Does He Love You".

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FEMA funds coming to local utility companies

Straight line winds and heavy rains caused some damage in central Kentucky in March.

The damage didn't cause the county great expense, however the electrical and other utility services reportedly suffered massive outages.

Due to the extensive overtime and extra workers from out of state, Rockcastle County officials joined other counties to request federal assistance for the damages.

Last week, the governor's office announced that Rockcastle County's request, along with

78 counties, were approved by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency.)

"This won't be funds coming to the county itself but we submitted the request along with other counties hoping to get

some help for the many electric and utility companies that were damaged during those storms in March," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

The amount of funding has not been determined

until final cost estimates from the damage are complete, according to officials, but Jackson Energy, South Kentucky Energy, Kentucky Utilities and other rural utility companies are expecting some of the funds once they are determined.

**ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
UNITE
Coalition
Community Celebration**

Thursday, April 20,
6:00PM
First Baptist Church,
Mt. Vernon, KY
340 W. Main Street

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Absolute Live Estate Auction of the late Patricia Fletcher's House & Lot & Personal Property

Saturday, April 22nd at 10:30 a.m.

92 W. Main St., Brodhead, Ky.

This frame 2 story house has living room w/ fireplace, kitchen, dining room, sunroom and half bath on the first level. 3 bedrooms and full bath upstairs. It has vinyl siding, shingle roof, storm windows, fuel oil furnace, carpet, nice wood trim and much more.

The home is conveniently located in the heart of town on a nice lot measuring 4/10 of an acre.

Personal Property to be sold includes:
Antique oak bed ~ antique oak dresser ~ full size maple bed ~ Empire style dresser ~ cedar chest ~ odd chairs ~ vintage gas range ~ chest of drawers ~ cane bottom chairs ~ couch ~ loveseat ~ tools and much more.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins April 12th through April 21st. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.

Buyer's Premium: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price.

Terms: Real Estate- 20% down due day of sale, with balance in 30 days with deed. Personal Property- Payment in full due day of sale in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard with an additional 3% processing fee (\$3 minimum)

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SPORTS



Lance Coffey scores a run in the Rockets' loss to Somerset.



Carson Carrera led the Rockets offensively against Somerset going 4-for-4 with an RBI in the Rockets' loss to Somerset.

Rocket softball beats Somerset 7-6 with walk-off double by Coffey

It took an extra inning, but the Lady Rocket softball team came out on top of Somerset on Tuesday, April 11th 7-6.

Makayla Coffey doubled in the bottom of the eighth scoring Macy Spivey who had a double of her own for the walk-off win.

Somerset got on the board in the first inning but Rockcastle came back with three in the bottom for the 3-1 lead.

Haley Pingleton singled and took second on an error and Ella Bussell singled to score Ella McKinney, running for Pingleton. Haven King reached on an error and Makinlee Goff singled to score Bussell and King for the three runs.

Somerset came back to tie the game in the top of the second with two more runs.

Rockcastle broke the tie in the bottom of the third with two runs.

Pingleton started off with her second hit of the night while Bussell and King loaded the bases courtesy of Briar Jumper errors. McKinney, running for Pingleton, scored on an error by the catcher and Bussell scored on a

Goff ground out to round out the scoring.

Somerset immediately took the lead back with three runs in the top of the fourth, 6-5.

Rockcastle tied the game in the bottom of the sixth inning after Kierra Larkey and Macy Spivey each singled with Larkey scoring on an Adysinne Lovell single.

After Rockcastle held Somerset scoreless in the seventh and eighth innings, Spivey and Coffey teamed up for the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

Coffey, Pingleton, Bussell and Spivey each had two hits on the night. Lovell, Goff, and Larkey each had one.

Goff had three RBI, Coffey, Lovell and Bussell each had one.

After the victory on Tuesday, the Lady Rockets had a tough stretch of games losing to Madison Central, Clinton County and Pulaski County on Monday night.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to travel to Pulaski County Tuesday, April 18th. Mercer County comes to town Thursday and Garrard County on Friday. Both games start at 6:00 p.m.

