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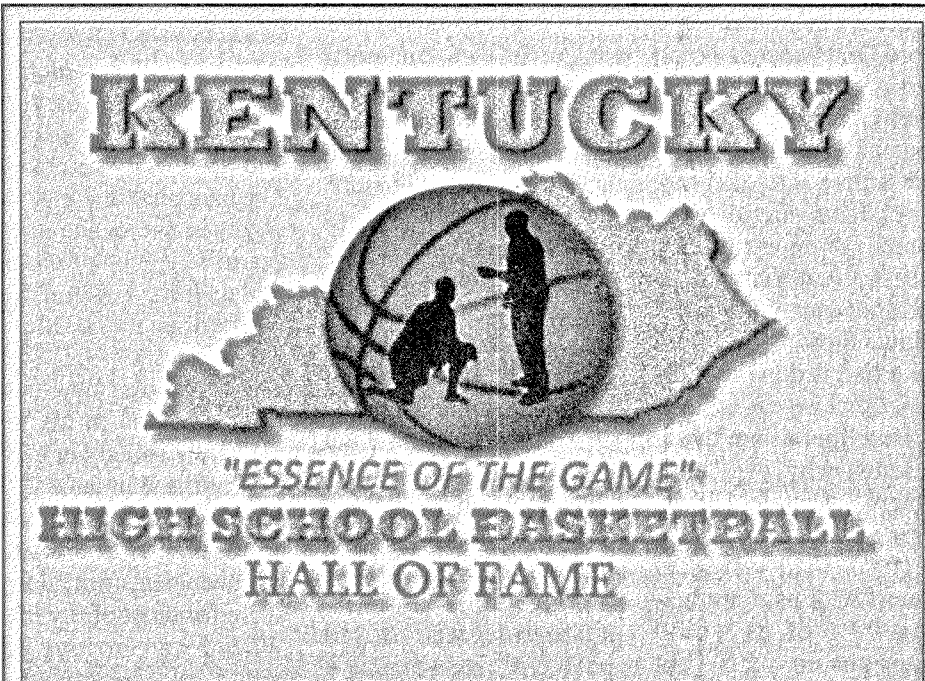
113 of the 120 counties in Kentucky are now in the red zone and an outbreak at the local jail has caused a lockdown. Just six weeks ago, there were no red zones. Rockcastle County has one of the fastest rising incident rates at 87.3. Kentucky's current average rate is 57.7. The Cumberland Valley District Health Department says there are nine new confirmed cases and 54 additional probable cases in the past seven days in Rockcastle. There have been 27 COVID-related deaths in the county.

City council

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight, August 19 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Vaccine clinic

A Pfizer Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Rockcastle County Middle School library Friday, August 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. The clinic is open to anyone 12 and up. You are asked to bring an insurance card if you have one, but if you don't, you will still receive the vaccine free. Anyone interested in receiving the vaccine may participate in the event.



Rockcastle native Sara Hammond Barham was inducted into the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame this past Saturday at a ceremony in Elizabethtown. Barham was a three time all-state performer, led the Rockets to a state title in 2011, and was named Miss Basketball that same year. She went on to play collegiately at the University of Louisville and would play in 15 NCAA tournament games, the most in school history, leading the Cardinals to a national runner-up finish in 2013. Sara is the daughter of Eddie and Roxanne Hammond of Mount Vernon.

School board plans tax hearing

New middle school possible

School tax rates in Rockcastle County may be increasing very slightly as officials discuss the construction of a new middle school

building. Since school board member Misty Lakes brought up the idea of using the school district's contingency funds and CD savings on projects for students instead of

saving the funds for possible emergencies, as has been done in previous years, discussion about how to use the funds have centered around building a new Rockcastle County Middle School.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger immediately suggested replacing the current middle school building, once the subject of using the money for a project was mentioned.

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TIF District discussed Fiscal court meeting held

Members of the Rockcastle County fiscal court held another productive session last week during their regular monthly

meeting. Magistrate Shane Thacker brought a question to the court that many have wondered over the past year. "What ever happened to this TIF Dis-

trict stuff that was supposed to be the greatest thing since sliced bread," he asked. "It was all the rage a year ago and we would be crazy not to have it. But I haven't heard a word about it since we approved it."

The idea had been brought to the court over a year ago when there were immediate plans to develop the area below Wendy's to I-75 as well as other areas in the county. The plan apparently requires the county to demonstrate a willingness to participate in developing the area and to commit funds to the growth in a TIF (Tax increment Financing) District in order to receive state funding for those projects. At the time, some companies were expressing interest in locating in the area, high speed internet fiber optics were discussing

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Masks required regardless of vaccination

By: Mike French Editor

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise nationwide, All students and staff must now wear a mask at all schools in Kentucky. The first full day of school for students in Rockcastle County is set for next Wednesday, August 25.

Though the *Journal of American Medicine* published a study suggesting that high levels of carbon dioxide have been found in children wearing masks and many physicians say masks take a psychological, developmental and social toll on younger adults, Governor Andy Beshear has once again proclaimed all Kentucky students must wear a mask in school, even if they have been

vaccinated against COVID-19.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger had attempted to allow parents and guardians to make decisions about their child's health, but Beshear installed the mandate last week, forcing all school districts to require masks in school buildings once again leaving the board and parents no choice in the matter.

"Government isn't supposed to work like this," said Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. "Rockcastle County School leaders made masks optional for our children, giving parents the discretion to decide

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COVID shows up in local jail

Five inmates, 3 deputies

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter has reported a small outbreak of COVID-19 inside the local detention center.

According to Carter, as

of Monday, August 16, five female inmates and three deputies have tested positive for the virus.

"We are on lockdown now," said Carter. "I am working closely with the local health department and the department of corrections and we are doing everything possible to stop this in its tracks."

Carter has quarantined the inmates and the deputies have been sent home for two weeks.

Carter said the first suspected case showed up about two weeks ago and

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Missing person found



Members of the Brodhead and Mount Vernon fire departments assisted Lincoln County officials in a search for a missing person last week. Of the hundreds of volunteers, the Brodhead/Mount Vernon team located the victim who was transported to a Lincoln County hospital. Brodhead also assisted in a search in Madison County Monday. That individual was also rescued.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Some things really tear at your heartstrings and one such was the picture of the hundreds of Afghanis chasing a US cargo plane as it was taking off with Americans and Afghanis onboard Sunday.

Two Afghanis, who were clinging to the plane after takeoff, reportedly fell to their death.

President Biden's news conference Monday didn't take any questions as to why this debacle occurred instead of a planned withdrawal which has caused 6,000 US troops to have to be sent to the country to try to safeguard Americans and Afghanis, who were employed by our government, so they can be brought home.

In my opinion it's ironic that 6,000 troops have had to be sent to Afghanistan the last few days because of the final 2,500 troops being withdrawn from the country. According to journalist Brit Hume, there was not even an urgent reason why these last 2,500 troops had to be brought home since they were a steadying force to help the Afghan Army keep the country on an even keel.

I also find it ironic, and telling, that only a week before the abrupt withdrawal, Biden was on television saying he could not imagine a scenario where the country would fall to the Taliban since Afghan had 300,000 soldiers, trained and equipped by our Army personnel, to the Taliban's 75,000 strength.

However, the manner of his withdrawal gave the Taliban, American he-

licopters, drones and advanced armanents since no provision was made to bring them home or destroy them on site. This does not include the armanents that had been furnished to the Afghan Army by the American taxpayer over the last 20 years.

I do not disagree with the withdrawal, I even think it should have been done 19 years ago, after it was a known fact that Osama Bin Laden, the architect of the 9/11 attack on our country which cost almost 4,000 lives, had left the country for the hills of Pakistan.

If we had left the country at that time, and not stuck around for a little nation building and padding the pockets of Afghan officials, there would have been many lives of our servicemen saved and lots of taxpayer dollars.

It is estimated that our country spent \$2B dollars training and furnishing armanents to the Afghan Army, besides the \$700M spent on building an embassy.

Of course, the military-industrial complex financially benefitted greatly from these expenditures, which might have had something to do with the decision to stay in country over the years (and yes I'm including the eight year administration of Republican President George H.W. Bush).

Anyway, it's a sad day for our country and a stain on our administration. There are figures floating that 86,000 Afghan citizens, employed by our government in dif-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Okay! I'll get the darned shot.

I don't believe a single word Dr. Faucci says and part of my hesitancy has been Andy Beshear's constant panicked crying that unless I get the vaccine, I am an idiot or somehow unpatriotic or selfish. Truthfully, if he had shut up about it for a minute, I probably would have had it done months ago.

But, liberals are dying to know why we "anti-vaxers" hesitate, I'll answer that for them.

If you had just been honest with us, I am betting 99% of us would have gotten your shot months ago.

But, when you lie to us about so many things, those of us who think for ourselves, instead of blindly obey your whims, take that to mean there is a reason for your lies. That means there is stuff you don't want us to know. Stuff you are hiding from us.

You know the number you are telling us is a lie. Guess what, those of us who pay attention know it too. All it takes is a little adding up, a little listening, a little common sense, and it is easy to see that the COVID numbers you are telling us are not true.

You also know that you told us if we took the untested, unapproved vaccine, we would not catch COVID. Now you are saying you never said that. That's a lie. I heard you. I was there.

I have heard liberals refuse to recommend hydroxychloroquine after Trump told us it helps symptoms. The reason was "it is not approved by the FDA." Seriously? Neither is your vaccine.

Also, I know masks don't do what you are telling the people either. Just tell the truth.

Liberals even told us we wouldn't need a mask anymore once we were vaccinated. Yes you did. I heard it with my own ears. Just be honest and stop playing politics.

The whole key to getting us "anti-vaxers" to be willing to accept your vaccine, is this. Stop pretending it is perfect. Stop telling us one thing and then after that is found to be a lie, denying you ever

said it. That is the key to winning us over.

If you want the rest of us, just get on your weekly propaganda hour on television and admit that you have been wrong about most of this stuff. Tell us the down sides as well as the up sides.

Knowing you are hiding a downside tells us that you think we would refuse the vaccine if we knew the whole truth.

You say you know the vaccine can't possibly cause harm in people five years from now. Either that is a lie or you are evil.

You can't know what a vaccine will do to people in five years if it was just invented a year ago.

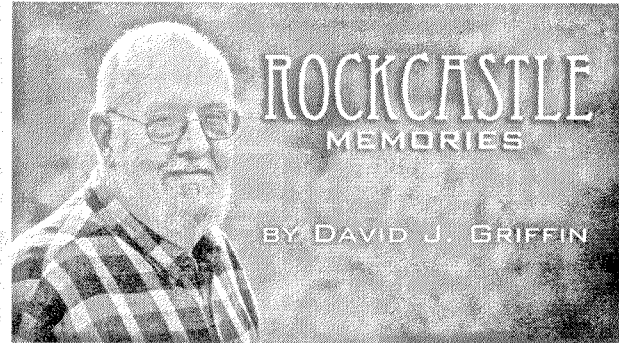
If you do know what the vaccine will do in the future, then that means you knew it would cause blood clots, heart conditions, etc. in some people and you just didn't tell us. That means you knew it would only last six months and we would need a booster but you didn't tell us.

Either you don't know what this vaccine is going to do to us all, or you do and you kept that from us. Which is it?

We "anti-vaxers" just want the whole story before we shoot some unapproved chemical concoction into our veins on your word.

Tell us why the FDA hasn't approved it. Tell us why we still need masks

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Men's Handkerchiefs

"You often see them in back pockets, on necks, and even wiping noses. The bandana (or handkerchief) is one of the most versatile pieces of clothing to have entered the wardrobe of modern western civilization." This statement by Mads Jakobsen was in his recent piece called The History of the Bandana.

