

Current City Councilman Jim Bowman

City Administrator chosen for Mount Vernon

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Current City Councilman Jim Bowman has been nominated and accepted, by unanimous council vote, as the new Mount Vernon City Administrator. Bowman, who was originally appointed to a seat on the city council

which had been left vacant, won his campaign for reelection in 2022. Josh Bray had served as City Administrator for several years until he recently resigned his post. Since Bray left the office, he continued to perform many tasks for the city as an outside

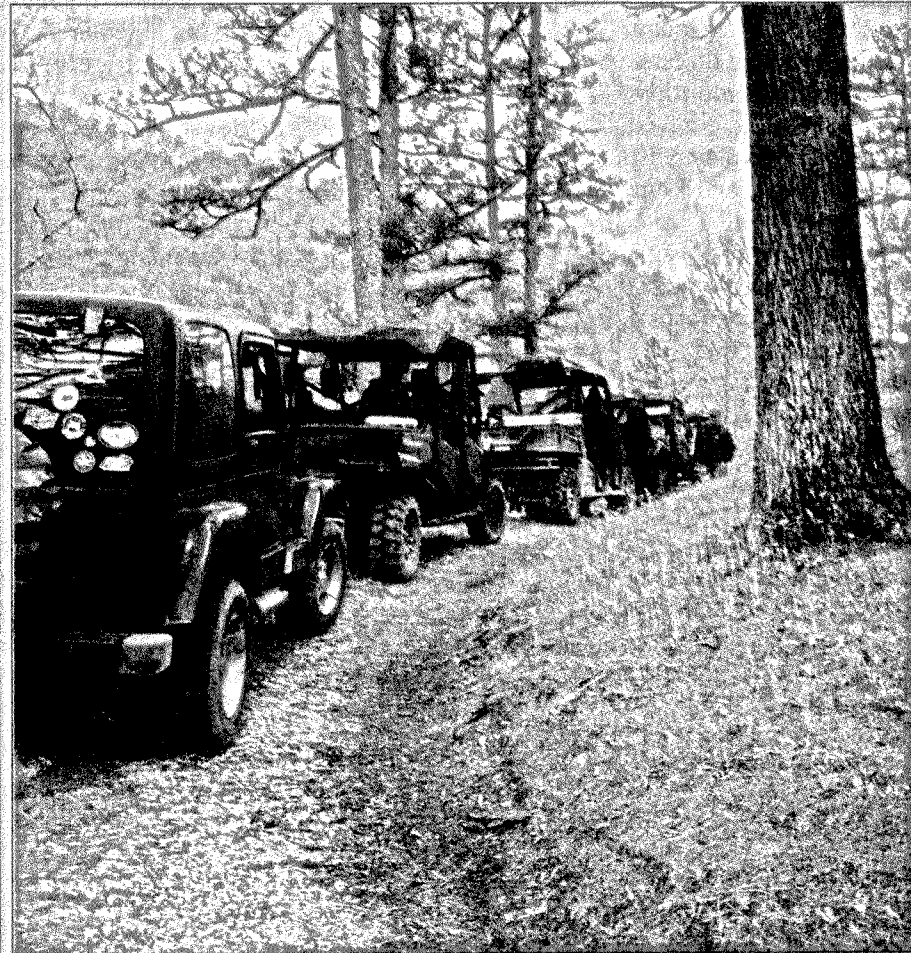
contractor but many of his duties were split among several city employees since Kentucky law did not allow him certain duties. Crystal Rush, city employee at the time, had taken over many administrative duties typically performed by the City Administrator,

but was later appointed the new city clerk and took over all those duties and responsibilities as well. Last week, the council voted to resolve many of those issues by appointing Bowman as full time city administrator. "This was a very

difficult decision for me," said Mayor Tim Roberts who had three nominees to consider for the position. "All three were extremely qualified and it took a lot of consideration but I settled on Jim and I think he will serve the city well." According to city

officials, Bowman will have to submit a letter of resignation as city councilman and then the council will have 30 days after his resignation is accepted, to appoint his replacement on the council. "I think we have several residents who would make (See "City" on A5)

A summer ride



Members of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Off Road ATV Ride last Saturday morning. The event brings ATV and other off road vehicles together for a day ride through trails and creeks and hills. The event included a meal and family atmosphere for all who enjoy the outdoors. Money raised through the event goes directly to the Climax Volunteer Fire Department.

Security support ends County to continue program support to City of Livingston

**By: Mike French
Editor**

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week to deal with some issues that needed attention before the next regular meeting in May.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., asked the court how they wished to proceed now that he has a better idea of the electrical costs of the county owned building in the City of Livingston. "The total electric bill over the past month was \$292 for the four units," he said. "I need to know if you think the county should be responsible for the utility bills. The buildings in Livingston are the only buildings owned by the county, that the county does not pay the utilities."

The court voted unanimously to pay the monthly utility bills on the four-unit building.

The court recently voted to eliminate the security support of \$1,000 per month that had been provided to the City of Livingston but had not yet addressed the program support which is also \$1,000 per month.

Holbrook then addressed the \$1,000 per month program support. "I have been through all the court minutes and court records. The request

was brought to the court in 2014 and it was tabled and not addressed again. Then in June of that same year, a check was written to the City of Livingston as program support. This has been paid every month since then."

Holbrook asked if the court wishes to continue the program support. "This is not the security support that was voted down at the last meeting. This is a different program support."

The magistrates were asked if they want to continue or end the program support at this meeting.

"It is my understanding that this \$1,000 per month was intended to support the trail town status that the town received," said Holbrook. "Livingston was the second city in the state to receive that designation and this money was intended to support that effort."

Some magistrates asked how much of the \$1,000 was actually used to promote the trail town status while other magistrates said it would be difficult to determine what is related to trail town status.

"One thing is certain, we can't go backwards. It is in the budget and we need to either provide those funds or not," said Holbrook.

Magistrate Mike McGuire said past mayor Jason Medley used to provide a monthly report showing how the money was used.

Amid questions about how the money is used, Holbrook told the court that Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson had agreed to provide the court with a monthly detailed report explaining how the funds will be (See "Support" on A5)

Felony arrest made by Livingston Chief

Chief Travis Davis made his first felony arrest as the Chief of Police in Livingston last week. "People need to know that the Livingston Police Department is back up and running and Livingston residents can feel much safer now," said Davis.

Davis says he has stopped countless motorists traveling through Livingston but hasn't given citations yet. "People had gotten used to ignoring our speed limits (See "Arrest" on A5)

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 5 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days. There were an additional 7 probable cases reported.

Tree giveaway

The Earth Day Tree giveaway was held on April 18. Trees will not be given away on April 28 as previously announced due to a typographical error.

Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Gymnasium on 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon. You must be 17 or older to give blood without parental consent.

Farmer and Business Banquet

The 61st annual Farmer and Business Banquet is planned at RCMS on Thursday, May 4th. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the meal will be catered by Limestone Grill. Special Speaker will be Jeff Sheppard. The event is hosted and awards presented by the Chamber of Commerce and the Conservation District.

City of Brodhead extends Sunday alcohol sales hours

**By: Mike French
Editor**

The city of Brodhead has answered the request of many Brodhead residents and will now allow the sale of alcoholic beverages beginning at 6 a.m. and lasting until midnight on Sundays.

Until the latest ordinance was approved,

alcohol sales were only permitted from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. But after an unusual amount of public requests, that ordinance was amended after the second reading on April 10 at the regular monthly meeting.

According to City Clerk Becky Bussell, an unusual amount of

requests prompted the amendment. "A tremendous amount of requests came from residents asking us to amend the Sunday alcohol sales hours," she said. "It was pretty constant. So the mayor and commission amended the ordinance."

According to the ordinance, all other (See "Alcohol" on A5)

Mount Vernon City Council meeting

Historical Society seeking help

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Several matters were addressed during last week's regular monthly meeting of the Mount

Vernon City Council. Councilmember Jim Bowman was named the new Mount Vernon City Administrator (See story in this issue of the Sig-

nal.)

The council also heard from Debbie Brown on behalf of the Rockcastle County Historical Society. Brown explained that the society received its charter in 1984 but still does not have an office. "We have worked in the county for nearly 40 years and have never asked for anything," said Brown. "All our surrounding county historical societies have support from their county and cities. Rockcastle County has an amazing history and we should promote it. We are a gateway to the west and the society is looking for a home."

Brown said the old Bank of Mount Vernon Building has been donated to the historical society and she hopes to use it as an office and a museum. However, bids indicate \$80,000 in repairs needed to house the society and the museum. Council member Gertha Mink asked Brown what she is asking the council to do. "I am asking that the city place the historical society in its annual budget and provide \$10,000 annually in operating expense. The fiscal court is looking into doing the same," said Brown. "As for the immediate future, we need \$80,000 and I am asking (See "Help" on A5)

Third quarter financial statement approved by court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court approved the third quarter financial statement at a special called meeting last week and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. says the next fiscal budget process will begin in May.

The 2022/23 fiscal year ends on June 30 and the next fiscal year begins on July 1.

According to the third quarter financial statement summary, total receipts for the county are \$15,189,504 with an unencumbered cash balance of \$8,448,884. (See "Court" on A5)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It's never been hard to write this column since January of 2021 -- when the present administration was installed.

All you have to do is look at their policies and pResident Biden's executive orders and you have all the fodder you need to keep pointing out the upside down world we have lived in since that date.