Beat Breathitt 7-6

Rocket baseball loses to Somerset

Despite outhitting Somerset 11-9 Tuesday, April 11th, the Rockets came out on the losing end 7-3.

Somerset and Rockcastle each scored in only two of their seven innings but Somerset made the most of their nine hits scoring four runs in the third and three in the sixth.

Carson Carrera led the Rockets offensively going 4-for-4 at the plate with an RBI. Carson King and Cam Prewitt were each 2-for-4 with Prewitt picking up an RBI. Dalton Gibbs was 1-for-3 with a walk and a run scored. Conner Winstead was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

The Rockets ran into a juggernaut in Harrison County Friday and Saturday losing to Madison Central 12-1 and Harrison County 14-0.

The Rockets managed only three hits against the Indians and Dalton Gibbs was the spoiler for Harrison County stopping a no-hitter with a hit in the fourth inning.

The Rockets saved their Saturday with a come from behind victory over Breathitt County, 7-6.

The Rockets were down 6-0 after five innings but cut into that lead with four runs in the sixth.

Maddux Parsons drew a walk and stole second, Dalton Gibbs also walked and Carson Carrera was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Carson King

singled to score Parsons and Gibbs. Conner Winstead singled to score Carrera. Robert Reams singled to load the bases and Skyler Durham hit a sac fly to score King.

Dalton Gibbs sat down Breathitt County one, two, three in the bottom of the sixth.

Rockcastle picked up in the seventh where they left off in the sixth.

Maddux Parsons and Dalton Gibbs each drew walks and King reached on an error to load the bases. Cam Prewitt singled to score Parsons and Gibbs for the tie. Winstead drew a walk to load the bases once again and King scored on a Robert Reams bunt single.

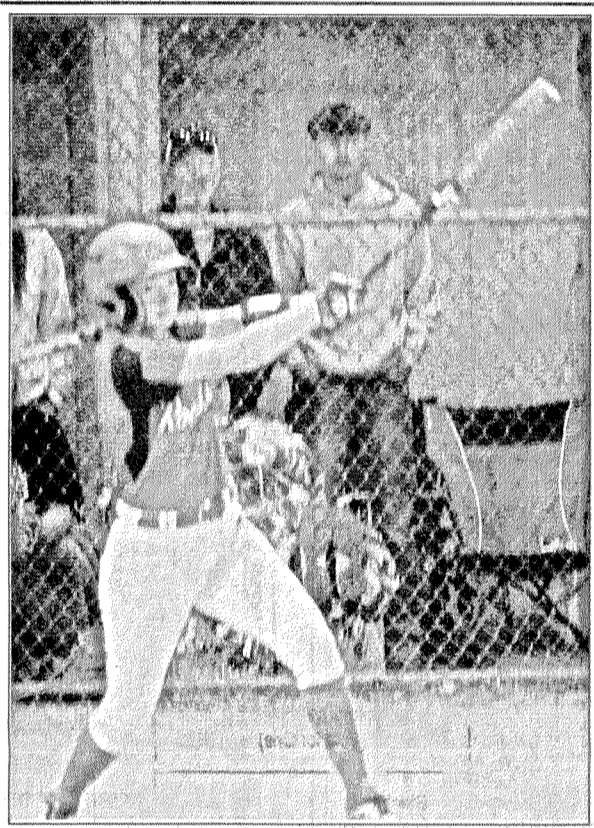
Gibbs took care of Breathitt once again in the bottom of the seventh forcing a ground out and a double play to end the game.

King and Reams each had two hits for the Rockets. King also had two RBI and two runs scored. Prewitt also had two RBI in the victory.

The Rockets had a tough one Monday night as they lost in extra innings to Pulaski County, 5-2.

It was a pitcher's duel for the first seven innings. Skyler Durham gave up two runs on four hits while striking out six. Offensively, the Rockets got two runs on six hits.

