

More winter weather hits county But Rockcastle fares well

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again, Rockcastle County escaped the

worst of the winter storm that hit Kentucky last week. The week before, Rockcastle escaped

flooding damage that had been reported across the state. While the county experienced damage and

delays in both storms, that damage was typically less than surrounding areas, officials say.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., conditions allowed for pre-salting of Rockcastle County roads before the six reported inches of snow Friday, which enabled much easier scraping once the snow fell.

Continual wrecks were reported throughout the county during the event, keeping local first responders busy for the next 48 hours. The interstate was closed twice but only for short times, thanks to the efforts of local first responders. However, no fatalities were reported and the warming centers were not needed.

"We had a call from a church that had a warm-

ing center ready if we needed it but we never really had anyone stranded that needed to use it," said Holbrook. "We also were able to clear the county road that leads to a local motel for those who needed to stop in Rockcastle County." As usual, the county experienced many vehicle accidents. "Of course there were a tremendous amount of wrecks that kept the fire departments and ambulance service busy, but we were able to keep the roads in pretty good shape, compared to most places," said Holbrook. In fact, Holbrook has text messages thanking him and the county road department for their work through the storm. "Nice notes thanking us is rather rare," he said. "We are

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Once again, the weather was the focus of most activity in the county this past week. Rockcastle was blanketed with over six inches of snow last week which caused countless accidents on I-75 and throughout the county. First responders say no fatalities were reported but countless accidents kept all departments busy through the weekend. Shown above is one of the many times I-75 was closed while crews cleaned an accident. Shown below shows the conditions road crews and first responders faced most of Thursday and Friday.



Candidates filed for 2022 Primary

By: Mike French
Editor

The Kentucky May Primary election will be Tuesday, May 17.

Jeffrey Scott Lawless announced he plans to retire from his position as the 28th Judicial Circuit Judge in Division One. Rockcastle County Magistrate Shannon Bishop has also announced he does not intend to file for reelection.

Due to the results of the 2020 Census, the Kentucky Legislature is working on a redistricting map, which will change some voting districts. Since the Census shows Rockcastle has lost over 1,000 residents since 2010, officials expect

some local districts to change also but Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said the local map will not be available until May of 2022. However, since some state districts have been changed, the deadline to file for the May Primary elections has been extended to Tuesday, January 25.

Those who have currently filed to run for office in the May, 2022 Primary, as of Monday, January 10 are:

County Attorney
Jeremy Rowe, (R)

County Judge/Executive

Howell H. Holbrook, Jr. (R)

Doug Bishop (R)

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COVID increase

Rockcastle County remains in the Red Zone with an incident rating of 123 Monday. Of the 120 Kentucky counties, 119 are listed as Red Zone counties, according to the KYCOVID-19 website. Only Menifee County is in the Orange Zone.

In the state of Kentucky there have been 932,552 positive cases reported with 12,425 COVID-related deaths reported. Though numbers are up this month in every area of COVID tracking, no closures or additional restrictions had been announced at press time.

Fiscal court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

City Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for Thursday, January 20 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Livingston meeting

The City of Livingston held their monthly regular meeting Monday night in City Hall. City Clerk Amanda Thomas said the city voted to pay their monthly bills and no other notable actions were taken. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The year in review — July thru December

We hope you enjoyed looking back at the first half of 2021 in review last week. The following is the second half of the year in review.

July

The school system changed constantly through 2020 and 2021. One of the changes included new trauma programs which the

local school system began to adopt in July.

Livingston received their new police cruiser in July for Chief Mikie Ashurst to patrol the City.

The Blast in the Valley was back in 2021 and the largest crowd ever turned out for the toned-down event that had no inflatables and very few attractions other than the fireworks

and live music. However, those two attractions were heralded as a huge success.

Brodhead officials announced the Little World's Fair would be back in 2021 after skipping the previous year due to COVID.

Three swift water rescues were required in six days by local firefighters after flood-

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Local schools combatting emotional shortfalls due to COVID restrictions

By: Mike French
Editor

The American school system has gone through many changes since the first public school in 1635.

It wasn't until 1918 that all American children were required to attend public school. But, by 1940, 50% of all American youth had a high school diploma, according to the National Geographic Society.

In the mid 1900s, the focus was similar across the country with reading, writing and arithmetic as the center of a well-rounded education but careful attention was also given to music and art. Sources agree that art, music and other creativity lessons played a large part in a student's school life in the 1900s.

In the 1980s, school funding began to be determined by proof of im-

mediate success. In other words, test scores. From that point, the focus in American schools leaned more toward academics and less on creativity.

Many experts agree that in recent decades, a new concern has become a focal point at public schools. Psychological and emotional well-being is now one of the top concerns of many teachers staff and faculty and Rockcastle County

schools are among those districts with that focus.

Though the social and

emotional health of students has always been an

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State of the County address

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce will host the annual State of the County meeting at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame lobby Tuesday, January 18 at noon. Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash, Livingston Mayor Dwane King and County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., will update the community about current and future progress. The meeting is open to all county residents and lunch will be furnished by the chamber.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It's always exciting to begin a New Year with the thought in mind that the last year, often with its trials and tribulations and particularly in 2021, is gone and there is a good chance that the new year will be better.

I'm not sure that will be the case but one can hope. I sometimes have a hard time being happy about a New Year, because of the time of year it occurs. Does that make sense? What I mean is that January is the depths of winter, it is usually the coldest month and there's just not a lot of social activity going on in our family although we did gather, as many of us as were able, with several Covid absences, for youngest grandchild's, Frances Perlina Carney's baptism last Saturday in Springfield.

It was funny. Frannie is sort of a solemn baby and spent the entire ceremony looking dispassionately at the goings on sorta like, "Hmmm, this is interesting." Or, come to think of it, she might have been thinking, "who thought it was a good idea to give me a name like Perlina," something I have often thought in my many years.

Anyway, as always, I do have hopes that things will be better in our country in 2022.

I hope the Supreme Court, who is supposed to rule Thursday on President Biden's vaccine

mandates, which are tearing this country apart, socially and economically, will look closely at whether or not our Constitution says our government can force us to inject an experimental drug into our body and for which there is no liability ascribed to the manufacturers of said experimental vaccines.

I was somewhat dismayed when reading about the oral arguments before the court with several of the liberal justices' comments.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor commented, apparently in favor of the vaccine mandate, that 100,000 children were hospitalized across the country with Covid

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was just two generations ago that life in America had no relationship to life in America now. Human emotions, love and caring for family, the survival instinct and a few natural elements existed. But nearly all other parts of life in my grandmother's time was nothing like what my children accept as "the way things are."

My grandmother had no electricity in her home until she was nearly 40 years old and had no running water until almost 70 years old. She was amazed every day to learn about things that were new.

Once we put electric-

ity in her home, she refused to use it most of the time but finally started using one light occasionally. Later we got her an electric radio and explained that she could listen to it anytime she wanted. We taught her to use the volume and change the stations and explained that she had to rotate the dial very slowly to set the channel on the center of the station for the best reception.

She soon discovered a man named Garner Ted Armstrong and not a day passed after that discovery that I didn't hear Garner Ted blaring from her kitchen window as she sat by a coal oil lamp for light.

She refused an electric or gas stove for cooking or heat. She said a fire was easier to control and much more safe than those new fangled electric contraptions.

The fireplace provided the heat and the light and the other two rooms had a blanket hanging over the doorway so that the heat would stay in the living room. That was one cold bedroom.

We eventually installed her first bathroom complete with running water and she was amazed but rarely used it. Even after she had a kitchen sink and a tub, we would often see her pumping the old steel handle on the outdoor pump to get her water.