A handkerchief, and more recently, a bandana has been part of my daily attire for most of my life. When I was growing up, my father, my grandfather (Pop), and my older brother each carried a handkerchief in his pocket at all times. As a matter of fact, all of the men whom I knew and trusted used pocket kerchiefs as a matter of convenience and habit. In those days, the cloths were used for things like wiping your brow, or your hands or face, and cleaning dust from your shoes.

They were also used as a decorative accessory in the chest pocket of a suit. It was fashionable.

I suppose it was upon entering high school that I felt the need to have a handkerchief in the pocket of my jeans as a routine matter in getting dressed. I had used them on occasion, starting probably when I was 10 or 12 years old. By the time I was in high school,

it certainly seemed that lots of my friends carried a handkerchief of some sort in his pocket.

Men have always felt the need to have a kerchie that was practical and useful. They most often were large 15-inch squares usually made of cotton or linen. Dress handkerchiefs traditionally had a monogram on one corner. My mother knew that I always carried one in my back pocket, so she gave me Pop's monogrammed handkerchiefs upon his death. I still use them to this very day.

Although I have never fully understood why, I has always been my experience that offering a lady your handkerchief seems to make an impression. I can even remember my wife telling me that she was impressed the first time I took my hankie out of my hip pocket and offered it to her when we were watching a very sad movie.

I remember one time when I was attending the University of Kentucky in the fall of 1962 when my handkerchief came in handy. One of the older female professors fell on the sidewalk outside the library and skinned her knee. I was the only student who witnessed the event so I quickly went to her assistance. After get-

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, Aug. 23rd: Child Development, Lisa's Little People and Seek 'n Learn. **Tuesday, Aug. 24th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

Kiwanis Club

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

Cheer Registration

Youth League Cheer Registration is now in progress. Contact Morgan Mason 606-748-4052 or Holly Bryant 606-386-0487.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, August 31st at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be 86th District State Representative Tom Smith. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet October 2nd

The Annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet, originally scheduled for April 10th, has been rescheduled for October 2nd at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

MVHS Alumni Class Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Class Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School. All alumni are welcome to attend and see old friends. The classes of 1960, 1961, 1970 and 1971 are being recognized. **Attendees must register and pay in advance to be seated and receive a meal. **Attendees who register at the door will not receive a meal. This is necessary for the caterer to have sufficient meals. If you do not receive an invitation in the mail, please mail a check (\$20 each person), with your name and class year to: MVHS Alumni Reunion, PO Box 396, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

American Legion Post News

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

Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. ***Please call 256-5577 by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn, 606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous, 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

Saturday - Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob Sandusky 606-386-3907.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-COED, 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828 Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

'ramblings'

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ferent modes, need to be brought out of the country. One report surfaced yesterday that an Afghan interpreter was publicly hanged, his DoD ID melted into his chest, his arms cut off and his family killed, except for a 10-year-old daughter who was turned over to the Taliban leadership.

There are also reports that as many as 10,000 Americans are presently stranded in country with our government helpfully instructing them to "shelter in place."

In Biden's public statement yesterday, for which he temporarily left Camp David where he has been on vacation since this debacle began, he used a teleprompter, as usual, for his remarks. His remarks did not address the mayhem caused in the country by the abrupt withdrawal, but instead primarily blamed former President Trump for the withdrawal being conducted in this manner.

The amusing part was that a photo of the teleprompter afterwards showed that the last directive to the President was "Leave Immediately," which he did without taking any questions from journalists present. Either he didn't think he could defend his actions or he was anxious to return immediately to his vacation at Camp David or both.

Oh, and by the way, were you aware that while the 45th President of our country has been suspended by *Twitter* the head of the Taliban, who was reportedly released from Gitmo in an exchange for the release of Army deserter Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl who was held by the Taliban, has not?

Our present military command structure is hopeless. This deadly chaos could have been avoided by simply evacuating the diplomats, interpreters and American staff before withdrawing U.S. military troops.

In another, what the heck moment, Major General Hank Taylor was asked by a reporter at a briefing yesterday "So, there's no US actions being taken to prevent equipment from falling into the hands of the Taliban by destroying it or anything else?" His response? "I don't have the answer to that question." And I'm sure he doesn't since the majority of our command structure these days seems to be more centered on accommodating trans soldiers and pregnant pilots.

I do wonder how many of the Afghans who

are finally brought out will be vetted thoroughly to ensure that none are being planted in our country by the Taliban?

Also, Afghanistan is a country rich with precious minerals. Do you want to make a bet on how long it will take the Chinese to be in country with their mining equipment? One report says that Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the Taliban in China on July 28th. But, I'm sure the discussion was about how China could "help" the country after the American's withdrawal and their rise to power.

I think we are facing the most dire time in our country's history with the tipping point to our demise as the world power in jeopardy very, very near, not to mention our individual liberties as its citizens which are already being trampled into the dirt.

'Memory'

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ting her in a seated position on the sidewalk, I noticed that her knee was bleeding. I took out my handkerchief and offered it to her. The look on her face was priceless - I felt like a hero of some sort. She, too, was impressed.

I am also reminded of the times when Bee would comment on the lipstick that she had found on one of my handkerchiefs. She could not resist letting me know that she had spotted it - it was her way of gently teasing me I suppose. The next time that I would see one of those stained hankies, it would be washed, starched, ironed, and placed on my bed.

I am glad that my generation used and carried handkerchiefs as an accessory for being properly dressed. I recently saw the term "discerning gentleman" used in an ad for men's handkerchiefs. I think it would please my mother if she thought I was in that category.

Now that we are living in a society that is being overwhelmed by a new, highly infectious virus - the need for a hankie or bandana may come in handy again. Old things often become new again.

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

'Aces'

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if the vaccine works. Tell us why we need boosters. Tell us about the down side without your political opinion in your

rhetoric. Tell us why we aren't allowed to ask questions about the vaccine on social media. Tell us why those who disagree with you have had their First Amendment rights taken away. Tell us why landlords are not allowed to have income because housing is essential but electric companies, water companies and grocery stores can still charge for their product. Tell us why that one necessity was picked out. Tell us why Walmart can stay open when churches had to close. Tell us why you can't leave personal choice for masking up to parents or school officials. Tell us why only you know the right thing

to do for our child Tell us why there are suddenly barely any flu deaths.

Anyway, there are lots of other things we should be told. A LOT! If you will just stop the rhetoric and the politics and tell the truth and give accurate numbers, it would go a long way to convincing us.

I'm going to get the shot on the off chance that it will actually help because I am around elderly sick people some. I'll fight my urge to ignore you, for their sake. But if you want the rest of the anti-vaxers, tell the truth for a change. Stop the politics and thank Trump for Operation Warp speed.

Medal of Honor winner speaks at local high school

The Rockcastle County School District has been proactive on the issue of school violence for several years, according to school officials, and this year is no different.

Having taken special training last year and during the summer break to recognize potential violence, teachers, and staff have prepared themselves for a worst case scenario.

One of the many methods the local district has used to prepare for such violence included bringing a special speaker to RCHS Monday.

Molly Hodgins, a school counselor at a Tennessee school district and the author of *The Shooting that never happened*, spoke to staff, board members and others at the school Monday.

Hodgins was awarded the civilian Medal of Honor in 2016 for con-

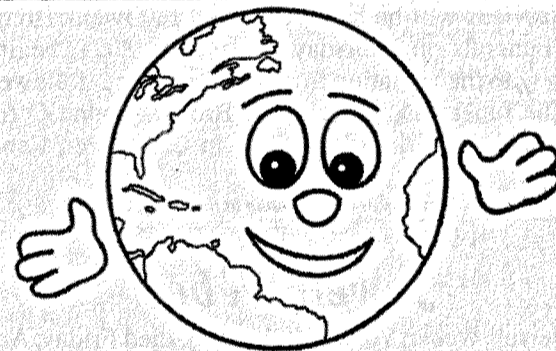
vincing a student at Sycamore Middle School to give up a gun, preventing a school shooting.

Hodgins told those present that they should never believe this could not happen at their school.

She told educators present that they should always be on the lookout for something that seems out of the ordinary and then be prepared to act.

New legislation has been enacted over the past several years requiring school districts to participate in training and to provide more security measures than ever before. Local officials say they welcome such a movement.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said student safety has always been a top priority with the local district and any step the district can take to prevent a possible unsafe situation is welcomed.



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Obituaries

Peggy Ann Hurd

Peggy Ann Hurd, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Berea on June 16, 1955, the daughter of James William "Pete" and Dorothy Reynolds Hurd. She had been a Registered Nurse at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and was a member of the Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church.



She is survived by: her sons, Neil (Amy) Bray and Josh (Heather) Bray, both of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Ronnie (Lynn) Hurd of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Brenda Gail Clark of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Abigail and Jesse, Hadley, Alexander, and Asher. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Pete and Dorothy Hurd; a brother, James Benton Hurd and a niece, Tabetha Clark Kates.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Robert Miller and Jack Weaver. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joey Daughtery, Jesse Day, Dylan Dooley, Chad Hurd, Danny Hurd, and Brent Shehan.

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

Kenneth Douglas McCown

Kenneth Douglas McCown, 53, husband of Sherry, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, August 13, 2021, at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born April 8, 1968, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Clyde Elmer McCown and Mary Elizabeth Barron. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church and enjoyed playing with his dogs, fishing, and four-wheeling.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Sherry Ramsey McCown of Mt. Vernon; his children, Derek McCown and Brandon McCown, both of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Clyde McCown, Jr. and Michael (Kim) McCown, both of Cromwell; and Wendell Paul McCown of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Bernice Kirby of Oxford, GA, and Vickie (Dwight) Mink of Livingston; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gary McCown.

Services will be held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Thursday, August 19, 2021, beginning with the visitation from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., followed by the funeral at 2 p.m., with Bro. Raymond Offitt officiating. Burial will follow in Cresthaven Cemetery.

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

Jewell Weber

Jewell Weber, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, August 13, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on October 20, 1950, the daughter of Chester Lee Blevins and Jessie Bullock. She had been a factory worker and retail clerk and was a member of Seventh Street Baptist Church in Lexington.



She is survived by: her children, Tina Collins of Mt. Vernon and Donnie Bullock, Jr. of Lexington; two brothers, Patrick Blevins of Sadieville and Butch Blevins of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Darlene Griffin of Batavia, OH and Paula Cox of Georgetown; eight grandchildren, Ashley Johnston, John Johnston, Justin Johnston, Josie Bullock, Donnie Bullock, III, Taylor Bullock, Shelly Reynolds, and Jarad Reynolds; and three great grandchildren, Elayna Wearren, Addison Wearren, and Raelyn Johnston. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Blevins and a grandson, Milas Johnston.

The family will hold memorial services at a later date. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

James Harold Ballard

James Harold Ballard, Jr., 32, of Mt. Vernon, son of James H. and Tina Ballard and the late Mildred Louise Mallicoat Ballard, died Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Mallicoat Cemetery.

Donations are requested to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

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 Mr. Ballard's online obituary.

Joyce Ann Gabbard Sowder

Joyce Ann Gabbard Sowder, 68, wife of Dean, of Mt. Vernon, died at her home on Saturday, August 14, 2021. She was born September 19, 1952, in Berea, a daughter of the late Raymond and Ruth Madden Gabbard. She was united in marriage to Dean Sowder, on October 16, 2006. She was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church, and enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 14 years, Dean Sowder of Mt. Vernon; children, Bridget (Dewayne) Croucher, of Mt. Vernon, Billy (Miranda) Barrett of Richmond, and Ricky Barrett of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Jay Croucher, Chris Croucher, Erica Croucher, Serinity Stone Barrett, and Keelin Barrett; great-grandchildren, Jady Croucher, David Croucher, and Makennalee Barnes; and a sister, Margaret Rose.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Raymond Gabbard and Jesse Gabbard; and four sisters, Amy Heart, Betty Lamb, Thalma "Pete" Cope, and Dorothy Casteel.

