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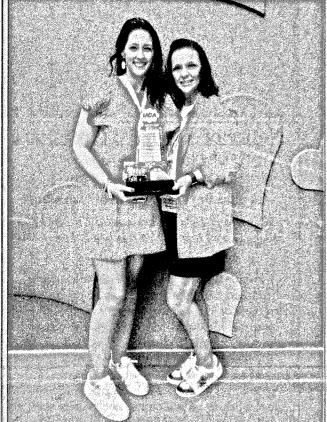
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RCHS Cheer rocks Nationals





The RCHS Cheerleaders competed in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship this past weekend in Orlando, Florida. The team qualified for the national competition this past November when they competed in the UCA Bluegrass Regional competition in Lexington. Over 1,100 teams competed this weekend in the national competition in multiple divisions. RCHS Competed in the DII Large NT Game Day Division and finished sixth in the nation. There were multiple rounds of competition throughout the weekend, narrowing down the best teams to compete in Finals on Sunday. Qualifying for finals was a huge accomplishment for the Rockets, especially as a first year team in the competition. The team is coached by Joanie Lake and Viena Anderson, shown at left. Members of the squad are shown above, front row from left: Bailey Terry, Brooke Dunn, Alivia Shepherd, Allie Cable, Maddie Ellis, Halli Bales, Kovey Payne, Ashleigh Abney, Victoria Dykes, Kathryn Coffey and Kameryn Medley. Back row from left: Ally Hayes, Raychel Carpenter, Chelsea Cox, Maggie Reynolds, Alexis Martin, Kennadie Anderson, Chloe Taylor, Emma Ballinger, Sidney Doan, Brianna Hensley, **Keathlee Justice and Jenna Eaton**

Board approves completed design of new RCMS

Bid process coming

By: Mike French

It was a relatively short meeting for the Rockcastle County School Board Monday evening, but some of the biggest decisions in several years were made before the night was

Representatives of Deco Architectural Services appeared before the board for final approvals for the new Middle School Project. "We have four approvals that we are asking for tonight and this is the night we have been waiting for," said Derrick Phillips, Deco Representative.

First came a BG-2 request which includes over 400 pages of documents and drawings reduced to a document of texts as a summary. BG-3 included the updated cost estimates

that were presented at the January meeting of over \$43 million. The KDE documents are piles of paperwork which require proving criminal prevention to be incorporated into the design, according to Phillips. Finally the actual construction documents. "We would really like to present you with all the documents here tonight but it is impossible," said Phillips "There are well over 393 pages of drawings and well over 1,000 pages of specifications and requirements. There is no way we could show them all and go over every detail. What we are asking is that you give us approval so that we can move forward and then, as you review the documents,m you can

(See "RCMS" on A5)

Arrest made after shots fired call

By: Mike French Editor

Charles Brown, Jr. 46, of Mount Vernon, was arrested Sunday, February 12. after he allegedly shot at Byron Bond, also of Mount Vernon, twice.

According to the arrest citation the Mount Vernon Police Department received a call of "shots fired" Sunday during the Super Bowl. Officer Blake King rushed to the scene to find Bond standing in the street shouting.

The citation says Bond told the officer he was standing in the street when Brown shot at him twice. The officer noticed a bullet hole in a vehicle parked on the street.

The citation says Brown then exited the house unarmed and admitted to shooting towards Bond twice but

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Contract to be signed

Livingston water customers must pay overdue bills

By: Mike French

Editor Officials Livingston agree that operating the Livingston water and sewer system is among the most difficult challenges the new administration faces. Old water and sewer lines, failing equipment and continual leaks have been a problem in Livingston

for several years, accord-

ing to city officials. When the newlyelected administration entered office, the water supervisor resigned. Water bills had been a topic of complaints at city commission meetings for years. Citizens complained of inaccurate meter readings, inaccurate calculations and other issues and the city has had difficulty collecting overdue bills and making the payments to water suppliers, according to citizens and commissioners at monthly meetings.

However, newly electedMayor ... Larry Davidson said he plans to tackle each issue with the current water system until it is brought up to date, customers are served and billing is correct and collected.

Davidson's first hire as mayor was Dougie

Medley as waterworks employee. According to Davidson, Medley is currently working to become certified since a certified water technician is required to sign off on the

systems. However, the city is still searching for a certified technician while Medley is working on his certification.

One of the first tasks,

Davidson said, is to col-

lect the overdue water bills. "For years there were plea bargains and deals made and some people were taking advantage of that and racking up thousands of dol-

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lars in overdue bills," said Davidson. "There will be no more plea bargains, but we will work with every citizen in any way they wish to pay these

(See "Water" on A5)

Owner of Eagle plant indicted

By: Mike French Editor

In 2018, officials in Rockcastle County were excited about the new development known as Eagle Manufacturing opening their doors in the old Plastics Building.

RCIDA and fiscal Court officials, working closely with the new developers, expected growth and development. But instead the action turned to a lawsuit and legal action against owner Douglas Thornburg, 45.

Last week, Thornburg was indicted by a Rockcastle Grand Jury for theft of copper mate-

rials from the building. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Once the business became established in the county, questions began by local officials as silos on the premises apparently began to disappear. Jobs that were allegedly promised did not come and, though some officials continued to suggest the business was operating without cause for concern, others began to visit the site and find anomalies that started an investigation.

According to some local officials, wiring in the building had been re-

Burn Ban in effect

The Kentucky Burn Ban took effect on Wednesday, February 15 and will

According to the KRS 149.400, it is illegal to burn anything within

150 feet of any woodlands or brushland between the hours of

6 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the burn ban season.

Citizens should check with local fire department for specific restrictions

concerning outdoor burning.

last until April 30.

moved and electrical panels had been torn apart. There were also several silos moved off the site,

officials said. Eventually, the fiscal court filed an order forbidding the owners to be on the property and a suit was filed against Thornburg and the company over the missing materials.

Thornburg was called

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2023-24 school calendar approved

By: Mike French

Editor The

Rockcastle

County School Board approved the final version of the 2023-24 school calendar during Monday night's special called meeting.

According to the calendar, the first day of the school year for students will be Wednesday, August 16.

Fall break is planned to begin Monday, October 2 and last through the week with students returning to class on Monday, October 9.

Thanksgiving Break is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 20 and students will return to class on Monday, November 27.

(See "Water" on A5)

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 19 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County

in the past 7 days. There were an additional 13 probable cases reported.

Mount Vernon

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was scheduled for today, Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon City Hall. See next week's issue for details.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



China weather balloon. That's right. Keep right on paying attention to a balloon that doesn't get blown up until AFTER it has already crossed the entire country.

A "spy unit" that sends information back to a communist country is allowed to calmly float over the entire country at its own pace. Filming and photographing anything it likes in high-definition in peace and quiet, left completely alone.

Then a big Air Force advertisement demonstration explosion brings cheers and accolades from the press boxes along Democrat row in Congress.

After it has completed its mission, then blow it up in pomp and circumstance to cheering servants.

Yeah, that adds up.

In the meantime, I suppose not many noticed as Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga), quizzed U.S Comptroller Gene Dodaro concerning what the COVID cash was used for.

There was \$5 trillion in the COVID relief fund in directly to the a country that is \$34 trillion in debt.

Of that, \$560 billion dollars is just plain missing. No one knows where it is. Well, truth be told, someone does! But that point that you have to someone isn't talking.

It's pretty clear that this particular someone had the authority to take \$560 billion out of the pot so they clearly have some authority in Washington. Hmmm, wonder who? Someone should be saying things like "Hey HUNTERing for it.

But even that doesn't it is now?" scratch the surface of how all that money went into pockets across the nation.

Did you know that according to MTG, \$80 billion of COVID relief funds were loaned to Planned parenthood so that more abortions could be performed? Would you have been against that? Well, apparently no one

Keep watching the cares what you think. They did it anyway. One would think that even tax and spend Democrats would want to know about loaning \$80 billion in tax money to the nation's main abortion provider.

Did you know Greene found \$1.4 million given to the Pennsylvania State **Humanity Council for** equity and diversity? Because apparently COVID dies out if one race of people gets more attention than other

What does that have to do with COVID? Nothing!

Did you know that Greene found \$5.1 Billion given to elementary schools to teach CRT? We spent over \$5 BIL-LION teaching white children that they are lesser humans than people with darker skin but still oppressors and we did it in the name of COVID. So that people wouldn't catch the flu.

This is off the charts deception!

Oh no, we aren't finished.

Over \$16,000 went LBGTQABCD community to fund men dressed in their mommy's clothes reading stories to elementary students.

I mean there comes a laugh at the ignorance and arrogance.

But of course, while that interview was going on the rest of the country was standing outside, staring up into the sky with our mouths open Earl, where you reckon

Meanwhile we create scholarships and community funds and programs that you are not elligible for if your skin is too light.

We are past the point of a government that serves the people. We now make criminals out of anyone that questions

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

Birds of a Feather Dear Journal,

We hung a bird feeder out on our front porch back in early December. At first there weren't too many birds feeding from it but about the second and third day, it was really catching on and the birds were just flocking to it. The cardinals were the first to show any interest in the feeder. Now we have several species of birds showing up to eat.