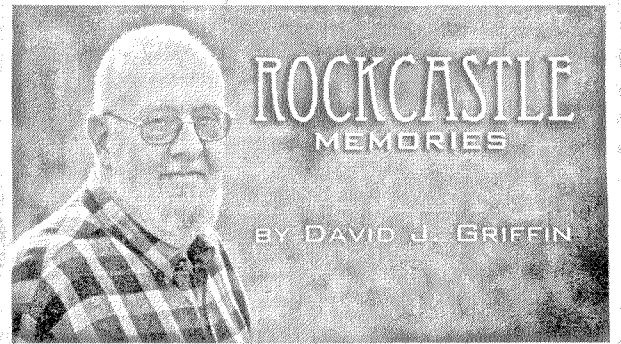
Once she had the water heater, she still didn't

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from the older generations never lived long enough to see such times as now. With all of our scientific advancements, do we really think that the quality of our lives has improved and our society in general? I, for one, say absolutely not. It is saddening that the younger generations never had the chance to live "back in the day" and really experience life halfway like it should be and even the generation before that, "the greatest generation" they call it. It must be called that for a reason. I never lived in it but I've heard stories. Even with WWI and II and Korea, the Great Depression people found a way to pull together and help each other and all had a common bond called survival that came from genuine concern for each other and our nation. Our nation wasn't divided.

On New Year's Eve Stanley and I went out to eat dinner with some friends and then straight home before things get wild and the drinking begins. Well, almost as soon as we got home I got sick and we had a very-low key evening even for us. I did manage to stay up long enough for the ball to drop but it was from the comfort of my own bed. I didn't make any resolutions this year. They are usually forgotten by month's end, anyway and January is two months long. We didn't eat any black eyed peas, either. There is no telling what will happen to us. I've had black eyed peas every year since I've been born and I

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American Pie

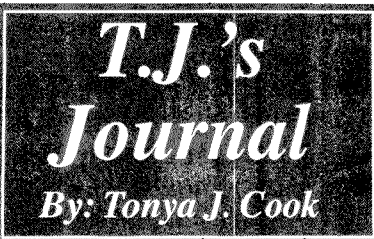
Over the holidays, I received a call from my brother Dwight. He and his wife, Terri, live in Florida. They were playing a game, and he wanted to know the name of the longest song that DJ's, all over America, put on the air when they had to make a run for the restroom. The answer was, of course, "American Pie."

Don McLean recorded the album American Pie in 1972 as a tribute to rock pioneer Buddy Holly. The composition is actually an 800-word poem set to music. It runs

8 minutes and 42 seconds in length. At the time of its release, it was listed as the longest rock song, according to Billboard Magazine.

I clearly remember the Courier Journal story about the death of Buddy Holly, and its effect on me as a 15-year-old boy. Buddy was such a huge part of our lives at that time. We searched the radio for each of his recordings. Buddy Holly and the Crickets' first record, "That'll Be the Day" (1957) had sold over a million copies. Two other recordings,

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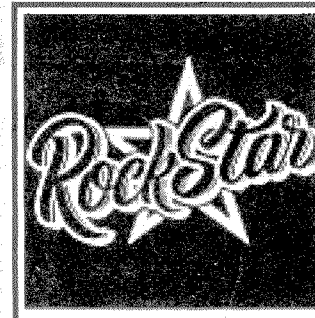
Here We Are in 2022

Dear Journal,

When I was young and growing up the thought of living in 2000 was like a dream or myth of some kind. What would such a time be like? Would it be all scientific in nature? Something out of a science fiction book? Most people would have expected the Lord would have come by now, including me. Quite a few

ers. We in the Rockcastle community are blessed to have dedicated and committed volunteer firefighters who love our community and continue to serve like those who laid a solid foundation for them.

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John C. Cox

James "Jim" Cox

Bud Cox

According to Webster, "a volunteer firefighter is a rescuer, trained to extinguish hazardous fires that threaten life, property, and the environment, as well as rescue people and animals from dangerous situations." I am incredibly grateful for our firefighters. My dad, Jim Earl Hammons was part of the volunteer firefighters for a few years. These firefighters stand ready at a minutes notice to be first respond-

As I begin to highlight men and women who would be considered Rock Stars by most of Rockcastle County, three men stand tall as being worthy of this recognition.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in hopes Sheriff Shannon Franklin will decide to run for reelection as Sheriff of Rockcastle County. I understand that he has done a great job with only four full time deputies.

Good luck and God bless, and hoping you decide to run again.

Sincerely,

Bob Lunsford

Editor's note:

Franklin has indeed filed to run for reelection.

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ramblings

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"with many of them on ventilators." This is patently untrue. According to the CDC Director, there are 3,500 children hospitalized at present across the country. Justice Stephen Breyer said that the US has 700 million COVID cases. Do you suppose he really does not know that the population of our country is 333 million? And, of course there is Elena Kagan who opined that since the government is paying for the vaccines they should be able to demand we take them.

None of this makes any sense to me since I expect them to tell me where in the Constitution the federal government has the right to force me to inject something into my body which the manufacturer is now admitting, that after two doses, provides "limited protection" from the virus and probably doesn't protect against the current variant, Omicron, at all. Reports are that a vaccine for this variant is not expected to be ready until

March of this year when, hopefully, it will have run its course.

A final word on this matter before the SCOTUS, "It doesn't matter whether the vaxx is a wise choice (or not). Or whether it's effective (or not). Or how deadly Covid is (or not). The only thing SCOTUS should be answering is whether OSHA has authority...to force employees to get vaxxed." - Liz Wheeler

There is also the current situation that because vaccine mandates depleted staff, hospitals are now permitting workers with active COVID to work in hospitals but doctors and nurses who don't have COVID and are unvaccinated are fired. Make sense to you?

I couldn't figure out why the CDC is suddenly admitting that up to 75% of the deaths, originally attributed to COVID, were actually deaths "with" rather than "from" COVID, admitting that most of the deaths were those "with" four other comorbidities. It then occurred to me that they have been tak-

ing a lot of heat for having a higher number of deaths from the virus, under President Biden, than during President Trump term when the vaccine was not widely available until the latter days. Now they want the numbers down to deaths "with" rather than "from."

And, for one of the most depressing announcements recently, tomorrow, January 12th, the Washington State Board of Health will discuss applying current infectious disease WAC codes to include Covid-19 vaccines for all WA state residents.

The proposed policy will allow local health officers to use law enforcement to force an emergency order to involuntarily detain a person, or group of persons (families), to be isolated in a quarantine facility following refusal to voluntarily comply with requests for medical examination, testing treatment, counseling, vaccination. The Covid 19 injections, as part of school immunization requirements, will also be discussed. The camps are reportedly already set up.

The length of quarantine can range from 10-30 days at the discretion of said local health officers.

Let's see. Wasn't there another country that once removed citizens from their home and sent them to camps? I'll have to research that for more information.

The bill will be voted on this week in Washington State. And, if you like to receive your federal tax refund early, it may be a problem this year.

The IRS still hasn't processed 35 million 2020 tax returns and now warns of "enormous challenges" this tax-filing season that could delay refunds.

I was accused recently by one reader of being too negative and I apologize for that. But the truth is the truth and there's not really much to be positive about these days, except for the fact that I have managed to escape the vaccine needle thus far and am proud of it and I'm too old for anyone to shame me so don't bother trying!!

Aces

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use it much because she said it took too long for the water to run hot. Therefore she was wasting water. Grandma would waste nothing.

I have mentioned before in these columns what she said about her new commode. "How lazy have people become

if they need to pooh inside their own home," she said. She was simply amazed that anyone would consider such a thing. The outhouse was well away from the home.

Before she passed away in about 1990, we had her well modernized. She even had a television the last few years of her life. She used to become very upset at her television set though because she said "those people on there lie to us." I never really knew what she meant, but I think the news channels in the past decade have taught me what she was trying to say.

We eventually got her a telephone for her home too. She used to have to wait to make a call until her next trip to town where she knew someone that had a phone. Once she got her own, a party line of course, she did catch on to that rather quickly. She used to bug my mom to death calling for no reason.

Grandma never saw carpet and never saw color tv. She never heard the word computer or cell phones and, as far as I know, never went to a store any bigger than "Clyde's Store" down in Panola, Kentucky. It too had a pot bellied stove for heat and sold mostly dry goods. Grandma didn't need much from the store.

She grew and canned her own vegetables and her and gramps killed their own cattle and hogs and chickens. So a little flour and salt was about the only things I ever saw her buy with money. On special occasions she may get a little cocoa and some sugar but that was pretty rare. When they got hungry I would see her in the yard wringing a chicken's neck or in the smokehouse getting some of the meat they had hung.

She had a room filled with jars full of veggies and they milked their own cows so they didn't buy drinks. Water came from the well and if it dried up, they dug another one. And yes, I have seen them using a forked stick held in their finger tips to know where to dig.

