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## Children receive backpacks and a better Christmas

### Thanks to Give Hope event

By: Mike French  
 Editor

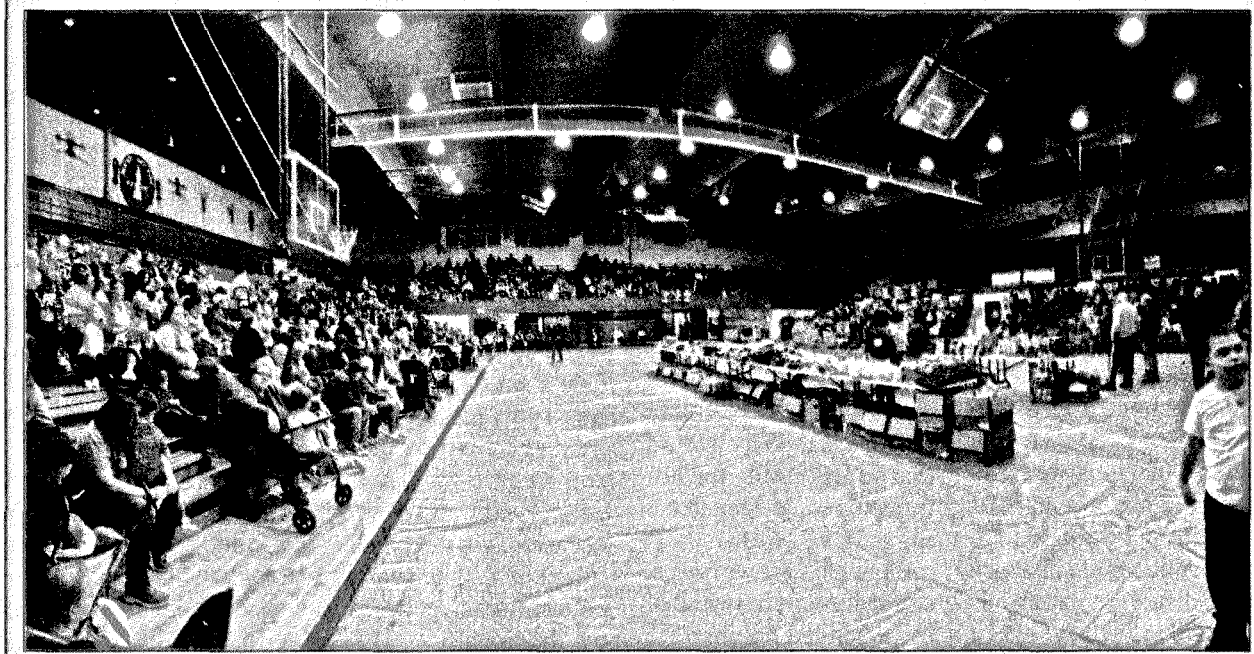
Many years ago some unknown strangers in Rockcastle County helped a local boy have a good Christmas no other reason than they wanted to help. The effort was never forgotten by that little boy and now he, with the assistance of others, is helping a lot of Rockcastle County children have a good Christmas through the Give Hope and Community Ministries program.

"My dad took me somewhere in Renfro Valley when I was just a child and Santa was there," said Randy McPherson of Mount Vernon. "We were very poor but that year I got toys and presents and food and several other things from people I didn't even know. I don't know who they were, or anything about them, but I know that I never forgot that Christmas. And I wanted to make sure I gave that kind of Christmas to other kids."

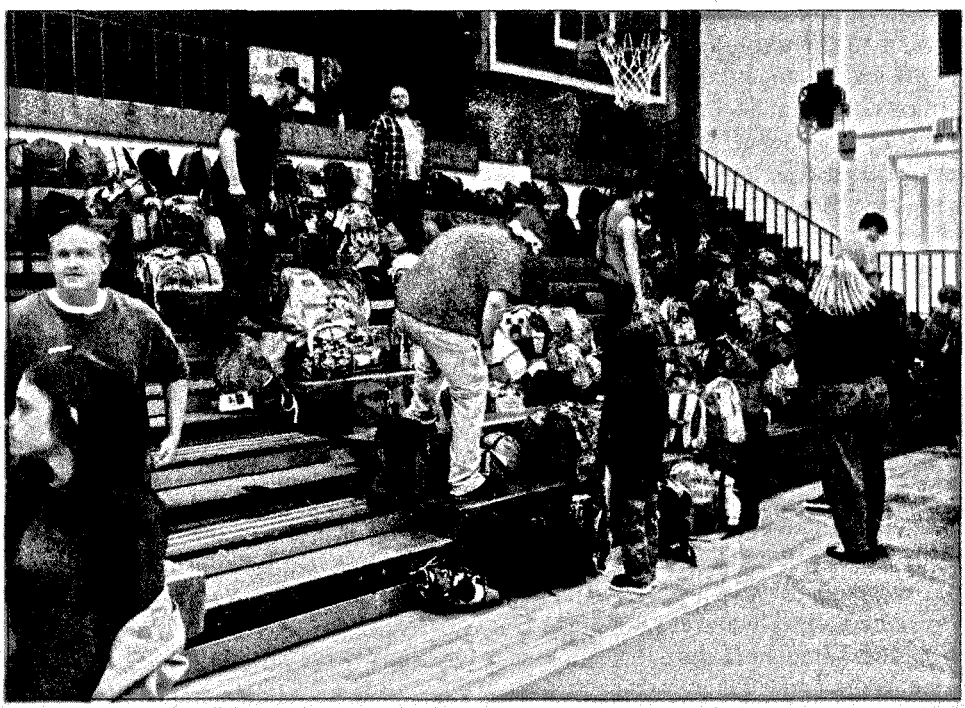
And now, with the help of Katheryn Pope, Director of Community Missions, and the Give Hope organization, as well as countless volunteers and donors, each year several hundred Rockcastle County children have a much better Christmas than they would have had.

Formerly called the "Backpack Program" the Give Hope Program gathers children's backpacks and fills each of them with toys, food items, personal items, school supplies and many other items. Through donations and countless volunteers the Rockcastle Baptist Association and Community Mission Team, fills each of the backpacks and buys warm blankets and other goods to give away at the Rockcastle County Middle School in time for Christmas. "The volunteers are amazing people," said McPherson. "People like Joe McIntosh use their own vehicles and their own gas and travel to where ever they need to go to

(See "Hope" on A5)



Children from all across Rockcastle County were treated to toys, food items, school supplies and many other personal items at the annual Give Hope event last week at RCMS. 750 backpacks were given out. Those present heard preaching and advice from organizers who then gave a backpack filled with items and a warm blanket to every child with plenty left over for other Give Hope events across the state.



### Police called to Commission meeting again

## Top two vote getters resign in Livingston

By: Mike French  
 Editor

For the second time in the past several months, police were called to the Livingston City Commission meeting Monday night, after shouting matches, chest bumping and pushing suggested physical altercations might break out immediately after the meeting.

This was current Mayor Dwane King's final meeting after he lost his bid for re-election to Larry Davidson by three votes.

There have been altercations before at the city commission meeting, causing an investigation by County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, when allegations of assault were filed. However, no charges were filed after the investigation.

Police once again arrived at Livingston City Hall Monday night after the altercations had calmed and no arrests were made.

During the meeting, before the altercations, City Clerk Amanda Thomas read a letter of resignation to those present stating "non stop drama" as one

reason for her departure. The letter states Thomas cannot work with the incoming administration and she apologized to the citizens of Livingston for

their (incoming administration's) behavior" and says she "regrets how their nonsense actions have reflected upon the City of Livingston."

Also during the meeting, Commissioner Clyde Carpenter and Leroy Lamb each submitted their resignations, though

(See "Resign" on A5)

## Bray to address jail expense as new vice-chair of LGC

By: Mike French  
 Editor

All cities and counties in Kentucky must follow government laws, on local issues, as set by the State of Kentucky. Even local ordinances and resolutions must be governed by rules, regulations and laws as set forth by the State Constitution and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. And now, those laws and regulations will be set by a committee that is now vice-chaired by Mount Vernon's own Josh Bray.

The Local Government Committee meets

every week, during the legislative session and once per month when the legislature is not in ses-

sion, to set the laws of the Commonwealth, according to Bray who was named Vice Chairman of

that committee last week.

Bray served as City Administrator in Mount Vernon for 12 years and played a part in countless projects and developments of the city during his tenure. He was elected as District 71 Kentucky State Representative in the 2020 elections, and reelected in 2022.

However, the Mount Vernon native stayed involved with his hometown by serving as a contracted financial consultant with the City of Mt. Vernon. He continued to attend city council meet-

(See "Bray" on A5)

### I-75 accidents slow traffic last week

Once again several accidents caused slower or stopped traffic on I-75 in Rockcastle County last week.

Four separate accidents kept local first responders busy during the heavy rains, but, thankfully, no injuries were reported.

Local first responders spend a portion of their time nearly every week dealing with wrecks on the interstate but this week the road was not closed and none of the accidents were fatalities, accord-

(See "Traffic" on A5)

## Brodhead Mayor leaves post in style

By: Mike French  
 Editor

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission was typical of several meetings this year and lasted only a few moments. But, after the official meeting, things was very different for commissioners, city workers, family and friends of Mayor Walter Cash.

Immediately after the

commissioners paid the monthly bills and heard typical water and sewer

and police reports, the mayor-elect and members of the City Commission were sworn in by Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and then the party started.