The cardinals were not only the first to take notice but are the most popular species of the birds to come to feed. The male cardinals outnumber the female cardinals about two to one or more than the females. We also have a few blue jays come to eat. They think that we put the feeder there especially for them. All of the other birds won't come near when there is a blue jay on the feeder. I've heard that they are the bullies of the bird population. it is true. When a blue jay is feeding, a cardinal will fly to the feeder and then flutter its wings and stay within about a foot or more from the feeder being completely stationary. There are a few redheaded woodpeckers that feed from the feeder, as well. They hang on the side of the feeder and hold on to it while sticking their head over the side enough to eat the seeds. Basically they are eating upside down. They will share the food with others. Then, there are some small birds come to eat but I'm not certain of their species. I think that they are little wrens or maybe chickadees; I'm just not sure. They will eat with the other birds as

Not only are the birds getting food but bird watching is a good pastime as I recover from my stroke. I can't do much else. I spend many hours watching the birds. I was

well except for the blue

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Trash is bad on US 25 ROW

Dear Editor, anoutsbuom

Yesterday, Lowas traveling north on US 25 and couldn't help but notice, yet again, the amount of trash littering the right-ofway. Seems like it keeps getting worse. Last year, the road was completely resurfaced so we have an excellent road to travel on and it looks nice too. Also, last year, the drainage ditches in the Conway area were cleaned out, widened and new drainage culverts installed and that looks good also but you scarcely notice these improvements for the litter.

Since the Signal is the only newspaper, and you have countywide readership, I am wondering if you would take on a minicampaign to increase awareness of the litter

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problem and maybe get

people to stop throwing their trash out onto our roadways. Maybe something as

simple as a logo in the top corner of the front page that says Keep Rockcastle Beautiful - Don't Litter. Or maybe contact local school personnel and see if they would like to get their students involved in coming up with slogans, writing essays, etc. I'm sure there are many creative ideas the kids could come up with.

Always wanting Rockcastle County to look its best.

Sincerely, Delores Carpenter 602 Brown Road

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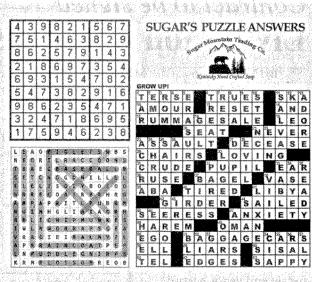
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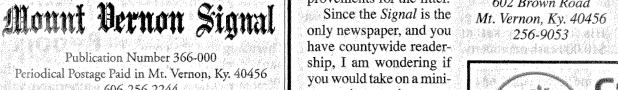
Notice of Amended Ordinance

City of Livingston Ordinance 01-0518-20 **Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance**

Subsection "H" (1) pursuant to KRS 243.075 Regulatory License Fee has been changed as shown below.

Pursuant to KRS 243.075, there is hereby imposed a regulatory license fee on the gross receipts of sales of alcoholic beverages of each licensee who has a local city license issued by the ABC Administrator. The City 's Regulatory License Fee shall be 5% of the gross sales of all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink. In case of retail/sales of package distilled spirits and wine, the Regulatory License Fee shall be 5% of gross sales and 5% on Malt packaged beverages.





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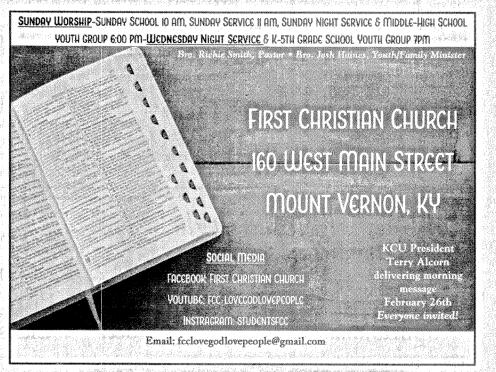
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By Brandon Storm State Senator Week 2

Lawmakers returned to Frankfort on Tuesday to reconvene following a constitutionally required break in the 2023 30-day legislative session.

We immediately got back to work, passing House Bill 1, which codifies the income tax reduction from 5 percent to

4.5 percent that went into effect on January 1. The

bill lowers the income tax to 4 percent beginning on January 1, 2024. Additional tax reform, moving away from taxing production and more emphasis on consumption, not only keeps more money in wage earners'

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Hospice Volunteer Training Registration Hospice Care Plus will hold registration through February 23rd for their New Volunteer Training online at hospicecareplus.org or by calling Mariah at 859-626-9292. The group training is in Richmond on Feb. 25 ad prepares you to volunteer at the Compassionate Care Center or in your community in these programs: home hospice care, home pallative care, bereavement care or in non-patient care and administrative roles that support the organization and its mission. Call for details or questions

Youth Basketball Tournament

A 2023 Youth Basketball Tournament will be held February 25, 2023 at Shannon Johnson Elementary in Berea for 2nd and 3rd grade boys and girls and 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. There is a two game guarantee and team entry fee is \$75. The event is being hosted by SMFE with all proceeds going to support the Madison Strikes i a soccer national tournament in Panama, FL. For more information, call Shamekia Hampton 859-979-0347 or Heather Ramsey at 606-392-1132.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6456 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

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 Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities Please join us each

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

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

pockets but it builds on the record years of economic success in the commonwealth, primarily because of conservative, pro-business policies enacted by the Ken-

tucky General Assembly.

Legislative Update

Along with House Bill 1, the Senate passed House Bill 2 on Wednesday, which provides over \$16 million to support the construction of a new veterans center in Bowling Green. The center is the fifth in the state and will provide services to veterans in the south-central region. The need for this funding support is, unfortunately, partly because of high inflation, which has greatly increased the cost of construction.

I understand we all still bear the weight of high inflation and gas prices, but I am always happy to support our veterans and the Republican supermajorities' commitment is to leave more money in your pocket because you know best how to spend your hardearned income, not the government.

An issue that dominated the media and lawmakers' attention through the session's break involved the state Department of Juvenile Justice. I'm confident you have heard about and followed recent disturbing reports from within the DJJ system, including the sexual abuse of a 16-year-old girl in Adair County and the brutal assault of employees in Bowling Green. Much work is left to be done, but I'm happy to say some legislative efforts have prompted the executive branch to take action to better protect our detained youth.

First, in the 2022 interim, the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Statutory Committee, which I co-chair, and the Interim Judiciary Committee recommended that DJJ separate those inside facilities based on the severity of the offense and by gender. It's concerning these recommendations were only taken following the terrible story of Adair

County's incident. Nevertheless, the Senate initiated a DJJ working group, which I was a member of, that met extensively over the session's break. The workgroup communicated its recommendations to Governor Andy Beshear. Recommendations that have been met as of this legislative update include:

•Provide 24/7 Kentucky State Police pres-

ence at facilities housing the most violent offend-

•Identify specific immediate, intermediate, and long-term resources needed to address the crisis and gaps in the law that can aid in the department's efforts.

•Make trauma care available to staff and youth victims in DJJ facilities.

 Develop and maintain a tracking notification system concerning the transportation and status of youth offenders so that parents, legal guardians, and law enforcement entities can be aware.

Still, lawmakers have made recommendations to the Governor that remain unmet, some of which could be the most meaningful. They are:

 Consider replacing department leaders who have failed to create a culture within DJJ where employees and youth can feel safe and begin a nationwide search for qualified replacements. The DJJ workgroup has concluded a toxic culture exists within the department that money alone could never repair.

 Provide unfettered access to cabinet and department officials but, most importantly, the rank and file employees who have indicated fear of retaliation from those above them.

•Allow for an independent inspection of DJJ facilities to determine if health and safety measures are up to expectation and if policies and procedures are being met.

•Explain failures to implement past recommendations.

DJJ workgroup leaders outlined met and unmet recommendations during a press conference on February 2. They also formally requested the state auditor of public accounts to contract with an independent organization for a full audit of DJJ.

In closing, several legislative measures were introduced in week two, including an education-centric bill focused on strengthening parent voices in the school system, a bill ensuring the communist Chinese government cannot access state government information, and another addressing concerns with the state's power grid. Rest assured, your elected officials remain engaged in light of the rolling blackouts some Kentuckians have experienced this winter.

Aces

(Continued from A2) government and make heroes out of anyone that closes their eyes to the truth.

But then, just to put the icing on the cake, we throw billions of dollars into anti-Christian, antifreedom, anti-American programs without letting the people know about it while screaming about how wonderfully transparent we are.

I know how insulted and confrontational I would be if government told me that they were going to lower college requirements because they believe I am too stupid to pass their current standards. I know how I would feel if liberals told me they are going to send me reparation money because they believe I am too lazy to earn a living and too ignorant to succeed on my own.

This is where America is now. This is Joe Biden's world.

Exactly where us old timers knew we would be when we took God out of our schools and started accepting evil things with "compassion," instead of battling it out of our country.

And this is what we get. Yes, Us, Mr and Mrs Christian, funded murdering babies...like it, or not. We funded abominations. We supported racial division. We padded pockets across Washington while American families can't buy groceries.

To complete this farce, we need to send another few billion to Ukraine and pass a law that people can't speak against the crooks and thugs in the swamp and we should elliminate white people.

There's no doubt, Democrats would support such a bill.

We either stand up and put a stop to this Socialist, racist, anti-American agenda, or we stay silent. If we stay still and let it happen, we are just as guilty as the demons that control it.

T.J.'s

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remembering the other day when I was young and growing up, Mom would remind me from time to time of an old cliché, "Birds of a feather flock together". I'm sure most have heard it before many times. Anyway, it was her way of telling me to be mindful of the company I kept, at least on a regular basis, but be kind, helpful, and respectful to all people.

Over the years I've come to understand just what she meant. I'm also an observer of human behavior and always take mental notes. It is true that like-minded people clan together as do those of high moralistic values. I've also noted that if you put some people together with high values, morals and integrity with those of low values and integrity and morals, it won't be too long before those who took the high road will have taken the low road and be wallowing in the mud and mire of the low road finding themselves in places they never thought they would never be. However, it is never too late to change paths.

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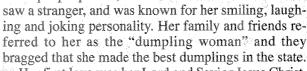
bituaries

Hallie Marie Alexander

Our Mother, Hallie Marie Powell Alexander, 93 went peacefully home with her special friend, the Lord Jesus Christ, on Monday, January 30, 2023 from the

Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. She was a Gabbardtown native born August 28, 1929, daughter of the late Albert and Minnie Gabbard Powell and had been a resident of Little Clear Creek Road (Rockcastle County) the past 71 years.