Her children didn't go to school very often and they never saw a movie until they were married and grown. Yet somehow, they weren't emotionally sad. Instead, they had a blast playing with sticks and cap guns they got for Christmas when the tobacco sold.

There was never a riot in Panola and in fact, I doubt anything was ever stolen. People lived their lives, kept what they needed and gave the rest to those in need. Most

importantly, the people that I met always seemed happy. There just wasn't a lot to worry about. They knew God would provide...and He always did.

Yes, that was two generations ago. It seems like yesterday.

T.J.s

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can't say that they have helped diddly-squat.

Stanley got a package from Boys Town the other day, just prior to New Years and it contained an Old Farmer's Almanac. I was delighted. I hadn't seen one in years. I thought they were probably gone forever. I began reading in it right away. I read about the beginning of the New Years' resolutions roots. It started around 2000 BC in ancient Babylon during a twelve day celebration beginning on the vernal equinox, our Dec.21, and continued from then. It was called Akitu. Since everything was based on a farming society, and this was the beginning of the farming season, people resolved to pay their debts and return the borrowed farming equipment they had on hand. The practice was adapted by the ancient Romans.

I read on a little farther. In 1947, the top three resolutions were as follows. (1)Improve my disposition; be more understanding, control my temper. (2)Improve my character, live a better life. (3)Stop smoking, smoke less. In today's society the top three are as follows, (1) Lose weight. (2)Get organized. (3)Spend less; save more. As you can see, back then people desired to become better people, a better quality individual. In any case, the beginning of a new year seems to open the door for a fresh start in life. Years ago I had a key chain that I believe I still have some where. It said "Today is the Beginning of the Rest of Your Life". It was quite inspiring when you think about it. Each day is a new beginning. You don't have to wait until next year to get a new start in life.

Memories

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"Peggy Sue" and "Early in The Morning," were also chart toppers. At the time of his death, Holly (at age 22) had produced three albums.

Over the years, that fatal day has been referred to as "The Day the Music Died," a phrase which

Don McLean made use of in his 1971 song, "American Pie". The entire song is a tribute to Buddy Holly as well as a commentary on how rock and roll changed in the years following his death. "American Pie" reached number one on the music charts in the US in 1972.

Our loss was very real. In those days, listening to rock and roll and dancing were two of the mainstays of being a teenager. We did not have the luxury of iPods, cell phones, DVD players, and many other electronic gadgets that young people have today. In 1957 our choices were listening to AM "top 40" or playing our records - and listen we did! It was common to gather at one of our homes and "jitterbug" the night away. Parents welcomed us and would prepare snacks for us to devour as we listened to one stack of 45's after another. By the way, those records cost 99 cents each. Two songs for a dollar! We would:

... kick off our shoes and

... dig those rhythm 'n' blues.

Buddy was sort of a hero for us at that time. He was young, brash, talented, and from a small town (Lubbock) in Texas. We identified with him. He started as a country singer and soared into popularity as a rock and roll star. Many of the girls at Mt. Vernon High School cried all day when we returned to school after his death. It was the talk of the week among our friends and even teachers.

I suppose we were witnessing a genius in the music business, and we didn't even realize it. Holly's popularity has continued over the years. Many artists have recorded covers of his recordings. A hugely popular movie was made about his life. Oldie radio stations play his music on a regular basis.

Recently I read an account of the last performance that Buddy made in Clear Lake, Iowa. He was describing the night and said, "We had as much fun as the kids did!" If that statement was true, then he must have had a great time performing his last concert. One thing is certain: we who were teens at that time will never forget The Day the Music Died.

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Tuesday, Jan. 18th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.
Kiwanis Club

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

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.

Recovery Meetings

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount Vernon City Park. Contact 859-308-8900

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

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

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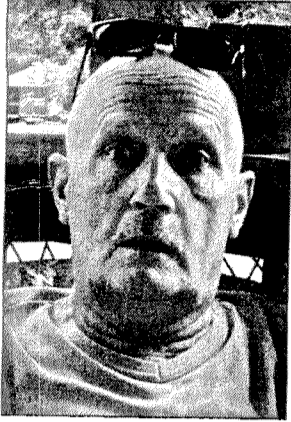


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Obituaries

Roger Dean Shaffer

Roger Dean Shaffer, 64, of Brodhead, died Friday, January 7, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born September 4, 1957, in Berea, to the late Bobby Shafer and the late Willene Woodall Adams. He was a member of Hickory Grover Pentecostal Church, enjoyed fishing, hunting, UK basketball, and spending time with his family.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his two daughters, Britney Day and husband George of London and Ashley Shaffer of London; three grandchildren, Christian Day and wife Teffany, Kylie Day, and Kameron Day, all of London, KY; two great grandchildren, Blake Day and Braelynn Day; two sisters, Kathy Shafer and DeAnna Adams, both of Brodhead; and special friend, Kelly Ray.

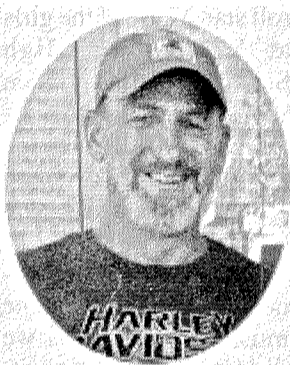
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Billy Joe Shafer and Mickey Shaffer.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 11 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Danny "Bird" Ray Bustle

Danny "Bird" Ray Bustle, 53, of Rockcastle County, died Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was a member of the Pentecostal Faith. He loved riding his Harley with his Harley brothers and sisters and his wife. He enjoyed traveling with his wife Kristie, spending time with his family and friends, collecting marbles and knives, and aggravating his friends and family - giving nicknames such as Red Rooster and chubby to McKinzie and Noah.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 15 1/2 years, Kristie Falin Bustle; one son, Jacob Logan Bustle; Jacob's mother, Lisa Bustle; Jacob's brother, Riley Lovins; his mother, Mary Coffey; his father, Robert Bustle; his sisters, Brenda Mullins, Barbara Kay Mullins (Shelly), and Cindy Bustle Goff; brothers, David Coffey (Jenise) and Edward Rice; mother-in-law, Peggy Falin; brother-in-law, John Kevin Falin; one special niece, Brandy Brock (Tim); his best friend, Aaron Hansel; as well as nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by: his stepdad, Carl Coffey; father-in-law, Johnny Falin; grandmothers, Evelyn McMullin, Ruby Rice, and Freda Alcorn; grandfather, Tommy Falin; nephew, Bryan Mullins; and best friend, Tim Martin.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 from 12 p.m. until time of funeral at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers are: Noah Brock, Edward Rice, Leslie Bryant, Dustin Renner, Michael Santo, and Kevin Falin. Honorary casketbearers are: Jacob Bustle, Aaron Hansel, Mike Burdette (Bochamp), Virgil Paynter, Paul Rice, Matt Kelly, Stacy McMullin, Paul Renner, and James Renner.

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Glenn Marsh

Glenn Marsh, 92, noted Lexington dermatologist, died peacefully Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Candela Pa Den Farm in Lexington after a lengthy illness.



Dr. Marsh, pharmacologist, historian, ballistics, storyteller, gun maker, armchair humorist/philosopher, farmer and author grew up in Auburn, AL the son of sharecroppers Albert G. and Ethel Lee Cox Marsh. He received undergraduate degrees in pharmacy and pharmacology from Auburn University. He then earned his medical degree from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. After finishing his internship in Denver, CO, he did his residency in dermatology at Brook Army Hospital in San Antonio, TX.