City Clerk Becky Bussell, and other helpers with the city, joined in saying "goodbye" to Cash after his 188th, and final, regular monthly meet-

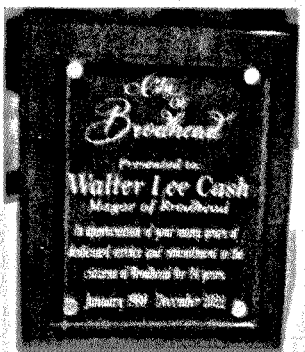
ing as mayor.

In reality, there have been a lot more than 188 meetings with Cash at the helm, including special called meetings, work sessions and other meetings that required his presence, but Cash says there have been 188 regular monthly meetings in his 24 years as mayor. "As far as I can recall, and we looked it up, I don't think I missed a single

regular meeting in 24 years," he said.

The 87 year-old became Mayor of Brodhead in 1998 and then served his community for the next 24 years. One of the longest serving mayors in Kentucky, and many believe the oldest mayor in the state, sat in the Mayor's seat for the last time Monday night.

(See "Cash" on A5)



### COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 7 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days. However, cases of the flu are abundant and health department officials recommend use of hand sanitizer, washing hands and avoiding those who are sick.

### School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 at 5 p.m., instead of the usual 6 p.m. for December making it a special called meeting. See next week's issue of the Signal for details.

### Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 13. See next week's edition of the Signal for details.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

"I've got bigger things to worry about," is a direct quote from pResident Biden when asked by a reporter if he would be visiting our southern border while on a trip to Mexico next week.

So, obviously, he doesn't consider almost six million illegal immigrants coming into our country since he took office two years ago and the daily non-stop flow across our border, which included over 16,000 crossing in a 48-hour period this past weekend, a "big thing."

It is a "big thing" and the general consensus is that it will get to be a "bigger thing" when our Title 42 policy ends next week. Personally, I don't see how it could get much bigger because it's been an unending flow since Biden took office and there seems to be no end in sight.

In case you're interested, Title 42, a Trump administration policy put into effect in March of 2020, gave the border patrol the authority to quickly send any migrant crossing illegally back to their last country of transit. It was introduced under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and became the principal vehicle for removing migrants from the border in the summer of 2020.

During last weekend's 16,000 invasion, over \$97 million in narcotics was confiscated, four firearms were found (and untelling how many weren't) with one of those stolen, three gang members and two sex offenders were apprehended, along with two murderers and there was one injury to a child.

Oh, and by the way, those 16,000 illegals, transported to our border by 20 Mexican buses, all crossed into El Paso, TX which I'm sure is no problem for El Paso at all. And, if it is, just suck it up Americans because Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, has testified before Congress that our southern border is "secure." He, and several other Biden officials, have testified that they "inherited a mess at the southern border." A "mess" to them obviously means that President Trump's Administration didn't allow illegal immigrants to cross our border by the thousands each day.

And, in another laughable moment, Mayorkas visited Ecuador's capital Quito on Dec. 7 and 8 to meet with senior government counterparts to "deepen our partnership on critical issues," two of which were combatting the movement of illegal narcotics through our hemisphere and reducing "irregular" migration. Talk

about a waste of Mayorkas' time and taxpayers' money...

SCOTUS ruled earlier this year that the Biden Administration must abide by the "Remain in Mexico" policy, put in place during Trump's administration, which meant that illegals must remain in Mexico until their asylum status for entry into the US was determined. The Biden administration blatantly disregarded the ruling as if it didn't exist.

Just in California, illegal immigration costs Californians \$23B annually. This includes medical, welfare and other services \$7.4B; education \$8.3B, Justice System \$2.7B and general government services \$4.8B, **all taxpayer money being spent on non-citizens in one state!!**

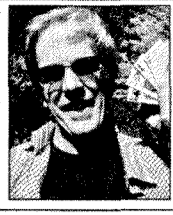
And, Democrats in the Senate are putting on a massive effort to pass an Amnesty bill, covering 11 million illegals (according to Democrat figures that have been used for years and actually bear no relation to current numbers), before the new Congress takes office in January. Republicans (a lot in name only such as our own (Lord help us) Mitch McConnell), are not mounting the offense against this blatant move to add Democrat voters to the rolls, that they should.

**The Biden Adminis-**

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



The American attitude, goals, beliefs and priorities over the past 100 years have changed. Not just a little. A LOT! In fact, such attributes are nearly reversed. Today's attitudes, goals and priorities are nearly the opposite of what they were 100 years ago in my view.

But, apparently, not all these changes are a shift in the American physic. It would appear a lot of it may actually be related to physical change. Yes, we have changed a lot as human beings.

Scientists agree the changes are not part of evolution because such large, noticeable changes would not be nearly as drastic if they were caused by evolution. According to the evolution crowd, such changes take millions of years. So, this is not the cause of our very noticeable changes in the past 100 years. No, it is something else.

We all know there are some changes in humans and that the human body adapts to environment and social changes, but that is the way humans were built from the beginning. The ability to adapt, and then adapt back, if needed, is not something that evolved. It was always there. But we are still the same humans since Adam and Eve.

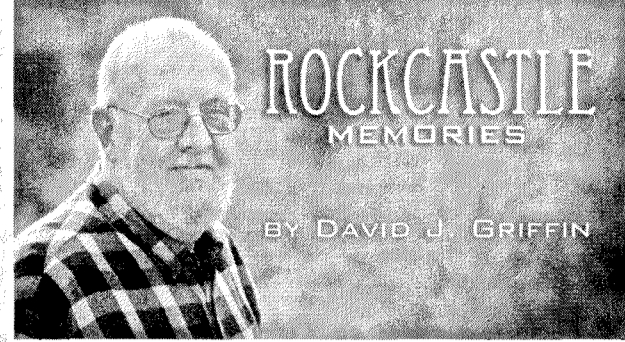
Researching the idea this weekend, I discovered some changes we are going through that make us pretty different from our great grandfather.

Did you know that people are taller now than they were 100 years ago? I am not completely convinced of that but, according to several sources I dug up this weekend, the human race is actually more than an average of an inch taller than we were in 1922. If this is true, I find that extremely fascinating. Why would that be? Possibly the homogenized, pasteurized, magnified quality of milk, which grows bones, could account for some of the extended height.

We are also about 20% heavier. I understand that statistic likely began with the invention of processed sugar and snack cakes and candy bars. As well as our financial ability to indulge in more of such fat-growing substances.

According to those who track such things, humans also have less hair. If the trend continues, someday we will forget about those who have beautiful, long white hair. Older people will simply have no hair. The studies suggest we are not losing hair more than we used to but, instead, we are simply not growing as many hairs on the human head as we used to.

The biggest change comes in testosterone. Men have less of it now. (Continued on A3)



"It's been real..."

As the kids used to say, "It's been real!" After almost two decades and nearly a thousand columns, I have come to the conclusion that I have mined my memories to the fullest extent possible. My greatest joy in writing has come from the many responses of my readers, who have in return shared their memories with me. Over the years, I have received innumerable e-mails, cards, letters, texts, and even, on occasion, gifts from faithful readers. One year, my column was recognized by the Kentucky Press Association in the "Best Column" category. I am proud of that.

Obviously, my favorite topics have included cars, rock-and-roll, cruising, childhood games, close family members, dear friends, and, last but not least, food.

I would like to thank the Anderkin family for allowing me the space in which to share my memories of living in Rockcastle County. I am proud to have my column featured in a newspaper that had its beginnings in the year 1887. Its survival is no small feat.

I also want to express my appreciation to those who assisted me in get-

ting the facts and dates as correct as possible, considering the passage of time. Those include: my brother Al and his wife, Eva (who is a wealth of information on Rockcastle families); Shirley Cox and her late husband, Bud; Martha Cox and her late husband, Jimmy; my first cousin, Patsy Cummins; and countless other friends with whom I attended Mt. Vernon High School.

And, to all of my faithful readers: I would be thrilled to hear from any of you who might take the time for one final piece of correspondence with me about this column. I encourage you to please call, write, or text me with your thoughts.

Finally, I want to thank my wife, who was the person who encouraged me to begin putting my memories into written form, even though I was concerned about my writing skills. Without her support, this column would never have occurred.

You have been a wonderful audience. I wish you all the best!

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

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**T.J.'s Journal**  
By: Tonya J. Cook



Back When Grandpa Was in the Hospital Dear Journal,

The excessive rainy coolness and a storm or so thrown in just for good measure in our weather lately reminds me of a story I heard when I was a child growing up at London. It took place back in the late 1930s or possibly early 1940s. My Grandpa Norton and the whole family lived in the little town of Clairfield, Tennessee, at that time. It is located between Jellico and Middlesboro, Kentucky on Highway 25. My grandpa was to have some rather serious surgery on his stomach and intestines. This called for a trip to the hospital in Knoxville. I don't remember which one now. I think it was called Fort something or the other. Back then when you went to the hospital, you could plan to stay for days, maybe even weeks. In his case, it was weeks. Mom and my grandma stayed there with him, taking turns watching over him and seeing that his needs were met. He had a private room and it became home away from home, so to speak. Uncle Junior

stayed with Grandpa and Grandma Price.

As the days passed, Grandpa got better and was able to eat some solid food. Grandma asked him what he would like to eat and he said that he would like some canned pears. The hospital didn't have any canned pears but Grandma was determined that he would have some canned pears. By now, it was about eleven o' clock at night. She learned that there was a small grocery about three miles away that was open all night. Grandma headed out for the store on foot. There was a steady rain falling and this being late October, the temperature was rather cool. She walked in the rain all the way there and back and even through some seedy neighborhoods, but she got the canned pears. Thankfully, she had borrowed an umbrella. She said that Grandpa surely enjoyed the pears.