The Rockets got on the scoreboard first tak-



Mikayla Coffey gets the game winning double on this swing in the Rockets' 7-6 win over Somerset last week.

ing a 2-0 lead after two. Pulaski got one back in the third and tied the game at two in the top of the seventh.

Rockcastle couldn't hold off PC in extra innings as the Maroons put three across the plate for the win.

Lance Coffey and Conner Winstead each had two hits for the Rockets. Dalton Gibbs, Cam Prewitt and Skyler Durham each had one hit. Prewitt and Durham had the RBI for the Rockets.

The Rockets were scheduled to travel to Pulaski County Tuesday night and then to North Laurel Thursday.



Macy Spivey gets a double on this swing in the eighth inning of the Rockets' 7-6 win over Somerset. Spivey scored the winning run after a double by Mikayla Coffey.

Rockcastle County Meeting/Forum 2 Advertisement

Rockcastle County School District's Local Planning Committee will be holding a Public Meeting and Public Forum on **Wednesday April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center Board Room**. This meeting will be the second meeting/forum for the District Facility Planning process. The LPC will review the Kentucky Department of Education's presentation, the district's current DFP, financial information, demographics, and other district data. Members of the public are welcome to attend and/or address the Local Planning Committee.

Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center
250 Richmond Street
Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456

Rockcastle County Meeting/Forum 3 Advertisement

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Cam Prewitt went 2-for-4 with an RBI in the Rockets' loss to Somerset.

Highway fatalities data shows decrease in 2022

Highway fatalities in Kentucky decreased last year for the first time since 2018. While the reduction demonstrates a positive step, state officials encourage motorists to practice safe driving behaviors to prevent avoidable deaths.

The decrease in highway fatalities is an encouraging sign of what I hope will be a downward trend for years to come, said Gov. Andy Beshear. While we are thankful, one fatality is one too many and we grieve with those who lost loved ones last year on our roadways. To avoid losing more Kentuckians on our highways, we must remain vigilant by practicing safe behaviors, like buckling up and putting the phone down.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky State Police (KSP), data indicates there were 744 fatalities in 2022, compared to 806 in 2021, a 7.6 percent decrease.

Highway safety is about more than numbers, its about people, said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. We will continue to work toward our goal of zero traffic deaths on Kentucky roadways through infrastructure improvements and partnerships with state agencies and the public.

Of the 744 highway fatalities last year in Kentucky, 57 percent were not wearing a seat belt and 15 percent involved

alcohol. Approximately 33 percent involved speeding or aggressive drivers and 20 percent involved driver distraction. Pedestrians and bicyclists accounted for 109 deaths and motorcyclists accounted for 99 deaths.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), one of the most effective ways to help reduce highway traffic deaths is to combine public awareness campaigns with high-visibility enforcement efforts.

The last thing we want to do is notify someone that their loved one has been in a fatal crash, so if we can potentially save a life by writing a ticket, we'll do it, said KSP Capt. Paul Blanton. At the end of the day, we want everyone to make it home safely.

The KOHS partners with KSP, county and city law enforcement agencies throughout the state in awareness campaigns and enforcement blitzes, such as Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Buckle Up Phone Down, Not So Fast, KY speed campaign and Click It or Ticket.

While we pledge to increase our awareness efforts, we need the public's help, said Secretary Gray. We're asking motorists and passengers to commit to safe driving behaviors when behind the wheel.

According to NHTSA, wearing a seat

belt gives motorists the best chance of preventing injury or death if involved in a crash. Properly fastened seat belts contact the strongest parts of the body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. A seat belt spreads the force of a crash over a wide area of the body, putting less stress on any one part, and allows the body to slow down with the crash, extending the time when the

crash forces are felt by the occupant.

We encourage motorists to make safe choices on the road because it's the right thing to do, not just because it is the law, said Capt. Blanton. Some may see it as an inconvenience, but traffic laws are in place for a reason.

So far in 2023, preliminary numbers indicate 169 roadway deaths, down 13 compared to the

same time last year.

