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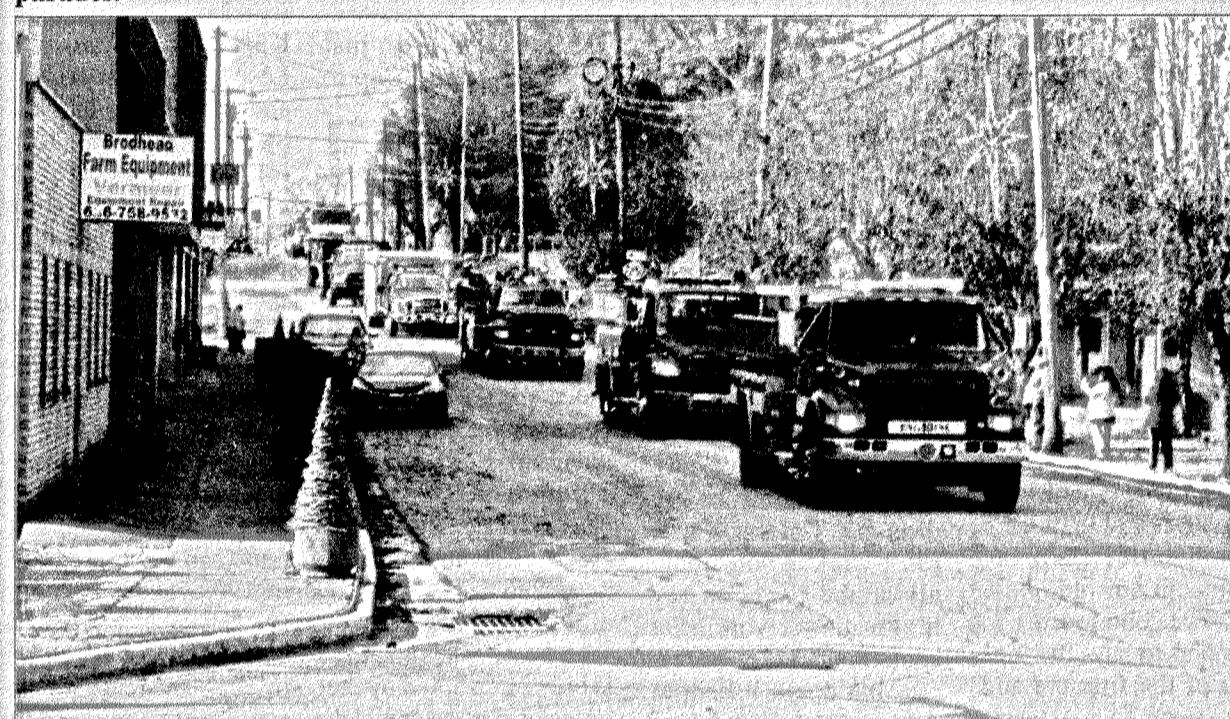
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Mount Vernon (above) and Brodhead's annual Christmas Parades are shown about to begin last Saturday. See the Christmas issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* on December 23 for photos from both parades.



Parades carry on in county

By: Mike French
Editor

There have been a lot of holiday cancellations in 2020, including Halloween events, Veteran's Day, Independence Day and more, but the local Christmas

parades were not among them. Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade may have been shorter than previous years, but there was no shortage of enthusiasm or Christmas spirit and Brodhead's parade

included nearly as many participants as ever. "This year's annual Christmas Parade, while different, was a success," said Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. "Of course, the differences were related to the

Coronavirus restrictions and also impacted spectator attendance. Still the event was successful in terms of actually pretty good attendance, cooperative weather, (See "Henshaw" on A8)

George Henshaw II Hearing reveals details of local fatal shooting

By: Mike French
Editor

As George Henshaw II wiped tears from his eyes, Judge Scott Lawless heard from public defender Andy Long and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe during a preliminary hearing Monday morning, December 7.

Henshaw, 42, of Potter Road in Rockcastle County, is accused of the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw, 60, after a fatal shooting on November 9.

After a 911 call from Henshaw's father, George Henshaw Sr., police responded to Potter Road and arrested and charged the local man with murder. Henshaw was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with possession of a gun by a convicted felon and the murder of Lois Henshaw. He was held on a \$1 million cash bond.

During the preliminary hearing Monday, Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudermilk was the sole witness as he answered questions from attorneys concerning the events of November 9.

Loudermilk said Henshaw admitted to shooting his stepmother with one shot from a 30.06 hunting rifle. Not from a handgun as he had earlier stated.

Detailed discussion

about the gun and the bullets continued as Loudermilk spelled out each detail of the investigation that night and the following days.

Henshaw originally said he had thrown the gun he used to shoot his stepmother into the woods but it was later discovered that Henshaw had used his hunting rifle and then replaced it in his bedroom at the home after the shooting, according to Loudermilk.

After an interview the following day, Loudermilk returned to the home to continue the investigation and to retrieve a Bible and medications requested by Henshaw.

(See "Henshaw" on A8)

Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 506 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 157 probable cases. There have been seven deaths in Rockcastle related to the virus.

School Board meeting

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting was Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. after our deadline. See next week's *Signal* for the story.

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14. This will be the final meeting for three of the commissioners who were not re-elected in November.

Mount Vernon meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

No in-person classes here in 2020

A-B schedule in January

By: Mike French
Editor

In the constantly changing world of COVID-19, it has been difficult to keep up with when school will hold in-person classes. At least now parents know through December 18 there will be no in-person classes in Rockcastle County and Christmas break starts the following Monday.

In-person classes will not resume until January 5, if possible at that time.

Some optimistically hoped elementary schools could return to in-person classes this week, but most agreed that would not happen due to the Governor's restrictions. Now Superintendent Carrie Ballinger has announced that in-person classes will not resume in elementary classes through December 18 since the county is well into the Red Zone as defined by Governor Andy Beshear.

Through Beshear's lat-

est mandates, in-person classes could not resume in high school or middle school through December 18 if the county was out of the red zone rating by

RCIDA board gets updates on projects

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning via conference call.

Among the items discussed was the \$28,780 shortfall listed in the financial statement. Corey Craig, Chairman of the board, said the shortfall is due to the recent expense while negotiating with the Chapin Company at the Industrial Park.

According to Craig, over \$11,000 of the shortfall came from Jackson Energy and \$25,000 from the CSX rail spur fee.

Craig said these expenses were part of the

negotiations with Chapin and the CSX fee and the electric cost will be transferred to Chapin after this month's bills are paid by the RCIDA.

The board also discussed the Livingston Marathon Station which is about to open for business. "The only thing left is basically paperwork,"

said Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "Once the Certificate of Occupancy is granted, they will be

(See "RCIDA" on A8)

Second liquor store set to open next week

By: Mike French
Editor

The second liquor store in Mount Vernon is expected to be open for business sometime next week.

The city was allocated two liquor store licenses by the State of Kentucky once the city voted to become wet, and the first

store opened quickly in Renfro Valley.

Now "On the Rocks" is expected to open near exit 59 before the end of next week, according to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director Jeff VanHook.

The new store is located east of I-75 at exit

59. Signs will be placed to direct customers to the business.

"This is a very nice business and an exceptional building. It will be a strong addition to our community and our economic development," said VanHook.

(See "Store" on A8)

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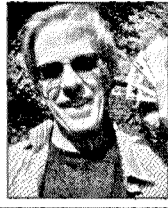
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There I was, bouncing around, jumping over bushes, climbing Apple trees, riding my bicycle and worried to death about big, huge problems like how I am going to get my hands on that new HotWheel. My favorite shows *The Rifleman* and *Captain Kangaroo* were the highlights of my days.

Of course time moved on and again, there I was, standing on stages like Renfro Valley and the Grand Old Opry and traveling the world with an instrument in my arms. All with friends that were so close. Rubbing elbows with the biggest stars in the business and acting like it would last forever.

Oh, the stories I could tell about what went on backstage at Renfro Valley and the great times had at the Hee Haw recording set. Good days.

It seemed about every week I was in an airplane for one reason or another. Either a show to play somewhere or a trip or a job to do.

Young and energetic and running wide open from one memory to the next and through it all keeping my hands involved in my first love, the newspaper business.

To say I have been blessed with an exciting and full life would be an understatement.

But as I often write, I am betting all I have that every older person I meet has similar stories and memories and events that they, too, thought would never end.

I was such a fan of *The Rifleman* that I named my identical twin sons after the show. The Rifleman's son was named Mark McCain. He was a little fellow and sure did teach me lessons about life.

One of my son's first name is Mark, and the other son's middle name is McCain.

Television shows back

then had moral fiber and taught ethical values. Each episode taught us some kind of valuable lesson in life about caring for others and being a good, honest human being.

Anytime they teach us that God's instructions to us should be pretty much ignored and everything a person wants, they deserve whether they have earned it or not.

I like the old fashioned moral values better.

Anyway, this week I had a couple of "Time flies" moments.

Passing through "Liberalbook" (some call it Facebook) I saw that Johnny Crawford (Mark McCain) just turned 75 or some outrageous number like that, (sorry Perlina and mom.)

He is supposed to be a 10 year-old boy following his daddy, Lucas McCain, around the prairie on a horse. When did he get so old?

So I spent the next few days pondering how long ago it was that I sat in front of my old black and white television watching Mark McCain and his dad Lucas protecting weaker people and helping their neighbors and displaying good, moral values.

As I sat there, Ellen came on my new 60-inch "smart" tv and talked about gay rights and murdering children and how evil people are for wanting to promote Christian values.

