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Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department can be seen fighting the blaze of an early morning fire on West Main Street Monday. This was the second structure fire the same night and officials say the cause of the fires are suspicious in nature. This fire, and the earlier fire on Chestnut Grove Road, were both total losses. Both structures were unoccupied.

## Local fires may be suspicious

By: Mike French  
Reporter

Local fire departments were busy Monday morning as two separate homes in Rockcastle County burned to the ground before daylight.

At around 2:30 Monday morning, the Brodhead Fire Department was called to a structure fire on Chestnut Grove Road.

Upon arrival, the abandoned house was fully engulfed in flames and firefighters kept the blaze from spreading to woods, fields and nearby structures.

The Western Rockcastle Fire Department also arrived on the scene to give mutual aid.

The structure was a total loss. A few hours later, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to a structure fire at 590 West Main Street in Mount Vernon.

This abandoned structure was also fully engulfed upon arrival and emergency responders kept the flames from spreading to nearby areas.

The Brodhead, Livingston and Western Fire Departments were also called to the scene.

This home was completely destroyed. MVFD Chief David Bales said the origins of the fires are unknown but are "suspicious in nature" and anyone who may have information about the fires should contact the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

## Council talks about local development

By: Mike French  
Reporter

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was held Thursday, July 19 at city hall in council chambers where a new podium is under construction.

Mayor Mike Bryant explained the new podium will provide a space for visitors to address the council. Though unfinished, the mayor said the podium will display the city's seal and is being built to be handicap accessible.

After the council approved the financial reports for June, City Administrator Josh Bray informed council members of the progress of the new Microfoodery plant under construction on Richmond Street.

Bray said he visits the site often and the roof is now near completion and he understands that the owners have already hired a plant manager and a quality control supervisor.

Owners of the plant have said they expect to hire 100

(See "Council" on A7)

According to County Attorney

## Complaint will be filed soon against Eagle Manufacturing

According to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, a civil suit will soon be filed in circuit court against owners of Eagle Manufacturing, alleging multiple breaches of contract.

Two closed meetings of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court have been held concerning the matter and the alleged breaches are for selling property from the building without written consent of the fiscal court,

as required by the original contract.

The property sold reportedly includes silos and copper wiring.

Rowe said there is an ongoing investigation of the matter being conducted by the Kentucky State Police.

Eagle Manufacturing entered into a contract with the county in November of 2017. At the time, the company paid a \$60,000 deposit, \$25,000 of which went to CSX Railroad as an annual fee to maintain the rail spur which goes into the county's Industrial Park North. As an incentive to the company, the county agreed to forego a monthly lease payment of \$18,000 for twelve months.

Eagle agreed to purchase the former Anchor building

(See "Eagle" on A7)

## Rockcastle County is growing rapidly

By: Mike French  
Reporter

Though the United States Census Bureau says Rockcastle County is dwindling in population since 2010, unusual growth is happen-

ing throughout the county and many new jobs and businesses are moving in.

One of the biggest moves into the county is the Microfoodery plant currently under construction on Richmond Street. The fac-

tory is expected to be operational within a few months and owners say the factory will have 200 employees within two years.

Since the plant will be inside the city limits, officials say occupational tax

money alone will have a big impact on the city's budget, not to mention the influx of

## Jail website still down

Anyone who has been searching for the Rockcastle County Detention Center's webpage, has found a blank page for the past four weeks.

According to officials in the circuit clerk's office, a glitch appeared on the webpage and computer technicians have been working to reestablish the page and provide jail information to the public.

However, at press time, the page was still blank. Citations and arrest reports are still available in hard copy and officials are asking the public to be patient while technicians are working to get the webpage back on line.

housing and business growth that is expected to be an effect of having the plant in the city.

The Family Dollar Store has agreed to locate in the city limits of Livingston. The national retail chain is also expected to contribute significantly to the local economy via occupational tax monies and by keeping Livingston dollars inside the community.

Mayor Jason Medley says the business will also provide a great convenience for those in the city since no such business exists for several miles outside of town.

RCIDA Executive Director Jeffrey VanHook said locating the store inside Livingston is similar to giving everyone in the community a raise since they will save money and time by having the store there.

(See "Growth" on A7)

## Little World's Fair

By: Mike French  
Reporter

Don't forget that one of the state's biggest and best County Fairs begins this Friday, August 3rd right here in Rockcastle County.

The Little World's Fair will be held at the Brodhead Fairgrounds and gates

(See "Fair" on A7)

## Introducing...Howell Holbrook

## County Judge/Exec. planning to take office

By: Mike French  
Reporter

(This is the first article of a series planned to introduce newly-elected officials

to the citizens of Rockcastle County. Newly elected Sheriff Shannon Franklin has promised an interview for the next installment.)

The 2018 May Primary elections brought a few surprises and some extremely close races.

One of those close races was the vote totals between Howell "Hal" Holbrook and incumbent Doug Bishop for Rockcastle County Judge/Executive. Holbrook won the election by just over 350 votes and will be sworn in as the new Judge/Executive during a ceremony to be held the first of January. The date for the swearing in ceremony cannot be set until after the November General Elections.

Holbrook, 52, his wife Lena Gail, and his children Paul David and Christian Hope, will be at the ceremony which will be held at the county courthouse.

The veteran of county affairs has spent a large part

of his life working with the fiscal court on matters concerning the county since he has served as CSEPP Director, Emergency Management Coordinator and Flood Plane Coordinator for many

(See "Judge" on A7)

## Riversweep cancelled

The Rockcastle Riversweep Project, planned for August 11 and led by Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner, has been cancelled until further notice.

The annual event was postponed previously due to inclement weather and due to continued rain forecasts and high water Renner says the August 11th date has been cancelled.

Renner says he hopes to host the event later in the year,



The siding and the roof are being placed on the new Microfoodery Plant on Richmond Street making the building visible from the road. According to officials, construction is on schedule and the plant plans to soon have a website where job seekers may apply for a position. The website address will be announced once owners are ready to begin hiring.

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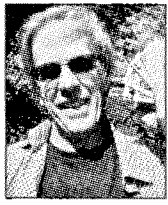
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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Taking into consideration my "male pig" reputation, I will likely lose a few of my buddies with this column, but I can't help it. A preacher has to say what God puts on his heart, and a journalist has to write what he believes.

Some have been treated unfairly in our society. I'm sure I am as guilty as anyone but, as I have mentioned before, I think my "raising" had a lot to do with my attitude.