KYTC continues to pursue infrastructure projects to prevent deaths and serious injuries on highways. The Cabinet's 2023-2024 budget includes additional funding investments for safety improvements. Anticipated dedicated funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and discretionary grant application opportunities will

infuse more dollars to invest in communities statewide to implement innovative safety solutions in the coming years.

Historical Kentucky highway fatality statistics:

2016	834
2017	782
2018	724
2019	732
2020	780
2021	806
2022	744



The DAR JROTC Award was presented to Cadet Laura Beth Saylor, 12th grade, on Friday, April 14th, during their annual awards ceremony. Presenting the award is Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly, Chair of the National Defense Committee for the Rockcastle Chapter, NSDAR.

Transportation Cabinet begins mowing season

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 8 advises motorists that roadside mowing season is underway, which runs from April to October. State and contract crews will complete three mowing cycles, including litter removal on interstates, parkways and other primary routes throughout the state.

KYTC officials ask Kentuckians to do their part by keeping the state right of way clear of temporary signs and other obstacles that can obstruct the path of mowers and pose a hazard for mowing crews and motorists.

Kentucky law and Transportation Cabinet policy prohibit the placement of non-official signs of any type for campaigns, yard sales or other advertising on state highway right of way, utility poles, fences and guardrails or on road signs. Depending on size and construction, illegally placed signs are a distraction and can be a safety issue for motorists when blocking the view of oncoming vehicles.

Illegally-placed signs also can disrupt or endanger right-of-way operations such as mowing, ditch cleaning and litter removal, and can pose a direct safety hazard to motorists who run off the roadway particularly when installed with large wooden or metal stakes.

Campaign signs and other signs placed on state right of way that restrict sight distance or interfere with mowing and maintenance operations will be removed by KYTC crews. Signs that are removed will be held at the state highway garage in each county of KYTC District 8 and kept for two weeks. Unclaimed signs will be discarded.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet asks that motorists use extra caution when traveling through these work zones.

Traffic information for the District 8 counties is also available at www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8 or by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict8.

SAMPLE BALLOT

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS ALL PRECINCTS LISTED IN ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 16,

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<p>GOVERNOR (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eric DETERS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bob DeVORE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike HARMON</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alan KECK</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dennis Ray ORMEROD</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan QUARLES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Johnny Ray RICE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robbie C. SMITH</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Daniel CAMERON</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jacob CLARK</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David O. COOPER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kelly CRAFT</p> <p>SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stephen L. KNIPPER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Allen MARICLE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Michael ADAMS</p>	<p>AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Allison BALL</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Derek PETTEYS</p> <p>STATE TREASURER (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mark H. METCALF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> O. C. "OJ" OLEKA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andrew COOPERRIDER</p> <p>COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard HEATH</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jonathan SHELL</p>

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for the candidate of your choice, completely fill the oval to the left of the name of the candidate.	
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge, Mt. Vernon. 5x24

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to John L. Robinson, located at Tract #1, 0 S Upper River Rd. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x5

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing for any reason on property belonging to Earnest Alcorn off Hwy. 461 bypass at 23 Jarber Rd and 257 Reverend Green Loop. 8x3

Posted: No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on land belonging to James Tudor, both sides of Mahafee Hollow Rd. 8x16

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon.

Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

Miscellaneous For Sale

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

For Sale: Five cemetery lots in Elmwood Cemetery. Lots are deeded. \$5,000 total. 606-308-3801. 7x5

Motor Vehicles For Sale

2000 Freightliner Dump Truck. IFXJCB5YHB97895, owner Jonathan Rhodes, lien holder Monticello Banking Corporation. Contact Diesel 461 LLC, 486 Jerri Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. 606-308-1623. Sale Date May 1, 2023. 8x3