Yes, time has sure moved on.

Just as I was getting over it, a dear friend of mine from my years at Renfro Valley came in the office to pay for an ad.

I hadn't seen him in 25 years.

No longer did we stand side by side with instruments in hand. Two young men with a world ahead of them.

Now we stood there

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm pretty sure I've written about this story before, but if you are younger than 40, you probably missed it. In fact, if you are younger than 50, you probably didn't spend a lot of time reading a weekly newspaper in the early 1980s unless an elementary school teacher forced one on you. I'm reasonably sure my column was in its infancy when I first spun this yarn, but I can't find the original, so I'm guessing it was in the late 1970s to early 80s.

Anyway, it's still a Christmas story and I can only hope that contains some elements of the first go around.

When I was growing up on Blair Branch, in Letcher County, during the 1950s and 60s, it was not unusual for my younger brothers and me to start being on the lookout for the perfect Christmas about the time blackberries started getting ripe in late June and July.

We would usually settle on a hemlock sapling, white pine or cedar well before Thanksgiving. Usually they were much taller than the rooms in our old house could accommodate and we had to saw the tops out of the first cut and use them to make our tree. Oftentimes we would drag a 25 footer home and then have to cut it down to less than 8 feet. The bottom 2/3s often made enough kindling for the fireplace and 2 stoves to last for weeks.

I can't recall whether it was a Douglas Fir or some variety of Spruce, but several decades earlier, our Uncle Stevie Craft had planted it to sit on the corner of his old home place. His old

home had been torn down many years before any of the Adams Boys were even born, but the big evergreen was still standing and it was probably 50 feet or taller. It would have been ideal for a Christmas tree at the state capitol.

However, we only wanted the top 8 feet and the tree was much too big for us to undertake felling it.

I asked Uncle Stevie if I could climb and cut the top out. He just grinned and shook his head before telling me to ask my mom if it was okay. I asked Dad and he also told me to, "Ask your Mom." Of course we all knew what the answer to that one would be but I figured that what Mom didn't

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Planning a Routine Day
Dear Journal,

I have been noticing lately how routine my days are. I'm stuck in a rut. I work at something all of the time, as my health allows, working at something really necessary but doesn't seem to get anything accomplished. I can't seem to get ahead. Then there are the long term projects that never seem to get started. I sure would enjoy doing something I enjoy like writing, reading and writing poetry, my artwork, quilting and such. Those days are gone forever, I guess.

I've heard that you need a schedule for every day, a routine. I've tried that but it just won't work either. There is always that important interrup-

tion that comes along that demands your immediate attention. I imagine myself adrift on a huge, wide river never being able to reach the bank and just having to drift aimlessly along with the current wherever it takes you that is only interrupted by the occasional disaster which seems to come along more and more often. I wonder if others are like that or if it is just me.

Later today we have to go shopping. We will be going to the same old stores and getting, for the most part, the same old things. Then we'll bring it all home, put it in the same old places and fix the same old thing to eat. Then I'll fold the laundry, the same old clothes that we had worn last week or

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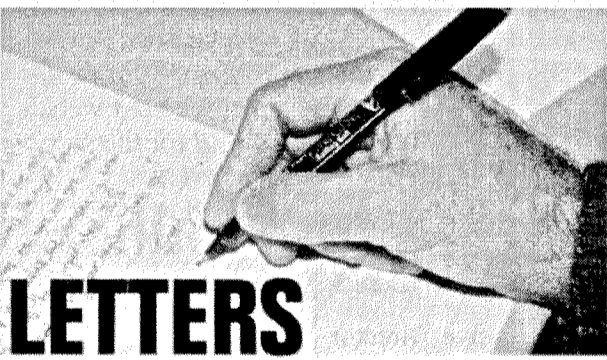
kill a little time." A few months later Ray released the song which he called, "What'd I Say." That summer (1959) the song reached number one on the Rhythm and Blues Chart and number six on the pop list. The song became his first Gold Record.

I began to be a fan in the early 60's. But he really hooked me in 1962 when he released his popular album called *Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music*. I literally played that vinyl disk so many times that it finally wore out and had to be replaced before I went to college. It included songs like: "Bye Bye Love"; "You Don't Know Me"; "Born to Lose"; "You Win Again" and my favorite, "I Can't Stop Loving You." *Rolling Stone Magazine* named the album one of the greatest of all time. The album achieved Gold status, meaning that it sold over one million copies. At that time, that was a huge number for sales of a record.

I remember taking those albums, along with my other "rock and roll" music, to UK as a student in 1962. That year Ray and his band came to Louisville, and guess who was in the 10throw? After convincing a group of my friends to accompany me we piled into my '58 Chevrolet and went to see "The Genius."

None of us were disappointed. Ray played to a packed house. When he took a break, he introduced the audience to a celebrity sitting in the front row. It was Cassius Clay - known to the world today as Muhammed Ali. I will never forget that Cassius was wearing a white sport coat and a recumbent. He turned

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Happy Birthday to Janet Vaughn...

Dear Editor,
Just wanted to use this way to say Happy Birthday (December 9th) to Ms. Janet Vaughn, one of the nicest la-

dies in the world or anywhere else.

Also, the best PVA in the country. Everyone should congratulate her.

God bless and good luck.

Bob Lunsford

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

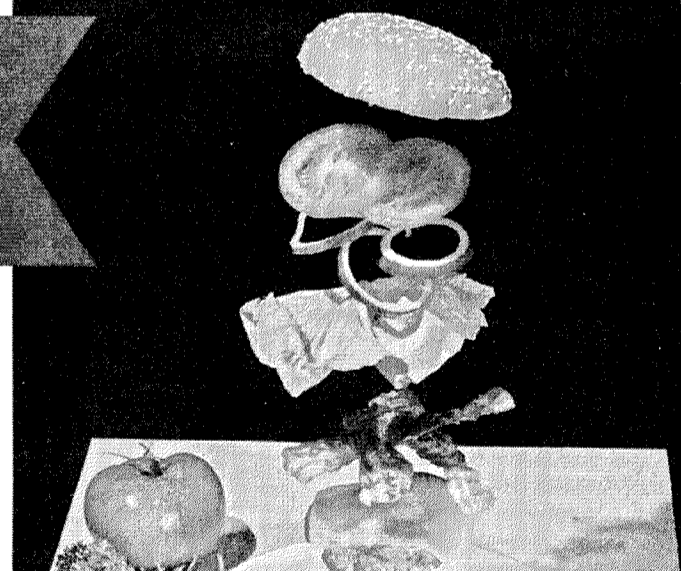
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“Memories”

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to the crowd and took a bow.

In 2003, Ray was scheduled to play at Renfro Valley in my home town of Mt. Vernon. My wife and I ordered tickets, and I was so excited to finally get to see him again. A few weeks later, we were notified that the concert was canceled because Ray was too ill to perform. He was suffering from liver failure.

Shortly before his death, Ray gathered together a group of awesome singers to join him on a duets album called Genius Loves Company. This album includes singers from a variety of musical types. They include: Norah Jones, James Taylor, Diana Krall, Elton John, Natalie Cole,

Bonnie Raitt, Willie Nelson, Michael McDonald, B.B. King, Gladys Knight, Johnny Mathis, and my personal favorite Van Morrison. This final album was released posthumously in 2004. It received several Grammy Awards, including Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

Ray died on my son's birthdate (June 11) in 2004. Shortly after his death, the biography of his life, Ray, opened in theaters across the country. Jamie Foxx received an Academy Award for Best Actor for portraying the legendary singer. As I watched this movie, tears filled my eyes because I knew that a long-time friend of mine had passed away. But his music lives on, and I have a better appreciation of it because of my life-long

admiration of his talent.

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

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

with our white hair and crows feet, talking about good memories from decades ago, both of us admitting that we just don't have the energy to play like we used to.

It was a sobering week.

I wish I knew then how I would someday look back at those days thinking they were great memories. At the time, it was just another day.

Here's hoping we can all appreciate today a little more and I hope that someday we look back at today as a wonderful memory.

Better yet, I hope I can help make this day a good memory for someone I love.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

know wouldn't hurt her and that I'd had all the approval I needed if anything did go wrong. I had absolutely no expectation that it would.

The trunk of the “spruce pine” as Uncle Stevie called it was well over a foot in diameter for the bottom 8 feet or so and it was covered with globs of resin we called pine tar. The resin was all that stood in the way of scaling the tree because climbing it was as easy as going up a ladder until I got to about 15 feet from the top and it began to sway. Reaching up as high as I could, I managed to use a bow saw and the top was soon on the ground.

When I sawed out the top 8 feet, it turned into the scraggiest Christmas Tree we had ever seen and I was covered, head to foot, hat to boots, including my best winter coat, with pine tar. I even had the stuff on my hands, face and in my hair. I soon found out that soap and water had no utility for cleaning it off anything. Visions of Uncle Remus's Tar Baby flashed through my mind and I knew I was in deep trouble.

Thank God my Mom, after getting over her mad spell, had a sense of humor. Somehow she managed to use turpentine to scrub the stuff, none too gently, off my body and had Dad siphon some gasoline from the truck, to get it off my boots and clothes. Dad said, “The next time I tell you to ask your Mom about something, you better pay attention”.

I believe I was in either 3rd or 4th grade at Blair Branch Grade School at the time and my school mates teased me about smelling like a Christmas Tree for the rest of that winter. I suppose it could have been worse.

“T.J.s”

(Cont. from A2)

in the last few days only to repeat and wear again. Anyway, you get the idea.