All my life I have referred to the farm as "dad's farm." And I have always said "Dad's car" or "dad's truck".

I suppose I have told a hundred people over the years about how I saw my dad buy that briar-thicket, forest of a farm. I have talked often about how I saw him take a wheelbarrow, a chain saw, a pick axe and a shovel, and turn it into a level, smooth, green pasture an acre at a time over 30 years until it is now a beautiful place that we call "Three Pines Ranch."

I have spent years bragging about my father for

heading out to his regular work before the sun rose without missing a day, only to come home each and every evening covered in mud and oil and grab his hand tools and started building and cutting and clearing on the farm.

I even wrote a song after his death, that has become "relatively" well-known around the local circuit called "Dad's Bluegrass Angel Band."

I've told hundreds about his work ethic, his dedication to family, his belief in God, his support and compassion.

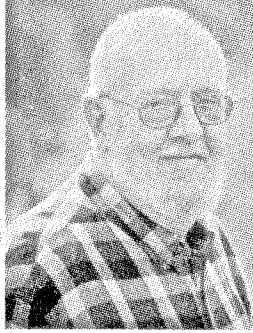
And without hesitation or qualification, I stand by every word of it. I take not a single word back and it has all been accurate and the truth.

But, it simply wasn't the whole story.

My mother wasn't sitting on the couch eating Bon-Bons while he was doing all that.

The truth is, she was just as sweaty and tired and sore at the end of the day as he

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## ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

### Chickens in the Yard

When I was a young boy, my grandparents lived a couple hundred yards from our house, and they had chickens that roamed their yard. My grandfather (Pop) built a large, sturdy chicken house that had individual nest boxes for the hens to lay their eggs. Also inside the chicken house, Pop installed several long wooden poles for the chickens to roost at night.

I remember Pop closing the wooden door of the chicken house at night as soon as the birds were inside. Once, I asked Pop why he locked up the birds; I remember thinking that maybe he was concerned that they might run away.

He laughed and replied, "I am not locking up the chickens, I am locking out the animals that would kill and eat them."

As soon as the early morning cock-a-doodle-do sounded (approximately 5:30 am), Pop opened the door so that the chickens could feed all day long, without ceasing.

Each day, my grandmother (Mommie Katie) adorned her bonnet and carried a small basket to the chicken house to gather the eggs. We had fresh eggs every day for breakfast. They were fried in bacon drippings, scrambled, and or even poached, especially for Pop. They were served with home-prepared bacon, country ham, or sausage. The table was also spread with fresh biscuits, gravy, and home-canned jams and jellies. I always thought that our breakfasts were the best meal of the day. When one of Mommie's hens stopped laying eggs, that bird was promptly scheduled for a

baked hen Sunday dinner.

The flock of birds roamed the backyard looking for insects, grass, seeds, and even gravel from the driveway. Pop also supplemented their diet with a daily helping of a commercial chicken feed. Mommie always said that our eggs were so good because the chickens consumed such a varied diet. She must have been right, because I have never tasted eggs like those of my youth.

Occasionally, a couple of the hens would begin to "flog" each other, and a fight would commence.

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Until very recently, I had never been able to get a woman to tell me what a "hot flash", supposedly the quintessential symptom of menopause, felt like.

I've been in meetings, mostly when I was still in my fifties, with women of a certain age when the subject of menopause came up but when I asked what it felt like they'd just clam up, get red-faced, and inform me that men ought to be really glad they didn't have to experience it because they'd be scared to death. In fact, I've been told that most men probably would not survive a hot flash because they would have a stroke or heart attack and fall dead on

the spot if they ever had one.

But now I know or, at least, I've been told by reliable witnesses, that I now know what a hot flash feels like. In fact I've actually had 4 over the last 2 and a half years and I'm not even going through menopause. They happened like this:

In the spring of 2016 I went to the doctor with a urological problem and wound up having a kidney x-ray. The x-ray showed a small lump in my left kidney and the doc decided he needed more information so he sent me back to the imaging folks to have a "contrast CAT scan"

For the uninitiated, a contrast CAT scan differs from a normal one due to dye being injected intravenously into the blood stream a few seconds before your carcass is injected into a roaring, clanging tube wherein they shoot images of your innards that are supposed to be far more detailed than a regular old x-ray. I usually have to have a heavy dose of valium to counter claustrophobia and tolerate the procedure but the kidneys-only scan does not involve total immersion into the tunnel of terror for more than a scant few seconds at a time.

Anyway, they decided I had kidney cancer and sent me to a surgeon at UK to have it cut out. Because I am, for several other medical reasons, at far greater than normal risks when it comes to internal surgery, the clamp and scalpel guys decided that it might be wise to monitor my tumor and see what it looked like in six months.

To make a long story

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



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Dear Journal,

Here it is the peak of summer and the peak of the reunion season. The good weather just naturally brings people together to eat, socialize and try to figure out how they are related if they don't already know. This past weekend was the Cook-Anglin reunion in Berea. Stanley's sister Edna Turner and her son Donnie had come in from Virginia to attend.

I took some barbeque and buns along with a strawberry shortcake made with Twinkies. Edna brought some of her favorite deep-fried mushrooms from the Limestone Grille. I'm not sure if she came for the reunion or just to get some of the good mushrooms. She says that they were made in

heaven, she believed.

On the way to Berea, about a mile from home, we saw an Eastern Box turtle like our Terry lying injured on the road. We stopped and got him. His shell had been broken and he was bleeding a bit. We had to take him on to Berea with us and Stanley went out periodically to check on him. We even provided shade and left the windows down so he could get some air.

We were rather concerned about him. A piece about the size of an egg was gone from his shell and lying beside him on the road. He could have been easily avoided but it looks like someone may have hit him just because they could. You know how those turtles

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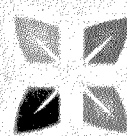
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## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Fragrant Landscaping

The scents and smells of our homes and surrounding can create profuse and diverse reactions with different people. The stimulus of smell may linger in memory way beyond other sensory experiences. A certain smell may remind us of a loved one, a fun experience (or an unpleasant one sometimes), or may grab our attention for myriads of reasons. Today we will explore mostly pleasing smells, with the thought of selecting some of them to grow in our landscapes.

Landscaping in general helps define and establish our homes, with quality landscaping enhancing the appearance and value of them. Some fringe benefits may be shade, fruit, fall colors, lovely aromas, wind-breaks, etc. With many landscape designs, the plan was rapidly arrived at, and if fragrance was considered it was either by whimsically putting in a "fragrant plant" or happened totally by accident.