The latest Alice in Wonderland action by Biden will go into effect May 1st of this year and involve better terms for a home loan, if you have a poor credit rating rather than a good one.

If your credit rating is 740, or higher, then you will need a 15-20% down payment and will be charged an additional 1% on your home loan (on a \$400,000 home that would be an additional \$40 per month). If you have a 679 or lower credit score you will receive a 1.75% discount on your interest rate plus only be required to put down a 5% down payment or less.

So, quit striving to pay your bills on time and build up your credit score because with this upside government in office, you will only be penalized for it.

But I'm pretty sure this will not amaze many people because you should have become accustomed by now to expect the very worst policies out of this installed administration.

Remember I told you about California passing a bill that will allow children, as young as 12, to legally be taken from parents if parents don't consent to gender transition? Well, Washington State has now joined the parade with the same law. Parents, you have to protect your children. It is your

job and no one else's, certainly not the STATE's.

California is also breaking more ground on their movement to total communism. CA utilities plan to base what they charge customers not on use BUT ON INCOME!! You know, the Communist line, "To each according to need, from each according to ability."

And, as to the illegals invading our country by thousands a day to the tune of 5-6 million since January of 2021, dozens of Democrats in the House and Senate introduced legislation recently that would make it

harder to hold illegal aliens in custody if they qualify as a "vulnerable person," such as those who are under 21 or over 60, pregnant, anyone who is gay, lesbian or transgender, who don't speak English, or who meet other definitions of the term under the bill, including those with a "serious mental or physical illness or disability." (For the last condition, there will probably be an immediate job found for them in this present administration where they would fit perfectly).

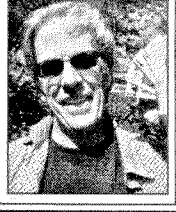
It's called the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act and is co-sponsored by Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash and Sen. Cory Booker D-N.J. Jayapal is the Democrat who said "immigrants are 'needed' in America to 'pick the food we eat' and 'clean our homes.' And then she has the nerve to say easing detention rules will help restore dignity to the thousands of aliens seeking to enter the U.S. each year. I must have missed that part in our Constitution.

And, of course, you all

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have recently realized that Americans completely waste so much money it is uncountable. It has gotten to the point that we don't even realize we are tossing it out the window for absolutely no reason at all other than we have been told to do so by marketing teams.

Of course, the federal government is by far the worst at throwing away money. I mean they actually search for ways to burn bills just to say they spent it with nothing in return. But that is easy to do when you are spending other people's money. But we citizens do it also. Every day, all the time.

I know people with \$1,200 phones that do nothing more than a \$50 phone does except they have a different name imprinted on them. I paid \$60 for my phone and pay \$35 per month for unlimited texting, calling and game playing and send or receive hundreds of photos and videos per week. There is nothing I can't Google, I use Facebook daily, perfect GPS weekly, Twitter occasionally, Google Earth often, YouTube constantly and take professional quality photos with it. Yet, I have friends who paid \$1,200 for their phone, \$300 per monthly service, and they run out of data every month. But it has a cool little "i" imprinted on it.

I asked one of them why their phone is worth 20-times more than mine and why their annual bill is worth 10-times more than mine. They said, "well, I have hot spot and stuff." Hmmmm. Okay. It must be very precious.

We Americans actually agree to pay as much as \$20,000 per year for seven years (plus outrageous insurance) because we want our vehicle to have leather seats and power windows and drive

200 miles per hour. Uhhmm, I think it is illegal to drive 200 miles per hour in America. And apparently it is very, very, very tiresome to have to roll a window down by hand. Our society is so pampered.

We give free heroin needles to drug addicts and then tell them it is illegal to use heroin and spend \$3 billion fighting heroin use. But it is a way to spend money..

In my youth it was an overjoyous occasion if I got a .99 cent Hotwheel. Youth today will shoot up a factory if they don't get a pair of \$200 shoes. Toys that kids want today are thousands of dollars. Each! With a monthly charge to use it. I never paid a nickel to play with my Hotwheels and I am willing to bet all I have that my childhood was happier than most today.

Officials across America admit that 87% of youth today have some sort of emotional disorder. While we played with our Hotwheels and rode bicycles, shot rifles, and were taught respect with a belt, we were happy and joyful and long for those days back again.

Americans seem to fall for any marketing scheme that comes along if the commercial has mostly nude women licking their lips in it.

We have stopped raising our own food and eating fresh meat and vegetables. Instead we have to pay \$60 for a lobster tail and then post pictures of our food on social media to prove we waste money.

While living in one of the most beautiful states in the country, we spend thousands and thousands of dollars to go to other states and look at things.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Surviving Graduation and Prom 1978
Dear Journal,

It was forty-five years ago at about this time of the year that I was getting ready for my senior prom and graduation. I didn't think our class was going to get to graduate or have a prom because we had missed so much school. It was the winter of 1977-78 when there was snow measured in feet not inches. Once or twice a week it would snow several inches. It was reported that a snow like this came only once every hundred years. They lied. There was snow just as bad my junior year, the year before. There was snowdrifts over six feet deep in our back yard.

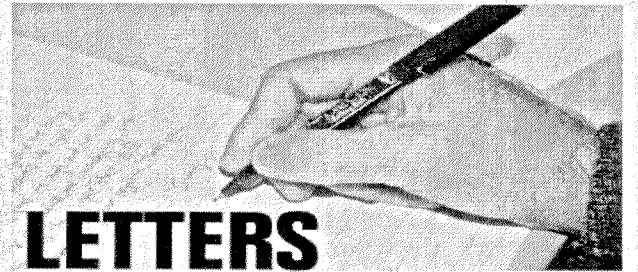
Mom had met a fellow, Harold Hill, from church from the Somerset area and had started seeing him. He would come by the house from time to time for about two months. He came once close to spring and said that it was the first time he had seen our driveway. He would call her if the weather was too bad and people couldn't get out. Sometimes I would answer the phone and he learned to ask if it was

Mom. He once called and talked about an hour and didn't know it was me because Mom's voice sounded just like mine.

Sometime in mid-February there came a terrible ice storm. Everything outside was coated with about an inch of ice. That was just for good measure. It was sometime after that we went back to school. The graduation invitations were finally in the mail and girls were looking for a nice prom dress. The boys were looking for tuxes. I had asked a fellow that I knew from church to the prom. We were good friends that hung out together and always sat together at church. He was a little older than me, about twenty-two or -three, had a good job and nice car. All was set for the prom and graduation.

Then, one day I was waiting in Mom's office at Sue Bennett College. Mom was the secretary to college President Hayes and ran the book store/recreation room. When she got off from work I went home with her. One day a student came by to see her and spoke briefly to me. Later in the week

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You from Conservation District

The Rockcastle County Conservation District would like to thank everyone who came out to the fruit tree sales last week. The event was

very successful and we are so thankful to know that we were able to provide these fruit trees at a very small cost to the public. We apologize to all that were not able to get fruit trees this year. We are hoping to get more trees next spring.


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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.
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Brenna Wallhauser (right) with Hospice Care Plus, presents Kathy Bobo of American Legion Post 71 with a sponsorship for the Veterans Park project. Wallhauser and Mariah Smith, Hospice's Volunteer Coordinator, spoke at the Post's meeting recently about the organization's We Honor Veterans and Veteran-to-Veteran Volunteer programs. The sponsorship was presented to the Veterans Park project on behalf of Hospice's We Honor Veterans program, in memory of Veteran patients cared for by Hospice in Rockcastle County. To learn more or to volunteer to support Veteran patients, contact Smith at 859-986-1500.

Ramblings

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 ready know the results of a bill in the House which would protect female athletes from having to compete against biological males - identifying as girls/women. In case you don't, it passed but NOT A SINGLE DEMOCRAT VOTED FOR IT. Of course, it's very doubtful if it will get out of the Senate and even if by some miracle it does, Biden has already said he would veto it.

My only question is, do none of those House Democrats have daughters?

If my dad/mom were a Democrat, I would be traumatized for life if I figured out that they didn't love me enough to protect me against predatory males who are mediocre as male athletes but shine in competition with females.

The only solution to this entire farce is for females to refuse to further this atrocity by not competing in these events. I know that would take courage but at least it would get your message across and show that you are not okay with taking a backseat to men in female sporting events.

Well, something that I thought would never happen no matter how bad this country got under this so-called administration. Monday, Fox News and Tucker Carlson agreed to part ways.

I cannot convey to you how disturbing this is for me. I quit watching Fox News after the 2020 election completely but finally returned to watch Tucker Carlson only.

I cannot help but feel this was a condition of Fox's \$787M settlement with Dominion in their defamation suit against Fox and Fox caved.

They reportedly lost

\$930M in market value on Monday after the decision was announced so maybe they'll turn into another CNN.

And speaking of CNN (the Communist News Network as it is known by some of us -- okay, including me!) also let Don Lemon go Monday. Do you suppose that CNN, who gets regularly beaten by the Home Shopping Network and cartoon channels in ratings, has finally decided to present two sides of an issue and will hire Tucker in Lemon's place? Probably not but it would certainly help their ratings.

There are those (Robert F. Kennedy, Jr) who assert that Fox News fired Carlson five days after he crossed the red line by acknowledging that the TV networks pushed a deadly and ineffective vaccine to please their Pharma advertisers.

And don't get distracted by this too much to realize that Biden quietly submitted a War Powers Resolution Monday that puts American boots on the ground in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Sudan for an indefinite amount of time. He also ordered the evacuation of our embassy in Sudan but told 16,000 Americans living there that they would get no help to get out of the country. Shades of Afghanistan???