I think the catalyst behind all of this is not being able to go out anywhere. There is no more going out to eat with friends, no entertaining at home, no going to the movies or anywhere else for that matter. If you get involved in such things, you risk your very life in

the process. I wonder when all of the madness will end. I personally believe we're in the new normal. Welcome to the rest of our lives. It doesn't make for a very aspiring outlook for the future, does it? I sure

wish people would do as we all have been advised.

I guess the secret to all of this is being satisfied with what you do have. “This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” I have my health such as it is,

money enough to get the things we actually need, and a bit more to occasionally get something desired, a partner and friend in life to share life with, friends and family and a solid relationship with God.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Dec. 11 Deadline Approaching for USDA Program for Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by COVID-19
FSA Staff Standing by to Help

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) by Dec. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers facing market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

With over 300 eligible commodities, from livestock and row crops to specialty crops and aquaculture, most farmers and ranchers are potentially eligible for CFAP 2.

Producers have several options for applying for the CFAP 2 program by the Dec. 11 deadline. Producers can find eligible commodities, payment rates, calculations and options to apply on farmers.gov/cfap.

Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office. The call center can also provide service to non-English speaking customers. Customers will select 1 for English and 2 to speak with a Spanish speaking employee. For other languages, customers select 1 and indicate their language to the call center staff.

Additionally, farmers.gov offers a number of resources for producers interested in applying for CFAP 2, including:
Eligible Commodities Finder
Videos, including “How to Apply for CFAP 2”
Blogs, including

“Myth Debunked: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2”

A correction to the CFAP 2 rule is pending. In case a producer is affected by this correction, FSA will provide additional time to apply or edit their application.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first iteration of CFAP, now referred to as CFAP 1. Participating in CFAP 1 is not a prerequisite for participating in CFAP 2. Additionally, producers who applied for CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled in CFAP 2 and must complete a new application to be eligible for assistance.

Both CFAP 1 and CFAP 2 are self-certification programs, which means the applicant certifies the information submitted is correct. As part of the internal controls portion of CFAP 1, FSA is conducting spot checks of applications, asking producers to provide supporting documentation to verify the information on their CFAP 1 application.

Producers are being selected using a statistically sound methodology. These CFAP 1 applicants will be contacted by FSA staff and asked to provide supporting documentation to verify the information certified by the producer on their CFAP 1 application.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:
At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No cus-

tomers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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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.

DAR Meetings
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

American Legion Post 71
American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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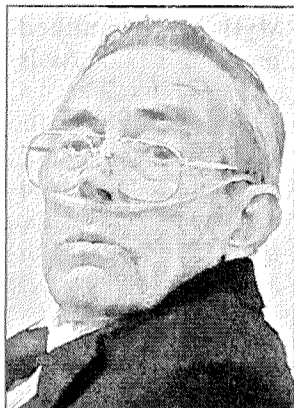
Obituaries

Joel Ray Kirby

Joel Ray Kirby, 76, of Livingston, died at his home December 5, 2020. He was born July 25, 1944 in Sandhill. He was a member of the Sand Hill Baptist Church, a retired construction worker, and he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era receiving special certification in Aircraft Electrical Repairman, and Aircraft and Missile Electrical Repair Technician.

He is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Marilyn Gail Mason Kirby; sons, Tony Mason, James and Dena Partin, and daughter, Melissa Wagers; grandchildren, Joseph Wagers, Jeremy Wagers, James Schueler, Whitney Reams, and Nathan Partin; great grandchildren, Makayla Wagers, Caden Wagers, Aaliyah Partin, and Jaxton Reams; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends to mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by: his son, Steven Ray Kirby; father, Sylvester Kirby and mother, Mollie Nicley Kirby; brothers, Coy Kirby, Cecil Faulkner, Donald Faulkner, and Bruce Faulkner; and sisters, Vivian Board, Chloe Blackburn, Wilma Thomas, Gloa Ruffin, Trilba Reynolds, and Goldie Thomas.

Private funeral services will be conducted by Bowling Funeral Home.



Margaret Lucille Stewart

Margaret Lucille Stewart, 88, of Orlando, died Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Rockcastle County, on October 31, 1932, the daughter of Roy and Lizzie Dalton Kidwell. She was a homemaker and attended Brush Creek Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her children, Jerrold and Panna of Richmond, IN, and Ray and Regina, Randy, Rob, and Sherry and Stanley, all of Orlando; a brother, Barney Dalton of Tennessee; and two sisters, Wyoma Smith of Berea and Cill Williams of Orlando. Also surviving are: nine grandchildren, Mabelle Decker Callahan, Tina Blanton, Tammy Maridan, Chrissy Stewart, Delbert Stewart, Angie Gross, Jason Stewart, Josh Stewart, and Landon Stewart; 12 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Delbert; a grandson, Jerrold, Jr.; two great grandsons, Trent and Austin; a great great grandson, Lynnox; three brothers, Floyd, Virgil, and Robert; and a sister, Mary Jane.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Griggs. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stanley Adams, Chris Decker, Delbert Stewart, Jason Stewart, Josh Stewart, and Rob Stewart.

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

Melvin Edward Denny

Melvin Edward Denny, 75, of Berea, died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at his residence. He was born November 9, 1945 in Broughtontown, to the late Newton and Lucy (Smith) Denney. He retired from the US Army and later retired from Hyster. He was a member of St. Sylvester Catholic Church and the American Legion. He loved to play cards, was an avid reader, a fan of John Wayne westerns, and a proud family man.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three daughters, Nancy Jane Fetters of Livingston, Stacy Jean Denny of Columbia, SC, and Rebecca Sue Denny of Berea; two grandchildren, Kayla Elizabeth Clay, and Zachary Edward Harrison Fetters; and one sister, Bonnie Watson of Broughtontown.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Jane Elizabeth Denny; three brothers, Ben Denney, Wilburn Denney, and John Denney; and three sisters, Flonnie Mae Godbey, Nettie Trinkle, and Okie Faye Norris.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 7, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in St. Sylvester Catholic Church Cemetery in Ottenheim, KY.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Bobby L. Bullock

Bobby L. Bullock, 79, of Eubank, died Sunday, November 29, 2020 at his residence. He was born June 20, 1941 in Brodhead, to the late Floyd R. and Eva (Payne) Bullock. Bobby proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of Ottawa Baptist Church and was a retired truck driver. He enjoyed deer hunting, gardening, and family get-togethers.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Roger Dale Bullock of Douglasville, GA, Shelley (Lester) Hopkins of Crab Orchard, and Kevin Ray Bullock of Lexington; four grandchildren, Zachary Bullock, Alexandria (Nelson) Perez, Rachel Hopkins Speer, and Lucas Hopkins; two great grandchildren, Abel Perez, and Inzo Perez; three sisters, Annalene Renner of Deer Park, OH, Reba Cash of Brodhead, and Elva (Frank) Cook of St. Louis, Missouri; and special friend, Debbie Bullock.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings, Ray Bullock, Henry Bullock, Charles Bullock, Jimmy Bullock, and Louise Renner.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 4, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Rev. Ron Renner officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Dale, Kevin, and Zachary Bullock, Lester and Lucas Hopkins, and Ray Denney. Honorary casketbearers were: Ronnie Duvall and Lester Fletcher.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hope Lodge, 1500 College Way, Lexington, KY 40502 or online at donate3.cancer.org.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Glenna Sue Spoonamore

Glenna Sue Sowder Spoonamore, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Berea on September 26, 1954, the daughter of Keith and Doris Payne Sowder. She was a retired LPN and a member of Higher Praise Ministries Church. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, her church, gardening, her cats, and chickens.

She is survived by: her children, Ronnie Spoonamore and wife Stacy of Mt. Vernon, and Crystal Spoonamore and husband Brian of Grovetown, GA; her mother, Doris Sowder of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Donnie Sowder and wife Karen of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Betty Burdette and husband Clyde of Mt. Vernon, and Joyce Hazelwood and husband Jim of Berea; five grandchildren, Blake Mullins and wife Sara, Austin Spoonamore, Andrew Spoonamore, Gracie Spoonamore, and Joseph Spoonamore, all of Mt. Vernon; and two great grandchildren, Ian Mullins and Eli Mullins, both of Mt. Vernon. Her extended family also survives, Richard Spoonamore, Sr. and wife Penny, Patricia Spoonamore Collins and husband Clifford, Pam Spoonamore McGuire and husband Lonnie, and Vickie Bradley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Spoonamore, Sr. and her father, Keith Sowder.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, 2020 at Higher Praise Church by Bro. Chris Davidson. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jim Hazelwood, Justin Hisel, Blake Mullins, Shawn Sowder, Andrew Spoonamore, and Austin Spoonamore.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Fern Caldwell

Fern Caldwell, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 7, 2020 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead.

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

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and have been entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

James M Browning

James M Browning (Jim), 64, of Garrard County and formerly of Rockcastle County, died December 3, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington in the care of Hospice. He was born on July 6, 1956 in Dayton, OH. He was the son of the late James L Browning and Barbara Hansel-Browning.

Jim had a career in the printing industry before he became a full-time farmer in 2003. He made many life-long friends in the printing industry in Ohio. He loved his farmland and was happiest when he spent time beautifying it. Jim enjoyed being outdoors and fishing. He was heartfelt about his beliefs in God, country, and the constitution. Jim loved a good political discussion and was passionate about his conservative views. He loved old television shows and movies, especially John Wayne and James Bond. Jim loved old country music songs and always had them playing on his farm truck radio with a cold "dew" in his cooler. In 2015, he was inducted into the Rockcastle County High School Football Hall of Fame. But his most important role was being a Papaw nanny to his granddaughter "Mae" as they shared a love for Kentucky basketball.

