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Firefighter escapes close call

By: Mike French
Editor

It is a well-known fact that first responders risk their life each day protecting people. And, last week, Mount Vernon could have easily lost one of their brave firefighters.

A call to a structure fire on Maple Grove Road last Saturday, February 20th, started out like any other emergency call. But for Brandon Evans, a brush with death was coming soon.

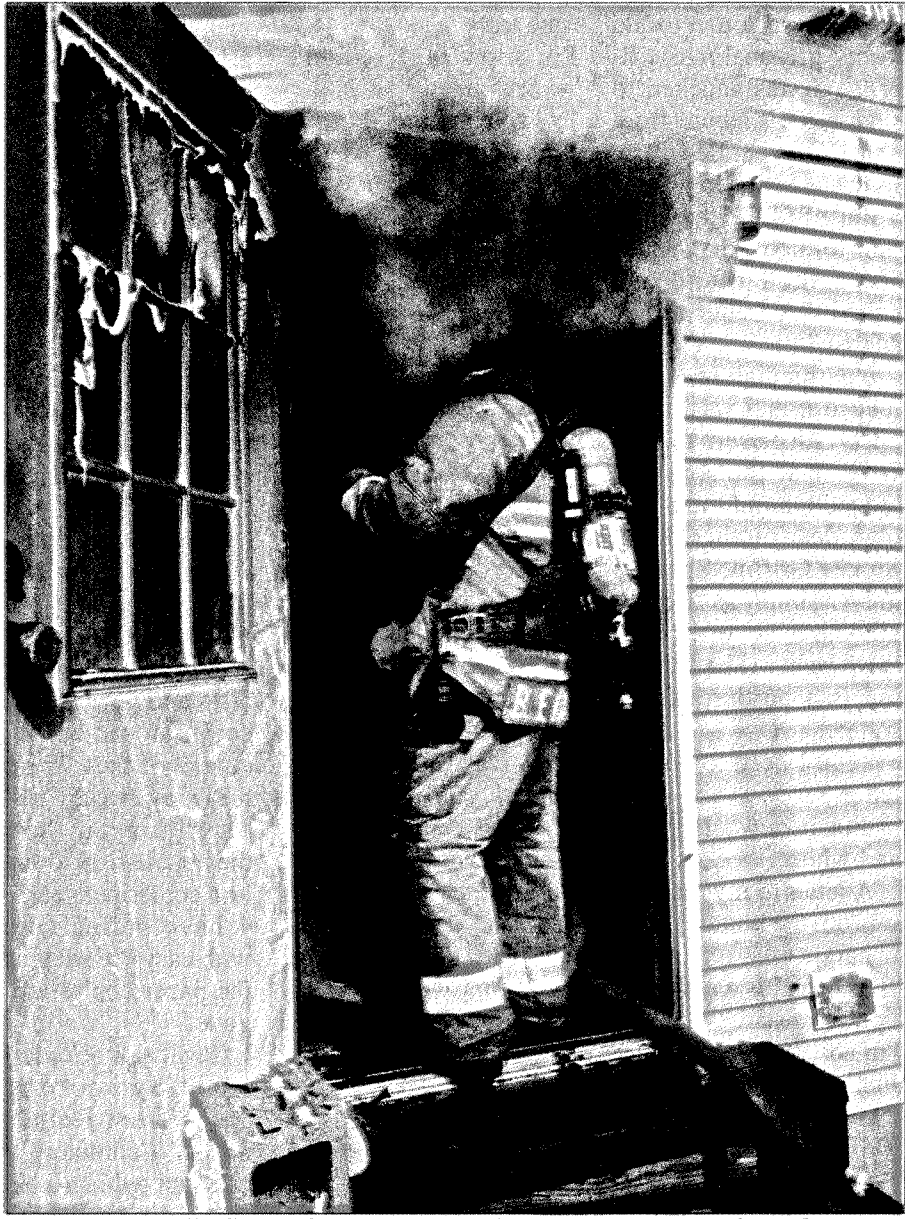
The call came in around 1 p.m. to the Mount Vernon Fire Department and volunteers suited up and rushed to the scene where they found a home engulfed in flames. The Climax Fire Department was dispatched as mutual aid but, with so many recent calls there was a water supply issue, according to MVFD Major Adam Bales. So, officials also paged the Brodhead and the Livingston fire departments to bring more water tankers.

Upon arrival, it was discovered the home had no electricity and residents had been using a propane heater to heat the home.

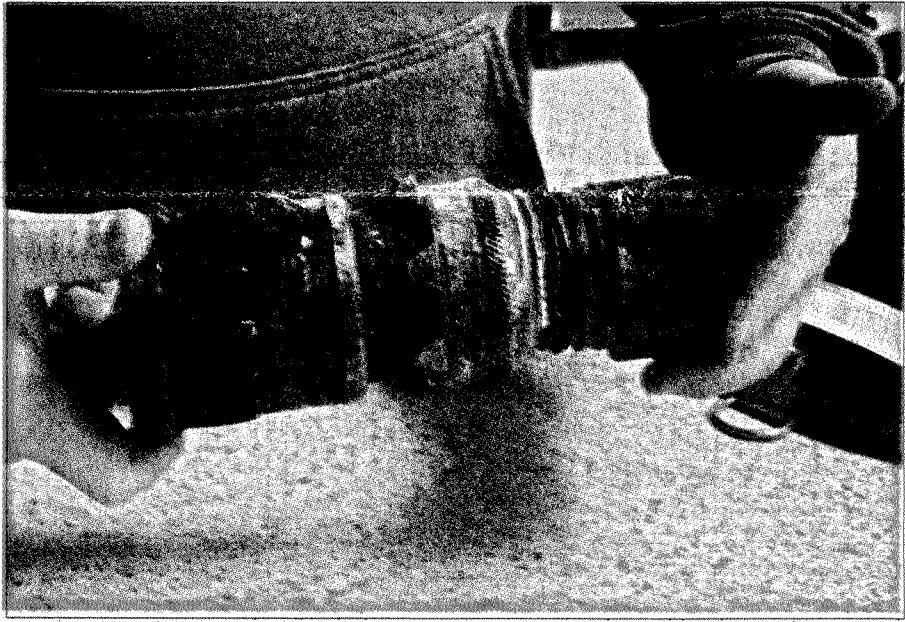
Firefighters say the extent of the blaze caused workers to aggressively attack the fire and enter the burning home.

But, once inside the home, Sergeant Evans crashed through the kitchen floor falling about four feet into a crawl space below. The hole created in the floor caused two propane cylinders to fall through

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Mount Vernon firefighter Brandon Evans is shown above entering a house on Maple Grove Road where he afterwards fell through the floor trying to extinguish the blaze. The extensive heat from the propane fire is obvious in the photo below showing the melted nozzle on the line Evans was carrying into the house at the time.



First responders see record calls during ice storm

By: Mike French
Editor

During the recent winter storms, there were many emergency situations that developed causing volunteers, citizens, fire departments, police and sheriff officials, health departments, the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, local wrecker services, EMS crews, city and county officials, business

owners and many others to help their neighbor.

"I can't say enough about our road crews and emergency service workers and first responders," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "Our citizens are good people and everyone played a part in helping in this emergency."

(See "Calls" on 7)

Winter storms cause citizens to join hands

By: Mike French
Editor

"The entire community joined hands and helped those in need," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

One of the worst winter storms in recent memory has wreaked havoc in Rockcastle County recently, causing damage and bringing about closures over a two week period. Nearly five inches of snow on top of a layer of ice was reported by last Sunday.

The first ice storm hit during the second week of February but, before the ice and snow had melted away, a second ice storm covered the county.

Road departments across the state began running out of salt and government offices were closed as first respond-

ers and electrical companies stayed busy after countless wrecks occurred, including a fatality. Electrical power was out for two days and Holbrook was forced to declare a State

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Covid cases

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department reports 691 positive cases of COVID-19 in Rockcastle County with an additional 616 probable cases recently. Fourteen deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus in the county. There are currently 46 active cases and 1,169 people have recovered from the virus.

Mount Vernon

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was postponed last week until Thursday, February 25 at 6 p.m. The meeting is scheduled at City Hall and the public is invited to attend.

Clarification

Last week we reported an OEA (State Office of Educational Accountability) investigation in the county.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said the investigation was concerning an issue existing before she took over as Superintendent and all the issues of the investigation have been resolved.

Ballinger said that, according to a letter she has received from the OEA the investigation has been resolved and the issue is closed.

Fiscal court holds regular monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at the courthouse.

Among those present were representatives of the Teen Mothers' Village Second Chance Home in

Brodhead.

Magistrates heard details about the entity and their goals as officials from the home asked the court for their support.

Representatives did not ask for funds but asked the court to offer support for the project which is an adult supervised support group home for teen mothers and their children who cannot live at home.

The home, located on Ottawa Road in Brodhead, is expected to house eight to ten girls at first and is a faith-based organization.

The court voted unani-

A note from the Sheriff

By: Mike French
Editor

Thanks to the recent snow and ice storms, Rockcastle County's first responders have been called to perform more than ever. According to local officials, that response has been above

mously to offer moral support to the home.

The court also shared a letter of appreciation from Shellie Hampton representing Dianna Andrews, Legislative Coordinator with the Kentucky Association of Counties. The letter thanked the court for their support of an increase in the gas tax.

The letter goes on to thank the court for publicly affirming their support for the tax increase by passing a Gas Tax Resolution.

The court also unanimously approved a new swipe-card system at the

the call of duty.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said the community as a whole owes a huge thank you to first responders and asked that he be able to express that gratitude. His comments are below.

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jail to replace the handwritten time clock system currently used there.