Hallie loved gardening and would tell everyone she planted and harvested her gardens for 69 years. She was a people person, never



Her first love was her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was a prayer warrior, witnessed to anyone who would listen to her testimony and said no matter how bad her day was that God was still good to her. Mother looked to Him as Lord, comforter, healer and remained a devout Christian her entire life. Her first church was Galilee Baptist Church, which she never forgot, but as her health worsened she united with Fairview Baptist

Her second love was her late husband Eugene Alexander, who was her companion and partner for over 44 years until his death in 1996. After those two loves came her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Hallie is survived by: children, Gerald (Irene) Alexander, and Jewell (Rex) Davidson; grandchildren, Jenia (Walter) Hart, Jeremy (Andrea) Davidson, Courtney (Dallas) Rigsby, and Cody (Brandy) Alexander; great grandchildren, Andrea Hall, Wyatt Rigsby, Isabelle Storer, Lila Rigsby, Harrison Asher, Anniston Shephard, Micah Hart, Emmett Rigsby, Watson Alexander, and Harper Davidson; as well as numerous relatives, friends, neighbors and church fam-

Mother was known as wife, momma, mammaw, ma, and Mammaw Hallie. She is also survived by three, not by birth, but by LOVE sons, Larry Phillips, Ray (Lavonda) Phillips, and Ray (Fe) Isaacs and was Mammaw Hallie by LOVE to Hannah Phillips, Lane Phillips, Luke Phillips, Sally Isaacs, Abigail Isaacs, Eliza Isaacs, Logan Isaacs, Lucas Isaacs.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: her son, Kenneth Alexander; and siblings, Harold Powell, Russell Powell, Anna Jett, Sylvadia Gabbard, and Wanda Ingram.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 5, 2023 at Fairview Baptist Church with Bro. Lee Abney officiating. Burial was in Blair Cemetery.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service en-

trusted with arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Jeremy Davidson, Cody Alexander, Andrea Hall, Walter Hart, Dallas Rigsby, Ray Isaacs, and Larry Phillips. Honorary pallbearers were: Beverly Brock, Betty Poynter, Teresa Powell, Ramona Hiatt, Jones Hiatt, Ray Phillips, and David McFarland.

Leave condolences for the family, share a memory, light a memorial candle or plant a tree in Hallie's memory at www.reppertfuneralhome.com

Doris Jean Brown

Doris Jean Brown, 84, of Orlando, died Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Doris was born August 13, 1938,

in Quail, to the late Marcus and Edith Albright Brown. She was of the Church of Christ faith and enjoyed gardening, canning, quilting, bingo, family birthdays and gatherings. Her greatest love was her family. She worked at American Greeting for 14 years and was a waitress for 30 years.



Debbie (Keith) Bullock of Orlando, Bobby Ramsev of Mt. Vernon, Diane (Clifford) Ramsey, Gary (Nancy) Ramsey, Billy, Linda, Carol, Loretta, Jamie, Cody, Zach, and George; grandchildren, Ashley Lunsford, Sonya Hensley (Adam), Tonya Lunsford, Greg Spoonamore (Tasha), Mary Beth Arnold (Mark), Cody Spoonamore, Choemae Spoonamore, Amanda Jean Ramsey (Doug), Gary Ramsey, Jr., Cassie Ramsey, Jessie Ramsey, Sadie, Sunday, Aden, and Ryleigh; great grandchildren, Paisley Wheeler, Briana and Houston Hensley, Jacob, Jayce, Jax, and Jager Asher, Everleigh Bradley, Maelynn and Ethan Arnold, Addison, Alex, Aiden, and Avery Spoonamore, Gary, Russell, Dakota, Alexis, Navaeh, and Heaven Ramsey; brothers, Garner Brown (Mary Ann) and Raymond Brown (Brenda), both of Brodhead; a sister, Lorene Lawrence (Bobby) of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: Timmy Ramsey and Mark Ramsey; grandchildren, Elijah Lunsford, and Becky Barron; great grandchildren, Tyler, Baxton, and Jake; and one brother, Edwin "Baker" Brown.

Services were held Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Josh Hasty officiating. Burial was in Ramsey Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Bobby Ramsey, Gary Ramsey, Teddy Lawrence, Keith Bullock, Doug Asher, and Gary Russell Ramsey. Honorary casketbearers were: Jesse Ramsey and Adam Hensley.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Ronnie Cash

Ronnie Cash, 74, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 12, 2023. Ronnie was born August 21, 1948, in Brodhead, to the late Will-



iam "Bill" and Lula Cash. Ronnie was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church. Ronnie never met a stranger and loved serving as greeter and van driver at church.

He devoted his career to serving the children of Rockcastle County, first as teacher and later as principal. Besides being a Christian, Ronnie's proudest accomplishments were being

a dad to two daughters and Pa to two rambunctious grandsons.

An avid traveler, Ronnie loved to visit the national parks and the Western United States. Nowhere on earth compared to Brodhead, as far as he was concerned. He served as both mayor of Brodhead and later city council member for many years and enjoyed volunteering at the Brodhead Fair.

He is survived by: his wife, Katreka; daughters, Lura (Mark) Dyehouse and Rachael Cash of Brodhead; grandsons, Yadon and Fowler Dyehouse; brothers, Bill (Doris) Cash, Charlie (Claudinna) Cash, and Don (Violet) Cash, all of Brodhead; sisters, Betty (Ed) Lucksinger of South Mills, NC, Bonnie (Luther) Rose of Brodhead, Beverly (Danny) Simpson of Waynesburg, and Brenda (Johnny) Simpson of Brodhead; a friend like a brother, Eddie (Joyce) Delph of Brodhead; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Besides his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by infant sister, Ruth Anna Cash, and brothers, Bobby "Bud" Cash and Billy Murphy Cash.

Services will be held Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Brodhead Baptist Church with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Eddie Delph, Johnny Boone Saylor, Tony Saylor, David Pensol, Bryan Bussell, and John McQueary.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Hospice Care Plus or Brodhead Baptist Church Wednesday Night Feeding Program.

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Suzanne L Hamm

Suzanne L Hamm, 71, wife of Mike Hamm, of Paint Lick, died Sunday, February 5, 2023, at UK Medical Center in Lexington, KY. She was born February 27,

1951 in Corbin, to the late Donald Alden and Anna Maxine (Lewis) Lloyd. She worked at Bluegrass Army Depot and Avon Bluegrass Station for 34 years. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Corbin and enjoyed crafts, painting and flower arranging.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of

14 years, Mike Hamm: one son, Steven Murphy of Richmond: three grandchildren, Ashley Curry, Marinda Crawley and Taylor Murphy: three great grandchildren, Riley Robinson, Camryn Crawley, and Cashtyn Crawley: one bother, Donald K. Lloyd: two brothers-in-law, Harry Storm and Charles Webb: one son-in-law, Chuck Curry; as well as nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one daughter, Amy Curry: one grandson, Carter Robinson: and two sisters, Saundra Storm and Patsy

Services were held Friday, February 10, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

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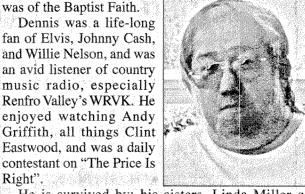
Dennis Reams

Dennis Lee Reams, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 10, 2023 at his home. He was born in Covington on December 26, 1952, the son of Felix and Irene Durham Reams. He

Dennis was a life-long fan of Elvis, Johnny Cash, and Willie Nelson, and was an avid listener of country music radio, especially Renfro Valley's WRVK. He enjoyed watching Andy Griffith, all things Clint Eastwood, and was a daily

Right".

was of the Baptist Faith.



He is survived by: his sisters, Linda Miller of Erlanger, and Mildred Vanlandingham and husband Benny of Cincinnati; a brother, Marlon Reams of Cold Spring; and a host of extended family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Emily Barton and Helen Sakkinen and a very dear friend, Brenda Barnett. Graveside services will be conducted Friday, Febru-

ary 17, 2023 at 2 p.m. in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Covington with Bro. Ric Frazier officiating.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

William K. Bullen

William K. Bullen, 86, of Wildie, died Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. He was born August 17, 1936, in Berea,

to the late Willie and Minerva (Caudill) Bullen. He was Trustee and Sunday school teacher at Scaffold Cane Baptist Church. Agency manager of Farm Bureau in Mt. Vernon for 34 years and served on the board of directors of Farm Bureau for 20 years + and a lifelong farmer. William married Betty Sue Thacker on August 31, 1957, and from that union came three



children, William Bullen Jr., Marlene, and Sonja. Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughters,

Marlene Lawson and Terry of Wildie and Sonja Bratcher and David of Crab Orchard: six grandchildren, Ashley Abney and Stewart, Beth Bratcher, Joe Bratcher, Emily Abee and Earl, Andy Bratcher and Danielle, and John Lawson and Jessica; 14 great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Betty Sue and son, William K. Bullen, Jr.; one brother, Steve Bullen; three sisters, Virginia Branscum, Kathryn Bullen, and Jean Hays.

Pallbearers were: Joe Bratcher, Stewart Abney, Earl Abee, Andy Bratcher, John Lawson and Rodney Thacker. Honorary were: Wally Hays, John Caudill, Keith Hays, and John Nugent.

Services were held Tuesday, February 12, 2023 at Scaffold Baptist Church with Bros. John Lawson and Rodney Tacker officiating.