He is survived by: his wife, Janice Holbrook-Browning and two children, James Adam Browning of Cincinnati, OH and Mary Beth Browning-Hawthorne of Alabaster, AL, along with five grandchildren, Marisa Bukky, Avery, Benjamin, and Olivia Browning and Jon David Hawthorne. He is also survived by two sisters, Rebecca Browning-Sharp (Michael) of Miamisburg, OH and Carolyn Browning (Rita) of Garrard County. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Barry L Browning.

In lieu of flowers, Janice requests that gifts of gratitude be sent to the staff of the Cancer Clinic and the Infusion Center at the Cancer Center at Baptist Health Lexington.

Due to COVID19 restrictions, a graveside service for family members was held at Buffalo Springs Cemetery in Stanford on December 7, 2020 with Leonard Harrison officiating. He was laid to rest next to his parents, James and Barbara Hansel-Browning.

Honorary pallbearers were: Danny Pennington, Ron Thomas, Ronnie Aldridge Sr, Mike Dyehouse, Kenny Dyehouse, Dean Underwood, Clayton Shepherd, Dwayne Shepherd, Greg Combs, Jerry Combs, Jack Vawter, Patrick Murphy, Greg Hull, Mike Tidd, Mike Haney, Blair Fraley, Don Erwin, Randy Osborne, Mark Osborne, Tim Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Joe Clontz, and Ray Allred.

Arrangements handled by Spurlin Funeral Home in Stanford.

Card of Thanks

James Michael Smith

The family of James Michael Smith wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during this difficult time.

Rhonda, Victoria, Krystal, Jesse, Bryce, Charles, Vickie, Sherry, Anna Lee



Marsha (Riddle) Ellison, 69, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, December 4, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, in Mt. Vernon. She was born August 26, 1951 to the late Clarence and Blondell (Harp) Riddle. She married Glen Edward Ellison and had one son, Dana Glen. Marsha was a member of Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church and owned and operated Marsha's Florist in Brodhead for many years.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Glen Edward Ellison; one son, Dana Glen Ellison of Copper Creek; three grandchildren, Zachary, Sarah, and Emma; four great grandchildren, Oakley, Jace, Marva, and Jake; one brother, Ryan (Connie) Riddle of Mt. Vernon; one sister-in-law, Ruby Brock; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Services will be private.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Timothy Wayne Cottrell

Timothy Wayne Cottrell, 47, of Brodhead, died Monday, November 30, 2020. He was born November 4, 1973 to Darrell Cottrell and Margie Thomas.

He was a welder, enjoyed playing horseshoes, and basketball.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Takina Cottrell; two grandchildren, Camden and Brantlee; two brothers, Danny Thomas and Josh Thomas, both of Somerset; three sisters, Ashley (Brady) Durham of Oklahoma, Kimberly (Lance) Baldwin of Brodhead, and Billie Stokes of Somerset; his parents, Darrell (Brenda) Cottrell of Brodhead and Margie (JC) Thomas; paternal grandfather, Lester Cottrell; as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his paternal grandmother, Flossie Cromer Cottrell; and maternal grandparents, Freda and Gilbert Alexander.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery. Casketbearers were: Lance and Kimberly Baldwin, Ashley and Brady Durham, and Ernie Alexander.

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Kay (Spivey) Shelton

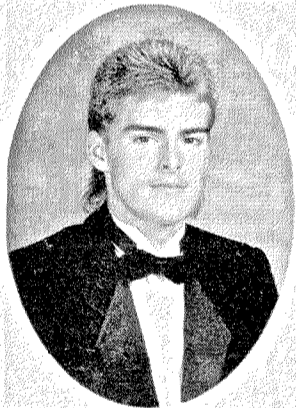
Ms. Kay (Spivey) Shelton, 75, of Crab Orchard, died Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Baptist Health Lexington. She was born August 9, 1945 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Henry and Lousie (Pospisil) Spivey. She was of the Baptist faith, enjoyed motorcycles, car shows, and bike rallies. Kay will be fondly remembered as proprietor of Brodhead Dari Delight where people passing thru Brodhead stopped for a meal or coffee, to visit, and fellowship. Kay was very civic minded - sponsoring bike rides and shows and vintage car shows. She enjoyed people, cared for others, was charitable to all in need and a friend to many.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Kevin (Tammy) Shelton and Monte (Angela) Shelton, both of Crab Orchard; four grandchildren, Logan, Lucas, Chase, and Keesha Shelton; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry and two brothers, George and Charles "Chuck" Spivey.

Services were private.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Obituaries

Geraldine "Gran" Peele

Geraldine (Brock) "Gran" Peele, 82, of Brodhead, died November 30, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was the widow of James Peele, who preceded her in death on March 23, 2008. She was born in Crab Orchard on March 16, 1938 to the late Ernest E. and Grecian (Saylor) Brock. She had worked several years for Sowders Nursing Home in Brodhead. She was a faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. She loved her family, especially her precious grand babies and enjoyed quilting.



Those left to celebrate her life are: three daughters, Teresa (Bill) Spurgeon of Stanford, and Tammy (Wilbur) Harrison and Tina Peele, both of Brodhead; step daughter, Susan (Less) Weiss of North Carolina; three granddaughters, Nicole Mullins, Ella Zielke and Heather Atkins; two sisters, Phyllis Jean (Dave) Nickell of Stanford and Sheila (Harry) Helton of Crab Orchard; and a host of great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: a step daughter, Beverly Jean Peele; and two brothers, Danny Brock and Ed Brock, Jr.

Due to current COVID-19 regulations, a private visitation and funeral service was held for the immediate family only.

Bro. James Poynter and Bro. Nathan DeLeon will officiate the funeral service.

Burial was in Mt. Zion Church of Christ Cemetery.

Edwin "Baker" Brown

Edwin "Baker" Brown, 86, of Sharonville, OH, passed away November 23, 2020 at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. He was born November 17, 1934, the son of the late Marquis and Edith (Albright) Brown.

He was the husband of the late Ruth L. (Spoonamore) Brown. Devoted father of two sons, Ed "Bruce" (Sue) Brown, Kevin (Barb) Brown and one daughter, Robin L. Brown, all of Sharonville, Ohio. He was a loving grandfather of David (Ruthanne) Brown, Lesley Napier, Jade Brown, and Kristin (Anthony) Mitchell. Great grandfather of Ethan, Kaitlin, Corbin, Weston and Charlotte. He was a dear brother to Garner (Mary Ann) Brown, Doris Jean Ramsey Brown, Lorene (Bobby) Lawrence and Raymond (Brenda) Brown.



Baker was a quiet, kind man and loved helping others, went fishing almost every day, raised a garden in his back yard. He was a faithful Christian man, was a member of the Evandale Church of Christ in Evandale, Ohio.

Funeral services were held December 2nd at the Spring Grove Funeral Home in Sharonville, Ohio with Bro. Jerff Mink officiating. Burial was in the Crown Hill Memorial Park in Sharonville.

William Frank Robinson

William Frank Robinson, 63, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at his residence. He was born June 29, 1957 in Brush Creek, to the late Frank Robinson and Alvenia Hood Robinson. He married Vickie Lynn Noe on October 17, 1975, was a member of the Crab Orchard Baptist Church, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and NASCAR racing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Vickie Lynn Robinson; three children, Rebecca Hamm of Richmond, Natasha Robinson (Sonny) of Somerset, and Frances Robinson of Crab Orchard; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Powell, James Powell, and Charlee Lynn Robinson; four brothers, Clayton (Sonya) Robinson of Mt. Vernon, Steven (Jenny) Robinson of Mt. Vernon, Kenneth Robinson of LaGrange, and Roland (Sharon) Robinson of Indianapolis, IN; five sisters, Linda Martin of Mt. Vernon, Mary Ramsey of Mt. Vernon, Ruth (Charles) Taylor of Indianapolis, IN, Donna Powell (Paul Evans) of Mt. Vernon, and Peggy (Mike) Childers of Georgetown; his mother, Alvenia Robinson; and mother-in-law, Shelby Jean Mosley Noe.



Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Hamm, Jr. "Little Poss" and his father-in-law, Gene Noe.

In accordance with current COVID recommendations, all services will be private.

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By Max Phelps
Act Now to Add Winter Interest to Your Yard

Winter finds people, just like animals, hibernating--when we can get away with it.

On weekends, and if you're lucky, during the week, you may get to see your yard, and those of your neighbors, during daylight hours. You'll find they look much different than they did before the frost and cold winds took away all the tree leaves. This is also when you realize there are actually a few homes on the block that look good in winter-time.

Let's take a look at some simple things we can do to give a little sparkle, color or brightness to our yards as the days get more short and dull.

First off, you will notice any large and well-established evergreen trees. Maybe a southern magnolia, a pine, a spruce, a hemlock, a fir, a cedar or arborvitae. Hollies, taxus, junipers, viburnum, laurels and azaleas, too. Evergreens are simple and require less maintenance, and they give four seasons of greenery rather than maybe six or eight months of it. Most yards should have an evergreen or two, even something dwarf if the space is restricted.

(Caution: remember to not plant most evergreen trees in deep shade as they will fail. I've seen nursery owners design fancy, expensive, junipers or falsecypress in shady locations...they are thinking of just making a sale when this happens.)