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Collinsworth, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 and Michelle Hall, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Tonya Lynn Collinsworth, deceased on the 10th day of April, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jacob Collinsworth and Michelle Hall, or to Hon. Tracy Todd Blevins, Blevins Law, 400 Richmond Rd. N., Ste C, Berea, KY 40403 on or before October 11th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Collinsworth, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 and Michelle Hall, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of Michael Darrell Collinsworth, deceased on the 10th day of April, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jacob Collinsworth and Michelle Hall, or to Hon. Tracy Todd Blevins, Blevins Law, 400 Richmond Rd. N., Ste C, Berea, KY 40403 on or before October 11th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Collinsworth, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 and Michelle Hall, 4398 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 have been appointed Co-Guardians of Caleb William Collinsworth, a minor. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jacob Collinsworth and Michelle Hall, or to Hon. Tracy Todd Blevins, Blevins Law, 400 Richmond Rd. N., Ste C, Berea, KY 40403 on or before October 10th, 2023 9x2

Notice is hereby given that Don Bradley, 50 Mill Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Steven K. Singleton, deceased, on the 5th day of April, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Don Bradley, or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 9x3

Notice is hereby given that Lisa Stewart, 91 Purcell Cemetery Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix (no will) of the estate of Estill Wayne Hopkins, deceased, on the 12th day of April, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lisa Stewart, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 16, 2023. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Melinda Rae Howard, 11931 Crossings Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45246 was appointed Administratrix of the estate of Elaine Lois Howard, deceased, on the 10th day of April 2023. Any

person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melinda Rae Howard or to Hon. W. Thomas Bunch II, 126 W. Maxwell St., Ste 200, Lexington, KY 40508-1858 on or before October 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Edna Jo Cook, 727 757 Hickory Flat Rd., Orlando, KY 40460 was appointed Administratrix of the estate of James D. Baker, deceased, on the 17th day of April, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Edna Jo

Cook or to Hon. James L. Cox, PO Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 10x3

Notice is hereby given that Linda B. Clontz, 75 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 was appointed Executrix of the estate of Joseph B. Clontz, deceased, on the 17th day of April 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Linda B. Clontz or to Hon. John E. Clontz, 2846 Amelia Bluff Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226 on or before October 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 10x3

Amended Notice is hereby given that Janie D. Harper, PO Box 191, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Jerry Lee Ross, deceased, on the 29th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Janie D. Harper, or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

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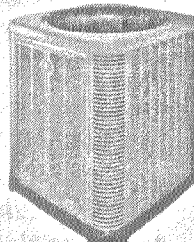
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Dr. James S. Chism Memorial Scholarship

*By Tonya J. Cook
Livingston Community
Lions Club
Vice President*

There is to be a gathering of the community for all of those who love and miss "Doc" James Chism to be held at the Farmer's Market on Friday night, May 5th beginning at 6 p.m. It will be a time of celebrating the life of a truly outstanding individual and a time to remember what "Doc" meant to so very many.

"Doc" has been a vital part of Mount Vernon and surrounding areas for many years and he has become irreplaceable. His loss to the community is as tragic as any tornado, forest fire or flood as I've said so many times since his passing. The lights in his office were often seen late into the night working to catch up on cases from earlier in the day, various emergencies and checking on his patients before going home for the night. He may have been the hardest working doctor in town. He was always available for advice and support any time of night or day. I've had to call him at all hours of the night and he has saved several of our Little Ones from certain death. He was quick with a comforting word when all had failed and one of our kids had to be put to sleep.

It is rare to see someone in a community loved and respected as this county loved and respected "Doc" Chism. After he passed from us last summer it was all people could talk about..."what a horrible thing to happen...I sure liked him...he sure was a good vet and saved my

little so and so...what will we do without him?... I had to call him the other night at 3 AM and he met me at his office...he was such a good and kind man....he was an example of a true Christian"... Things like this was all you heard all over the county for days from people of all ages, men and women alike. He was a veteran and proudly served his country, as well.

We, as a community, need to come together to show our love for this wonderful man and his family with an outpouring of support in the form of a living memorial in a scholarship to a 2023 graduating Senior from RCHS who plans to come back to this county in an animal related field and aid our county in a manner and in the spirit and character of "Doc" Chism. There may be a memorial tree planted, as well. It is a long range investment in the community.