When we think of some new landscaping we should, of course, think in terms of adding value to the home. However, we should also add value from our unique perspective. Such as what our likes are, what would help us enjoy our home, our castle, in our landscape—our interpretation of paradise painted on the canvas of our own yard.

### Students should check KEES accounts for accuracy

Kentucky high school students and 2018 graduates should check their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) accounts for accuracy.

KEES allows students to earn money for college for good grades in high school and for qualifying scores on the ACT or SAT. KEES is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

To check their awards, students need to sign in to their account on [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com). If they don't already have an account, they can set one up.

Students can verify their KEES GPA is correct by taking the letter grade for each course taken during the year and converting it to a 4.0 scale. On this scale, an A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, D = 1.0, and F = 0.0. Pluses and minuses count the same, so an A-minus and an A-plus are both worth 4.0 points. Grades for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge Advanced International and dual credit courses are weighted, making an A = 5.0, B = 4.0, etc.

The GPA is calculated by adding all the points together and dividing the total by the number of credits earned during the year.

Students should also check their name, date of birth, address and Social Security number. If any information is incorrect, they should contact their school counselor as soon as possible.

Students who have problems with their account or cannot see their KEES information should call (800) 928-8926.

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

KHEAA also disburses Advantage Education Loans, the state's only non-profit private education loan. For more information, visit [www.advantageeducationloan.com](http://www.advantageeducationloan.com).

## Visit KHEAA at the Kentucky State Fair

Kentuckians attending the state fair in Louisville Aug. 16-26 can pick up free student financial aid information at the College Info Road Show booth in the South Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center.

The College Info Road Show is a mobile classroom sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

At the fair, students and parents can find free college planning and financial aid materials and resources, including information about the Oct. 1 opening date for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They can also register to win a \$1,000 college savings account. KHEAA outreach staff will be on hand to answer questions from students, parents, school counselors and other college access providers.

Visitors to KHEAA's booth will find helpful free guides such as "The College Circuit," "Surviving College," "Getting In" and "Adults Returning to School." Students and families can also learn how to request a free copy of "Getting the Facts," a personalized report that helps students estimate how much financial aid they may receive at the schools they want to attend.

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Appearances and good first impressions are important functions of a landscaped yard. Lovely mixes of greenery of various sizes and textures, arranged to show the home in a favorable light to others, help accomplish that mission. Functions of shade, security, wind flow, longevity, ease of maintenance, lovely flowers and sweet fragrances would also be wisely considered in a landscape arrangement.

Fragrance is the cardinal point in today's column. So what are some plants with highly desirable fragrances we might want to install in our yards? What are some "pluses and minuses" of some of the trees, shrubs and flowers we might select? We will not cover all possibilities by any means, but for the mid-Atlantic region of the country many of the following trees and smaller plants may work for your yard.

Let's discuss trees with aromatic blooms first. I think of the Southern magnolia as one of the first on any list, along with sweetbay and other magnolias. Basswood, black locust, and the Chinaberry tree are others to be considered. As with most trees, weigh the positives and the negatives to arrive at a selection. Black locust has thorns, is 'weedy', has roots that affect lawn mowing, and sends up suckers and sprouts to

make thickets if not controlled. Magnolias, especially magnolia grandiflora, have big leaves that take forever to rot, have messy seed heads, and grass will absolutely refuse to grow underneath them. But, the blossoms on both these trees have exceptionally lovely smells!

Then, how about trees with aromatic leaves, needles or sap? It's hard not to want a fir tree! Why buy green limbs and hang them for decorations for winter holidays—you can experience those same lovely fragrances anytime, especially when mowing around or brushing against the limbs and needles. Hot humid nights or dry windy heat may kill some fir trees, but there are probably several that will grow in your locale. Acidic, organic and well drained soils also help. Pine trees often have a delightful smell to go with the singing in their branches when the wind is up. The katsura tree produces a cinnamon/ginger sort of aroma when it's leaves separate from the limbs in the fall. I know a little research will reveal other possibilities, but those come to mind at the moment.

Some shrubbery and vining plants that have lovely smells are next. How about wisteria—besides the lovely blooms, what a super scent-sation to walk downwind of a large vine in bloom on an arbor or in a tree. Daphne, lilacs, mock orange, roses, honeysuckle and jasmine have pronounced pleasing scents, too. Privet hedges can be overpoweringly sweet in full bloom. I think gardenias are hard to beat, and some are now being grown successfully in zones 6 and 7. One of my landscape customers has 3 or more cultivars of gardenia surrounding a table for two at the end of a stone path—how romantic! Clethra (summersweet) and itea (Virginia sweetspire) and calicanthus (Florida sweet shrub) are welcome additions to my personal surroundings, even if they do tend to sucker and not stay where you plant them. Other shrubs with a nice odor would be Korean white forsythia and several of the viburnums. Viburnum burkwoodii cultivars, v. carlesii (Korean spice viburnum), v. carlcephalum, especially cultivated variety "Eskimo". Viburnum Juddii, v. farreri, and v. trilobum, the American cranberry bush viburnum (which has edible fruit to boot).

Fragrant perennials, annuals, bulbs with exceptional aromas include: the old fashioned common hosta with green leaves and aromatic white flowers, hyacinths, daffodils, peonies, some iris, most marigolds, lavender and thyme. Many a water lily bloom is fragrant; if you're able to be close to several blooms at once you may notice them.

Not all fragrances are delightful, at least not to everyone alike. Some of the viburnums stink. Some folks think ginkgo, persimmons or other decaying fruits stink. Almost universally, the smell of a skunk is considered unpleasant. And even among those that are considered pleasant smells, not everyone will be in agreement as to which "smells best". Let your own preference along with a bit of research or a walk among the plants at bloom time in a large arboretum help you make your choices.

Pronounced scents

among our modern landscape plants are not as common as you might think.

When a nursery or a university has a plant breeding program, often they mix two varieties or two species hoping for something better. In the quest for a prettier bloom or healthier plants, often several other traits will become less special or recessive. Often fragrance is among the traits traded away.

(The same can be said for taste—in fruits and vegetables.)

Perhaps you will be inspired to select some plants based upon fragrance next time you are looking to do some landscaping. And as it is with variegated plants, you'll want to put aromatic ones as close to the path, front door, or the seating areas as you can for maximum impact and enjoyment.