Jailor Nathan Carter said the electronic, web-based system will provide much more accuracy and dependability. The cost of the program will be \$47 per month with an initial start-up cost of \$483 that will be reimbursed to the court by the jail.

A message from Jackson Energy

Throughout the massive effort to restore power, after crippling ice storms snapped trees and utility poles, knocking out power to more than 30,000 Jackson Energy members, RECC officials expressed their gratitude to their membership for their continued encouragement, support and patience.

"We recognize that for those still without power, it is a frustrating situation. We were formed to bring power to the last mile and when storms, like this recent ice storm, interrupt our ability to do so, we share in your frustration and are committed to doing whatever is needed to expedite power restoration," the press release stated.

"This ice storm is a natural disaster. The damage to much of the Jackson Energy system is so extensive

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The court also voted to return \$6,837 that remained unused by the county after a litter abatement grant of \$33,674.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Adam Hensley, President of the Rockcastle County Little League Association, asked the court for the an-

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Help still available

By: Mike French
Editor

According to Jackson Energy officials, Rockcastle County is among the counties that still have areas with no power. Some have reported nine days without electricity.

The Jackson Energy outage map dropped from 614 to 417 homes with no electrical service Monday. Jackson Energy serves 5,980 Rockcastle County customers, nearly 3,000 to

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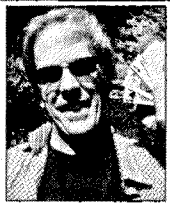
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are a lot of personal things to talk about this week, so, I can ignore the stupidity of those trying to ban *The Muppet Show* because it is a scourge on society. I always thought it was a children's show, duh! But apparently some adults are bigger children than 3 year-olds.

Anyway, KUDOS to the Rockcastle County Road Department! They worked tirelessly and, in my opinion, outdid every surrounding county by leaps and bounds.

I'm not just repeating hearsay. I saw it with my own eyes. I know that if the Judge/Executive himself hand-delivered bologna sandwiches to hungry families, some would complain because there wasn't enough mustard.

But the fact is, over the past week I happened to drive over the county line in almost every surrounding county and, in every instance, Rockcastle County roads were ten times cleaner and safer than their county roads were.

When I crossed the Madison County line into Rockcastle County, my truck dropped two inches from solid ice and snow onto perfectly clear, dry pavement.

I had similar experiences when I crossed from Laurel County, Pulaski County and Garrard County. None were as bad as Madison, but Rockcastle was by far the best.

My gratitude and admiration to our local

crews. In other areas, I am very concerned about this minimum wage thing.

I just don't like things that are fair to some and not fair to others.

Raising the minimum wage for those making \$7.25 per hour is great. But the truth is, that's just not fair to so many others.

The poor fellow who started at \$7.25 an hour and worked his tail off for five years and sacrificed and was dedicated and honest and worked so hard to get to \$15 per hour just wasted all that sacrifice and dedication.

We are quickly becoming a society that rewards those who do nothing and ignore those who work hard and contribute to society.

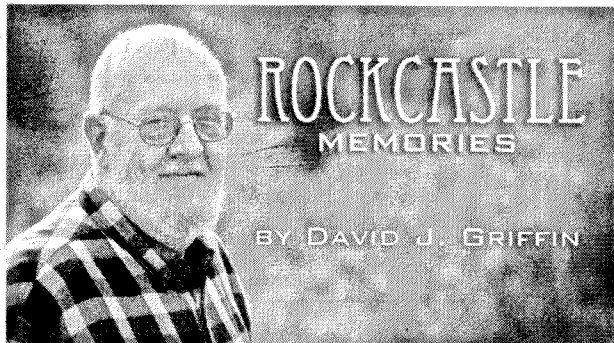
That extra money isn't just there because Joe Biden or Andy Beshear thinks it should be. It comes from somewhere. Someone is paying that difference.

We have forgotten the whole idea of a free society. How about if the business owner decides how to run their business? How about if daddy government stays out of my business?

All my life if my employer didn't pay me enough, I'd go somewhere else to work. I guess we could be real generous and force business owners to pay their floor sweepers six digits.

It's the same with forgiving student debt.

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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

A Letter To My Mama

While recently searching iTunes in order to add to my personal music library, I was shocked to find a 2019 album from Vince Gill, entitled Okie. Because I have long been a fan of Gill, I took the time to survey the titles of the disk. I found one called, "A Letter to My Mama."

I immediately downloaded it and was pleasantly surprised to discover that the song did indeed remind me of my own dear mother, Ruby Stokes Griffin. She was known simply as "Bee" to all who held her close to their hearts. The following is a portion of that song:

Oh, I need to write a letter

Put it down in black and white....

A letter to my mama From the bottom of my heart

"I'm sorry" is a real good place to start

I'm sorry I was selfish

Just chalk it up to youth

I got too old to need you That's just running from the truth

I'm sorry things didn't work out

For you and my old man Sometimes life don't turn out

Like you plan

Looking back I wonder how

You ever pulled us through

I can't imagine walking In your shoes

If I could stop this pen from shaking

I'd write these words down too

There's no one in this world I love, like you

After graduating near the top of her class from Mt. Vernon High School, Bee spent two years at Sue Bennett College where she earned a teacher's certificate. She returned home and taught for a while.

In the ensuing years, Bee made certain that her two sons were able to earn college degrees. She

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Points East

By Ike Adams



For those of you who want to save paper and who don't want to spend many hours reading every sentence of several dozen seed catalogues, several readers have asked me to list the top 3 or 4 that I absolutely can't live without.

If I had to choose just one, it would be Twilley's. They have the widest variety of sweet corn on the market along with numerous other vegetables that can't be found elsewhere. Then I would sneak around and get copies of Totally Tomatoes, Shumway's and Baker's Creek Heirlooms. You can Google all 4 and get free paper copies if you hurry. A couple of these companies may already be out of print even though they publish up to a million copies per year. All 4 have online copies with easy ordering after the paper copies are all gone.

I will also be ordering Giant Syrian tomato seeds from Reimer's Seeds, a company that does not publish a paper catalogue, but is the only source of Giant Syrian seeds I've ever run across. The seeds are pricey, about \$10.00 per dozen including postage, but they are my favorite tasting tomato of all time. I have no idea why they are called giants because they are not nearly as large as Brandywines, old Germans, Giant Belgians, Giant Oxhearts and some other varieties we

grow. They do have a giant taste and the fewest seeds of any tomato I have ever grown.

Speaking of tomatoes, I gave up trying to grow tomatoes that meet the standards of true organic gardening years ago. There are well over a dozen fungal diseases that can wipe out a tomato crop almost overnight. I, personally, subscribe to the old theory that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Over the last 2 decades I have tried at least a dozen different fungicides, but I have not found anything that will work on powdery mildew, the various wilts, leaf curls and so-called blights that works as well as DithaneM45. I use it every 2 weeks and rarely have any of those symptoms of those diseases. It also works well on plants that are already diseased. Simply follow the instructions that come with the container.

A 6 oz bottle on Ebay costs \$17.77 including shipping and one bottle lasts me 2 years for 36 and up to 50 plants. I usually share some with friends and neighbors. A little bit if this stuff goes a long ways.

By far the most common tomato complaint is blossom end rot which is caused by calcium deficiency as well as over watering or under watering. Save every egg shell you can get your hands on, crush them up and commence spreading them around the plants as

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



How I Survived The Blizzard

Dear Journal,

It all started two weeks ago tomorrow. I was so sick and running a fever. I missed that Monday and Tuesday of work. Then the weather started going bad and there was no work for the remainder of that week. It was just as well, I was so weak I needed to be off and get my strength back.

The weather turned sour again with a sampling of everything this week. We had snow, sleet and freezing rain that turned to ice. I learned that all of this was coming, so Stanley and I headed for Walmart to stock up on several needed things for the week ahead. I didn't know that a blizzard could be so costly, but we were prepared.

The first night, the power went out as we suspected it would. I was ready. I was sitting all bundled up by the kerosene heater and lit it from the fuel we had. I had a candle going and a flashlight in my pocket for traveling around the house. Stanley slept as he was supposed to go to work the next morning if he could get there and one of us had to tend the kerosene heater. My work was already cancelled as it turned out to be the remainder of the week.

Well, there I sat in the flickering light of a candle and kerosene heater. The phone was out and so was everything else we had. In the dimness and still of the night, it can give you a lot of time to think, remember and somehow occupy your mind. God and I had a lot of one on one talks that night. The silence was broken by the hum of chain saws up our little road only a few yards away probably cutting the trees from the

road and power lines I imagined. They were traveling on four wheelers to the tree sites. I thought of people and animals out in this weather. I sure hoped that God had mercy on them, mores so the animals than

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

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative

As you know by now, the first votes taken when we returned to Frankfort earlier this month were to override the vetoes of six bills passed during the January portion of the session. The bills vetoed include pro-life legislation, a measure that changes an archaic law that limits where Kentuckians can file suit against the state, and legislation that redefines the emergency powers of the governors. Each of these vetoes passed with an overwhelming majority, and I know that my vote reflected the phone calls, messages, and conversations I have had with the people of this district over the past year.



the COVID-19 pandemic. Other provisions of HB 1 give employers some relief in making their unemployment insurance payments and provides for visitation of those in long-term care as well as children in state custody.

SB 1 and SB 2 are specifically aimed at increasing oversight and transparency, as well as strengthening the separation of powers called for in the Kentucky Constitution. SB 1 recognizes the need for Kentucky to act quickly in an emergency but also prevents a governor from overstepping his or her authority and attempt to legislate through executive orders during a long-term emergency. Similarly, SB 2 prevents the executive branch from effectively making laws by issuing regulations rather than going through the legislature. Under the provisions of SB 1 and SB 2, the Governor's COVID-related emergency orders will expire on March 4. At that point, the General Assembly will decide whether to extend these mandates past March 4.