Biden announced his run for re-election at 6 a.m. Tuesday in a video in which he asked voters to help him "finish the job." My reaction to that is that he and his handlers don't really need any help in their systematic destruction of the last bastion of freedom on our planet. They're doing an excellent job on their own. Besides he really doesn't need actual voters. Former Fox

newscaster Bill O'Reilly said recently that a Chinese whistleblower has confirmed that as many as five million fake ballots were printed in communist China and shipped to North America to be used in the 2020 election. Democrats colluding with foreign governments to overthrow the US Government is treason but since Democrats seem to be a privileged class who are not called to account for any of their sins, don't hold your breath on this one either. Besides it has to be one of the easiest jobs Biden has ever had since he has spent 40% of the time since his inauguration in January of 2021 on vacation.

Nice gig if you can get it, legally or illegally.

T.J.s

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he asked her if it would be alright if he took out her daughter. She told him it would be alright if he stopped by our house to visit. From talking to Mom he learned that I liked quite a few things that he did, mostly sports. Somewhere in our conversation while he was visiting, I mentioned the upcoming prom. He called in a day or so and wondered if he could take me to the prom. I explained that I already had a date. Then he called back in a day or so and told me that if he couldn't take me that he was just going to kill himself. Oh, boy, what a mess. I didn't know what in the world to do. He could be serious. Now, I had two dates. He was down here from Rhode Island going to school and had no family here and wasn't very popular

Aces

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At the same time, people come from all over the world to visit what we just left.

I know people who will go buy things because it was on sale. Later, they will throw it away, having never used it, because it is in the way.

We are easily taken advantage of because we do not value what we have. This is obvious when we pay \$8 for three sips of Pepsi at a movie theatre. They know you will pay it, so they charge it. They aren't evil for charging it, we are stupid for paying it.

There are a lot of luxuries in life that we all enjoy and there is nothing wrong with that. But we have let marketing teams and our own pride rule our lives and convince us that we are somehow less of a person unless our refrigerator is as fancy as our neighbor's. Unless our couch is leather, or our TV is 60 inches, unless our floors are hardwood, unless our toys are bigger and faster, unless our rings are diamonds, unless our counter is granite, unless our home has rooms we never use, we are somehow failures.

How much better we could live if we didn't throw money away on completely useless trinkets that serve no purpose other than bragging rights.

This lifestyle will end soon in my opinion. Other countries don't live like this and while we

at school, Mom said. Considering the circumstances, I finally had to tell my good friend and first date what had happened, hoping that he would understand. I ended up at my senior prom with a guy I scarcely knew who was wearing a green polyester leisure suit and red track shoes. Oh, my!

The graduation came along and my dad, W.C. Oxendine, and my Aunt Quessie Knuckles came from North Carolina. I survived the prom and graduation and even a hundred year blizzard and ice storm. I was tough even then. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, or so I've always heard. This fall I plan to take my good ole Stanley to my 45th high school reunion. This is just after celebrating our 20th anniversary of marriage. He may have a green polyester leisure suit and red track shoes around somewhere.

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bask and bathe in our luxury, China and Russia and Iraq and North Korea gather their forces and laugh out loud at our military leaders. Especially the top one. And when they come, they won't come at us with men in skirts.

Our own pride has given our history away and will soon give our country away.

We no longer know how to survive as human beings. We have become

domestic pets for the elite and wait for our next chew toy and fight amongst ourselves while other governments laugh at our incompetence and pampered lifestyles.

I hope we teach our children what we threw away as we are forced to learn to speak another language.

Good luck with your riots in your purple hair and face piercings and black make-up under the next form of government.

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RGHS 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).

Volunteer Training
 New Volunteer Training, Saturday, May 20. Hospice Care Plus is hosting a group training for new volunteers on May 20 in Richmond. The training prepares participants to support those with a serious illness in a variety of ways in their own community, directly or indirectly. To register for questions, contact Mariah at 859-986-1500, hospice@hospicecarecp.org or visit hospicecareplus.org.

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, Katheryn 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: Katheryn 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.

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Obituaries

Anna Kathryn Humphries

Anna Kathryn (Kat) Humphries, 89, of Lexington, died Friday, April 14, 2023, at Central Baptist Hospital with her loved ones by her side. Kathryn was born in Morning View and called many places around Kentucky home while growing up. She graduated from Livingston High School in Livingston. She and Jim settled in Fort Thomas to raise a family of her own. After her children were grown, Kathryn and Jim relocated to San Angelo, TX for 10 years, until making their move back to Lexington to be close to their family again.

Kathryn was a stay-at-home mom while her children were growing up and was very active at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas, as well as the schools that her children attended. She took great joy in all children and felt blessed when she and Jim moved to Lexington so that she could be close to her grandchildren and be a part of their lives as they grew up. Kathryn loved being a part of a large family and enjoyed hosting gatherings for any occasion.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 66 years, James; son, Roger (Kristina); daughter, Jenny; granddaughters, Maddie and Skylar; and grandson, Jack.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Loyd and Margie Ball; sisters, Irene (Charles) Longworth, Ginny (Rudy) Elmore, Ruby Ball, Barbara (James) McCracken, and Dorothy (Raymond) Bond; and brother, Major (Barbara).

Additional survivors include: sisters, Linda (Lanny) Setters, Betty (Gene) Haskamp, Rosie (Dennis) Chinn and Patty (John) Rich; brothers, Jim (Ellen) and Paul (Kathy) Ball; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family would also like to thank her incredible caregivers, Liza, Leslie and Caroline for the loving care they provided Kathryn over the last few years.

Services were held Monday, April 24, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Thomas. Burial followed at Floral Hill Cemetery in Taylor Mill.

Anna Mae Mullins

Anna Mae Mullins, 83, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Johnny "Buddy" Mullins, died Monday, April 24, 2023 at The Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Berea.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

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

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

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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 electric is 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 \$557.00 for each additional family member to the monthly income limit.

CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

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

Special Singing
Philadelphia United Baptist Brodhead will hold their monthly singing April 30th at 3 p.m.

Special guests will be New Harvest. Pastor Bro. Gordon Mink and congregation invites everyone.

Gospel Singing
Freedom Baptist Church will have a gospel singing with "Fairhaven" Sunday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Cemetery Notices

Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep and mowing for the cemetery may be sent and payable to Johnetta Cemetery, 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447.

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone 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.

McKinney Cemetery

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, May 28, beginning at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. Dinner on the grounds.

Donations will be taken Friday, May 26th - Sunday, May 28th.

You may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Livesay Cemetery

We are in desperate need of donations. Our funds ran out at the end of the last mowing season. If we don't receive donations, each family will be responsible for their own family plots. Please send donations to:

Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Maple Grove Cemetery

We will have a board/community meeting on May 13th at 9 a.m. at Flat Rock Fellowship Hall.

Briarfield Cemetery

Taking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery Friday, 5/26 - Sunday, 5/28. Donations can also be mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 28th, at 2 p.m., we will be having a potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and a chair.

Thank you for all your support.

Roberts Cemetery

Due to my health, I can no longer be responsible for the mowing of Roberts Cemetery, (old Freedom Cemetery). Thank you to those who donated the past several years.

Nancy Meadows

Putting Away Childish Things

1 Cor.13:11

A man behaves differently than a child. There are some traits of childhood we should never put away. (Matt.18:4) Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Man needs trusting faith. (Heb.11:27) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for seeing him who is invisible.

Man needs sympathy. (Rom.12:15) Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Forgiving. Children can fuss and fight and be playing together again in thirty minutes if nothing has happened. (Col.3:13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

There are some childish things we need to put away. Gossip. They tattle. (1Tim.5:13) And withal they learn to be idle, wandering from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. They desire attention. If they cannot get attention by being good, then they will be bad. True of some adults.

Envy and jealousy. Adults are envious of another's success, business, clothes, etc. (Prov.14:30) A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones. Many people can find no entertainment in study, or self-improvement, or in help to others, but only interested in that which brings glory to themselves.

People want to play all the time. (2Thess.3:10) For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

Discourteous. Children can be cruel. Johnny is a sissy, Mary has buck teeth. (1Pet.3:8) Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube web site Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think, whether you agree or disagree, your suggestion is important to us. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to contact someone from the church, you can call this number 606-224-1480, or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Card of Thanks

Don Stevens

The Don Stevens' family would like to express our sincere gratitude to our family and friends for loving us so well during our time of grief. Bearing one another's burdens makes this community strong and we have definitely felt the strength of

many. Special thanks to Owens Funeral Home (Marvin and Judy Owens), Ralph and Judy Baker (pastor of Brodhead Baptist Church), and others who participated in the beautiful celebration of Don's life.

Thank You Again



Rockcastle Chapter DAR Women's Issues committee collected over 100 books for children ages 2-7 to promote early literacy. Presented at Brodhead Community Outreach Center Food Bank, directed by Katherine Pope. Mrs. Pope will distribute the books in food boxes to women who have children in the appropriate age group. Pictured from lefty are: Katherine Pope, June Whiter and Edwina Anglin.

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The judgement of God begins at the House of God

We read in I Peter 4:17-19 for the time has come for judgement to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful creator.

Time here is the word "Kairos" an ancient Greek word meaning "the right moment", a critical moment, or an opportune moment.

This time "time" is not that of the hands of the clock.