Grandpa steadily improved as the days passed. Mom and Grandma began to feel safe enough to stay all night away from the hospital. They were anxious to sleep in a real bed and have home-cooked food again. There was a family friend or relative who lived there in Knoxville where they went to spend the night. This was an elderly widow lady who lived in a huge three story old Victorian-looking mansion all alone. Mom and Grandma hired a taxi to take them to their lodging quarters for the night. They arrived and were welcomed inside and after a few greetings taken to their third-floor rooms. The little widow stayed on the first floor. Mom and Grandma each were given a room. Of

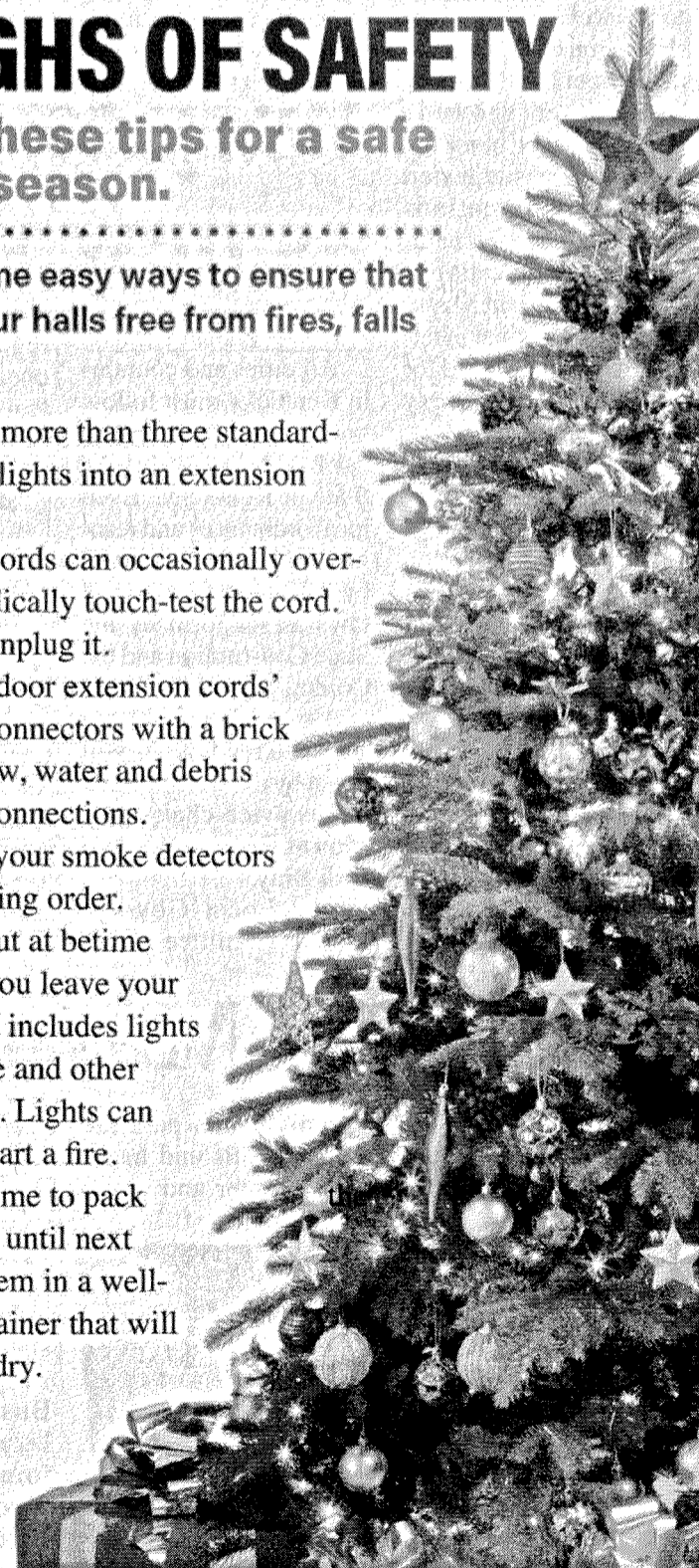
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## DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF SAFETY

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 over-heat. 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 lights away until next year, put them in a well-sealed container that will keep them dry.



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# Obituaries

## Edna Suella Branaman

Edna Suella (Sue) Bullock Branaman, 97, of Lexington, died peacefully at home on November 29, 2022. She was born June 10, 1925, in Rockcastle County, to Ernest E. and Eliza (Renner) Bullock. The oldest of 11 children, she was a caregiver from the start. She quickly learned to cook and clean, sew and mend, and keep her siblings safe, well, clothed, and fed while tending to duties on the family farm. Sue's nickname, Nanny, was one she seemed destined to have most of her life. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School, attended Berea College, and was awarded an Emergency Teaching Certificate from Eastern Kentucky University. Sue returned to Mt. Vernon and taught children in a one-room schoolhouse.



She met and married Thomas Monroe Branaman in 1946 and moved to Lexington. They established roots in their new community, later welcoming their two daughters, Cynthia and Patricia. The family joined Rosemont Baptist Church in 1953, and Sue served as a Sunday School Director and Irishtown Mission Advisory Board Member. She was an active member of Homemakers and Cardinal Hill Hospital's 'Love Your Neighbor' Club. She served as an honorary mother to many of U.K.'s international students whose families were overseas. Especially during holiday breaks, Sue welcomed students into her home, cooked warm meals, and let them know she loved them.

After her husband's death, Sue opened her heart to Daniel, her foster son, who came to Kentucky from Thailand to further his education. Daniel attended high school and then Murray State University and was instrumental in Sue being named Murray's "Parent of the Year" in 1989. She worked as a Dental Assistant for over 30 years, much of that time at the University of Kentucky's College of Dentistry. Upon retirement from dentistry, Sue selflessly became a caregiver, assisting many patients with daily activities, and becoming a trusted companion. She treated her patients with thoughtful respect, dignity, and grace as they approached the end of life. This was her calling for over two decades.

Sue championed the least, the last, and the lost, especially regarding animals, whether dog, cat, bird, chipmunk, or raccoon. She cared for animals so much, her yard was designated a National Wildlife Sanctuary. She enjoyed watching her "wildlife" through the living room window or on the back porch. To the joy of clever squirrels, birdfeeders were refilled daily. Her 3-legged cat Midnight, himself a stray she rescued, was her constant companion and fellow birdwatcher.

Sue was the ultimate hostess, with multiple sets of china and table linens. Guests were greeted with, "Are you hungry?" Meals were a creative hodgepodge of choices from different cultures. Pizza, devilled eggs, fried rice, sweet and sour chicken, macaroni, green beans, and boiled potatoes. Visitors never left empty-handed. She was happiest with needle and thread in hand, stitching intricate patterns on colorful quilts earmarked as gifts for family, friends, and those in need of warmth.

Sue loved the Lord her God with all her heart, soul, mind, and strength. She extended that love and mercy to all neighbors who crossed her path. We're sure she was welcomed to her heavenly home with the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Though she moved away from Rockcastle County as a young lady, her heart remained there the rest of her life. She would make several trips back each year to visit friends and family, check-up on their whereabouts, and get fresh tomatoes, beans, and turnips (her favorite.) She was happiest when she could reminisce with folk from Mt. Vernon about the local gossip. When travel became harder, reading the newspaper, talking on the phone, or checking Facebook posts helped her stay aware of the news.

Sue is preceded in death by: Thomas Monroe Branaman, loving husband of 32 years; sister, Nina Brown; brothers, Paul, Kermit, Jess, Hoover, and John, Ernest E. Bullock, Jr.; and sons-in-law, Sanford Peyton, and Michael Taylor. Sue is survived by: daughters Cynthia Peyton and Patricia Michalski, and foster son Daniel (Anong) Vichitbandha; grandchildren, Christopher (Laura) Taylor of Crestwood, Leigh Peyton (Andrew) Mikovch of Bowling Green, David Peyton of Morehead, Lennon Michalski of Lexington, Megan Michalski (Daniel) Collins of Lexington, Angela Vichitbandha of Raleigh, NC, and Andrew Vichitbandha also of Lexington; great grandchildren, Cameron and Colin Taylor, Katie and Emily Mikovch, Zen Michalski, Riley, Natalie, and Jack Peyton, and Dylan and Annabelle Collins; sisters, Shirley (Robert) Willoughby of Madisonville, Sylvia (Robert) Leroy of Austin, and Judith Ervin of Cincinnati; brother-in-law, Willard Brown of Cincinnati; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family is thankful for compassionate caregivers Susan Durham, and Misty Dehart, whose skills, kindness, and devotion were a great comfort during Sue's final years.

Celebration of Life Service plans will be shared once details are finalized in the new year. Kerr Brothers-Harrodsburg Road is in charge of arrangements.

## Robert Eugene McFerron

Robert Eugene McFerron, 78, of Brodhead, died Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born November 7, 1944 in Wabd, the son of the late Sylvester and Mary Helen Cromer McFerron. He was a retired mechanic, enjoyed gardening, farm animals, fishing, red birds, writing funny songs, singing for the Lord, and was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.



Survivors are: his wife, Rhonda Sowder McFerron; four daughters, Kristi Ann McFerron, Ashley Neal, Tricia Kanipe, and Amanda Ethington; three sisters, Hazel Miller, Margie Barron, and Irene Graves; 14 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Andrew, Fred, and one infant brother, Edward, and one sister, Evelyn Mink.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial will follow in Sand Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## Sharon Singleton

Sharon Ann Singleton, 77, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 5, 2022 at Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond. She was born in Los Angeles, CA on July 11, 1945, the daughter of Paul and Wilma Tippiie Mudrock. She was a retired employee of the Christian Appalachian Project.