*The author is a landscaper. Your comments and suggestions always welcome. Contact Max: or via [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)*

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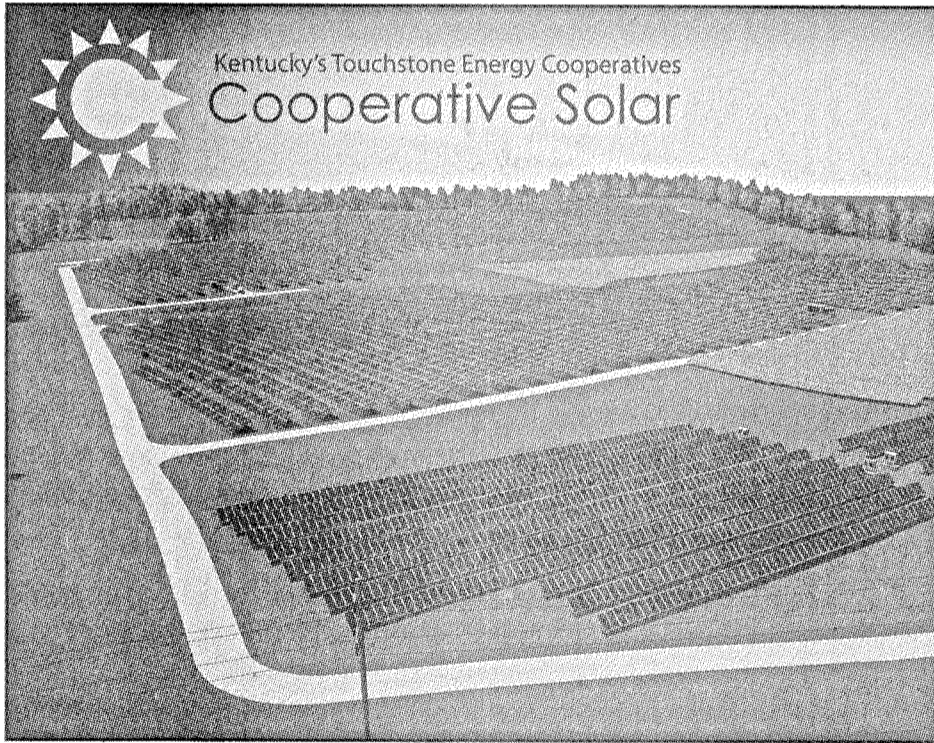
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The RCHS Lady Rockets' Golf Team started their season Monday and finished second Lady Rockets Invitational held at Cedar Rapids. Members of the team are shown above, from left: Autumn King, Riley Clark, Gracelyn Owens and Alexa Bussell. Not pictured were Haven King and Ella Bussell. In the bottom photo: Autumn King, at left, led the way with a 1 over par round of 75 to win Medalist Honors. Riley Clark fired an 81 to place third overall for the Rockets



Hotstyx won the Brett Persinger Memorial Softball Tournament in Cynthiana this past weekend. The tournament is held every year as a fundraiser for the Brett Persinger Scholarship Fund. Brett was a Harrison County High School Baseball player who lost his life in a car wreck. The tournament is based on character and sportsmanship. Hotstyx went 4-0 with wins over NKY Bandits, Bluegrass Fastpitch, Harrison Fastpitch, and beat NKY Bandits 12-2 in the Championship game. Team members are pictured above, front row from left: Keathlee Justice-Hensley, Sydney Holcomb, McKenzie Shelton, Kelsey Maupin, and Tatum Bishop. Back row from left: Addison Shouse, Emily Hounshell, Ella Grayce McKinney, Macy Spivey, Kylee Fletcher, and Addy Beth King.



Pictured are Kylee Fletcher with the mother of Brett Persinger. Kylee was selected to the all tournament team by Mrs. Persinger because of her sportsmanship and toughness. Kylee was injured in the game after taking a foul ball off her throwing hand while catching. Kylee would not come out of the game and continued to play.

### Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide set for publication in August

An initial printing of this year's Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide will arrive at license vendor locations by mid-August but it will not reflect proposed changes to the 2018 deer seasons, zones and requirements. Final deer regulations will appear in an updated version of the guide that will be available online in September at fw.ky.gov and at license vendor locations.

The proposed changes for deer hunting are pending legislative approval. They in-

clude a doe-only, modern gun season in Zone 1 counties the last weekend in September; zone changes for 32 counties; a more restrictive doe harvest in Zone 4; a four-deer statewide permit that includes youth; a 15-deer additional harvest permit; and an increase of modern gun season in Zones 3 and 4 to 16 days, the same as Zones 1 and 2.

This year, archery season opens Sept. 1 and modern gun season for deer opens statewide Nov. 10. The early

muzzleloader season is Oct. 20-21. General crossbow season opens statewide on Oct. 1, and youth-only gun season for deer runs Oct. 13-14.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is publishing two versions of the guide in order to have it available to hunters by Aug. 18, the opening day of fall squirrel season. The initial version of the guide is available on the department's website.

All regulations regarding

deer hunting for the 2018 season should be finalized by the first week in September. Any changes from 2017, including deer zones and season structure, will be reflected in both the updated online and printed versions of the guide.

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# Welcome

## Welcome Bluegrass Orthopaedics

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is proud to announce that Dr. Wallace L. Huff and Michael L. Blackburn, PA-C with Bluegrass Orthopaedics has joined our medical community.

Bluegrass Orthopaedics is the premier orthopaedic clinic serving Central and Southeastern Kentucky for over 30 years, with other locations in Georgetown and three Lexington locations. They offer a variety of services for all areas of sports medicine, total joint care, and industrial medicine, as well as foot, ankle, and hand care.

Board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery with added qualifications in Sports Medicine, Dr. Huff has been practicing medicine for 18 years and has been with Bluegrass Orthopaedics for eight years. Originally from Blacksburg, Virginia, Dr. Huff completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia. After college, Dr. Huff attended Virginia Commonwealth University for graduate studies in physiology and earned his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School. He then completed his Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship at the University of Virginia.

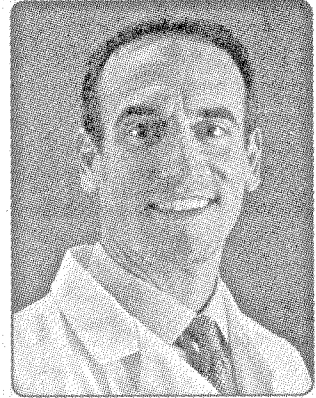
Also joining Dr. Huff is Michael L. Blackburn, PA-C. Blackburn earned his Bachelor of Science from Campbellsville University and then completed his Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Kentucky. With experience in neurosurgery, emergency, and sports medicine injuries, Blackburn is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and state licensed.

