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## Covid cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County now has 542 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 204 probable cases. Seven deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus.

## 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. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details

## Livingston Parade

Don't forget the Livingston Christmas Parade is planned for Saturday, December 19 at 5 p.m. Officials say Santa is expected and children may visit with the jolly old elf. However, masks requirements must be observed.

## Still no In-Person classes

The latest mandates from Governor Andy Beshear this week, may delay in-person classes even longer than expected. In-person classes were scheduled to restart on January 5 but the latest mandate may delay such classes to later in January. The school superintendent is in meetings this week to determine how to proceed. Go to [rockcastle.kyschools.us](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us) to see the latest decisions.

## Annual Give Hope



Shown above volunteers handed out Christmas-filled backpacks to children in Rockcastle County during the annual Give Hope event Saturday, December 12 and sponsored by the Rockcastle Association of KY Baptists. Over 450 cars with an estimated 1,300 to 1,500 residents attended the event. Shown below, Randy McPherson, a Rockcastle County Associational Missions Strategist, presented the Christmas Story and a Gospel message to all those present. Officials say over 1,000 backpacks, and a truckload of toys, blankets and more were given away.



## New commissioners seem ready to take the reins

"I truly want to thank you for your service. I hope there are no hard feelings and I just want what is best for the city

of Brodhead," said top vote getter and newly elected Brodhead City Commissioner Harold Taylor. Taylor, Teddy Rose and Jerry Adams, all

newly-elected members of the commission, sat in and participated in Monday's regular monthly Brodhead City Commission meeting. This was the last meeting

as commission members for John Burton, Dallas Todd and Ricky Kirby, who hasn't attended a meeting since the November election. Earlier in the meeting,

Taylor strongly disagreed with the new "Golf Cart Ordinance" that was passed Monday night. "I know I am not sworn in as a commissioner yet, but I am asking you to hold off on passing this ordinance," said Taylor. "I have a lot of questions about this ordinance and I'd like the chance to look

## Livingston Christmas Parade is this Saturday

The City of Livingston's Christmas Parade is this Saturday at 6 p.m. (line-up at 5 p.m.)

and, at the city commission's regular meeting Tuesday night, Mayor Dwane King told

the commissioners that everything was arranged for the parade and for the arrival of Santa. King said there would be candy thrown to children during the parade but that it would be in bags

and that anyone distributing the candy would be wearing gloves. He also said that there had been plenty of toys collected for the children for after the parade when Santa will be available in

the depot building. The

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## Fiscal court holds regular meeting

With a short agenda, the Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting last week with increased

mask and social distancing requirements. The meeting began with a closed session which is provided for in KRS 61.815. The results

## Local indictments

Ten people were named in eight indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, December 11th.

Indicted, and their offense/s were: Arturo Bryan Perez, 27, no known address, was indicted for the Sep-

## Higher Praise Ministry to hold Christmas Giveaway

Higher Praise Ministry will hold a *Gracious Giving Giveaway* on Saturday, December 19th on Main St. in Mt. Vernon, at the former location of Brenda's Collectibles (old McBee Dept. Store) beginning at 12 noon. The giveaway will include clothing and toys for children (while supplies last). Entrance will be limited to one adult per household, due to social distancing, and masks will be required. Everyone should bring their own bags. Donations of toys and clothing will also be accepted that day.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

The older you get the more you realize that our time on earth is actually short and goes by so quickly that maybe we should have stopped and smelled the roses a little more often so as to have experienced it a little more fully.

All that was to say that I lost a really good friend last week. I met Bob Faulkner, a native of Livingston, a resident of Ohio, in 2017 when he came into the office to deed some of his property in the county to his daughter.

We became good friends and had many great visits/trips together for almost two years. Bob became ill last year and took up residence in an assisted living facility in Ohio where he was doing well, although he missed being able to come and go as he pleased. In November, he contracted COVID and then pneumonia and, even though he recovered from both of those and was scheduled to begin rehab this week, he slipped away unexpectedly last Thursday.

Bob was a friendly, kind man and a great companion. He owned and operated an optical business in Ohio for 35 years and then he and his wife retired to Florida for several years before returning to Ohio about 10 years ago. During that time, he loved nothing better than to often visit Livingston for various events and to see friends there from his childhood.

The loss of a good friend is hard anytime but especially as you get older and finally realize that the chance of your living forever are zero to none. Goodbye, Bob, you will be missed.

You thought I was going to finally write a column that didn't bemoan the current state of politics in our country didn't you? But, even though I

hate to beat a dead horse, I am going to once again reiterate my firm belief that we have witnessed the most blatant theft of an election that has even been seen, except in third world countries which have no respect for law and order at all.

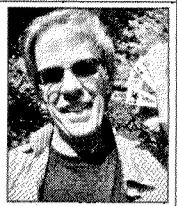
There is simply too much evidence, in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Michigan especially that President Trump was denied a second term solely due to organized chicanery on the part of Democrat election officials (and actually Republican officials also in Georgia).

When you have hundreds of thousands more absentee votes cast than actual absentee ballots mailed, 663 votes cast in a precinct in Georgia where there are only six registered voters and only three of them actually voted, thousands of people voting who were well over a hundred years of age (125 in at least one instance), felons voting by the thousands, along with teenagers not even legally old enough to vote, it's mind boggling

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



In my opinion it is not in any way the fault of the local school board or Superintendent that our children are behind in learning.

It is indeed a massive shame and if I had a child in school, I too would be hot under the collar right now. And, yes, I would become active in trying to fix it.

But you can't fix a problem by blaming those who had nothing to do with it.

If you live in Rockcastle County, and your child is behind in his school work, it is no one's fault except Governor Andy Beshear's.

I attended every meeting and I listened to every school board member and the superintendent express their disgust at having to keep our kids out of school.

They did not want to do that. In fact, I watched them take some risks in trying to avoid it. But the order came from above.

It is true that they could have completely

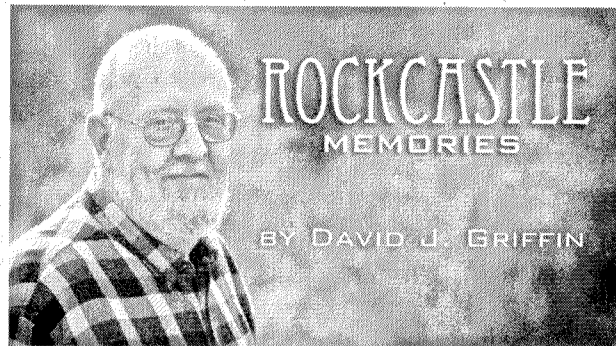
ignored the order. They did have that power. And honestly, I believe a couple of the board members wanted to do just that.

But the truth is, if they had done that, Beshear's office could (and I believe would) have cut funding to our school system and removed every board member and the superintendent who voted "yes" from office.

I believe most board members agree with me that we should not have kept our kids out of school this long. But they had no choice.

Talking with some local officials, I believe some of our government closures are much the same.

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"Hootie"

When I was a very young boy, my grandfather (Pop) surprised me, and the family, when he brought a small owl into the house. Pop said he found the tiny bird in his chicken house and thought it had a wounded wing. My immediate response was, "Can we keep it?"

At first, we kept "Hootie" (I named him) in a cardboard box with a soft towel for a bed. We made sure he had plenty of fresh water available.

My grandmother (Mommie Katie) was not as enthusiastic as I was about the bird staying in the house. She told Pop, "Gene, tie a string around its leg so it will not fly around the house." Pop

did as she said and tied a soft cotton string around the owl's ankle. He used enough string to allow it to sit on the top of a bedroom door with the string tied to the door knob, where the owl eventually perched in his new, temporary home. Mommie Katie made certain that we put plenty of newspapers on the floor underneath his door perch.

Pop told me to catch some insects and to dig earthworms so we could offer them to the owl. I was surprised to watch how quickly the owl adjusted to us feeding him.

After a few days, Pop announced that it was time to allow "Hootie" to get back to his normal life. He said I could let the owl perch on my bedroom door one more night. I was sad because I did not know anyone that had a pet owl, and I thought he was so cool. But Pop said the bird might have a family of his own in the woods. That made me feel better.

That night I used my Worldbook Encyclopedia to determine what kind of owl we had rescued. It was a small barn owl. I was glad to learn this fact for some reason.

The next morning, Pop and I took "Hootie" out on the porch. Pop cut the string off his leg and allowed the bird to fly away. He flew to a tall poplar tree in the yard. After a few minutes, he flew into the woods be-

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



My younger brother, Andy, was already talking about gardening 2 weeks ago. He is ready to get all the tomato cages and fall bean hoops set aside and spend a day cutting down corn stalks and all the dead stuff that grew several dozen varieties of fresh vegetables between April and the end of last November. Seed catalogues are already piling up all over the house and Loretta keeps shaking her

head.

"I guess you want me to keep this," she is prone to muttering almost every time the mail runs. Of course I want here to keep it, even if I have no intention of ordering from that particular catalogue. I'm like a kid with a Spiegel's Christmas catalogue in the 1950s. I can wear a seed catalogue out without spending a dime.

Truth be told, I hope to order from Twilley's, Shumway's, Totally Tomatoes and Baker's Creek Seed Companies. You can google them online and order your own copies, if you hurry, or even order online at your convenience. All 4 companies have varieties that we love that are not available elsewhere. If you don't have a computer or a smart phone, call someone who does and get them to send you the catalogs. It only takes about a minute per book. I don't have any of the addresses or the catalogs handy and I'm already in serious deadline trouble with your editor.