She is survived by: her sons, Ernest William Singleton and James A. Singleton, both of Ocala, FL, Eric Daniel Singleton of Lecanto, FL, and Joseph R. Singleton of Mt. Vernon; twobrothers, Bruce Kenny of Allentown, OH and Arthur P. Kenny, III of Acworth, GA; two sisters, Nana Krueger of Wapakoneta, OH and Pat Novo of Venice, FL, and her grandchildren, Saddy Singleton, Joseph H. Singleton, Ashley Singleton, Gracie Singleton, Marley Singleton, Addie Johnson, Kevin Johnson, and Ricky Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ernest Humphrey Singleton; her step-father, Arthur P. "Art" Kenny, Jr.; two brothers, Steve Kenny and Phillip Kenny; and two grandchildren, Eric Singleton and Katelin Singleton.

Visitation services were held Tuesday evening, December 13 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Eddie Paul Noe

Eddie Paul Noe, 88, of Mt. Vernon, and husband of Audrey, died Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. He was born in Spiro on September 15, 1934, a son of the late Wilse W. and Emma Marie (Brown) Noe. He was of the Baptist faith and found great joy in riding motorcycles, farming, and fishing. On November 8, 1952, he was united in holy matrimony to Audrey Joyce Mosley, and of that union came two sons, Billy and Eddie.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 70 years, Audrey Joyce (Mosley) Noe, of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Billy Joe Noe and Rosemary of Mt. Vernon, and Eddie Ray Noe and Donna of Junction City; four grandchildren, Shana Scarberry and Justin, Shelby Redman and Dan, Renee Wilson, and Brandon Wilson; five great grandchildren, Liliana Redman, Kelvin Wilson, Taryn Penman, Ayden Hafley, and Kencie Tanner; a sister, Carol Ann White and Charlie of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene and Dean Noe.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 12, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with John McPherson officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Eddie, BJ, Donnie and Kenny Noe, Trenton White, and Jeff Craig. Honorary casketbearer was Justin Scarberry.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Card of Thanks

### Fannie McKinney Barron

The family of Fannie McKinney Barron wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to her many family and friends.

Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be of great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

## Edna Wagner Clines

Edna Sue Wagner Clines, 64, of Enigma, GA, died Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Evansville, IN. She was born on Gauley Mountain in Livingston on July 2, 1958, the daughter of Everett and Daisy Hensley Wagner.



She is survived by: her husband, Bobby Clines; her children, Timothy Clines of Mt. Vernon, Etta Sue Michelle Ruby and husband Steve of Nortonville, and Lora Dale Carter and husband Joshua of Omega, GA; four brothers, Samuel Brown of Pineville, Thomas Wagner and wife Melissa of Mt. Vernon, Delbert Wagner and wife Jenyof McKee, and Everett Wagner of Livingston; and three sisters, Mandy M. Carpenter and husband Ray of Brodhead, Gladys Carpenter and husband Johnny of Mt. Vernon, and Centena Carpenter and husband Lester. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren, Michael Clines, Zac Stone, Briana Blevins, Heaven Beth Clines, Bailey Ruby, Tyler Morris, and Bryce Ruby; and two great grandchildren, Nirvana Clines and Michael Clines. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Fannie Alice Taylor, Nadine Clark, and Beatrice Waddle.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 8, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Carpenter. Burial was in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Laurel County.

Pallbearers were: Charlie Carpenter, Jeffery Carpenter, Timothy Hensley, Zac Stone, Delbert Wagner, and Everett Wagner.

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### "Where Are Thou?"

#### Genesis 3:9

1. ARE YOU TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD? (Gen.3:9-10) And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. It is impossible to hide from God. (Psa.139:1-12) David realized that wherever he was, God was there. Whether alive or dead, whether in the highest heavens or the deepest sea, God is there.
2. ARE YOU IN THE LORD'S CHURCH? If not, you need to be. (Acts 2:47) Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
3. ARE YOU IN THE FAMILY OF GOD? Not unless you are in the church. (1Tim.3:15) But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth.
4. ARE YOU IN THE GROUP ON THE LORD'S SIDE, OR IN THE GROUP THAT IS AGAINST THE LORD? (Matt. 12:30) He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.
5. ARE YOU IN THE BROAD WAY OR THE NARROW WAY? (Matt.7:13-14) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
6. ARE YOU TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD TODAY? God outlines a simple plan through His word, so that we don't need to hide from God, but that we can be reconciled through faith and obedience through His word.
7. WE DO THIS BY HEARING THE GOSPEL TRUTH. (Rom.10:17) by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, (John 8:24) by repenting of our sins or turning from sin, (Lk.13:3) by confessing with the mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, (Matt.10:32) and then we are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins, (Acts2:38). When we do this, it puts us in the straight and narrow way.

ARE WE IN THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY?  
Thank you for reading this article We have videos to watch. On our You Tube website, CHESTNUT RIDGE CHURCH of Christ. We want to know what you think your suggestion is important to us. You can contact me at 606-224-1480 or [ovabaker@windstream.net](mailto:ovabaker@windstream.net).

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### “Bray”

(Continued from front) ings and organized the city budget for council approval.

Last week, the Speaker of the House named Bray as the Vice Chairman of the Local Government Committee, giving Bray a direct hand in creating, establishing and formatting all the laws, rules and regulations that all Kentucky counties and cities must follow.

“It was quite the honor to be selected for this position,” said Bray. “I will continue to work hard for every person in my district and throughout the state. We will move forward by listening to the people I serve.”

One of Bray’s first objectives will be to deal with the laws governing jails. “Currently, according to Kentucky law, counties are responsible for maintaining their jail. But this is killing counties across the state and I intend to focus on this problem right out of the gate,” he said.

Many county officials have hoped for a representative who will fight for this cause and, according to Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., “Having Josh working on this is the best news we’ve had in a while.”

The Rockcastle County Detention Center is one of 70 jails in Kentucky and all but three drastically drain the county budget, Holbrook said. “We have over \$1.5 million in the budget each year for our jail and something needs to be done about jails costing the counties so much of their general funds. That is money that could be used for good in the community.”

Holbrook says Bray was the best of choices for the position, in his opinion. “Josh is well versed in the matter. He knows all about the requirements involved and how much it costs to maintain a jail. We (county officials) have no say in any of it but we have to maintain the jail. That one and a half dollars every year could do a lot of good in Rockcastle County if the state would find a way to fix this issue. And if it can get done, Josh is the person to find a way.”

Bray says the commit-

tee will focus on countless issues across the state, but he will search for ways to help counties with the expense of maintaining a jail every day. “It may not happen over night but I will stay focused on finding a solution to the issue in this new position,” Bray said.

### “Traffic”

(Continued from front) ing to Mount Vernon Fire Department officials.

Though the roadway was not closed, fire department officials ask that all motorists keep an eye out for accidents and emergency vehicles and slow to a safe speed while passing such events since workers will be present on the road-sides.

First responders from the Brodhead and Livingston fire departments traveled to Pineville last week for more specialized training to stay up-to-date on the newest rescue and firefighting techniques.

### “Resign”

(Continued from front) they were the two top vote-getters in the November election.

County officials are looking into how to replace the two commissioners. According to County Clerk Danetta Ford’s office the positions will likely have to be appointments made by the mayor (King, if he chooses to do so by December 31).

Mayor elect Davidson has already given a letter to Livingston City Attorney John Hackley of Stanford, stating that his services will no longer be required, as of January 1, 2023, and reports say the Sheltovee Trace organization has sent a letter to the county terminating their relationship with the City of Livingston.

In other action, during the official meeting, the commission voted to provide the remaining \$170 needed (above the \$1,200 grant recently gained) for upgrades to a playground located beside City Hall for anyone in the community.

The commission also voted to provide \$4,120 for new flooring in the Depot Building.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

### “Hope”

(Continued from front) pick up the backpacks and supplies and bring them here to Mount Vernon so that volunteers can help each child that will come.”

McPheron said he and the volunteers consider it a privilege to help children at Christmas time. “The Lord has blessed us in so many ways and we feel so fortunate to be able to help organize this event for local children,” he said.

According to McPheron, nearly 100 local residents volunteer to help with the program each year and they all stay very busy throughout the day of the event. This year’s event was held Saturday, December 10 at RCMS. “We had gathered 936 backpacks and gave 750 of them to children in need on this one day this past Saturday.” The backpacks, blankets and other goods that remain, will be given to other churches.

The event also included church services which McPheron says was the best part of the event.

The event was visited by hundreds of families this year and McPheron expects even more next year and he says the volunteers hope to help every child that needs some help. “So many pastors and church members in Rockcastle have played a part in this and each of them want nothing except to help a child have a better Christmas and especially be warm and safe,” he said.

Anyone interested in helping with next year’s program should contact the Rockcastle County Baptist Association or the Community Mission Team in Brodhead to discuss how you too may make a childhood memory that will never be forgotten. In fact, maybe one of those children that you help, may also grow up to give thousands of toys and other items to children in need someday.

### “Cash”

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Cash was presented with a Commemorative Plaque and a firehouse, filled with friends and family, enjoyed cake and punch as they moved around the room and said their farewell to the mayor.