Bluegrass Orthopaedics specializes in treating athletes of all ages and activity levels, whether they are referred by a physician or simply seeking a second opinion.

The Bluegrass Orthopaedic Clinic at Rockcastle Regional will be seeing patients every Thursday beginning July 12. The office is located on the second floor of the Medical Arts Building. To schedule an appointment, please call 256-4148 option 6.



Wallace L. Huff, M.D.



Michael L. Blackburn, PA-C



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All-American Club/NAMI Cumberland River awarded \$100 prize

The All-American Club/NAMI Cumberland River was recently awarded with a \$100 prize for participating in the 2018 Commonwealth Cleanup Week event in Rockcastle County.

This event is held annually to provide Kentucky Communities an opportunity to "spring clean", recycle, and promote personal responsibility across the commonwealth. As part of the event, various organizations including civic, religious and nonprofit groups enter to win six separate \$100 prizes in a random drawing.

The All-American Club/NAMI Cumberland River's cleanup results were submitted to the Kentucky Division of Waste Management along with all other groups that picked up roadside litter in Rockcastle County during the 2018 Commonwealth Cleanup Week by the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office.

Congratulation to the All-American Club/NAMI for all the work, time and commitment that they put into Rockcastle County.

Pictured are Rockcastle County Judge Executive Doug Bishop, Wayne Bullock-president All-American Club/NAMI and Cassie Kendrick-vice president All-American Club/NAMI.

"Growth"

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Another huge development in the community is the multi-million dollar I-75 widening project which is currently underway. Not only is the project expected to reduce the amount of vehicle accidents in the county, but it is also expected to create an environment more conducive to new businesses near the interstate exits.

A ROOTS project is also underway inside the city of Mount Vernon. The project, already under construction, is expected to remove several older, dilapidated trailers from West Main Street and replace them with new homes.

The housing will be made available at low interest rates through the Kentucky Highland Community Development Corporation, along with several other organizations.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop agree that the new homes will greatly improve the looks of the area and provide low-interest homes for many local residents who are not able to afford their own home at a higher interest rate.

The City of Mount Vernon has recently completed a large park project beside Lake Linville, including a splash pad which is expected to bring tourists from throughout the state as well as provide a safe, family environment for local residents.

Brodhead officials are also upgrading their parks systems and recently completed shelters and trails for tourists and local residents alike and the county recently build a large steel building at the Brodhead Fairgrounds for horse shows and many other events that bring tourists from across the county. State and national organizations and clubs are expected to hold events in the new venue.

The City of Livingston also has several park projects and renovations underway and some local groups are seeking grants to beautify and upgrade the current park system.

There are several other local growth projects underway, including the renovation of the old Jones Building on Main Street.

There is also a petition underway to hold a wet/dry vote in the city limits which could potentially bring a liquor store to the area and provide alcohol sales in several local businesses.

Many suggest this too can boost the economy in the area by increasing jobs, bringing more tourists dollars and keeping alcohol dollars in the community.

"Judge"

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years in the county. "I have worked closely with the fiscal court for many years and this relationship and experience of how things work will be a big asset to me when dealing with all matters of the county," he said.

Holbrook has not yet set his priorities for when he takes office because he plans to look closely at every issue first. "I plan to sit down with each area of government and look into what is best for the citizens of Rockcastle County and then decide priorities," he said.

However, Holbrook has some issues in the back of his mind that he plans to attack. "There are some issues that concern me: I would like to see more community involvement in fiscal court meetings. I'd love to get people closely involved with the decisions that affect them," he said. "I plan to look into live streaming the meetings so that everyone can see and hear every decision that is made on their behalf."

Of the many issues on Holbrook's mind, growing the community and economic development are up front. "I am very glad that we now have Jeff (Jeffrey VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority) on board," he said. "You can't just stand at the county line and wait for people to come to you. We have to get out and communicate and let others know what we have to offer. The RCIDA board members do a good job but we really need that person out there getting our message out."

The local detention center will have a new jailer at the same time that Holbrook takes office and he will also look closely at the workings of the local detention center.

"I plan to meet with Nathan (Carter, the newly-elected jailer) and understand his vision and his concerns and work together to make our jail the best it can be," he said.

Holbrook plans to discuss the detention center budget and inner-workings of the jail in detail once he is in office, but he currently supports the work release program. "All three of our cities gain from our work release program. As long as it is well run and operated within the law, it can be a big help to our entire county," he said.

In a nutshell, Holbrook does not plan to enter his new office and change everything he sees. "We have a very good staff in place already. They are people who care about our community and work for our citizens," he said.

Holbrook promises a transparent administration and most of his goals in-

clude making sure every citizen knows exactly what he and his staff are doing at all times.

One day, Holbrook's term as Judge/Executive will be over. When that day comes, he hopes people will remember him for one reason. "I hope people say I had a true interest in the well being of families and children of Rockcastle County."

(Ed's Note: This article is based on the premise that Howell Holbrook will be sworn-in as Rockcastle County Judge/Executive in January since his election as the Republican nominee for the office in the May primary and he had no Democrat challenger. However, recently, Jerry Owens, 60, from the northern end of the county, filed as a write-in candidate for the office.)

"Council"

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employees by next year and 200 by 2020.

Councilmember Jamie Bryant asked Bray if he knows how local residents can apply to work at the new plant. Bray said the company has a website designed specifically for that purpose but it is not yet functional since they are not ready to begin the hiring process.

Bray said the project is on schedule. "They are moving along very well. It's amazing how our city is growing so quickly. This plant (Microfoodery) will be up and running in no time, the Family Dollar is coming to Livingston, I-75 is being widened through our county, our water project is a big deal, the new Splash Pad in the Water Park is doing great, there are more park projects in Livingston and other things in our city and county that are happening every day. We are growing rapidly."

After discussion of the new plant, department heads gave reports to the council.

Councilman Wayne Bullock reported that the All American Club picked up 22 bags of trash July 9-17. Seven bags came from the Renfro Valley area, including the lake area. Bullock also reported volunteers found one needle and an old tire.

David Bales, Mount Vernon Fire Chief told the council his department made 32 runs in June, using 1,850 gallons of water, for a total of 183 runs thus far this year.

Bales said 18 of those runs involved vehicle accidents or vehicle fires.