Having served his nation as a Korean War Veteran, he was later assigned to Fort Knox where he gained a love for what was to become his adopted state. Retiring from his medical practice in July of 1989, he enjoyed his time on the farm. He is a former president to the KY Dermatologic Society, a former member of the KY Longrifle Team, a life member of the Advisory Council of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, author of The Shortest Pencil and several medical and historical articles, and a volunteer faculty member of the Department of Family Practice at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 34 years, Judy Hopkins Marsh; four children, Ann Harp (Jeff) Townzen, John Marsh, and David Marsh, all of Lexington, and Frank (Mimi) Marsh of Torrance, CA; three grandchildren, Amanda Stamm of Columbus, OH, and Phi Marsh and May Marsh, both of Torrance, CA; two great grandchildren, Maggie Stamm and Jacob Stamm, both of Bellbrook, OH; a former grandson-in-law, Daniel Stamm of Bellbrook, OH; a special helpful cousin, Michael Ritchie of Mt. Vernon; a brother-in-law, Jerry (Lucyann) Hopkins of Marshall, TX; special nephews, Attorney Frank Marsh of Pike Road, AL and David (Athene) Hopkins of Marshall, TX; special nieces, Dr. Martha Marsh of Birmingham, AL, Hannah (Nathan) Ramsey of Timpson, TX, and Sarah (Galen) Shea of Little Rock, AR; special great nieces, Melanie (Matt) Smith and Emily Marsh, both of Pike Road, AL; his office nurse, Ms. Sue Roys of Nicholasville; his office secretaries, Ms. Barbara Morris of Clayton, OH and Ms. Barbara Baker of Blue Springs, MO; and his office technician, Mrs. Pat Thomas of Waco, TX. Also surviving are several devoted friends, Mark and Teresa Lunsford of Brodhead, Joe and Robin Bryant of Lexington, Attorney and Mrs. Shelby Kinkead of Versailles, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Hartung of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hurst of Lexington, and Dr. Ritchie Van Bussum, physician and excellent student of Dr. Marsh. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Dr. Ralph Marsh and Dr. Leon Marsh; his beloved father and mother-in-law, Berland Ruth Hopkins; and a beloved niece, Abby Marsh.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jamie Broome officiating. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Mark Lunsford, Bryan Moran, Cody Rankin, Jacob Rankin, Troy Rankin, and Michael Ritchie. Honorary pallbearers were: Joe Bryant, Shelby Kinkead, and Dr. Ritchie Van Bussum.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to: Alice Lloyd College, 100 Purpose Rd., Pippa Passes, KY; the Sunrise Children's Home, PO Box 1429 Mt. Washington, KY; or to the University of Kentucky College of Medicine-Dept. of Family Practice, 800 Rose St. MN 150, Lexington, KY 40506.

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

James Boone, Jr.

James Boone, Jr., 87 of Mt. Vernon, husband of Peachie Boone, died Friday, January 7, 2022 in Harrodsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Phelps Cemetery.

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

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

Gary Lee Hasty

Gary Lee Hasty, 60, of Brodhead, died Saturday, January 8, 2022.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday.

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

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

Robert Cleburn Dodds

Robert Cleburn Dodds, 87, known to everyone as "Bob", died of natural causes Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at his residence in Orlando (Rockcastle County).

He was born in Jeffersonville, Ohio February 22, 1934, son of the late Elmer and Edith Snyder



Dodds. He was an Air National Guard Veteran, retired auto mechanic and resident of Orlando since 1998.

He was a life member of Masonic Lodge #163 F&AM, enjoyed hunting, gardening, playing cards and playing pool. According to his children he loved smoking, cussing, and "stirring the pot" to cause family arguments. His children laugh and say he also loved his wife Faye more than his own children.

In addition to his loving wife Faye Stewart Dodds, he is survived by: his children, Bobby Dodds, Regina Lewis, Jimmy Dodds, Winona Clark (William), and Tracy Kidwell (Donnie); grandchildren, Sarah, Joshua, Jacob, Shaina, Cody, Mariah, and Mikki; great grandchildren, Destiny, Ava, Zoey, Keyana, Chloe, and Kyle; siblings, Effie Kerns, and Ruth Hildebrecht (Walt); special friends, Charlie and Charlotte Bowles; as well as numerous relatives, friends and neighbors. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings June, Elmerine, Barbara, Roger and Bill.

In accordance with Bob's wishes he was cremated and a memorial service was held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at Reppert Funeral Home with Charlie Bowles officiating.

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

Benefit Singing

There will be a Benefit Singing for Diane Carpenter on Friday, January 14th at 7 p.m. at the Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church with local singers.

Everyone invited.

Grow Grow Grow

The Bible tells us time and time again as Christians we should be growing. 2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we see children, for whatever reason are simply not growing for whatever reason, we think how terrible and how wrong this is. How do you think God feels about his children, that never grow, but stay the same from the day they were saved until the day they die folks this is just not right?

The apostle Paul found some Hebrew Christians that were just like this. Hebrews 5:12 For though by the time ye ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. We can see how important it is to grow spiritually, and in the word of God, and in the knowledge of this book, without this growth we will never know for sure what we believe is true. Just because someone says it's true doesn't make it true, we must be able to prove it ourselves. This is the only way as Christians we can be prepared to face the day-to-day challenges, is that we grow.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

These are things as Christians that we should be adding to our faith everyday on this earth if we expect to grow, these things are like water to a thirsty plant, in a barren desert. When the word of God is living and growing in our hearts, it is going to change our life for the better. It is not enough just to know the word of God, it is something we must practice.

Thank you as always for reading this message. I pray you have the things you need, and you count your blessings and name them one by one. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can call us at these numbers: 606-224-1480 or 859-582-4021.

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Rejecting the Counsel of God

Throughout the Bible, God warns against rejecting His counsel. Particularly when people were calling themselves His people. It's one thing when you haven't ever acknowledged God as being your God, but it's another when you call yourself a Christian and reject God's counsel.

Nothing is more damaging to the work God set out to do through his people. God counsels His people because He loves them, much the same way we as parents counsel our children. We want what is best for them, just like God wants what is best for His children and it displeases God when we refuse to heed wise counsel.

There are many religious people who are not concerned about what God has to say on different topics. Let's look at a few Biblical examples: Luke 7:30, But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of Him. V 31 And the Lord said unto him, whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? And to what are they like? V32 They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace and calling one to another and saying, we have piped unto you, and you have not danced; we have mourned to you, and you have not wept. V33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and you say, He hath a Devil. V34 The Son of Man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! V35 But wisdom is justified of all her children.

We need to seek the counsel of God in all that we do!

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Daniel Boone CAA applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Crisis Component Beginning January 3, 2022

Heating assistance program offers assistance to income-qualified residents in CAA service area.

Daniel Boone CAA will begin accepting applications for the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) January 10, 2022. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2022 or until funds are depleted. To apply, qualified residents should contact their local outreach office.

The Crisis Component is designed to help low-income Kentuckians offset home heating costs based on a household's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor in the form of a voucher. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, income eligibility has been increased to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$ 1,610	5	\$3,880
2	\$ 2,178	6	\$4,448
3	\$2,745	7	\$5,015
4	\$3,313	8	\$5,583

Add \$568 for each additional family member

Covid-19 Policies Statement For everyone's safety, Daniel Boone CAA may provide special accommodations, adjust locations and times, and may ask that LIHEAP applicants follow safety protocols. Because these may change and vary between counties, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Community Action office for more information.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the prior month.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Daniel Boone CAA administers LIHEAP in partnership with Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Daniel Boone CAA website at www.DanielBooneCAA.org

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SPORTS

The Larkey name is back at the helm of Rocket football

By: Mike French
Editor

Chris Larkey has recently been named as the new head coach of the Rockcastle County Rockets football program, following the resignation of Scott Parkey late last year. With Larkey's attitude, hopes and goals, there is a lot of excitement in Rockcastle fans since the announcement, but no one is more excited than Larkey himself.

Larkey resigned as head coach at North Laurel High School to accept the Rockcastle position, after 13 years with the neighboring program. While in North Laurel,

Larkey racked up 80 wins and five playoff victories as well as a district championship and an appearance in the Class 5A, Region 4 championship game.

But Larkey didn't leave home to come to Rockcastle. Instead, he came home to Rockcastle.

Larkey is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School where he was a star player for the Rockets under his head coach father, Tom Larkey. In 2001 and 2002, his father led the Rockets to state title games and now Tom's son, Chris, is at the helm.

Larkey is still teaching

at North Laurel until he can get through contract negotiations but he is attending weight lifting and other sessions with the Rockcastle team already.

"It feels so good to be back there again," said Larkey. "It is bitterweet but I really appreciate the tradition of Rockcastle football and I am going to bring that back to the county."

The well-spoken Rockcastle County native said he remembers what Rockcastle football is supposed to be. "Several years back, when someone said Rockcastle County, people immediately thought about football," he said. "As long as these kids are willing to put forth the effort I am

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Lady Rockets lose close one to Somerset 41-40

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets lost a tough one last Tuesday night to the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers 41-40.