Marshall Bullock

Marshall Bullock, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 10, 2023 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born January 13, 1942, in Mt. Vernon,

the son of the late Raymond T. and Winnie Norton Bullock. He was retired from the Hyster/Yale Company in Berea, enjoyed bluegrass gospel music, fishing, hunting, woodworking, and was a very involved member of the First Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors are: his wife, Alene Vance Bullock of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Rick Bullock (Brenda), and Chris Bullock (Crystal), both of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Donald Harold Bullock (Sandy) of Brodhead; three sisters, Faye Shafto of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Hasty of Brodhead, and Sandra Eaton of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren; three great

grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and fam-Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Benny Miller officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cem-

Pallbearers were: Chris Graves, Mike Robinson. Brandon Bullock, Roy Scarborough, Johnny Northern, and Drew Bullock.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Jerry Lee Ross

Jerry Lee Ross, 68, of Brodhead, died Friday, February 10, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Jerry was born July 21, 1954, in Indianapolis,



IN, to the late Arthur Inif and Laura (Wertz) Ross. He was of the Christian faith and enjoyed working on cars and the outdoors.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Carrie Thompson of London, Nachae Hensley (Justin) of Orlando, and Madison Ross (Zach) of Brodhead; grandchildren, Kenny Lee Thompson,

Landon Alexander, Aliegha Hensley, and Wyatt Hensley; brothers, Ray, Billy, Johnny, and Freddie Ross; and one sister, Betty Day.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Donald, Marvin, and David Ross.

Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Condolences may be made at

Charles Edward Graves

www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Charles Edward Graves, 81 of Hamilton, Ohio, died February 9, 2023. He was born in Wellhope, Mt. Vernon, on June 13, 1941, the son of John Dee and Molly Loraine



(Renner) Graves. Charles worked as a truck driver for Ernest Concrete. He loved old cars, and enjoyed working on them, flipping them and selling them.

He is survived by: his wife, Rita; son, Darrell (the late Nina) Graves; daughter, Tammy (Kelly) Lewis; stepson, Tracey (Michelle Hacker) Childers; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three step

grandchildren; one step great grandchild; his sister, Doris (the late RB) Miller; and many other loving relatives and friends.

A visitation was held at Charles C. Young Funeral Home, in Ohio on Friday, February 10. Private services were held Monday, February 13, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home. Burial was in McKinney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Hamilton

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"Arrest"

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claimed Bond was in his yard when the shots were fired.

The two men had reportedly been arguing over children, via text messaging, prior to the incident.

The officer spoke to two neighbors on the street who heard the shots and whose home was in the direct line of fire.

Brown was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with wanton endangerment in the first degree and criminal mischief in the third degree.

Brown was arraigned Monday after entering a plea of not guilty. The arraignment was continued to Wednesday, February 22. Brown is being held on a \$100,000 cash or property bond.

"Water"

(Continued from front) overdue bills. If they want to pay \$100 or \$1 or \$5 and if they want to do it daily, weekly or monthly, that's fine. We will work with them. But the city simply can't afford to let overdue water bills go. They have to be paid.

City Clerk Samantha Smoker has also been named as a water and sewer department employee and will be working with customers to find solutions to the is-

During the administransition. Davidson said it took some time to "figure out" the billing and late fees. In fact the most recent bill did not list overdue fees. So. Davidson said the city did not cut off any customer's service, provided a grace period and will not charge late fees for last month's water bills. However, "Meters will be read accurately and consistently every month going forward and customers who owe overdue bills will be required to sign a water works payment plan agreement."

The agreement does not have a set rate or percentage for overdue payments and each customer will be able to work out specific deals with the city, as long as the bill gets paid, according to Davidson.

Those owing late fees must agree to the amount, and agree to make payments of an agreed amount, plus their monthly water bill,m until the account is paid in

Payments will be due on the 15th of each month and if any customer is delinquent or a payment is missed or the customer does not repair water leaks on their side of the meter after the agreement is signed, service will be disconnected, Davidson said. There is no specified time frame for repairing a leaking water line on the contract. If a service is disconnected, the customer must pay the bill in full plus a \$50 reconnect fee to have the water reconnected.

"The city can't afford to forgive the late payments. But we will work with every customer in any way we possibly can to get this taken care of," said Davidson.

"Eagle"

(Continued from front) to testify in a hearing concerning the missing materials but he said the Rockcastle County administration at the time had told him it was acceptable to sell the items.

Rockcastle County later received payment for the stolen items through the county's insurance company and did not pursue the lawsuit, but the criminal charges remained.

Thornburg was indicted last week and will have to face an arraignment where he will offer his plea. There will then be a pretrial conference scheduled, according to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, between the Commonwealth Attorney's office and Thornburg's attorneys, to discuss a resolution to the issue.

"23-24"

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Christmas Break will begin on Thursday, December 21 and last through Friday, December 29

New Year's Day, January 1, 2024 will be a professional development (PD) day and students will have a holiday on January 2 with another PD Day on January 3. Students will not return to class after the Christmas break until Thursday, January 4.

Presidents' Day is listed as a holiday for students on Monday, February 19.

A PD Day is scheduled for Friday, March 15 and students will be off.

Spring Break is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 1 and students will not return to class until Monday, April

The last day for students will be Wednesday. May 22.

The calendar is subject to change in the event of extended snow days or unforeseen emergencies. But the final calendar has been approved.

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rescind approvals if you need to," Phillips said. "But we have worked very closely with everyone involved and we are very pleased with these documents. We are certain we have nullified risk and that every detail is built sensibly. The building is well built, well insulated, safe, structurally sound and there is no waste. If there is any 'MOJO,' it is in the paint."

Board member Matt Chaliff said he hopes the entire project is done sensibly without waste but also without cutting corners. "We want a really nice Chevy...not a

cadillac," he said. Phillips said there have been well over a dozen full time structural engineers, civil engineers, architects, mechanical experts, electrical engineers, plumbing engineers and more working on nothing except this project for the past several months. "We are very pleased with the product and we are ready to move to the bid pro-

cess," he said. The board had discussed a "gymatorium" a facility comprising a gymnasium and an auditorium, that had clearly impressed several board members and citizens. But, due to an unexpected \$8 million increase in the cost estimate for the project last month, the gymatorium was pushed aside. However, Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said the

hoard had decided to in-

clude the gymatorium as an alternate bid during the bid process. This would provide the board with the actual projected cost include the gymatorium in the project and then the decision can be made how to proceed.

The architectural firm agreed to present the board with detailed renderings at the March meeting, reminding them of some of the design and showing some of the changes made after intricate safety meetings held with the school SRO.

Officials said they expect the bid process to begin in March after KDE approvals are gained. Architects are calling the drawing and design phase of the

project 95% complete. But Phillips said the actual drawing work is considered complete and the 5% is left simply to give all stakeholders a couple of weeks to closely inspect for quality control and make sure every page of the documents and drawings work together with every other page.

Several board mem-

bers asked questions about design and safety but Phillips answered each question including how each issue had already been addressed through the project.

The board approved all four requests unanimously and Ballinger signed each document to be sent to KDE.

Kentucky American Water now accepting applications for 2023 Ripple Effect Scholarships

Kentucky American Water has announced that applications are now being accepted for the company's 2023 Ripple Effect Scholarship Program. The program, now in its 21st year, offers one-time, \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic performance and a commitment to environmental stewardship. Up to three scholarships will be

awarded this year.

Students in the company's 14-county service area (Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Jackson, Jessamine, Nicholas, Owen, Rockcastle, Scott, and Woodford counties) are eligible to apply. Information about the scholarship program and the application can be found on Kentucky American Water's website at https:/

/www.amwater.com/ kyaw/News-Community/ Community-Giving/ ripple-effect-scholarships. The deadline for entry is April 7, 2023.

"Today's students will become tomorrow's leaders, and we believe it is important to recognize and reward those who are committed to protecting our natural resources, today and in the future," said Kathryn Nash, president of Kentucky Ameri-

can Water. "We encourage all students who are classroom leaders and environmental leaders to apply, and we look forward to reviewing this year's entries."

The company established the Ripple Effect Scholarship Program in 2002. Since that time, a total of \$68,500 in scholarship funds has been awarded to 112 Kentucky students.

ROCKCASTLE LITTLE LEAGUE **2023 Spring Registration NOW OPEN** Registration closes March 3rd at 6pm



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Feb 13, 2023

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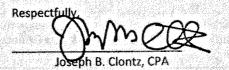
Dear Clients and Friends

Unfortunately I will be unable to prepare your 2022 income tax return this year due to unforeseen illness. It has been my pleasure and honor to have provided tax services for so many in my community for the past 35 years.

Since we provide copies of your files when you pick up your information each year, you already have everything necessary to take to a new tax professional. I encourage you to begin making other arrangements as soon as possible so that you will be able to file your 2022 taxes in a timely manner. If you did not pick up your past returns or have questions, please feel free to call 606-256-3623 to make an appointment. Our office will be open.

After 2022, files will be stored in a secure location and retained for a set number of years per AICPA recommendations. Should you need historical documents after this date, you must mail the request to Joseph or Linda Clontz, 75 Main St. Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456. Include your contact information, name, address, and phone number at a minimum and the list of documents you require. I will need time to retrieve the data, make copies and there may be a fee for processing.

I apologize in advance for any inconvenience my decision may cause, and I want to thank you for using my services for your income tax needs and express how much I have enjoyed working for you.



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Rockets defeat Titans and Model, now 14-13

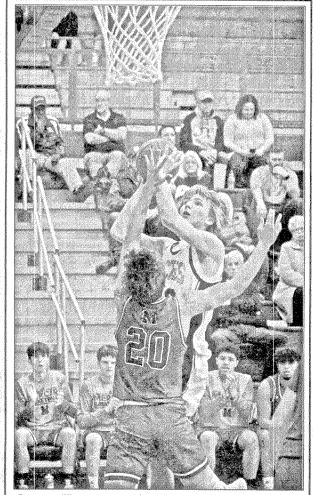
It was another nailbiter for the Rockets last Friday night as they managed to come back from as much as an 11 point deficit in the third quarter to defeat the Mercer County Titans 69-63.