Police Chief Brian Carter told the council his department received 686 calls for service in June and 32 of those were due to traffic accidents. Carter also said his department gave out 99 traffic violations, served 42 warrants and had seven grand jury indictments.

Mayor Bryant said he is impressed with the department. "I think it is phenomenal how consistent our police department is on indictments. That is very impressive," he said.

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16 at 6 p.m.

"Fair"

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will open at 5:30 Friday afternoon.

Forever Young Amusement is once again setting up the rides and games for all ages which will begin Monday and each night of

the fair will feature different events and shows.

The first event planned is opening night when a Dairy Show will be held Friday evening. During the week-long fair, there will be many events including beef and horse shows, pageants, obstacle courses, demolition derbys, garden tractor pulls, mud runs and, the nationally-known Kentucky Outlaw Truck Pull beginning Thursday, August 9.

Admission to the fair will be \$10 but kids under 12 will be admitted for half price on Wednesday, August 8.

All proceeds from the event go to helping support

the Brodhead Fire Department

"Eagle"

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for \$2,924,000 at the end of a five-year period. Deducted from the amount would be the monthly lease fee of \$18,000 paid for four years and the original \$60,000 making the final purchase price \$2,000,000.

The company is a manufacturer of plastic items used in the medical and automotive fields and for cell phones and gun stocks.

More information will be forthcoming when the complaint is filed.

Kentucky residents have chance to win an iPad in KHEEA drawing

Kentucky residents have another chance to win a new iPad from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEEA) in a sweepstakes being held through Facebook in August. The contest runs from 12 a.m. on Aug. 1 through 12 a.m. on Sept. 1.

To enter, a Kentuckian must visit the KHEEA Facebook page, click on the "Giveaway" tab on the left side of the page and answer one question about college. On a mobile device, the giveaway post is pinned to the top of the KHEEA Facebook page. KHEEA will not share or sell any

personal information to a third party.

Only Kentucky residents are eligible. Employees of KHEEA or its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), and their immediate family members are not eligible. Prior winners are also not eligible.

The drawing will be held in early September, and the winner will be notified by email. The winner must respond by email within three calendar days to receive the iPad Pro. If no response is received within three days, another winner will be drawn.

KHEEA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheea.com; write KHEEA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

KHEEA also disburses Advantage Education Loans, the state's only non-profit private education loan. For more information, visit the website at www.advantageeducationloan.com.

Beshear provides nearly \$80,000 for support

This week, Attorney General Andy Beshear, in partnership with the Child Victims' Trust Fund, announced nearly \$80,000 in grants to cover costs associated with more than 1,000 child sexual abuse forensic exams.

Beshear said the funding will be utilized throughout the current fiscal year and shared among the state's 15 Children's Advocacy Centers that serve children in every county in Kentucky.

An advocacy center's forensic program is designed to assist law enforcement, social services and the medical community in the investigation of suspected cases of child sexual abuse. The program consists of a forensic interview and a specialized child sexual abuse examination. Forensic interviews and exams are only provided at the request of law enforcement or social workers as part of their investigations.

Since taking office in 2016, the fund has covered the costs associated with 15,664 exams, Beshear said.

"Before reaching their 18th birthday, one in 10 children experience child sexual abuse, so every day my team and I are working to prevent this abuse and seek justice for each victim," Beshear said. "I encourage those who wish to join our mission of preventing child abuse and supporting survivors to consider a donation to the Child Victims' Trust Fund."

In addition to providing reimbursement for the exams, the Fund provides support for child sexual abuse prevention programs.

The Fund allocated over \$100,000 this fiscal year cycle, with more than 70,000 going to child protection agencies in northern and western Kentucky that will train even more children, families and communities on how to prevent child abuse.

The fund also helped support Beshear's partnership with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky to train 469 individuals statewide whose organizations serve more than 100,000 Kentucky kids annually on how to protect children from sexual abuse by implementing best practices policies and protocols.

Beshear created the Office of Child Abuse and Exploitation Prevention when he entered office in 2016. The office administers the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board, created under Kentucky law as a 170(c)(1) nonprofit organization,

which allocates funding from the fund.

Those interested in donating to the Child Victims' Trust Fund can do so in three ways:

- Through a private donation directly to the fund.
• Purchase of an "I Care About Kids" license plate at your county clerk's office.

- Donations made through the state income tax refund check-off program.

Beshear reminds Kentuckians that everyone has a moral and legal duty to report any instance of child abuse to local law enforcement or to Kentucky's Child Abuse hotline at 877-597-2331 or 877-KYSAFE1.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, August 2, 2018

## Back to school schedule for local schools set

By: Mike French  
Reporter

Students are getting ready for the start of the 2018-19 school year and the school staff and faculty are busy getting things ready for them.

School will begin on Wednesday, August 15th and students will attend all day.

Brodhead Elementary School will hold their Back to School Night on Monday, August 13th from 4-7 p.m.

Mount Vernon Elementary School will hold a Kindergarten Welcome to School Night on Thursday, August 9th from 3-5 p.m. Parents and students should meet in the gym at 3 p.m.

MVES will hold their Back to School Night Monday, August 13th. First and second grades should meet in the gym at 3:45. Third grade will meet at 4:30 and 4th and 5th grades at 5:15. Each group will visit their classrooms and meet the

teacher.

Roundstone Elementary Back to School Night will be Monday, August 13th from 3-6 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Middle School Rocket Launch for 6th graders will be Monday, August 13th from 2:30-4:30. This event will include a cookout and games. Parents should drop off students at 2:30 and then meet back in the gym at 4 p.m. for a brief parent session.

Seventh and eighth graders Open House at RCMS is also Monday, August 13th from 5-7 p.m. There will be a meet and greet your teacher and classmates and there will be an ice cream social.

Wednesday, August 8th is RCHS Open Enrollment for new students from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the RCHS counselor's office.