Success with evergreen trees and shrubbery is in their long term

Yards to Paradise

performance; they should become more beautiful and look like they belong. Spacing them for the size they will become, not the size they are when planted, is one of the keys.

In addition to evergreen trees, how else can we add some pazazz to our yards in winter? I like to suggest plants that have colorful twigs or stems, sometimes plants that retain leaves after they change colors, and a few winter blooming trees, shrubs and perennials.

A Japanese maple with the name Sango Kaku is a coral bark dwarf maple that has lovely bark in winter. The red and yellow twiggled dogwoods can be a winter-time delight. Some blueberry bushes have red or yellow limbs that are showy in winter.

Some junipers turn orange or purplish in winter instead of the green of summer. Some azaleas turn red or purple or almost black in winter. Nandina are famous for their red color in winter, and some for their berries. Winterberry holly bushes and hawthorne trees show off in winter; their red berries cling until wildlife eat them.

Sasanqua camellias are blooming at 400 Center Street in Berea, Kentucky as I write this. Hellebores will bloom much of the winter, they are ground cover plants with evergreen leaves that bloom in the snow. Witch hazel is another plant, actually a family of plants, that bloom in winter or very early spring.

Remember to plant daffodils and crocus and tulips in the fall (anytime

before the ground freezes will be OK). Those lovely harbingers of spring will show off in your yard next Spring if you hurry to plant a few bulbs soon.

Clumps of grasses, with their seed heads waving in the cold winds, and covered with snow, can be a winter-time asset to the landscape. Don't be in too big a hurry to cut the dead back, as they will look nice laden with snow this winter. And the grass and flower seeds you leave for now will save you from having to feed the birds.

I will end with some pansies or violas...they look great down into the teens, and sometimes survive winter to grow

and bloom in the spring a second time. And I like how horseradish leaves take the cold for the first half of the winter, they can give some green to the flower bed, and some tangy leaves to spice up a bowl of salad.

Perhaps you can still find time to take some action this fall for a more attractive yard throughout the seasons to come.

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What Is The Greatest Commandment?

When Christ was asked that question in *Mark 12:28*. Look at his reply in *verse 29*. The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: *verse 30* And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength: this is the first and great commandment. *Verse 31* And the second is like, namely this, thou love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

The world would be such a better place if we all could just master this simple commandment. But what Christ says in plain language, that it's not hard to understand but it seems hard for Christians to do. Why? If we could love God in this, loving our neighbour would become an easy task. This is not optional it is a commandment of God.

John 14:15 Christ says, if you Love me keep my commandments.

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Stedfast in Prayers

When the Lord built the Church, he made prayer, a very big part of the church. Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 14:15 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. From the beginning, prayer was a daily part of one's life, if he or she was a child of God? Some scholars believe Christ, during his earthly ministry, spent more time in prayer than in any other activity. It is no wonder that prayer is so important to his spiritual body, the church.

Luke says of the congregation at Jerusalem. Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfast, in the apostle's doctrine, in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. Prayer is the expression, of our personal piety, and praise and prostration before God. James links prayer to a righteous behavior, saying, In James 5:16 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Abraham Lincoln often prayed in this way, declaring, I have been driven to my knees many times because I had nowhere else to go.

Private prayers are unrehearsed outburst of praise or usually a cry for help. Psalms 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, said the Psalmist, and that all that is within me, bless his holy name. Having himself mired in sin. Psalms 51:1-2 Blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, cleanse me from my sin.

Overwhelmed by trials and temptations we find it impossible, to speak to God sometimes what we really feel, and what we really want to speak. Romans 8:26 The Holy Spirit makes intercessions on our behalf. Explaining to God what is really on our heart and in our mind, that God does really know and understand, what we really trying to say.

Jesus tells how to pray in public, Matthew 5:15 Thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are, for they love to pray to be seen of men. This is not the reason we pray in public or it never should be, we must remember even when we are praying in public we are praying to God, though men may hear us, our aim is to reach Heaven and to be heard of God.

Luke 18:10-12 Do not use vain or empty repetitions, as the Pharisees do, vain or empty, words said that do not come from the heart and they have no purpose or real meaning. There is nothing wrong with praying for the same thing. Genesis 25:21 Isaac prayed, that Rebekah his wife would soon give him a child, Isaac prayed this prayer for twenty years, finally the Lord gave Isaac twins, Esau and Jacob.

Let us be like the disciples, Lord teach us to pray. Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember to count your blessings. Remember the live stream, our services, at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, on Facebook, Sunday 10:00 A.M. Wed-7:00. Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021. Bro. Ova baker-606-878-8104

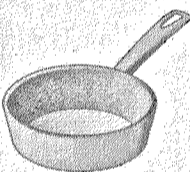
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CHEESY SHEPARD PIE

1 pound ground beef
1/2 medium onion, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/4 soup can of milk
1 can green beans, drained
1 can corn, drained
Cold mashed potatoes
3 cups shredded cheese
Preheat oven to 350°. Brown ground beef with onion, salt, and pepper to taste. Drain; mix with mushroom soup and milk. Put in casserole dish. Sprinkle green beans and corn over ground beef mixture. Spread cold leftover mashed potatoes over beef. Cover with 3 cups shredded cheese. Bake until hot and bubbly.

BOBBY'S SHEPARD PIE

1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil
1 onion, chopped
1 pound ground beef
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
1 bag (1 pound) frozen mixed vegetables
1 and 1/2 cups mashed potatoes, cold or warm
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
Preheat oven to 350°. Heat a 9-inch iron skillet on medium-high heat. Add oil. When oil is hot, add onions. Cook for about 2 minutes and add

ground beef. Cook until no pink remains. Stir in the dry onion soup mix. Remove from heat. Place frozen mixed vegetables in a 2-quart casserole dish, cover with ground beef. Spread mashed potatoes over ground beef. Bake for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese and bake 5 more minutes or until cheese melts. Serve.

SWEET POTATO SHEPARD PIE

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium yellow onion diced
1 and 1/2 pounds lean ground turkey or beef
2 tablespoon tomato paste
3 garlic cloves minced
1 cup chicken or beef broth
1 cup frozen peas with carrots
2 cups mashed sweet potatoes
Preheat the oven to 375°. Heat oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Cook onions for 3 minutes. Stir in garlic. Cook for 2 minutes. Add meat and cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until the meat is cooked through. Stir in tomato paste, and broth. Simmer for a few minutes until the liquid is reduced, stir in the peas. Spread meat mixture into a 2-quart baking dish. Spread mashed potatoes evenly on top. Bake until the potatoes are just starting to brown, about 30 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes.

Utilities unite to protect customers from scams

Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company and Old Dominion Power Company joined more than 145 fellow U.S. and Canadian utilities on November 18 for the fifth annual Utility Scam Awareness Day to raise consumer awareness on how to recognize scams and offer advice to avoid them. These efforts have become more important this year during the pandemic, as reports of scams have risen as a result.

This annual international initiative is led by Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS), a consortium of electric, water, and natural gas utilities and their respective trade associations. Through its work and with the help of customer reporting, UUAS has successfully taken out of operation nearly 9,500 toll-free numbers used by scammers against utility customers.

"Unfortunately, scammers are becoming more sophisticated and attempting to exploit an already challenging time during the pandemic," said Eileen Saunders, LG&E and KU vice president-Customer Services. "We try and do everything we can to help protect our customers. We offer year-round resources and partner with UUAS members to raise this collective attention and report known scammers, and we encourage everyone to stay vigilant and follow the advice being offered to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams."

Scammers most often resort to using intimidation tactics and may even

pull information they've found publicly available online to make themselves sound more credible. LG&E, KU and ODP advise customers to follow these SAFE tips to protect your personal information.

- Safeguard personal information: LG&E, KU and ODP will never contact you and demand credit or debit card numbers, checking account information or other personal information.

- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E, KU and ODP do not make live phone calls to demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection, and the utilities will never require using a prepaid debit/gift card or ask you to transfer money to a payment app. The utilities offer a variety of payment options, including special COVID-19-related payment plans.

- First check with LG&E, KU and ODP if you're suspicious: Customers who receive a suspicious live phone call, an email or letter should call LG&E, KU and ODP which will always verify official communications. LG&E residential customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU/ODP residential customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

- Enlist the help of law enforcement: Customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with scammers, should report it to their local police department and contact LG&E, KU and ODP.

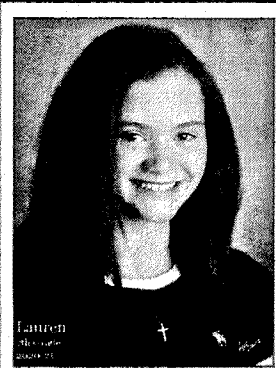
The utilities, in turn, work year-round with local law enforcement agencies investigating these types of crimes.

In-person appointments and services

LG&E, KU and ODP encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf. The utilities' employees and contractors will always carry an authentic company ID badge that shows the LG&E, KU and ODP logos, the person's name and a color photograph. During in-person visits, employees and contractors are following CDC and pandemic guidelines. The utilities practice social distancing when feasible; request customers who are sick remain at a distance; and wear additional protective equipment – such as masks, respirators, gloves and

protective suits – when needed to ensure employee and customers' safety.

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Lauren Sanders, granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, OH celebrated her 13th birthday Saturday December 5th with a sleepover with five girlfriends at her home in West Chester.

From KHEAA website

Kentucky's college planning guide now in audio file

Portions of the newest edition of "Getting In," Kentucky's college planning guide, can now be downloaded in an audio file from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) website.