The Rockets got down in the first half 16-13 but came back in the third quarter to go ahead 27-23. However, a strong fourth quarter for Somerset, with four field goals and 10 free throws, to the Lady Rockets' 13 points, gave the Lady Briar Jumpers the 41-40 win, their second of the season over the Lady Rockets.

Sophomore Talyne Shearer was the leading scorer for her team with 14 points and she grabbed a team high eight rebounds. Addison McClure got six points; Camryn Cash five; Karlee Smith, Macy Spivey and Taylor King all scored four points each; Calliegh Burdette had two points and Haven King got one.

Taylor King corralled six rebounds; Haven King four; Burdette and McClure three each; Camryn Cash and Savannah Santo two each and Spivey and Smith one each.

Junior Keelee King is reportedly out with a knee injury.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play at North Laurel Tuesday night (after press time) and will travel to Casey County Friday night for a district double-header with the Rockets. They will also play a double-header with the Rockets Tuesday night, January 18th when they host Wayne County.



Karlee Smith works in the paint during the Lady Rockets' 41-40 loss to Somerset last Tuesday.

Rockets notch wins over Somerset and Cordia

The Rockcastle Rockets put two in the win column in their last two outings, beating district foe Somerset, for the second time this season, 68-56 and the Cordia Lions 98-84 in a game played at South Laurel last Saturday in the Raymond Reed Classic.

In the Somerset game, the Rockets put up a big first quarter, outscoring the Briar Jumpers 24-12 behind 11 first quarter points by Daniel Mullins.

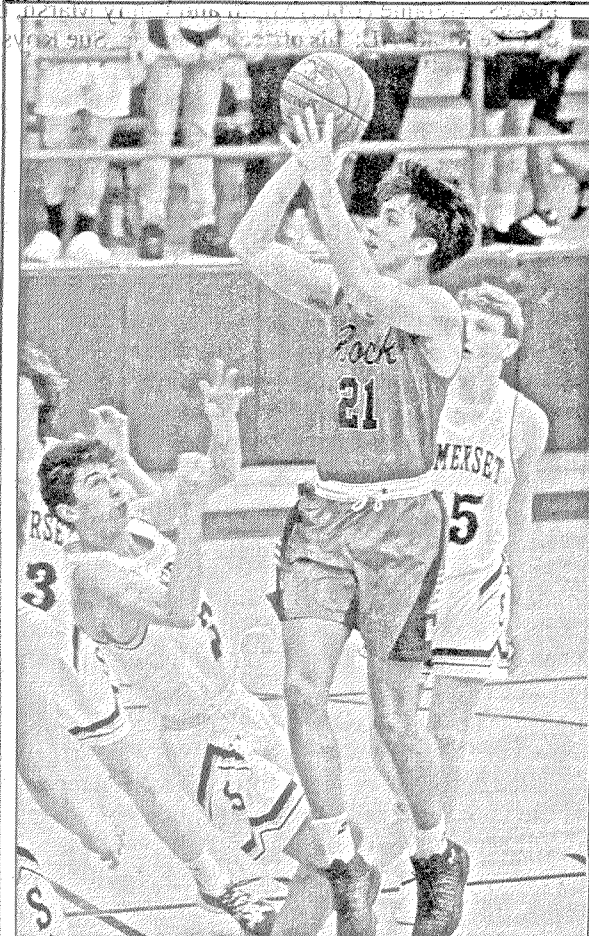
The Rockets cooled off considerably in the second quarter, losing it 16-11 but still taking a 35-28 lead into halftime. They took the third quarter 20-7, with Jake Sanders and Matthew Chasteen scoring 14 of those points, and lost the fourth 21-13 for the 68-56 final.

Mullins led the scoring with 23 points, including three of his team's four

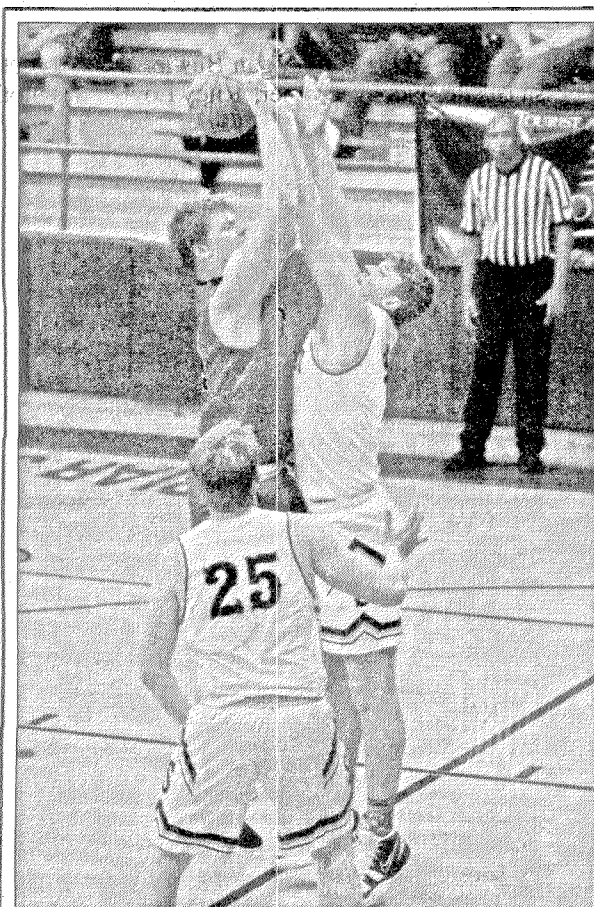
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Camryn Cash works to get around a defender during the Lady Rockets' 41-40 loss to Somerset last Tuesday.



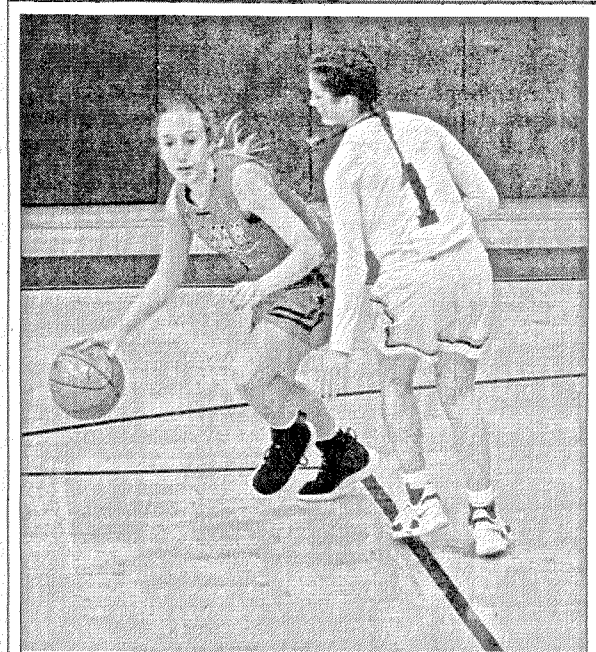
Daniel Mullins goes for two of his 23 points in the Rockets' 68-56 win over Somerset last Tuesday. Mullins also put up 30 in the Rockets' win over Cordia Saturday.



Jake Sanders puts up a shot against Somerset during the Rockets' win last Tuesday. On Saturday, Sanders led the Rockets with 31 points in their 98-84 win over Cordia at South Laurel.