The day after the Governor filed suit, a Franklin Circuit Court Judge granted the administration's request to tempo-

rarily block a section of HB 1 from becoming law. That section specifically allows any business, school, church or local government to remain open if they adopt an operating plan that is consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or executive branch. The injunction on this provision continues after the judge met with attorneys from both the legislative and executive branch last week. During that hearing, the same judge stated he hopes to issue a final ruling on the case before the end of February. At that time, we will learn if we must continue to defend the legislature's authority.

While the Governor and others claim this legislation is motivated by politics, in reality it is part of a national trend. State legislatures across the country are reexamining how existing laws define the boundary between legislative and executive authority called for in the separation of powers. It is happening in states where the legislative and executive branches are led by the same political parties as well as those where they are split, so it is misleading to frame this action as one political party going after another. It is happening in every region — including Louisiana, New York, California, and in neighboring states like

Indiana and Ohio. This is not about "reining in" the Governor's authority but rather about making sure the line between the legislative and executive branch is clear. In addition to the national trend, Kentucky's legislature has less authority to act as a "check" to the executive branch when compared to other states. Previous legislatures have given Kentucky governors broad authority in a state of emergency, and we are in session only three or four months a year. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed many areas that need improvement and we have an opportunity to use this session to make sure that our statutes re-

flect the people's will and the need for good government. It is our responsibility to do so because, as the old saying goes, there is no education in the second kick of a mule. We have just three weeks of legislative days left in this year's legislative session and must adjourn by March 30. I will continue to update you on our progress, but in the meantime, I can be reached here at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-3311. If you would like more information, please visit the legislature's website at www.legislature.ky.gov or you can email me at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov.

Aces

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I don't understand how that is fair to those who worked so hard and sacrificed so much to pay off their debt.

There is no reward there for diligence and honesty and ethics.

The fact is, A person is responsible for their own choices. It is not up to others to continually bail out those who make bad choices.

That is not a lack of compassion. The lack of compassion and the greed and the selfishness comes from those who believe they somehow have a right to what others have earned. That is the perfect definition of greed, selfishness and Socialism.

Those who owe student debt, sat in an office, read the paperwork and made the choice to accept the debt and gave their word they would pay it back.

A person's word is all they have. If they promised to pay it back, they need to pay it back. To expect others to pay it for them is the epitome of greed.

And others will indeed pay it back. Professors and coaches and staff and faculty and contractors and maintenance workers aren't going to just work for free because poor little Joe is in debt. Joe needs to pay his bills.

It's the same with landlords. Telling renters they don't have to pay the rent they agreed to pay, unless they want to, is Communism at its finest.

COVID is not a landlord's fault. If we are going to allow renters to not pay their rent, then we have to allow landlords to not pay their grocery bill and the grocery store not to pay their workers, suppliers, utilities etc, etc, etc. It doesn't end.

Somehow we have to get away from this idea that anything is free. Nothing on earth is free. Someone, somewhere pays for everything and we need to get back to a society where those who use the services are the ones paying the cost.

Memories

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highly valued a solid education, believing that it would provide ample opportunities for her children. She sacrificed much from her life in order to keep those doors open for us.

As a teenager in high school, when I came home from a date or some other late-night event, she'd meet me at the kitchen door to see if I needed a mid-night snack. If my reply was positive (which as a growing boy it almost always was), Bee would pull out her smallest,

black iron skillet and promptly proceed to fry me a juicy hamburger.

Many of the conversations that we shared during those late hours helped me to understand the value of a strong, Christian mother.

I could never count the number of times when I walked into our den only to see Bee sitting in a rocking chair, pulled up close to our Warm Morning stove, reading her Bible; she read it from cover-to-cover more than twenty times. Her Bible remains filled with notes to herself, special passages, and underlined words of wisdom.

We still miss her. Bee was a significant influence on our lives for many years. She could be a bit shy, somewhat reserved, but underneath was a warm, loving, giving, and, most of all, kind heart. She valued Life and its Creator above all else. After my mother died on October 13, 2002, I remember many times when we had important decisions to make, and my wife would turn to me and say, "What would your mother think?"

I sometimes ponder the "windows of Heaven" and wonder if she can see the events in my life that she shaped and influenced, especially writing a weekly column for our hometown newspaper or having a book published. I think that would make her smile.

And at this point, I find that I must borrow a thought from another writer to whom I relate and admire. As Rick Bragg said, in speaking of his own mother, "So this story is for her, as have been, in smaller ways, all the stories I

have ever told and the method in which I have told them."

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

T.J.s

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the people. Animals don't have a voice to ask for help in such weather. They are at the mercy of others.

Finally, Stanley got up at the usual time and we started our regular routine morning. By this time the power was back on, thankfully. That night seemed a week long. The daylight finally came and all was ice covered. I was exhausted. I had only slept in short intervals and my legs were numb from not putting them up on something. Believe it or not, Stanley went to work. Now I was alone with whatever else came my way. All day I worried that he might not get back home that evening and I would be alone in a very bad situation. He might wreck and all kinds of disastrous scenarios crossed my mind. If it can possibly happen, I'll think of it.

I remembered a night in the winter of 1964, the temperature got down to a minus 40 degrees here in KY. I don't know if that was official or not, but a lot of people said that their thermometers read that number. Mom sat up all night that night tending an old wood burner stove. Now I know how she felt. She wore a regular coat and scarf with about three pairs of socks that night.

Now, I can compare

this past week to some of if not the worst winters I've ever seen. We've seen a whole winter in one week and as for me, I don't care to see it again. I haven't been outside in about two weeks and not certain of my mental condition.

Points East

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soon as you put them in the ground. I buy a bag of dolomiticlime and add it to my garden soil and I can usually find garden calcium if I look hard enough. I try to water the plants once a week if they haven't had much rain but there's not much you can do if it's raining every day except pray that it slows down. It usually does.

Bottom line is that it seems virtually impossible not get a few blossom end rotted tomatoes in my garden every year, no matter what I do. On the other hand, we grow so many that we hardly miss them. On yet another hand, we hardly ever have any end rot on plants that are grown in 5 gallon or larger containers where we can control the water supply.

There simply aren't many pleasures as nice as having 3 or 4 giant Syrian plants growing near the back doorstep, snatching a ripe one off the vine, eating it on the spot and letting the juice drip off your chin. I try to keep a couple of napkins in my shirt pockets because there truly are few things handier than pockets on a shirt.

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Farmers Market Meeting
Anyone interested in setting up at the Farmers Market this year is invited to attend a meeting on Saturday, February 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the Limestone Grille. Everyone welcome.

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

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

VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

American Legion Post News
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

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Obituaries

Ima Jean Taylor

Ima Jean (McClure) Taylor, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 20, 2021 at her residence. She was born January 25, 1951 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Allen Lewis McClure and the late Mary Jane (Barrett) McClure Gadd. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church, was a teller/head teller at Bank of Mt. Vernon/Community Trust Bank for 40 years, and enjoyed traveling, cooking, and her grandkids.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 44 years, Kenneth Ray Taylor; three children, Melissa (Michael) Toler of Lancaster, Tracy (Jeff) Mink of Richmond, and David (Beth) Taylor of Berea; seven grandchildren, Josh (Tiffanie) Toler, Jathan (Susie) Toler, Haley (Zach) Strunk, Emily Mink, Melanie Mink, Logan Taylor, and Levi Taylor; six great grandchildren, Tristin Toler, Carson Toler, Izabella Toler, Alexa Toler, Elijah Strunk, and Raelyn Strunk; and one sister, Betty Steele Jones.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Junior Estes and James Clayton Fulks and one sister, Daisy Fulks Vance.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. George Renner officiating. Burial was in Oakhill Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Logan and Levi Taylor, and Emily and Melanie Mink.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Robert Jeffrey "Jeff" Girdler

Robert Jeffrey "Jeff" Girdler, 53, of Somerset, died Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born April 26, 1967 to the late William Robert Girdler and Ella Wells Girdler. He was a member of New Enterprise Baptist Church.

He was a former Army Reservist, a retired Somerset Police Officer with over 20 years of service. During that time his duties included Patrolman and Post 516 Explorer Advisor, Firing Range Instructor, Accident Reconstruction Specialist and School Resource Officer. Jeff was one of the founding members of Somernites Cruise and G3 Firearms. He loved yardwork, cars, working with the public and hanging out with his wife and four-legged friends.

He is survived by: his wife, Connie Jo McGuire Girdler; one brother, Jerry Wayne Girdler of Somerset; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Along with his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Connor McGuire Girdler and one brother, John Andy Girdler.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 21, 2021 at Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Bradley Goforth and Chaplain Richard Allen officiating. Burial was Tuesday, February 23 at Lakeside Memorial Gardens with Bro. Rick Lawson officiating and a Flag presentation by the Somerset Police Honor Guard.

The family requests expressions of sympathy be made to the Somerset Police Department (SPD) Benevolence Fund to be used for children in need. Please make checks payable to the City of Somerset and in the memo: SPD Benevolence Fund. The checks can be mailed to Lake Cumberland Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1441, Somerset, KY 42502.

Lake Cumberland Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for Jeff Girdler.

You are welcome to view the obituary and send condolences to the family at our website:

www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2021 to be effective on March 31, 2021. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0292 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0290 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0002, or -0.68%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; and Sales for Resale: 18,720. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.01; Commercial: -\$0.07; Industrial: -\$1.94; Other Public Authority: -\$0.24; and Sales for Resale: -\$3.74. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

Vernon "Tommy" Bradley

Vernon "Tommy" Bradley, 88, of Nicholasville, died Monday, February 15, 2021 at his home. He was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on



May 13, 1932, the son of Eugene and Minnie Doan Bradley. He was retired technician for IBM and was of the Baptist Faith.