Late last September, in an effort to beat the raccoons out of our late crop of Bodacious sweet corn, Loretta, wet with sweat, came into the yard with her garden wagon loaded down with several dozen ears of plump corn.

"This has to stop, she exclaimed! Nobody in their right mind needs a garden anywhere near this big and it's working me to death and breaking my back. Next year I want it to be about 1/4 this big with just enough room to share some stuff with Barb and Helen and Adella and Joe & Connie and Charlie & Linda and Kevin & Sean and Johnny and Nannie and Don and Judy and Diana and some of our friends

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Are We Broken?

Dear Journal,  
I slept in this morning until about eight. When I got up, I went through the living room and headed for the kitchen to put on water for tea or hot chocolate; I hadn't decided which. I noticed the morning was all white outside due to a fog that rolled in during the night. The air had a really bad biting cold in it. I soon learned.

Stanley had gotten up about ten minutes prior and was letting the dogs

out the back. Was I ready to face another day I wondered. I've been wondering that question more and more recently. I'm on a fourteen day quarantine as I've been exposed to COVID. I am about five days in now. So far so good, no signs of it so far.

It seems that I'm just broken. Broken mentally, emotionally, spiritually and most any other way you care to mention. I guess you could say I have the blues. There are so many worries to face

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am thankful...

Dear Editor,  
I just wanted to share this with your readers.

My husband James and I were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. Our youngest daughter Bethanie was diagnosed with brain cancer when she was 7 years old. She fought a good fight and lost the battle on January 31, 2017 at age

44.

James was ill before she passed and his health worsened after we lost her. On May 3, 2018 James passed away. I cannot tell you how my heart still aches from missing them both. At his passing, we were married for 51 plus years, I was 16 when we

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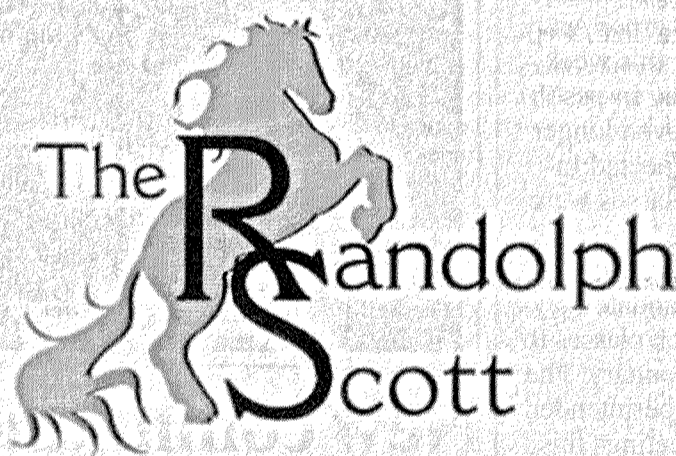
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**“ramblings”**

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that it's just treated as a minor problem rather than the direct contravention of the will of the majority of the people in this country.

We will pay dearly for this as a country. In my opinion, we will immediately be thrust back into policies very damaging to us such as the Paris Accord (a ridiculously expensive - for the US mostly -- lip service to controlling climate change; an onslaught of illegal aliens who will once again be allowed to enter the country at will; our second amendment rights will be threatened and no doubt violated; a policy of appeasement will be reinstated toward Iran; China's influence in our country will strengthen and, I fear, all of President Trump's success in bringing peace to

the the middle east will be undone by a foreign policy which will favor war instead of peace.

It is a dark time in our country and one which I foresee being very hard to pull ourselves back from. I sincerely hope I'm wrong.

**“Aces”**

(Cont. from A2)

official in our county express concern about closing government offices. And I know there were many who did not want to cancel some of the local events this year.

Several have told me that Beshear could (would) cut very needed funding and grants to the county or cities if they did not choose to follow his “suggestions.”

So the fact that they had the power, does not necessarily mean they had a choice.

Granted, there are

many officials who did indeed agree with Beshear. But even then, they had no choice.

My argument here is not whether closing schools and businesses was the right choice to make. I'm not qualified to argue that point (though I personally disagree with it).

My argument is that if we are going to complain about it, we should complain to the ones that forced those choices. Not those who had to follow them.

If you think closing down schools, businesses, government buildings, parks and canceling events was a terrible idea, blame Andy Beshear. It was his choice.

If you think it was a good idea, then sing Beshear's praises.

Either way, small town officials had little say.

*On a side note:* I have not heard of human beings dying of old age in 2020. According to several sources, in 2017, 25 million people (world wide) died of complications from old age before COVID.

Interesting.

Also, several sources indicate less people have died this year than any other year in a decade. Shouldn't there be an additional 300,000 deaths in the United States alone since COVID is new?

Interesting.

And by the way, Donald Trump invented operation Warp Speed. He funded it, cut red tape and made it happen even while Democrats were screaming he shouldn't. There would be no vaccine if he weren't President, whether you like that or not. Live with it.

Andy said a vaccine by the end of 2020 was “impossible” and technically called Trump a liar...until after the election.

Interesting.

Now we have a vaccine and they tell us it is our choice to take it or not. Let's see how long that lasts.

**“T.J.s”**

(Cont. from A2)

and I'm just tired of trying to piece myself together every few days and glue myself back in place. The glue is just about gone.

I have noticed in the last few weeks, there are more and more people in the same situation. They are depressed, and really hurting very badly. There is so much sickness, death, loss of jobs, financial burdens...you name it.

About half of the people I know are grieving sickness or a death in their families. Several are facing a holiday season without a family member for the first time. That is a tragic situation if you've never experienced it, and it usually doesn't get much better as the years pass.

The holidays are just ahead and we're all supposed to be all holly and jolly, but in all reality all this merry is just a mockery of how so many feel. The suicide rates at this time of the year skyrocket. I can understand that. You have to be a really strong individual to make it through and know that situations change in a few days...usually for the better.

The Bible says that if we can endure until the end, we will be saved. The word endure doesn't indicate that we are in for

a joy ride at all. To me it means that we have to fight to survive, to take one day at a time, to overcome the hurdles in life...and yes, there will be some. Sometimes they come in bunches.

Let me say to all who are going through something right now, and you know who you are. Let's all endure this thing together, OK?

**“Points East”**

(Cont. from A2)

at Copperhead and Friends of Paint Lick.

All we need to plant is some sweet corn and green beans and zucchini and crookneck squash and leaf lettuce and banana peppers and bell peppers and eggplant and Yukon Gold potatoes and Wala Wala onions and cucumbers and snow peas and no more than a dozen varieties of tomatoes and some spinach and turnips and mustard greens and sweet potatoes and cantaloupes and watermelons and maybe some pumpkins if you can keep the cinch bugs out of them. I don't know why you bother with cabbage because we don't even make kraut anymore.”

Of course I rarely set foot in the actual garden anymore because I'm too crippled up to do anything other than watch it grow. Andy does all the tilling and hoeing. Thomas Begley did the initial turning and disking last year and my buddies, Ralph King and Johnny Sexton sometimes stop by to help Andy out. I do sit on the front porch and start a couple or 3 hundred plants from seed. Andy gets the seedlings into the ground. I help pick a few peas, tomatoes, beans, cukes if I can reach them from a lawn chair and drag it along with a walking cane. Loretta is out there nearly every day to pick, harvest, preserve and distribute to friends and relatives.

Any gardening I do this coming year will involve a walker or a wheel chair unless Mr. Parkinson and cancer both take drastic turns for the better.

In the meantime, Loretta says we absolutely have to have more Glacial sweet corn from Twilley's and Giant snow peas from Baker's Creek. I'll probably order something from Totally Tomatoes and Shumway's because old habits are too hard to break.

Thank you Editor for printing this, I hope it helps someone who has endured as much as my family has.

**“Memories”**

(Cont. from A2)

hind our house, out of sight.

I was extremely happy to have had an owl in my young life. I have never met anyone who had such a unique friend. It taught me a lesson about how to interact with nature without disrupting its natural rhythms. A good lesson for a young boy.

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

**“Letter”**

(Cont. from A2)

married and he was 19.

Just last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer, Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. I had surgery, many tests, chemo and radiation. I am now on a 5 year piull. and see my Oncologist regularly.

My oldest son now lives with me and has seen a surgeon for a blockage he has. He has been ill for awhile and will be seeing the surgeon on December 18 to schedule surgery. We won't know the results until then.

Now, just over the last month I noticed that my heater in the car is not working. I had a friend check it and was told that the Anti-freeze all leaked out and that the radiator is leaking. She said that it will continue to leak and needs to be fixed ASAP.

With running to Richmond several times a month in the past year, wear and tear on my car, it is beginning to show. I have only the one vehicle that we got when James and Beth were here with us. But, we are so blessed. All of us are feeling the affects of the Covid and times are tough for many. I am thankful for everything we have. I want to tell all to hang in there, better times are just ahead. I don't have a lot to offer but if I can help anyone, you let me know. If I can, I will be right there.

Merry Christmas to everyone of you who read this.

Thank you Editor for printing this, I hope it helps someone who has endured as much as my family has.

*Kathleen Bretz  
P.O. Box 435,  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409.*

**Coronavirus vaccines...**

Dear Editor,  
Coronavirus vaccines are a hot topic these days. Sadly, much of the information being spread by the media and on Facebook has been distorted to promote distrust and fear of the many vaccine candidates that President Trump's enormously successful Operation Warp Speed has produced. As a student pharmacist, I have spent a great deal of time researching these vaccines and I am writing to your readers in hopes of setting the record straight so that every Rockcastle Countian can make an informed decision when the vaccine becomes available to the public.