Heaven is much like an embassy. It has representative locations to serve in the interest of eternity. These locations are called the church. The church is a place to worship God and a place for people can get information about Heaven and how we Christians should function on Earth.

The purpose of an embassy on Earth is designed to leverage influence and that if that certain community cooperates there is benefits from the U.S. had to offer such as freedom, resources and safety.

The Heavenly embassy is to let the people of society know that if they follow God, benefits are offered that life will be better, families will be stronger, and there will be a better order in society and benefits will last for eternity.

But what would happen if an embassy shut down? There would be no freedom. There would be no resources, there would be no safety and life would not be better.

Families would become weak and there would be no order in society. The positive influence or leverages are limited or lost. What is the purpose of the judgement of God? It is designed to show who the real Christians are and who are acting for show. While Satan is bringing pressure against the church, God will use the opportunity to reveal his true church.

We are living in a post-Christian era. We are no longer living as our grandparents lived where education was faith based. Lessons are no longer taught on how the Christian framework, families and decency should be presented. It is time that we stand for Jesus Christ. It is not the time to abandon our faith or our church. It is a Kairos, the right moment, critical moment, and opportune moment to stand on our faith. People need a Heavenly embassy (the church) to come to when they are downtrodden and seeking refuge for their soul. A place where peace and comfort can be found.

Everyone Welcome
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 - Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Constables now must complete 20-week course

By: Mike French
Editor

According to the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), there are over 500 elected constables in the State of Kentucky who carry a badge and a gun.

Constables have historically had very similar powers and duties as certified peace officers but were not required to receive the same training or certification, according to the Kentucky Constitution.

However, HB 226 has now amended the statutes, requiring all constables who take office after January 1, 2023 to either complete the training, certification and have proper insurance, or have much more limited powers than a peace officer.

The complex issue is still being debated among those with differing interpretations of the amendments, but apparently Rockcastle County

has only two constables with equal authority as a peace officer. According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

"Rockcastle County has two constables with law enforcement authority under the new statutes," said Rowe. "Brian Wynn and Steve Griffin. The other constables in our county do not have law enforcement authority unless they complete academy certified training."

However, the new statutes apparently don't apply to constables in office before January 1. "There is a grandfather clause in the statutes. It only applies to constables who didn't serve in the prior term," said Rowe.

According to Rowe and the KLC uncertified constables have limited authority and limited duties mostly centered around serving legal documents, controlling dogs and horses and ex-

ecuting warrants.

Under HB 239, newly-elected constables would be required to complete the 20-week course to have the authority a peace officer has.

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) has issued notice that "the FBI has determined that the Kentucky Constable's primary function is civil or administrative rather than criminal in nature," in a letter to the Kentucky Constable Association.

The letter indicates that the duties of constables in Kentucky is not considered the "administration of criminal justice."

The KSP will no longer provide access to certain criminal justice information systems to uncertified constables, the letter said.

However, constables, regardless of election date, must submit a new request for access to such information, according to the letter.

"City"

(Continued from front) strong council members," said Mayor Roberts.

Bray, who was named top City Administrator in the state while serving in Mount Vernon, said he plans to offer his expertise to Bowman beginning immediately. "I am going to be around helping train Jim for the job and I will help in any way I can," said Bray. "Jim was a good choice. He has a high level background in management for a large Kentucky company. His experience, education and passion for Mount Vernon will help move the city into the future."

Bowman said he will work hard in his new position. "I have been in constant prayer about it since the mayor mentioned the idea to me," said Bowman. "I am excited and optimistic and look forward to the opportunity to work with the mayor's plans that he has laid out for our city. I have many years of business experience in finance and management and I hope to add value to the City of Mount Vernon in this new endeavor."

Bowman explained to the council that he will not begin full time work as city administrator for about two weeks while he arranges some details in his family and work life to prepare for the new direction.

By Kentucky law, Bowman cannot officially take over the position until his resignation from the council has been accepted.

"I am very proud to accept this new position. I love the City of Mount Vernon and with the help and support of Mayor Roberts, Crystal (Rush), Josh (Bray), the council, department heads, and the good people of Mount Vernon, I am confident we will move forward and continue to grow."

"Support"

(Continued from front) used each month. McGuire then made a motion to continue the support, contingent upon a monthly report. Magistrates voted 4 to 1 to provide the \$1,000 per month and revisit the issue in three months. Magistrate Lee Earl Adams was the lone vote against continuing the support.

In other action, the court expressed a potential interest in the Town and Country property that is apparently for sale and a closed session meeting will be scheduled to discuss the potential offer. Holbrook said the meeting will not serve as an effort to purchase the property but will be a meeting to discuss if the court is interested in considering a purchase.

The court also re-

scheduled a public hearing to May 5 concerning the proposed use of the LGEA (Local Government Economic Assistance) fund and CRA (County Road Aid) funds. The meeting will be held at noon in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

The court also voted to pursue the purchase of a 2007 International, dump truck with salt and grader attachments for \$25,000.

The court also approved the third quarter financial statement. The county fiscal year operates from July 1 to June 30.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

"Alcohol"

(Continued from front) chapters, articles and sections of the alcohol ordinance remain the same after this amendment and only the Sunday hours were affected.

The City of Mount Vernon, as well as many other surrounding cities, also allow the sale of alcohol on Sundays. In Mount Vernon, according to section 27 of the ABC Ordinance 2018-5, Sunday sales are allowed for drink sales from 11 a.m. to midnight on Sunday and for packaged sales from 6 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.

Brodhead officials say this decision to expand Brodhead's hours of sale will help keep Brodhead dollars in the City of Brodhead and keep the regulatory fee there as well.

"Arrest"

(Continued from front) seat belt laws in Livingston. But I have been reminding motorists that we are watching again and will start ticketing violators now."

The felony arrest came when reports of a gunshot inside the Livingston Manor Apartments led Chief Davis to Ronald Keith Kirby, 50, of Livingston, who had claimed a bullet went off in his hand. However Davis said there were no burn marks on Kirby's hand. After an investigation, a handgun and an SKS rifle were found inside the apartment and Kirby admitted to being the owner, according to the citation. Two handguns were found in the refrigerator but one was owned by another person, the citation said. The rifle was located in a locked closet.

According to Davis, Kirby was found to be a convicted felon and was then arrested since a felon may not own or possess a gun.

Kirby was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with two

counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

"Help"

(Continued from front) for as much of that as you can find in your budget to help us get started."

Council members Mink and Shelley Lewis Raines agreed that having a historical society home office and museum is a good idea and suggested the council investigate the budget and look for funds to donate and figure out if the city can include the 501-3C society in the annual budget. The issue was tabled until such investigations are complete.

In other action, as the council was about to hold the second reading to three annexation ordinances, Mount Vernon resident Bert King once again attended the meeting asking for an explanation concerning why some areas are annexed by the city and other areas not. "There is no logic to it," he said. "One spot is in the city and a few feet down the road is not. We never know what is in the city and what isn't. My question is why not just make straight lines and annex everything in it?" he asked. King added that he is not "for or against" annexation but would like to understand why some locations are inside the city limits and others are not and he would like to understand the benefits of annexation.

Council members agreed that there are many reasons for annexation but did not give a detailed response.

The three ordinances were then approved unanimously by the council. Each ordinance is available to the public by request at City Hall.

All American Club Coordinator Wayne Bullock reported 37 bags of trash picked up in the county in the past month. The club also reported receiving \$80 from the fiscal court for litter pick up.

Police Chief Joe Rush reported 504 calls for service in March with 34 total arrests.

The report from the Mount Vernon Fire Department shows over 88,000 gallons of water used in March. The department responded to 63 calls with 20 involving vehicles and nine involving structures.

In other action the council approved the financial statement.

According to the January financial report, repair and maintenance in most departments is affecting the budget report.

In the general fund, repair and maintenance was at 344% of the budget. In the police department expense fund, repair and maintenance is shown at 259% of the budgeted amount. In the water fund, repair and maintenance is shown at 328% of the budget and

in the sewer fund, repair and maintenance is listed at 190% of the budgeted amount.

Some visitors asked why there are police vehicles in Mount Vernon with no license tags (or temporary tags). Chief Rush explained that he has attempted several times to have the tags delivered but he has not even received a bill for the vehicles purchased recently. "I have called over and over telling them we don't have tags and we haven't received a bill for the vehicles," said Rush. "We still haven't paid a nickel on the vehicles and they keep telling us not to worry about it. We don't even know if the titles have been changed or not."

Rush said he is continuing to seek the title, tags and invoices.

Having no further business, the council was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

"Court"

(Continued from front) There are \$4,334,753 listed as long-term liabilities.

According to Holbrook the county is in "pretty good shape compared to previous years."

The summary lists \$3,087,502 as a balance in the Economic Development Fund and \$3,255,494 as a balance in the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund.

According to Holbrook, Economic Development funds are being held to pay off loans, including the Microfoodery loan, that has early payoff penalties. Officials say that money is currently drawing interest until the early payoff penalty is lifted at the end of 2025 when the loans will be paid in full.

Holbrook said he hopes the \$3.25 million in the ARPA fund will be available soon. The funds are part of the rescue act from the federal government but how that money may be used, has not yet been released by federal officials. "Some counties have gotten into real trouble for spending the money before they knew what the law would allow them to use it for," said Holbrook. "We can't afford to use that money and then have to pay back \$3 million because we used it for an unapproved project."

Holbrook has been fighting to receive guidance from the federal government concerning how the money may be used. "So far all we know is that the money is to be used to benefit those who worked through the COVID pandemic," he said. "But that is a very broad statement and can include countless projects or programs. But then again, it may not include

all projects and programs."