The senior class of 2019 can get parking tags and rent lockers from 9-11 a.m. on Mon-

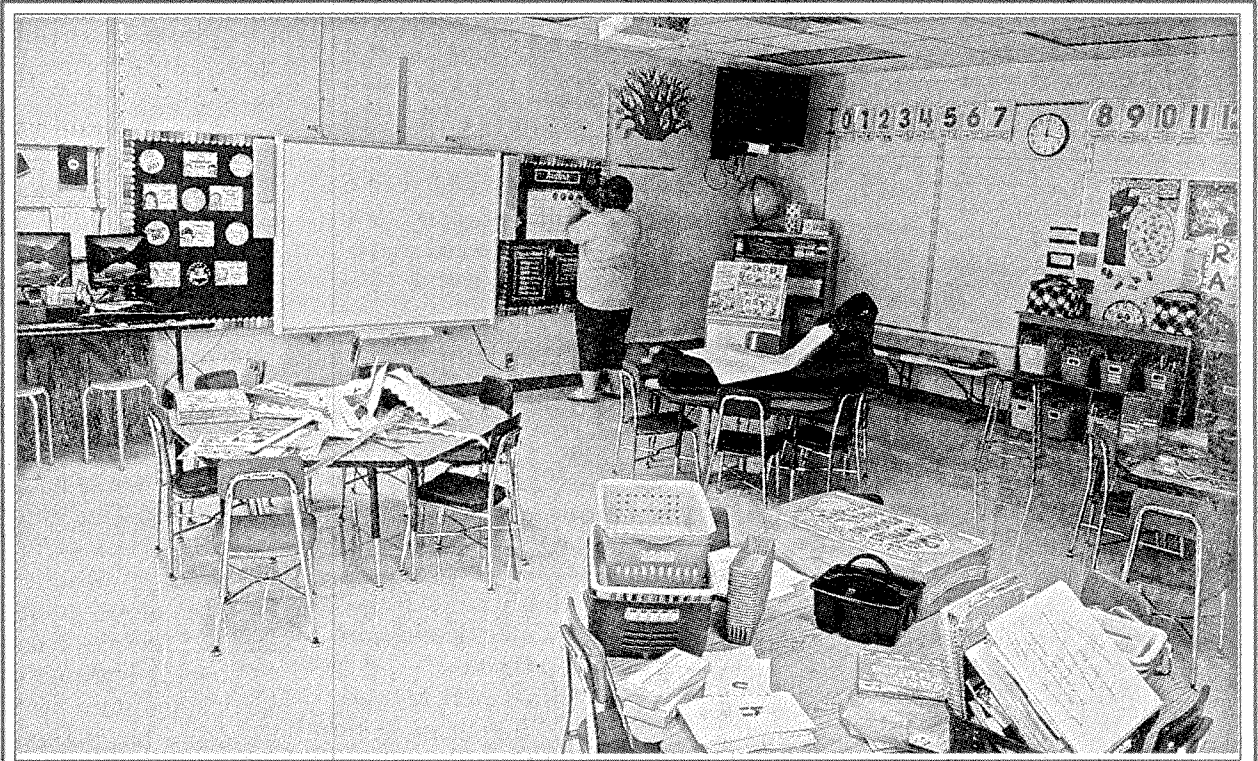
day, August 6th in the vocational school lobby. The freshman class of 2022 may do so from noon to 2 p.m. at RCMS.

The junior class may also get their parking tag and locker from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7th and the

sophomore class from noon to 2 p.m. also on August 7 both at the Vocational School Lobby.

For more information

about parking tags, bus routes and locker rentals, go to [rockcastle.kyschools.us/bus-routes/](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us/bus-routes/).



### School starts on August 15

For 21 years, Kathy Price has spent the later part of her summer getting her classroom ready for incoming first grade students. Price is seen here preparing her calendar at MVES for the upcoming school year as youngsters across the county are gathering supplies and about to begin their 2018-19 school year. Classes will begin on August 15 and staff and faculty are getting everything ready for the arrival of students this year.

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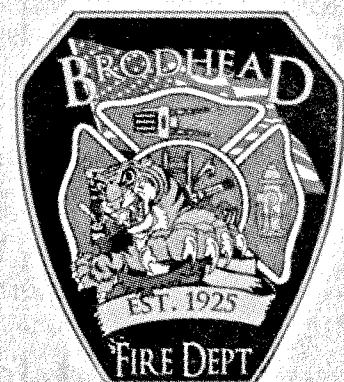
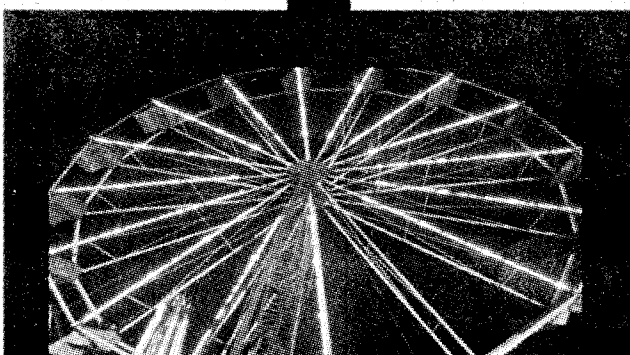
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**Posted:** No trespassing on property located at KY Hwy. 3245, Brodhead and belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts. Violators will be prosecuted. 23x29  
**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf  
**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing, or thieving, w/o permission, on land be-

longing to Kenneth Parsons and located at 1915 Poplar Grove Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 16x51

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting, fishing on property located at Sand Hill belonging to Flonnie Burke and William and Anita Coffey. Violators will be prosecuted. 14x25

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52

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

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

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

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

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

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

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**Notice is hereby given that** Patty Lovins, 411 Deer Run, Lancaster, Ky. 40444 and Pam Bullock, 208 tincher Dr., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Maggie Evelyn Mink on the 25th day of July, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Patty Lovins and Pam Bullock or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford, P.S.C. P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Jan. 28, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. 29x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Tim Fish, 2851 Fisherville Rd., Finchville, Ky. 40022 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of

James Shirley Fish on the 25th day of July, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tim Fish or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. 29x3  
**Notice is hereby given that** Ronnie Hayes and Lisa Hayes, 346 Brownie Branch Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Guardians of MacKenzie Ray Gabbard, a minor. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ronnie Hayes and Lisa Hayes on or before August 27, 2018 at 11 a.m. 28x2

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**Yard Sale:** 1068 Chestnut Ridge Road. Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to ? Multiple families. Household items, clothes, tools and toys.

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**Yard Sale:** Thursday, August 2nd, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 153 Pike St., Brodhead. Women's clothes, juniors and junior plus, baby boy clothes and baby accessories.

**Garage Sale:** Saturday only, August 4th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. White Rock Rd. (old 461), Noe Subdv., Rockwood Drive, Mt. Vernon. DVDs, VHS tapes, quilt pieces, books, electric blanket, printer, adding machine, scooter, comforters, Dale Earnhardt tote, perfumes, hair roller set,

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**Yard Sale:** Friday and Saturday, August 3rd and 4th. McGuire Lane (McGuire

Subdy). Given by Minta Bullock, Tina McGuire and Kimberly Bullock. Men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, household items, Monster High Dolls and other toys, Tools, large collection of Hot Wheels (still in packages) and much more. Too much to list. Rain cancels.