He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by: a daughter, Cheryl Conkright of Nicholasville; a brother, Tennie Bradley of

Nicholasville; a sister, Geneva Whitaker of Radcliff; five grandchildren, Tommy Booth, Krista Bradley, Jake Conkright, Jenna Bradley, and Shay Bradley; and two great grandchildren, Kylee Conkright and Kaleb Conkright. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Alice Marie Bradley; a son, Tom Bradley; a daughter, Vicky Gumm; a grandson, Bobby Gumm; brothers, James, G.B., Chester, Coy, William, and Lacy, as well as three infant sons; and a sister, Ona Ramsey.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Trace Boone, Adam Bradley, Jeff Bradley, Troy Bradley, Jake Conkright, and Jim Kelly.

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

Mary Ida Taylor

Mary Ida Taylor, 75, of Brodhead, died Monday, February 22nd at her home.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. and funeral services will be Friday, 1 p.m. at Cox Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear in next week's paper.

Darrell "Moody" Smith

Darrell "Moody" Smith, 57, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital in London. He was born in Flemingsburg on August 16, 1963, the son of William Isaac and Myrtle Burdette Smith. He was a retired employee of RR Donnelley Co. and a volunteer fireman with Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church.

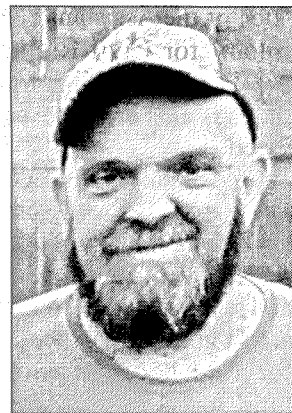
He is survived by: his wife, Mary Susan Lovell Smith; two daughters, Ashley and Jessie Patterson and Brooklin Smith, both of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Temperance and Harper; and a sister, Daphne and Jeff Durham of Mt. Vernon. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Brodhead Fire Department by Bros. Jack Weaver and Ralph Baker. Burial was in Maret Cemetery.

Members of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department served as pallbearers.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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



First annual RCHS Alumni Banquet rescheduled for April 24th

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Tentative plans are to have the banquet at Rockcastle Middle School. If not available, plans are in place to rent the Livingston gym.

Why Does God Allow Evil?

This is a question that people often ask, if God is good and just, why would He allow evil and suffering? This is a reasonable question although some may often ask it for the wrong reason. Some may try to imply that there must not be a God because God would not allow evil.

We live in a world that is not perfect. Adam and Eve had a perfect life until they were given a choice to be obedient or disobedient. They made the wrong choice, which separated them from God. Bringing the curse of death upon them and all of humanity.

So if you were God what would your punishment for disobedience be? The point being, there has always been consequences for transgressions. Think about it. God is good and just. He has always wanted what is best for his creation man. That would include giving him a freewill to serve Him or not. A servant that serves without a choice would be no more than a robot.

In the days of Noah, God said that every thought that preceded out of the hearts of men was wicked. So, the consequences of this wickedness showed that God would destroy man from off the face of the earth, save Noah and his family. God used the same water to destroy the wicked as He did to save the righteous.

God can and will allow evil to accomplish His will.

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Heaven should be the most sought after place for everyone upon the face of this earth. We should direct our life around going to Heaven and not the other way around. We must not only believe in God, but, we must believe God.

We must believe in His promises and commands contained in the Bible. Serving God on His terms, under His conditions, His way, that's our ticket. All the answers we need concerning our quest for Heaven are in the Holy Scriptures and we all have a copy. The Bible is God's revealed will to man, our road map to Heaven, our handbook to higher living. We need to study it, we should want to study it, we are commanded to study it. 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Our question should be, how can I serve God more perfectly? How can I change my life to improve spiritually? Am I putting God as my top priority, above family, job, friends, money or the pleasures and cares of this world? Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

The Almighty God could ask anything of us, and we should not have to think twice, but deliver what God wants. Remember when God ask Abraham for his only son as a sacrifice. I don't think any of us have been put to the test quite that hard.

Heaven or hell, good or evil, right or wrong, saved or lost. The choice is ours everlasting joy or everlasting punishment. There is no, in between no middle ground. Revelations 3:16 God will spue us out of his mouth if we are lukewarm.

Some say our loving and forgiving God would not send anyone to hell. They say God loves us all. Well, all I can say is ask the people in the days of Noah. 1 Peter 3:20 Only 8 souls were saved, out of thousands, maybe even millions.

Thank you for reading this message, I pray you have been blessed with the things you need and as always you than the good Lord above. If you would like to contact someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can reach us at these numbers. (He has no right to criticize, who has no heart to help.) Bro. Dale McNew- 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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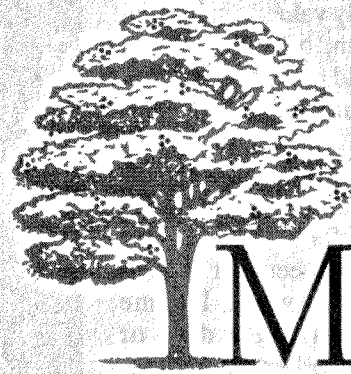
Thank You

Many THANKS to the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department for the use of your firehouse for the visitation and funeral services of firefighter Darrell "Moody" Smith.

Your assistance to our staff and the Smith family is deeply appreciated. Words cannot express the dignity, respect, and caring you showed for the family of one of your own.

Our sincere gratitude to Chief Dyehouse, Asst. Chief Bullock and all the BVFD firefighters.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

By: Warden Alexander, County Executive Director

March 15 is Deadline to make elections and complete enrollment in 2021 Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs

Agricultural producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15, 2021.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2021 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop ARC-County or PLC, or ARC-Individual for the entire farm, for the 2021 crop year. Although election changes for 2021 are optional, enrollment (signed contract) is required for each year of the program. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2021, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not

submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2021, the election defaults to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.

For crop years 2022 and 2023, producers will have an opportunity to make new elections during those signups. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Web-Based Decision Tools

In partnership with USDA, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, the University of Illinois tool that offers farmers the ability to run payment estimate modeling for their farms and counties for ARC-County and PLC.

ARC and PLC Decision Tool, the Texas A&M tool allows producers to analyze payment yield updates and expected payments for 2021. Producers who have used the tool in the past should see their username and much of their farm data already available in the system.

More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date:

March 3rd, 2020 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

At this time, due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

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Yards to Paradise

By: Max Phelps
Dormant Pruning of Deciduous Plants

Think of pruning trees and shrubs as "correcting" them, sort of like disciplining a child. Cutting a broken limb or a dead one can be done about anytime, but major pruning of deciduous plants should be done when they are dormant. That's after the leaves have fallen, and before the buds swell and come to life in the spring. And the best time for most decorative or fruiting trees is after most of winter is over, after it's warmed above freezing, but before growth has commenced in the new season.

Pruning is a chore. Even hard work. So why would you want to do it?

Correcting the growth of a shrub or a tree is best done a bit every year from time it is first planted, not try to deal with an especially unruly "child" after neglecting it too long. Besides keeping it from growing into an ugly and misshapen plant, besides appearances, there are other reasons to prune as well.

Many flowering shrubs produce the most blooms (and fruit if it's a plant you expect to harvest fruit from) on two and three year old wood. Older wood can be less productive. New wood typically does not fruit the same season; however there are a few exceptions—butterfly bush, blue mist shrub and hummingbird bush come to mind—where all the new blooms will be on new growth. Another reason to prune is to restore vigor. An old holly tree may not produce as many berries as it did before it stopped growing. An old apple tree may not set fruit anymore (or it may overset but have little apples that all drop off before they mature). A wigela may quit flowering if there are no new shoots. A blueberry will yield almost no fruit if old growth isn't removed forcing the plant to put out some young new

shoots. Keeping a tree from rubbing the house, from growing too tall, from hanging into the sidewalk or driveway, is another reason we might want to prune. Control, appearance, health and production are primary reasons to prune.

As mentioned, plants that flower on new growth need to be pruned in dormancy, as do most other deciduous trees. There are some plants that you should wait until after they've bloomed in the spring to prune them, otherwise you'll never see the display of flowers they want to show you. Azaleas for instance. Dogwoods. Redbuds.

Most evergreen trees are better pruned during the active growing season. Same for the shrubs. Spruce, fir, cedar, falsecypress, junipers, etc., fall into that category. As do the majority of broadleaf evergreens.

So what should you prune from your deciduous trees, and how?

You may want to shape a young tree so it grows to suit you. You may want to stake it so it grows straight. You may want to remove some limbs that are too close together or that are growing inward or are rubbing against other limbs. You may want to shorten some and cut back tips of all limbs, this will make an ornamental tree thicken and look more attractive. (Fruiting trees are best thinned rather than thickened.) If you want it to grow into a tall and handsome tree, you will want it to have one central leader, one trunk. If several limbs are trying to be that one trunk, you'll have to shorten or eliminate all but the one you have chosen for the main trunk. On a few species you may want to have multiple trunks such as with a crape myrtle or birch trees.

Newly planted shrubs and trees probably lost some roots in the digging and moving process. It will get your new plant off and growing faster if you remove an equal

amount of the growth above ground. I realize this is hard to do when you've just bought the prettiest tree at the nursery. Plants you purchased growing in containers generally don't need the trimming at planting time like bare root or B&E trees.

Older shrubbery sometimes just needs older limbs cut off with loppers, saw, pruning shears, down all the way to just above ground level. This forces the plant to grow some newer limbs.