Services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Doug Collins officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Nick Schwartz, Jerry Causey, Wayne Casteel, Virgil Himes, Donald Sowder, and Jacob Barnes.

In lieu of flowers, contributions/donations can be made in Joyce's honor to the burial fund; PO Box 658 Brodhead, KY 40409.

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

William E. Wheeler (Bill)

William E. Wheeler (Bill), 73, of Gillespie, IL, died at St Francis Hospital, Litchfield, IL on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 2:40 p.m. He was born July 4, 1948 in Cincinnati, OH to Jerry Wheeler and Imogene (Coffey) Wheeler. He married Kathy (Large) Wheeler on January 9, 1999 in Godfrey, IL. He was retired after having served with the US Army for 20 years and completing one tour in Vietnam. He was also a retired police officer for the city of Gillespie after having worked 14 years.



He is survived by: his spouse, Kathy Wheeler of Gillespie, IL; two daughters, Janet and Chris Mulligan of Moseley, VA and Stephanie Smith of Amelia, VA; two stepchildren, Jonathan and Priscilla Kraut of Urbana, IL and Krisy and Neil Martin of Wood River, IL; four grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and siblings, Gary and Nancy Wheeler of Hyannis, MA, and Jeanie and Steve Mann of Campbellsville. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Howard C. Wheeler.

There will be a graveside memorial service at Berea Cemetery, August 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Memorials are to be given to Wounded Warriors or the American Diabetes Association.

Norma Jean Mason

Norma Jean Murphy Mason, 87, of Somerset, died Thursday, August 12, 2021. She was born in Livingston on September 25, 1933, the daughter of George Washington, Sr. and Sarah Ann Clark Murphy. She had been a homemaker and was a member of the Shield of Faith Pentecostal Church in northern Kentucky. She enjoyed reading her Bible, as well as spending time with her children and grandchildren.



She is survived by: her daughters, Deloris Mullins of Somerset, Tina and Rick Rothfuss of Latonia, and Gail Hurst and Sarah Mason, both of Bronston; her daughter-in-law, Donna Mason of Latonia; her mother-in-law, Gladys Mason of Orlando; and a very special friend, Ruth Cathers of Ludlow. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 54 years, Bobby Mason; son, Karl Mason; four brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Steven Mullins and Brian Sawyers. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Bryan Hurst, Chad Hurst, Eric Hurst, Brandon Mason, Stan Mullins, Chance Rothfuss, Clinton Rothfuss, and Cody Waterman.

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Billy Ray Sowder

Billy Ray Sowder, 74, husband of Lavada, died Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born December 17, 1946, in Mount

Vernon, a son of the late Walter C. Sowder, and Sadie Mullins Sowder. He proudly served his country in the US Army, between the years of 1966 and 1968. After his discharge, he was united in marriage to his wife, Lavada Smith on June 28, 1968, and from that marriage came one child, David Ray. Bill was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church. He was a proud member of the VFW, and of the American Legion and enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, off road Jeeping, and wood working.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 52 years, Lavada Smith Sowder of Brodhead; a son, David Ray Sowder and Deanna of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Christopher Sowder and Sebrina of Brodhead, and Anthony Tyler Sowder and Heaven Smith of Brodhead; great grandchildren, Elizabeth Marie Sowder, Brianna Aliya Sowder, and Zayliegh Isabella Sowder; a brother, Carl Wayne Sowder and Terry Hail of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of many cousins, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held Sunday, August 15, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jerry Owens and Randy McPherson officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Christopher and Anthony Sowder, Josh Cheatham, Scottie Sowder, Joe Barron, and Phillip Carpenter. Honorary casketbearer was Noah Mink.

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

Farris Lewis Cameron

Farris Lewis Cameron, 77, husband of Dorothy, of Danville, died at his residence on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. He was born in Mt. Vernon on December 23, 1943, a son of the late Lewis and Dolly Cameron. He was united in marriage to Dorothy Young on July 2, 1993, and they enjoyed 28 years together. He enjoyed many years of working with Ford Brothers Auction Company, where he found lifelong friends. He enjoyed visits from friends and family, singing, and reading his daddy's Bible these last several months, and knew the Lord Jesus was on His way. He was of the Christian faith and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and collecting junk.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Dorothy Young Cameron of Danville; his stepchildren, Alicia Satterly of Danville, Teresa Todd of Nicholasville, and Anthony Todd (Shannon); 10 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a brother, Wayne Cameron of Berea; and sisters, Betty Fredrick of Somerset, and Brenda K. Mullins of Indianapolis, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lois Cameron.

A graveside service was held at Sowder Cemetery on Friday, August 13, 2021 with Zandell Hasty officiating.

Casketbearers were: Michael Frederick, Landon Cameron, Robert Cameron, RJ Todd, Gary Mullins, and Anthony Todd.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Farris's memory to the burial fund at PO Box 658, Brodhead, KY 40409.

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

Myrtle Thompson

Myrtle Thompson, 92, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, August 2, 2021, at her residence. She was born a daughter of the late Arthur Blevins and Julia Metcalf, in Detroit, MI, on July 23, 1929. She was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Emanuel Baptist Church on Crab Orchard. She was united in marriage to Charles Thompson on December 26, 1948, and they enjoyed 72 years together.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Charles Thompson of Crab Orchard; her children, Valerie Joan Thompson of Somerset, Charles R. Thompson of Eubank, and Beverly Jane (Ron) Rohrer of Kiawah Island, SC; six grandchildren, Julie Ann Ayala, Janel Lynn Coburn, Rachael E. Young, Ryan C. Rohrer, Kenneth C. Howe, and Conner J. Howe; four great grandchildren, Cole Barron, Nathan Young, Aaron Young, Leo Rohrer, and Lenin Ayala; three sisters, Helen Albright, and Lee Etta Brock, both of Brodhead, and Mary (Melvin) Sisson of Somerset; as well as a host of numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: a daughter, Vanessa Jean Bailey; a grandchild, Amy D. Thompson; one great grandchild, Tyler J. Coburn; and siblings, Marvin Blevins, James Blevins, Eula Pumbo, Lula Jane Plevins, Dorothy Jones, Pauline Thompson, and Nellie Baxter.

A private interment will be held at Ottawa Cemetery.

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

Jeanne Ann Lawhorn

Jeanne Ann Griffin Lawhorn, 51, of Somerset, died Saturday, July 31, 2021 at her home. She was born in Berea on January 13, 1970, the daughter of Douglas and Carolyn Truett Griffin. She had been a fleet manager for Warner Trucking and was of the Holiness Faith. She was a loving mother, friend, and caretaker to all who knew her.

She is survived by: a son, Cole Edward Lawhorn of Somerset; her mother, Carolyn Griffin of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Douglas Paul Griffin of Somerset; and a sister, Crystal Griffin of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are her ex-husband and Cole's father, Carl Lawhorn of Moshier, TN and numerous blood-related and non-related loved ones.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 5, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Griggs. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dougie Griffin, Carl Lawhorn, Cole Lawhorn, Boyce Smith, Jr., Gary Truett, Larry Truett, and Josh Whittle.

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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.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. **•••Please call 256-5577 by 4 p.m.** if you need a ride in the church van.

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.

Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn, 606-308-3099 or Tammy 606-308-1614.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous, 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

Saturday - Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob Sandusky 606-386-3907.

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

Monthly Singing at Philadelphia Baptist

Philadelphia Baptist Church, Brodhead, will hold their monthly singing Sunday, August 29th at 3 p.m. with Phyllis and Dean Carpenter.

Pastor Gordon Mink and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Mt. Vernon Church of God in Revival

Mt. Vernon Church of God will be in Revival August 24, 24 and 25 with Evangelist David Farthing of Richmond.

Services will be held at 7 o'clock nightly.

Pastor Bobby Owens and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Card of Thanks

Joyce Mullins

The family of Joyce Mullins want to thank everyone for the prayers given for us during the loss of our wife and mother, Joyce Mullins.

A special thanks to J.D. Bussell and all the staff at the high school; for the food and everyone that helped us during the loss of Joyce, we can't thank everyone enough.

We thank all the pallbearers, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home who were so kind, our pastor Bro. John Wesley VanWinkle who did a great job.

Thank the Lord for everyone.

Frankie and son, Justin Mullins

Ashamed of the Gospel

The apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We find in Romans 1:16 This man realized there is power in the word of God. (Saving power) Two thousand years ago early Christians paid a great price for their faith and commitment. They not only loved God and Jesus, they loved the Bible and the Church and were not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ or to proclaim to a world that was lost and undone.

Some are ashamed of the Biblical name "Church of Christ" Romans 16:16 as they will no longer identify themselves by this name. They choose rather to be known as "Community Churches", or some other religious name.

Clearly there are some who are ashamed to tell folks what they really believe about the gospel plan of salvation. No longer do we hear the clear call for believers to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of yours sins, as the Bible teaches in Acts 2:38. Those folks still baptize, but many of the converts don't understand, why they were immersed in water.

So many are trending this way and our worship some have become bored at simple New Testament worship, they thirst for something different more modern. They are not happy with the worship taught in the Bible.

Some have grown tired of singing those great hymns of faith that have stirred the hearts for years and help lead many people to the cross and also salvation of their souls, because they refer to some scripture, either in the Old Testament or the New Testament. Some have decided to hire acapella groups to come and sing for them, instead of heeding the teaching of God's word we find. We all are to sing and make a melody in our hearts, Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and in hymns and spiritual songs, singing making melody in your hearts as unto the Lord. Some in the church have their acapella choirs in their long robes, singing to the congregation and for the congregation, when they should be singing to the Lord. When they do this, they show their lack of respect for God's word and they are tired of following the ancient order and are ashamed of the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:16 Singing with grace in your hearts unto the Lord. This command to sing is to all the members, it is not the sound we make but the command we obey.

Thank You for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need this week and you gave him thanks. "Remember for a man to have friends he must show himself to be friendly". Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021. Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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Graves/Hayes/Owens Reunion

The Graves, Hayes, Owens Reunion will be held at the Woodstock Community Center on September 4th from noon to ?

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Mullins Reunion and Fairview Homecoming

The annual Mullins Family Reunion and Fairview Homecoming will be held Saturday, September 4th at Fairview Cemetery on Mullins Station Road.

Donations will also be accepted toward the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery at that time.

A potluck lunch will be served at the shelter around noon. Bring a covered dish and spend the day with friends.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Winnie

Written by April Renner Curtsinger
Illustrated by B. Teresa Campbell



April is doing a Book Signing!!!

When? Saturday, August 21st

Where? Rockcastle Public Library

What time? 11:00-1:00

Come get your signed copy of Winnie!

April Renner Curtsinger grew up in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, a small rural town where people wave when they pass you on the street and everyone knows your name. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and received a degree in Child Development. She has a love for children's books and animals, mainly the ones with fur. She combined the two, with their simple, light-hearted innocence. April now lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where she enjoys spending time with both her human family and the furry ones alike.

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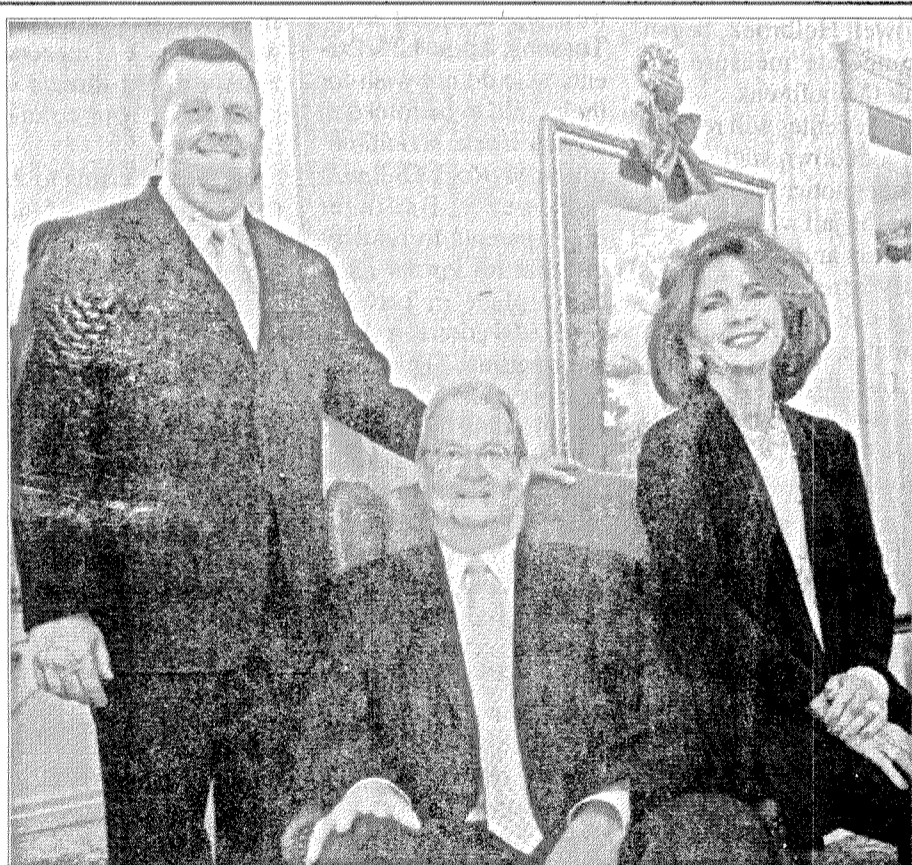
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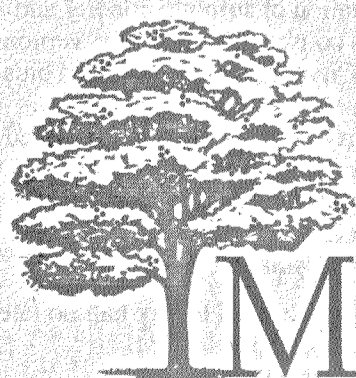
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“Tax”

(Continued from front)

At last week's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County school board, the subject received much more attention.

Ballinger said she has been discussing the issue and looking into possible funding mechanisms, since the subject was breached a few months ago.

According to Ballinger, estimates she has received to remodel the current building are around \$17 million while estimates to construct a new building are around \$30 million. "We just have to decide if we want to put the money into an old building or put the money into a new building," she told the board.

The current middle school was built in 1972 and is currently ranked as the 33rd most urgent need school in Kentucky, Ballinger said.

The board heard detailed funding options, some of which school officials say increases the chance of the state helping to fund the project.

The most popular option discussed included raising the current school tax rate from 4.280 to 4.290. According to financial advisors who attended the meeting, this option will place the district in a good position to receive state equalization funding on such a project.

There was some confusion about how much the tax increase would cost local residents. Financial advisors had told the board the increase would mean \$1 per \$10,000 of assessed property value and this number was presented to the board at the meeting. However, the *Signal's* later calculations showed that increasing the tax from 4.280 to 4.290 would cost local taxpayers only 10 cents per \$10,000 of assessed value and this was pointed out to the superintendent Monday.

Tuesday, Ballinger said she is glad the increase is not as much as financial advisors had reported. "This increase will position the district for state equalization funding with a minimal increase on the community," she said.

Board member Larry Hammond said he feels sure some will believe that if the district can afford a \$30 million new building, it can afford to pay teachers better. "A nice new building doesn't help much if we can't keep good people in them teaching," he said. Ballinger said she agrees that teachers should be considered as well. "That's why we put the teachers first," she said. "We gave teachers a 3% raise first. Then we started talking about our old middle school building. I think after we gave that 3%, it is time to start paying attention to this building."

Hammond ask that the board consider inflation and suggested the 3% increase was not as much as a raise as it was an inflation adjustment. "I don't think 3% even covers inflation," he said. "Teachers today have less money in actual dollar value than they did five years ago."

Photos of dilapidated sections of the building were shown to the board and those present. "Visitors don't see this part of the building," said Ballinger. "Everything looks neat and clean

when you walk in. Our maintenance and custodial staff do a wonderful job. But, behind the scenes, the building is very old and has some serious issues."

In fact, Ballinger mentioned lead piping and asbestos problems that may be at the building currently. "The building was built well before the current building codes were enacted," she said.

Hammond told the board he is not against a new middle school as long as the motives for the new structure are positive. "I hope no matter what decisions we make, they aren't made because someone is trying to win an election," he said.

In a later interview, Hammond said he is very concerned that there are problems that have not been considered. "If it is what the community wants and what the district needs the most, then I am in full support of a new middle school," he said. "But there has been no public hearing about the subject yet and they have decided a new middle school is the most important priority for the district. Is it? Maybe so. I am not certain yet that this is what the community and parents and students and business owners and elected officials believe. There is a lot to think about, including parking, transportation and community support and where to locate this new \$30 million building. And this just scratches the surface of things we need to know before we move forward on such a massive issue."

Hammond expressed concern about community support. "I'm not saying this, but many will say they went to that school and their daddy went to that school and it was fine for them. Those are all questions that need to be answered before you raise everyone's taxes for something that you don't even know if people want," he said.

Hammond agreed that the current middle school building has many faults. "That building has never been right," he said. "The roof has leaked since the year it was built and there are a lot of problems with it. But apparently those problems can all be fixed for \$13 million less than a new building. You can do a lot with \$13 million."

Hammond said one of his biggest concerns is the lack of community participation in the local school system. "Rockcastle County seems complacent about such things. People had better start paying attention. All these meetings are public meetings and the entire community is invited. In my opinion, people had better start attending and speaking up at some of these meetings that are going to affect everyone of them in a big way. The way the current school board operates, I strongly, highly suggest that parents and guardians attend these LPC and school board meetings. Decisions that have a big impact on their lives, and their children's lives, will be made before they even know what happened if they don't start participating."

Hammond said the future is unclear. "If we do this, can we still give teachers a raise again next year," he asked.

During the meeting, detailed discussion con-

tinued for two hours until the board decided to move ahead with the idea of raising the tax rate and positioning the district for possible state equalization funding.

Before a tax increase could take effect, the board must advertise a public hearing twice in the *Mount Vernon Signal* and then hold that public hearing to hear local citizens' opinion on the tax hike. **The public hearing is set for Thursday, September 2 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center in Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.**

Ballinger said she feels the district, and the entire community, would benefit from a new middle school and she believes it is time to begin the process of building a new, high tech middle school. Board member Misty Lakes agreed saying the students of Rockcastle County deserve the best possible facility the district can provide. Lakes suggested anything less would be shortchanging the students.

Ballinger also addressed the Governor's mask mandate for all Kentucky schools. (See related story in this issue.)

In other action, with recent resignations and retirements, board member Angie Woods asked if the district conducts exit interviews. Woods said she would like to have that information. Hammond agreed. "That was the best question that has been asked since I have been on this board," he said. "Angie is asking the right questions because she cares about her community and her school district."

Ballinger said she will look into that question and provide any available information to the board.

The board also approved several new positions within the school district and discussed creating hot spots throughout the community for virtual learning students. Those spots will be announced once they are established.

The board also heard reports about large losses from supplying Chromebooks to all students last year.

Apparently over 600 students reported losing their chargers, had their Chromebooks stolen, damaged or lost and had trouble with the devices. Officials say the Chromebooks were provided free last year since there was no warning to give to parents about the expense involved. However, this year, there will be more stringent requirements to replace lost or damaged equipment. The technology department is working on cost analysis and considering several different methods of replacing such equipment. Officials with the district say parents will be notified of any requirements before school begins.

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

Full time certified employees hired:

Kristy Parkey, Guidance Counselor at MVES; Zach Gentry, head boys golf coach at RCHS; Jessica Willis, Coordinator of teaching and learning at the central office; Skylar Holcomb and Melissa Wilson, teachers at Roundstone Elementary School; Dustin McClure, Principal at the Rockcastle Academy; Rebecca Hubbard, Director of Special Education at the

central office; Sandra Brown, Principal at Brodhead Elementary; Jourdan Blanton, assistant volleyball coach at RCHS; Kevin Lewis, Vilena Isaacs and John Hansford, teachers at RCHS; Melissa Fairchild, Guidance Counselor/ Roundstone.

Full time classified employees hired:

Brandon S. Reynolds, custodian at MVES; Sandra Alexander, receptionist at RCHS; Billy Hackworth, bass fishing coach at RCHS; Aaron McNabb and Ben Lake, volunteer assistant football coaches at RCHS; Neil Bray, head archery coach at RCHS; Viena Anderson, assistant cheerleading coach at RCHS; Jason Cash, vehicle mechanic; Randy Mink, Jr., custodian at RCHS; William Robbins, bus driver; Carolyn Holt and Bobby French, mid-day preschool bus drivers; Mikhael Shaffer, head baseball coach at RCHS.

Resignations:

Chris Frith, teacher at RCHS; Joann Clemmons-Delph, custodian at RCMS, Malcomb Shepherd, instructional assistant at RCMS; Ty Bottoms, teacher at RCMS; Rachel Falin, teacher at Brodhead Elementary; Michael Pingleton, bus driver; Amy Nicely, instructional assistant at the academy; Jason Brown, bus driver; Jeff Mink, vehicle mechanic 1; Sabrina Schoolcraft, teacher at RCMS.

Classified substitutes hired:

Tina Meade, substitute cook/baker; Michael Pingleton, substitute bus driver; Brent Jones, substitute custodian; Teresa Isaacs, Maleigha Durham, Earl Igo and Dale Stephens, substitute bus monitors.

Personnel updates:

Angela Ford and Kimberly McClure, Itinerant Speech Language Pathologists.

“Jail”

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he, and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, began immediate measures to halt the outbreak.

The center will remain on lockdown status until further notice. Carter says that the jail will reopen to visitors and work release only after there are no cases of COVID in any inmates, deputies or staff.

Luckily, Carter says all the current cases are considered mild and symptoms are manageable. "We are giving them Tylenol and Ibuprophen right now but that is about all we can do for them at the moment," said Carter.

The jail does not require an inmate to be vaccinated and all those who have COVID now have not been vaccinated. He estimates about 40 inmates have been vaccinated.

Carter says he has ordered new equipment that has just recently been developed that sanitizes and disinfects entire buildings, including walls, floors and ceilings. "We are doing everything we can think of to get past this, keep everyone safe and move ahead," he said.

"I just want everyone to know, this is not a huge outbreak in the detention center and we have caught this early. We are on top of it and we will continue to do everything we can to stop the spread any further," said Carter.

Carter said he does not

know if the current cases are the new Delta variant.

Meanwhile, several other detention facilities in the state have reported larger outbreaks, including the Clay County Detention Center.

“School”

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for all the information required.

For parents who are interested in having their child vaccinated, a clinic is scheduled at the Rockcastle County Middle School library on Friday, August 20 from 4-6 p.m. For anyone 12 and older.

The clinic is part of a joint effort between the school district and Rockcastle Regional Hospital and those who take part may receive initial vaccines or boosters. The clinic will use the Pfizer vaccine.

Fall break is scheduled for October 4 through 8 and the Christmas and New Year holiday will be observed from December 20, 2021 to January 4, 2022. Spring break is scheduled for April 4-8.

Ballinger says she and every teacher and staff member is excited to begin a new school year. "We have missed our students and we are all excited to have them back," she said. "Working together we can get through all the COVID issues and concentrate on our goal of providing the best possible education for each student in our district."

“Masks”

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what is best for their kids. Several pieces of legislation designed to restore checks and balances were passed this last session. This governor is ignoring the law and is once again exceeding his authority under the constitution."

Since many parents agree with the data that suggests masks on younger adults and children may cause more damage than COVID-19, except in very rare cases, the district has announced that **virtual learning registration is now open again until Tuesday, August 24.** Parents who do not wish for their child to be forced to wear a mask, should enroll in MyRock Online.

However, Ballinger urges parents to remember that no virtual class can replace or provide equal education to a classroom setting. "This won't last forever and we should all stop debating against each other and get our students back into a classroom setting," she said.

Some local citizens attended the school board meeting Tuesday evening to express their concerns about the district's decision to leave the choice up to parents before the mandates were enacted, while other citizens expressed their view that such mandates infringe on freedom and medical choice and do not agree with data or

science. Though members of the board expressed their appreciation for parents who participate in the meetings, these particular pleas were a moot point since the Governor had overridden parents' or a school district's say in the matter.

Ballinger said the district has already ordered enough masks to provide two masks for each student in all schools and will also have disposable masks on hand.

According to some officials, there have been very few studies concerning possible physical, emotional and social damage to children who are forced to wear a mask. However, according to a *Wall Street Journal* article, masks have been associated with severe acne, as well as other skin problems, increased levels of carbon dioxide in the blood and masks can carry pathogens. Masks in children may also "exacerbate anxiety or breathing difficulties for some children," according to the article.

Some studies also say facial expressions are an important part of development in children as they are learning to express fear, confusion and happiness and can result in robotic and emotionless interactions, anxiety and depression. Still, Beshear has mandated masks in all schools throughout the state, regardless of location, incident rating or vaccination status.

Bray says such decisions should be made locally. "No one knows the Rockcastle County School system better than our administration and school board," said Bray. "I truly believe they have the safety and best interests of our children in mind when they make important decisions necessary to educate our children."

The representative says Beshear should not set such policies for Rockcastle County schools. "Mandates from someone who has never stepped foot in a Rockcastle County school does nothing but set our students back further. Decisions like this should always be made at the local level without threats or mandates from Frankfort."

Bray is referring to the threat of lost crucial funding and program support if the local district does not comply with the mandates.

Ballinger added, "I hope everyone understand students need to be in the classroom," she said.

Officials say parents should keep an eye on the school website for further details and any changes that may develop over the next few weeks.

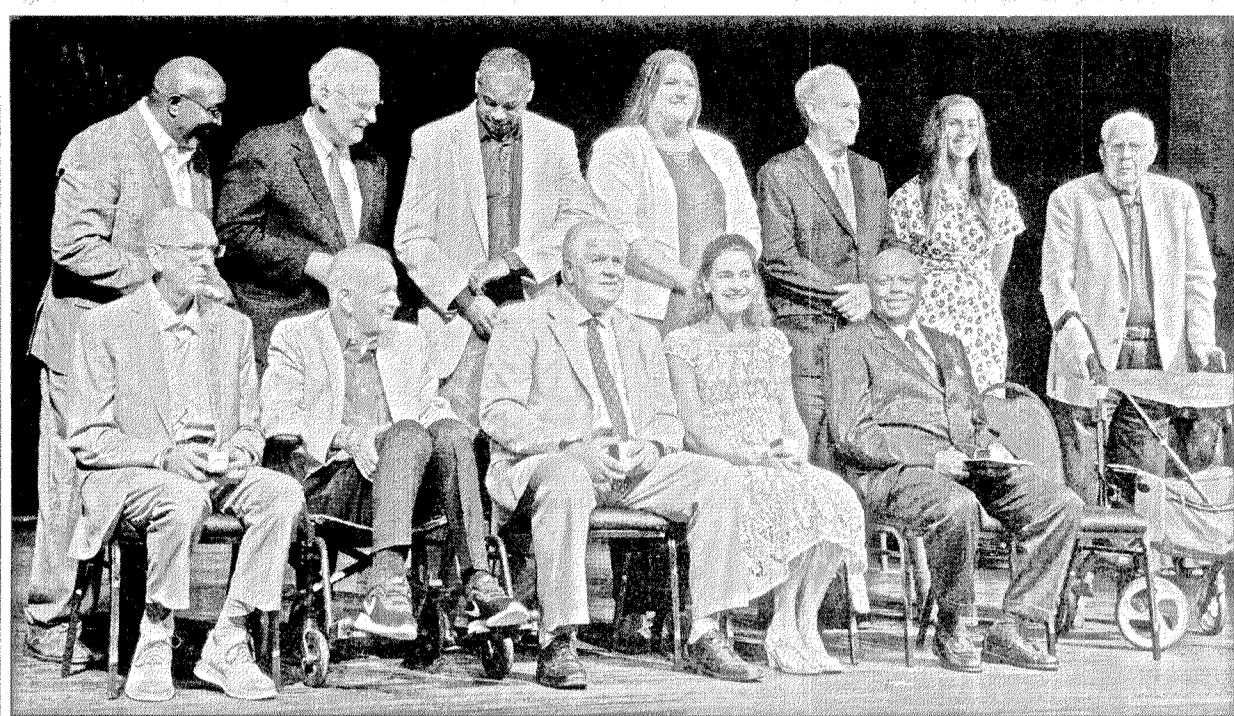
However, until Governor Beshear releases Kentucky families from his most recent mandates, parents, guardians and school officials will have no say in their child's masking decisions.

NOTICE

In accordance with KRS 82.083 and KRS 45A.365(3)and(4); having previously made a written determination of surplus property and having unanimous consent of the Mount Vernon City Council, the City will be taking sealed bids for the disposition of surplus real property located at 15 Liberty Street. The following deed restrictions will be placed on the property: 1) No habitable dwelling shall be constructed on the property 2) Owner may not fill in sinkhole. 3) Owner must maintain sinkhole in perpetuity.

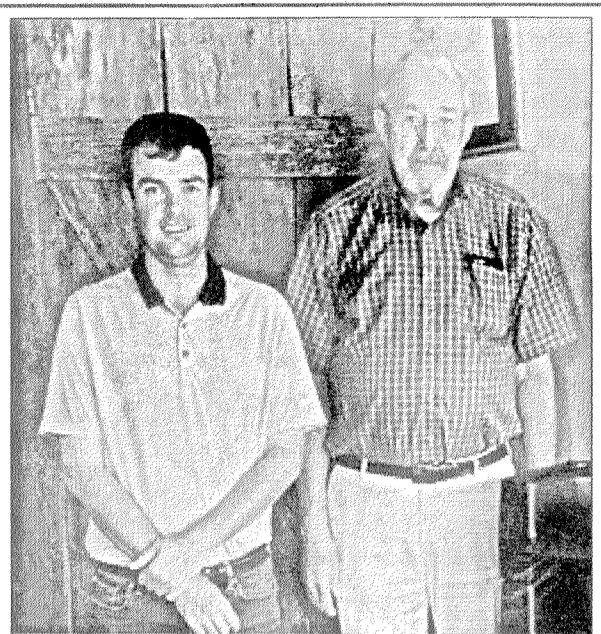
Sealed bids must be delivered to city hall no later than 4:00 on September 15th.

If you would like more information, a copy of the deed, or have questions please contact city hall located at 125 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon (606) 256-3437.

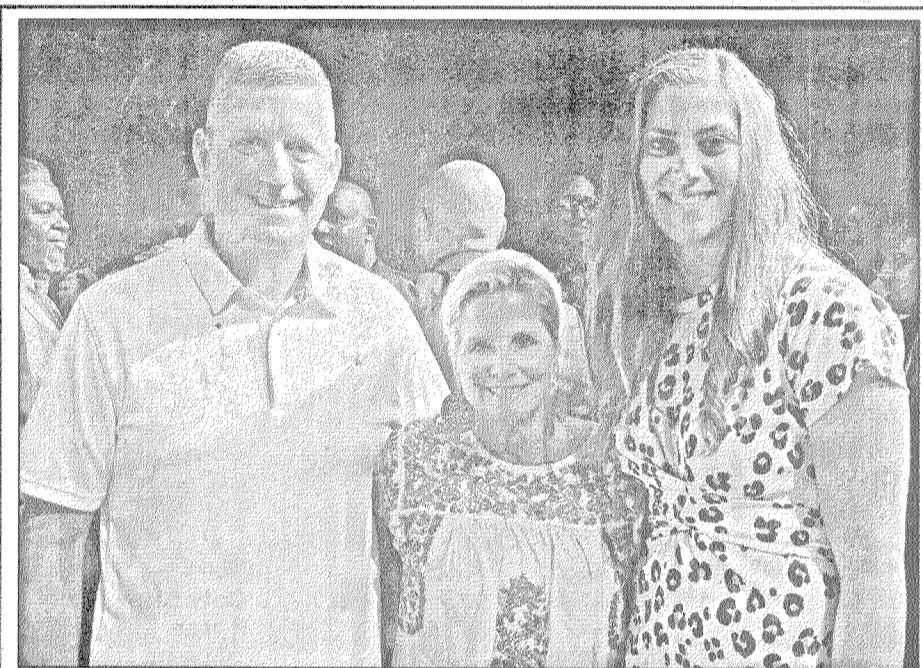


2021 Inductees into Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame

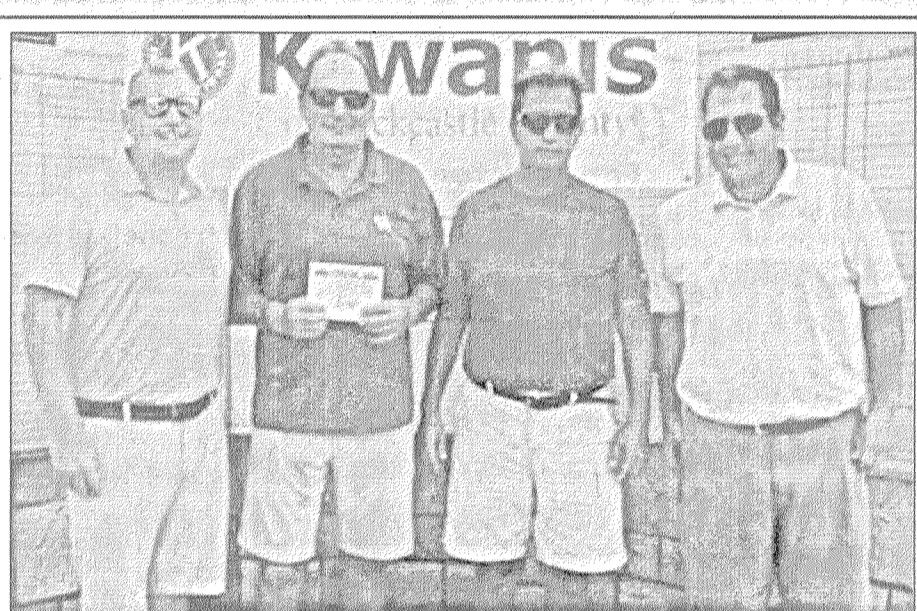
Pictured are front from left: Rodney Woods, Bill Brown, Tim Riley, Dewey Thweat (represented by his granddaughter), and Clarence "Cave" Wilson (represented by his son, Clarence Wilson, Jr.). Back row from left: Dirk Minnifield, Pat Talent, Derek Anderson, Sarah Elliot Cannon, Frank Selvy (represented by his brother, Marv Selvy), Sara Hammond Barham, and Bob Mulcahy.



Andrew Pensol (left) was the guest speaker at the Lion's Club recent meeting. Pensol is the Coordinator of CSEPP in Rockcastle County and gave an informative talk about what CSEPP does in the county and how it works with other emergency agencies. Pensol is pictured with Lion's member Bill Dowell.



Behind every great player is a great coach. Sara Barham with Barry and Chrysti Noble (Chrysti is a certain future KHSBHF). Rockcastle native Sara Hammond Barham was inducted into the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame this past Saturday, August 14th.



The Settles Team of Chris Settles, Danny Settle, Larry Settles and Phil Hendricks placed first in the recent Kiwanis Club Charity Golf Scramble at Cedar Rapids, LLC. The Settles Team donated their cash prize back to the Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club thanks all golfers and supporters who participated in this fun event. All funds raised will be used for children's programs in Rockcastle County.

Shaffer named as RCHS head baseball coach

By Chad Hensley
Rockcastle County High School baseball fans can expect a familiar face leading the team next spring as Mikhael Shaffer was named the new head coach on Thursday, Aug. 12. Shaffer, a 1994 graduate of RCHS was an assistant coach under previous head coach Brad McNew, who resigned at the conclusion of the 2021 season with a 129-101 record at the helm of the Rockets for seven seasons.

performance on the mound, with a team-best 7-3 record and a 3.15 earned run average. Rockcastle is coming off a disappointing 17-18 season but lost only two seniors off the team with one being an every day starter in Rily Smith. With a lot of talent returning, Rockcastle County should be considered one of the favorites to win the 47th District and, potentially, the

12th Region title and a lot of fans are hoping for just that. Should the Rockets in fact win the district crown this spring, they will host the regional tournament the following week. "We have a ton of work to do to get to that point," Shaffer mentioned regarding being labeled as a district and region favorite in 2022. "We have some great kids with the ability to

win games. Creating a team atmosphere will be my number one goal. Assistant Coach Dewy Williams is a great coach who will also bring intensity and knowledge to help us reach our goals of a successful baseball program." Rockcastle last won a district championship in 2017 and was one game away from making the state tournament in 2018 before falling in the re-

gional title game. Coach Shaffer and the rest of the coaching staff will be looking to getting the team back to winning the district title and having a shot at regionals after being given the opportunity to lead the team. "I would like to thank administration for the opportunity and trust to lead these young men," Shaffer said. "I feel honored to be a part of the

Rockcastle baseball program.



Mikhael Shaffer

In an e-mail interview, Shaffer mentioned that baseball has always been a passion of his and he has aspired to be a coach and teacher of the sport he loves. Shaffer was an integral part of Rockcastle winning the 49th District title over Clay County during his senior year and eventually used his love for the sport to motivate his opening The Barn Athletic Training LLC which allow the youth of our county to find their passion for either baseball or softball. "I want to bring a fast-paced game, filled with excitement but most importantly discipline," stated Shaffer, when asked about what type of coach the fans and players can expect him to be. The 2022 version of the Rockets will include a plethora of talent, including Noah and Ethan Fain, Silas Shaffer, Carson King and Cam and Cade Prewitt. Noah and Ethan Fain led the Rockets in batting average with .440 and .345, respectively, during the 2021 season. Silas Shaffer followed closely with a .333 batting average. Silas Shaffer, the coach's son, who has been ranked as one of the top catchers in the state, also turned in a strong

"Court"
(Continued from front) coming to the county and the idea of a Delta gas pipeline was on the tips of the tongues of local boards and developers. However, most of those plans slowed over the past year. According to Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, all those plans are still "in the works" but have slowed for several reasons including the pandemic. However, the TIF project is in place and ready for development, VanHook said. "We have done the work and have everything ready for that first key developer," VanHook said. "As long as we have leaders who are willing to set things up for a payoff in the future, and we avoid politics and doing what is best for one person, the entire community will benefit from the TIF District in huge ways." The director said once the development of Renfro Valley moves forward and a key developer is interested in coming to the county, the TIF district will be a "tremendous benefit to the county" and he is proud of that accomplishment. "We have done our part and have everything ready. We are competing with bigger areas

for these developers. But thanks to this TIF District we have something they don't have," he said. "We have an extremely strong incentive for them to locate here with state funds they could not get elsewhere if we hadn't already done this groundwork." Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook explained that the plan is a benefit to communities since the state provides large funding for TIF Districts but that most of the development in the TIF District areas "have been put on hold for a while." Magistrate Mike McGuire said this fact is does not disappoint him. McGuire has expressed discontent with the plan since it was first introduced saying a community shouldn't have to pay for developers to consider locating in the area. "It's fine with me if it is put off," he said. "I voted against it three times and I would vote against it again." VanHook said local officials should support such projects. "As long as we work together instead of work for a vote, this TIF District will bring us development that we couldn't have had against some of these bigger communities competing for the same development." In other action, Holbrook told the court Rockcastle County's real

estate assessment on the most recent report shows an increase of \$30 million in real estate value in the county. With this information, the court voted to adopt the fiscal court tax rate at 7.00. The rate fell from 7.20 according to Holbrook. The court also discussed employee benefits and absenteeism. The court also voted to keep the FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) the same as it has been but that policy needed to be added to the county employee policy to make certain all employees understand that after 12 weeks of leave, the county no longer will pay employee benefits. However the county, as with most other entities in the state, had been lenient during the COVID pandemic since CARES Act funding reimbursed the county for employee time off. "The CARES Act funding is gone now and that part of our policy is something the court needs to consider," he said. "It's just food for thought." The court also voted to purchase two snow plow blades for slightly over \$8,000 since this is \$600 cheaper than last year's prices. "We need them badly and this is probably the time to get them while the price is down," said Holbrook. The motion passed. The court also ap-

proved a request from County Treasurer Joe Clontz to transfer \$150,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transfer \$10,000 to the 911 fund and \$50,000 to the jail fund from the general fund. Clontz also requested placing the \$25,000 received from FEMA recently into the

road fund. Clontz said the money was to be used for slips and slides on roadways. The request passed unanimously. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the court house. The public is invited to attend.

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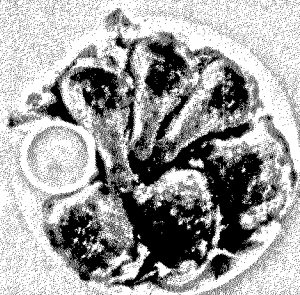
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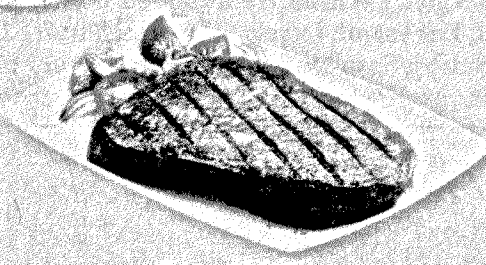
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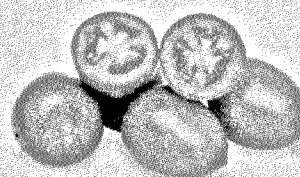
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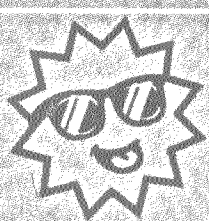


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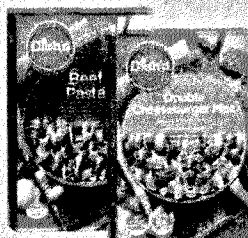


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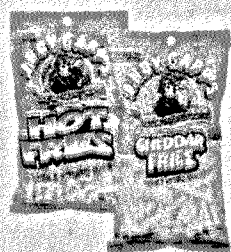
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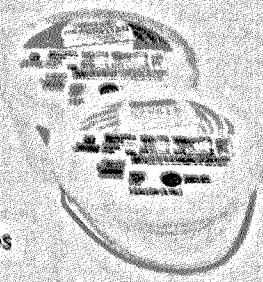
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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Carrie Ballinger Local superintendent gets state recognition

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger was highlighted in the August issue of the Kentucky School Board

Association's Kentucky School Advocate magazine. And, considering the timing and the issues she has dealt with since

"I am extremely proud of our district and will continue to encourage our staff to put relationships first in all they do and to lead with a servant's heart."

— Carrie Ballinger

she took the reins of the local district, it is not surprising that her story is a unique one.

The article focuses on Ballinger's history from her years as a teacher and a school principal in Madison County, to her service as Rockcastle County board member, Director of Student Services, and finally Superintendent.

Ballinger resigned from the Rockcastle School Board to accept the position as Director of Student Services and, one year later, Superintendent David Pensol announced his retirement. Considering her experience, Ballinger was one of the obvious choices for the position.

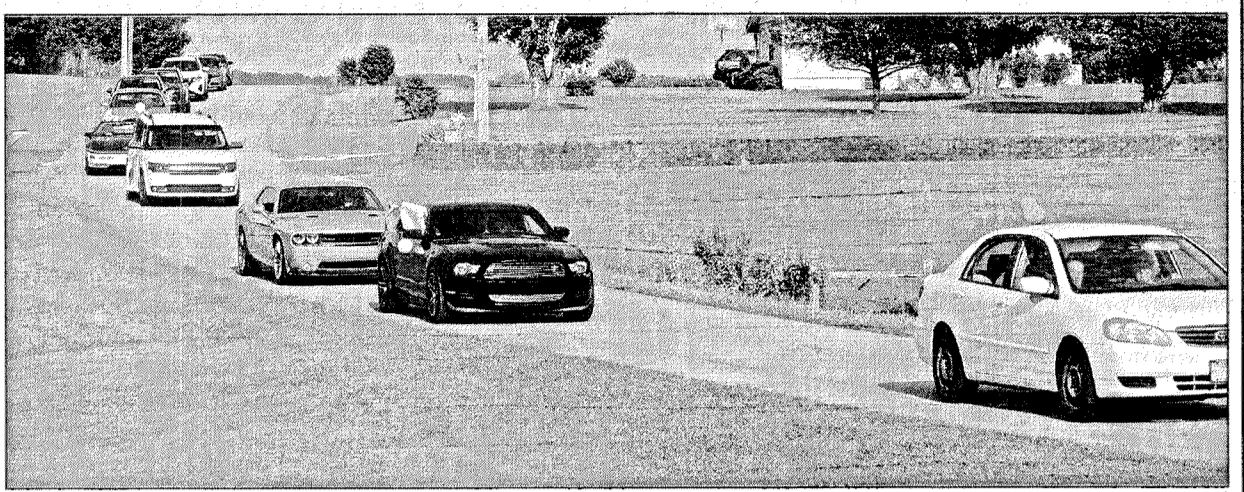
The COVID-19 pandemic was just becoming an issue when Ballinger took over as the new Superintendent and she told the magazine that she believes her experience as a

board member, teacher and principal, as well as her experience in student services, helped prepare her for the challenges she would immediately face with the pandemic. Then, during all the constant

changes from the department of education and the CDC and health department, an ice storm hit the county. Ballinger faced obstacles in her first year as superintendent that some never face in their career. "It really helped me to understand how important it is for the school board and the superintendent to work together and to have a clear vision..." she told the magazine.

Of course, with so many changes in education

(See "State" on B2)



90th Birthday Celebration

Friends, family and fellow church members honored Mount Vernon resident Jack Noe on his 90th birthday last Wednesday with a parade in front of his home on Wadd Jones Rd. Mr. Noe is a Korean War Veteran and the parade was coined "This Is Your Life". Mr. Noe is shown at left with his wife, Karen. Mr. Noe's daughters, Phyllis and Debbie enjoyed the parade as well as other family members.

Photos courtesy of
Jamie Cornelius

Rain causes many wrecks throughout county

By: Mike French
Editor

It rained. Most Rockcastle County residents know what that means. "There is a reason why I-75 in Rockcastle County is known as the 'Bermuda Triangle of highways' in the state," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

I-75 was closed last Wednesday, August 11, after several wrecks blocked the roadways

both north and southbound for some time, just after rain began to fall.

According to officials at the Mount Vernon Fire Department, one of the accidents involved a car and a tractor trailer headed south near mile marker 73.

The cause of the accident is unknown at this time, but the driver of the car had to be extricated by first responders. He

was then transported to a local hospital by the ambulance service with non-life threatening injuries.

Though the driver of the tractor trailer was uninjured, the truck spilled a chemical on the highway causing officials to call ECOTECH Environmental services to treat the area before traffic could be released.

At the same time, another accident in the

northbound lanes forced some of those at the scene to leave the first accident to assist at the second.

Then a third minor accident occurred further south in the northbound lanes before crews could clean up the previous accident.

At the same time, officials say there were minor accident inside the county calling some

deputies, police officers or fire department personnel to answer those calls.

"When it rains in Rockcastle County, there will be accidents," said one firefighter.

Then it rained again Sunday, August 15. This time the accident that closed I-75 southbound occurred at the 60 mile marker.

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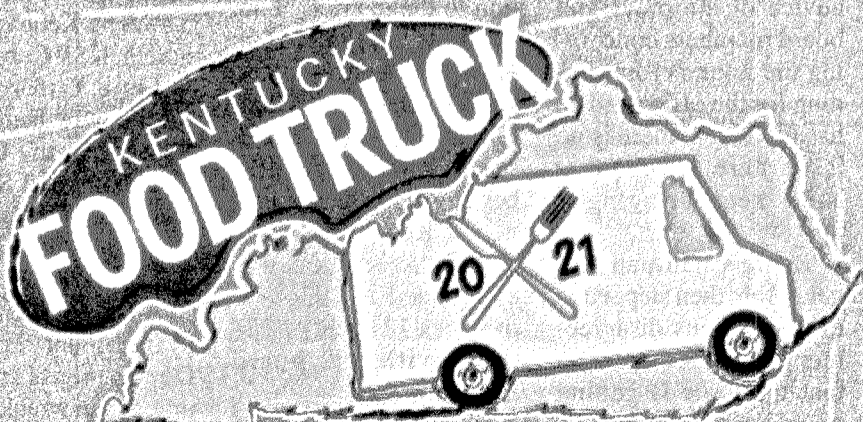
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



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Cecil and Judy King, property in Rockcastle County, to B&D Property Holdings LLC. Tax \$65

Judy Howard, property on Sand Hill Road, to Judy Howard, Joshua H. Howard and Rachel E. Howard. No tax.

Bentley and Bobbie Ann Durham, property in Rockcastle County, to William A. Payne. Tax \$13

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Adam and Kinsye Collins, property on Daugherty Road, to Adam and Kinsye Collins and Darcy E. Clark. No tax

Marilyn Gail Kirby, Melissa Wagers and James and Dena Partin, property on Woodland Drive, to Melissa Wagers. No tax

Tabitha Lynn Wagers Reed and Marshall Reed, property in Dickerson Subdv., to Melissa Wagers. Tax \$10

Melissa Wagers, property in Dickerson Subdv., to Jeremy Steven Wagers. No tax

Evia Blair Mullins, property in Fairview area, to Raymond Douglas Morgan. No tax

Brandi A. Phillips and Jakob C. Durr, property in Rockcastle County, to Ryan T. Anthony and Zachary M. Hutchinson. Tax \$17

Kenneth R. Miller, property on Low Gap Road, to Brandon Wayne and Morgan Rae Nicely. Tax \$350

Straightline Construction and Properties LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny Howard. Tax \$185

Bill Jack and Dorothea Parsons, and seven others, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald Parsons II. Tax \$9

Marriage Licenses

Bonnie Susan Sigmon, 46, Mt. Vernon, extension agent and Ronnie Leon Roark, 56, Wildie, Hyster.

Kayla Shylynn Nicole Allen, 25, Livingston, CSR and Jack Daniel Bradley, 24, Livingston, CSR. 8/10/21

District Court

August 9, 2021

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Jorge B. Acosta Lopez: Part 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two charges) plus six other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Devin Lee Adams: Failure of non owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/suspended \$250; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no operators/moped license and failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$50 fine each.

Speeding: Timothy A. Brooks, Gocha Molashvili, Monica Leigh Bowman, Shannon L. Couvillon, Sukhjeet S. Grewal, Ruth B. Griggs, Kelsie Denise Hopper, Steven K. Lawson, Joshua Bradley Miiard, Charles Nour, Dennis Blaine Steely, Tracy L. Tucker, license suspended for fta; Sarah Lynnrenae Freeman, Mary M. Strange, action slip.

Phillip D. Caudill: failure to wear seat belts, action slip.

William Carlo Ratliff: resident fishing w/o a license/permit, license suspended for fta.

Shane Curtis Sweet: speeding, part 395/Fed Safety Regs-hours of service for drivers, part 391/Fed Safety Regs - qualification of drivers, license suspended for fta.

Sean C. Zachary: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, no operators/moped license, action slip.

Elaint June Jerome: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, bw issued for fta.

Cecil Nevels: criminal mischief, sentencing order entered.

Robert M. Reeves: speeding, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, improper equipment, action slip.

Dustin L. Gentry: fraudulent use of credit card, bw issued for fta.

Michael P. Gustin: driving under influence, sentencing order entered.

Ruth Y. Harrison: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Terry L. Hensley: display of illegal/altered registration plate and eight other charges, action slip.

Adam Ray Higgins: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/costs waived; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt,

failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine each/suspended; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security (two counts), \$500 fine (each count); rear license not illuminated and failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine each.

Jason Burkhardt: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, action slip.

Kelly R. Caldwell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Anthony Dattilo: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Kelsey Leigh Dunn: speeding and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, license

suspended for fta.

William Enock Evans: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and six other charges, bw issued for fta.

Jonathan P. Foster: criminal mischief, criminal trespassing, terroristic threatening, cruelty to animals, bw issued for fta.

Gail Elizabeth Adams: public intoxication, possession controlled substance, disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Charles Almgren: speeding, no/expired registration plates and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Marsha Banks: disregarding traffic control device/traffic light, failure

to notify address change to dept. of transp., operating on suspended/revoked operators license and no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Elmer Barnett: no/expired registration plates - receipt and eight other charges, bw issued for fta.

Damon Bennett: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs (two counts), license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Michael A. Bennett: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Bruce Gaige Bowen: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Board addresses questions on member's eligibility

By: Mike French
Editor

Since Larry Hammond won his bid for a seat on the Rockcastle County School Board in the last election, some school board members have questioned his eligibility to be a member of that board.

The subject has been brought up at more than one meeting and there have apparently been two questions surrounding Hammond's eligibility. Hammond once again addressed those questions at Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting.

Sometimes causing heated discussion, the issue has been addressed in public and private, according to Hammond. He says he has "answered those same two questions several times since the election" but continues to get the same questions. In fact, when board member Misty Lakes presented the issue to him during Tuesday evenings regular meeting, Hammond said, "I will happily address the issue again. I can explain it for you, but I can't understand it for you."

The questions are Hammond's primary residence, since board members are required to list Rockcastle County as their primary residence to be eligible for a seat on the board, and his service as Superintendent of the Gallatin County School district while serving on the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Some members of the board and some concerned citizens have focused on an Attorney General's Opinion from 1972 that stated that, in that case, the superintendent could not serve on a board of another county. However, Hammond says that particular decision was based on the fact that both boards involved were in the same school district, causing a conflict of interest. However, in Hammond's case, he says his service on the Rockcastle Board is not in any way involved with his service in Gallatin County.

Lakes said the questions were not from her but from local parents and citizens who had asked her to address the issue. "I don't believe that everyone was aware that you worked in another county while serving here and I think the people of Rockcastle County de-

serve an explanation," said Lakes. "The issue hasn't been addressed here in a public school board meeting."

Hammond explained his view on the matter. "The issue has been sent to the attorney general and he has not responded," Hammond said. "If you are waiting on his response, it may be years. With a lack of his response, I am here to serve. I have brought this issue up to ethics boards and worked with attorneys and boards before I ran for this seat and there is nothing conflicting about my being here."

Lakes however said that she had been in a state school board meeting that disagreed. She said she was told in that meeting that the superintendent of one school district may not serve on the board of another school district. "And I think you need to address the community's concern that you aren't living here," said Lakes.

Hammond then stated for the record that his primary residence is Rockcastle County. "I don't know what else to say," he said. "That is about as plain as I can make it."

After much more discussion between the two board members, Hammond said "I am not on trial here. I have done everything I can to explain this and I have been elected by the people and all I can say is if you want to do something about my service on this board, you should pursue it." Hammond said he got the advice of attorneys and board members concerning the issue before running for the office and he has no doubt "there is no issue here except that some keep bringing it up."

Board Chairman Angela Mink then stepped in to the obvious disagreement with her concern that the issue is getting out of hand. "The truth is, if we want to pick apart why any of us are serving on this board, we could find a reason against any of us," she said. "We need to put this issue to rest. We don't want to keep bickering down this road."

Board members seemed to agree to stop addressing the issue and move forward.

However, Mink assured Hammond that if she felt his service in

Gallatin County was affecting his decisions in Rockcastle, "I will be the

"State"

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tion and in school districts since Ballinger took office, there has been some controversy involved, but Ballinger has faced each challenge one at a time with a common thread. Working together.

Ballinger said it was an honor to represent the county in the state magazine. "I was honored to be featured in the KSBA magazine and for our county to be highlighted for our service to students and families," she said.

Ballinger gives a big part of her success to those around her. "I firmly believe that the success of Rockcastle County Schools is due to the dedication of our teachers and staff. The entire staff is focused on making certain that we educate, feed and support our students and that is why we are successful."

The magazine focused on Ballinger but she says she is glad the article also included the district's success under her leadership. "I am extremely proud of our district and will continue to encourage our staff to put relationships first in all they do and to lead with a servant's heart."

The magazine article will be present on the desk of many throughout Kentucky and Ballinger said she is glad to help bring such positive attention to the district. "I am thankful and blessed to have the opportunity to serve beside great educators and to make Rockcastle County Schools the best district in Kentucky."

The Kentucky School Board Association was established in 1936 and oversees 171 school districts with 862 board members.

Now that it appears the systems are becoming more predictable and standards of operations are being established to face such adversities, Ballinger was featured in the statewide magazine for her accomplishments through all the unpredictably she faced. "I can see

first to tell you that." Hammond said he would expect no less.

an issue from more than just one point of view now because I have been in the other roles as well," she said. And Ballinger doesn't care to share her secret to success. "Working together is the key to success for me, the board and the district."

"Rain"

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ECOTECH Environmental Services was again called due to an engine oil spill onto the shoulder of the road.

The driver was transported for further treatment by Rockcastle EMS. Thoroughtruck Towing removed the vehicle and cleaned up the roadway.

On the Mount Vernon Fire Department social media page, Steve Durham said "If you live local, please stay off the interstate between Mount Vernon and Berea. The road is possessed."

Fire department officials say the interstate was blocked for several hours while clean-up crews worked the scene of the tractor trailer accident last Wednesday and over an hour Sunday at that accident.

Called to the scene of all the accidents were the Mount Vernon Fire Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Rockcastle County EMS, the Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police, KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Rockcastle Emergency Management, Ecotech Environmental Services, Emery's Towing and Candido's Towing and Repair.

An unofficial estimate by the Mount Vernon Fire Department showed nine to ten wrecks occurring in the county during the last two rains.

Officials with the Sheriff's Department, Mount Vernon Police, Kentucky State Police and others ask that everyone slow down when it is raining in Rockcastle County.