The Rockets were down 23-14 at the end of the first quarter and by ten at the half, 41-31. At the end of the third period, they were down 52-44 but it was in the fourth quarter when things got inter-

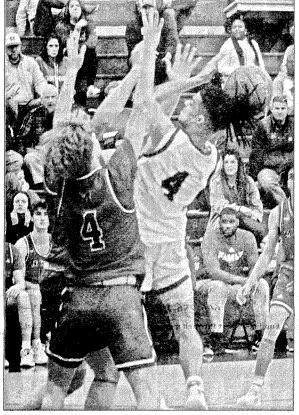
At the 6:24 mark, the Rockets were down 54-48, but freshman Walker Craig got hot and scored a two and a three point basket, junior Trent Wilson added a two and a three basket and suddenly, the Rockets were ahead 58-56. Mercer tied the score at 58 all with 4:13 left and then went up 60-58 on free throws.

Sophomore Connor Hunt tied the game at 60 all. The Titans went into keepaway mode but Trent Wilson came up with a steal at the 2:07 mark and put the Rockets up 62-60. Hunt then got another steal and was fouled. He made one of two but the Titans then made their fourth three point basket of the game to tie the score at 63 all with 1.35 left to play. Craig hit another shot and was fouled to give the Rockets a 66-63 lead

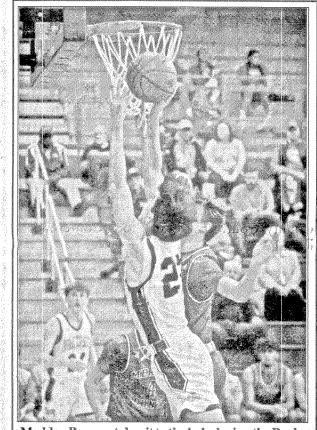
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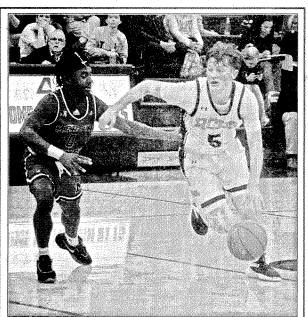
Connor Hunt goes up for two of his nine points during the Rockets' 69-65 win over Mercer County Friday night.



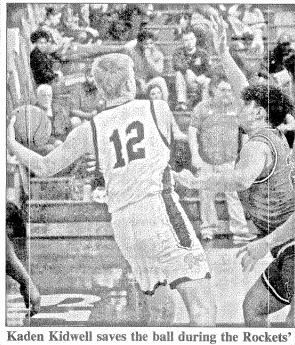
Jaidan Burton goes for two during the Rockets' 69-65 win over Mercer County Friday night.



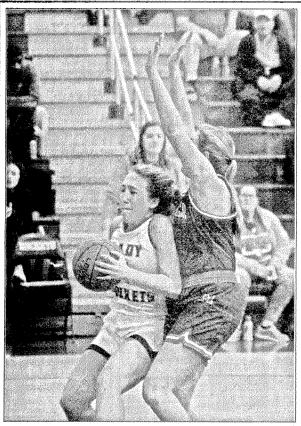
Maddox Parsons takes it to the hole during the Rockets' 69-65 win over Mercer County Friday night.



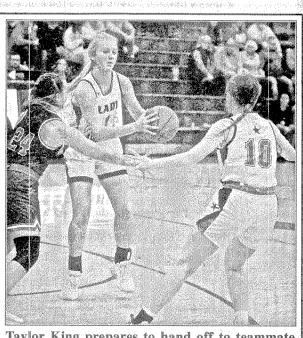
Jace Rogers drives around a defender during the Rockets' 69-65 win over Mercer County Friday night.



69-65 win over Mercer County Friday night.



Calleigh Burdette tries to get to the basket during the Lady Rockets' 59-46 loss to Mercer County Friday night.



Taylor King prepares to hand off to teammate Camryn Cash during the Lady Rockets' 59-46 loss to Mercer County Friday night.

Lady Rockets lose to **Mercer County 59-46**

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets's Senior Night was spoiled when they picked up their 7th loss of the season, against 18 wins.

Turnovers hurt the Lady Rockets and a lax defense that allowed the Lady Titans to pick up several uncontested layups.

The Lady Rockets were down 15-11 at the first quarter stop but fought back to tie the score at the half at 24 all.

The Rockets were up 30-26 when the Titans went on a 5-0 run to take a 31-30 lead and ended the third quarter ahead 38-35.

But the fourth quarter was all the Lady Titans. They began playing stall ball early in the quarter with a 43-37 lead and then broke loose for three uncontested lay-ups and a 16-9 run to end the game with the 59-46 win.

The Rockets had four three baskets on the night with senior Keelee King scoring three of them and Haven King getting the fourth.

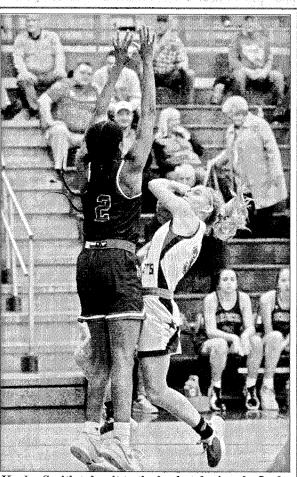
King led the scoring with 14 points and, along with sister Haven King, accounted for four rebounds. Senior Karlee Smith got eight points, including gooing 4/4 from the free throw line; Haven King and Talynne Shearer scored seven points each, with Shearer taking rebounding honors with seven; Taylor King and Macy Spivey each scored four points and Camryn Cash got two.

The Lady Rockets are scheduled to host Garrard County Tuesday night and Danville Christian Thursday night before playing their final game of the season at Russell County in a doubleheader with the boys on Friday night.

District Tournament action gets underway next Monday as the girls travel to Pulaski County to face Somerset at 7:30 p.m. ar zamanin bilin bil

47th District Tournament Pulaski County High School

Monday, February 20th • 7:30 Lady Rockets vs. Somerset Tuesday, February 21st • 6:00 Rockets vs. Somerset



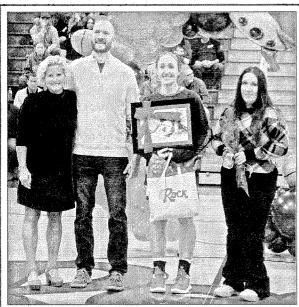
Karlee Smith takes it to the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to Mercer County.



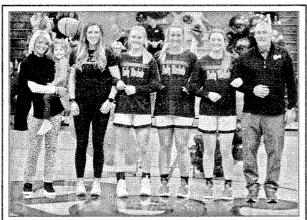
Keelee King dries around the defense during the Lady Rockets' 59-46 loss to Mercer County Friday night. King was the lone Lady Rocket in double figures with 14.

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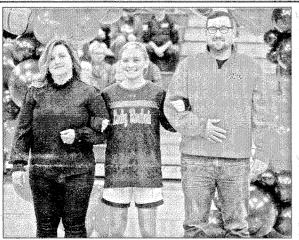
Lady Rocket & Rocket Seniors Honored



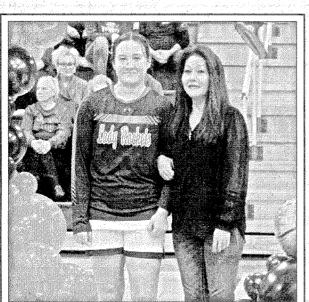
RCHS honored their senior Rockets and Lady Rockets Friday night. Shown above is senior Calleigh Burdette with her parents, Jennifer Burdette and Dusty Burdette and head coach Chrysti Noble.



Senior Keelee King, escorted by her parents, Bert and Angie King and sisters, Autumn, Haven and Taylor King and cousin, Jaylan.



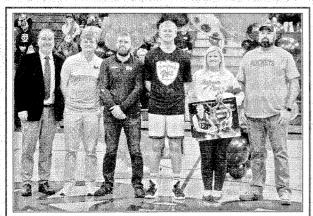
Senior Karlee Smith with her parents, Tara Carpenter and Joseph Smith.



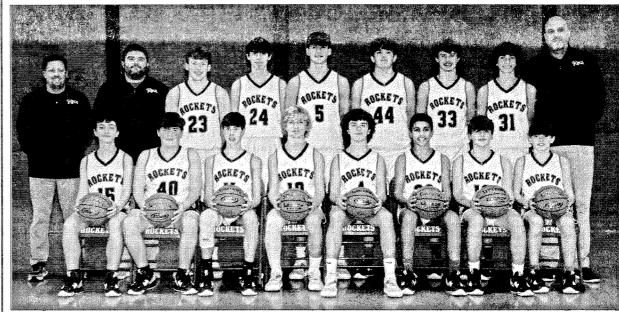
Senior Savanna Santo, escorted by her mother, Donna Carter.



Senior Jaidan Burton, escorted by his mom, Mary Burton, sisters Jessalyn and JaNaye Burton, cousins Kyler, Josiah and Micah French.



Senior Kaden Kidwell with his parents, Carrie and Jason Alcorn and brothers, Logan and Parker Kidwell with head coach Andrew Cash.