The biggest falsehood about COVID-19 vaccines is that they are dangerous, carrying high probability of death or serious side effects. While it is possible and even likely that you will have a few mild side effects after vaccination, it is unlikely that any of them will be severe enough to interfere with your normal routine. They are just a sign that the vaccine is working!

I know I have just barely scratched the surface here. My fervent advice to anyone with additional questions or concerns is to seek out the advice of a trusted physician, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional and not to trust everything that you read online. When the time comes that the vaccine is available to us all— and that time is fast approaching, I hope that each of you will consider receiving it. For those that know me, I am always willing to answer any questions that you may have.

*Merry Christmas!  
Jacob Taylor*

**To all Rockcastle Countians,**

Dear Editor,  
I have been to downtown Mt. Vernon a few times this fall and now this Christmas season. The decorations are beautiful and so festive! It is my understanding that the Main Street Committee and several members of the Rockcastle Garden Club are largely responsible. On my way back home, I see how nice Livingston looks, too! I am betting the other communities look very nice. I just felt compelled to say 'thank you and great work!'

*Carcille Carloftis  
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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

## Ronnie Bradley

Rockcastle County Sheriff Deputy and (Ret.) Lieutenant Ronnie Bradley, 74, of Brodhead, died Sunday, December 13, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was born November 25, 1946 in Stanford, to the late Everett and Nancy (Smith) Bradley. He married Brenda Moore on June 8, 1979 and from that union came one son, Ron. He retired from Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement in 2003 and since then was a Deputy Sheriff for Rockcastle County. He was of the Christian faith, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Brenda Bradley; one son, Ron (Angela) Bradley of Brodhead; two granddaughters, Olivia Denney and Katelyn Denney; one sister, Cathy (Denton) Owens of Brodhead; nieces and nephews, Chris (Debbie) Owens, Micah Owens, Andrea Owens and Danielle Owens; special cousins, Nancy Carol Sigmon and Linda Hout; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Shannon Franklin officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

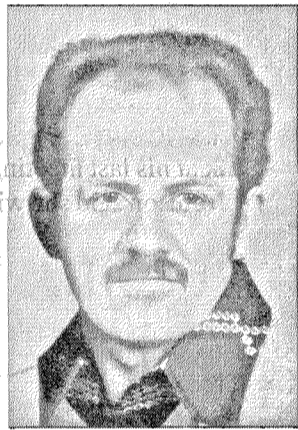
Pallbearers were: Michael Brumett, Paul Whitaker, Isaiah DeHart, Dalton Gross, Mark Carpenter and Ethan Carpenter.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jack Lawless, Jimmy Silvers, Anthony Philbeck, Gary Lane, and Jack Chaliff.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Winston Gene Jones

Winston Gene Jones, 76, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at his home. He was born in Knox County on December 27, 1943, the son of Lathat and Viola Frederick Jones. He had been an assembly line worker for Ford Motor Company and was a deacon at Old Fashioned Grace Baptist Church of South Amherst, OH.



He is survived by: his loving wife of 55 years, Francis Edwards Jones; three sons, David (Regina) Jones, Antonio Winston Jones, and Adam Nottingham, all of

Brodhead; four daughters, Terry Jones of Pennsylvania, Briann Francis Jones of Danville, and Rhonda Nottingham and Adrianna Nottingham, both of Brodhead; three sisters, Audrey Jones Hardwick of Vermillion, OH, and Shirley Jones Griffith and Brenda Jones Byrd, both of Wakeman, OH; and four brothers, Dwayne Jones and Glenn Jones, both of North Carolina, Harold Jones of Amherst, OH, and Randy Jones of Wakeman, OH. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Perry, Charles, Jerry, and Barry Jones; three sisters, Judy Jones, Irene Jones Golson, and Faye Jones Combs; and an infant daughter, Ronda Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Barry Hurst. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

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

## Jacob Vanwinkle

Jacob Vanwinkle, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 5, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on October 7, 1935, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Robinson Vanwinkle. He was a retired sawmill worker and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.



He is survived by: three sons, Gary Vanwinkle of Brodhead, and Eddy Gilbert Vanwinkle and Jesse Lee Vanwinkle, both of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Peggy Sanders of Quinlan, TX, Terri Lynn Sanders of Mt. Vernon, and Kimberly Gibbons Smith of Seagoville, TX; and a sister, Cindy Atwell of Mt. Vernon. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Alene Baker Vanwinkle; a son, Larry Edward Vanwinkle; a daughter, Patsy Kay Haling; a brother; and six sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at McNew Chapel Baptist Church by Bros. Jason Medley and John Wesley Vanwinkle. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Shane Gibbons, Ashton Sanders, John Keith Sanders, Austin Vanwinkle, Jacob Vanwinkle, and Larry Vanwinkle. James Coffey was an honorary pallbearer.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Rev. Jerry Ballinger

Rev. Jerry Ballinger, 77, of Berea, died early Tuesday morning, December 8, 2020 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on February 2, 1943, the son of the late Murphy and Virgie Himes Ballinger. He was a retired truck driver for Cisco Food Service and had been a minister for over 40 years; 25 of those as pastor of McNew Chapel Baptist Church.



He was married on Christmas Day, 1964 to his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara Vanwinkle Ballinger. Also surviving are: three sisters, Shirley Harris of Lexington, Vonda Stewart and husband Boyd of Orlando, and Vivian Armstrong and husband Bill of Louisville; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other beloved family members, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Eugene Gentry and Keith Carr. Entombment was in Berea Cemetery.

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## Viola Baker Richards

Viola Baker Richards, 83, of Mt. Vernon, peacefully passed from this life on Thursday, December 10, 2020 in the company of her family. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 15, 1937, the daughter of Rufus and Hesper Clark Baker. She was a homemaker and a former employee of Keller Industries in Berea. She attended First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. She loved her flowers and cardinals, but most of all, she loved her family unconditionally; spending time with them was one of the joys of her life.



She be deeply missed by her family: her children, Dewayne Richards and wife Kim of Berea, and Glenna Robinson, Gail Linville and husband Gary, Gloria Barnett, and Donnaleah Martin and husband Steve, all of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Jesse Baker of Orlando; and grandchildren, James Robinson, Jeannie Kendrick, Teresa Jackson, Dewayne Robinson, Shawna Northern, Joshua Linville, Rodney Owens, Brandon Barnett, Anthony Barnett, Thea Grace Richards, Gunnar Richards, Ryan Martin, and Wyatt Martin. Several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Gene Baker and Herman Baker; three sisters, Ida Smith, Mae Vanzant, and Alene Vanwinkle; and a grandson, Shane Linville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Dennis Wilder and Luther Allen. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

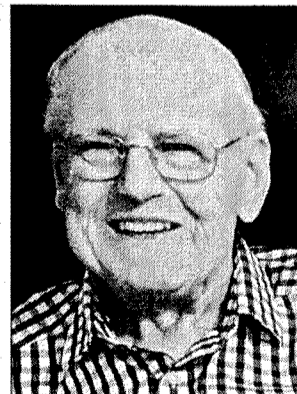
Pallbearers were: Joshua Linville, Ryan Martin, Dakota Messenger, Rodney Owens, Gunnar Richards, and James Robinson.

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## James L (Lloyd) Burton

James L (Lloyd) Burton, 85, died December 12, 2020, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Somerset to the late Grover and Mattie (Hurst) Burton.

He was a member of the Loveland Heights Church of Christ and a faithful Christian for 66 years. We take comfort knowing he is resting in the arms of Jesus. He retired from General Motors in Norwood after 30 years of service. He loved his family and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all those that knew and loved him.



He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Violet (June) Burton (nee Carter); and three children, Doug (Cathy) Burton, Jim (Rae Lynn) Burton, and Paula (Jeff) Middendorf. He adored his eight grandchildren, Michaeline Bailey, Matt and Nicholas Burton, Brandy (Shannon) Grubb, Ashley (Dewayne) Stanifer, Chelsey (Adam) Pettyjohn, Emmalee Middendorf, and Maggie Burton. He also took great pride in his nine great grandchildren, Elizabeth Burton, Logan, Alexis, and Kody Grubb, Owen, Oliver and Sydney Stanifer, Trevor and Harper Pettyjohn. He is also survived by two sisters, Berniece (Jearl) Cromer and Ruth (WA) Owens, and two sister-in-laws, Billie Burton, and Edie Raines.

He was preceded in death by: two brothers, Ronnie and Carl Burton; and one brother-in-law, Floyd (Bill) Raines.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Hodapp Funeral Home. There was a short visitation at the Fairview Church of Christ in Somerset on Friday, December 11 and a graveside ceremony following at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice of Cincinnati. They were an amazing comfort to us in Dad's last days.

## Fern Caldwell

Fern Caldwell, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born Feb.