So Holbrook has scheduled another meeting with the Department of Treasury this week in an effort to find out how the money may be used. "I do have some hopes for our county and I will present them when we know how the money may be used. This money does not belong to the fiscal court. It belongs to the county and it has to be used to benefit the entire county. But until we know how we are al-

lowed to use it, we can just let it keep drawing interest for the county," he said.

Other funds listed on the reconciliation sheet of the financial report include the road fund with a cash balance of \$261,062, the LGEA fund with a cash balance of \$115,902, and the Opioid Settlement Fund with a cash balance of \$199,262, among other funds.

"I think the county is doing pretty well this fiscal year," said Holbrook.

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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.

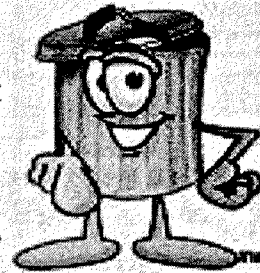
This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only. Identification and signature at the gate will be required!

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



Durham accepts Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill

Durham accepts the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall after accepting the prestigious Morehead-Cain Scholarship.

Durham was selected from over 50,000 applicants to compete for the honor. After completing multiple rounds of interviews and activities throughout the selection process, Durham became one of less than 4% of applicants to receive the scholarship offer.

Morehead-Cain is the nation's first merit based scholarship program and provides students with tu-

ition, room, board, and summer enrichment experiences. As part of the scholarship program, before heading to Chapel Hill in the fall, Silas will spend 4 weeks hiking in Alaska while participating in a NOLS.

Durham was also accepted into Princeton University and received scholarship offers from Lindsey Wilson College, Transylvania University,

and the University of Kentucky.

Silas would like to give special thanks to the educators in the Rockcastle County School system and the team at Rockcastle Family Wellness where he is employed for helping him prepare for such an

amazing opportunity.

Silas is the son of Conley and Jennifer Durham of Mt. Vernon. His grandparents are David and Virginia Durham of Mt. Vernon, Jim and Joyce Toll of Harlan and God-grandparents Bob and Faye Platt of Harlan.



Pictured from left to right are Ann Smith, Assistant Director of Recruitment and Selection, Silas Durham, and Julie DeVoe, Director of Scholar Advising.

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• Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2021 Sheriff Fee Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter will be published by Auditor of Public Accounts on April 27, 2023 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, shown below.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

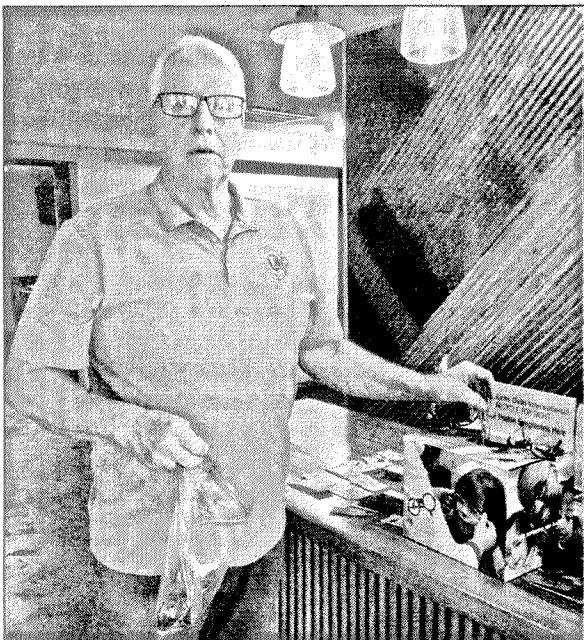
Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
Sheriff of Rockcastle County

Help with eyeglasses



Cletis Brown, Committee Chair for Glasses Collection for the Mt. Vernon Lions Club, is in charge of getting applications and helping people that need glasses. If you have a need for glasses, please contact Mr. Brown or any other member of the Lions Club for help. There is a dropbox for old glasses at Limestone Grill to repurpose them for someone in need. There is another dropbox located at the office of Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel.

Vows exchanged



Serena - Singleton

On April 9, 2023, Brenda Serena and Donald E. Singleton exchanged vows at Maple Grove Baptist Church located at 1148 Big Cave Rd., Orlando KY, officiated by Pastor Jerry Owens.

Donald Edwin Singleton, son of Douglas and Sandra Singleton is a retired US Army Veteran with 21 years of service in the Infantry. Brenda Serena, daughter of David and Roberta Serena is an LPN and retired from the Federal Reserve Banking System.

The couple will reside in Orlando and honeymoon in the Caribbean. Brenda and Donnie first met at a Native American celebration.



MIKE HARMON
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky

- The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
- Holly M. Johnson, Secretary Finance and Administration Cabinet
- The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
- The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff
- Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2021 Taxes for the period April 16, 2021 through August 31, 2022 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2021 through August 31, 2022 of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, for the period April 16, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Rockcastle County Sheriff and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Rockcastle County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 14, 2023, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report finding:

2021-001 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Does Not Have Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

February 14, 2023

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs, and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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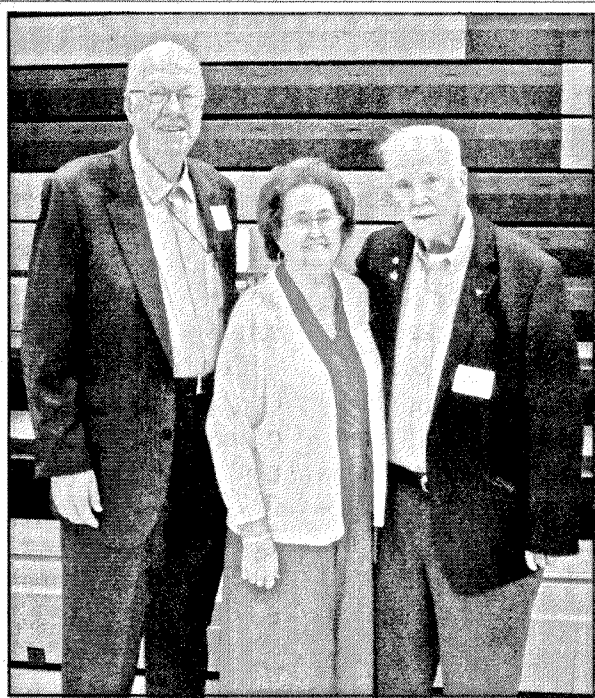
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Brodhead High School Reunion

The Brodhead High School Alumni Association held their 63rd annual reunion on Saturday, April 15 at the Brodhead Elementary School. The honored classes were 1948, 1953, 1957, 1958, 1963 and 1968.



Class of 1957

Front row left to right are Ronnie Sutton, Charlotte Scoggins Bullock and Paul Adams.



Class of 1963

Front row left to right are Sharon Harris McKinney, Bonnie DeBoard Overbay, Judy Fletcher Doan, Glenda Riddle Brown, Peggy Hopkins, Judy Harris Carter (2nd row) Claudia Bowling Cash, Virginia Livesay Wilson, Donna Gentry Cable, Ruby Ellison Brock, Rita Butler, (3rd row) Ralph Brooks, Raymond Brown, Mark McKinney, Steve Albright and Herbert Ray Adams.

Photos submitted



Class of 1953

Front row left to right are Harold Brown, Kenneth Parsons, Dean Mink, and Martha Blevins Hamm.



Class of 1958

Front row left to right are Christine rawn Taylor, Wanda Reppert Wren, Lorene Hayes Sowder, Nancy Cummins Meadows, Roberta Shepherd Roach, Phyllis Thomas Hendricks, Sylvia Thacker Barnes, Bonnie McKinney (back row) Paul Cash, Ella McFerron Breedlove, Charles Noland, Barbara Sue Renner Holbrooke, Jimmy Payne, Joyce McKinney Burdine and Byron Morris Owens.



Class of 1968

Front row left to right are Betty Jo Brown McKinney, Judy Ponder Feldkamp, Helen Kidwell Reppert, Sandra Bullock Eaton, Larry Daugherty, (Back row) Gail Mullins Johnson and Mary Benge Utley.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with KRS 81A.420, residents or owners of real property in the proposed areas to be annexed in City of Mount Vernon ordinances 2022-7, 2022-8, 2022-9 have the right to present a petition to the Mayor and have the annexation placed on the ballot. The petition must be received within 60 days of the publication of the intent to annex (6/26/2023).

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH THE CITY'S INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon does hereby state it's intent and desire to annex to the City Mount Vernon, pursuant to KRS Chapter 84A, which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Bridgeport Properties, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

/s/ Tim Roberts, Mayor
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

/s/ Crystal Rush, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH THE CITY'S INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon does hereby state it's intent and desire to annex to the City Mount Vernon, pursuant to KRS Chapter 84A, which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Rockcastle Business Park South, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

/s/ Tim Roberts, Mayor
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

/s/ Crystal Rush, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KENTUCKY, SETTING FORTH THE CITY'S INTENT AND DESIRE TO ANNEX A TRACT OF PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS

I Whereas, the City of Mount Vernon does hereby state it's intent and desire to annex to the City Mount Vernon, pursuant to KRS Chapter 84A, which is contiguous to current boundaries of the City limits, and is a territory that is urban in character or is suitable for urban development without unreasonable delay, and which contains, or is expected to contain in the immediate future, water mains, and sewer mains which belong to the City of Mount Vernon, and which currently serve, or will serve in the immediate future, customers throughout the area:

A tract of landed located and being in Rockcastle County, State of Kentucky, known as Rockcastle Industrial Park, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

(See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference)

II This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and upon publication by law.