"I want to ensure all Kentuckians have the information they need to make informed choices about continuing education after high school, whether they are interested in technical studies or college classes," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Many Kentucky students and their families continue to find resources like 'Getting In' helpful and having this information available in multiple formats makes it accessible to a larger population. Having an audio version will make planning for college easier for Kentucky high school students, particularly those who are visually impaired."

The audio versions include Chapter One, a guide to college admissions, and the first part of Chapter Two, which helps students and parents navigate the financial aid process.

People who access the audio version can listen to the complete chapter-long recordings or to separate sections that deal with specific topics, such as planning for college or finding financial aid.

From the Students section on kheaa.com, click on the Other Resources button, then Publications and then College Planning. From the Families section, click on Publications, then College Planning and look for Getting In: Class of 2021 (with audio).

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC). For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit advantageeducationloan.com.

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

New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, *Mount Vernon Signal's* deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

Tax tips for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the tax preparation process go more smoothly.

"One of my top priorities as governor is making higher education more accessible to everyone on Team Kentucky. Students and families paying for technical education or college after high school should take advantage of credits and deductions that can lower their tax burden," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Those credits and deductions are another way the state and federal governments help make education more affordable for Kentuckians, which is more important than ever during a year where so many families have suffered financially."

Before students file their tax return, they should discuss the situation with their parents who may be able to claim the student as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

- Tuition and fees de-

duction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. These expenses must be for college.

- Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing a return.

KHEAA is the agency that administers the state's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

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

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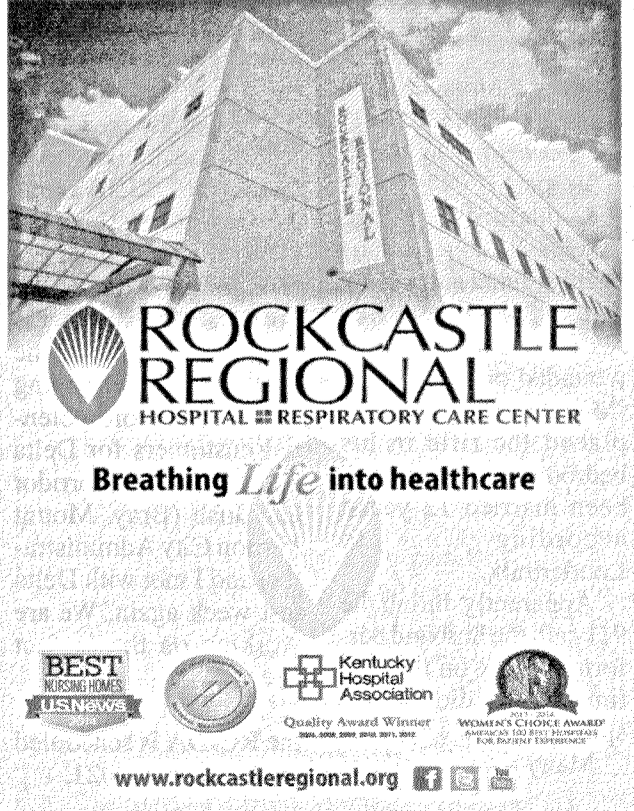
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“Henshaw”

(Continued from front) During the testimony, it was revealed that Henshaw and his stepmother had previous altercations and police had been called to the residence several times before.

Loudermilk also said Henshaw had told him he had heard voices for some time.

It was also revealed that Henshaw had admitted to using methamphetamine the day before the shooting and Loudermilk said he found a plastic baggie that appeared to have contained the drug.

“George (Henshaw II) indicated to me that none of this would have happened if he had not taken the meth,” said Loudermilk.

Testimony also indicated Henshaw had “done meth with another individual that the accused refused to identify,” said Loudermilk. “We don’t know who that person is...yet.”

Rowe asked Loudermilk to detail evidence such as blood spatter patterns, bullet holes in the wall, location of the body and other details.

Though there were two holes in the wall, Loudermilk said he believes there was only one shot from the rifle. The Detective said he believes the bullet separated from its jacket causing the two holes.

According to Loudermilk, evidence indicates Henshaw leaned around the refrigerator from the hallway, raised the rifle and shot Lois Henshaw.

Defense Attorney Long asked Loudermilk about medications and any evidence that Henshaw had previous psychological problems before this incident. Loudermilk said he was not aware of any evidence concerning the issue. Nor was he aware of any medication that had been prescribed for that purpose.

“I think he (Henshaw II) had a heart attack earlier and was on medication for that and for blood pressure,” said Loudermilk. “But I am not aware of all the uses for all the medications that he had. I am not aware of any psychological medications.”

Loudermilk testified that Henshaw had told him “this had been a long time coming,” and that “he couldn’t take it anymore,” on the night of the shooting.

According to Loudermilk, there had been four previous calls to the home due to altercations between Henshaw and his stepmother, but on this night Henshaw “did not appear to be under the influence” of any drug.

Testimony indicated Lois Henshaw had been sitting at the kitchen table when shot and George Henshaw Sr. was in the bathroom.

Loudermilk testified that the father said he heard the shot and ran out of the bathroom to find his wife Lois Henshaw wounded on the kitchen floor and his son had replaced the rifle in his bedroom. The couple had been married 12 years, according to Loudermilk.

Apparently during the 911 call, the husband performed CPR on the victim but she did not respond.

Many other details of

the evening and the investigation were explained by Loudermilk during the hearing.

Judge Lawless then ruled that there was probable cause to hold Henshaw and leave the bond at \$1 million.

Henshaw will now be held for 60 days pending his indictment by a grand jury, according to Rowe.

“Parade”

(Continued from front)

nearly 40 parade entries and I think it definitely helped generate the Christmas spirit.”

Bryant said he was happy the event was not cancelled. “It was a plus to have an event, after the city cancelling all of the other 2020 scheduled events,” he said. “Many thanks to everyone who participated in the parade this year.”

Officials at both cities said they missed the personal contact with Santa this year. “We are so sorry that Santa and Mrs. Claus could not stop and talk with the children and that we could not throw out any candy,” said Bryant. “We are hoping and praying that 2021 will be a better year for us all.”

The cold temperature and threat of rain didn’t deter those who stood on sidewalks along the parade path and officials in both cities say they believe the events were safe and well attended.

“The parades made for an enjoyable day which allowed the community to come together in a safe way to experience a sense of normalcy during this Christmas season,” said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

Officials at both parade say they were pleased with the event and thank those who participated in making the events enjoyable for the citizens of Rockcastle County.

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front)

open for business.”

VanHook also informed the board of the progress on the Farmers Market building. “As you saw in the *Mount Vernon Signal* last week, the additional funds have been approved and we expect bids to be on the street very soon,” he said.

Board member Roland Mullins asked if the market can be ready by spring so that local farmers may take advantage of the building. “I believe there is a very good possibility that it will be ready for them,” said VanHook. “The site work is basically done and we can pour the slab quickly. Putting up the structure shouldn’t take that long and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, I think we can complete the project by then.”

VanHook also discussed the DELTA Natural Gas project and detailed his continued efforts for the future of the project. “This project is on my daily agenda,” he said. “We are continuing to look for more potential customers for Delta along the US150 corridor and Josh (Bray, Mount Vernon City Administrator) and I met with Delta last week again. We are working on the project every day.”

The next meeting of the RCIDA is scheduled for January 8, 2021.

“Classes”

(Continued from front) cember 18 and teachers will continue providing daily instruction through Google classrooms as well as scheduling small, targeted group instruction several days per week as permitted.

There will be no school December 21 through January 4 due to the Christmas break.

Board members had expressed a concern that some students may be falling behind through the NTI method so Ballinger, board members and other school officials, have found another way to combat that issue.

Ballinger said students, with any sort of need that arises, will be asked to join small targeted groups that will provide one-on-one lessons between the student and a teacher. These groups will range greatly in areas of need but will include students who may be falling behind in their lessons. “We are going to do everything we can to help our students catch up if they have fallen behind,” she said.

But this is just one purpose of the target groups which will include speech therapy, mental health services and other needs.

To help prepare for a smooth transition to in-person classes in January, all Rockcastle County schools will practice the alternating day schedule beginning on January 5 if classes do indeed resume then.

Ballinger says this smaller number of students in the classroom will provide teachers with more ability to social distance all students and better manage cleaning and disinfecting classrooms. “We are encouraged by the possibility of returning to school and allowing our students to receive teacher-led instruction while keeping our students, families and staff safe and healthy,” said Ballinger. “The high school successfully implemented an A/B schedule since September and we believe all of our schools will benefit from the same schedule.”

The A/B schedule will allow in-person classes for students whose last name begins from A to L on Monday and Wednesday, and for students whose last name begins with M-Z on Tuesday and Thursday. All students will practice NTI on every Friday.

School officials say they will work closely with parents who may have students in their home who would have different last names that may be in different groups. The school system will make exceptions for those students so that an entire household may be able to attend in-person classes on the same days.

Ballinger says she and all school officials appreciate parents’ patience. “We appreciate all continued patience and flexibility as we make these adjustments to better serve our students and help keep our community safe,” she said.

Any questions concerning the new schedules or any other subject should be directed to the student’s school or by visiting the school website, Ballinger says.

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The season of giving is here and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) hope citizens will consider the purchase of a Trooper Island Camp raffle ticket as a stocking stuffer for that special gift item. The raffle is for a new 2021 Chevrolet Camaro 2SS Convertible and proceeds from the sales support the agency’s Trooper Island Camp for disadvantaged children. Coming from Don Franklin Chevrolet in Burkesville, Ky., this iconic Camaro is cloaked in a black exterior and gray, leather interior. Its equipped with 6.2 liter V8 engine and a 10-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission that can go from 0-60 in 4.3 seconds.