On this night, please bring a main course, side item or dessert and a drink. Everything else will be provided. Also, please bring a new or gently used item for auction. Donated professional services are also welcome. Anyone who would like to provide a little entertainment, please feel free to do so (family friendly). Seating and tables will be extremely limited. You may want to bring an extra folding chair. Businesses are encouraged to donate as well. Businesses will be recognized. If you plan to entertain, give me a call at 606-453-2218 by April 29.

Yards to Paradise

*By Max Phelps
Let's Plant a Tree
(Beginning our 20th season)*

Plant a tree and do your bit for the environment. But, especially, plant a tree to help with your personal environment. A prettier yard, more shade to cool your place, and perhaps a fruit or seed bearing tree for some homegrown food or food for birds and deer.

Trees are vital. They make us healthier. Mentally, and physically. They give us oxygen. They also give us wood for many uses. (Which is why I want to especially make a point that Bradford pears and red maples are about as useless as any tree you could choose to plant, but I concede they are better than planting no tree at all.)

Mighty oaks, sugar maples, American beech, American chestnuts, American elms—take a long time to reach maturity but boy how handsome when they do. Yes, there is risk in planting chestnut and elm, though progress is being made to bring us native chestnuts that are disease resistant and elms that resist Dutch Elm Disease.

The native junipers, called red cedars, are a very useful tree, but have never really been utilized much in landscaping. That's a shame. A juniper loaded with blue berries is lovely to look upon, and feeds many dozens of birds.

Native red mulberries make great old trees too, if people could get past the purple spots on the patio or driveway!

Ginkgo, cryptomeria, are two from distant lands that do well here. Then, there's bald cypress, dawn redwood, pine trees, spruce trees, fir trees—some conifers for practically any planting zone and landscape situation. And again, food and habitat for wildlife.

Magnolias, especially an old Southern Magnolia, can really show off it's stuff in the right planting situation. And how delightful they smell in bloom! Plus, no worries about a non-native species.

Now that you've thought about it, time to shop. Or, get the shovel and dig the hole if you have already been shopping. Don't rush or do a bad job here...you don't want a half healthy tree or a sickly tree. Dig a big hole, mix some good soil with the soil from the hole, and tamp the dirt so your tree is planted securely. Tie the new tree to stakes only if you need to. And water anytime more than a few days pass without good rainfall.

I'm planting apple, pear, serviceberry and jubee trees at my place. I want the fruit. But if you just want blossoms, there's plenty of options. The dogwoods come to mind, and redbuds. Japanese maples can give color all season and are also a smaller option.

Don't put it off, let's plant a tree this spring!

*The author is a landscaper. Contact Max:
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City of Livingston
Ordinance Number 22-05-18
Customer Water Agreement Ordinance
Ordinance to Amend, Clarify, and Restate
The City of Livingston Water Works
Rules and Regulations

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston Water Works has determined a need to amend, clarify, and restate the Livingston Water Works Rules and Regulations.

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston Water Works wishes to adopt the approved changes to the Livingston Water Works Rules and Regulations herein as follows:

Reconnect fees will be as follows:

Reconnect fees for transit disconnection will be \$50.00. The fee will apply anytime the customer has water and reconnected other than at the time of the hook up fee is made, or for plumbing repairs. The customer is allowed two (2) reconnects free of charge for plumbing repairs; after that, the \$50.00 fee applies.

Reconnection of meters disconnected for non-payment will be reconnected after a work order has been submitted to the water department and accepted. No meters will be reconnected after business hours for any reason. If your meter is disconnected for six (6) months or more, you must sign a new water contract. A \$35.00 transfer fee will apply any time a Contract Holder moves from one address to another within Livingston Water Works District.

All meters are to be kept free from weeds or other items that might inhibit meter reading or fencing that would make meters inaccessible. It is the sole responsibility of the customer to keep meters clean and accessible. Meters that are not accessible or kept clean will be subject to disconnection. The customer is responsible for the maintenance and repair of line on their side of the meter. Livingston Water Works is responsible for the maintenance and repair on the City's side.