7, 1933 in Quail, a daughter of the late Herman Weaver and Edna Scott Caldwell. She was a member of Providence Church of Christ. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed cooking, gardening, UK basketball and NASCAR. In August 1950 she was united in marriage

to Carl Caldwell and they enjoyed 62 years together prior to his passing in 2013.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Carol Ann Harris, Gary Lee (Doris Ann) Caldwell and Carlos Ray (Beverly) Caldwell, all of Brodhead; grandchildren, Dana Renee (Andy) McKinney, J.C. (Bonnie) Harris, Leigh Ann (Jared) Sanford, Gary Keith (Joanie) Caldwell, and Mahala EkkoCaldwell; step grandchildren, Logan McClure, McKenzie Elam, and Hunter Elam; great grandchildren, Shelby Makala Harris, Bailey Addison Harris, Jamey Lynn Harris, Brodie Keith Caldwell, and Daniel Reed Sanford; a brother, Ron Weaver; sisters, Nina Burkhart, Mabel Cash, Ethelene Caldwell, Ella Barnett, Norma Cherry and Dianne Shannon; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by brothers, Truman Weaver, Wayne Caldwell, and Raymond Caldwell.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Robbie Cable officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

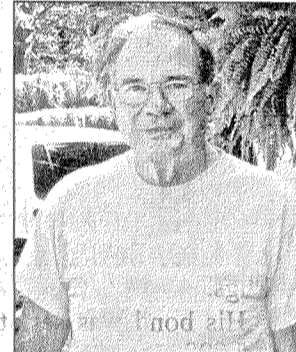
Donations may be to the American Diabetes Society in Fern Caldwell memory.

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

## Charles B. Faulkner

Charles Bobby Faulkner, 81, of Ohio Valley Manor in Ripley, Ohio, a native of Livingston, died Thursday, December 10, 2020 after a short illness.

Mr. Faulkner was born November 22, 1939 to the late Lee and Mildie Overbay Faulkner. He was a 1960 graduate of Livingston High School, a proud Army veteran, assigned to Troop B, 1st Squadron of the 1st Armored Division, 1st Cavalry at Fort Hood and an optician, owning and operating Forest Hills Opticians for 35 years.



He was also a member of the Church of Christ. After retirement to Florida, Bob enjoyed his Gold Wing traveling, gardening, his everyday running and walks, Bluegrass music, his favorite ice cream, M&Ms and spending time with his loved ones.

He made annual trips back to Livingston for the homecomings and class reunions and kept in contact with special friends, Junior (Amos) Owens and Perlina Anderkin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vona Ruth; one grandson, Christopher A. Hanes and his five siblings, Everett, Juanita McQueen, Noel, Barb Runions and Louise Bonnett.

Survivors include his four children: Vona Jo, William Ray, Lisa Gail and Robin Leann; a sister-in-law, Shirley Faulkner of Florida; 10 grandchildren: Tom, Chuck, Jessica, Billy, Ashley, Rachel, Ryan, Keith, Coty and Kevin; 15 great grandchildren (his "Little Roamers") and numerous nieces and nephews.

Due to Covid restrictions, a Celebration of Life will be held in early Spring in Livingston.

## Kay (Spivey) Shelton

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 of Crab Orchard, Monte Shelton and Angela 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 companion, Jerry Smith and two brothers, George and Charles "Chuck" Spivey.

Services for Kay were private. Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Linda Kay Fielder

Linda Kay Fielder, 77, wife of Ed, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Hospice of Lake Cumberland in Somerset.

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

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## Indict

(Continued from front) tember 29, 2020 murder of Famey Hellard. He was also indicted for burglary, robbery and tampering with physical evidence.

He is being held on a one million cash bond;

Also indicted for murder was George R. Henshaw, II, 42, of Potter Road, Mt. Vernon, for the November 9, 2020 shooting death of his stepmother Lois Henshaw. Henshaw was also indicted for tampering with physical evidence.

He is also being held on one million dollar cash bond;

Billy J. Rayburn, 42, of Mt. Vernon, Ashley B. Yauger, 37, of Pinetree View Dr., Mt. Vernon and Mindy K. Stidham, 44, of Mt. Vernon were all named in a joint indictment.

All three were indicted for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal trespassing and Yauger was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

All three's bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property (c/p);

Jerry D. Barron, 33, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offenses of burglary and theft by unlawful taking.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

David L. Cromer, 34, of Rank Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts - possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p;

Sonya M. Bourne, 51, of Parsons St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, registration plate not illuminated and expired registration plates.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Nicholas J. Denny, 31, of Nicholasville was indicted for the offenses of wanton endangerment, reckless driving and fleeing or evading police.

His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p, and

Buford R. Pearson, 53, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for burglary and resisting arrest.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p.

## Arrest

(Continued from front) They suspected that they may be headed this way"

Sheriff Shannon Franklin got the call from Lincoln County authorities asking for help in locating the two murder suspects that may have traveled towards Rockcastle County.

Franklin then gave all the information to the deputies and Butler was about to go on the search. "We had some tips as to his location. Luckily, on the way to find Matthew, we came upon him and was able to arrest him on the spot," said Butler.

After taking Wilson into custody, Butler received information about a complaint from a Rockcastle County resident, that Singleton was at her home and would not leave.

"We went to the house in question at about 1:30 a.m. and found Singleton. We were able to arrest her without incident as well,"

he said.

Both suspects were then transported to the Lincoln County jail where they were placed in custody.

Singleton had no bond set at press time and Wilson's bond was set at \$100,000 cash.

"Deputy Butler was on top of the situation and he and our other deputies did what they do best," said Franklin. "They kept our citizens safe."

## Court

(Continued from front) of that meeting were not discussed in open session.

Once court was reopened to the public, court members approved the payment of a shortfall from the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) of \$28,780. RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the shortfall was mostly due to an electric bill and railroad spur fee as part of the Chapin Manufacturing plant negotiations. The fees will be paid by the company in the future, VanHook said.

Magistrates also approved \$1,140 in support for the Rockcastle County Development Board.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook told the court he is applying for an additional \$192,523 that is available through CARES Act funding. The court also accepted \$1,000 in rental fees for the Livingston Gymnasium. The court discussed surplus property sales and adopted the Drug and Alcohol policy for the county after a second reading of the ordinance was held.

Magistrate Shannon Bishop made a motion that the local animal shelter change its winter hours to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz provided the financial statement through December 8th which included a general fund balance of \$563,017 at the end of November. The report also showed a final November balance of \$552,871 in the road fund, \$19,589 in the detention center fund, \$20,337 in the LGEA fund, \$1,586 in the forestry fund, \$500 in Federal funds, \$42,846 in the 911 fund, \$63,977 in the CSEPP fund, \$3,361 in the fairgrounds fund, \$301 in the LEPC fund, \$472,806 in the Occupational Tax account, \$67,264 in the Micro-foodery account and \$7,724 in the Parks and Rec board account.

Clontz asked to transfer \$150,000 from the general fund to the detention center fund. The requested passed unanimously.

Having no further public business, the court adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

## Livingston

(Continued from front) children will enter at the front door, tell Santa their heart's desires and then progress to the back of the building where they will receive hot chocolate, cookies and a toy and exit through the rear door.

Mayor King gave great praise to everyone who donated to the expense of buying the toys

and said that Crazy John's, just south of Mt. Vernon, where many of the toys were bought also donated a huge box full of toys for the giveaway. He also noted that workers at the local Family Dollar Store, where a box was located for people to drop off toys they bought, had furnished free gifts for girls ages 3 thru 12. Plus owners of the new Marathon station, that will soon open in the city, also gave a large cash donation to purchase toys.

City Clerk Amanda Thomas told the commissioners that Daniel Boone Community Action Agency had paid \$11,000 towards water customers delinquent water bills and that had "really helped a lot of people and also helped the city."

Thomas said that the city will also let delinquent water customers, who did not get their bill caught up by the Daniel Boone funding before it ran out, enter into a contract to pay off the past due balance over a period of time.

The commissioners unanimously voted to amend their liquor sales ordinance to allow liquor sales in the city from noon to 11 p.m. on Sundays and to look into amending the ordinance to possibly also add city licensing fees.

John Hackley, with the Kentucky League of Cities, was at the meeting to answer any questions the commission might have about becoming a member of the organization. Mr. Hackley, who lives in Crab Orchard, recently donated his services to act as city attorney for one year.

He told the commissioners that belonging to the League of Cities would be a "remarkable asset" to the city for the \$400 a year membership fee. He cited their help available on writing ordinances, dealing with surplus property and just answering questions in general on administering the city's business.

City Clerk Amanda Thomas told the commissioners that she had a 2017 handbook put out by the League which she uses often to help her with specific questions that come up.

Commissioner Leroy Lamb made the motion to join the organization which was seconded by Katha Carpenter and it passed unanimously.

Lamb is the only commissioner that stood for reelection in the November general election. However, Katha Carpenter, Clyde Carpenter and Julie Hazelwood, who are finishing out their terms this month, will be reappointed as commissioners in January, Mayor King said.

During the meeting, Thomas told the commissioners that applications had been made for the city's share of the CARES Act Grants, made available by the federal government to help city's deal with expenses caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic. She said the city would receive something over \$15,000 in the first grant and that a second round of the grants would provide an additional grant to the city of almost \$5,000 which would be used to upgrade the police department.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to give the city clerk a \$100 a week raise, bringing her salary to \$400 a

week. Mayor King said Tuesday that Thomas was doing an "excellent job" and had been working so many hours since being hired that "Her salary has been averaging about \$4.50 an hour."

During the meeting, Mayor King noted that the new computer, provided by the fiscal court for the Chief of Police Bill Barrett's cruiser, had been received, installed and was in operation.

The commissioners also discussed: the best method of selling a three bedroom house and lot that belongs to the city; a cost estimate (\$28,250) for repairs to the city's water tank; the annexation of more property to the city limits and a new/amended nuisance ordinance. However no action was taken on those matters at the meeting.

## Murder

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Perez has no known address and has not had a preliminary hearing.

Authorities say Perez entered the new business known as The Glitter Box, in an attempt to rob Hellard and stabbed her eventually cutting her throat.