/s/ Tim Roberts, Mayor
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

/s/ Crystal Rush, City Clerk

SPORTS



Katie Denham pitched nine innings and picked up the win for the Lady Rockets over Pulaski Co. 2-1.



Skyler Durham picked up the win Monday night against district foe Casey County. The Rockets came from behind to win 7-5.

Rocket baseball defeats district foe Casey 7-5

Rockcastle Rockets baseball picked up a district win Monday night defeating Casey County 7-5.

Skyler Durham was the winning pitcher going six innings allowing eight hits, five runs while striking out nine and walking one. Dalton Gibbs earned the save setting down the Rebels in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Rockcastle took an early 1-0 lead in the first off a Carson Carrera homer. Casey took a 2-1 lead after the first and added two more in the second for the 4-1 lead.

Rockcastle took the lead for good with four runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth, an error scored one run for the Rockets and Conner Winstead homered on a 0-2

count, scoring two runs.

Casey County got one back in the bottom of the fourth but it was not enough as the Rockets held on for the 7-5 win.

Carrera, Winstead, Kaden Kidwell and Phoenix Pittman each had two hits on the night while Dalton Gibbs and Cam Prewitt each picked up one.

Winstead had three RBI while Carrera had one and Lance Coffey picked up one.

Rockcastle had two touch outings earlier this week losing 10-1 to Pulaski County and 11-1 to North Laurel.

Casey County is set to come to town Tuesday, April 25th for a rematch. Rockcastle will host Lincoln County Friday night for a 6 p.m. start.

Rocket softball beats PC 2-1 in 11

It took 11 innings but for the first time since April 12, 2018, Rockcastle softball defeated the Pulaski County Maroons 2-1 in a regular season game on Tuesday, April 18th.

Katie Denham was spectacular on the mound going nine and one-third innings giving up no runs on four hits with three strikeouts. Abby Burdette finished the game going one and two-thirds innings giving up one hit, two walks and a strikeout.

It was a pitcher's duel for the first ten innings with neither team on the scoreboard. Beginning in the tenth inning, a player is automatically placed on second to begin the inning. Kailee Collins took second and was sacrificed to third by Haven King. Lexie Brock reached first on a hit by pitch. With two outs, Makyle Hester singled to center field to score Collins for the first run of the game and a 1-0 lead for the Rockets.

It was Pulaski's turn to have a player placed on second. The Maroons then drew a walk and Rockcastle intentionally walked Pulaski to load the bases. With two outs, Pulaski tied the game on a passed ball. Going for the win, Pulaski was caught trying to steal home to send the game into the 11th inning.

Macy Spivey was placed on second and tagged to third on a Makayla Coffey fly out

to right field. Ella Bussell then singled to score the second run and give the Rockets a 2-1 lead.

Pulaski threatened again in the bottom of the 11th with bases loaded but Burdette was able to strikeout the batter for the third out.

Rockcastle managed only five hits on the night with Haley Pingleton picking up two of those. Ella Bussell, Makinlee Goff and Makyle Hester each had one. Hester and Bussell picked up the two RBI on the night.

Thursday night, Mercer County came to town and defeated the Rockets 7-5.

It looked to be the Rockets' game to win after taking a 4-1 lead at the end of the first inning, but Mercer County stormed back in the top of the fifth to take a 7-4 lead.

Rockcastle got one run back in the bottom of the sixth off a Makayla Coffey single and steal and score on a Haley Pingleton single.

Coffey, Ella Bussell, Pingleton, Haven King and Makyle Hester each had multiple hits for the Rockets. Makinlee Goff, Ella McKinney and Macy Spivey each had one. Bussell, Goff and King each had an RBI.

Saturday, the Lady Rockets took part in the Estill County Triangle #3 and picked up a 9-5 win over Estill County and lost a close one to Fleming County, 7-6.

In the Estill County win, the Engineers took a 2-0 lead after the first inning but Rockcastle broke it loose in the third with nine runs.

Ella Bussell, Haven King, Makinlee Goff, Lexie Brock and Macy Spivey each had two hits in the game. Makayla Coffey, Haley Pingleton, Makyla Hester and Ella McKinney each had one. Pingleton picked up three RBI while Brock had two.

In the Fleming County game, Rockcastle was down 7-3 after six and made it interesting scoring six runs before Fleming County shut the door on them.

Ella Bussell and Haven King each went three for four with King picking up two RBI. Macy Spivey was two for three with an RBI and run scored.

Monday night, Rockcastle traveled to district foe Casey County and came away with a 5-0 victory.

Katie Denham didn't allow a single run and allowed just five hits. She also had two strikeouts.

The Rockets got on the scoreboard first scoring two runs in the top of the third.

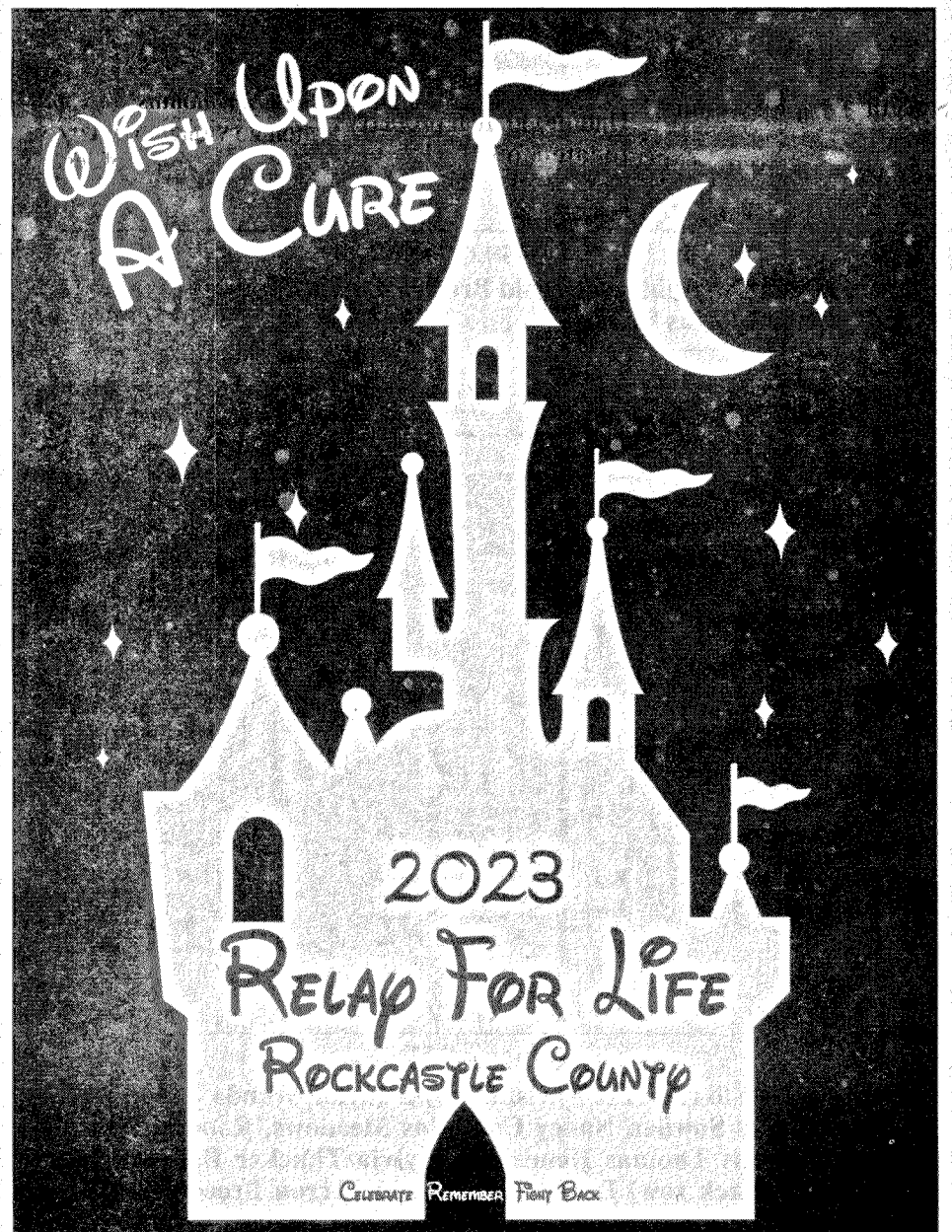
Macy Spivey and Makayla Coffey each singled and Spivey scored on an Addysinne Lovell single. Coffey scored on a Haley Pingleton ground out.

Rockcastle added three more in the top of the sixth. Makinlee Goff got things started with a homerun to left field. Lexie Brock singled and Kailee Collins, running for Brock, was out at second on a fielder's choice by Macy Spivey. Coffey singled and Spivey and Coffey scored on a Lovell double.

Lovell and Goff each went three for four with Lovell picking up three

RBI and Goff adding one. Spivey was one for three with two runs scored.

Rockcastle was scheduled to host Casey County on Tuesday night, travel to Southwestern Pulaski on Thursday, travel to Clay County on Friday and host Estill County at home at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Russell County at 2 p.m.



Save-the-Date
Friday, June 16, 2023
Rockcastle County High School

Survivor Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony @ 7:00 p.m.