“Store”

(Continued from front) In fact, the business is located on an industrial development lot, according to VanHook and more businesses are planned for the area.

“This is part of that TIF District we are working on,” he said. “Once this store is up and running, we expect considerably more development, including retail businesses, in the area.”

According to VanHook the new black-topped road to the business is completed and the opening is waiting on a few finishing touches. “We believe the entire area will be developed very soon,” he said. “Once On the Rocks is open, part of the plan they submitted to the state includes more development on the site.”

KSP Spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory said he hopes the early arrival of the raffle tickets will increase sales during the holiday shopping season.

We hope that people will like the uniqueness of a gift that not only provides the opportunity to win a car but also supports Trooper Island Camp, says Gregory. Even if they don’t win the car, the recipient knows that their gift helped send a child to camp, who otherwise would not have had that opportunity.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at www.trooperisland.org or at any KSP post located throughout the state. For a limited time, people who purchase raffle tickets will receive a stocking stuffer certificate which can be placed in a stocking or a Christmas card that verifies the purchase of the gift. The certificates are available online through Dec. 18 and in-person purchase through Dec. 24.

A total of 35,000 tickets will be sold with the winning ticket to be drawn on Sunday August 29, 2021 at the Kentucky State Fair. Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win. The raffle winner is responsible for all tax and license fees. (Charitable gaming license #0000633.)

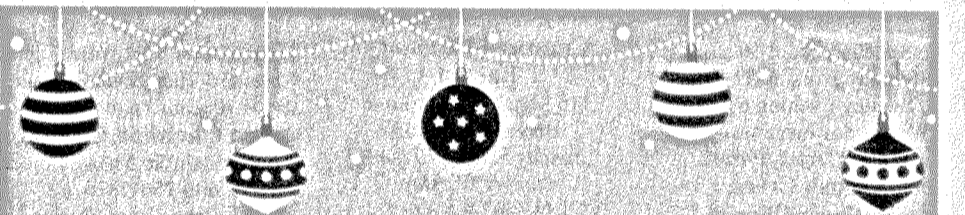
The 2021 Chevrolet Camaro features legendary looks with its black convertible top, 20 aluminum 5 spoke silver wheels and a silver rally stripe. There’s a remote engine start with heated seats and steering wheel. Inside the convertible, there’s an AM/FM infotainment system 3.0 8 CLR display with NAV, a premium audio system and SiriusXM satellite radio. Its equipped with top of the line safety features including HD digital vision rear view, rear park assist, rear cross traffic alert, lane change alert and heads-up display. A full list of features and equipment can be found on the Trooper Island website at www.trooperisland.org.

Trooper Island is a free summer camp for underprivileged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations; no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

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Rockcastle native takes top U of L Position as provost

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County native Lori Stewart Gonzales, Ph.D. has been appointed to the position of Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Louisville.

Pending approval from the University of Louisville Board of Trustees, Gonzales is expected to accept the position by April of 2021. She replaces Beth A. Boehm who had held the position since 2018.

Gonzales was previously the Vice Chancellor for Academic Faculty and Student Affairs at the University of Tennessee Health and Science Center.

The Provost reports directly to the President and serves as the university's chief academic officer. The goal of the office is to advance teaching, research and service missions at the university.

"The University of Louisville is a unique institution that combines a national reputation for teaching and research with a firm commitment to community," Gonzales told reporters after the appointment. "This is an opportunity to make a real difference both locally and globally."

The vetting committee

members say Gonzales "stood out" among those vetted for the position.

The Rockcastle County native earned her Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from the University of Kentucky and her Masters degree in Communication Disorders from Eastern Kentucky University. She earned her Doctorate from the University of Florida.

Dr. Gonzales is the daughter of the late Wayne and Ruby Stewart of Mt. Vernon.

Getting ready for the parade



Workers at fire departments across the county cleaned their fire trucks before the Christmas Parades last week. Shown here, volunteers in Brodhead washed one of the engines before line up started. See the Christmas issue of *The Mount Vernon Signal* on December 23 for pictures from the local Christmas Parades.

Local traffic stops yields 12 charges

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County 911 received a complaint Wednesday concerning a vehicle driven by 53-year-old Aashi Deacon that ended in an arrest and apparently 12 charges.

According to a uniform citation Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Tom Atkin responded to the call and observed the vehicle traveling east on US150, crossing the foglines and traveling in the oncoming traffic lane for 3/10ths of a mile.

The citation says Deacon was manifestly under the influence and "did not realize his nine-year-old son was in the vehicle's back seat."

After checking Deacon's pockets, the citation says an Adderall pill was found in a plastic container.

Sheriff Deputy Kirk Mays assisted at the scene. Deacon was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where his charges were listed as reckless driving, no

seat belt, no license in possession, no insurance card in possession, no tail lamps, no brake lights, no registration, open container, no headlamps, D.U.I., wanton endangerment and possession of a

controlled substance. However, the Sheriff uniform citation only lists wanton endangerment

and possession of controlled substance, as charges.

Deacon was held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

See our Christmas issue on December 23 for photos of the parades in Rockcastle County

Local first responders deal with two unusual accidents

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to two unusual traffic accidents Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday a pickup truck left the road on Richmond Street and struck the building formerly occupied by Subway and Godfather's Pizza. Reports say the vehicle first struck a tractor-trailer parked near the building but then travelled on to hit the build-

ing itself.

The Brodhead Fire Department Special Operations Structural Collapse Division was called to shore up the structure to prevent further damage when the truck was removed. The Mount Vernon Police Department also responded.

Officials say there were no injuries reported and the name of the driver was unknown at presstime.

On Monday, Mount Vernon first responders

were called to a single vehicle accident on South Wilderness Road US25 near Madison County after a vehicle left the roadway and travelled over a large embankment.

Officials say they found the driver of the vehicle about 50 feet away from where the car stopped.

The driver was carried up the embankment by ems workers to the ambulance and transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Farm Bureau receives 2020 Gold Star Award

Recognized for the achievements of its Women's Program this year, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau received the

2020 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Kentucky Farm Bureau. The award honors the county Women's Committee for

its active participation in Farm Bureau leadership development programs, state competitions, and educational or promotional initiatives. Carla Parsons chairs the Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization with more than 460,000 member families. For more news and updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau, visit KYFBNewsroom.com.

Farm Bureau recognized at annual meeting in Louisville

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 101st Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in

2020. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices that meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal.

Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau, was acknowledged as the award recipient by Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of KFB Insurance, and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation, during a portion of the general session on December 4.



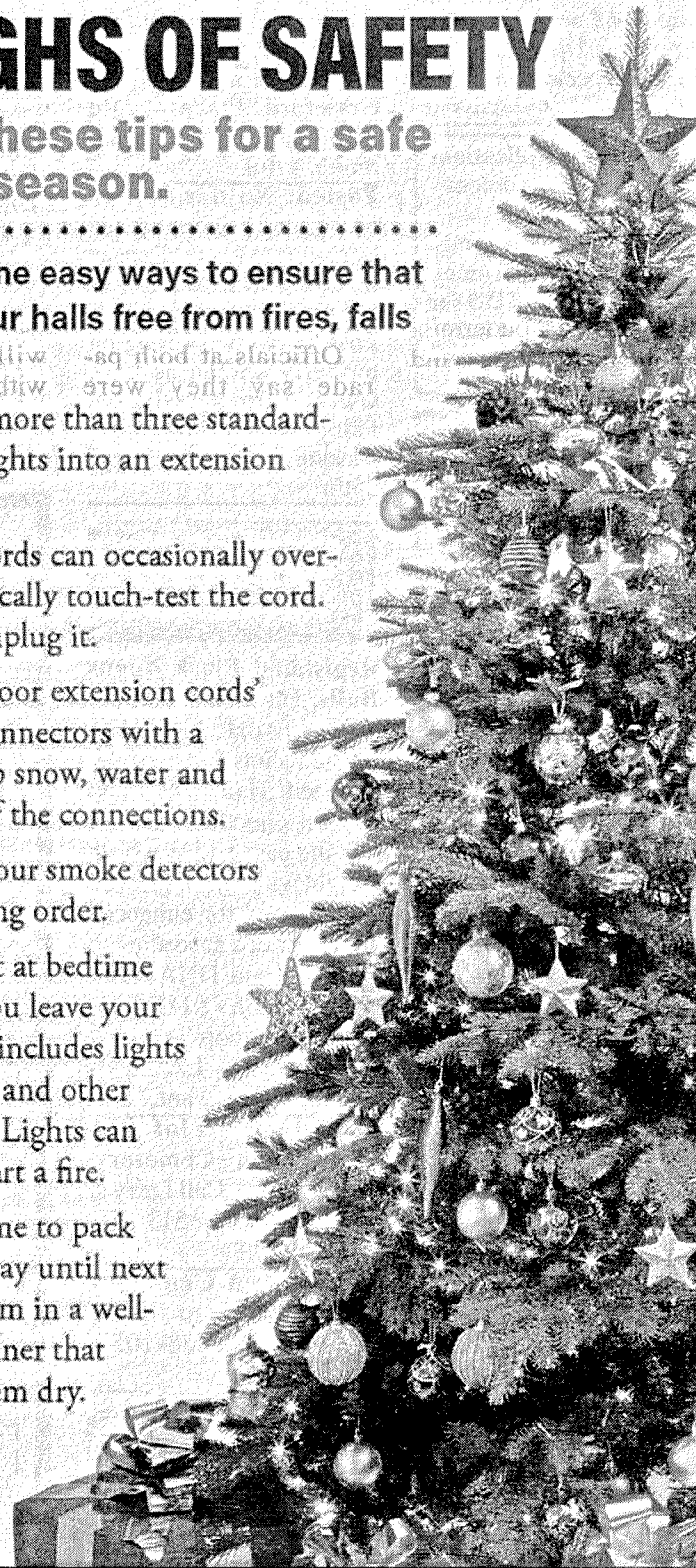
Terry Lawson

DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF SAFETY

Follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

Here are some easy ways to ensure that you deck your halls free from fires, falls and fears:

- 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.