**Huge 6 Family Yard Sale:** First yard sale in four years. Baby/kids/men's/women's sizes 0 to 3X clothes. DVDs, Home Interior pictures, shoes, toys, household items and more. 4617 Old Brodhead Road. From Mt. Vernon, 3.7 miles on left. Aug. 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 8 a.m. to ? Perfect place to

get a deal on school clothes. Something for everyone.

**Yard/Garage Sale:** Rain or shine. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3rd and 4th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 122 Green Acres Lane in Mt. Vernon. Lots of women's clothes, size small, brand names, accessories and items for the home.

**Four Family Yard Sale:** Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to ? Popular Extension, Mt. Vernon, turn beside Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. Rain or shine.

**Huge Garage Sale!** Saturday, August 4th, 8 a.m. to ? at 1781 Ottawa School Road, Brodhead. Rain or shine. counter height dining table and chairs, baby crib, rods/reels, fishing equipment, household items, girls and boys toys, clothes, too much to list Signs will be posted.

**Yard Sale:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to ? Babies, kids, adult clothing, name brand; toddler

bed; toys and lots of other stuff. Given by Betty Hensley, Melanie Wynn and Sabrina Hensley.

**Gigantic Yard Sale:** Men's clothing - med. to lg women's clothing l-sm. to 3x. Dishes, pans, pictures, Home Interior, coats, purses, furniture, lots of what nots, some antiques, lots of Christmas stuff, like new women's clothes for church, size 10. Friday and Saturday, 9 to ? At 1004 Big Cave Road, 2 miles on left at Linda Hayes.

**Yard Sale:** 180 Ford Drive, Mt. Vernon, down past library. 9 to ? Little bit of everything. Primitives, antiques, clothes, mirror clock, complete set of china including creamers, sugar and teapot holder.

**Yard Sale:** Friday and Saturday, 9 to ? Lots of everything. Given by Debbie Cameron, Kayla Parker, Lisa Bustle and Patricia Childress. 310 Paul St., Mt. Vernon.

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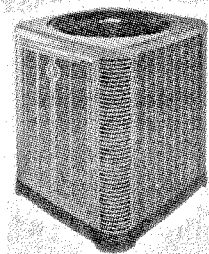
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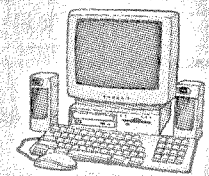
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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

**USDA Announces Streamlined Guaranteed Loans and Additional Lender Category for Small-Scale Operators Options Help More Beginning, Small and Urban Producers Gain Access to Credit**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of a streamlined version of USDA guaranteed loans, which are tailored for smaller scale farms and urban producers. The program, called EZ Guarantee Loans, uses a simplified application process to help beginning, small, underserved and family farmers and ranchers apply for loans of up to \$100,000 from USDA-approved lenders to purchase farmland or finance agricultural operations.

A new category of lenders will join traditional lenders, such as banks and credit unions, in offering USDA EZ Guarantee Loans. Microlenders, which in-

clude Community Development Financial Institutions and Rural Rehabilitation Corporations, will be able to offer their customers up to \$50,000 of EZ Guaranteed Loans, helping to reach urban areas and underserved producers. Banks, credit unions and other traditional USDA-approved lenders, can offer customers up to \$100,000 to help with agricultural operation costs.

EZ Guarantee Loans offer low interest rates and terms up to seven years for financing operating expenses and 40 years for financing the purchase of farm real estate. USDA-approved lenders can issue these loans with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) guaranteeing the loan up to 95 percent.

More information about the available types of FSA farm loans can be found at

[www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans) or by contacting your local FSA office. Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: August 1, 2018 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Persons with disabilities who require accom-

modations to attend or participate in the COC meeting should contact Warden Alexander at (606) 256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 three days prior to the meeting date.

**Important program dates and Interest Rates**

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 3.875%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 4.125%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%

Emergency Loans = 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans = 3 yr. = 2.625%, 5 yr. = 2.750%, 7 yr. = 2.875%, 10 yr. = 2.875%, 12 yr. = 3.000%

Commodity Loans = 3.250%

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# ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 15th. Students attend all day.

### Brodhead Elementary School

Back to School Night  
Monday, August 13th  
4:00-7:00 PM

### Mt. Vernon Elementary School

Thursday, August 9th  
3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Kindergarten "Welcome to School Night"  
Parents & students meet in gym at 3:00 pm.

Monday, August 13th  
3:00 - 6:00 pm  
1st-5th grades "Back to School Night"  
1st & 2nd grades meet in gym 3:45 pm, then visit classrooms.  
3rd grade meet in gym 4:30 pm, then visit classrooms.  
4th & 5th grades meet in gym 5:15 pm, then visit classrooms.

### Roundstone Elementary School

Back to School Night  
Monday, August 13th  
3:00-6:00 PM

### Rockcastle County Middle School

6th Grade  
Rocket Launch  
Monday, August 13th  
2:30-4:30

6th graders meet teachers and classmates for a cookout, games and information about life at RCMS. Parents should drop off kids at 2:30 and then join us in the gym at 4:00 for a brief parent information session.

7th & 8th Grade  
Open House  
Monday, August 13th  
5:00-7:00

Meet and greet your teachers and classmates and join us for an ice cream social.

**Bus Routes Available Online**  
[rockcastle.kyschools.us/bus-routes/](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us/bus-routes/)

### Rockcastle County High School

★ Monday, August 6th ★

SENIOR Class of 2019  
Schedule pick up, \*parking tags (\$15), and locker rental (\$10)  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Vocational School Lobby

FRESHMEN Class of 2022  
Orientation with RCHS Link Crew, schedule pick up and locker rental (\$10)  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Rockcastle County Middle School

★ Tuesday, August 7th ★

JUNIOR Class of 2020  
Schedule pick up, \*parking tags (\$15) and locker rental (\$10)  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
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SOPHOMORE Class of 2021  
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12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
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★ Wednesday, August 8th ★

Open Enrollment for NEW RCHS Students  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
RCHS Counselors' Office

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If you are unable to attend during your designated time, you may come in during business hours beginning Wednesday, August 8th, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm.