

Seven COVID deaths

Rockcastle County has experienced the seventh COVID-related death according to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department. This week's loss is a 75 year-old male at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. There has been a spike in positive cases in Rockcastle County over the past week. Total positive cases are now at 475, up 125 since last week at presstime, with an additional 140 probable cases.

Fiscal court meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 8 at 4 p.m. due to the large spike in local COVID-19 cases. Anyone interested, may watch the meeting via zoom by dialing 712-432-3900 and the ID number is 433828#.

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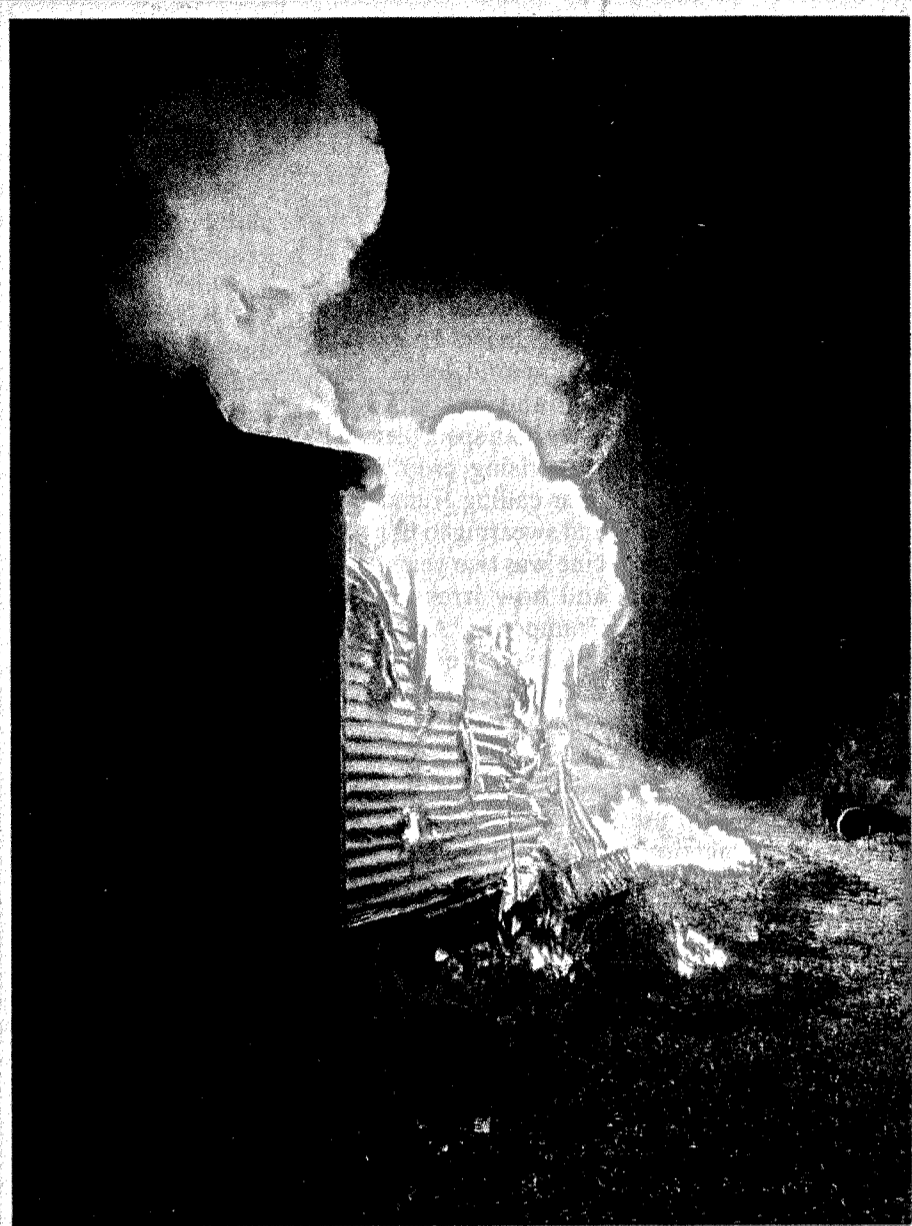
The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority will be Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

School Board meeting

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend. Masks are required.

Christmas Parades are Saturday

Santa may not visit some cities this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but Mount Vernon and Brodhead officials found a way for local children to get a glimpse of the (See "Parade" on A5)



Fire fighters responded to two fires at the same home on Carter Ridge Road on two consecutive days. The fires are under investigation. No injuries were reported.

Two fires at same house

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to a residential structure fire on Carter Ridge Road Saturday evening.

Once on scene, officials found heavy fire conditions and fire fighters performed a "rapid interior attack" on the structure extinguishing the flames.

Fire fighters with the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department say they believe the house was occupied at the time of the fire

but no one was home. Mount Vernon fire fighters said the home suffered heavy damage but was not destroyed.

The following day, Sunday, November 29, almost 24 hours later, fire fighters were called to the same home. Once at the scene, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said heavy flames were coming through the roof of the house and another aggressive attack was made by fire fighters.

The extensive fire during the second trip re-

(See "Fire" on A5)

Sudden large spike locally Rockcastle back in red zone rating after 125 new cases

By: Mike French
Editor

A sudden, massive spike in local COVID-19 cases and another COVID-related death has brought Rockcastle County back into the "Red Zone" incident rating.

As of Tuesday, only three of the 120 Kentucky counties remain in the orange incident rating as Rockcastle rejoined the Red Zone rating this week with a rating of 34.2

For the first time, Rockcastle County increased in positive COVID tests by well over 100. In the past seven

days, 125 new positive cases were reported with an additional 145 probable cases. This brings the reported cases in Rockcastle County to 475 total positive cases.

Officials from the health department, governor's office and hospitals say they expect cases to rise substantially more after the Thanksgiving holiday numbers begin to be included next week.

Governor Andy Beshear announced no in-person classes in public and private schools in the state on November 18 (See "Cases" on A5)

Arrest made after burglary at Brodhead Farm Market

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office and the Kentucky State Police made an arrest this week in the November 2 burglary of the Brodhead Farm Market on US 150 near Brodhead.

According to the police report, Sheriff's Deputy Sam Brock, KSP Troopers Adam Hensley, Chris Prewitt and Brian Maupin began the investigation after owners reported someone had broken through the side of

the building.

The reports says acting upon information Deputy Brock received during the investigation, a search warrant was obtained and the stolen items were recovered from both Lincoln County and Rockcastle County.

Robert Adams, 44, of Crab Orchard, was arrested and charged with burglary in the third degree. He was also charged with theft by unlawful taking over \$10,000 and receiving stolen property. Adams was trans-

ported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$7,500.

"This is what happens when law enforcement agencies work so well together," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "We are proud of the effort of our deputies and the local agencies who all worked together to solve this case."

Additional \$75,000 raised Farmers Market is back on track

By: Mike French
Editor

The Farmers Market multiuse facility is back in the bid process once again.

The building, planned on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon, will house the Farmers Market during season, but will also be used for other purposes throughout the

year, according to officials.

The original building bids were higher than expected, according to Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, and plans were made to reduce the building's size.

However, after more (See "Farm" on A5)

Lake Linville Road closed

By: Mike French
Editor

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lake Linville Road (KY 2793) will be temporarily closed for about two weeks from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The closure notice

came after the previous publication of the *Signal*, giving no warning of the closure to residents in the area.

The press release says the closure started Tuesday, December 1 and is (See "Closed" on A5)



The first snow of the year fell in Rockcastle County Monday evening November 30 and lasted into Tuesday. Reports across the state suggest about 2 inches blanketed the area causing the usual winter scenes on Main Street in Mount Vernon as the newly hung Christmas decorations were coated with a layer of snow.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have made it no secret, over the 50 plus years I have, off and on been doing this column, about my feeling about winter. I hate, loathe and despise it in case you missed my sentiments over said period.

I was quite surprised Tuesday morning when I awoke and realized that we had been visited during the night with a couple of inches. Jax did his usual disappearing routine when I opened the door for him to make his morning exit outside to do his business and I had to force the issue. The red cat immediately ran out and had disappeared when I went to let them both in about 10 minutes later. Evidently he is a fan of the white stuff.

This seems to me to be earlier than we have had to deal with the white stuff in past years. I will always remember the first year we moved here, in 1966. I wasn't real happy anyway with being uprooted from my hometown of 25 years and, to add insult to injury, it snowed on Halloween that year. Not much mind you but enough to make the festivities quite uncomfortable.

I don't know why I dislike it so much except that we have always, except for one short period of time when we printed our paper here ourselves, have had to drive out of town to get the *Signal* printed and then drive it back here and spend several hours delivering it around the county. I always worried that someone was going to have a problem if there was a snow on the ground but luckily my fear was never realized.

My fears are about something else entirely these days. It is about the downfall of our great nation to the machinations of a party that has decided to take no prisoners in their efforts to regain power in our country.

I am down to having a presence on Twitter only, and that is going to go by the wayside soon, but one comment I read recently was breathtaking in its total disregard for the rule of law in this country. It came from someone who uses PhD in their title and who said they didn't care if the election was stolen as long as Trump was defeated.

That simply amazed me that anyone wouldn't care about an election being stolen as long as their candidate won.

It's inconceivable that President Trump received more votes than any previous incumbent seeking reelection and still got beat. He got 11 million more votes than in 2016, the third largest rise in support ever for an incumbent. (By comparison, President Obama was comfortably re-elected in 2012 with 3.5 million fewer votes than he received in 2008).

There are 100s of sworn affidavits from whistle blowers attesting

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The truth is, there is just so much of this COVID stuff that makes no sense at all, and that is why there are millions of us who think it is mostly bunk.

Unfortunately, for the wanna-be dictators like Beshear, some of us look for things to add up. We expect some form of logic to mandates. Actually, we look for truth. We never blindly follow government. The Jews did that.

We are students of history and we know that governments lie to people sometimes. Yes, it does happen. More often than not.

To think Andy is not playing politics by reporting only the charts that support his opinions is not facing the truth.

There are those of us who actually question what we are told especially when it comes from those who have their own agenda.

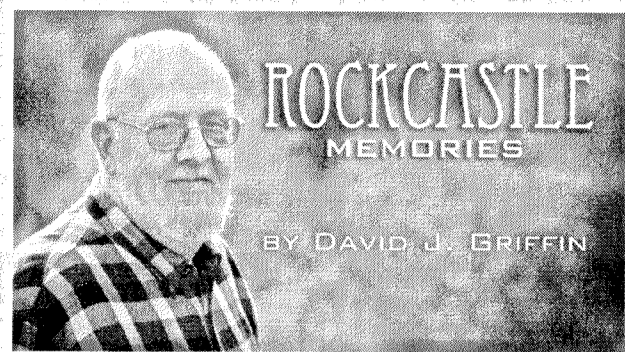
I know there is a COVID-19. Yep, I've

read about it once or twice. It is a terrible flu. But the stuff we are being told is not the whole story.

One way we can tell is how much the stories change after an election.

I watched Andy and Doctor Cry-baby spend 30 minutes talking about how disgusted they were when Donald Trump said a vaccine was just "around the corner." They both spent their free advertising propaganda hour calling Trump a liar and swearing to us a vaccine was two years away and how irresponsible Trump was. Andy even did his little head-bob nod at the pure audacity

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Pop's Warm Morning Stove

When the temperatures fall into the 30's, my mind wanders back to my childhood days and my grandfather's Warm Morning Stove. It was located in the den of their modest home. That stove had a small window in the front panel which allowed you to see the fire dancing inside. I can't tell you how many times I took a seat to watch those flickering flames and feel the warmth emanating from that stove.

Pop was the lone keeper-of-the-fire. He had perfected the art of

fire building in order to make it last for hours on end. No one else in the house was permitted to add coal or to use the poker to stir up the coals. As far as Pop was concerned, it was a serious job, and it required masterful attention - which only he, as the expert, could provide.

Before retiring for the evening, Pop would adjust the damper on the stove pipe, set the draft on the bottom door, and place just the right amount of coal inside for the fire to last all night long. The next morning all he had to do was make a few adjustments and that Warm Morning stove would make the house feel "toasty" warm in no time at all. He was proud of his fire-making skills.

On cold winter nights, Pop made a roaring fire in the stove, pulled his cherry rocker up to the front of it, and rocked as he listened to his big, floor-model wooden radio. It wasn't long until we could hear him snoring away in his contented state. He was at home, warm, and satisfied.

We had another small coal-burning stove in the kitchen. It was used to warm that part of the house and to heat water for the water heater. Mommie Katie (my grandmother) only allowed coal to be placed in two coal buckets. They were hidden from view

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Grandma's Great Discovery

Dear Journal,
When you have been around a few years like I have, you've seen a lot of products come and go. There are some products that I sure miss now that they are gone. About five years ago I got a craving for a Banquet frozen cream pie...just any kind. There were lemon, coconut, chocolate and maybe strawberry flavor pies. I looked at the grocery store for one but I couldn't find any. Must be sold out, or so I thought. They are rather


popular after all. We usually kept at least one or two in the freezer at any given time back home. I looked for a week or more here and there and still couldn't find any. As I found out, they stopped making them several years ago. What a disappointment. They were good and convenient. Why in the world would a company stop making such a product? They were the perfect quick dessert.

I've found in the last few years, I can go shopping and just go down

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm not sure if it was, or still is, just a Letcher County thing, but when I was growing up the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day were unofficially called "firecracker season." After school evenings and all day weekends consisted of an almost steady roar of exploding firecrackers, bottle rockets and less frequently but much louder/far more dangerous M-80s and cherry bombs that made the county sound like a war zone.

Enterprising bootleggers drove to Tennessee

to purchase them legally and brought them back to sell illegally at double the price they had paid for them. To this day I suspect that law enforcement was paid to turn a blind eye to the entrepreneurs who made handsome profits peddling the illicit goods because anybody who wanted some could easily find them and that included every peace officer in the cities, county or state police. If any sellers were ever arrested, I never heard about it.

By the time I was out of high school the small scale, neighborhood sellers were mostly out of business because only 2 or 3 high volume sellers had prices low enough to make it not worth the risk for most people to sell them from their homes.

When I was in grade school, during the 1950s, there were at least 4 people among Blair Branch's 40 some families openly selling firecrackers between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Most of them were only selling enough to pay for the gasoline required to make a 200 mile round trip to a legal outlet in Tennessee but a few local merchants figured

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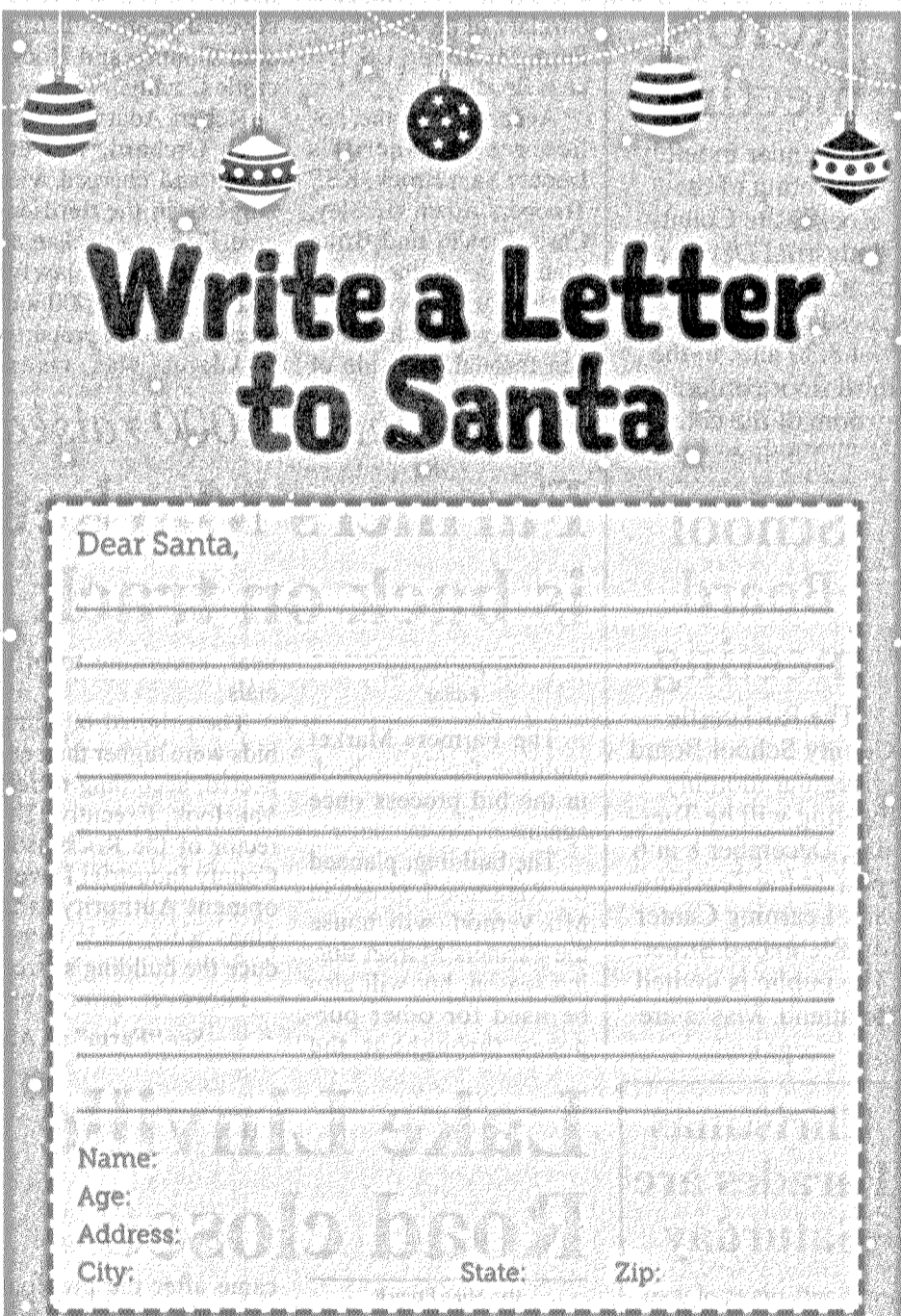
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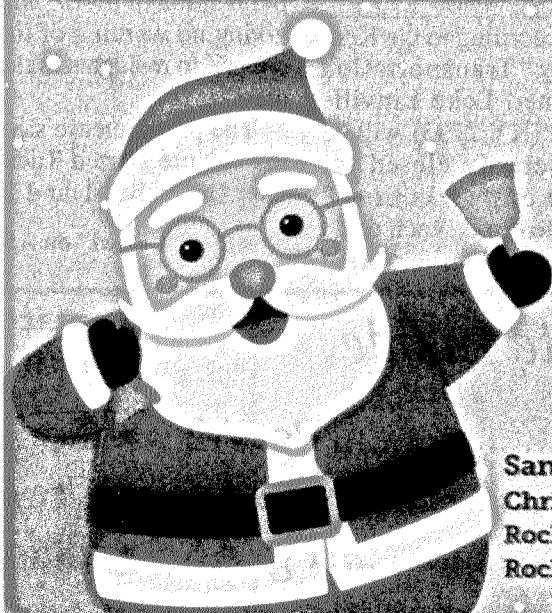
The next meetings will be at the Rockcastle County Emergency Operation Center, located at 755 Progress Dr. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 at 12:00 p.m. 12/3/20.



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“ramblings”

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to unlawful shenanigans that are being presented to state election commissions (mainly in the states that had to quit counting votes election night for various bogus reasons) that are being ignored, in some cases by Republican governors.

In Pennsylvania, I think it was, 1.9 million absentee ballots were requested, 1.4 million were returned but 2.5 million were counted in their final tabulation. Sounds a tad fishy doesn't it??

Also, according to a Judicial Watch study, 353 U.S. counties have 1.8 million more registered voters than eligible voting-age citizens.

I don't have much hope for there being any change in the election results because, let's face it, who would have any trouble believing that someone as intelligent and charismatic as Joe Biden (with a proven track record of accomplishing absolutely nothing for his 47 years already in office) could garner 80,000,000 votes (insert eye roll).

I turned 79 Monday. I have hopes of making it many more years but, even if I do, more than likely I will still get out of this mess we call a country right now sooner

than my children and grandchildren and I feel so sad for them. Mainly because I fear that if the powers that be allow this farce of an election to stand that there will never be a fair one again in this country -- and that will probably start with the runoff election for two senate seats scheduled for January in Georgia.

One last note about how the fear of COVID19 is being allowed to rule some people's lives entirely.

An Ohio subscriber of many years called us last week and told us to suspend delivery of the Signal for the time being. It seems they have been reading about how bad the infection rate is in our county and they were afraid they would contract it through touching the Signal. True story, I kid you not.

“Aces”

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of Trump to suggest such an outlandish thing.

Then two weeks after the election, Andy can't wait to announce how close we are to a vaccine. His doctor even used the term “around the corner” in their proud announcements about how close it is.

Obviously, whatever best serves Andy's political stance, is what we

hear from him, even as he condemns those who use the pandemic for political purposes.

But there are simply too many things that do not add up for me to believe anything they tell us.

We have to jam a q-tip almost into a person's brain to test for COVID. Yet, we can catch it from 5.9 feet away through a mask.

Masks work, but we are told to shut down again after we were told the masks worked the last time.

When this all started in March, we were first told that masks help nothing.

If masks work, we shouldn't have to stand six feet away works, we shouldn't need masks. If the combination of masks and distance works, we shouldn't need to be quarantined/locked down.

We are contacted if we have been around someone who has COVID for more than 15 minutes. Apparently COVID waits for 14 minutes before it jumps on us.

We are shutting down our country because saving just one life is worth the destruction of our economy and the ending of many 100 year-old businesses.

Yet, we didn't shut down in 2018 when 34,000 people died of the flu. Apparently 34,001 would have gotten attention. If what Andy says is true and just one life is worth it, then be ready to shut down every flu season from now on. Truth is truth.

Mandates require restaurants to close but Walmart, car parts stores, barbers, insurance offices, etc., can stay open. Andy's reason for that is, (direct quote here) “that's different.”

The truth is COVID-19 is the flu. It is a bad flu. And like all flus since Adam and Eve, it is harder on elderly and those with underlying health conditions. But shutting down and naming Beshear as Lord and Master is not the answer.

Be as safe as you can. Avoid people who are sick and if you are sick, stay home. Wash your hands often and use hand sanitizer. Wear a mask if you are afraid of catching the flu. That goes for this year and every year.

I don't need daddy government to decide what is for my own good. I eat sugar, I like chocolate, I don't always wear a seat belt, I currently smoke, I own guns, I ride motorcycles, I had Thanksgiving with my family and I will Christmas too.

I'll decide what is too dangerous for me and if I decide my fear of COVID outweighs my desire to experience life, I will stay home. But I will never ask you to stay home because I am afraid. That's called “freedom.”

Just think for yourself and use common sense. When this is over, Andy will scream from the mountain tops that he saved us all and we survived because we obeyed him.

It just isn't the truth. It is politics. We will survive as a state and Andy did no more to help than anyone else.

As for me, I won't stop living my life just because I am afraid to live my life.

“T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

the aisles and see the products sitting on the shelves that I can remember being new to the market...and miss the older ones that are now gone.

When I was a kid growing up, every summer there would be this one or that one or perhaps a whole family would come to visit and stay a few days. Then, at some point, we would go and stay a few days with them. It was an exciting time. Back then, it didn't take a whole lot to excite people. We enjoyed the simple pleasures in life like spending time with family and friends. The very best was used. Special meals were cooked, linens were on the table, and the good dishes and silver were brought out...all the works. It was like Thanksgiving or Christmas.

I remember one summer when I was about six to eight years old, Grandma Norton's sister, my Great Aunt Lucille Broughton from Cincinnati came and stayed about a week, which wasn't anything unusual. She was always a load of fun and very cheery to be around. She always brought me some nice things, toys and clothes. She would bring other family gifts, too. She brought it all on the Greyhound bus. I remember waiting for that old bus to pull into the station. I said it was like Christmas. This is the year my grandma discovered Cool Whip.

I sent Stanley shopping to get a few things for Thanksgiving. Among the things to be gotten was some whipped topping for the pumpkin pies. We usually get the store brand but they were sold out of it, so he got the Cool Whip. We had it on the pies (sugar free) and he just kept going on about how much better it was than the store brand. I tried it and there really was a big difference. We decided that it was Cool Whip from now on.

I told him about remembering Cool Whip on the market for the first time. It was when my Aunt Lucille came for her summer visit that year when I was about six to eight years old. Grandma had some Cool Whip for the first time. Prior to that, you had to make whipped topping from pure cream yourself. Grandma, wanting to have everything special, tried some of the whip on strawberry shortcake. Wow! What an invention! We were all amazed. Remember, it didn't take much.

Grandma made stuff that week just so she could put Cool Whip on it. We must have gone through several boxes of it that week, and probably gained ten pounds each.

“Memories”

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behind the stove in the kitchen. She was very emphatic about where coal could be stored in her home.

These two stoves were centrally located so that most of the rooms received the effect of their warmth. My bedroom, however, was the exception.

It was positioned at the far corner of the house and did not get warm air from either of these sources of heat. I can remember a couple of times when I awoke to find a small skim of ice on the top of the water glass at my bedside. Let me tell you, it was a rude awakening when it was that cold in your bedroom. It made it doubly difficult to get out of bed before the fires warmed the house. In winter, I usually slept in athletic socks and PJ bottoms, and I kept a sweatshirt hanging on the head post of my bed to put on before crawling out.

On nights that held the potential for extreme drops in temperature, my mother (Bee) would place a couple of bricks on the top of the Warm Morning stove to warm them before she wrapped them in a towel and positioned them under the covers at the foot of my bed. Placing your feet against warm towels was very comforting when it was quite chilly in my room.

I would lie there listening to my transistor radio until I fell asleep under the stack of quilts that Bee had made herself. Sometimes that stack would be so heavy that I could not even turn over, but I stayed warm.

By the age of ten or eleven, I was assigned the task of filling the coal buckets before it got dark. The coal pile was located on the back corner of the yard next to the chicken house. Pop kept an old, rusty, chipped hatchet near the coal pile to break up the larger pieces into smaller blocks that would fit into the buckets. If we were expecting snow or very cold weather, Pop would instruct me to gather an extra bucket or two and set them next to the kitchen door.

Even though it is much easier today to deal with winter temperatures, I still miss the warmth, smell, and sounds of a great Warm Morning stove

crackling in the den of our small farmhouse.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

“Points East”

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out how to purchase from wholesalers and it simply was not worthwhile for neighborhood sellers to make the trip because we could buy them close by at prices rivaling Tennessee. The free enterprise system put the poor folks out of the firecracker business in short order, much like the big box stores have shut down small town main street merchants.

I haven't been to Letcher County during the holidays in at least 25 years, but the last I spent a long weekend there, was in December of the early 1990s. Firecracker season was in full swing. A friend from Lancaster and I were on a business trip to Whitesburg and I had invited him along to spend a couple of days at my brother's home on Blair Branch.

Unlike yours truly, my buddy is an early riser. We had already been talking about the steady banging and booming of fireworks before we had turned in the night before but when I rolled out of bed the next morning he was sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee and shaking his head. I asked him what was wrong and he said, “I don't know that anything is wrong but this is the first time I've ever heard fireworks going off in broad daylight in December and I haven't even had breakfast!”

As I said earlier, the Christmas fireworks thing is or was an eastern Kentucky tradition. I've lived in the flatlands for over 45 years and never heard even a firecracker explode this time of year. Now that I think about it, I lived in Pikeville through 5 Decembers during the late 1960/early 90s and I don't recall holiday fireworks being overly popular there, back then. Apparently it was mostly a Letcher County thing.

I'm curious to know if it's still a happening thing there the way that June and July are in Madison and Garrard Counties. It's getting to the point that illegal booming and banging are going to last from Memorial Day until Labor Day in my neck of the woods. And frankly, the summertime explosions we hear on Charlie Brown Road are like comparing dynamite to popcorn to the stuff I used to buy from way under the counter at the old Isom, KY Cow Shed Trading Post during the 60s and 70s.

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Library is open 9:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Bookmobile Schedule: Monday, Dec. 7th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tuesday, Dec. 8th: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindie Ridge. Wednesday, Dec. 9th: Cave Valley Apartments. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

DBCAA Meeting
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at the central office. The public is invited to take part. The meeting will be viewed thru Zoom in the conference room. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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 Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third 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 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

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.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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Obituaries

Noal Pigg, Jr.

Noal Pigg, Jr. "Junior", 77, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 6, 1943, to the late Noal and Edna (Bowman) Pigg. He was well known in the farming community.

He is survived by: his three children, Alvin (Donna) Pigg, Andy (Judy) Pigg, and Jenny Pigg, all of Brodhead; three sisters, Rachel (Johnny) King of Clear Creek, KY, Maxine (Lee) Hatfield of Dayton, OH, and Sue Barron of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Amber, April, Donovan, Erica, and Hunter; five great grandchildren, Ryden, Baley, Zayden, Hailey, and Wyatt; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Woodrow Pigg; and two sisters, Sallie Pigg and Norma Jean Witt.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Grant Martin officiating. Burial followed in Big Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Ronald Lee Smith

Ronald Lee Smith, 57, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 24, 2020 surrounded by his family at his home. He was born September 20, 1963 in Mount Vernon, to the late Luther and Wanda Maxine (Lawrence) Smith. Ronald was united in marriage on June 7, 1989 to Alice Sandlin. He worked for the Plastics Factory in Mt. Vernon and loved hunting and playing with his grandkids.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Alice Louise Smith; four children, Tiffany (Eric) Wallin of Brodhead, Brittany (David) Ramsey of Science Hill, Dustin Smith of Brodhead, Samantha Smith of Brodhead; seven grandchildren, Tom Ramsey, Marley Wallin, Connor Smith, Paisley Young, Ava Hering, Boss Ramsey and Max Wallin; and three sisters, Darlene Cromer (Bill), Judy Childress (Benny), and Debbie Smith (Rodger), all of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Luther and Wanda Smith; as well as two brothers, Phillip Smith and Gary Smith.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with graveside services following at Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: David Ramsey, Eric Wallin, Dustin Smith, Zach Hayes, Oattie Sandlin, and Gary Hayes.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Margaret Lucille Stewart

Margaret Lucille Stewart, 88, of Orlando, widow of Delbert Stewart, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

In accordance with current state mandates, funeral services for Mrs. Stewart will be private. Burial will be in Briarfield Cemetery.

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

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

Dean Herman Barron

Dean Herman Barron, 79, of Brodhead, died peacefully Thursday, November 26, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on December 28, 1940, the son of Robert Walker and Vadie Betty Mink Barron. He was a life-long cattle, tobacco, and vegetable farmer and a former tree trimmer. He retired from the Kentucky Stone Company as a security guard and was of the Church of Christ Faith. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who loved to tell stories and joke and laugh with his numerous friends.

He was formerly married to Lillie Fleming and from that union came two daughters, Carolyn and Steve Thomas of Union, and Stacey and Russell Blanton of Mt. Vernon.

He is also survived by: his common law wife and companion, Nettie Carr; a step-daughter, Jennifer and Gene Jenkins of Nicholasville; a brother, Bobby and Bonnie Barron of Brodhead; a sister, Darlene and Al Saunders of Crab Orchard; a brother-in-law, Mark Stratton of Brodhead; a sister-in-law, Margie Barron of Brodhead; nine grandchildren, Amanda Martin, Cassidy Martin, Sydney Martin, Nevaeh Childers, Ashton Fleming, Jamie Fleming, Savannah Fleming, Austin Jenkins, and Savannah Jenkins; and four great grandchildren, River, Charley, Melody, and Carter. In addition to his parents, Robert and Vadie Barron, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Thurnie Barron; two sisters, Claudina Stratton and Betty Lou Barron; and a great granddaughter, Laney.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 29, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dan Gutenson. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Larry Barron, Robbie Barron, Russell Blanton, Mark Stratton, Wayne Todd, and Coy Vance.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Steven Ray Kirby

Steven Ray Kirby, 50, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, November 26, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in London on March 16, 1970, the son of Joel Ray and Marilyn Gail Mason Kirby. He was a member of Sand Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his parents, Joel Ray and Marilyn Gail Kirby of Livingston; two brothers, Tony Mason of Berea and James and Dena Partin of London; a sister, Melissa Wagers of Mt. Vernon; special friends, Sam and Bri; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Sand Hill Baptist Church by Bro. Gordon Mink. Burial was in Sand Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Calvin Coolidge Meadows

Calvin Coolidge Meadows, 87, died Friday, November 27, 2020. He was born in Newport, KY on December 8, 1932 to the late Ted and Molly Young Meadows.

At the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Army. After basic training, he was sent to Korea on March 25, 1953, he was wounded in action. He was in Company C, 32nd Infantry, 7th Infantry Division and 101 Airborne Infantry. He was flown to Japan where he spent 3 months in a hospital recovering. During his years of service, Calvin received the National Defense, WWII Occupation Good Conduct and Korean Service Medals with two bronze stars and a purple heart.

Calvin attended Eastern Kentucky University receiving his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He completed additional studies at the University of Maryland and the University of Miami in Oxford, OH. In 1980 he was named the Ohio National Guard soldier of the Year. He was also a Kentucky Colonel. He enjoyed traveling, boating and spending time with family and friends. He was a retired teacher, national guardsman, and civil service.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Josephine Hammond Meadows; daughter, Valerie Meadows (Jeff) Creed, of Russell; grandchildren, Casey Creed (Phillip) Sharp, and Kristin Creed (Jerry Lee) Winchester; great grandchildren, Ethan and Abigail Sharp, Skylar, Jeron, Lucas and Bode Winchester; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Arnold Meadows and sister, Marie Meadows Disney.

Private graveside services will be held Monday, November 30, 2020 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



TAMALE PIE

1 pound ground beef
1 chopped onion
1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes
1 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon chili powder or to taste
1 can (14 ounce) pinto or kidney beans
1 small can green chilies, chopped
1/2 cup cornmeal
2/3 cup milk
1 beaten egg
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
Shredded Cheddar and Monterey cheese
Brown beef and onion in a pan. Add tomatoes, water, salt, chili powder, beans, and chilies; simmer for 15 minutes. Pre-heat oven to 425°. Mix cornmeal with milk, beaten egg, and vegetable oil. Place meat mixture in a 2-quart casserole and cover with the cornbread topping. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until corn bread is brown. Sprinkle with cheese and serve.

ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 small can green chilies, chopped
1 onion, chopped
3/4 soup can of milk
1 pound ground beef
10 to 12 soft corn tortillas
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix soups, chilies, onion, cheese, and milk in saucepan. Heat. In a skillet, brown ground beef until no pink remains. Layer half of tortillas in 9 x 13 baking dish. Layer ground beef and cheese sauce. Top with other half tortillas and layer again. Top with shredded cheese. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes. Let sit for 15 minutes after removing from oven. Serve with your favorite salsa.

ROAST CHICKEN CHIMICHANGAS

2 and 1/2 cups shredded skinned, deboned roasted chicken
1 cup crumbled queso fresco or Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 chopped green onions
1 clove garlic, minced
1 small can green chilies, chopped and drained
6 (8-inch) flour or corn tortillas or as many small as needed

Cooking spray
Salsa
Preheat oven to 500°. Combine chicken, cheese, onions, garlic and chopped green chilies; toss well.

Top each tortilla with 2/3 cup chicken mixture; roll up. Place rolls, seam side down, on a large baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Coat tops with cooking spray. Bake for 7 minutes or until browned. Serve with salsa.

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The following items may be recycled:

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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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



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

If Ye Then Be Risen With Christ

If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ sets on the right side of God. 2 Set your affections on things above, not on things of this earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, and covetousness, which is idolatry. For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In which ye also walked sometime, when ye live in them. But now ye also put off all these, anger wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not to one another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created Him.

Our goals and priorities change, when our new life in Christ begins, we begin to desire those things that are holy and heavenly and that are everlasting. We begin to desire and long for this place called Heaven, the closer we get each day to God, the more we realize, how material things come and go, but the things that are eternal, they last forever without end.

We have put off the old man that was in sin and away from God, thinking only of those that satisfied our taste, for only a season, we no longer allow that man to control our deeds. We are finally free from that old man, because now we know the truth, John 8:32 and the truth shall set us free.

The blood of Christ is able to cover our sins and is able to wash them away. We can no longer see that life we lived in the flesh it is gone, it vanished away through the life of Jesus Christ, it is now just a memory and the longer we serve the Lord and are faithful to him, the less visible that memory is.

The more we know about the word of God and its saving power and the more we allow it to change our life and mold our life, the more we are becoming like our Heavenly Father.

Christians cannot remain the same after they are born again into Jesus Christ as we find in John 3:5 We make a change in our life and if there is no change in our life, then we were not actually born again.

Thank you and God bless you for reading this article, I pray always that you have the things you need in this life and you thank God for every blessing. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can call us at the numbers: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104. (Thy word have I hid in my heart)

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Court

Tonya Hammons: assault (two counts), 360 days/probated 24 months on condition (each count)/concurrent.

Terry Wray: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 30 days/each count/concurrent, costs merged.

Daniel F. Amaral: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Mgmt. Inc. v. Donna F. Mitchell. LVNV Funding v. Angela Owens.

LVNV Funding v. Jason Wallin. C-00322

Circuit Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC v. Eliza Barnett, complaint.

UK Federal Credit Union v. William Elliott, complaint.

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Byron Abney, complaint.

Onemain Financial Group LLC v. Brandon K. Dykes, complaint.

Discover Bank v. John W. Hamilton, complaint. Regional Acceptance Cop. v. Daniel E. Hamilton, et al, complaint.

Michael Aaron Bennett v. Barbra Sue

Bennett. Kristie C. Rountree v. Johnny Ray Rountree. Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Martha Swinney. CI-00225

Deeds Recorded

Stephen C. and Maree Lewis Terry, property on Tan Yard Road, to James Ray and Toni L. Olevsevsky and Wendell B. Halbhook, Jr. and Beverly A. Halbhook. Tax \$47

Tyler Kirby and Austin Kirby, property on Dixie Hwy., to Casey Rae Hasty. Tax \$15

David Howard, property on Red Hill Road, to Aaron K. and Amber F. Ferguson. Tax \$35

Carol M. Coffey, property on S. Upper River Road, to Jerry M. and Patricia C. Gulley. Tax \$95

Citizens Bank, property in Rockcastle County, to Larry A. Davidson. Tax \$1

David Perkins, property in Countryside Estates Subdv., to Alissa Mae Foreman. Tax \$194

Betty Richardson, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Derek E. and Chasity Abrams. Tax \$115

Austin Dakota Harness, property on Negro Town Hill Road, to Fereidoon Hosseinzadeh Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$7

David and Julia Pigg, property on Flat Gap Road, to Phillip D. Fox and Charli L. Feltner-Fox. Tax \$90

Jacob and Gina N. Harding, property in

Rockcastle County, to Mary Ida and William E. Taylor. No tax

Mary Ida and William E. Taylor, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny R. McClure and Mark Allen McClure. No tax

Mildred E. Smith, property in Mt. Vernon, to Dexter Chandler. Tax \$8

Denton and Ruby Childress, property on Poplar Grove Road, to Carol A. and Rick Brummett. No tax

Vicky D. Adams, property on Jack Goff Road, to Jonas A. and Candace N. Adams. No tax

Gary Robbins, Jr. and Stephanie McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Lisa Carpenter. No tax

Marriage Licenses

Kayla Elaine Cromer, 23, Brodhead, CMA and Nathan Russell Garrett, 28, Brodhead, welder. 11/20/20

Debra Denise Chesnut, 47, Mt. Vernon, office manager and Jay Sowder, 47, Mt. Vernon, IT specialist. 11/23/20

Bethany Lauren Denny, 25, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Evan William Collins, 24, Nicholasville, pharmacy tech. 11/25/20

Elizabeth Ann Couch, 26, Laurel, IN, CMA and Roger Leaton Andrew VanWinkle, 26, Berea, crew trainer. 11/25/20

Joyce Ann Barboa, 77, London, retired and James Eldon Broughton, 78, London, retired. 11/25/20

“Closed”

(Continued from front) expected to continue for two weeks.

The road is expected to be open to one lane of traffic each day after 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday and traffic signals will be placed while the road is open to one lane.

The closure is planned starting at the .2 mile marker while crews perform road maintenance.

All drivers should expect delays and allow extra time to reach their destination.

For more information about the closure, go to [facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8](https://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8).

“Farm”

(Continued from front) thought, VanHook decided this was not the best choice in the matter. “This building is important to our community and we shouldn’t settle for less than what we need,” he said. “If we are going to settle for a smaller building that doesn’t meet all the needs we had planned, we probably shouldn’t do it at all.”

Officials with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mount Vernon agreed.

VanHook then began to seek an additional \$75,000 in funding for the original building.

This week that grant request was approved and the original building plans are expected to be rebid this year, according to VanHook.

“The full board of directors of the Kentucky Agriculture Development Fund (KADF) approved our request for the additional \$75,000 grant

on the Farmers Market,” said VanHook.

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles complimented the unification with which the county, city, RCIDA and local farmers all worked together on the project. “It is always great to see a project where so many entities are willing to work together in unison on a project for their community,” he said.

Rockcastle County Judge Hal Holbrook also attended the zoom meeting with the board of directors and city officials have also worked closely with the project, VanHook said.

Though the project was held up due to the higher bids than expected, VanHook still intends to move forward quickly. “I expect to have the Request for Proposal out for bid by the end of the year,” he said.

“Cases”

(Continued from front) mandating that such classes not resume in middle or high schools until January 5 and only then if the rating is Orange or lower.

Among those new restrictions, restaurants and bars must close to indoor dining, gyms may not have group classes, indoor venues and events cannot have more than 25 people, social gatherings (family) cannot include more than 2 households or more than eight people, retail must close seating areas and barbers and salons must close waiting areas.

Anything over a rating of 25 is considered a Red zone. Elementary schools may return to in-

person classes on December 7 if the rating is orange or lower.

Most local school board members strongly feel that students need to return to in-person classes to avoid falling behind. But mandates by Beshear forbid such an action.

In fact, in recent interviews, Kentucky School Board Association Education Commissioner Jason Glass said that if superintendents or board members defy the governor’s order, they could be removed from office under state law.

Beshear’s mandated closure of private schools was challenged by a suit involving a private school in Danville and Attorney General Daniel Cameron.

Their initial suit was upheld but later overturned by an appeals court.

“Fire”

(Continued from front) quired the use of two engines, two tankers, a ladder truck and 18 firefighters from both the Mount Vernon and Livingston fire departments.

Officials at the fire department say both fires are surrounded by suspicious circumstances.

About 17,000 gallons of water was used during the second trip to the fire. No injuries were reported during either trip.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department were also at the scene and arson investigators are investigating the incidents.

Students can earn money, get experience with work-study

One way students can help pay the cost of education after high school is through a work-study program, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

“Work-study not only helps students pay for schooling but also provides valuable experience that strengthens their résumés and prepares them for life after college,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Like scholarships and grants, work-study doesn’t have to be repaid, which means students won’t have to rely as heavily on student loans, making higher education more accessible.”

Federal Work-Study rules may vary by school, but generally a student must:

- Be enrolled in an eligible program.
- Be working toward a

certificate or degree.

- Have financial need.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.

Students must be paid at least the federal minimum wage. Jobs may be on or off campus. Students who submit the FAFSA will be considered for Federal Work-Study unless they ask not to be.

Many colleges have their own work-study programs. Students interested in a school’s program should check with the college’s financial aid office.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky’s student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to

help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit [advantageeducationloan.com](https://www.advantageeducationloan.com).

Many of KHEAA’s student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.

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

“Parade”

(Continued from front) jolly old elf.

On Saturday, December 5th, at noon, the City of Mount Vernon will hold their annual Christmas Parade. The lineup will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Candy is prohibited to be thrown out during the parade due to COVID-19 and officials ask that everyone participating in the parade, and everyone watching the event, wear a mask and practice social distancing.

The Brodhead parade will begin at 2 p.m. with the same guidelines.

The Livingston parade will be held Saturday, December 19th beginning at 5 p.m.

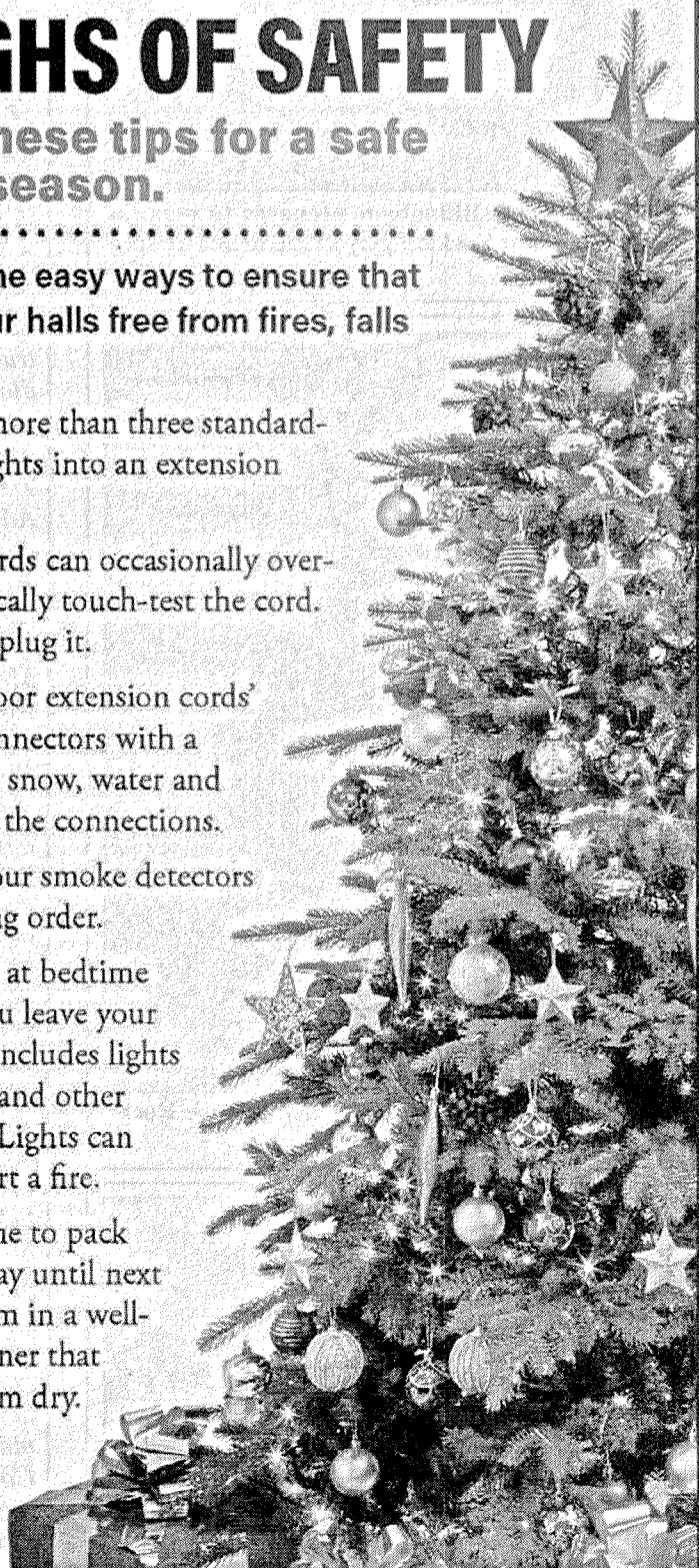
Santa is expected to be in the area for each parade.

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- Never plug more than three standard-size sets of lights into an extension cord.
- Extension cords can occasionally overheat. Periodically touch-test the cord. If it’s hot, unplug it.
- Elevate outdoor extension cords’ plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It’s lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.
- When it’s time to pack the lights away until next year, put them in a well-sealed container that will keep them dry.



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SPORTS

Rockets end season with 13-6 loss to Bell

By: Chad Hensley
 Untimely turnovers and questionable penalties loomed large as the Rockcastle County Rockets saw their season come to an abrupt end to the Bell County Bobcats 13-6 in the KHSAA Class 3A District 5 title game.

The game started out with both teams struggling to move the ball consistently until Rockcastle's defense forced a turnover on a Bell County 4th down in Rocket territory.

Noah Parkey and company would go to work moving the ball down the field.

A pass interference by Bell County would extend the Rockets possession before Parkey hit Landon Dillingham for a 28-yard pass and Matthew Chasteen's 12-yard run would give Rockcastle the ball first and goal at the Bell

County 1-yard line. It may have been a sign of things to come the rest of the night, but the drive immediately ended when the ball was fumbled over to the Bobcats.

Rockcastle (4-3) would regain possession a few plays later thanks to another fumble recovery of its own at the Bell County 6-yard line by Caleb Williams that was caused by Isaiah Didelot on the first play of the second quarter.

Drew Mink would punch it in from 1-yard out to give the Rockets the lead a 6-0.

Rockcastle's next possession was marred by multiple holding penalties that kept the offense with lots of yardage to cover to gain a first down.

Thanks to one of those holding penalties, Rockcastle had the ball 1st-and-24 from its own 9-yard line, but two plays

later, Parkey would connect with Mink for the biggest gainer of the night for the Rockets. The 68-yard pass and catch would give the Rockets possession at the Bell County 21.

Another penalty two plays later would stall out the drive and give possession back to Bell County (6-3) with 5:59 before the half.

Bell County would methodically move the ball deep into Rockets territory and would eventually take a 7-6 lead when star running back Brandon Baker scored from 9-yards out and Aaron Dean's extra point kick was converted with 1:49 remaining in the second quarter.

Rockcastle's following drive saw two more holding penalties wipe out any chance of scoring prior to halftime and would give the ball back to the Bobcats with about a minute to go before the break.

With Bell County looking to run the ball up the middle to run out the clock, Baker would break free for a 74-yard touchdown run that proved to be too much for the Rockets to overcome as the Bobcats led 13-6 at the half.

Rockcastle showed a fighting spirit coming out of the locker room and was moving the ball ef-

fectively and efficiently on runs by Parkey and Chasteen, but the yellow piece of cloth thrown by the referees decided to rear its ugly head twice in the drive on extremely questionable holding calls.

The first negated a first down run and pushed the Rockets back to 2nd-and-15 from the Bell County 46.

Chasteen would rise to the occasion on the next play for a 31-yard run.

Two plays later Parkey would hit Mink for a touchdown from 14-yards out, but another holding penalty was called on the offensive line almost as instantly as the ball was snapped thus negating the touchdown and pushing the Rockets even further back.

An unsportsmanlike penalty on the Rockets sideline was also called following the play and would push the ball back to the Bell 40 for a 2nd-and-35 play.

Rockcastle would fail to get into Bell County territory the rest of the game.

"This was as strange and frustrating a game as I've been part of," stated Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey. "Aside from a couple turnovers, our gameplans for offense, defense and special teams were executed perfectly. The untimely, questionable and sheer number of penalties were big momentum killers. Our players handled it well, battling back every time to keep the pressure on them."

"I could not be more proud of how our team prepared and played. Our

defense forced four turnovers and held them in check all but a single play at the end of the first half. Our offense consistently moved the ball, outgaining them and had more first downs, but were constantly behind the sticks due to way too many penalty yards."

Rockcastle had 286 yards of total offense with 178 coming on the ground compared to Bell County's 247 yards of offense with 229 yards rushing.

The Rockets notched 13 first downs to the Bobcats' 10, but the penalty yards were heavy in the favor of Bell County as the Bobcats had eight penalties for 43 yards to Rockcastle's 11 for 105 yards.

Baker would end the night with 19 carries for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Bobcats.

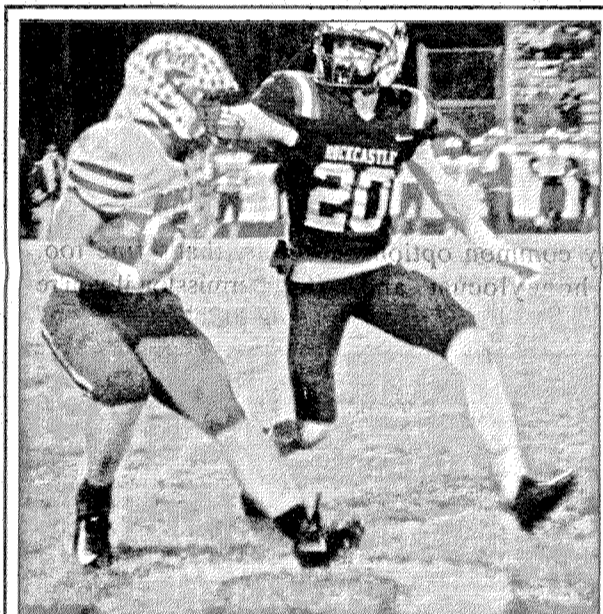
Parkey would end his career as the starting quarterback with 1,637 yards passing and 16 touchdowns through the air along with 2,015 yards rushing and an additional 20 touchdowns.

On the night, Parkey totaled 68 yards rushing on 12 carries along with 108 yards passing on five completions.

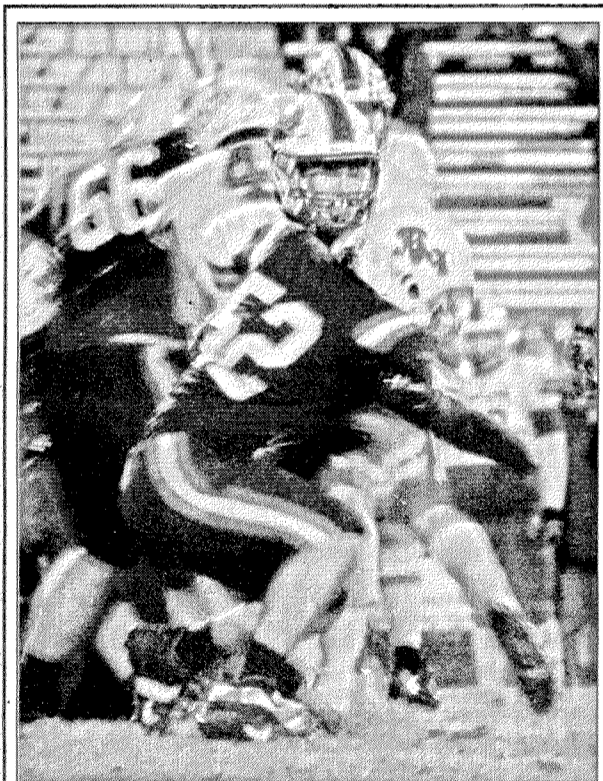
Chasteen once again led the way offensively with 109 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Mink was the only other Rocket to carry the ball and that was on the

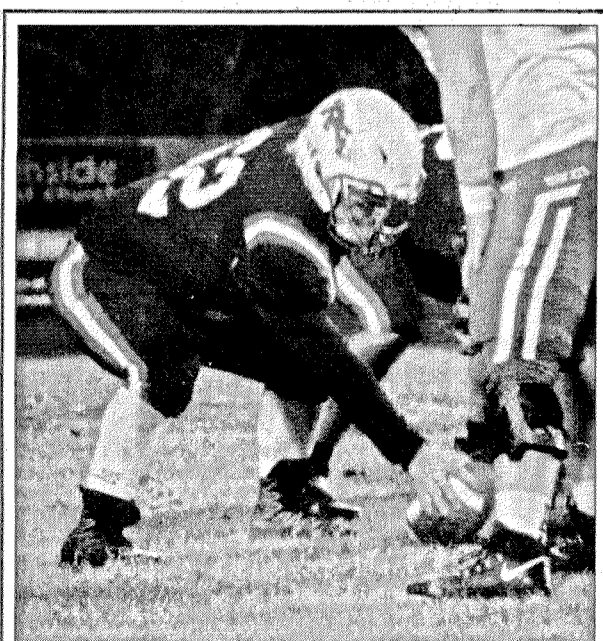
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Junior Landon Dillingham prepares to make a tackle during the Rockets' playoff loss to Bell County Friday night.



Senior Isaiah Didelot makes a tackle in the Rockets' playoff loss to Bell County.



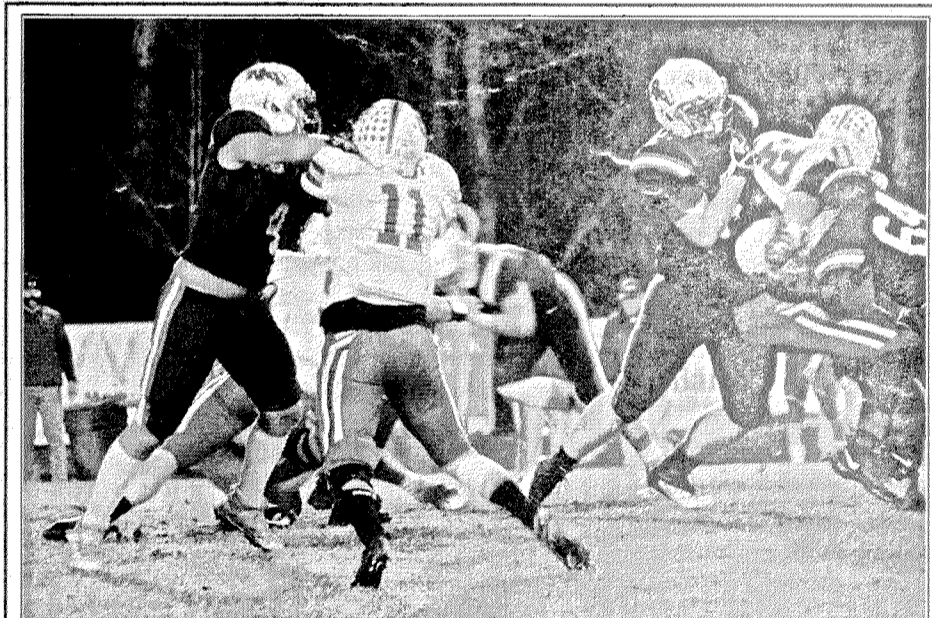
Senior center Caleb Williams prepares to start the offense during the Rockets' loss to Bell County. Photos courtesy of Jenifer Didelot.

From head coach Scott Parkey

"I want to thank the Health Department, School Board and Rockcastle Schools Administration for entrusting us with the tedious daily processes to ensure the health and safety of our team. Thanks to our RCHS Administration for their support and trust through the most difficult of times. Thanks to our senior class: Mitchell Buckner, Rylee Deleon, Isaiah Didelot, Drew Mink, Noah Parkey, Chris Whitehead and Caleb Williams. Thanks to the best coaching staff in the state for coming in every day with a never-wavering attitude to get this team prepared for each game and the bigger goal of creating great men! Thanks to each player's parents for their time, trust and belief in what we are about in the football program. Finally, a huge appreciation to all the fans, businesses and supporters in the county for helping make Rockcastle County High School football special for the players. We sold out of every available ticket allotted to us each home and away game this season. Our players know and believe they don't play simply for themselves, but for their families, fans and every person who calls Rockcastle County home."



Kentucky Football Coaches Association recently named the Coach of the Year and Player of the Year for each district in all six classes in the KHSAA. Rockcastle County head coach Scott Parkey was named the Class 3A District 5 Coach of the Year while his son, Noah, was named the Class 3A District 5 Player of the Year.



Senior Rylee Deleon, juniors Jake Sanders and Isaiah Dehart block during the Rockets' 13-6 loss to Bell County Friday night. They Rockets ended the shortened season 4-3.



Senior Drew Mink is shown scoring the lone touchdown for the Rockets' in their second round playoff loss to Bell County Friday night, 13-6.

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5th - Mrs. Jennifer Chandler
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5th - Mrs. Stephanie Hurst
 Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Marrick Hester, Cole Rogers, Mason Taylor.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from A6)
 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

Mink had the one catch for 65 yards while Dillingham tallied three receptions for 31 yards and Rylee DeLeon had one for 12 yards.

Dillingham was all over the place on defense and notched 10 total tackles, one fumble caused and once fumble recovery.

Didelot had the previously mentioned forced fumble and added nine total tackles.

Jeremiah Mills tallied eight tackles, once forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Chasteen added seven tackles and was followed by DeLeon's four tackles with one tackle for loss.

Jake Sanders and Tyler Osborne added three tackles each while Mink, Isaiah Dehart, Caleb Williams and Reese Coguer collected two tackles apiece.

Williams had two fumble recoveries and Coguer added a forced fumble.

Bell County now moves on to face the Belfry Pirates in the next round. Belfry easily defeated Bell County in last season's Class 3A state finals.

While the results were not what Rockcastle County players, coaches and fans wanted to see, it was great to see everyone out on the field and in the stands enjoying what Friday nights in the fall are known for in this community despite having to battle through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We came into this season with a lot of uncertainty about who, when and where we would be playing," added Coach Parkey. "That uncertainty continued all season long with cancellations, rescheduling of games and players in and out indirectly effected by the virus. Through it all, we were certain of our team's abilities, talent and grit. This bunch was truly a special team full of special guys. Our senior class set a pace for our team. They established an identity of physicalness, toughness, athleticism and 'Rock hard' attitude that spread through the young guys and carried onto the field.

"Each one of the seniors played huge roles on our team and led us to a very successful season despite the hardships beyond their control. To me, the 2020 team should always be regarded as one of the most talented, hardest working and successful teams in school history. Given a 'normal' year, playing a full schedule of games from week-to-week with no 20-day and 30-day layoffs, this team would have had double-digit wins. There are no 'excuses' in that statement - it is what it is. This team was special."

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Natives: Combining Environmental Consciousness With Lovely Landscaping

Words like 'native', 'sustainable' and 'green' are tossed around freely these days. The words, the concepts, in some cases requiring modifications of behavior and choice, all seem confusing to many people. I may raise more questions than I attempt to answer, but I intend to re-introduce the homeowner or family member to the reality that there are hundreds of native trees and shrubs that make fine landscape options, while probably also benefiting local wildlife and the environment.

I want to begin by impressing the point of how disruptive to the natural ecosystem it is to plant a bunch of Bradford pear trees and red maples in huge expanses of nonnative lawn grasses. Choosing a mix of trees and native shrubs makes much more sense. Then, some large expanses of trees or plants in place of so much lawn grass could be installed. There's the variation - not copycatting everyone else. Then, too, there's risk if one kind of tree gets a disease, you might lose all your trees if you only have one kind planted. I sometimes use a tree or two that isn't found in an area, but wouldn't suggest getting carried away with using exotic plants.

Another disruption I want to bring to notice is I don't know how many times I've had someone want plants that attract butterflies or some other cute critter; but when these fluttering beauties lay eggs on our shrubbery and they hatch into caterpillars that begin to eat up our plants, we get out the insect sprays. Seems selfish at best.

Entice wildlife, then punish it for being wild and doing what wildlife does.

Rather than stating I'm for or against some of the rhetoric and concerns about only using natives, I suggest we consider diversification and not doing our whole yard or hedge or foundation plantings with just one or two species of plants. Good landscaping may necessitate the repetition of certain plants in more than one spot, but we can still vary the other or filler plants that connect those that are our main plant. Monoculture isn't very 'native' even if the one plant we picked happens to occur in the wild in our community. There are many lovely and diverse plant choices we can utilize to create a pretty yard.

What are the objectives of landscaping? And when we select a tree or group of trees, what are we asking it to accomplish for us? Maybe we want shade. Maybe we want to frame or draw attention to the home, or its entrance? Maybe we want to blend the home into the surroundings; perhaps some woodlands just past our property? Give some thought to what you need and what you desire before shopping for trees or hiring someone to landscape for you.

Seems logical if there are nearby woodlands that we might want to select one or two trees we like among those and

plant some more in our yard. Obviously they are acclimated and love the soil and climate you already have.

And if a given homeowner wants one special or exotic tree, it will stand out from the crowd all the more surrounded by native items. (Incidentally, the garden center that wants to sell you numerous pretty specimen trees is trying to increase the amount of their sale, not think of gaining value in your yard for the money being expended. A specimen is supposed to stand out from the crowd—it can't if there is no crowd but each other planting is also a special plant. Hence, you waste money and look foolish.)

In the past several years I've noticed cities and towns trying to compete with their street plantings. Often they hire an employee just for their tree or plant expertise. Besides taking care of the trees that belong to the municipality, often they are tasked with diversifying the street plantings. Beautification. And often use of natives is part of the assignment.

Let's take a quick look at possible new plantings or selecting things that will be different from other yards. First, at the government level, what are some useful trees to select and plant? Then at the homeowner level, ideas for the front as well as backyards.

Street trees have frequently been Bradford pears. In a few years they are too large, and begin to crack the sidewalk. Other fairly common options are honeylocust and ginkgo. These also get too large eventually, but at least the ginkgo has a taproot and doesn't destroy sidewalks so much. Street options to consider would be crab apples, dogwoods, redbuds, columnar elm and European hornbeam, hedge maple, yellowwood, fringetree, and serviceberries. False spirea, crepe myrtle, evergreen forms of sweet bay magnolia, and parrotia trees. For parks and larger lots, perhaps add sycamore, burr oak, linden, chestnut, pecan, catalpa, Kentucky coffee tree, hackberry or alder.

American holly, southern magnolia, and the needled evergreens or conifers (spruce, juniper, fir, pine, laurels, cypress and cedars). These are evergreen, and also many are very large, although dwarf specimens can be purchased sometimes.

The homestead can have an even broader list of plants than those a town might use along its streets. There are dozens of different oak trees. And several maples. Ever-

green maples, eucalyptus, olives and many more choices become available in zone 8 and southward. Some trees I use in yards besides large maples include birch, sweetgum, blackgum, linden, silverbell, pawpaw, mountain ash, stripebark or snakebark maples, spicebush, mooseberry and sassafras. Even walnuts, hazelnut, pines and cryptomeria. Fruiting apples, pears, cherries, quince, jujube, medlar and many others can be grown unless you object to fruit in the yard."

Some want to supply food and habitat to wildlife at the same time as have a pretty yard. Acorns, beechnuts, walnuts feed the squirrels. Deer love acorns, especially white and burr oak. Seed and fruit bearing trees feed many of the songbirds. Trumpet creeper, mimosa and yellowhorn will make the hummingbirds happy.

A word of caution: if you attract butterflies, you'll want to let the larvae of Morning Cloak and Zephyr eat your elms and you'll have lots more butterflies when they hatch. If you let the black swallowtail larvae eat up your parsley, you'll have a lot more later in the year feeding on your zinnias and coneflowers. So if yours is a native landscape, keep aware of the native critters you may attract from time to time.

Next time you want a new tree, search for one not common along your street. If it happens to be a wild plant from the woods, that's fine too. (Get permission if you're going to take a trek and dig up wild plants for your yard.) And if you have a new home to landscape, consider some native plants. Not only are they usually more economical, they will be a great backdrop for that one tree you can't seem to live without and you want to show off. Trees found nearby in the woods are usually native, and they work well in the landscape. But, buying trees in pots or balled and burlapped from the garden center or tree farm is usually the place to start landscaping the new home. Some of the choices will be 'natives' and some won't. If you have the time and inclination, a cutting or a seed could be fun. In the end, it's a lovely landscape you want, and using some plants that have always grown in your part of the country can help you create a lovely place while also being conscious of the existing environment.

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Financial Aid Tip for Students

You should know these financial aid terms

As high school seniors and their parents begin the college financial aid process, they may find themselves faced with unfamiliar terms. This short glossary from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) may help.

"Understanding the language of student aid helps ensure that students and parents can take advantage of all the funding opportunities that are available for technical and college education," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Any Kentucky family with questions about admissions and financial aid should contact KHEAA - the staff there are eager to help you."

Terms parents and students should know include:

- Conversion scholarship/loan. This type of scholarship requires students to provide certain services. If they don't provide the service, the scholarship becomes a loan.

- Cost of attendance. The total cost of one year of college: tuition, fees, room, meals, supplies, transportation and personal items.

- Expected family contribution (EFC). This is the amount the student and family are expected to pay for the student's education. It is based on a formula set by Congress.

- FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal

Student Aid must be submitted by students applying for federal and state aid. The best way to do so is at fafsa.gov.

- Financial need. The difference between the cost of attendance and the EFC.

- Institutional aid. The scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs provided by the college.

- Verification. The process of making sure the information submitted on the FAFSA is correct. The federal government requires colleges to have certain students' FAFSA information verified.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit AdvantageEducationLoan.com.

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery revenue.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write to KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 67214.

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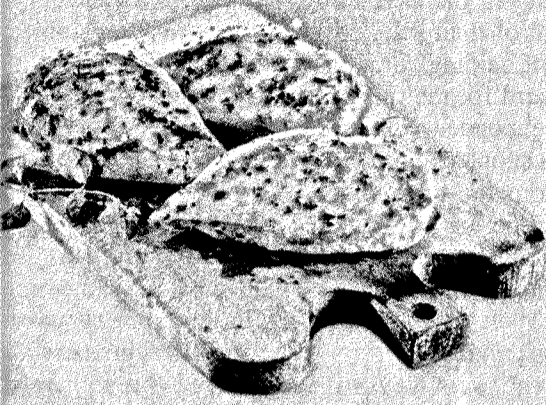
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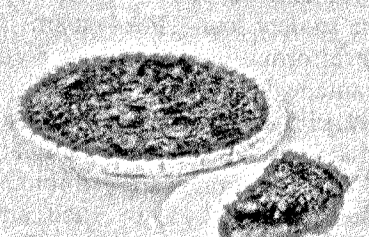
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Sheriff Shannon Franklin

One case of COVID-19 that ends well

By: Mike French
Editor

"I can say this. It is certainly easy to take everyday blessings for granted," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "I can't describe the joy I felt the first morning that I could smell coffee brewing again."

Franklin was one of the 380 local residents who have had COVID-19 and the loss of smell and taste were among the first things he noticed. "I wanted to celebrate when I first smelled that coffee

brewing again," he said.

Franklin had begun feeling mild cold symptoms but thought he must have picked up a common cold. The sheriff was continuing with his daily routine except he stayed away from others while he fought the cold.

But soon, the Sheriff had an engagement that would force him to be around others, so, he got tested for COVID-19.

"I didn't really think I had COVID but since I had to be around others soon, I got tested at the local health department,"

he said. "I came back hot and then my wife came back positive as well. COVID left her with a paring gift called pneumonia."

Suddenly Franklin and his family had to be quarantined and his daily tasks had to be delegated.

"By the time COVID set in, I couldn't carry on," he said. "The unbelievable extreme fatigue was the worst of all the symptoms."

Franklin explained that he had many different cold symptoms and flu-like symptoms but the complete loss of taste and smell and the fatigue were his most difficult battles.

However, Franklin and his family were not alone. "I can't say enough about our local health department," Franklin said. "They answered every call I made and answered so many questions we had. They were right there helping

us through everything we were going through. We are blessed as a community to have the health department that we have."

Of course, the Sheriff was quarantined for 14 days. Counting weekends, holidays and other days off, this required Franklin to miss about six days at work. "At least the timing fell very well so that I didn't have to miss work that much," he said.

Franklin says he does not want to get involved in the political portion of the virus. "I am not qualified to say if masks work or if social distancing works or if shutting down a business works. I don't know if closing schools or avoiding your family is a good idea or not. I have an opinion about all that but it's not my place to make such recommendations," he said. "I just know it can be very bad and it is real. COVID

does exist."

Still, Franklin says he is willing to offer advice that he hopes can help someone. "There is a lot of misinformation out there coming from a lot of different sources," Franklin says. "People should simply use common sense. Be smart, be careful and take normal precautions. The sooner you find you have COVID, the more you can mitigate the symptoms. Go ahead and get tested if you think you may have it or have been around someone who has it. And be glad we have a health department like we have."

This week, cases in Rockcastle County rose dramatically and the COVID virus seems to be present at some government offices.

Health Department officials still suggest that all citizens wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash hand regularly,

use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available and when possible avoid others, especially crowds.

Franklin supports the established recommendations but promises some mandates will not affect his office. "We are not the COVID police," he said. Franklin said he will never count the number of people in your home, nor arrest anyone for not wearing a mask.

Franklin is now back in his office and seems to have few after effects from the virus.

"I feel fine now and my wife is better and we are back," he said. "Our prayer is that everyone stays safe and healthy and Rockcastle County and the country can get back to normal."

Franklin sat back in his office chair and lifted his cup to his lips. "In the meantime, I am going to enjoy the smell of this good, hot cup of coffee."

State is ready for snow season

The first snow fell this week in Kentucky but the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet was ready for this one and many more.

"With more than 29,000 tons of salt on hand, combined with more than 80 snowplows, salt spreaders and other equipment ready in Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Lincoln, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell and Wayne counties, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 8 crews are ready for winter weather duty," says the recent KTC press release.

More snow was expected this week and crews are monitoring weather through the region constantly.

Officials with KTC say crews have been inspecting snow plows and calibrating salt spreading equipment as well as developing snowstorm response procedures to keep district 8 state roads passable during inclement weather.

"We take snow and ice very seriously," said Chief District Engineer James, Jones. "highway safety is an essential function of the transportation cabinet and our crews are prepared to meet that mandate by keeping our roads safe during bad weather."

The KTC mission is to keep traffic moving in a safe manner with an emphasis on maintaining mobility along critical

corridors and priority routes.

The cabinet's snow and ice website is <http://snowky.ky.gov> which provides details about priority routes, helpful weather tips, fact sheets and videos on salt application and snow removal.

Officials with the KTC say the public can monitor winter operations in real time on the states interactive traffic system GoKY.ky.gov to find out what is happening on state routes in their local counties.

The cabinet offers some suggestions for all who may travel in inclement weather.

Pay attention to weather advisories. Travel only as necessary during major snow events, maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other highway equipment, do not pass snowplows on the shoulder, allow extra time for a slower commute, winterize vehicles, and supply vehicles with blankets, flashlight and an emergency supply kit.

For more information about winter travel or KTC or general traffic information, go to goky.ky.gov and download the free Waze app to check traffic conditions before you travel.

Officials also suggest motorists eliminate distractions and move vehicles to the shoulder in the event of a non injury crash.

Livingston Christmas Parade is December 19

The City of Livingston will hold their Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 19th at 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should call the Rockcastle River Family Health Clinic at 453-3901.

Following the parade, children can have a visit with Santa in the Livingston Depot. CDC guidelines will be followed with masks required along with social distancing between families.

Safety precautions to visit with Santa include children should come through the front door of the depot and afterwards, they will be given hot chocolate and snacks in the rear before exiting through the back door.

Each child will be given an age appropriate toy, infant through 12 years, and monetary or toy donations are still needed. All donations can be taken to city hall, Rockcastle River Family Health Clinic, Medley's Barber Shop or the Family Dollar Store where there will be a collection box.

New deadline

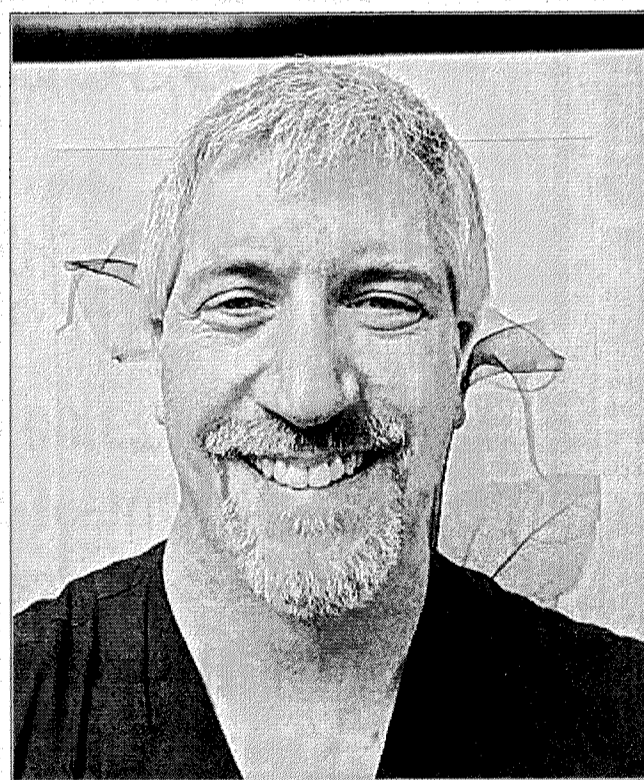
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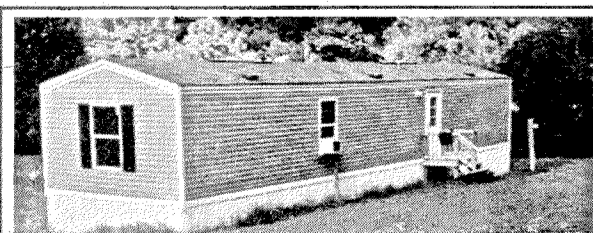
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Notice is hereby given that Ronnie Jay Lamb, 3740 Old State Road, P.O. Box 4192, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Charley Lamb on the 1st day of December, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ronnie Lamb or to Hon. William A. Leger, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 2, 2021 at 11 a.m. 45x3

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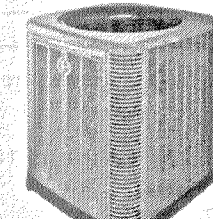
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Prevent frozen pipes this winter by preparing now

Before cold weather arrives, Kentucky American Water encourages customers to take a few minutes to help prevent their homes' water pipes from freezing this winter.

"Taking a few simple steps now can help prevent inconvenience and costly damage this winter," said Vice President of Operations David Farrar. "We encourage customers to spend a few minutes as-

sessing their homes and completing a few simple tasks so that their homes are well-prepared for colder temperatures."

Frozen water lines typically occur in areas such as crawl spaces or along the outside walls where air penetrates. Customers are encouraged to do the following:

- Disconnect garden hoses from your home. If you have an irrigation sys-

tem, make sure it is turned off and drained.

- Search your house for un-insulated water pipes, especially in unheated areas. Check attics, crawl spaces, and outside walls. Consider wrapping pipes with insulation sleeves. Another option is electric heating tape, but follow manufacturers' instructions carefully to avoid a fire hazard.
- Seal cracks and holes

in outside walls and foundations with caulking to keep cold air away from pipes.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes to freeze.

Once cold weather arrives, follow these tips:

- Set the thermostat no

lower than 55 degrees if you're going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is safe for pipes.

- When below-freezing temperatures occur, keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets supplied by pipes that run through unheated or un-protected spaces. This will help prevent the water in pipes from freezing.

• Keep kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.

- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is located inside your home so that you can shut off your water quickly in the event of a water pipe leak. This valve is often located in a utility room, closet or in the basement or crawlspace.

CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES

Residential Service - Rate RS		Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:			
Infrastructure:		\$ 0.05886	\$ 0.06750
Variable:		\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Total:		\$ 0.08963	\$ 0.09950
Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy		Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:			
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):		\$ 0.02683	\$ 0.03312
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):		\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Off-Peak Hours (Total):		\$ 0.05760	\$ 0.06512
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):		\$ 0.24465	\$ 0.18924
On-Peak Hours (Variable):		\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
On-Peak Hours (Total):		\$ 0.27542	\$ 0.22124
Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand		Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:		\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):		\$ 0.01276	\$ 0.01276
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):		\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):		\$ 0.04353	\$ 0.04476
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:			
Base Hours		\$ 3.44	\$ 4.01
Peak Hours		\$ 8.90	\$ 10.37

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions and to add two optional rate schedules: General Time-of-Day Energy Service ("GTOD-Energy") and General Time-of-Day Demand Service ("GTOD-Demand"). KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 10.4%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,120	68,176,839	10.68	12.85	10.67
Residential Time-of-Day	1,184	19,427	10.68	12.08	10.69
General Service	1,689	26,734,943	10.68	26.91	10.68
General Time-of-Day					
New Rate Schedule					
All Electric School	25,276	1,453,830	10.68	285.86	10.68
Power Service	31,900	19,592,722	10.67	351.54	10.67
Time-of-Day Secondary	194,032	14,530,948	10.69	1,580.24	10.69
Time-of-Day Primary	1,288,759	26,942,083	10.68	8,786.08	10.68
Retail Transmission	5,852,624	8,787,141	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,490,867	3,514,118	10.69	292,843.20	10.69
Outdoor Lights	58	(129)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting Energy	3,373	18	0.01	0.02	0.01
Traffic Energy	150	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
PSA	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rider - CSR	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Sports Lighting - Pilot Program	6,800	(4,762)	(4.97)	(99.21)	(4.97)

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer's residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU's billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU is also proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:

Other Charges

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.50
Meter Test Charge	\$75.00	\$79.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$24.00	\$21.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$28.00	\$37.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	New	\$0
Unauthorized Connection Charge - without meter replacement	\$70.00	\$45.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase standard meter replacement	\$90.00	\$66.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMR meter replacement	\$110.00	\$87.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMI meter replacement	\$174.00	\$149.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for three-phase meter replacement	\$177.00	\$154.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	New	\$39.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	New	\$15.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.16	\$1.36
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.99	\$0.92
EVSE - Networked Single Charger	\$132.09	\$132.09
EVSE - Networked Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$193.62
EVSE - Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$82.86
EVSE-R - Networked Single Charger	\$121.79	\$121.79
EVSE-R - Networked Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$173.02
EVSE-R Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$30.86
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for First Two Hours	\$0.75	\$0.75
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for Every Hour After First Two Hours	\$1.00	\$1.00
EVC-FAST - Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
Excess Facilities - w/ no CIAC	1.18%	1.17%
Excess Facilities - w/ CIAC	0.47%	0.47%
TS - Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS - Seasonal	100%	100%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com.

A person may examine KU's application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or at the other KU business offices, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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