Both suspects are being held on \$1 million cash bonds.

Rowe handles the initial stages of felony cases through arraignments and preliminary hearings, but Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery's office resolves the cases.

Though Montgomery's office will determine the penalty to seek in each case, Rowe says Henshaw does not qualify for the death penalty while Perez's case does qualify due to aggravated circumstances involved in the case.

## School

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the system will work very well soon. All department heads virtually provided their reports on the huge screen in the conference room.

But, as some members said their goodbyes and all members experienced a new meeting format, a full agenda was addressed.

Of the many items addressed, the creation of a new position within the system surprised most because it was among the first discussion in months concerning Post-COVID-19 learning.

With mandates, restrictions, new operating and teaching methods and entirely new guidelines called "the new normal," conversation has centered around COVID-19 and meeting Governor Beshear's mandates since the pandemic began.

However, now Superintendent Carrie Ballinger and members of the board agreed to create the position of "Digital Learning Coach." The new position will provide teachers, principals and staff with a specialist concerning digital and/or virtual learning after all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and the new form of education has been established.

Most agree that schools will never be the same as they were pre-COVID-19 but Rockcastle is among the first to begin preparing for whatever the "new normal" will look like, according to school officials.

Some of the new equipment, new systems, new software and new digital process that officials have been forced to learn and use during COVID-19 mandates, will be valuable tools once the systems are no longer the only option, according to Ballinger.

"It is clear that we have all learned a great deal about digital learning and we know we will incorporate some of this technology when this is all over. This new position will help any staff or teachers needing assistance in keeping up with the new technology and services we will be able to offer our students, even after the pandemic is over."

"I'm not saying this (pandemic) has been a good thing because it hasn't," said Student Services Director Marcus Reppert at a previous meeting. "But I am saying we can make some good things come out of it."

Among the duties of the Digital Learning Coach are creating a Student Technology Leadership Program and a District Instructional Technology Team, among other duties.

The motion passed unanimously.

However, not all news was great news Tuesday evening. Jennifer Mattingly provided the results of diagnostic testing held at all schools this year and, as she said she expected, the results were less than hoped for.

"We have to remember this was the first of the year testing and with the pandemic and new testing for the teachers, this is to be expected," said Mattingly. "We knew this would happen. The question is, what are we going to do about it."

According to the results, the over all reading test results show 27 percent of students performing at their grade level while 37 percent are one to two grade levels below their current class. Also, 37 percent were listed as "at risk" students. Mattingly said of the 2,636 students, 2,233 were tested.

Students scored lower in math with 44 percent in the "at risk" section and only 14 percent at their grade level. "Some of the problem was that some students were just clicking answers without bothering to read the question," Mattingly said. "They were just trying to get through the test as quickly as possible."

Mattingly said she and officials are already discussing approaches to bringing the students back to their grade levels and above. "We have a lot of work to do and these are indeed challenging times," she said.

"We are working so very hard and we will not stop."

Ballinger said she is glad to know the test results. "I am thankful for this diagnostic," she said. "This will help develop our targeted groups and lets us know what we need to work on and focus our attention toward. With this detailed result, we now know more what we need." She also said everyone should be prepared to do whatever it takes to bring student levels back up. "We have to take responsibility for these results just like we do for any results," she said. "We have a lot of work to do and we have to recognize that and stay on it every day."

Ballinger also presented the Rockcastle County Schools annual salary schedule.

Members also heard the food service department reports which include 35,314 breakfasts and 36,712 lunches served in November.

Reppert also told the board of recent discussions with court personnel concerning the issue of truancy. Reppert said no one has been charged with the offense yet since monitoring such behavior is more difficult in a virtual environment. However, he said he, and others, are putting programs in place to better ascertain truancy in the near future. "We have a team designated to identify such problems and we work very closely with parents and students to resolve any barriers that may be in the way of the student's education," he said.

VanHook did not speak at his last meeting, but Jordison said she will miss the other board members and appreciated the support she has received over the years. VanHook submitted his letter of resignation at last month's meeting.

To end the meeting, the board heard the Superintendent's Personnel report. It is as follows:

### Full time certified employees

Holden Barnett, assistant football coach at RCMS; Christina Lear, youth service coordinator at RCMS; Jimmy Clark, Jr., volunteer archery coach; Rachelle Smith, cook/baker at MVES.

### Retirements

Linda Taylor, school grounds monitor at RCHS; Melissa Owens, Teacher at RCMS; Rebecca Griffin, instructional assistant at MVES

### Certified Substitutes

Maggie Franklin, and Cindy McCullough, both substitute teachers.

### Classified substitutes

Christina Prewitt, substitute cook/baker

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## Students showing grit through virtual learning

My name is Zach Gentry and I teach 8th grade science at Rockcastle County Middle School. I am not afraid to attach my name to something I strongly believe in.

I strongly believe in the importance of education and the skills that a good education provides to kids.

In my nine years teaching, this has been the most difficult year. I do not like teaching virtually.

I do not write this seeking sympathy for teachers for our "noble and admirable" efforts. Kids need school. And not because taxpayers are not "getting what they paid for." But because nothing can replace the nurturing and guidance of a classroom teacher. Nothing can replace the interactions and relationships kids develop with other kids.

This is a difficult situation and kids are struggling. However, I am not one that believes irreparable damage is being done to our students. Kids are also resilient. The grit and resolve of most students to do the best they can in this situation is both humbling and motivating. They make me want to be the best teacher I can be. I am encouraged. I am encouraged by the students that are working, giving their best efforts on assignments, and motivated to learn independently.

I am encouraged by the students that are

logged on to Google Meets at 8 a.m. for math instruction and review and then attend each Meet for science, social studies, and language arts.

I am encouraged by the student that sends me an email to let me know that they will not be on my science Google Meet today because they have an orthodontist appointment. That shows responsibility.

I am encouraged by the student that watches their siblings during the day while their parents are at work, helping their brothers and sisters with their schoolwork while completing their own as well.

I am encouraged by the student that goes above and beyond and is willing to tutor their peers by helping in an area of struggle.

I am encouraged by the student that emails asking for an individual Google Meet with a teacher to get one-on-one help.

I am encouraged by all our students that, when in person, wore a mask all day without complaint, limiting spread of the virus to basically zero in our schools. If we, as adults, were as disciplined as that, we could reduce community spread and be in school in person.

I am encouraged by the parent that contacts us regularly, not just asking for our help, but lending their support, realizing that they are one of the most important influences on their child's education.

I am encouraged by

the support of community businesses and organizations, allowing their places to be food pickup and internet connection sites.

I am encouraged and thankful for the leadership of our Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, district administration, my Principal Robbie Phillips, and the wonderful team of teachers that I teach with. The decisions they have had to make have not been easy, but I am confident that our leadership is trying to do what is best for kids.

Even in this most difficult time, good things are happening. Things that we must build on when we get through this. Are there problems? Absolutely. However, the problems that we are facing in education are not new. Virtual learning and school shutdowns have only magnified the problems that were already there. Going forward, listening to teachers, students, and those involved in public education will be critical to solving these challenges.

We will get through this. Not by simply taking to the newspaper and other forms of media and declaring "Open Our Schools." Saying that is easy. We will get through this by doing. By doing the necessary things that are best for our kids and our community, even though they may be hard, realizing that what we do has a far greater impact than what we say.

## "Reins"

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into it before it is passed."

Brian Bullock, the only incumbent to retain a seat on the commission, told Taylor to ask any question he wished. "Go ahead and ask and let us address your concerns now," he said.

A detailed conversation ensued concerning the requirements of the ordinance and its purpose.

Bullock said it is currently illegal to operate a golf cart, ATV or UTV on city streets in Kentucky unless a city has an ordinance that permits it. "We are trying to find a way to make it legal for you to drive your utility vehicle on city streets in Brodhead," said Bullock.

Bullock said the requirements in the ordinance, such as headlamps, inspection stickers and several other mandates, are required by the state of Kentucky and must be included in a city ordinance. "These aren't our rules," said Bullock. "These rules come from the state and it's the only way we could find to make it legal for you to operate your golf cart on city streets in Brodhead."

Burton said those wishing to drive such vehicles on city streets now will have a way to do so. "As it stands right now, it is illegal for you to ride your golf cart on city streets," said Burton. "But if we pass this ordinance, you can make these minor changes and be legal. Or you can refuse to make the changes and still be illegal. That's up to each person."

After discussion, all those present voted in favor of the ordinance after the second reading Monday.

Mayor Walter Cash invited each new member to introduce themselves.

Once done, current commissioners went over details of the budget, financial reports, requirements for the police department, the separation of the Water and Sewer finances, payroll, utility bills and many other city items with the new incoming commissioners.

Bullock said the police department is still searching for another police officer since the resignation of Josh Foster.

Commissioners also discussed the little park shelter and informed the incoming commissioners of plans already underway that they will have to face. For example, some expected revenue, such as CARES Act funding, are already set aside for projects in flooding and the sewer plant repairs and upgrades.