Older shade trees may need but little pruning. Water sprouts, root sprouts, should be removed each year. Limbs growing inward or rubbing should have the offending portion pruned away or the whole limb removed. One of the problems with a large tree growing all alone is it top becomes so big and thick and heavy, when the ground is soft and the wind blows fierce, it can come crashing down. Thinning (removing some of the limbs of such a tree so that wind can flow through its branches) is the proper way to deal with this.

Butchering a tree and leaving just the trunk and a few stubs sticking up is not good tree care, although it may work for some types of shrubs or some evergreens such as a holly. Topping trees is not good practice, and no what I'd call pruning. In most cases where topping is chosen as a way to deal with problem trees, some other type of tree should have been chosen for that location to begin with.

Humid and moderately warm weather is the best time to prune. Not in summer heat, drying winds, nor when the limbs are frozen in cold weather.

Your trees and shrubbery will make you proud if you spend the time to correct and stimulate them.

The author is a landscaper. Comments welcome. www.rockcastles.net, 606-416-3911.

Kentucky juniors have chance to win scholarship, photo shoot

A rising junior at one of Kentucky's public or private high schools will win a \$500 scholarship and a photo shoot at their school through the "Promote Your School" scholarship contest, sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"The 'Promote Your School' scholarship contest gives students an opportunity to inspire others and showcase the true value of education in their community," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "In addition to receiving scholarship money, the winner will also get to see themselves and their classmates featured in KHEAA publications that are distributed to all the high schools across in the Commonwealth."

A school must participate in the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program for one of its students to be eligible to enter. To be considered for the scholarship, students must submit an essay addressing one of these subjects:

- "How I will inspire others to do better"
- "How education makes a community stronger."

The essay must be no more than 200 words in length and cannot men-

tion the student's name, school, county or community. The essay should not identify the student by race, gender, religion or other manner. Essays in excess of 200 words or ones that include identifying information will be disqualified.

The essay topic must be clearly indicated at the top of the page. The student's name, address and high school must be listed at the bottom of the essay. The student must be a high school junior during the 2021-2022 school year. For contest details, visit kheaa.com/website/contest/intro.

Photos from the winning school will be used in KHEAA publications and on KHEAA websites.

To enter, mail your essay to KHEAA Publications, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may also email your essay to publications@kheaa.com. The winner will be chosen by a committee of KHEAA employees. The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2021.

The scholarship funds will be sent to the winner's school when he or she enters college as a freshman.

Students from high schools that have been featured in the past five years — Bullitt East,

Warren East, Paducah St. Mary, Logan County and Daviess County — are not eligible to enter this year's contest.

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

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

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

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Separate Sealed BIDS for the construction of Richmond Street Lift Station Replacement Project will be received by the City of Mount Vernon, 125 Richmond St., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 until March 17, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. local time and then publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall.

Project consists of installing a new lift station and all necessary appurtenances.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:
 CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, 125 RICHMOND ST.,
 MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456
 KENVIRONS, INC., 770 WILKINSON BLVD, FRANKFORT, KY 40601

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 (859-226-5850) and www.lynnimaging.com upon payment of a nonrefundable price of \$150.00 for each set plus any shipping charges.

Each Bidder must accompany his bid with a Bid Bond in amount of not less than five (5) percent of the base bid. No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days. The Bidder awarded the contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond and shall furnish insurance as required, in the General Conditions. Each contract shall be completed within 120 calendar days after date of authorization to start work. Liquidated damages will be \$800 per calendar day.

Bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Nos. 11246 and 11375, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must comply with Section 3, Section 109, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act and the contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidders must certify that they do not, and will not, maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The City of Mount Vernon reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

Small, minority and women's businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to bid this project.

By: Mike Bryant, Mayor
 City of Mount Vernon

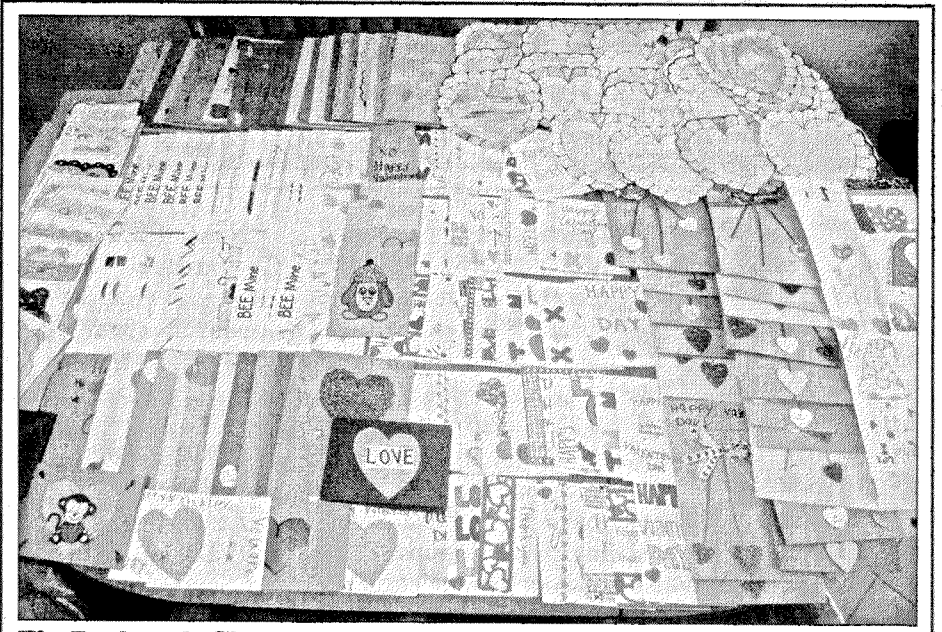
DAR and local students participate in Valentines for Veterans Project

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution along with local students from the elementary schools participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans Project as 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 every-day 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 re-

member the valiant sacrifices of their nation's Veterans by making them personal hand-crafted valentines. Through the efforts of the local elementary schools, members of the CAR and DAR, Rockcastle Chapter collected 470 valentines to be delivered to the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY. The Chapter would like to express a special thank you to the participating teachers for getting their students and youth groups involved with this project to honor Veterans.



The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution along with local students from the elementary schools participated in the annual Valentines for Veterans Project as part of the National Salute to Veteran Patients Week.

DAR presents students with essay awards

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems the American History Essay Contest open to all 5th-8th graders. This year's essay topic was "The Boston Massacre." March 5, 2020, marked the 250th anniversary of the Boston Massacre, considered to be a pivotal event that paved the way to the American Revolution. The students were to imagine that they were living in Boston and, after witnessing the events of March 5, describe their family's discussion about the Boston Massacre and what role it played in organizing the colonists against the British King and Parliament.

One essay winner from each grade level was eligible to be submit-

ted by the local chapter for state competition. State winners will be judged on national district level and finally district winners will be eligible for the national competition in Washington this June. National winners will be awarded at Continental Congress and presented a medal, certificate and monetary award.

The Rockcastle Chapter awarded this year's chapter winners certificate and medal. First Runner up, Second and third place winners were also recognized. The 5th grade winner of this year's contest was Jasper Cole Rogers. Other students recognized were Aiden Ingram, Matthew Moore and Kortney Coy, all Roundstone Elementary School students.

Rockcastle Chapter would like to thank all the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest and look forward to reading next year's entries from such talented writers.



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Rockcastle County honors National Donor Day during American Heart Month

Rockcastle County is emphasizing love in February by honoring National Donor Day and American Heart Month. In partnership with the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life, Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk has dedicated February 14 as National Donor Day. Taking place during American Heart Month, National Donor Day is dedicated to educating communities about the importance of organ, tissue, and eye donation.

Over 1,000 Kentuckians across the Commonwealth are waiting patiently for their gift of life, people like Alisha Emerson. "On February 13, 2014 I received a phone call that has forever changed my life. A real heart for Valentine's Day," Emerson, a heart transplant recipient, said. Because of the generosity of her donor, Emerson and her husband have started a family. The birth of her first child would not have been possible without her gift of life, a gift that has kept on giving.

In honor of American Heart Month and National Donor Day, York-Hansel encourages everyone to join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

"Each person who registers as an organ donor is making a profound impact for generations to come," York-Hansel said.

Join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry in one of the following ways:

- Online 24/7 at RegisterMe.org
- On your Apple iPhone, go to your Health App and toggle to "organ donor."
- Driver's License Renewals: All Circuit Clerks' offices and all KYTC offices have re-opened, adhering to Governor Beshear's COVID-19 guidelines and continue to do so.

The mission of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life is to inform, educate, and encourage Kentuckians to register as organ and tissue donors to save lives; For more information visit trustforlife.org.

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Blood Drive set for March 2nd

Despite the ongoing pandemic, Kentucky hospitals continue to transfuse blood to patients at higher rates than normal.

Kentucky Blood Center, which provides blood to 70+ Kentucky hospitals relies on volunteer donors to roll up their sleeves as often as possible to help meet the needs of neighbors battling injury and illness.

In a time where many are saying, "Something's gotta give," KBC appreciates the thousands of individuals who roll up their sleeves and answer the call to give blood.

As a thank you, KBC donors at this upcoming mobile will receive a great t-shirt.

In addition, all blood donations made through March 31 will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. Those who test positive could be recruited to donate convalescent plasma to help treat pa-

tients battling the novel coronavirus.

Donors are encouraged to donate at this upcoming drive in the area:

Tuesday, March 2nd
from 1:30-6:30 pm
First Baptist Church Gym
340 West Main Street
Mount Vernon.

Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, found at kybloodcenter.org.

Appointments are preferred to ensure social distancing. Walk-ins are accepted as space allows. A face covering is required to donate. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

Weather-related power outages create dark traffic signals

KYTC says treat nonworking traffic signals like a four-way stop

When snow and ice or other severe weather knock out electric power, it's not just buildings that go dark. Traffic signals often go lights-out, as well.