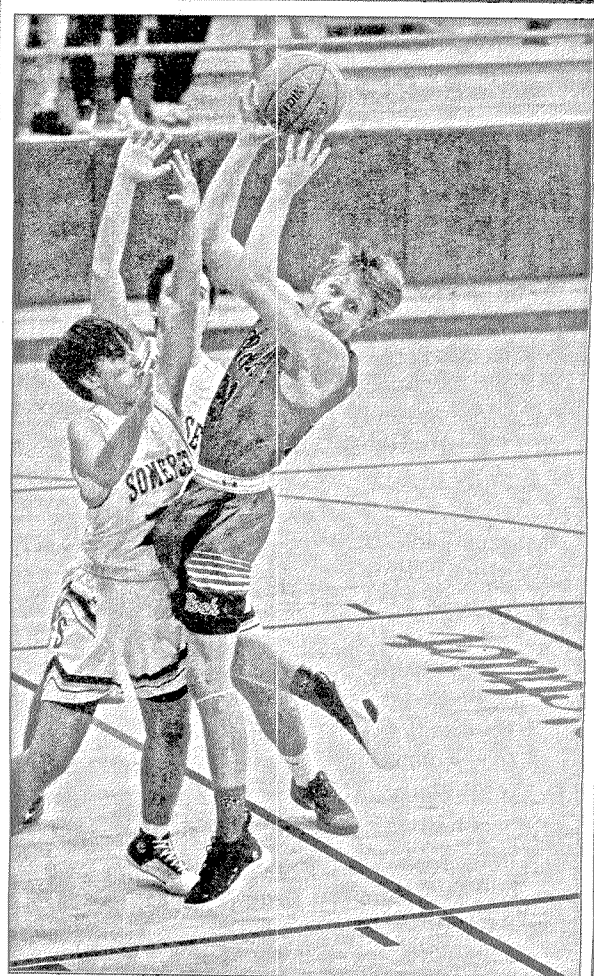
Haven King running the offense in the Lady Rockets' 41-40 loss to Somerset last Tuesday.



Calliegh Burdette looks for teammates in the Lady Rockets' 41-40 loss to Somerset last Tuesday.



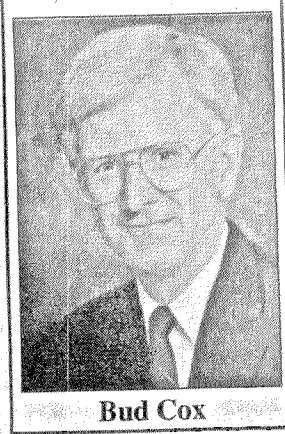
Reese Coguer stops and pops in the Rockets' 68-56 win over Somerset last Tuesday. Coguer had eight points in the win and 15 in the win over Cordia.



Matthew Chasteen looks to make a pass during the Rockets' win over district foe Somerset last Tuesday.



James "Jim" Cox and John C. Cox



Bud Cox



Rockcastle County hosted the first statutory mobile program in the state today with the very first pop-up driver's license set up at the county's CSEPP building located on Progress Drive in Mount Vernon. Shown above are Heather Clark, Brandy Robinson and Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel helping Amanda McNew with her driver's license. York said the program was well received with locals taking advantage of this opportunity.

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tion and honored for their service in many areas, but especially as dedicated first responders. These men are all part of one family, the Cox family, John C. Cox and his son James (Jim) Cox and cousin "Buddy" (Bud) Cox. These three men represent true volunteerism and dedication to our community for generations. They have laid a solid example and foundation for our generation and future generations. Each of their families was gracious to help in writing this tribute and what follows are in their words. In highlighting these brave men, it is our desire to thus recognize all the brave men and women who are firefighters and first responders and who serve our community courageously. We offer them our sincere gratitude and thank them for their continued service to Rockcastle County.

First responders are never guaranteed they will get to finish their Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner or get to enjoy a family birthday celebration. When the call comes in, they drop everything and rush toward the danger. These are the folks that genuinely care about our community and the people who live here.

Long before John C. Cox was old enough to drive, he rode to the fires on his bicycle. He continued volunteering with the Mt. Vernon Fire Department for sixty plus years until his death in 2001. At his funeral many fire departments from surrounding communities and across the Commonwealth came to honor his service and dedication.

In 1997 he was not only inducted into the Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame, but was given the distinguished district honor of receiving the "Iron Man" award.

John loved all people and spent his life helping them anyway he could, especially in his hardware store on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

John also served as a Deacon at the First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon for more than forty years. He was a veteran of WWII where he said he "walked all over Germany." His brother James Cox lost his life during WWII and is buried in Europe. John was

a member of the DAV here in our community for forty and was a member of the Oleika Shrine Temple for twenty-five years.

His son, James H. (Jim) Cox (1942-2009) followed in John's footsteps and devoted many years following the fire truck in Mt. Vernon, helping in any way he could. Jim spent thirty-two of his sixty-seven years teaching and coaching in the Rockcastle County school system. He loved his job and always tried to make a difference in the student's lives by helping to prepare them for the future and by always setting a Christian example. He, like his father, served as a Deacon at First Christian Church for many years. After his retirement from education in 1997, he worked in the Cox Hardware store alongside his dad, John, and like his dad loved doing many things for people without ever expecting anything in return.

When I think of Bud Cox's spirit of volunteerism, I would have to say it may have been part of his DNA. His father, Bill Cox, served as Mt. Vernon Fire Chief for many years and also served as a National Weather Observer for many years. Bill would follow in the footsteps of his father, William H. Cox, as director of Cox Funeral Home, which actually began above Cox Hardware on Main Street. Buddy followed in those footsteps and now his son, Lewis Cox, is a Fourth generation director of Cox Funeral Home.

When his dad passed away, Bud was already serving as a volunteer fireman, and it seemed natural for him to take his Dad's place by reading the weather. Cox Hardware was already equipped with everything necessary to keep official records to send to the National Weather Service.

Those of us (Shirley Cox) whose husbands serve as firemen are familiar with the sound of the fire alarm going off during the night or answering a phone call that sometimes kept it men out for hours in the freezing cold. We knew they often risked their lives to help someone else. Bud helped fight forest fires and served with the rescue squad and jaws of life.

One particular night, I remember hearing a man yelling who was trapped in a fire in an upstairs apartment on Main Street. From our house, I could see him, waving his arms and beg-

ging for help, a blood chilling sound in the middle of the night. Bud left immediately and the fire department was able to raise a ladder to rescue the man and extinguish the blaze that threatened to burn one whole side of Main Street.

Bud eventually became Assistant Fire Chief of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department and served for 35 years. He would have served longer if he had not developed severe allergies that were triggered by smoke.

Bud also served forty-two years as a National Weather Observer. Bud's first responsibility when he went to Cox Funeral Home each morning was to read the weather. Each day, he read temperature highs and lows and measured rainfall with a rain gauge. He also measured snowfall and sent meticulous records to the Weather Service. If we had an idea unusual amount of rain or snow, he sent another report during the day.

Sometimes people would call Bud and ask for a weather report, thinking he was able to forecast or even predict the weather. Bud would grin and tell them he was not a weatherman.

When Bud retired as a weather observer in 2016, several people came to present him with a Thomas Jefferson Award from the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration "For unusual and outstanding accomplishment in the field of meteorological observations in the tradition of Thomas Jefferson, pioneer weather observer and third President of the United States." Bud's was one of only five Thomas Jefferson Awards presented in the US that year.

During all of his years of service, Bud never complained. To him, service was a natural thing to do. That could be said of John C. Cox and Jim Cox as well. And like them Bud Cox served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church and Northside Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon for many years. He was a tireless servant of Christ, family and community.

There were and are the Cox men within this family who are deserving of Rock Star recognition, Henry Cox, Bud's twin brother Jerry Cox and others. Perhaps in a later article we will. But for now these three, John C. Cox, James Cox and Bud Cox stand tall as true Rock Stars.

"Rockets"

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three point baskets; Sanders got 12; Drew Hopkins 10; Reese Coguer 8; Chasteen six; Skyler Durham got five and Broedy Dunaway four.

Chasteen and Hopkins tied for rebounding honors with seven each; Mullins and Sanders got five each and Coguer four.

Against the Cordia Lions, the Rockets came out strong in the first quarter with 27 points, fueled by 15 points by Mullins and followed up with a 20 point second quarter for a 47 to 34 halftime lead.

The second half was a wild scoring affair for both teams with the Rockets winning the battle 51-50 for the 98-84 win.

Sanders led his team in scoring with 31 points, 13 of them coming in the fourth quarter. Mullins followed closely with 30 points, including seven three point baskets; Coguer got 15; Chasteen eight; Dunaway and Hopkins, five each and Durham and Walker Craig, two points each.

The Rockets hit 90% in free throws in the game with Coguer going five for five and Sanders five for six in the 18/20 effort.

Hopkins and Dunaway each grabbed six rebounds; Sanders got five; Coguer four and Craig and Mullins three each.

The Rockets hosted Anderson County Tuesday night (after press time) and will travel to Casey County for a district doubleheader with the Lady Rockets Friday night. Next Tuesday night, January 18th, both teams will host Wayne County.

"Larkey"

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going to ask of them, I want to get that back again."

Two of Larkey's three children are currently attending Rockcastle County schools and he is looking forward to taking charge of the football program and beginning a new tradition.

"Many of the kids on the team, I coached their father or even their papaw," he said. "I know a lot of them already. But I am getting to know the rest and I see a lot of potential with the team already. It is very important to me that we bring back Rockcastle football."

Larkey says he will miss Laurel County but

he will feel at home in Rockcastle. "You get really close to the kids and I am going to miss a lot about North Laurel," he said. "At the same time I am anxious to get everything in order and take Rockcastle football back to where it can be. Back to where it should be."

The new coach admits he may have a big task in front of him. "There will be a lot of changes for the kids and for my family, too," he said. "I understand things will be new and different and sometimes you have to overcome that first. But we will overcome it. There is talent on the team and we will develop that. It isn't going to be easy. But it is where we are going."

Though Larkey has proven himself as a top tier football coach, he said he is not afraid to take good advice. And

one source of his advice will come from another football legend who happens to be his father. "I know dad will be at the games and he will be offering advice and that will be another positive impact for us."

Larkey, and his wife, Leslie, who is a Rockcastle County native, have four children.

A win is never a certainty in high school football. But apparently the Rockets have created the best opportunity for another winning season and their goals will be high. Larkey has proven he rarely settles for less than the best a team can offer. Rockcastle football may be on its way back to statewide recognition.

"It is just something we have to do. We have to get the Rockets back where they are supposed to be," Larkey said.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results

Rockcastle County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that Barry Hurst of Willailla was elected to represent his local administrative area (LAA) during the recent county committee election.

"County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA," said Warden Alexander, county executive director. "They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2022 and will be joining the existing committee."

Every FSA office is served by a county committee made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters who are elected by local producers. Other members currently serving on the FSA county committee include Bill McKinney, Brenda Parsons, and Carol Sigmon (COC Advisor).

County committee members impact the administration of FSA

within a community by applying their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

County committee members provide a service to local producers through their decision making and ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. They are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Members conduct hearings and reviews as requested by the state committee, ensure that underserved farmers, ranchers and foresters are fairly represented, make recommendations to the state committee on existing programs, monitor changes in farm programs and inform farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs. They also assist with outreach and inform underserved producers such as beginning farmers, ranchers and foresters about FSA opportunities.

For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at 606-256-2525.

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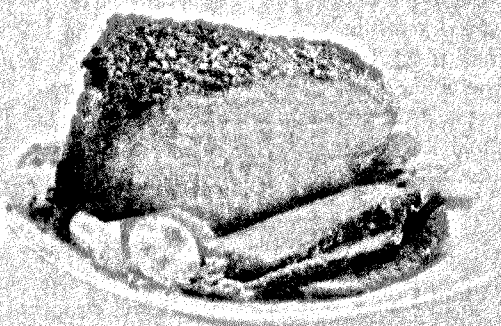
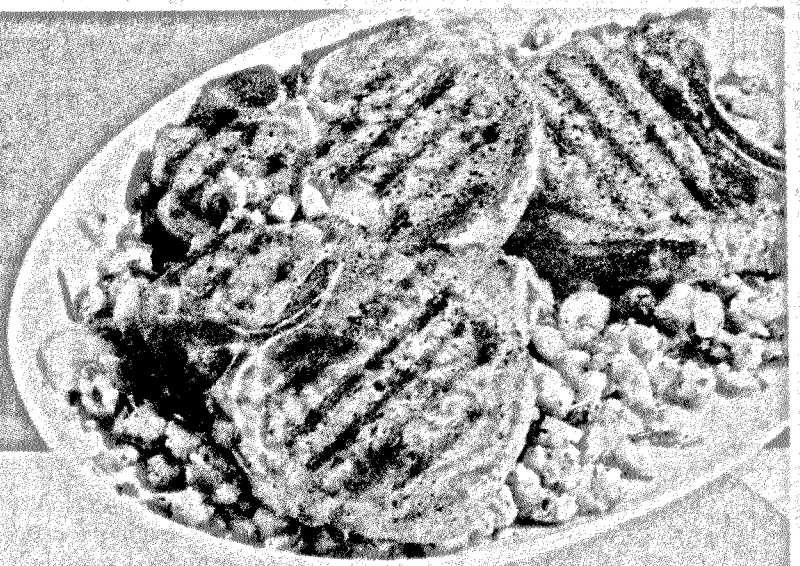
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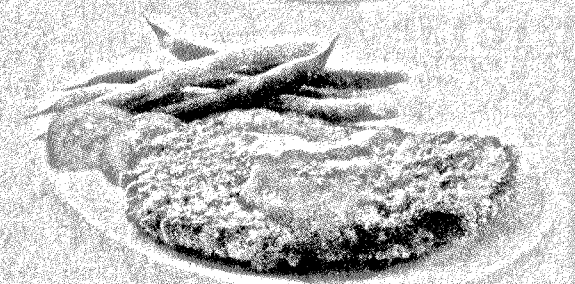
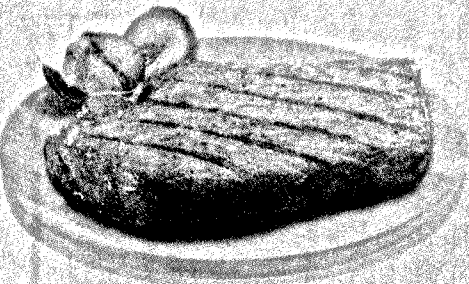
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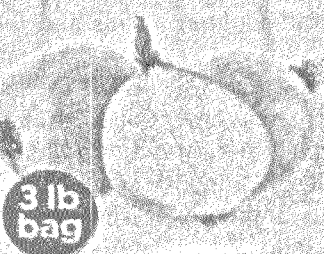


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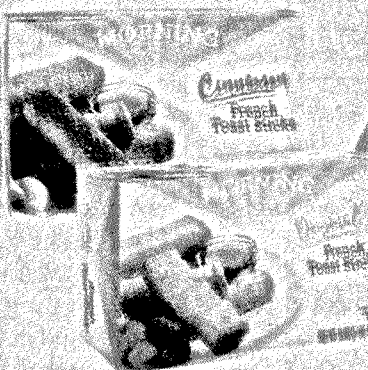


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Second Section

Kenneth Hopkins 100 years and doing fine

By: Mike French
Editor

"All you have to do is do what your mama tells you to do and be a good boy."

That is the secret to living a long and healthy life, according to 100-year-old Kenneth Hopkins of Rockcastle County.

Hopkins was born in Mount Vernon in May of 1921 and, over the past 100 years, he has seen a lot and done a lot. But Rockcastle County is still his home. "I'm right here on Main Street where I belong," he said. "And I'm doing fine."

A birthday party was thrown recently for the Centurion and Hopkins called that a "very good day with neighbors, relatives and friends."

Hopkins talks with a

clear voice and will gladly describe his days with the United States Navy during World War II. "I was an electrician over there," he said. "But I did a lot of different things. Just whatever they needed me to do."

In fact, according to family members, Hopkins was involved with flying remote control planes 80 years before most of the world had heard the word "drone."

Though nearly every part of daily life has changed, over the past 100 years, Hopkins says he thinks the biggest changes have come in transportation. "People sure don't get around the same way they used to. Transportation is the biggest change in the world in my lifetime," he said.

Hopkins worked many years with the phone company in Danville, but he says he knew he would be in Mount Vernon in his later years. "This is home," he said. "This is where my mother (Nancy Helton) taught school for 50 years."