RCMS honored their eighth graders and family members last week. Team members are shown above, front row from left: Jaken Masters, Eli Phelps, Nolan Bryant, Sawyer Yates, Zeke Fain, Xavier Leger, Myles Watson and Jack Childress. Back row from left: coachs Jeremy Neeley and Zach Gentry, Hunter Pingleton, Ethan Kidwell, Colton Cash, Cameron Smith, Blake Mullins, Caden Lovell and coach Corey Craig.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Rockcastle County Budget for fiscal year 2023, to include unanticipated receipts from General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, Forestry Fund, Fairground Fund, Farmer's Mkt Fund, EDF Fund, 911 Fund, ARPA Fund and CSEPP Fund in the amount of (\$182,094.45) and increasing expenditures in the area of General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, Forestry Fund, Fairground Fund, Farmer's Mkt Fund, EDF Fund, 911 Fund, ARPA Fund and CSEPP Fund will be held on March 2nd at 4pm at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Rockcastle County Budget for fiscal year 2023, to include unanticipated receipts from General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, EDF Fund and Clerk Storage Fund in the amount of \$266,231.54 and increasing expenditures in the area of from General Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund, LGEA Fund, EDF Fund and Clerk Storage Fund will be held on March 2nd at 4pm at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room

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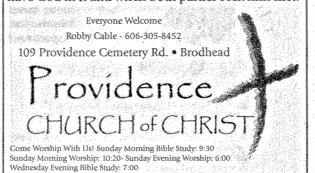
Husbands, Love Your Wives

We are told in the book of Genesis 2:20 that Adam didn't have a helpmate for him. VS 21 and the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh instead thereof; VS22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he woman, and brought her unto the man. VS23 And Adam said, this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man. VS24 Therefore shall a man leave his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh

Often, husbands don't appreciate their wives and often, wives don't appreciate their husbands because they don't see their spouse as being a gift from God. God didn't mean for husbands and wives just to love each other but rather to love and support each other. I am often amazed when I hear of a husband being unfaithful to his wife or a wife being unfaithful to her husband. Obviously, there is a lack of biblical teaching on marriage and the union between a man and a woman. In our culture today, there is a redefining of what that relationship should look like. Last week I talked about how that the devil loves division and separation. God, on the other hand, loves unity and harmony.

unity and harmony. Ephesians 5:20-29 says Giving thank always for all things to God the father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 - submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 - Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 - For the husband is the head of the wife as also Christ is the head of the church; and he is the savior of the body. 24 - Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 - Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her, 26 - that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 - that he might present her to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 - So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife, loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the

Couples, when you are looking for a mate, seek a God-fearing mate. A successful marriage will always have God in it and when both parties seek him first.



Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (behind City Hall)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

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

The Heavenly City

REVELATION 21:2,5

IT IS WRITTEN: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. (Heb.11:10)

A CITY GOD PREPARED: But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. (Heb.11:16)

11:10)
THE GREAT CITY

JOHN IS SHOWN THE HOLY CITY: And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (Rev.21:10)

HE SEES THE GREAT CITY: Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. (Rev.21:11)

HAVING THE GLORY OF GOD: And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald

THE GLORIOUS CITY

ITS TEMPLE IS THE LORD'S: And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. (Rev.21:22)

IT IS ILLUMINATED BY THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE LAMB. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamb is the light thereof. (Rev.21:23)

THE SUN AND MOON AS WE KNOW IT HAD BEEN BURNED UP, AND REPLACED BY A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH: And I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first earth was passed away; and there was no more sea. (Rev.21:1)

THE NATIONS OF THE SAVED SHALL WALK IN ITS LIGHT: And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. (Rev.21:24)

ONLY THOSE NAMES WHO ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev.20:15)

May we who are the disciples of Jesus Christ allow the vision seen by John excite and encourage us to remain faithful until we walk through those pearly gates! Listen, then, to these beautiful words.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev.22:17)

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube website. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think your suggestion is important to us whether you agree or disagree. We have free Bible correspondence courses, give me a call at 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Kentucky Proud® marketing grant opportunities announced

Several Kentucky Proud grant funding opportunities are open at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced.

"The Kentucky Department of Agriculture provides a number of grant funding opportunities to assist farmers, restaurants, local organizations, and more," Commissioner Quarles said. "These grant programs are unique in that they benefit the consumer and the producer, while at the same time advocating for a wide array of Kentucky farm products."

The funding for the grants was made available after Kentucky Proud was approved for two years of funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. In addition to marketing campaigns for Kentucky Proud farm products, these funds are also designated for the various grant opportunities.

Buy Local – Connecting farmers to restaurants

The Buy Local program promotes and rewards participating restaurants, caterers, schools, and other food service participants dedicated to purchasing and

using Kentucky Proud products for their customers. The program offers participants up to a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food with a maximum of \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000.

For Buy Local guidelines and an application, go to kyproud.com/ buylocal. For more information, contact Grace Ragain at grace.ragain@ky.gov or

(502) 782-4110.

Farm To Fork – Showcasing Kentucky farm

The Farm to Fork program provides incentives for local organizations to host dinners that showcase local farms, farmers, producers, and Kentucky Proud products while benefiting a local charity.

This cost-share grant reimburses up to 50 percent (no more than \$750) of the approved applicant's farm food costs and promotional expenditures branded with the Kentucky Proud logo.

For more information, contact Alisha Morris at alisha.morris@ky.gov or (502) 782-4119. For guidelines and an application, go to kyagr.com/marketing/farm-to-fork.html.

Promotional Grant – Advertising with Kentucky Proud

The Kentucky Proud Promotional Grant reimburses members for up to 50 percent of future eligible expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase to promote agricultural products with direct Kentucky farm impact. Grants are limited to 10 percent of the applicant's reported direct Kentucky farm impact up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000.

For more information, contact Jonathan Van Balen at jonathan.vanbalen@ky.gov or (502) 782-4132. For an application, guidelines, and other documents, go to kyagr.com/marketing/grants.html.

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Proud promotes locally grown food, farmers' markets, farm stands, agritourism sites, and many other products and destinations with roots in Kentucky soil.

A recent market research study found that 70 percent of Kentucky residents are familiar with the Kentucky Proud brand. Recognition of Kentucky Proud in-8 creased to 84 percent of Lexington residents and 89 percent of Louisville residents.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CREOLE CHICKEN
RICE COMBO

I found this recipe in a newspaper in Ann Arbor when Will was getting his MA degree. Money was fairly tightthen, as he was a full time student. This recipe fit right into our budget. The left-over chicken mixed with all the spices made a nutritious as well as tasty dish. I medium onion, chopped 1 or 2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons oil
2 cups chicken stock
1 cup canned diced tomatoes

1/2 teaspoon thyme 1 teaspoon salt

Dash hot pepper sauce, if desired
1 cup uncooked white

rice 2 cups cooked chicken, bite-sized pieces

Chopped parsley 1 medium green onion, chopped Sauté onion, garlic, and green pepper in oil in heavy saucepan until tender but not browned, stirring occasionally. Add stock, tomato, thyme, salt, and hot pepper sauce, if desired. Bring to boil and stir in rice. Cover and simmer until rice is almost tender and most of liquid is absorbed, about 18 minutes. Stir in chicken and heat thoroughly, about 2 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped

parsley and green onion.

GREEN RICE

CASSEROLE

If you like spinach, you will love this casserole.

2 and 1/2 cups cooked long-grain white rice

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided

1 cup ricotta cheese

1 cup sour cream

1 clove garlic, minced Salt and pepper to taste 1 package (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, thawed

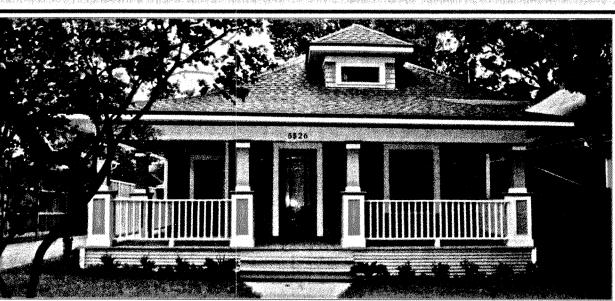
1 green bell pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped

4 green onions, chopped white and some green parts

1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 350°. Butter a 2-quart casserole. In a large mixing bowl, combine rice, cheddar cheese, ricotta, sour cream, and garlic, season with salt and pepper; mix until well blended. Squeeze some of the liquid out of the spinach. Add that along with bell pepper and green onions to above mixture; mix till well blended. Scrape into prepared dish. Sprinkle parmesan cheese over top.

Bake about 30 minutes until golden brown. I usually sprinkle with more parmesan cheese after it comes out of the oven also.



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I, William A. Leger, an attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, have been appointed Warning Order Attorney for PHILLIP MARTLEW. As such, I am tased with notifying him of the filing of a petition against him in Rockcastle Circuit Court Case #21-CI-00060; I request that person named above, or any person

I request that person named above, or any person with knowledge about the whereabouts or existence of the above named individual, contact me on or before the 23rd of February, 2023. I am required to report my findings as to the existence and whereabouts of the individual identified herein and any defense they may have to the petition. I can be reached by mail at P.O. BOX 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 or by telephone at (606) 256-2728.

Are you an expectant parent or parent of a newborn?

Do you have questions about having



"Are the feelings I'm having typical?"
"How is my baby developing each month?"
"What should I know before delivery?"

...a healthy baby?

"How do I know what my baby needs?"
"How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
"What should I expect as my child grows?"

...a healthy toddler?

"When should my child begin walking and talking?"

"How important is a dad's role in a child's development?"

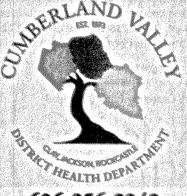
"What is appropriate discipline?"

...a healthy family?

"How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"

"How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"

"How do I balance everyone's needs?"



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If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions and would like more information, contact your local health department to learn more about HANDS.



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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Local singer releases first original CD

By: Mike French **Editor**

If you like quality, live music and food and giveaways and entertainment and fun, there is an opportunity to have it all. And the good news is, it's free.