The Livingston Water Works shall purchase and install a cutoff valve and a water meter. Livingston Water Works shall have exclusive right to use such cutoff valve and water meter. It will be the responsibility of the Customer to install their own personal shut off valves to be located from point of meter to their property on their side of the meter box. Customers are under no circumstances to use the cut-off valve in the meter box. Customers may be charged for damages, be applied to bill and/or criminal charges. If water must be shut off due to emergency or major leak, the customer must notify Livingston Water Works. If no one can be reached, leave a message on answering machine. Emergency personnel are permitted to disconnect service in the event of an absolute emergency and must notify Livingston Water Works within 24 hours of shut off. Any customer that reconnects or has someone to reconnect water service after it has been disconnected by the Livingston Water Works, without the permission of the Livingston Water Works, shall be subject to a fine up to \$150.00, plus the cost of the damagers if it exceeds \$150.00.

Water Connection Fees are required to be paid up to the current rate, should the water be transferred or disconnected for any reason other than plumbing repair.

The meters will be read by Livingston Water Works between the dates of the 17th through 20th of each month. Call in of reading is not necessary.

Shut offs are on the 25th of each month. Should the 25th be on a day the office is closed, shut offs will be at 10 AM on the following business day, at that time the reconnection fee will apply.

Bills are mailed out at the end of each month to the Contract Holder, which if unpaid shall constitute placing your bill with a collection agency and may result in utilities being discontinued to such premises until bill is paid in full.

If you do not receive a bill by the 2nd or 3rd day of the month, you need to contact Livingston Water Works for a balance on your bill. The Livingston Water Works is not responsible for failure of postal delivery.

The Livingston Water Works is not responsible for informing the customer that their water bill is due. It is the Contract Holders responsibility to take care of their bill.

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston Water Works wishes to adopt the following clarifications on the existing Livingston Water Works Rules and Regulations:

To allow customers a once-a-year water rate discount of \$3.69 per thousand gallons for all water lost above average usage and removal of same amount on sewer,, should the customer have sewer connections. The customer must report a water leak.

To allow customers the same discounts for once-a-year pool fill up, provided the customers notify the water department before the 25th of the month with the size/dimensions of the pool. Discounts will not be given should the customer fail to notify the water office before the 25th. Discount will be applied to only the amount of water required to fill the pool.

The late fee for all delinquent water bills paid after the 15th of each month will be raised to 10% of the total amount of the bill. This late fee will be added on the 15th of each month or the next business day thereafter should the 15th be on a day the office is closed.

The charge for returned checks shall be set at \$50.00. In the event a second check is returned, the customer will no longer be able to pay by check: cash or money orders must be used for all payments.

All customers are required to notify Livingston Water Works should they move or otherwise need their service disconnected. Contract Holders will be responsible for all bills accrued until service is disconnected by the Livingston Water Works.

Connection fees are \$150.00 for Contract Holders. A lease is treated the same as rentals, along with manufactured and mobile homes on rented lots: that no present or future source of water will be connected to any water lines served by Livingston Water Works' water lines. Any foreign water lines will be disconnected from the present water supply prior to connecting to and switching to the Livingston Water Work's System and shall eliminate present or future cross-connections in the system.

WHEREAS, the City of Livingston Water Works wishes to restate the following Rules and Regulations:

Bills are due on the 10th of each month. Late charges will be added on the 15th.

Bills must be paid in full. However, if a Customer is unable to pay the bill in full, the customer must sign a Payment Plan Agreement Contract.

The charge for a 5/8 X 3/4 inch water connection shall be \$500.00.

Tap-On Fees are \$450.00 for inside city limit water customers, \$475.00 for outside city limit water customers, and \$500.00 for sewer.

All customers are required by law to sign a Water User Agreement and to abide by the rules set forth in it and all other By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Livingston Water Works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON.

First Reading: April 13, 2023

Second Reading Scheduled for May 11, 2023