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For more information, contact Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703 or m.brock@rhrcc.org



Take Action

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KRS 405.075 states that a newborn infant can legally be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes

- There are currently 136 SHBB
- 16 of those boxes are located in KY
- The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after installation

The nearest Safe Haven Box to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt. Washington, 97 miles away.

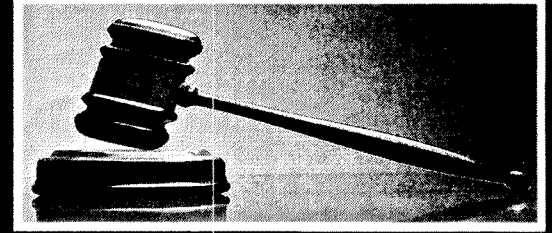
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Toll-free Treatment Help Line
1-866-90-UNITE

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Lisa Marie Fisher, 28, Mount Vernon, unemployed, to Steven Blake Powell, 32, Mount Vernon, Mgr. KFC. 4-11-23

Carolyn Marie Haugh, 26, Indianapolis, physician, to Evan Phillip Singleton, 27, Indianapolis, physician. 4-8-23

Ambriana Tiffany McGuire, 22, Orlando, Exela, to Isiah Shawndale Owens, 25, Orlando, Exela. 4-14-23

Heather Janelle Akers, 41, Lancaster, teacher, to Clifford Lee Mullins, 46, Renfro Valley, technology. 4-15-23

Alicia Marie Demmitt, 47, Somerset, retired, to Dwayne Otis Caudill, 42, Somerset, UPS. 4-17-23

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Cody Miracle, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al, vs. Adam J. Walker, complaint.

Cheyenne Marie Mink vs. Kevin Joseph Mink, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. James McPherson, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Johnny Webb, complaint.

Synchrony Bank vs. Sylvia Muncy, complaint.

James Phillips vs. Krissy Phillips, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Regina Looney vs. Jerry Wayne Looney, petition for dissolution of marriage.

District Civil

Baptist Healthcare System, Inc. vs. Collin Cass, complaint.

LVNV Funding vs. Polly Mathis, complaint.

Synchrony Bank vs. Deborah Counts, complaint.

Charles Norris vs. Jacob Jasper, forcible detainer complaint.

Rodney Reams, et al, vs. Linda Faye McFerron, forcible detainer complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jeff Carpenter, complaint.

Castle Village Apartments vs. Clifton Purvis, forcible detainer complaint.

Mariner Finance LLC vs. Lonnie Vanwinkle, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Tiffany Vance, complaint.

Citibank N.A. vs. Kevin Hall, complaint.

District Civil Suits

Dave and Elizabeth Joelle McBride, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Allyn Jones. Tax 125.00

Beverly A. Jones, real property located on Climax Rd., to Pierre Carvel, II and Erica Dawn Bachelier-Sary. Tax 3.00

Melissa Hemsley and Trevor Hemsley, real property located on the waters of Roundstone Creek, to Ronald Mark and Janice Dean Emery.

Tax 137.50

Debbie McKnight, executrix of the estate of Howard McKnight, real property located on Skaggs Creek, to Larry and Lauren Newcomb. Tax 100.00

Rockcastle Raceway, Inc., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle Speedway, LLC. Tax 200.00

Rockcastle Speedway, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Cove Branch Properties, LLC. Tax 350.00

Josiah T. Bertrand, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Brad McGlynn. Tax 110.00

Highlands Housing Corporation, Inc., real property located on Lawrence Lane in Mount Vernon, to Natasha Bishop Hubbard and Darran Hubbard. Tax 185.00

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Aaron C. and Lynel Lou Dawn E. McKeel. Tax 10.50

Freda Parrett, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Danny Wilburn. Tax 5.00

Michael Kenneth Haddix, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Rodney Lyn and Amber R. Tester. Tax 175.00

Donna Holstein, real property located in Rockcastle County, to David Randle. Tax 26.00

Larry and Rebekah Hammond, real property located on Richmond Street, to Dana Carrera. Tax 88.00

Carlos Caldwell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Chris and Sarah Hendrickson. Tax 100.00

John G. Hamm, and others, real property located in Castle Ridge Subdivision, to Victorino C. Calle-Flores and Lourdes Melendez Ek. Tax 135.60

Jesse Lafe and Laura M. Owens, real property located on Lovell Lane, to Danny and Sue Ford. Tax 41.00

Brenda Kay Hayes and Ivan Jeff Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Brenda Kay Hayes. Tax 90.00

Jeff and Anissa Cromer, real property located in Renfro Valley, to Robert Byrge. Tax 21.50

Shirley Wilson, real property located on Bowling Ridge, to James and Cristy Randolph. Tax 23.00

Shirley Wilson, real property located on Bowling Ridge, to James and Cristy Randolph. Tax 27.00

James Michael and Candace A. Lear, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Alyssa Irene McNelly. Tax 133.00

Joseph Hancock and Heather Hancock, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Chauncey and Amanda Pyles. Tax 430.00

Kristen Harper, real property located in Livingston, to Tom and Sibylle Georgianna. Tax 4.00

James Logan Kidwell and Jacklynn Thacker, real property located in Brindle Ridge, to Skirrow and JoAnne Gibson. Tax 227.00

Lacey Breann Dodson and Lonnie Chadd Dodson, real property located on Copper Creek Rd., to Charles Glen and Sheila Walloing. Tax 226.00

District Court

3-20-23

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Paul Doug Anderson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, five days.

Jeremy James Boggs: Speeding, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

James L. Bowling: No/ expired registration plates, \$25 plus court costs.

Joseph Steven Cameron: No/expired registration, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend operators license.

Angela Renee Crowe: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus court costs.

Robert L. Darnell: Speeding, operating on suspended/revoked license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Anthony W. Davis: operating on suspended/revoked license, no/expired registration plates, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Isaac Noah Faulkner: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operators license.

Billy Ray Gadd: disorderly conduct, 1st degree, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Ronald Arthur Hunter III: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 365 days, probate 24 months on condition no violation of law; illegal possession of legend drug, 90 days probate 24 months on condition no violation of law.

John McCoy: no/expired registration plates, failure to wear seatbelts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Jeanette Rochelle Pemberton: no/expired registration plates, failure to wear seatbelt, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Jason Perkins: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine plus court costs.

Flora Regina Sams: no/ expired registration plates, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Leigha Kaylene Smith: no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend operator's license.

Richard Spoonamore: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus court costs.

Patricia J. Wilder: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus court costs.

Christian Chase Bach: speeding, \$50 fine plus court costs.

Douglas Todd Grabowski: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Fernando Bryan Granados: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

David Allen Hanson: speeding, \$42 fine plus court costs.

Skylinn Yvonne Jenkins: speeding, failure to wear seatbelt, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Myra Shenelle Parks: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Holly Nicole Ruta: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Anthony Thomas Rutherford: speeding, failure to

appear, suspend operator's license.

Makayla Lynn Saylor: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Jared M. Smith: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Danny R. Sowder: failure to wear seatbelt, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

Melissa Ann Stevens: speeding, \$30 fine plus court costs, state traffic school authorized in lieu of fine.

Michelle L. Stoops: speeding, failure to appear, suspend operator's license.

3-22-23

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Zachary Robinson: public intoxication, two days to serve, waive court costs.

Bobby Earl Hendrickson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Wesley Aaron Moore: shoplifting, poss of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Danny Sowder: Driving on DUI suspended license, \$100 fine plus court costs.

3-27-2023

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Matthew A. Blevins: 1st degree possession of cs/ heroin, 1st offense, possession controlled substance, possession of synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Hermenegildo Bravo: wanton endangerment, 2nd degree, reckless driving, no operators license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend operator's li-

cence.
Melinda Rae Bullock: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus court costs.

Naomi Conner: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend operator's license.

Clayton Cox: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no motorcycle operators license, \$50 fine plus court costs.

Thomas Wayne Daugherty: no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend operator's license.

Deidre V. Davidson: speeding, reckless driving, failure to appear, suspend license.

Katelyn Helton: no/expired registration plates, license to be in poss., failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. Insurance, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Larry McClure: driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense, failure to appear, bench warrant issued, suspend license.

William Milburn: menacing, resisting arrest, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Stephanie Marie Phelps: operating motor vehicle under influence controlled substance, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Jerry Lee Slusher: failure to wear seatbelt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to appear, suspend license.

Patrick Tenney: operating on suspended/revoked operators license \$100 fine plus court costs.

Kelly Whitaker: driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense, \$100 fine plus court costs.

Emma Grace Massengale: speeding, failure to appear, suspend license.

Nathan Tyler Stewart: failure to wear seatbelt, failure to appear, suspend license.

William Milburn: menacing, 90 days to serve concurrent.

Erin Becraft: reckless driving, \$50 fine plus court costs.

Chester W. Biggs: disorderly conduct, 1st, 12 months probate 24 months on condition defendant have no violations of law.

Jeremiah Cain: speeding, \$40 fine plus court costs.

Jessica Ann Cheek: speeding, failure to appear, suspend license.

Amanda Hutchinson: disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine plus costs.

Ashley Ledford: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Paul Steven Milburn: flagrant non support, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Karl Wayne Pittman: no/ expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to appear, bench warrant issued.

Freddy Lee Robinson: speeding, \$26 fine; failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

INSPECTION PERIOD

FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 1, through May 15, 2023. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2023 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2023 will be due about October 1, 2023.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator on the third floor of the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. Appointments are preferred, but not required.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value is required.