If you have attended any Rockcastle County events over the past few years, you have heard Jaclyn Bullock's special, unique singing style over the speakers as you browsed through the event. She has performed at most county and city events and always brings cheers.

Bullock has put her strong style of singing and playing onto a CD for the world to hear and is holding an Album Release Event for anyone interested in an entertaining afternoon. All the material is original music that you won't hear anywhere else.

Bullock has been a musical fixture at events throughout Rockcastle County, as well as areas throughout Kentucky, for many years. She and her guitar have traveled the roads regularly playing before countless crowds who were treated to her special, powerful style.

She may be a smaller lady, but she most certainly does not have a small voice and she has used that voice successfully across the state to bring smiles and applause from thousands of country music fans.

Bullock says she has been singing since she could talk but she picked up the guitar at 14 and rarely puts it down. The local lady began playing in her church and from there was asked to play countless events, including the Bittersweet festival in Mount Vernon.

"I am so thankful to God first and foremost. He has blessed me so much," she said. "I owe a lot to my mom and dad Jack and Debbie Bullock and the rest of my wonderful family and my great friend Greg Thurber who helped me with this Windstand album."

Bullock has performed at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame on a regular basis and has become a sought-after performer in the area. "I appreciate the Hall of Fame and Museum for helping host this album release and to Avery Bradshaw for his help with the event. It is also so nice to have Bert's Speakcheezy Food Truck for everyone who comes to the event. It will be such fun and a celebration. I hope many can come and be with us Saturday afternoon (March 4) and enjoy a good, clean, fun atmosphere."

Bullock will be holding her new album release called "lipstick" at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Though the event is scheduled to showcase Bullock's newest project, special guests Lewis Weathers and Friends will also perform for guests.

The event is free to the

public and Bullock, along with Avery Bradshaw and Weathers, will perform for visitors.

There will also be free refreshments in the lobby of the Hall of Fame where Bullock we be available for auto sor she will sign her CD for you if you wish. There will also be giftbasket giveaways for anyone present.

In the parking lot of the Hall of Fame will be the popular Speakcheezy Food Truck.

The Hall of Fame is located at 2590 Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. For more information, call 606-256-

But if you can't make it to the show, you may still obtain the CD. Just visit

jaclynbullock.hearnow.com to get your own copy and enjoy local talent today.



Jaclyn Bullock

Old fashioned revival coming to Livingston

By: Mike French Editor

If you enjoy a good, old fashioned revival, get ready. Paula Brock is about to preach.

In 1734, the first recorded Christian Revival broke out in America in Northampton, Massachusetts when a young Jonathan Edwards pastored a small church.

IGNITE

In a town of 1,100 people, over 300 guests converted to Christianity and soon, revivals were commonplace across the country.

Over the years, many believe revivals soon became more pomp and circumstance than an effort to save souls. Tent revivals and annual revivals became ordinary and

what was originally called an "awakening event" became more of a social event.

But in a time when some would protest teaching children about God, local pastor Paula Brock has decided to bring back the "Old Fashioned Revival" and she is going to do it in Livingston.

Brock is not planning to hold what has become a typical revival, she says. Instead, she plans to uproot some expectations and introduce visitors to God himself and all that implies through the IG-NITE Revival.

"This is an unrestricted, annointed, Holy Ghost, fire preaching revival with a true encounter with God like people

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Paula Brock

chool Board hears from RCAA students

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held a special called meeting Monday evening. The meeting was a special called meeting since it had been moved from Tuesday

night due to Valentine's Day.

The first 50 minutes of the meeting saw guest speakers discussing the individual and overall successes at the Rockcastle Academy of the Arts. Heartfelt stories were told by students at

the center with details about their foster care experiences and how they have succeeded through the dedication of the staff at the center. with an investment of

One student was brought to tears while discussing her experi-

ence of being pregnant at 16-years of age and her failures at other alternative schools before she moved to Rockcastle County and found suc-

Once the agenda moved on, the optiontwo 2023-24 school calendar was approved. See details in this issue.

In other action, the board approved the tentative SBDM allocation schedule. The schedule is a "baseline to start our calculations with," said

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Women's Heart Health Expo

Ladies, bring your Galentine's and join us for our annual Women's Heart Health Expo featuring free dinner and gift, health education, and door prizes!

Thursday, February 23
Bible Baptist Church Family Life Center • 5:30 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Karen Saylor

RSVP to Chelsea Dillingham at (606) 256-7767 by Monday, February 20





Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Reminds Producers of Continuous Certification Option for Perennial Forage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers with perennial forage crops of an option to report their acreage once, without having to report that acreage in subsequent years, as long as there are no applicable changes on the farm. Interested producers can select the continuous certification option after USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) certifies

their acreage report. An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses, including perennial crops like mixed forage, birdsfoot trefoil, chicory/radicchio, kochia (prostrata), lespedeza, perennial peanuts and perennial grass varieties. To access many USDA programs, producers must file an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage.

The perennial crop continuous certification process requires a producer to initially complete an acreage report certifying the perennial crop acreage. The producer may select the continuous certification option any time after the crop is certified. Once the continuous certification option is selected, the certified acreage will roll forward annually and does not require additional action on the producer's part in subsequent years unless the acreage report changes.

Once an producer selects continuous certification, then continuous certification is appliable to all fields on the farm for the specific crop, crop type and intended use. If continuous certification is selected by any producers sharing in the crop, then the continuous certification is appliable to fields in which the producer has a share for the specific crop, crop type and intended use.

Producers can opt out of continuous certification at any time. The continuous certification will terminate automatically if a change in the farming operation oc-

How to file a report

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide: Crop and crop type or variety. Intended use of the crop. Number of acres of the crop. Map with approximate boundaries for the crop. Planting date(s). Planting pattern, when applicable. Producer shares. Irrigation practice(s). Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable. Other information as required.

Producers can contact their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification or to make

appointment.Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

Committee Meeting Date: March 1, 2023 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates Andrew

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Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

Emergency Loans= 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =4.000% 5 yrs. =3.750%, 7 yrs. =3.750% 10 yrs. =3.625%, 12 yrs. = 44914 3.750%

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DAR Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams (right) presents the DAR community service award to the Rockcastle Arts Association. Accepting the award on behalf the association are Amanda McNew and Angie Woods.

DAR and local students participate in Valentines for Veterans Project

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution along local students participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans Projectas part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Week. The week of February 9th each year is the community's opportunity to say thank you to more than 98,000 Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for everyday in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical

centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliary and nursing homes. Valentines for Veterans

began in 1989 when the late newspaper columnist, Ann Landers, encouraged her readers to create special valentines for Veterans in care facilities throughout the United States and Canada. She asked her readers to remember the valiant sacrifices of their nation's Veterans by making them personal hand-

crafted valentines. Through the efforts of the Mt. Vernon Elementary School and the members of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR, 398 valentines were collected to be delivered to the VA Hospital in Lexington. The Chapter would like to express a special thank you to the participating teachers for getting their students involved with this project to honor Veterans.

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Is Rockcastle at a crossroads?

RCIDA suggests county may see vast development

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority monthly board meeting last Wednesday morning discussed economic development potential coming to the area. "Rockcastle County is in a place it has never been before," said Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. "There is amazing opportunity on the horizon/This board has to be ready to take advantage of opportunity and I feel like Rockcastle County has more potential than any county in the state of Kentucky right now."

Chairman Corey Craig told the board to be prepared to meet and make decisions concerning economic development over the coming weeks.. "This board should be available and ready to meet with very little notice over the next weeks," he said. There may be some crucial decisions coming

very soon." Bray told the board he and economic development experts met with the governor's office last week to inform them of Rockcastle County potential. "By the time the meeting was over, they all agreed that Rockcastle County has potential right now above all other coun-

Officials expect to hear

few weeks concerning an application for the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) Grant. The prowards upgrading sites across - Kentucky.

results within the next

gram includes \$100 million in state funding to-RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Bray agree that a decision may be made within the next few weeks concerning the grant for Rockcastle County's por-

There has also been talk among RCIDA members of a potential project that could "transform the region" after locating in Rockcastle County but officials cannot reveal details.

In other action, the board approved the monthly financial report which shows a surplus of \$28,558. The financial statement shows an ending balance of \$687,875.

VanHook also told the board he is still in discussion with owners of the Microfoodery plant and officials expect 35 jobs to be created this summer at the facility.

The detailed Executive Director's Report included information about a recent trip to Frankfort by VanHook, Bray and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., to promote attention to the US-150 corridor for a variety of economic opportunities.

VanHook also met with officials of Delta Natural Gas who assured him the natural gas project to Rockcastle County is underway.

The director also announced an Economic Symposium for Friday, March 17 in which guest speakers and officials with the county and the State of Kentucky will join leaders of other counties in the region to discuss opportunities available in the area. "In this 45-mile radius, I calculate 447,000 employable workforce available for potential growth," said VanHook. The headline speaker will be Doug Griffith, author of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community.

VanHook is also working closely with gas, water, sewer and highway officials concerning the potential development near Exit 62 in Mount Vernon.

VanHook lists many

goals and focus items in his report, but one of the top priorities continues to be the following of RCIDA in the community. "The key to everything we are trying to do is teamwork. All of us working together. An entire community supportive and anxious for growth and development and working towards a common goal is a tremendous force. If we are all well educated on the subject, there is no limit to our potential."