Cash said he has

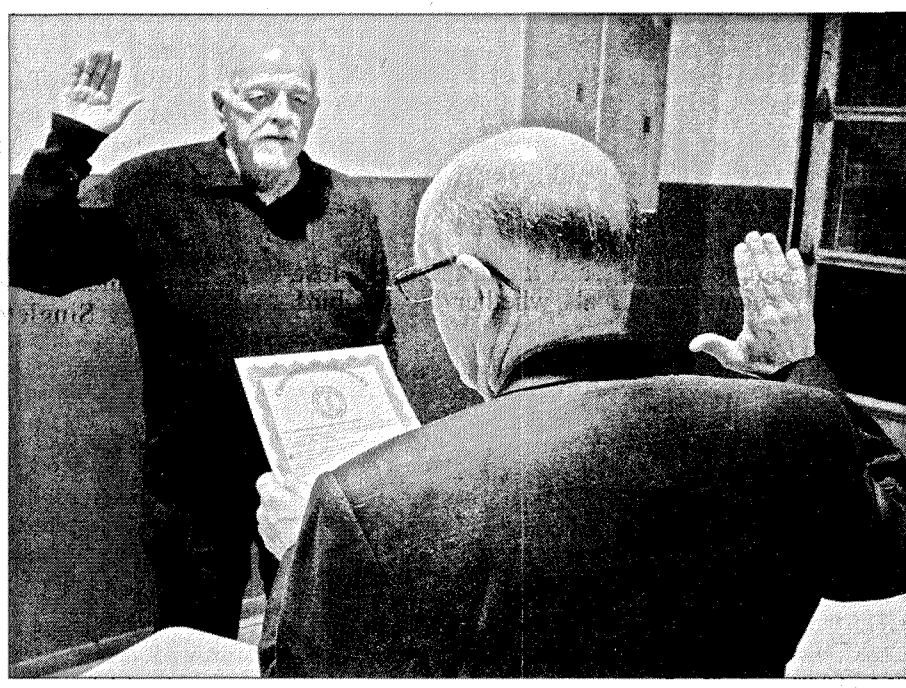
served his time with joy and he wouldn’t change any of his experiences over the past quarter century. “I appreciate this party and everyone in Brodhead for keeping me around all these years,” he said. “But I’m not going too far away. I’ll still be over the fairgrounds and I’ll be close around here every day. I think

Jerry (Adams, Mayor-elect) will do a good job and I’ll be close by if anyone needs anything.”

The 2023 Brodhead City Commission will consist of Brian Bullock, Bryanna Mullins, Harold Taylor and Teddy Rose, along with new mayor Jerry Adams.



Shown above, family and friends attended Mayor Walter Cash’s retirement party at the Brodhead Fire House after 24 years of service. Shown in center, Cash watches as newly-elected Commissioners Bryanna Mullins, Brian Bullock, Harold Taylor and Teddy Rose are sworn-in. Shown at bottom is mayor-elect Jerry Adams. All are being sworn in by Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.



### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in a December 15, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) Cost Recovery Component (“DSMRC”) charges proposed to become effective on and after January 14, 2023. Because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMRC to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the DSMRC to be effective on January 1, 2024.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
RS, RTOD-Energy, RTOD-Demand, VFD	\$ 0.00074	\$ 0.00120
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00062	\$ 0.00156
AES	\$ 0.00363	\$ 0.00849
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00079	\$ 0.00198

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

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,193	2,855,046	49.6	0.55
Residential TOD-E	1,233			0.57
Residential TOD-D	2,042			0.94
VFD	1,504			0.69
General Service	1,656	1,570,334	129.3	1.56
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	26,890	5,011,989	147.8	130.69
Power Service	31,096			37.00
TODS (Secondary)	188,237			224.00
TODP (Primary)	627,130			746.28
Retail Transmission	1,678,706			1,997.66
Fluctuating Load	All customers opted out			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	6,954			8.28

\* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU’s website at [www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory](http://www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory).

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

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or through the commission’s Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00402.

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

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**Bid online at: [www.fordbrothersinc.com](http://www.fordbrothersinc.com)**

**Bidding ends: Tuesday, December 27 at 6:00 p.m.**

The sellers have decided to retire. Therefore, they have authorized our firm to offer this business at online only auction.

This commercial block/metal building is doing business as the Mt. Vernon Laundromat & Automatic Car Wash. The building measures 51' x 51' and has a 23' x 30 1/2' addition. Amenities include large open customer area, restroom, ample counter space, 42 washers, 27 dryers, central heat & air, metal roof, covered front walkway, blacktop parking lot, KU electric, city water and sewer situated on a 0.376 acre lot next to Family Dollar.

Other amenities include 7 additional used dryers and 10 additional used washers in storage, snack vending machine, money changer, soap dispenser, coin machine and 2 outside car vacuums.

Preview: Tuesday, December 20th & 27th from 4-6 p.m.


Note: There is an easement with the adjoining property owner for access to the automatic carwash and a shared easement in the front. See attached plat for details.

Auctioneer’s Note: If you’re looking for a business venture, commercial property or simply an investment opportunity in the heart of Mt. Vernon, then be sure to attend the preview and bid online!

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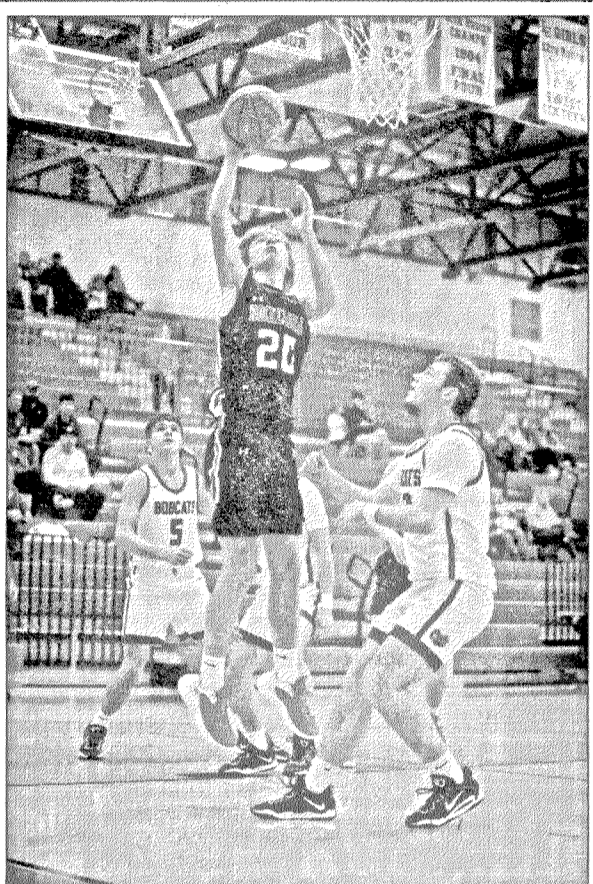
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# SPORTS



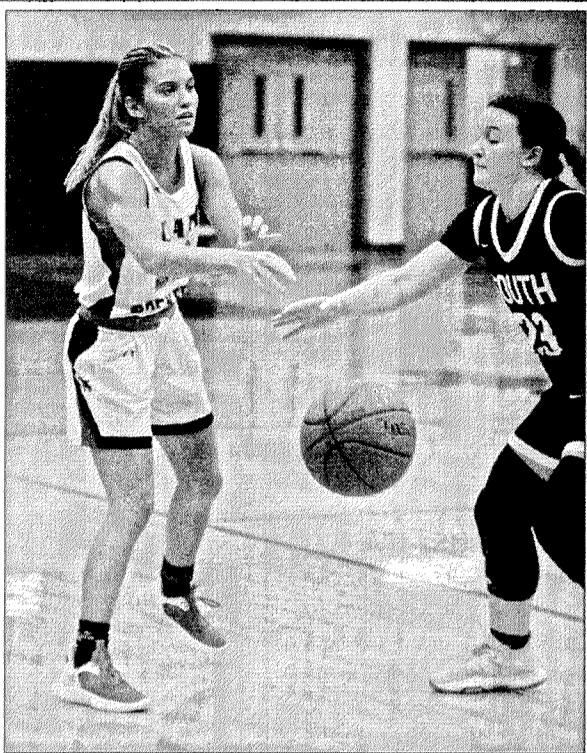
Connor Hunt goes up for two in the Rockets' win over Bell County last week. The Rockets host Casey County Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets. Tip-off is 6:30. Photo by Dylan Wilson.



Jace Rogers finishes a fast break in the Rockets' win over Bell County last week. Rogers had seven points off the bench for the Rockets. Photo by Dylan Wilson.



Broedy Dunaway drives past a screen during the Rockets' 64-55 win over Barbourville last Friday night.



Karlee Smith makes a pass in the Lady Rockets' loss to South Laurel. Smith led her team with 18 points.

Now 0-3 on season

## Lady Rockets lose to South Laurel and Somerset

The Lady Rockets are having a hard time getting it into gear this season, dropping their first three outings, with losses to South Laurel and district foe Somerset in their last two games.

The South Laurel Lady Cardinals came into town last Tuesday night, December 12th, and left with a big 83-49 win, outscoring the Lady Rockets in every quarter, except the fourth which the Rockets won 8-5.

The Rockets were down 30-14 at the first quarter stop; 49-26 at the half and 78-41 at the end of the third period.

Only two Lady Rockets were in double figures, Karlee Smith with 18 and Keelee King 13. Talynne Shearer added nine points, Haven King five and Markley Richards four. King with three and Smith with two accounted for all the three point baskets made by the Rockets while the Cardinals scored 11.

The Rockets went 6/16 from the charity stripe to 6/12 for the Lady Cardinals.