More information is available on-line at www.revenue.ky.gov, and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at 205 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, 40456.

Any tax payer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals. The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

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

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.540(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

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

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

Kathy Robinson

Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

Classifieds

CLASSIFIED RATES

- Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
 - Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch
- Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

For Rent

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Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185.

Accepting Applications

For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent
Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale

30 Acre Stand of Timber. Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

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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: No trespassing on the property owned by Kimberly and Joseph Ramsey on Copper Creek. No riding or hunting of any kind. Not responsible for accidents. 11x4

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 Benge 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

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Notices

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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

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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

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appointed co-Administrators of the estate of Juanita Falin, deceased, on the 24th day of April 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Cassandra Falin and Dean McClure, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 25, 2023. 11x3

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Rockcastle County High School junior Callie Benge was one of nearly 100 high school students representing Kentucky's electric cooperatives

gathered at the Kentucky Capitol on March 22 for the Frankfort Youth Tour, a program designed to offer rising young leaders a personal under-

standing of American history, civic affairs, and their role as citizens and members of electric cooperatives. Following a tour of the capitol, students heard from Governor Andy Beshear, Senate President Robert Stivers and Representative Samara Heavrin. In June, many of these students will travel to our nation's capital during the Washington Youth Tour.

Since the inception of the youth tour program, co-ops have sponsored more than 1,700 Kentucky high school students. Jackson Energy is

proud to invest in our future leaders.

Jackson Energy Frankfort Youth Tour delegates were: Jacob Byrd, North Laurel; Andreu Knapp, Jackson County; Jabe Fredrick, Clay

County; Hannah Barnard, North Laurel; Kinley Jones, Jackson County; Katie Lucas, Owsley County; Callie Benge, Rockcastle County; and Aleah McIntosh, Lee County.

KSP raises \$9,185 for Special Olympics KY

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) challenged Kentuckians to 'Cover the Cruiser' in support of Special Olympics Kentucky (SOKY). This year, the events raised \$9,185.

Special Olympics emulates what Team Kentucky is building each day, said Gov. Andy Beshear. It is so special to watch our citizens and law enforcement partner together to build a better, safer and more inclusive Kentucky for all. Our commonwealth has a heart of gold, and we set aside our differences for our brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors in need. Thanks to everyone for your generous support.

All 16 KSP posts participated by parking a state police cruiser at various public locations, and for a minimum donation of one dollar, citizens could place a custom SOKY sticker on the cruiser. Still, many Kentuckians donated more than the minimum.

"We are humbled by the support of our fellow citizens who always show up for 'Cover the Cruiser' events," said KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett. "Special Olympics Kentucky and KSP have a great partnership, and we are proud to support our athletes, whether fundraising or attending their competitions."

The fundraising event began in 2020 when the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run was canceled in response to the coronavirus pandemic. During the Torch Run, law enforcement members carry the Flame of Hope into the Special Olympic Games. The flame represents courage and the celebration of diversity.

The SOKY annual summer games will occur

June 2-4, 2023, at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

"We are excited and honored that KSP participated in the Cover the Cruiser event for the fourth year in a row," said SOKY President Trish Mazzoni. "In addition to raising funds to support our programs, KSP troopers also attend events like our State Basketball Tournament and our Summer Games to present awards to the athletes. The response from our athletes when they see a State Trooper in uniform presenting medals & ribbons, is awesome!"

The fundraiser developed into a friendly competition among Kentucky State Police posts. This year, Post 12 took top honors with a total of \$1,462 raised.

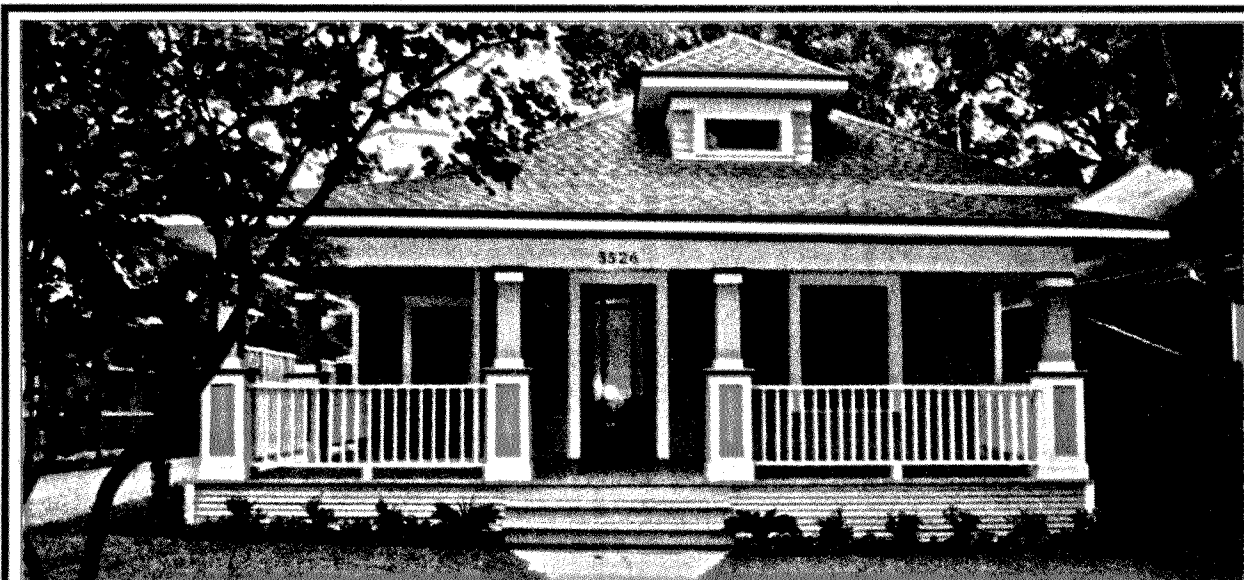
We are thankful to everyone in the Post 12 area who made a donation to this important cause, said KSP Commander Todd Kidd. We look forward to supporting our athletes and wish them luck in the summer games.

In 2022, 'Cover the Cruiser' raised \$11,442.94. Since the fundraising event began in 2020, KSP has raised \$56,862.64 for SOKY.

For more information about the 'Cover the Cruiser' campaign or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit <http://soky.org/coverthecruiser/>. Special Olympics is the world's largest sports training program and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The organization has been serving the needs of our athletes and their families since 1970 and welcomes over 6,000 athletes in Kentucky.



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Mamaw's Kitchen

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REGINA'S LASAGNA
This has become our traditional Christmas dinner. All my family likes this—even the pickiest ones. (That includes me!) Christmas 2010 I made two huge pans full, and it was all gone in two days. I asked them if they were tired of it yet. They wanted me to make another one!

1 pound ground beef,
1 pound sweet Italian sausage,
53 ounces of your favorite spaghetti sauce,
1 cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided,
2 eggs, slightly beaten,
1 cup mozzarella cheese, divided,
1 cup ricotta cheese,
8 lasagna noodles,
Preheat oven to 350°. Crumble beef and sausage in large skillet. Cook until no pink remains. Stir in spaghetti sauce. Heat thoroughly and turn off heat. Mix eggs with ricotta cheese, 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese and 3/4 cup parmesan cheese. Spray lasagna pan with non-stick spray. Layer as follows: 2 cups sauce in bottom of pan, 4 lasagna noodles, uncooked, half of cheese mixture, half of remaining sauce, 4 lasagna noodles, uncooked, rest of cheese mixture, rest of sauce, remaining 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, remaining 1/4 cup parmesan cheese. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes at 350°. Remove from oven and let sit for 15 to

30 minutes before serving.
CROCK POT LASAGNA
1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
1 pound ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
8 cups pasta sauce
9 uncooked lasagna noodles
1 container (15 ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 large eggs, slightly beaten
4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
In a large skillet over medium-high, cook sausage and ground beef until browned and no longer pink; drain. Add onions to skillet and cook until just beginning to soften, about 3 minutes. Stir in pasta sauce. Spread 1 cup of sauce mixture in bottom of slow cooker crock. Layer 3 lasagna noodles over sauce, breaking to fit. In a medium bowl, mix ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, eggs and remaining Italian seasoning. Spread 1/3 of mixture over noodles in crock. Sprinkle with 1 cup mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers 2 more times, ending with sauce. Reserve remaining mozzarella cheese for top. Cover and cook on HIGH for 2 1/2 to 3 hours or on LOW for 6 to 6 1/2 hours. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese and let stand until cheese is melted.

Are you an expectant parent or parent of a newborn?

Do you have questions about having

...a healthy pregnancy?

- "Are the feelings I'm having typical?"
- "How is my baby developing each month?"
- "What should I know before delivery?"

...a healthy baby?

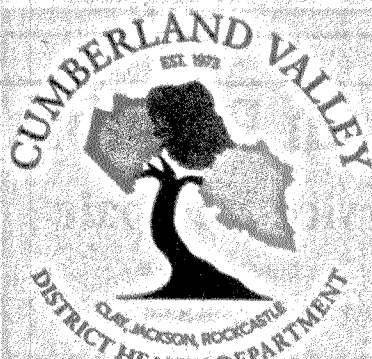
- "How do I know what my baby needs?"
- "How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
- "What should I expect as my child grows?"

...a healthy toddler?

- "When should my child begin walking and talking?"
- "How important is a dad's role in a child's development?"
- "What is appropriate discipline?"

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- "How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"
- "How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"
- "How do I balance everyone's needs?"



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