RCIDA board officials agree that Rockcastle County is at a crossroads that will determine the future of the county's development. "In my opinion, we are at the point in time where our community's future is being decided for the next 50 years," said VanHook. "How leadership handles their responsibility now will determine the future of many of our community's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Livingston officials making plans

By: Mike French

Editor Two of three new Livingston Commissioners and Mayor Larry Davidson, created a forum during Monday evening's regular monthly meeting with City Commissioners Sandi Singleton and Troy Goforth present. But since the other two commissioners were unable to attend, Davidson asked for a motion to move the regular monthly meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. "We could have a quorum but we want every elected commissioner present when possible and that seems like the best time for everyone." the motion

With a full agenda Davidson, along with City Clerk Samantha Smoker, began informing the audience that he now has a spotlight for the city flag and had been looking into the parking situation, both issues he had said he would look into at last month's meeting. Davidson said he plans to acquire "no parking" signs for areas of Livingston where parking in the street causes traffic problems or creates an area difficult for emergency vehicles to traverse.

The mayor then asked for questions or comments from the audience. Past Commissioner Melissa Hahn asked if the new commissioners had

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Crystal Hester, substitute

food service cook/baker.

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"Revival"

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have never seen before,"

she said. "Step up. Get in

the building, and we will

Brock plans to hold the

revival in the gymnasium

at the old Livingston

School at the end of each

month and February's

event is scheduled for

Sunday, February 26 be-

the event and Brock says

the more, the merrier.

"Bring the sick, bring the

broken, bring the ad-

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able," she said. "Just get

Brock said she is an-

swering a call. "People in

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said. "Looking for some-

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considered enforcing the dog leash ordinance.

According Davidson, he and his staff have been unable to locate any of the city ordinances or paperwork. "It was all we could do to get the password to the city computers. We can't find any ordinances or other documents," he said. "If we don't find them, we will have to redo every city ordinance and that would take some time." Hahn told the mayor such ordinances and related paperwork had been in a binder and Davidson said he will continue to search for them.

"As for the dog leash ordinance, in the meantime you can call 911 if you need to because the county has an ordinance on the matter as well," Davidson said. The mayor also said there is a loose dog problem and it is growing noticeably in the city and he intends to address the issue very

soon. Hahn also asked if the city plans to hire a city attorney. Davidson said he does not plan to hire another city attorney. "We have the League of Cities and CVADD and both are very helpful to us if we have a need," he said. "They are very inexpensive, especially compared to a city attorney re-

tainer."

Hahn also asked if the city has made any progress in finding a police officer. Davidson said he and others met with an applicant Friday. "I was very impressed with this applicant," he said. "We will continue to take applications. We aren't in a huge hurry because we have some coverage now from other entities and we have to find the right fit for our community." Davidson agreed with audience members that the city pay scale will be very low for an officer but he is making that clear to applicants. Davidson also said the current plan is to find a 20-hour per week officer and then hope to be able to expand those hours. In fact, Davidson's long-term goals include more than one Livingston police officer, he said.

Past Mayor Dwane King, who was also present, told Davidson keeping a police officer and dealing with the city water system will be his most challenging tasks as mayor.

Davidson said he currently has a water employee who is attempting to become certified but he is continuing to seek a certified water superin-

tendent. "We are doing the best we can do as a city at this time with our water system," he said. "There are some challenges but we are moving forward to the best of our ability under the circumstances. We are doing everything we can do to stay in compliance."

Davidson also announced that city hall will be closed Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Davidson also pointed out the burn ban in Kentucky which began Wednesday, February 15 and will last till April 30. Davidson said he intends to educated citizens better on what can and cannot be burned even when outdoor burning is allowed.

Davidson also submitted the updated alcohol ordinance taking the regulatory fee for malt beverages from 4% to the maximum 5%. The fee was already 5% for other beverages and no business currently sells malt beverages by the drink. But Davidson said there are two alcohol licenses available in the City of Livingston and when a business does begin to serve malt beverages, "I want to be able to get the city as much as possible."

Davidson, Singleton and Smoker also signed their bond agreements. City officials must be bonded in order to handle the city's cash.

In final action, the city signed documents officially firing Livingston Police Officer Mikie Ashurst. "Ashurst has not worked for the city for some time," said Davidson. "But since we can't find his letter of resignation, we don't have a record that Ashurst no longer works for the city. So we will make it official tonight."

Davidson and Ashurst had confrontation at a commission meeting last year and the two parted ways then. But, according to Davidson, "I have talked with the DOJ (Department of Justice) on more than one occasion and they were under the impression that Ashurst still worked for the City of Livingston," Davidson said. "Since we can't locate the paperwork, we will do it officially right now." The order passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for the new regular meeting times on Thursday, March 9 at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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"School" (Continued from B1) Finance Director Jenny Sweet. "It may change some after we have more ther direction as needed. concrete menrollment? numbers and talk with staff," she said.

But according to the tentative schedule, the teacher student ratio would drop slightly from the previous schedule with high school calculated at 31 to 1. Last vear's ratio was 29 students per teacher at the high school. The middle school allocation went up from 27:1 to 29:1. Kindergarten through third grade would move from 23:1 to 24:1. However, these numbers are fluid. according to Sweet, and mostly provide a starting point.

According to Sweet, some financial increases were noted on the tentative schedule from individual funds with an increase in the athletic fund allocations and the highschool general fund allocations.

Sweet said she and others will meet with principals and staff and adjust the schedule in ei-

The board also heard from architects completing the RCMS project. See related story in this issue.

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

Full time classified employees hired

Chayse McClure, assistant baseball coach at RCHS; Jeff Tipton, girls' track coach at RCHS: Michaela McDaniel, instructional assistant at MVES: Savanna Sweet. Save the Children community engagement coordinator; . Crystal Hester, assistant softball coach and Isabella Clouse, instructional assistant at BES.

Resignations

Brandy Smith, RCMS girls' head basketball coach; Carla McFerron, Lesha Cromer and

Ronald Chasteen, substitute teachers; Bonnie Dunn, food service cook/ Landon baker: Dillingham, substitute instructional assistant; Preston Swanson, substi-

passed unanimously.

Classified substitutes hired

Allison Chasteen, Jordan Noel, Kaylan Bullock, Mary Eversole and Tarrah Gadd, substitute instructional assistants; Codey Stewart, substitute vehicle mechanic; Joey Alcorn Jr., substitute bus monitor: Quenton Wyatt, substitute custodian; Joey Alcorn and Crystal Hester, substitute food service cook/baker.

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Jacob Durham, Krista Owens, Aimee Riley, Keith Graves and Brett Gaynor, substitute teach-

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transfers to RCMS.

Livingston part of Read Across America

By: Mike French Editor.

Livingston City Clerk Samantha Smoker asked commissioners with the City of Livingston to participate in the Christian Appalacian Project's (CAP) Read Across America event. The Rockcastle version will beginning March

6 through 11 and will provide books at participating locations throughout the county.

Children from birth to 5 years old may go to CAP and pick up a passport. They may then begin a scavenger hunt throughout the county to find secret locations that will have children's books available

Notice of Amended Ordinance

City of Livingston

Ordinance 01-0518-20

Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance

Subsection "H" (1) pursuant to KRS 243.075

Regulatory License Fee has been changed as

shown below.

Pursuant to KRS 243.075, there is hereby

imposed a regulatory license fee on the gross

receipts of sales of alcoholic beverages of each

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the ABC Administrator. The City is Regulatory

License Fee shall be 5% of the gross sales of

all alcoholic beverages sold by the drink. In

case of retail sales of package distilled spirits

and wine, the Regulatory License Fee shall be

5% of gross sales and 5% on Malt packaged

beverages.

for each child. "I think it is less than \$100 and it is very educational. The kids can come to City Hall and pick up a free book to help encourage literacy," said

Mayor Larry Davidson said he too had considered the subject and is in favor of the idea. "I think it is a very good thing," he said. "We would like everyone to know that we are accepting donations to help the City of Livingston purchase the books that will be given to each child."

According to Smoker, each child will take their passport to each secret location and get the passport stamped when they find a book.

For more information about the program, contact Danielle 🖗 Marler at d.marler@rhrss.org or call at 606-308-9709.

The Livingston City Commission voted unanimously to participate in the program to help with literacy..

mundane yet overwhelming lives. IGNITE is God's answer and He will meet us there." Brock said IGNITE will be a different experience. "This isn't church as we know it," she said.

"Come and see." But just for the record, this revival event isn't all that Brock has planned. Stay tuned for some street preaching and other appearances throughout the county coming soon. And visit Brock's website.

For more information, go to the Facebook page Mendedministry or call Brock at 859-779-2009. All are welcfome to her events

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

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

Notice is hereby given that Patricia Douglas, 2828 Lambert Road, Berea, Ky. 40403, has been Executrix of the Estate of Mayme Gregory, Deceased, on the 30th day of January, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Patricia Douglas, on or before July 31, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 51x3

Notice is hereby given that Cathy Mae Hodge, 282 Friendship Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Ricky Lee Evans, deceased, on the 1st day of February 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, ac-

Hon. Chadwick Hammonds, 133 Plaza Drive, Suite 2, Berea, Ky. 40403 on or before August 2, 2023 at 11 a.m. 52x3

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Rowe, P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 25, 2023.

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Notice is hereby given that Shannon Franklin has filed the final settlement of his accounts as Public Administrator of the estate of Kenneth Douglas McCown, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 1x1

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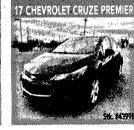
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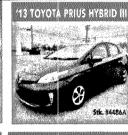






















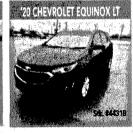






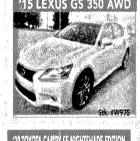












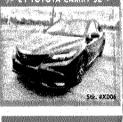












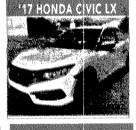


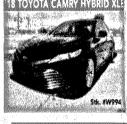








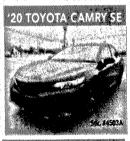
















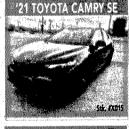












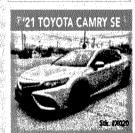




















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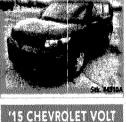
























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