Treat a dark traffic signal like a four-way stop - each vehicle takes its turn, Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said. It's especially important when weather is severe for drivers to exercise greater caution and to be good neighbors on the road.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) snowfighters were put to the test this week with freezing rain and sleet that quickly built up on trees and electrical lines. All too often, trees and

power lines came down together, leaving thousands of utility customers and a number of traffic signals in eastern Kentucky temporarily in the dark.

KYTC salt and plow crews got a break from precipitation on Friday and, with priority routes cleared, were able to make headway on clearing lower-volume state and local routes. It also gave maintenance personnel in KYTCs highway districts a chance to restock salt supplies.

Traffic information and snow and ice resources, including highway district news updates, is available at snow.ky.gov.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CROCK POT WHITE BEAN AND SAUSAGE SOUP

4 cups white beans
1 jar (25 ounce) crushed tomatoes
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon salt
12 ounces kielbasa sausage, cut into bite size pieces
Place navy beans in a large bowl and just cover with water. Leave at room temperature overnight. The next day, drain the beans and pour them into the bowl of a crock pot. Cover the beans with water and stir in the tomatoes, garlic powder, salt, and sausage. Put the lid on, set the crock pot to high, and cook for 8 hours, or until the beans are tender. Add more salt or garlic powder to taste. Serve.

CABBAGE KIDNEY BEAN SOUP

2 pounds lean ground beef
One onion, chopped
1 beef bouillon cube
4 cups beef broth
1 head of cabbage, chopped
2 cans (14 ounces each) kidney beans, drained
1 teaspoon minced garlic or garlic powder
1 teaspoon salt
In a large pot, brown ground beef and onion. Add bouillon cube, beef broth, cabbage, kidney beans, garlic, and salt.

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, then turn on low-medium heat and cover. Make sure there is enough broth to cover by about an inch over the cabbage and vegetables! If not, add some water! Cook about 45 minutes.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP

4 cups fat free vegetable broth
12 ounces uncooked butternut squash, peeled
1/2 large Vidalia onion, cut into 2 inch cubes
1/2 small fresh apple, peeled and cut into 2 inch cubes
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
In a large stock pot, combine broth, squash, onion, and apple. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Simmer until squash is very tender, about 10 minutes. Puree soup in pot using an immersion blender (or a regular blender in batches). Season with salt, pepper, and nutmeg. You can purchase already peeled and cubed squash in the produce section of some supermarkets. You can also swap frozen, cubed squash for the fresh. I prefer to cut in half, remove seeds and bake in the oven until tender. Then it is easier to peel.

Online security can help protect you from cyber thieves

Students should be aware of the financial risks that accompany their social media activity, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"As a dad and as governor, I want to keep my kids safe and all of our kids safe. Each new social media platform — Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and whatever else is on the way — unfortunately presents criminals with the opportunity to steal from Kentuckians," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Students should be especially cautious of any unsolicited messages asking them to open a file or click on a link."

Criminals exploit vulnerabilities in social media software and hope that users won't realize that they're being phished. One of the most common ways is to send a link to what appears to be a legitimate website. Never click on a link without first ensuring it's real by checking with the company that is the supposed sender.

KHEAA also advises social media users to be wary of any kind of online survey that asks them to fill out a long list of information, such as their favorite car or where they were born. The answers can give scam artists all they need to steal someone's identity.

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

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery receipts. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write to KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

“Hands”

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of Emergency.

The following day, a third winter storm hit the county multiplying the number of outages, while accidents and calls for service continued through the next day.

First responders performed emergency rescues for carbon monoxide poisoning, structure fires, roadside assistance and reports indicate nearly 2,000 homes had no heat.

Without heat, water lines burst across the county, including a main supply line in Mount Vernon, causing crews that were already over-taxed focusing on repairing the water main break. Crews are still attempting to catch up as trees are still lying across roadways and downed power lines since the third storm hit.

Yet, through it all, Rockcastle County residents and officials once again showed their determination to help their neighbor.

Statewide news media came to town reporting the massive local efforts to help those who were struggling from weather-related issues as officials from the county, cities and school system joined hands and started helping. When the question arose concerning who to help and who would qualify, their answer was simply “anyone.” For about 30 local families, that help could have been the difference between life and death.

Officials created a “Warming Center” at the Rockcastle County Middle School for those who had no heat while temperatures dropped to single digits across the state. Health department workers provided needed masks and personal protection, while first responders handled accidents, stranded residents and provided transportation.

Meanwhile school officials prepared the local middle school with sleeping cots, food, water and blankets and set up safety measures to protect any visitors from COVID-19. The Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department and Mount Vernon Police Department increased patrols and, when there was a moment that wasn’t a rescue or transport, they looked for stranded motorists or marked blocked roadways. “There were massive power outages and so many local people found themselves in sudden need of help,” said Holbrook. “Something had to be done immediately.”

Those who often sit at a desk and handle the much-needed official work within the county, donned winter coats and boots and grabbed a blanket or a load of water to deliver to the Warming Center.

Through it all, **I-75 in Rockcastle County added to its relentless reputation as the most dangerous stretch of interstate in Kentucky** as closure after closure made the highway impassable for several periods each day.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, Holbrook, mayors and emergency crews in each town began working together not only making some feel more comfortable, but in some cases

saving lives, according to officials.

The winter storms have ended in the county but the aftermath is still very present as some were still without water or electric at press time and officials have not given up on them either.

“As long as there is a need, we will be here,” said Ballinger. And Holbrook agreed saying “We had to do something and with all of us working together, we will help everyone we can.”

Over 30 people showed up at the warming center but when the last visitor to the shelter left, fire departments across the county opened their doors for anyone who may still be without food or shelter.

As with most disasters, many were helped and many strangers became friends but as always lessons were learned. “There is not much doubt left that when Rockcastle County people work together, there is not much that can’t be done,” said Holbrook.

The number of people who helped during the emergency was uncountable, according to Holbrook. “I know of so many businesses who donated food or other needed items and so many citizens who just jumped in and helped in many different ways. There is no way to list them all. We owe a big thank you to so many. We are a small town, but we most certainly have a big heart.”

Ballinger agreed saying it is the responsibility of everyone to help others. “We as a school system are here to educate, feed and support and that does not only apply to our students, it applies to human beings,” she said. “We, as a school system and we, as human beings, are here to help those in need.”

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant was among those impressed with local volunteers. “I am so proud of how many folks stepped up to meet the needs of friends, neighbors and strangers,” he said. “I can’t say enough about our first responders, Jackson Energy, KU, state, county and city road crews, all those who opened warming centers, etc. our local people worked so hard as professionals and as volunteers.”

Holbrook said reports indicate some homes may be without power for another week or more and anyone needing shelter until power is restored should call 256-2121.

“Calls”

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The Mount Vernon Fire Department alone responded to 110 calls for service, including 20 local vehicle accidents, during the two-week weather event. Vehicles with the department logged 552 miles, including transports and welfare checks.

The following are a few local incidents over the past week:

The Mount Vernon and Climax Fire Departments were called to a structure fire on Maple Grove Road in Orlando. The Brodhead and Livingston Fire and Rescue assisted at the home where propane cylinders exploded inside the structure. Firefighters say the battle was made more difficult due to the existence of propane and the adverse weather conditions.

The home was a total loss.

I-75 was closed at exit 76 due to an accident Monday, February 15, in Berea in the southbound lanes causing traffic to be routed down US 25 through Mount Vernon. Several small traffic accidents were reported on that day as local traffic was heavy until the interstate was reopened.

I-75 was closed with multiple wrecks reported Friday, February 19. Some of the accidents were apparently due to falling trees after heavy ice covered the limbs.

The I-75 on ramp at exit 62 was closed Friday, February 19 after a tractor trailer crashed on the ramp. According to officials, several other vehicles collided with the truck on the slick roadways.

Local fire departments were called to assist the Kentucky State Police with tractor trailers that were reportedly stuck along I-75 in Rockcastle County. First responders had to issue a plea for motorists to avoid the interstate as crews had experienced “several close calls” while working to free stuck motorists.

During the third week of February, all local first responders were involved in helping transport those who could not make it to warming centers or those who needed medication or food delivered to their home.

The Brodhead and Mount Vernon Fire Departments responded to two separate emergency calls due to carbon monoxide exposure. Firefighters say road conditions were so impassable at one scene that crews had to perform a rope rescue to reach the victim.

Late last week, the Brodhead Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Copper Creek Road. The cause of the fire is unknown and the structure was listed as a total loss.

I-75 was closed Friday between exits 49 and 59 due to treacherous weather conditions. Prior to the closure, several smaller accidents were reported.

Officials at each department say the total number of calls for service during the week-long winter storm has been massive.

“Court”

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nual \$5,000 donation. Hensley said the money is used for many purposes, including keeping the fields in good condition as well as meeting the mandates of COVID restrictions.

Hensley said last year the league earned \$18,937 and spent \$18,027. “All of the money we make goes for the kids,” said Hensley.

The court also discussed procedures at the Animal Shelter, maintaining magistrate and coroner compensation, electrical inspector fees, and heard several department reports.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz read the financial report to the court which shows a general fund January balance of \$1,046,864. The Road Fund balance was \$294,588, the Detention Center balance was \$65,048, the LGEA fund balance was \$112,640, 911 was \$21,659, CSEPP fund was \$61,960 and the

Occupational Tax fund was \$781,383.

Clontz requested the court transfer \$50,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$25,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund.

The court then entered closed session.

After returning from closed session, the court approved a motion to amend ownership of the Livingston Arnold Property to a co-ownership between Rockcastle County and the RCIDA.

No other action was taken.

“Sheriff”

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“Last week’s ice and snow brought magnificent landscapes to Rockcastle County, but they also brought dangerous conditions and treacherous roads for our citizens.