Haven and Keelee King led in rebounding for their team with five each; Camryn Cash and Talynne Shearer pulled down four each; Macy Spivey got three and Markley Richards, Sa-

vannah Santo, Karlee Smith and Abby DeLeon accounted for two each.

At Somerset Thursday night, the Lady Rockets could not hang with the Lady Briar Jumpers, losing 70-54 in their first district contest of the season.

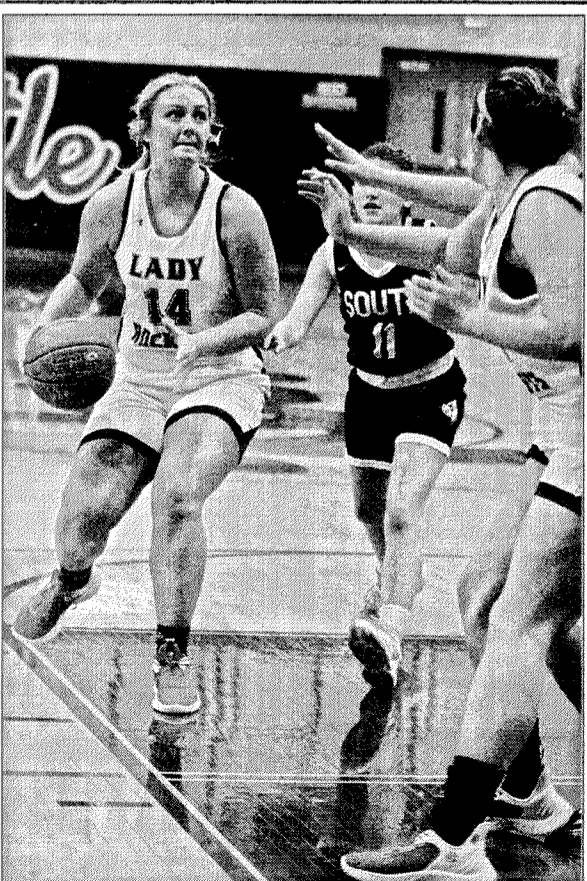
The Rockets were only down 19-16 at the end of the first quarter and 31-24 at the half but a 24-4 third quarter put them behind 55-28 at the end of that period.

Shearer led the scoring for her team with 14 points; Keelee King got 10 points, including two three point baskets; Haven King scored eight; Macy Spivey six; Karlee Smith and Abby DeLeon got four points each; Camryn Cash got one three point basket and Kiley Dunaway scored two points.

Somerset hit 10 three point baskets and made 12/20 free throws to the Rockets 1/4.

Haven King led her team in rebounding with six, followed closely by Shearer with five. Spivey, Richards and Santo each pulled down three rebounds; Keelee King and DeLeon got two each and Cash, Dunaway and Smith each got one rebound.

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Keelee King drives to the basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to South Laurel last Tuesday. King had 13 points in the loss.

## Rockets lose to Somerset and Danville; beat Barbourville 64-55

The Rockets lost a close one to district foe Somerset on the road last Thursday night 59-56.

Trenton Wilson led the scoring for his team with 15 points, getting one of the four three point baskets his team had. Skyler Durham got 13 points; Broedy Dunaway scored 12; Walker Craig six; Travis Rogers five; Maddox Parsons three and Kaden Kidwell two. Craig, Rogers and Parsons all contributed one three point basket to the game.

The team was 2/3 from the free throw line.

Skyler Durham led in rebounding for his team with seven; Craig got six; Rogers and Wilson pulled down four each; Connor Hunt got three; Kidwell and Dunaway got two each and Parsons got one.

The Rockets hosted Barbourville last Monday night and picked up their second win of the season 64-55 behind some good team shooting led by Walker with 18. Also in double figures were Rogers (who hit 9/10 free throws) and Durham with 15 and 10 points, respectively. Parsons got nine; Wilson six; Dunaway four and Kidwell three.

The Rockets hit on six of 19 three point attempts with Durham and Parsons getting two each and Craig and Dunaway, one each.

Kidwell pulled down nine rebounds for his team; Wilson got six; Dunaway and Rogers five each; Hunt and Durham three each and Craig and Parsons two apiece.

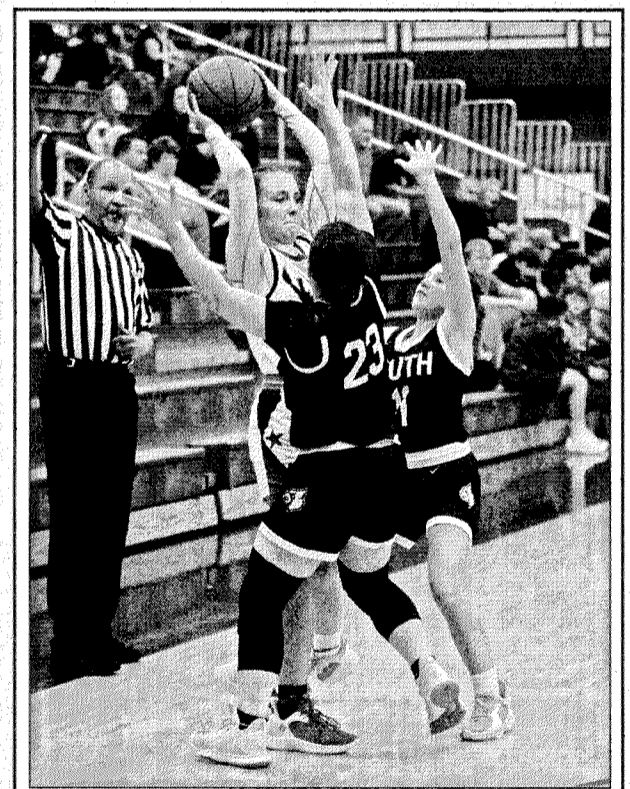
At Danville last Tuesday night, the Rockets were defeated 58-49. In spite of the loss, the Rockets had some well-rounded shooting as a team, with Craig getting 12; Wilson and Hunt 10 each; Durham five and Rogers, Parsons and Dunaway four each.

The Rockets were 4/13 in three point shooting with Wilson hitting two and Craig and Durham one each.

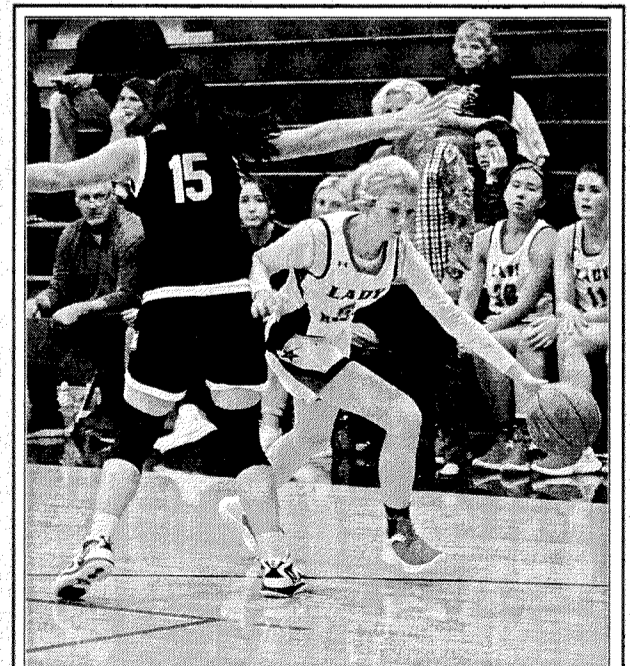
The Rockets also made 15 of 21 free throws with Hunt getting 6/8; Parsons 4/6; Craig 3/4 and Rogers 2/2.

The stat that probably hurt the Rockets the most was their poor rebounding, gathering in only 14 total. Craig, Hunt and Durham got three each with Rogers, Kidwell, Parsons, Wilson and Dunaway each getting one.

The Rockets are scheduled to host Casey County this Friday night in a district doubleheader with the Lady Rockets. From December 19-21, they will play in the Twin Lakes Holiday Classic at Clinton County and Dec. 28-30 at Mercer Co. in the Howard Carpenter Classic.

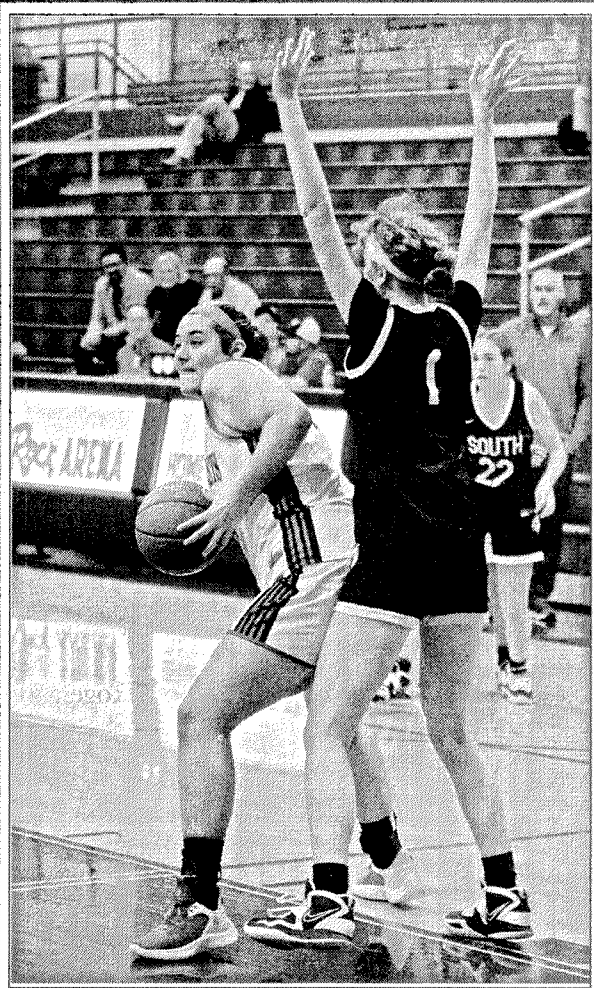


Camryn Cash looks to make a pass during the Lady Rockets' loss to South Laurel Tuesday.