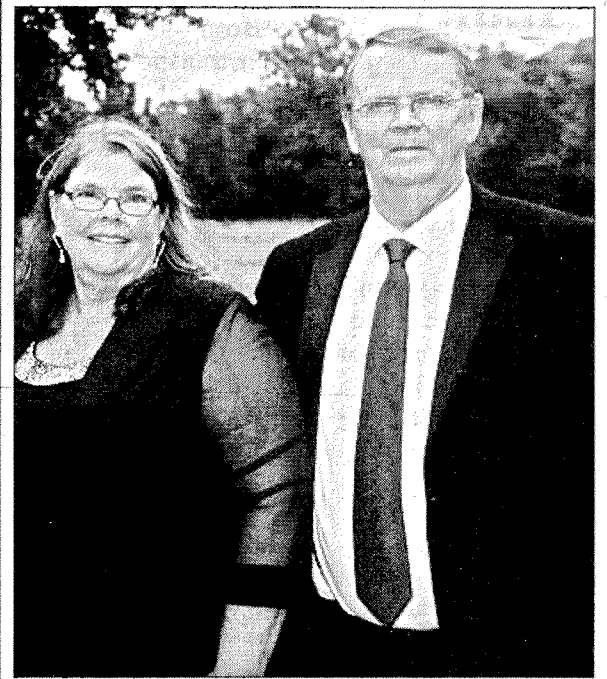
"There is a lot to keep up with," said Burton. "But I will be here for every meeting and I will gladly help. I care deeply about this town and I will be right here to help in any way I can. There are some tough decisions to make and we have come a long way in four years."

Todd said his farewells to those present. "The first two year on this commission, nothing happened," he said. "But once these two (pointing at Bullock and Burton) came on board we had the biggest turn I have ever seen. They have done wonders for this town."

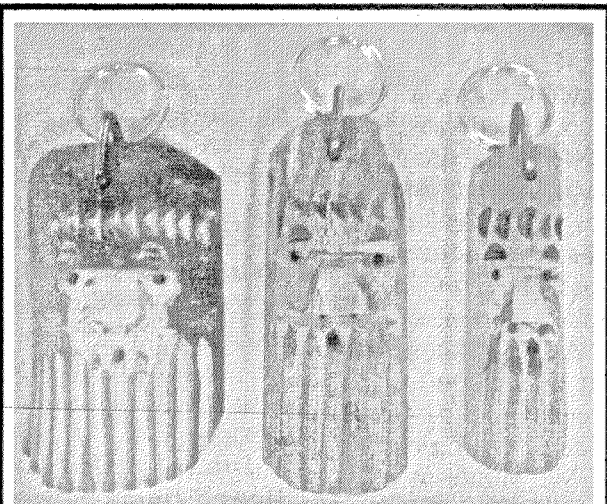
Bullock said he looks forward to working with the new commissioners. "For years, we pulled off band-aids and patched things. But now we fix things. We have made some huge progress in the last few years but there is still a lot of hard work to do," he said. "We built this city up and I hope you all are ready to work hard to help keep us moving forward."

The meeting was eventually adjourned but the current and future commissioners as well as Mayor Cash stayed at the table informally going over countless details of city business.

The next scheduled meeting, and first with the new commissioners, is Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m.



**Congratulations to Shelly Lee Mullins on his retirement from Kentucky Farm Bureau! Thank you for 42 years of service. Come by Kentucky Farm Bureau to congratulate Shelly and wish him luck on this new chapter in his life on Tuesday December 22nd from 2 - 4 p.m. Cards may be sent to: Shelly Mullins, PO Box 476, Mount Vernon, KY 40456.**



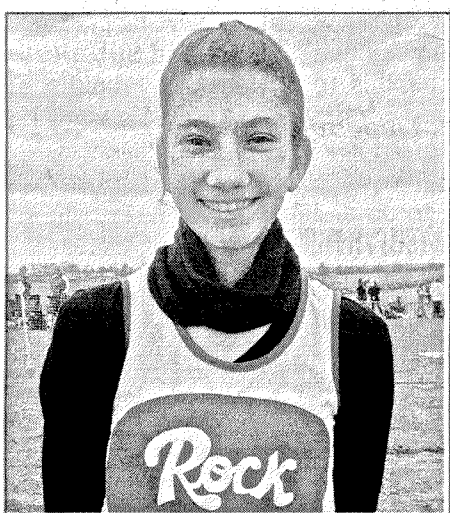
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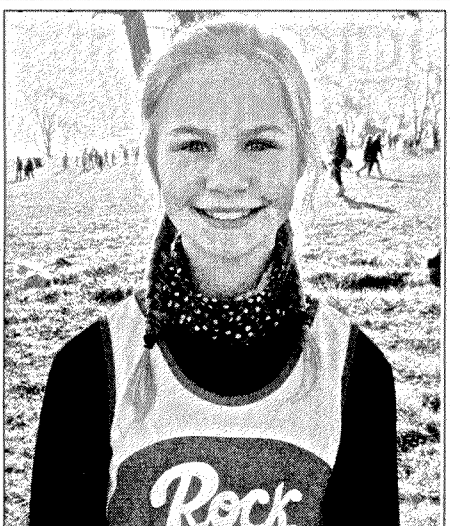
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**RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson was named to the All-Area 8 High School Girls' Team recently for her amazing performance this cross-country season. Area 8 includes 19 counties in Kentucky and is one of 9 areas grouped together by their geographical location including the following counties: Rockcastle, Pulaski, Laurel, Lincoln, Casey, Jackson, Russell, Wayne, Owsley, Clay, Knox, Bell, McCreary, Whitley, Taylor, Green, Adair, Cumberland, and Clinton. Lexi was one of only 10 high school girls awarded this honor in Area 8.**



**RCMS 8th grader Gracie Peavie had an awesome race, finishing with an impressive 4,000-meter (2.4-mile) time of 22:33.7 at the KTCCCA middle school cross-country state championships in Bourbon County recently. Gracie will now set her sights on indoor track season where she will continue to work on sprinting and jumping events.**



**RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney was named to the All-Area 8 Middle School Girls' Team recently for her outstanding performance this cross-country season. Area 8 includes 19 counties in Kentucky and is one of 9 areas grouped together by their geographical location including the following counties: Rockcastle, Pulaski, Laurel, Lincoln, Casey, Jackson, Russell, Wayne, Owsley, Clay, Knox, Bell, McCreary, Whitley, Taylor, Green, Adair, Cumberland, and Clinton. Maliyah was one of only 10 middle school girls awarded this honor in Area 8.**

## Born Again

Many it seems today in the religious world, have a lot of different thoughts on how they were born again and we could spend several minutes on these ideas and pen many words, but I hope the serious Bible student, wants to know what the Bible does say about being born again.

In John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said to him, most assuredly, I say unto you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said to Him. How can a man be born again when he is old? Can he enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born? Jesus answered. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. This is what the Bible teaches about being born again. Jesus uses the example of a baby being born into this world and compares it to one being born spiritually. Just as a baby must break water to enter into this fleshly world, one who is born again spiritually must break water to enter into this spiritual world. (7) We should not marvel at this teaching, Jesus said, this would be the only way to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus warned in His sermon on the mount, Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in Heaven. Then Jesus pointed out the wise builder hears the word of God and heeds it. The foolish builder hears the word of God and does not heed it. There is no permission given to man to do as he pleases, or to do as others say. The deciding factor is always did I do the will of God.

Man does not and cannot provide salvation. He does not author salvation. We find in Hebrews 5:9 Jesus is the author of salvation unto all them that obey him. There is no case, this side of Pentecost, when a sinner received salvation without obeying the gospel.

Man since beginning of time has always had to obey God to be justified in his sight, we find in Joshua 1:7 God told Joshua after the death of Moses, be strong and courageous and observe to do according to all the law, which Moses commanded, to turn not from it to the right hand or to the left.

Jesus warned against following the teachings of men, Matthew 15:9 in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men. To follow the teachings of men, no matter how good they sound will not lead us toward God, something I hope we consider as we read this article. We need to make up our mind if the Bible does not teach it, then I will not accept it.

Then what can the lost do to be saved, or what does the Bible say for those that are seeking salvation, what must they do according to the word of God. 1- one must hear the word of God, Romans 10:17. 2- Then we must believe, John 8:24, 3- we must repent, Luke 13:3, 4- we must confess with the mouth our belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Matthew 10:32-33, 5 then we must be baptized, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38. Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember to give him thanks. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church you can call us at: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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156 Scenic View Lane  
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker  
Renfro Valley, Ky.  
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhbp@ymail.com

**Berea Gospel Tabernacle**  
231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sunday Night 6 p.m.

**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., &  
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Music Director: Dan Dull

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Marcus Reppert  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
606-308-2794  
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.

Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry

**Ralph Baker, Pastor**  
**Brodhead Christian**  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Tracy Valentine, Preacher  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.  
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Bill Hall, Pastor  
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
George Renner, Pastor  
606-224-4641

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Bro. Ova Baker  
Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott

**Church of Christ on Fairground Hill**  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Different speaker each  
Sunday

**Clear Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.

**Community Worship Church of God**  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
www.cwchurchofgod.com

**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Donald King  
606-355-7595

**CrossPoint Church of God**  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**  
Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church**  
Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.  
Vaughn Raser, Pastor  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcmtv.org  
email: fbcmtvmon@newwave.net

Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.,  
Sunday Worship:  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM  
Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Broadcast on New Wave Cable  
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-  
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
Pastor: James Blanton

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331

**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon  
Chris Davidson, Pastor  
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Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

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Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Josh Hasty  
606-392-3809  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

**Livingston Christian Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Arthur Hunt, Minister

**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jim Miller, Pastor  
606-256-1709

**Living Word Community Church**  
"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor  
606-308-4312

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

**Maple Grove Baptist**  
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Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Mareburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
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mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor

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1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
859-986-1317  
**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
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316 Mini Mall Dr.  
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Berea, Ky.  
www.newheights.org

Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Midweek Gathering for all  
ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action

Pastor:  
Bro. Chad Burdette  
**New Hope Baptist Church**  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor

**Northside Baptist Church**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577

**Kenny Allen, Pastor**  
Sunday  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Tuesday  
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Wednesday  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
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Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Service 7 p.m.  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.