These events also revealed a true Christian character in the way our citizens and organizations responded to the community.

I was privileged to witness first hand the efforts of deputies, police officers, troopers, constables, EMS, volunteer fire fighters, school staff and administrators, doctors, nurses, county and state highway crews, power line crews, churches, neighbors, and many others as they worked beyond exhaustion.

Many sacrificed their time with their families, their sleep and their finances as they made those outstanding efforts.

Respect and appreciation to all our first responders and all our citizens.

Rockcastle County is one fine place to live.”

“Blaze”

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also placing the fire fighter and the propane cylinders in one of the hottest areas of the fire.

“I didn’t expect that at all,” said Evans. “We had taken the blaze down some and I turned to go to the next room when the floor gave way.”

Officials say the propane cylinders then ignited under the floor where the firefighter was trapped. Intense heat resulted, surrounding the firefighter and melting the nozzle of the fire hose that Evans had carried into the blaze.

“I’d say that is about the closest call that I have had and I was very thankful for the self-extracting training,” he said.

Fortunately, the protective fire resistance suit protected Evans until he could climb out of the hole back into the kitchen and out of the home to safety.

But, the fire had not beaten Evans.

Once outside, the well trained firefighter reassessed the blaze and led a crew back into the house where they attacked the fire once again.

The fire was eventually extinguished.

Officials say the two 25 pound cylinders of propane greatly intensified the heat from the blaze and the home was a total loss.

In what some are calling a miracle, the Mount Vernon Fire Department reports there were no injuries at the scene.

Evans says his family is aware of the dangers he faces each day. “My wife knows all about it,” he said. “She is a firefighter too.”

Investigators believe the propane heater started the fire which is why the floor near the heater gave way so quickly. After a four-hour battle, the fire was extinguished and all firefighters returned home safely.

“Help”

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tal customers are still waiting in other counties.

Officials say over 300 workers are currently on the road attempting to repair downed lines or damaged poles and Jackson Energy has called on workers from other states to join the work effort.

The company cannot give an estimated time of repair but officials say they are working around the clock to restore power.

Now that temperatures have begun to warm, crews are better able to reach some of the areas where poles were damaged from heavy ice but there may still be some problems.

Officials say the quick melting of the snow and the heavy rains Sunday night and Monday morning may cause some flooding issues which could slow repairs once again.

However, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook says there is still help for those suffering from the winter storms. Anyone who needs shelter should call the non emergency number at the 911 office at 606 256-2121.

“Energy”

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that this is not simply a repair job; it requires a significant rebuild of the

co-op infrastructure. Unfortunately, that takes time.

On an ideal day, without any weather issues, safely replacing a utility pole is about a four-hour job. When you compound that task with tree debris, treacherous roads, icy conditions as well as falling ice and trees, these jobs become that much more difficult.

Because of the immense scale of the damage, Jackson Energy has aggressively increased manpower to record levels. More than 300 field personnel are working to restore power, including mutual aid crews from multiple electric cooperatives from Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama.

These crews are working long hours in terrible conditions and share Jackson Energy’s mission to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. As of Monday morning (February 21st), power has been restored to all but 3,500 Jackson Energy members (417 in Rockcastle County). Among those still without power are Jackson Energy linemen who are working long, extended hours to restore power.

At Jackson Energy, the safety of our members and employees is our number one priority. We appreciate all of our crews continuing to work safely, yet diligently, to restore service to our members,” said Carol Wright, President & CEO.

If you are experiencing a new power outage, members are encouraged to call the automated phone system at 800-262-7480 or report the outage through the SmartHub app.

Snack Shack

would like to thank city, county and state road workers for doing an excellent job cleaning the roads during the recent snow/ice storms.

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Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to 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 all related 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** (at the back baseball field)
- Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo** (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax** (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

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

SPORTS

Rockets beat Casey, lose to Russell and Southwestern

After defeating Casey County for their fifth straight win, the Rockets hit a skid in their last two outings losing to Russell County and Southwestern.

In their 56-54 win over Casey County, the score was knotted at 16 after the first quarter. The second quarter was the difference in the game with the Rockets outscoring the Rebels 20-8 for a 36-24 half-time lead.

Junior Daniel Mullins led the Rockets in the second quarter hitting two threes and scoring 10 of their 20 points. Freshman Skyler Durham added a three and five points of his own.

The Rockets managed to hold onto a nine point lead at the end of the third but Casey County came storming back in the fourth outscoring the Rockets 17-8 but was still not enough as the Rockets held on for the two point win.

Mullins and fellow junior Jake Sanders led the Rockets in scoring each with 14 points. Sanders shot 71% from the field on the night. Sanders also led in rebounding with 12. Drew Hopkins added 10 points, Matthew Chasteen scored eight, Skyler Durham scored

five; Reese Coguer added three and Rylee Deleon scored two.

As a team, the Rockets hit only 10 of 19 free throws to Casey County's 12 of 16.

On Friday, February 13th, the Rockets traveled to Russell County and took one on the chin losing 66-40.

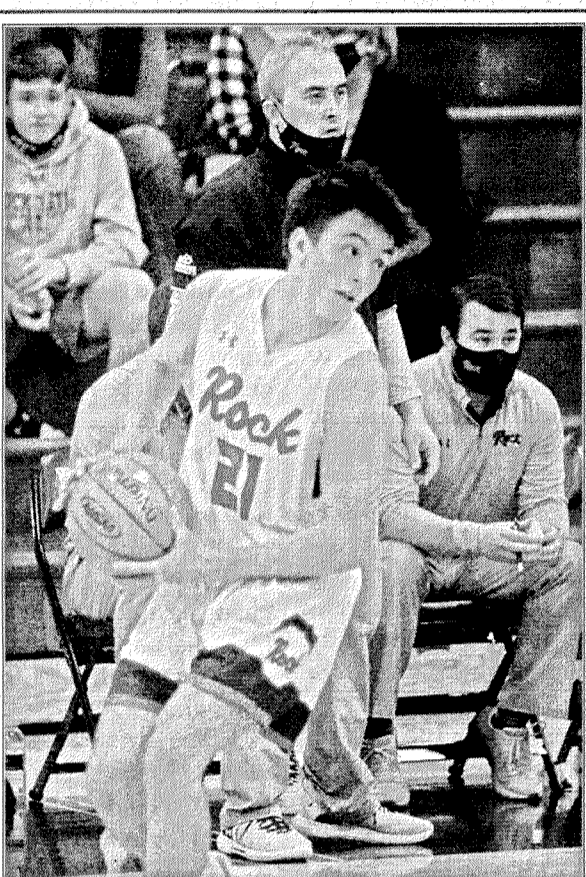
The Rockets led at the end of the first quarter, 15-12 but then went cold and scored only 25 points the final three quarters.

The Rockets shot only six free throws on the night making four of those. From the field the Rockets shot a dismal 32% hitting only 17 of 54 shots.

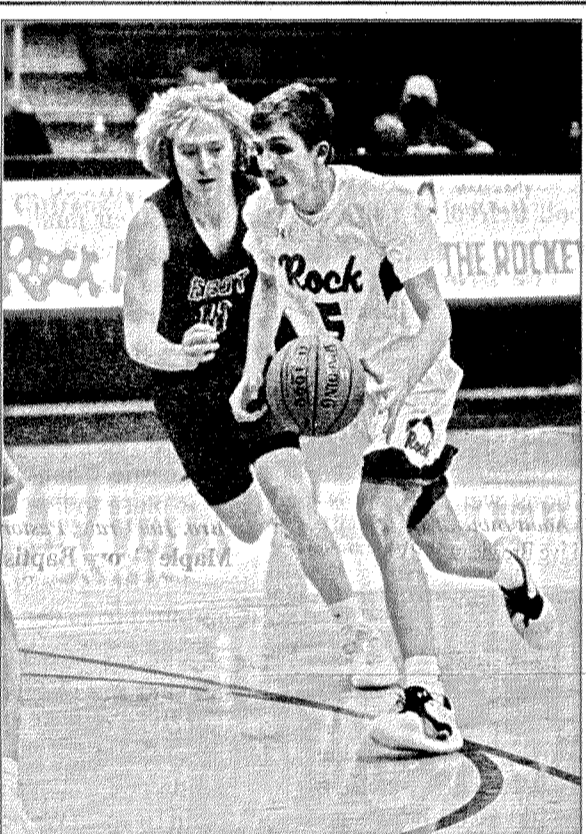
Junior Matthew Chasteen was the lone Rocket in double figures leading his team with 10 points. Reese Coguer and Drew Hopkins each added eight, Daniel Mullins scored seven, Rylee Deleon added six including three of three from the charity stripe and Kaden Kidwell added one point for his team.

Monday night, the Rockets traveled to Southwestern and picked up their fourth loss of the season, 73-56.

The Rockets are set to travel to Barbourville Thursday.



Junior Daniel Mullins, along with teammate Jake Sanders, led the Rockets with 14 points in the win over Casey County.



Junior Drew Hopkins put in 10 points for the Rockets in their win over Casey County. The Rockets travel to Barbourville this Thursday.

Lady Rockets lose to Russell County 46-42

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets lost only their third game of the season Friday, February 13th losing a close one to Russell County, 46-42.

The Lady Rockets came out hot taking a 10-7 lead at the end of the first quarter behind two three pointers by Keelee King.

Russell County answered in the second quarter outscoring the Lady Rockets 18-12 despite three threes by Jordan Harper (2) and King (1) for a 25-22 halftime lead.

The Lady Rockets cut that lead to one at the third quarter stop with a score of 37-35. Casey Coleman was big from the charity stripe in the third going five of six and scoring nine of the Lady Rockets 13 points.