Macy Spivey drives around a defender in the Lady Rockets' loss to South Laurel last Tuesday. The Lady Rockets host Casey County this Friday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets. Tip-off is 6:30 and will also be Little Rockets Night. Wear your uniform and receive free admission.

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Rylee DeLeon fights under the basket during the Lady Rocket jayvee's loss to South Laurel last Tuesday. The jayvee picked up a win over Madison Southern last week. DeLeon led her team with 12 points.

## Lady Rockets

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The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play at Boyle County Tuesday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets, host district foe Casey County on Friday night in a doubleheader with the boys and are scheduled to play a tournament at Madison Central Dec. 21st through the 23rd, to finish out the 2022 season.

### RCHS 41 (JV)

### Mad. Southern 38

The Jayvee Lady Rockets got a win last Monday night at Madison Southern, led by Abby DeLeon with 12 points and Ella McKinney with 10.

The game was close all the way, with the Rockets behind at the end of the first quarter 8-4 but ahead at halftime 19-17. A big third quarter, when DeLeon scored all of her points, gave the Rockets a 36-23 lead.

Besides DeLeon and McKinney, Brylee Mullins and Markley Richards scored four points each, Kelsey Maupin got three and Kiley Dunaway, Tessa Begley, Addison Carter and Sadie Osborne scored two points each.

### Rockets 32 (JV)

### South Laurel 44

Last Tuesday night, the Lady Jayvee Rockets

didn't fare as well as the night before, losing to the South Laurel Lady Jayvees 44-32.

None of the Lady Jayvees got into double figures in the scoring department with McKinney close with 9; DeLeon got 8; Richards and Osborne 5 each; Dunaway 3 and Mullins 2.

The Rockets were down 12-2 at the first quarter stop; 24-15 at the half and 36-23 at the end of the third period.

South Laurel hit five threes to the Rockets three and were 9/23 at the charity stripe to South Laurel's 7/30.

### Rockets 35 (Fr)

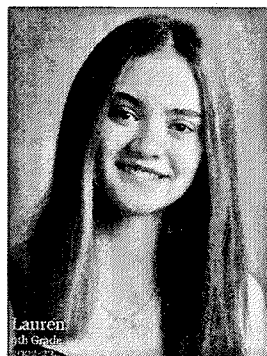
### Mad. Southern 37

The Rocket Freshman team lost a close one to Madison Southern last Monday night with Sadie Osborne hitting for 13 points and Tessa Begley getting 10.

A poor shooting third quarter, when they were outscored 17-4, spelled doom for the Rockets. The Rockets were up 10-7 at the end of the first quarter and 20-11 at halftime. But the Lady Eagles came back strong in the third quarter, outscoring the Rockets 17-4 to go ahead 28-24 and then hang on for the two point win.

Besides Osborne and Begley, McKinney got nine points, Addison Carter and Kinsley Smith got two points each and Dunaway scored a free throw.

Lauren Sanders, granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, Ohio, celebrated her 15th birthday December 5. Lauren is a 9th grade student at Lakota East School. She has a GPA of 4.125, is a member of the Junior National Honor Society and plays volleyball on the Lakota East Varsity team and with the Air City Chicks.



# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## USDA Announces Details for the Upcoming Census of Agriculture

America's farmers and ranchers will soon have the opportunity to be represented in the nation's only comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state, county and territory. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will mail the 2022 Census of Agriculture to millions of agriculture producers across the 50 states and Puerto Rico this fall.

The 2022 Census of Agriculture will be mailed in phases, starting with an invitation to respond online in November followed by paper questionnaires in December. Farm operations of all sizes, urban and rural, which produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022 are included in the ag census.

Collected in service to American agriculture since 1840 and now conducted every five years by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Census

of Agriculture tells the story and shows the value of U.S. agriculture. It highlights land use and ownership, producer characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures, among other topics. Between ag census years, NASS considers revisions to the questionnaire to document changes and emerging trends in the industry. Changes to the 2022 questionnaire include new questions about the use of precision agriculture, hemp production, hair sheep, and updates to internet access questions.

To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus) or call 800-727-9540. On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, partner tools to help spread the word about the upcoming ag census, special study information, and more. For highlights of these and the latest information on the upcoming Census of Agriculture, follow USDA NASS on twitter @usda\_nass.

Committee Meeting Date: January 4, 2023 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

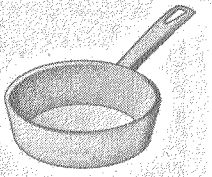
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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### GERMAN CHOCOLATE COOKIES

#### COOKIE:

1 box (15.25 ounce) German chocolate cake mix  
 1/3 cup butter (softened)  
 2 large eggs  
**COCONUT PECAN FROSTING:**  
 3 egg yolks  
 1 cup evaporated milk  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 1 cup sugar  
 1/2 cup butter  
 1 and 1/2 cups coconut flakes

#### CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE:

1/4 chocolate chips  
 Heat oven to 350°. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. In a medium sized bowl, combine cake mix, butter, and eggs. Stir together to make a thick cookie batter. Take about 1 and 1/2 tablespoons of dough and roll into a nice ball. Place 12 dough balls onto a lined cookie sheet. Bake for 7 to 8 minutes till the tops start to split and they look done. Remove from oven and allow to cool completely. In a medium sized saucepan, beat together egg yolks, evaporated milk, and vanilla until well combined. Add in the sugar and butter and heat over the stove top on medium high heat for about 15 minutes. Stir constantly for the last 10 minutes or so once mix-

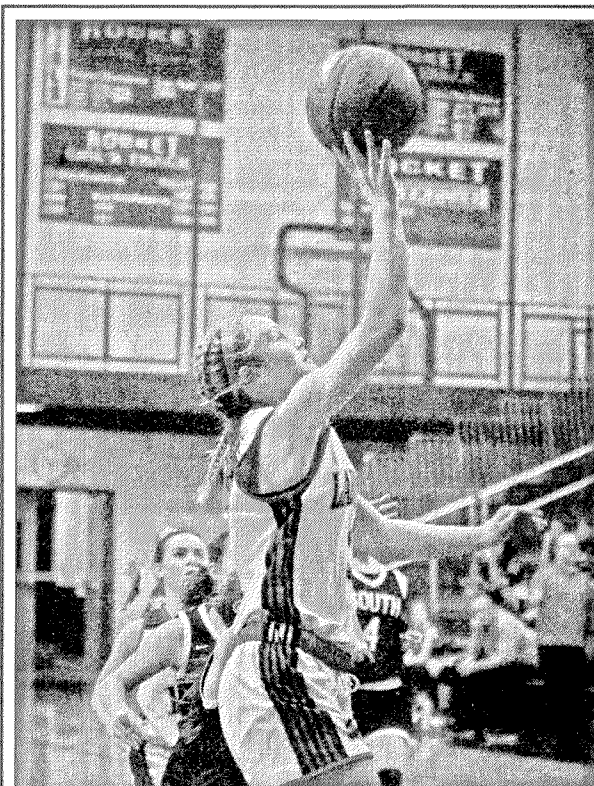
ture is boiling. Stir in coconut and pecans. Allow to cool for about 5 minutes before spreading some on top of each cookie. Allow to cool completely. Melt chocolate chips in a small bowl in the microwave in 30 second increments, stirring after each, till smooth. Drizzle the chocolate over the top in a zig zag pattern. Allow chocolate to harden and enjoy.

### STRAWBERRY COOKIES

1 box (15.25 ounce) strawberry cake mix  
 2 eggs  
 1/3 cup melted butter  
 1 and 1/2 cups white chocolate chips  
 Preheat oven to 350°. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Combine cake mix and eggs in a medium mixing bowl. Add melted butter. Mix well. Add in white chocolate chips and stir by hand to combine. Use a medium 1/2 tablespoon cookie scoop to measure out dough and place on the cookie sheet. Top with a few more chocolate chips if you'd like. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Once they're done, remove from oven and let them rest for another 3 to 5 minutes on the hot cookie sheet. Transfer to baking racks to cool completely. Enjoy



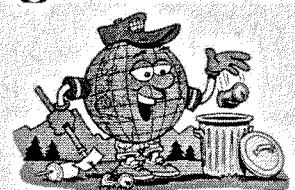
Markley Richards plays some tough defense during Lady Rocket jayvee action against South Laurel last Tuesday.



Ella McKinney goes for two in the Lady Rocket jayvee's loss to South Laurel last week. McKinney led her team with nine points.

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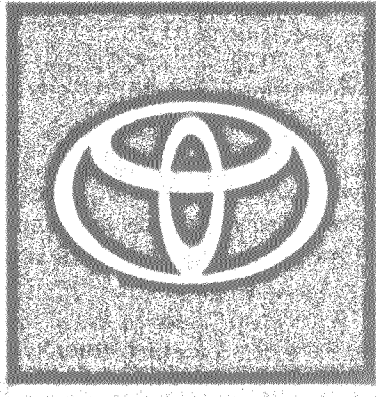
Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at  
 606-256-1902 for further details



Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR was host to the Kentucky Society fourth district meeting. The meeting was held at Bible Baptist Church having 10 of 15 chapters of the district represented. Guest speakers were fourth district director, Karen Adams and KSDAR State Vice Regent, Julia Hood.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 15, 2022

## RCIDA deals with reports and hears from director

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle Industrial Development Authority held a special called meeting last week since the time of the regular meeting was changed this month.