**Father Gary Simpson, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

**Philadelphia United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &  
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting  
monthly every  
2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

**United Gospel of Christ**  
4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.  
Church welcomes everyone  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December, 1908  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Jeff Draper, Pastor  
Wildie Christian  
Church  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

**Pleasant Run Missionary**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
1st Sunday in Month Church at  
2 p.m. at Rockcastle  
Respiratory Care  
Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor

**Poplar Grove Baptist**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Providence church of Christ**  
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618  
758-8524  
Robby Cable, Evangelist  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
www.WhatSaiTheScriptures.com

**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bill Hammond, Pastor  
606-392-1826

Everyone invited to come and  
worship with us  
**Roundstone Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Sand Hill Baptist Church**  
Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller

**Sand Springs Baptist**  
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go  
exactly 5 miles, church on right  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
Everyone Welcome!

**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
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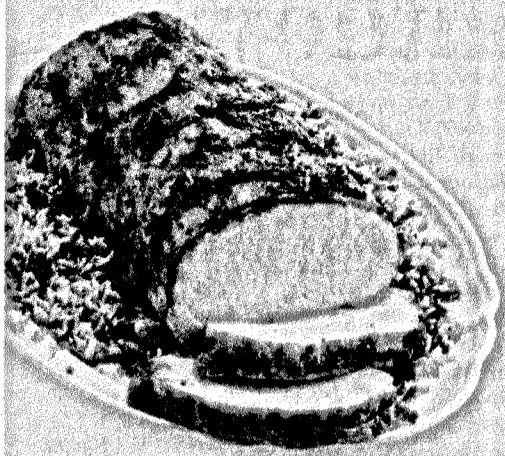
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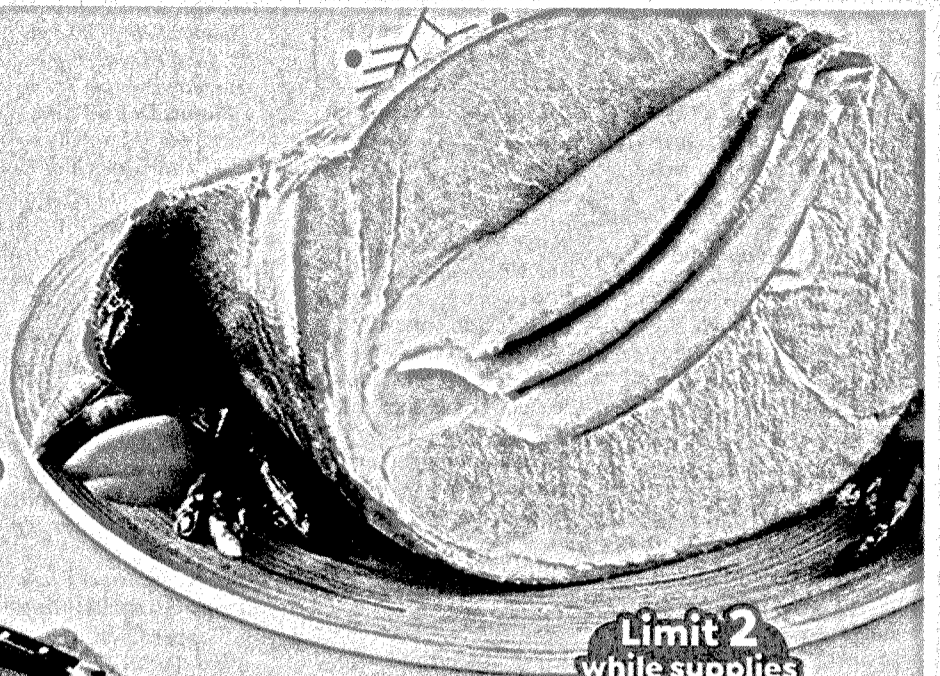
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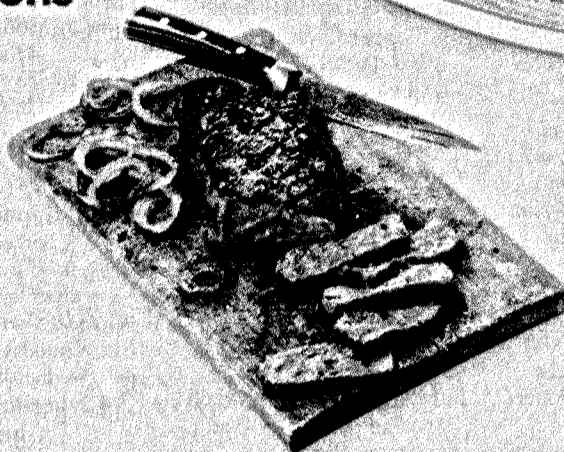
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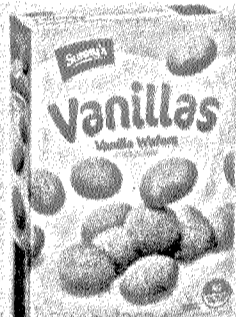
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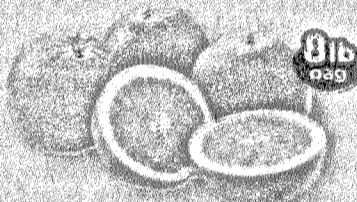
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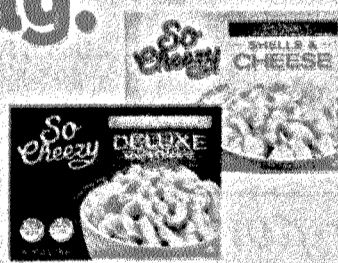
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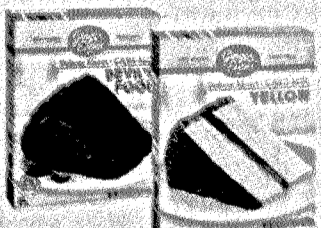
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## Rockcastle County restaurant owner endures during pandemic shutdowns

Marcella Lovell prefers to let her meatloaf and Rocket Burger speak for themselves. Tourists and regional food lovers have been listening, answering and enjoying Marcella's Farm to Fork local delicacies for years.

But what happens when a pandemic hits and success is greeted by restrictions and safety measures? Lovell, her staff and her loyal customers continue working through it all - together.

Lovell's Mount Vernon-based restaurant had just hit its stride over the summer and early fall. She and her staff had adapted to social distancing restrictions and masking up, following the spring shutdown. She was gearing up for holiday meals and events in November when Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear's mandate ending indoor dining put her plans on the back burner for a bit longer.

The Rockcastle County native says she and her staff will continue working hard to serve their loyal customers and community during these changes. "We will offer carryout and curbside pickup during the shutdown of indoor dining," Lovell said. "We may also, at my discretion, close on occasion during this time to give my hard-working staff time to rest and be with their families at home."

She added that her staff has been hard hit by the

pandemic. Many have chosen to work instead of taking vacation time, due to fear of future restrictions. "We take precautions for all contagious situations, and COVID is no different for our protocol," she added. "But, when this happens, it leaves other staff picking up the hours and filling in where needed, including myself. So, some time off for all of us will be OK, and God will see us through as He always has."

Operating on faith is nothing new to Lovell.

She's invested a lifetime learning to cook fresh, home-style food and baked small-town customer service into her business. It's not something she takes lightly.

She was raised on a farm not far from the restaurant's locale and says her life as a young Kentucky farm girl has given her just enough grit and mettle to endure the shutdowns and setbacks. Lovell has faced more significant challenges than this, she said.

"Operating a woman-owned business can be a challenge itself," she said. "In the beginning, it was hard to get people to believe in me and my dream. It was hard to get the money I needed and to be taken seriously."

That is except for Don and Sue Long, friends and previous owners of the property on which the restaurant sits. "Don and Sue were kind enough to

waive payments on the property for over a year, just on my word. It was then I slowly began to see the reality coming to light. So, with second-hand equipment, a Discover (credit) card in hand, and a small home equity loan, I began building my dream."

But perhaps her biggest inspiration to sustain comes from the women who taught her to cook in the first place: her mother and grandmother. She keeps a sign in her restaurant that is a constant reminder of why she continues. It reads: "Marcella's: Simple country cookin' the way mom cooked for me."

"At Marcella's, we pride ourselves on using the freshest, best-quality ingredients available. We do this by sourcing from top-quality vendors and locally grown farm and dairy products, when available," Lovell explains. "My staff and I take pride in preparing the food and serving to our customers in a timely and most hospitable manner. We cook and prepare our food just like my mom cooked for me. It's filled with love and will put a smile on your face one bite at a time."

In addition to the support of loyal customers, friends and neighbors, Lovell found a new and supportive lending partner over the summer: Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED).

She was preparing to expand her successful business in early 2020 when COVID-19 hit the nation. At that point, Lovell put those plans on hold but still needed new equipment and working capital to keep her customers fed.

She heard about SKED from a family friend and applied for a business loan from the regional, nonprofit lender. With the SKED loan, she was able to buy a new ice maker, new grill and put in a new heating and air conditioning unit. Best of all, she was also able to keep her 17 employees on the payroll.

"Everything (her equipment) went down at the same time," she explained. "The SKED

loan was the easiest one I've ever done in my life. They came to me for all of the paperwork and closing, and turnaround was fast."