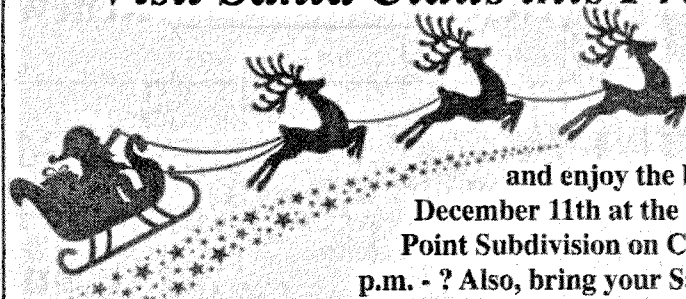


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Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

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

For Rent

Maple Street Storage of Brodhead 606-308-2491

Property For Sale

Lot for Sale in Owens Subdivision at the corner of Joyce and Liberty Streets behind library. 1-606-256-5471. 44x4p

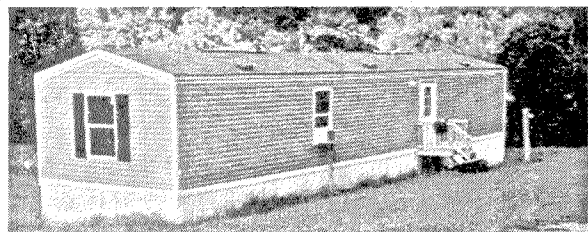
Posted

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing for any reason on property belonging to Ernest Alcorn, located off Hwy. 461 bypass at 257 Reverend Green Loop and 23 Jarber Road, formerly Old Rocky Road, without my written permission. Violators will be prosecuted. 45x3

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

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



For Sale: 2019 Clayton Mobile Home on almost one acre lot. City water at 117 Sallie's Garden, Mt. Vernon. Asking \$60,000.

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Notices

Michael Flannery, mailing address 3294 Hwy. 4215, McKee, KY 40447 hereby declares intention to apply for a NQ-4 Retail Malt Beverage Package License no later than December 30, 2020. The business to be licensed will be located at 8953 Main St., Livingston, KY 40445 doing business as Livingston Marathon. The owner principal officer is Michael Flannery, 3294 Hwy. 4215, McKee, KY 40447. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

Storage Sale Lien: Ivy Brown, 303 Minton Drive, Barbourville, Ky. 40906 VIN#IGBDC1401RZ129033. Larry or Mary Lou Campbell, 222 Collier Avenue, Jackson, Ky. 41339 VIN #1Z37L7S448751. Emery's Towing LLC, 535 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead, Ky. 40484. 46x3

Notice is given that Carolyn J. Browning, 300 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Scott Chadwick, 106 South Montgomery, Unit 108, Union, Ohio 45322 have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of David Allen Chadwick, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carolyn J. Browning and Scott Chadwick or to

Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that George Henshaw, 394 Potter Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Lois Henshaw on the 19th ay of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said George Henshaw on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 44x3

Notice is hereby given that Luke Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 and Sherri Woodall Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Dustin Matthew Linville, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Luke Linville and/or Sherri Linville or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Ellen G. Miller, 284 Houston Point Subdv., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Debra E. Fisher, 121 Colt Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been named Co-Executrixes of the Estate of Patsy R. Falin on November 23, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ellen G. Miller and/or Debra E. Fisher or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or

before May 23, 2021. 44x3

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 Decem-

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

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Perry and Amy Mink Properties, property in Rockcastle County, to Fred N. Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$5

Jeffery Keith and Janice Ingram, property at Boone, to Jeffery B. Ingram. Tax \$150

Robert B. and Willie Gaye French, property on

U.S. 25, to Judy French Jones, Nancy Carol Brinkman and Sandra Lee Whitaker. No tax

David and Julia Pigg, property near Boone, to Christopher N. Powell and Samantha Robbins. Tax \$45

Barbara A. McKnight, property in Hamm's Subdv., to Danny and Betty Jo McKinney. Tax \$140

Heather Michelle Miller, property on Flat Gap Road, to Gheorghe

and Maria Poenaru. Tax \$70

Travis and Krystal Powell, property on Paul St., to Shawn and Alexis Ross. Tax \$90

Tony and Carolyn Isaacs, property on U.S. 25, to Amanda P. Hopkins. Tax \$135

Wilson Associates, Inc., property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Jordan Stamper and Destiny LeKee Niece. Tax \$174.50

Danny and Carolyn Hinton, property in Rockcastle County, to Darren and Danetta F. Allen. Tax \$8.50

James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford, property in Rockcastle County, to Tamela A. Collinsworth Burdette. Tax \$20

District Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. KBA Lawn Service LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Harrison Emmer, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jeffrey Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rockcastle Stone Masonry

LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Peeble Jones LLC, 2018 county property taxes due. C-00312

Community Trust Bank v. Christopher B. Mullins, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Samantha Brown, complaint. C-00331

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jessica Dekorte

James P. Kidwell v.

Marjorie Lynn Woods, complaint.

Christopher Watkins v. Holly Madison Watkins, complaint.

Mid South Capital Partners LP v. Richard Hensley, et al, complaint CI-00232

Marriage Licenses

Brittany Mae Taylor, 20, Mt. Vernon, call center agent and Jacob Douglas Sizemore, 21, Mt. Vernon, HVAC wholesale. 12/2/20

Mary Louise Sparks, 66, Brodhead, retired and Bentley Glen Collins, 67, Mt. Vernon, truck driver. 12/3/20

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative Proposed Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association Settlement



I received the following information and was asked to share it with those that may benefit.

"If you grew burley tobacco in any of the 2015-2020 crop years in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri, you could get money from a proposed settlement. A partial settlement has been proposed in a legal matter concerning the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association ("the Co-op") that would result in dissolving the Co-op and payments to certain tobacco growers in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri. The payment is estimated to be \$2000-\$6000 for each eligible grower.

"The partial settlement stems from a lawsuit against the Co-op in Lexington, Kentucky, seeking, in part, the dissolution of the Co-op because of its alleged lack of any continuing purpose. You may have heard that a special meeting was called for Co-op members to vote on the Co-op's dissolution. That special meeting was postponed and, if the settlement is given final approval, will be canceled. If the partial settlement is approved, any claims you may have against the Co-op or its officers and directors will be released or limited. Details about the partial settlement and the release or limitation of claims are available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below.

"Any person or business that was a landowner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper growing burley tobacco in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, or Missouri during at least one of the 2015-2020 crop years is a member of the settlement class. After verifying your membership in the settlement class, submit a W-9 (tax i.d.) form as soon as possible, and no later than January 29, 2021. More information about getting a payment is available by calling the number or visiting the website listed below.

"You must verify that you are a member and submit a W-9 to receive a payment. If you are a member of the settlement class and the partial

settlement is approved by the Court, you will be bound by its terms even if you do not receive a payment. You should promptly check whether you are identified as a member of the settlement class by calling the number

or visiting the website listed below. If you are not (but should be) identified as a settlement class member, there is a process to have your membership verified. You should complete the verification process by January 29, 2021. Information about how you verify membership is available through the number and website listed below.

"If this partial settlement is approved, the Co-op will be dissolved and its assets will be liquidated and debts paid. The net assets that will remain are estimated to be worth as much as \$28 million. The Court will oversee the process. From the Co-op's net assets, \$1.5 million will be set aside to establish a farming related non-profit, costs relating to the administration of the settlement will be deducted, and a service award to representatives of the settlement class and attorney's fees up to 25 percent of the net assets may be awarded by the Court. The assets that remain will then be paid out equally to members of the settlement class.

"The Court will hold a hearing in this case — Haynes Properties, LLC, et al. v. Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, No. 20-CI-332, Fayette Circuit Court — on February 24, 2021, to consider whether to approve the partial settlement and award attorneys' fees and other expenses. You have the right to object to the partial settlement and may attend, with or without an attorney, at the hearing, but you are not required to attend to potentially share in the money paid out.

"For more information, call toll free 1-855-965-5569, go to www.BTGCASettlement.com, or write to 1650 Arch Street, Suite 2210, Philadelphia, PA 19103."

I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181 or by e-mail at travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

OPEN OUR SCHOOLS

If you paid property taxes in Rockcastle County, you financed the education of its most important asset: our children -- all of our children. This year, you're not getting what you paid for. In spite of the noble and admirable efforts of our teachers, "virtual classrooms" are a lot of virtual with very little classroom. The software the teachers are required to use was never designed as a substitute for in-person schooling.

The schools don't belong to the Superintendent, nor do they belong to the school board. Those people are merely custodians to whom we entrust allocation of resources. The schools belong to us.

It's time for us to take control as those to whom we entrusted the responsibility of overseeing education in our county are clearly failing.

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