Chairman Corey Craig asked that the December budget be updated to show the RCIDA Executive Director's payroll to be included. The fiscal court voted last month to move the director's salary from the county payroll to the RCIDA payroll and to provide the same funds to the RCIDA but in the form of program support instead of salary.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Jeff VanHook presented the director's report, which included several projects underway currently, including a report on the Lincoln County gas tap project.

Craig then gave an overview of some of the accomplishments that have been achieved in the past few years, under the leadership of Executive Director Jeff VanHook. Craig mentioned the gas tap coming to the county, Chapin Industries buying the old Anchor Building, the new Farmers Market, the Livingston real estate development, two CDBG grants and more, including countless possibilities that Craig said have become possible due to

those successes.

Craig also said it is once again time for VanHook's annual evaluation. He recommended establishing an Economic Director Performance committee for the evalu-

ation and to make a recommendation for a wage increase for Vanhook at the next RCIDA meeting. The committee will include Steven Eversole, David King, John Ford and Craig.

## REAL ID deadline extended to 2025

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to a press release from the DHS (Department of Homeland Security) the deadline to get your REAL ID has been extended by two years to May 7, 2025.

The new form of identification is required after the passage of the REAL ID Act.

Following the deadline for all citizens who wish to travel on any airlines or enter some designated government facilities, the new REAL ID will be required for entrance past any checkpoint.

The release says the extension is due to delays caused by COVID and backlogs created by the pandemic. Security standards for the new ID include anti-counterfeiting technology and prevention of insider fraud to ensure a person is who they claim to be.

Under the new regulations, beginning May 7, 2025, every traveler 18 or older will need a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card, a state

issued enhanced driver's license (EDL) or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints.

The EDL is not available in Kentucky and is only provided in five states throughout the country.

For more information on REAL IDs or to get the paperwork required for the ID, visit

[dhs.gov/real-id](https://dhs.gov/real-id).

## Anchored Haven Design



Anchored Haven Design is now open for business and owner Leslie Howard of Brodhead, invites everyone to stop by the shop. The new business offers countless items lining the wall of the building, located at 20 South Main Street in Brodhead. Howard, a past Miss Bittersweet winner, and her mother and avid supporter Deanna Burdette, will be happy to show you the sublimation, tumblers, tees, stickers, banners, signage, logos, digitals and more. The business will be open Tuesday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A grand opening is planned for Friday, December 16.

## Dangers follow holiday season

By: Mike French  
Editor

Though the Christmas season is filled with joy and happiness for many, it is also filled with additional dangers. During the Christmas season, burglaries and robberies increase nationwide. Scam phone calls and con artists steal millions of dollars each year from the elderly and over a billion dollars per year through shoplifting, according to Business Insider reports.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Depart-

ment warns residents to keep their vehicle locked at all times and to park in well-lit areas close to their home. Citizens should also never leave gifts unattended inside a car. Sheriff Shannon Franklin said visible packages inside a car is an invitation to thieves.

More burglaries are also reported during the holiday season. Police say all residents must remain vigilant and keep security cameras in working order and be certain the home is locked.

Other dangers come through holiday decorations which cause fires or electrical damage.

Warnings from Jackson Energy say Christmas lights can be dangerous, unless residents follow guidelines. Those guidelines include never plugging

more than three standard size sets of lights into an extension cord and to elevate outdoor lighting to keep snow, ice and water out of the connections. Jackson Energy officials also recommend turning all holiday lights off when you leave home or go to bed.

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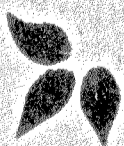
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## Posted

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 12/22

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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Notice is hereby given that Vicki Lynn Webb, 70 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Carl Robbins, deceased, on the 5th day of December, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vicki Lynn Webb or Hon. William Leger, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. 44x3

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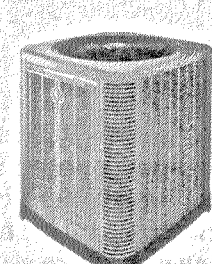
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 Matthew J. and Holly L. Bryant, property in Chestnut Hills Subdv., to Earnest Dean and Kathy Riley Tackett. Tax \$10  
 Stephanie Mills, property in Rockcastle County, to Barbara Miller. Tax \$2.50  
 Stephen Phelps, property in Frith Subdv., to Lynn and Roger Huffman. Tax \$140  
 Thressel Owens and

Mava J. Stamper, property in Evergreen Estates Subdv., to Byron and Lisa Mason. Tax \$210  
 Rodney Cameron, property in C.L. "Lafe" Owens Subdv., to Troy A. and Jackie Mahaffey. Tax \$70  
 Wesley Williams, property in Rockcastle county, to Richard and Latonia Tillery. Tax \$7.50  
 Robert Wayne and Normagena Carpenter, property in Rockcastle County, to Ryan Carpenter. Tax \$3.50  
 Dallas and ruby Brock, property on Copper Creek Road, to Rita Michele Miller. Tax \$12

## Marriage Licenses

Rachell Lee Richardson, 38, Berea, Hyster, and Mark Travis Laswell, 46, Mt. Vernon, drywall. 12/9/22

## District Court

Dec. 5, 2022  
 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless  
 Donald W. Crouch: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 15 days in jail/costs waived.  
 David Andrew Robbins: failure of owner to maintain req.

insurance/security, five days in jail/costs waived.  
 Elmer Dale Barnett: criminal mischief, sentencing order entered.  
 Speeding: Theresa H. Breitenstein, \$50 fine/suspended on completion of state traffic school and payment of costs by 2/22/23; Sonya Rena Hammonds, \$30 fine plus costs; George Thomas Cooper, paid; Jose L. Delgado, Jr, \$5 fine plus costs; Joshua Hurley, Don Michael James, Graham Edward Robinson, Megan Grace Sullivan, license suspended for fta.  
 Ruth V. Harrison: improperly on left side of rod, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, disregarding stop sign, bw issued for fta.  
 Shawn Lee Harville: driving on DUI suspended license, \$100 fine plus costs.  
 Tammy Jo Hensley: fines/fees/restitution due

(\$92.50), bw issued for fta.  
 Darrell Lawson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.  
 Donna B. Mahaffey: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, license suspended for fta.  
 Justice Masters: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.  
 James Miller: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.  
 Joseph Derik Miller: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.  
 Bruce Morris: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.  
 Billy Robinson: failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$50 fine plus costs.  
 Jordan M. Carpenter: no tail lamps, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, bench war-

rant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).  
 Jeffery Todd Click: possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended and four other charges, bw issued for fta.  
 James Albert Fox: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, court notice sent for 2/6/23.  
 Gayla Leann Frith-Goforth: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.  
 Darren Lee Watkins: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended on condition.  
 Shannon Lee York: no/expired registration plates -receipt, failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.  
 Dwayne Thomas Chippis: disregarding traffic control device, license suspended for fta.



The Mount Vernon Lions Club recently had guest speaker Sherry Barnett from Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) in Renfro Valley. Barnett is the community coordinator and the director manager of Grateful Breads, a non profit organization feeding the hungry in Rockcastle County. The amazing work that they do is based on donations. Anyone wanting to give can contact Grateful Breads in Renfro Valley. Donations are appreciated. Pictured above, Barnett is accepting a check on behalf of Grateful Breads from Rose Brown, Vice President of the Mt Vernon Lions Club.



Mt. Vernon Lions Club members Patsy McFalls, Sandy Dowell, Judith Smith and Rose Brown shopped for Christmas gifts for Rockcastle elementary school students.

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### ACROSS

- It's got you covered
- Come in second
- Beef dish
- Like some testimony
- Bearing a heavy load
- Appeared
- "Believe you me"
- Like Santa Claus
- Coffee shop freebie
- It has the support of runners
- Become unhinged
- 76ers' org.
- Angler's need
- Banjo's cousin
- Rope-a-dope boxer
- An Oxford college
- Mississippi feeder
- Be ruthless in combat
- Kind of rug
- Play a set with the band
- Ball holder
- Filmed, in Hollywood slang
- Grown-up grigs
- Billboard displays
- Poetry on a grand theme
- Some reddish deer
- Name on a ballot
- Doctrine
- Become the focus of attention
- Pack \_\_\_ (give up)
- Maternal relative
- "Once \_\_\_ a time ..."
- Dickinson or Frost, e.g.
- Light lunch
- Mole, to a gardener

### DOWN

- "\_\_\_ Jail" (Monopoly directive)
- Burnoose wearer
- Yard neatener's tool
- "God \_\_\_ America"
- Work at, as a trade
- Congress makes it
- Public scenes
- "It's two, two, two mints in one"
- Bad thing to give away
- Zodiac creature
- Weight not counted in pricing
- VIP of UAE
- "Slippery when \_\_\_"
- Carnegie \_\_\_ University
- German "Mrs."
- Continental cash
- Doesn't exactly flow
- Birth-based
- Trumpet noise
- "American Idol" contestant Clay
- Chill-inducing
- Sweater letter
- Broadcasted
- Valentine's Day gift
- Soda-bottle size
- Nonowner's property right
- Cylindrical structure
- Commencements
- Very impressive
- Charitable organizations
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- Play matchmaker to
- Belgium-based gp.
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