NOTICE OF HEARING

District: 511 Rockcastle County
School Year: 2021 - 2022

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Rockcastle County Teaching and Learning Center on September 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 42.9 cents on real property and 42.9 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2021 was 42.8 cents on real property and 42.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,439,682.16. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 42.9 cents on real property and 42.9 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$2,477,451.50. Of this amount \$326,300.81 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2022 is 41.2 cents on real property and 41.5 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,381,393.56.

The general areas to which revenue of \$37,769.34 above 2021 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$0; building fund, \$37,769.34; instruction, \$0; transportation, \$0; and maintenance of plant, \$0.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

The Rockcastle County Board of Education has proposed a General Fund rate of 42.9 cents on real property and 42.9 cents on personal property. Of this rate, 5.8 cents is subject to recall.

Mrs. Danetta Allen, Rockcastle County Court Clerk, 205 E. Main St. #14 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. (606) 256-2831, can provide necessary information about the petition required to initiate recall of the tax rate.

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Frankfort Update

By: **Josh Bray**
State Representative
No one is above the law

By now we are all aware that Governor Andy



Beshear issued a statewide mask mandate for children over the age of two in public and private schools and child care settings. This kicked off a firestorm of protests from parents, school boards, and citizens who have grown weary of the Governor's overreach. Frankly, as the person elected to craft laws on behalf of the people of the 71st House District, I find myself wondering how this administration can consistently act like it is above the law.

Before I go further, let me share that I believe there are two major issues to consider. The first, why the administration is flouting legislation enacted by the legislative branch of government, which is the only branch constitutionally authorized to make law. The second, why the governor and state board of education have failed to respect the authority of our local school boards. Does the governor actually think he can disregard the constitution and state law to act as the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government?

We are all familiar with the controversy surrounding last year's executive orders and emergency regulations. They resulted in multiple lawsuits and rulings in state and federal courts that found some of the Governor's actions in violation of both the U.S. and Kentucky constitutions. However, the Supreme Court of Kentucky unanimously ruled that the governor's actions were legal under the state's emergency powers laws. As a result, legislators acted within hours of convening the 2021 Regular Session to redefine the state's emergency powers to ensure current and future governors do not take advantage of a crisis to unilaterally dictate policies that carry the weight of law. The Governor vetoed the legislation (HB 1, HJR 77, SB 1, and SB 2), and then filed suit after he overrode his vetoes by an overwhelming majority on February 2.

Let me be clear, we strengthened the separation of powers, oversight, and accountability. HB 1, SB 1, and SB 2 strengthened state law to better reflect the separation of powers called for in our state constitution and empowered school boards, local governments, and other entities to take actions they deem necessary to best serve their constituencies. With the passage of HJR 77, we proved that the legislature could act swiftly to address emergencies by ratifying a handful of orders that were necessary to the state's COVID response.

After more than six months, the Supreme Court of Kentucky has yet to act, leaving the enforcement of the laws we passed in limbo. Because of the Court's inaction, the Governor is attempting to use the executive order to enact a statewide mask mandate for children over the age of two. This order is already being challenged. Just a day after the Governor's announcement, Attorney General Daniel Cameron filed a response before the Kentucky Supreme Court urging the Governor to follow the laws passed by the General Assembly.

Now, the second issue at hand is the lack of respect for the authority and ability of our local school boards shown by the Governor and the state board of

education. Prior to last week's mask mandate, local school districts across the state carefully considered mandatory face coverings and made decisions regarding this issue. Many voted to require masks and face coverings, while others voted not to. Regardless of which direction they went, the decisions were made by local leaders closest to the people they represent and far more accessible and accountable to those who elected them. The Governor may not agree with their choices, but he must respect their authority. Instead, just hours before many districts were slated to open the 2021-2022 school year, he chose to issue an executive order with extremely questionable legal standing. On Thursday of last week, the state board of education added insult to injury by unanimously voting to approve an emergency regulation that could leave our

school children masked until May of 2022. This vote was taken just minutes after their advisory council of superintendents asked to table the proposal and instead work with public health officials to develop a more tailored approach.

Legislative leadership immediately called a meeting of the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee to review and take any necessary action on the board of education's emergency regulation, as well as one put forth by the Department for Public Health that applies to children in regulated child care facilities. Members of that subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, August 17 at the Capitol Annex.

My toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. Also, visit the legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



4-H County Fair Winners
 Dinah Wainwright and Ryan Wainwright with their first place 4-H exhibits.

• Thank You •

A Huge Thank You to all that participated in Jack's 90th Birthday parade. In honor of a Ko-

rean War Vet, and a "This Is Your Life", a parade sounded appropriate. I appreciate all who

took time out of their busy "extra hot" day to make this happen.

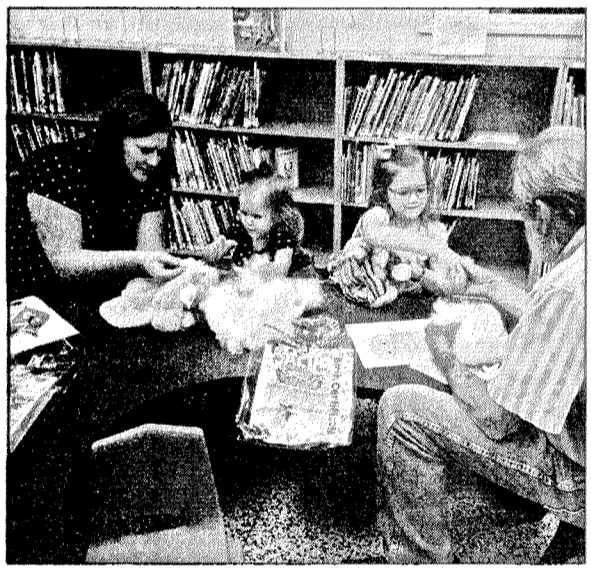
Thank you to the Mt. Vernon Police Department for holding the traffic, JJ and Jessica Clark for driving the Western Water Fire Truck, the Sheriff's office and State Police for being in the parade, Chris Anderson and Maggie Abney (our mail lady) for driving the Postal Vehicles, Ken Hopkins for driving the Rockcastle County School Bus and his passengers-Serenity and Abby, Dennis Wilder for driving the First Baptist Church Van, Tracie and Savannah Smith for driving the Rockcastle Detention SUV (added bonus-not arrested!), Bobby and Brenda Kendrick for organizing the line up when I couldn't and being in the parade, Weston Mobley for flying Old Glory with Aaron and Kelly Mobley, The Baptist Bikers of Kentucky-Randy McPherson, Jeff Elmore, Donovan and Jeannine Howard, Todd Williams, Shane VanWinkle, Dale Winstead, Rob Welsh, Damon and Sonya McGuire, Luther and Sandy Allen, Everett Harper, Scott Thompson, Billy Nelson, Brad and Kaliesia Hunt, Mitchell Miller and a guy that came from London, Ky. The Golf Cart riders-Eva McGuire Cromer, Jon Cromer, JR Luther Red Cromer, Julie Hendrix Cromer. Kelby Johnson on his Harley, Jamie Cornelius for taking pictures, Jennifer Mattingly for filming the parade. To Laverne Winstead with her Mom Dorothy Chasteen, Ralph and JoAnn McClure, Nicole Lake with Jace Johnson, Tony and Donna Hopkins with Kennedy, Judy Bullock, Lyndon Smith, Tom and Virginia Darst, Greg and Paula Cowen, Larry and Glenna Settles, Gail Lake with Jonathan Durham and Freda Hayes, John and Lonetta Daugherty, Sherry Robinson with Bryce and Kinley, Carol Jean Hamm, Jan Cummins with Mel Taylor, CC and Mary Ponder, and James Allen Bradley on his lawnmower.

If I left anyone out, I am truly sorry. Again, Thank You so very much.

Love, Karen Noe

Summer Reading 2021

Noah's Ark Workshop was Rockcastle County Library's second program for Summer Reading this year. 200 stuffed animals were created



Notice

The Rockcastle County's Cooperative Extension most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government's Public Portal website:

<http://kydlgweb.ky.gov>
 per KRS 65A.080(2)

If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 1050 West Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, during our normal office hours of 8:00-4:30 and closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch M-F.

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Richard L. Santo, as Executor to the Estate of Rozella Owens, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on July 21, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of NINETY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND 84/100 (\$94,240.84) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, August 27, 2021
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:
 200 Gum Sulpher Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419
 Map ID# 004-00-027

Being the same property conveyed to Rozella Owens, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Ted Scott and wife Verla Scott, dated April 6, 1990, recorded April 9, 1990, at Deed Book 139, Page 190, Rockcastle County Kentucky records. Richard L. Santo, no marital status shown, Sandra M. French, no marital status shown, Lisa Angel, no marital status shown, Gary Santo, no marital status shown, and Rhonda L. Santo, no marital status shown, acquired title by virtue of a Will, at Will Book 17, Page 317, as deemed admitted to probate by Order Probate Case 20-P-00072, filed September 9, 2020, Rockcastle County, Kentucky records.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
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 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land owned by Graves Heirs in the Buffalo Community area. 29x3

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land owned by Charles R. and Polly Abney in the Renfro Valley area.

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on property on waters of Crooked Creek owned by Buddy Mullins. Violators will be prosecuted. 4/5

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaid Ridge Road. 26x4

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Virginia Thomas, located at 997 West Main St., within city limits of Brodhead. 29x4-

Posted: No trespassing on private property, belonging to Kelly Bradley and located at 100 Fox Glove Hill, Livingston. Beware of dogs. Violators will be prosecuted. 28x2

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. 28x26

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

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Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

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. 47ftn

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

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Notices

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Notice is hereby given that Jennifer DeBorde, 1772 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Bruce K. DeBorde on the 3rd day of August, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jennifer DeBorde, or to Hon. John D. Ford, 45 E. Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 7, 2022 at 11 a.m. 28x3

Notice is hereby given that Brenda Mullins, 331 Gum Sulphur Road, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Bryan Keith Mullins on the 4th day of August, 2021. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brenda Mullins or to Hon. Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, 205 Richmond St.,

Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 7, 2022 at 11 a.m. 28x3

Notice is hereby given that Jason Roberts, PO Box 937, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Teresa Prewitt, PO Box 1941, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Robert Alvin Robertsm, deceased on the 12th day of August, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jason Roberts and Teresa Prewitt or Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 14, 2022 at 11 a.m. 29x3

Notice is given that Patricia Fletcher, PO Box 3131, Mt. Vernon, Ky. was appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Sylvia Bullen, deceased on the 28th day of July, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate

shall present them, according to law, to the said Patricia Fletcher or Hon. Jeremy Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 31, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 29x3

Notice is hereby given that Connie Hunt, P.O. Box 1462, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Mildred Hunt on the 9th day of August, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Connie Hunt or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before February 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. 28x3

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Notice is given that Jamie Lynn Mullins Worley, 149 Idle Hour Drive, Lexington, Ky. 40502 and James Nathan Mullins, II, 3412 Cornwall Drive, Lexington, Ky. 40503 were appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Thelma Mullins, deceased on the 11th day of August, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them,

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Yard Sale

Yard/Estate Sale: August 20th and 21st, Friday and Saturday. Tools, rugs, clothes, household items, glassware, dishes, antiques and misc. 2735 S. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon. U.S. 25, past truck stop on left.

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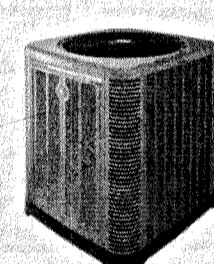
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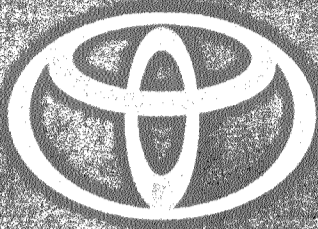
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