SKED Business Loan Officer Karen Minton says being able to help homegrown entrepreneurs like Lovell keeps SKED's mission alive.

"We are thrilled to be able to help Marcella buy new equipment and get some important working capital when she needed it most," Minton said. "We hope to help her expand in the future so that she can serve even more hungry customers when all of the restrictions are lifted and life returns to normal."

To learn more about how SKED helps small business owners over-

come obstacles and learn to do business better, visit [www.skedcorp.com](http://www.skedcorp.com).

SKED is a nonprofit economic development organization, and CDFI formed 34 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Its offices are based in Somerset, serving a 45-county service region. Nine professionals work with business owners, small and large, to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion, and working capital needs and provide them the technical assistance and training they need to succeed. For more information about SKED, visit our website: [www.SKEDCORP.com](http://www.SKEDCORP.com) or call (606) 677-6100.



Marcella Lovell, owner of Marcella's Farm to Fork.

To help support students who lack internet access

## KET and KDE to pilot service for at-home learners

KET has announced a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education to pilot datacasting technology to help school districts more efficiently and effectively support students who lack home internet access.

The extended home learning brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the challenges of providing and receiving instructional materials to the homes of students, a need that is

also prevalent during weather-based and other closures. KET's statewide transmission network can support teachers and students by delivering classroom resources — such as worksheets, presentations, tests, images and even video — to computers in households without broadband internet.

The pilot program, funded in part by the Kentucky Department of Education and set to begin in January, will use

datacasting technology to securely send learning materials through KET's existing broadcast network to small receiver boxes in homes. KET previously used datacasting to send emergency, public safety, and weather information, as well as training for first responders, state and local agencies.

"KET was founded on the belief that every Kentuckian should have equal access to educa-

tional resources," said KET Executive Director and CEO Shae Hopkins. "This project has the potential to deliver much-needed classroom materials to students without broadband internet. And it does so in a more convenient and timely manner for students and teachers by utilizing KET's statewide infrastructure."

"I am thankful that Kentucky Department of Education and KET are

working together to find another way to reach students who have been struggling during this period of distance learning," said Jason E. Glass, Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner. "While Kentucky has been a pioneer and national leader in most aspects of K-12 education technology for students, teachers and leaders for the past 25 years, there is a small percentage of students that still have no internet accessibility. Through diligent work with our districts and our partners, we are closing the digital divide for our students to ensure that learning can happen anytime, anywhere. This initiative brings us significantly closer to reaching that goal."

Households participating in the pilot will be provided a receiver box and antenna, and teachers will be trained how to upload their curriculum into the datacasting system. Information, mate-

rials, and content are encrypted, and the transmission via datacasting does not interfere with KET's programming services enjoyed by viewers across the Commonwealth.

The use of datacasting to support at-home learning has emerged as a promising new path for school districts seeking cost-effective and efficient solutions for delivering educational materials to students lacking internet access at home. Public television stations in South Carolina, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota have also begun similar pilot projects.

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## School district finances reported to be in great shape by auditors

By: Mike French  
Editor

Among many other issues, Members of the Rockcastle County School Board discussed finances during Tuesday evenings regular monthly meeting.

The evening began with the annual audit report from White and Associates, PSC. A representative of the company told the board they should be well pleased with their audit again this year.

"This is an excellent report," he said. "You are right on budget and there are no corrections or suggestions needed."

The board accepted the recommended worker's compensation insurance though it was nearly \$7,000 higher than last year's premium.

According to Jenny Sweet, Director of Finance, the cost next year will be \$53,880, a 22 percent increase. Sweet said the increase was due to claims paid during the last fiscal year.

However, KEMI applied a 10 percent credit from prior years plus credits Sweet said she had not used in past years. "We knew we would need those credits one day and this year we applied them. It worked out very well for us," Sweet said. Counting all credits Sweet had set aside for the district, there is a 35 percent credit due to the district. In addition to the credits, KEMI will provide a dividend check to the district for \$6,399 for the 2017 policy year which will offset the in-

crease.

Sweet provided the board with details of what the insurance covers throughout the district.

Sweet then presented the month ending financial report showing a general fund cash balance of \$2,621,625. Along with balances from fund 2, 310, 320, 360, 400 and food service fund, the total cash bal-

ance was \$5,961,830 at the end of November.

Sweet told the board her and her staff plan to have the draft budget ready for the January meeting.

This budget will have to include some guesswork since numbers needed from the state and federal government, as well as other entities, will not be provided by that meeting.

See next week's Signal for photos from the Christmas Parades

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**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property of Shelby and Eric Eversole (formerly known as the Ab Ramsey property) and located at 85 Pennington Cemetery Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x3p

**Posted:** No trespassing! on Property located at 1672 Big Cave Road, Orlando. Trespassers are subject to be prosecuted. 44x2

**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:** 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 LJL Honeycomb LLC for

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

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

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

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

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

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

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**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. 45x3

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**Notice is hereby given that** David L. Broughton, 234 Taylor Banks Road, McKee, Ky. 40447 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of William C. Broughton on the 14th day of December, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, verified according to law, to the said David L. Broughton or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. 47x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Rhonda L. Smith, 1641 Doc Adams Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of James M. Smith on the 14th day of December, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Rhonda L. Smith, or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey and Ford, PSC, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 14, 2021 at 11 a.m. 47x3

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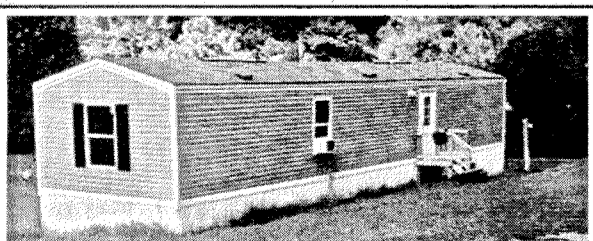
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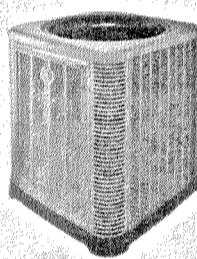
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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## 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

LVNV Funding LLC v. Delilah Pyles, complaint for monies due. C-00332

## Marriage Licenses

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

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

## 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

Austin Tyler VanWinkle v. Annie and Wayne Rigsby and others.

Jesse Allen Bugg v.

Tiffany Kaye Bugg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Regina Nicole Reams v. Bradford Scott Durham.

Jim Neeley, et al v. Jacob Singleton.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Jerry Saylor.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Kevin Hall, monies claimed due. CI-00239

## District Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. KBA :awm Servoce 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

# Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda  
State Representative  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year

As I am writing this update, we are less than two weeks away from Christmas, and three weeks to the start of 2021. At my house, we are looking forward to celebrating the holiday season. However, we will be modifying how we usually visit with family and friends. We will be using technology to maintain social distancing in order to protect those that may be more vulnerable to the virus that has been in the headlines throughout this last year.

I also want to take time to thank each of you for the opportunity over the last two years to be your voice in Frankfort. It has been an honor to serve you, and to listen to your concerns. I appreciate the input on so many issues that have been brought before the legislature over the last two years. I tried to meet with anyone that requested a meeting to discuss issues that were important to them. Occasionally, I did not have an opening in my schedule when someone or some group was available to meet. I read each email and phone message that was sent and tried to respond to as many of those that I could. I did keep each of those contacts in mind as I had to cast a vote in a committee meeting or on the House floor. This was the reason that I went to Frankfort, and I kept that in mind each moment of time. As I have told my students for years, no two

people are going to agree on every issue. We can still agree to disagree and discuss issues civilly.

I appreciated the opportunity to work with local and state officials to advance highway and economic development

projects across the District, including adding some new projects to the 6-year Road Plan such as the future work around Exit

62 of I-75 and Renfro Valley, and assisting with a \$27 million economic development project in Lancaster. When I received complaints about road issues, I organized meetings to help address the situations. One of those concerns was the entrance to the new Cartersville Fire Department. By arranging the meeting between the local and state officials, that project was able to continue. I reached out to each of the Health Departments before the vote during the Special Session in 2019 to get their input on the bill that was directly going to impact them. It was an honor to serve while maintaining my integrity. Again, thank you for the opportunity.

In recent days, the vaccine for the coronavirus is now being shipped to our state. Hopefully, as the vaccinations become more readily available, our lives can begin to return to some sense of normalcy. There are differing opinions on whether to take the vaccination. I encourage each person to talk with their medical provider to decide what is best for you personally. I have already talked

with my doctor to get his recommendation for me.

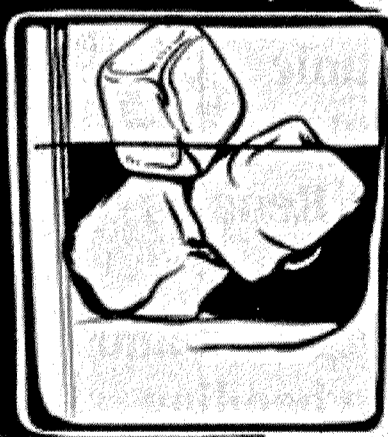
In closing, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In the Gospel of Luke, we read, "And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

If you need to contact me through December 31, I can be reached at [travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov). You can keep track of the legislature through the General Assembly's official website at [www.legislature.ky.gov](http://www.legislature.ky.gov). Kentucky Educational Television televises many committee meetings and the work on the House Floor. To access the KET coverage, visit the legislature's website and click on the Live Coverage box or log on to [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org). The legislature also created a YouTube channel (KY LRC Committee Meetings) to broadcast live from committees that KET is unable to cover.



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