Both teams seemed to go dry in the fourth quarter with the Lady Rockets only managing

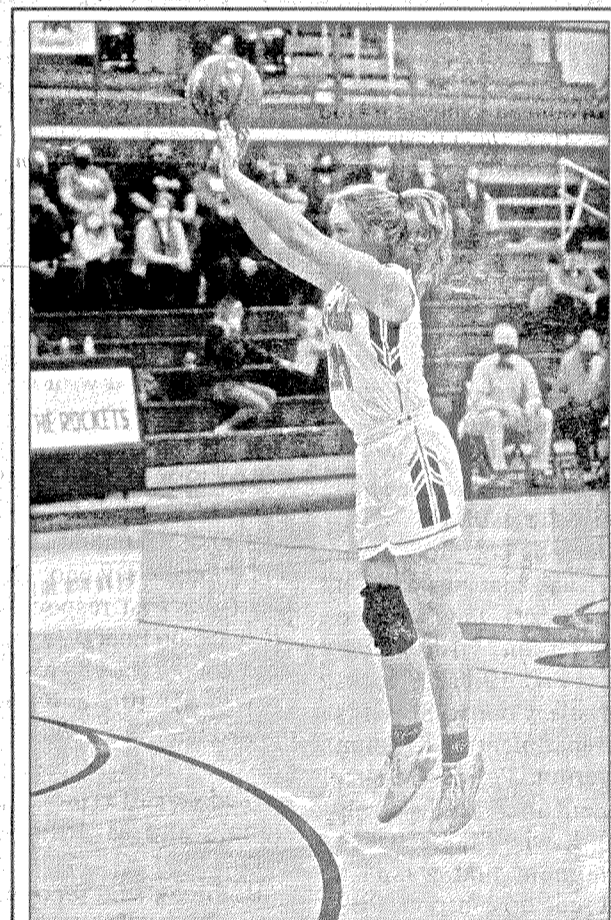
seven to the Lakers' nine.

For the game, the Lady Rockets managed 33% from the field hitting only 15 of 46 attempts. Coleman was the only Rocket at the free throw line hitting six of eight for 75%.

Coleman also led her team with 10 rebounds with Hallie Brown not far behind with nine.

Coleman led her team with 14 points. Keelee King added 11, Jordan Harper scored eight, Lindsey Jones added five, and Aliyah Lopez and Addy McClure each added two.

The Lady Rockets were set to take on district foe Somerset Tuesday night the 23rd. They host Spencer County Thursday night and North Laurel comes to town Friday night. Saturday, the girls travel to Bardstown to take on Central Hardin.



Sophomore Keelee King scored 11 points including three three pointers in the Lady Rockets' loss to Russell County.

Dotson's performance helps Marshall at tourney

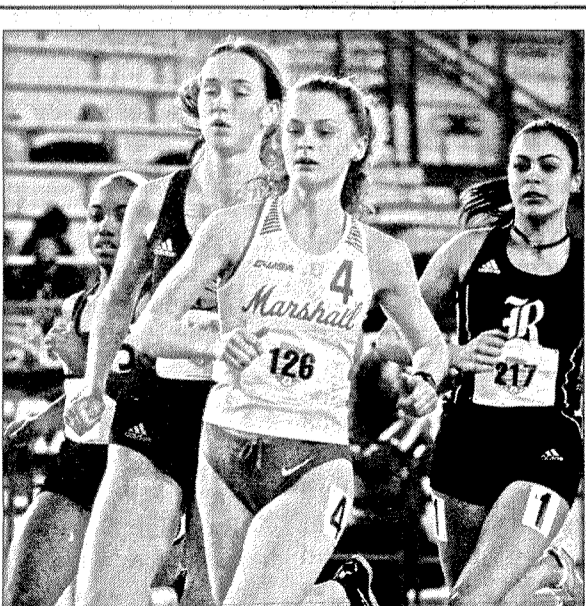
Marshall University freshman Tori Dotson had several outstanding performances in her first collegiate championship meet at the Conference USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, she easily won her preliminary heat of the 800-meter run with an awesome time of 2:15.36. She automatically qualified for

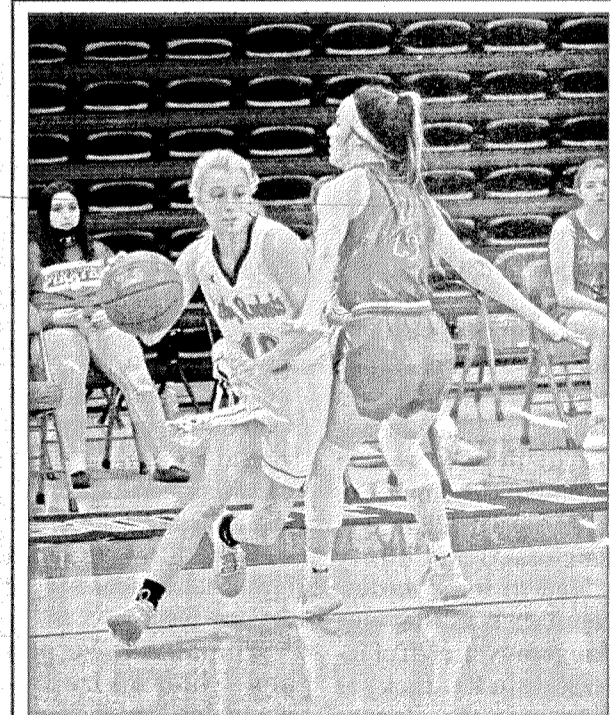
Sunday's final in the event. Later that evening, Tori, along with teammates Jillian King, Astoria Beckett, and Abby Herring, set a new Marshall University school record in the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) with an awesome 3rd place finish overall. They shattered the previous Marshall indoor record in the event by 1.82 seconds with an amazing time of

12:04.15. They became the first DMR team in school history to earn all-conference honors. On Sunday, Tori placed 3rd in the finals of the 800-meter run with an exceptional race and another incredible time of 2:15.05. She also earned her second all-conference award of the meet. She became the first Marshall University runner in school history to earn all-conference honors in the 800-meter run which was quite an accomplishment in only her freshman season.

In the team standings, Tori helped Marshall to a 6th place team finish overall with 50 total points. This represented the best team placement and point total at a Conference USA Indoor Championship Meet in program history. Tori will now set her sights on outdoor season where she will continue to play an integral role in the team's success while improving as an individual competitor and pursuing some of Marshall's outdoor track and field school records.



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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
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7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
606-308-2794
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
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237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Hall, Pastor
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
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Bro. Philip Scott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Dennis Wilder, Pastor
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website: www.fbcvmky.org
email: fbcvmky@newwave.net

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606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Fountain of Life
United Pentecostal Church
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Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

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

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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist Church
Pastor: Josh Hasty
606-392-3809

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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606-256-1709

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Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
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Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Bobby Owens, Pastor
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606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Berea, Ky.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368

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

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Berea, Ky. 40403
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Jeff Draper, Pastor
Wildie Christian
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606-256-4494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Eugene Webb
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Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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Notice is hereby given that Danny Ray Price, 170 Woodlake Drive, Newman, GA 30265 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Norma Floyd on the 10th day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Danny Ray Price or to Marilyn Douglas, 118 Cherokee Trl, Stanford, KY 40484 on or before August 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 3x3

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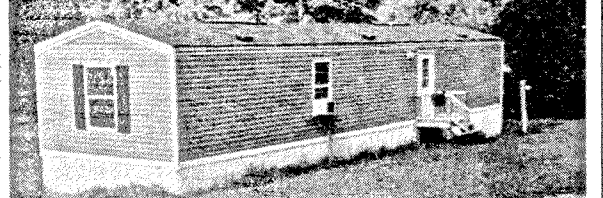
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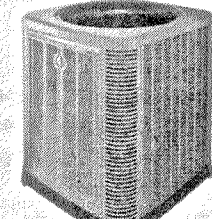
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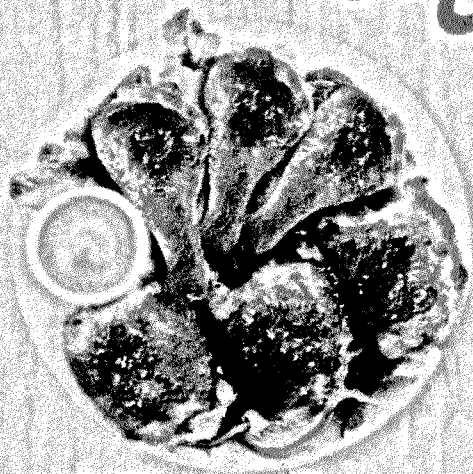
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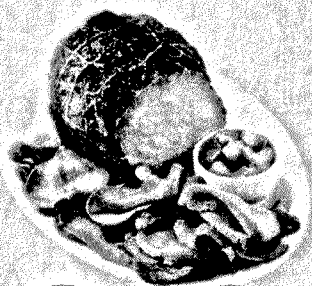
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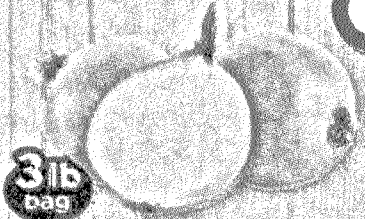


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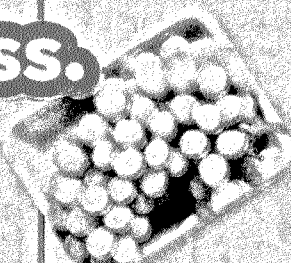
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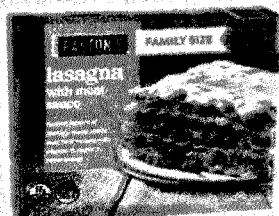
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