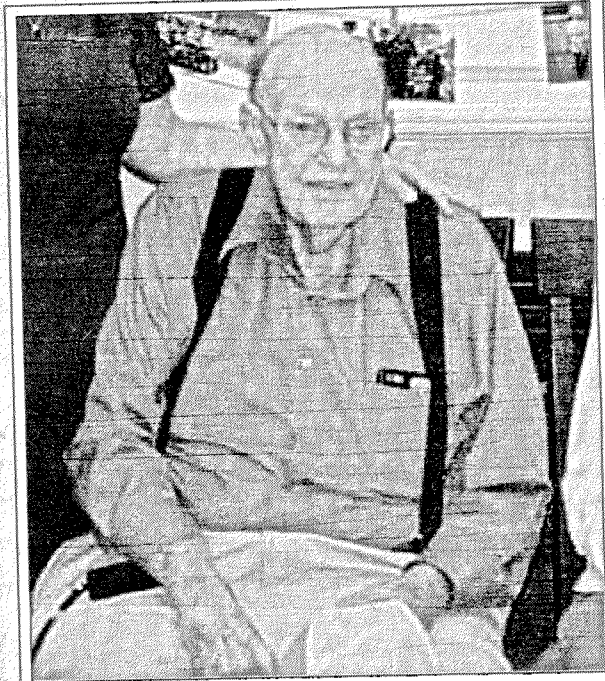
Hopkins still has several interests though he says he is slowing down slightly. "I used to really enjoy camping a lot and I had a lot of fun operating an old HAM Radio. But I don't really fool with it much anymore," he said.

The local man was also an accomplished Bluegrass musician. "We used to go down to Livingston and play all the time," he said. "I played the guitar and we had a lot of good times playing music."

In fact, the last place that Hopkins played his

guitar was at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony.

Of his countless accomplishments over the



Rockcastle County's own Kenneth Hopkins celebrated his 100th birthday in May of 2021. He says the secret to his long years was to do what his mother told him to do.

past 100 years, Hopkins believes his family is among the greatest. Though Hopkins currently lives alone, he has one son, Tony Hopkins, two grandsons, four great granddaughters and two great grand sons. His 91 year-old wife Ann is currently residing in a nursing facility.

The complete story of Hopkins' life would likely take a novel but, according to the friendly gentleman, he has done at least one thing right. Through his tour in the U.S. Navy and his years with the phone company and his time with a guitar and his many notable accomplishments, he is most certain he did one thing to the best of his ability. And it has worked for 100 years. "I did what my mama told me to do."

Brodhead holds monthly meeting in damaged chambers

New look coming soon

By: Mike French
Editor

Brodhead City Hall looked different for the regular monthly meeting Monday night as recent flooding had destroyed the flooring and damaged walls.

The old flooring has been removed and City Clerk Becky Bussell is currently choosing colors and styles to refurbish the council chambers and the main office at City hall.

Bussell and commissioners agreed that City Hall was overdue for an updating and now is the time to have that done. "I hope you all know how to use a paint brush," Bussell said to the commission. "We are about to get busy."

Meanwhile, on rough concrete floors, Commissioners heard a request from Fire Chief John Dyehouse concerning his department's need for a newer fire truck.

Needing to update the trucks in the department, Dyehouse asked commissioners to consider the idea of selling two of the older trucks on the force to help with the cost of one newer, more dependable truck. One of the trucks, which was the first new fire truck ever purchased by the department, is still worth an estimated \$45,000 according to Dyehouse. "With that and another older truck we have, I think it could knock down the price of a newer model truck considerably," he said.

The fire chief said the new truck is needed mostly due to the amount of runs the Brodhead Fire Department make. "As of January 1 until today (Monday, January 10) we have made 60 runs," he said. "At this rate, we would break the all time record for runs for the second consecutive year and we need a dependable, more modern truck that we know will be there for us." Dyehouse said the trucks he is looking to sell would be excellent for a smaller department that averages 40 to 50 runs per year.

Commissioners agreed and told Dyehouse to look into the possible sale of existing trucks and the

price of a newer truck that would fill the needs and bring those findings back to the commission for discussion.

While discussing vehicles, commissioners also agreed a new truck is needed for the City of

Former Chief Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Burdette has been credited with his work to bring 911 to Rockcastle County and, since its inception, the center has sent first responders to thousands of calls. Many of these dispatches, officials say, have saved lives in Rockcastle County. Burdette was recently named Charter Kiwanis Club Member of the Year for his work to get the service locally, among other accomplishments.

But of course, the 911 service is not free and from time to time it doesn't work. However, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., says there are safeguards in place just for that occasion.

"When the 911 service started in our county, there wasn't as many back up systems," he said. "But since 911 has been located at the 911 Center, we use Windstream fiber optics and it is much more reliable and accurate."

Still, the system is man-made so it does occasionally break down. In fact, the 911 service in Rockcastle County was out of service again just a few weeks ago. "When that happens, Windstream tells us there was a fiber optic line breakage," said Holbrook. "I don't know if that means it was broken at a construction site or if it simply broke. But that is the excuse they gave us."

Some social media sites were filled with those wondering what they should do if the local 911 system is not working. However, Holbrook says such outages will not affect those in need. "Our off site controller is in Fayette County and if you dial 911, that is who gets the

Brodhead Water and Sewer Department.

Police Chief Richard Reynolds explained that his department has two newer police cruisers that did not cost the general fund and suggested the city consider the lease

option as well. "With the lease I have for our police cruisers, the maintenance is covered so that the city has no unexpected expense, and I use the alcohol regulatory fee to cover 100% of the lease with about \$4,000

left over each year for radar or other equipment." Commissioner Brian Bullock suggested the city look into the lease option as well as the purchase cost of a new vehicle so that the commission may compare the two options and make

the decision later.

Shannon Cash of the

Water and Sewer Department

said he is in the process

of purchasing three

new sewage pumps for

his department after Bul-

lock said the city needs a

third pump as a spare.

Currently, the city will

have to rent pumps until

the new pumps arrive

since two are currently

needed, according to

Cash.

Cash had located

pumps for \$10,500 each

and a different pump for

\$7,500 each. But, since

the delivery date on the

lesser expensive pumps is

much longer, the commis-

sion agreed the city

would save money by

purchasing the more ex-

pensive pumps since the

temporary pumps would

not have to be rented for

additional months at

\$2,400 per month.

"I suggest ordering the

two better pumps and or-

der the less expensive one

as a back up," said Bul-

lock. "Then the back up

will get here whenever it

gets here. At least we

wouldn't have to pay

rental fees while waiting

on the back up pump."

The commission

agreed.

A guest also asked the

commission to replace a

stop sign that was dam-

aged in a car wreck. Bus-

sell said new stop

signs are about \$80 but

the city will be reim-

bursed for the cost from

the vehicle owner's insur-

ance company.

Bussell also told commis-

sioners she is working

with the city attorney now

to develop an animal or-

dinance instead of "leash

law" that would deal with

all animals instead of

only dogs.

Commissioners also

discussed some exposed

and broken piping that a

local resident broke dur-

ing a construction project.

The commissioners

agreed that repair of any

city lines broken by a

resident must be repaired

by the person who broke

the line. "It's a simple

rule. Call before you dig,"

said Bullock.

The next regular meet-

ing is scheduled for Mon-

day, February, 14 at City

Hall. The public is invited

to attend.

911 line dependable even when broken

By: Mike French
Editor

call," he said. "Then they will transfer you to wherever the call needs to go. Anyone who has an emergency should still just dial 911. Nothing will change even when the line is down in Rockcastle County."

Holbrook said the Kentucky State Police will get the call when the local 911 line is down but if a 911 dispatch is needed, the KSP Post will direct the call to the administration line at the

local 911 center. "We have completely separate administration lines at the center and if need be, the call is directed to there so that the local 911 dispatcher can still take action," Holbrook said.

The county pays about \$3,000 per quarter (\$12,000 per year) to the Fayette Urban County Government for the service, according to Holbrook, and these funds come from the county 911 fund. How-

ever, the fiscal court does contribute to the 911 fund each year. "I am very glad we have this service. There is no doubt that the 911 service can save lives," Holbrook said. "Everyone needs to be aware that if they hear the system is down or a line is broken, they still just dial 911 in an emergency. That will get the right service to them the quickest way and there's no real difference"

disaster not occurred. However, to be considered for the loan, applications must be made by January 24, 2022. Those interested in applying may go to DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s under sba declaration #16933. Do not use the COVID-19 incident. Or you may call 1-800-659-2955 or you may email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The complete application may be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76155.

Low interest loans are still available for storm damage

By: Mike French
Editor

Any business that suffered damage from flooding or other natural disaster in Rockcastle County in 2021, still has a chance to receive help in covering some cost of the damage. However, time is running out.

According to the SBA (Small Business Administration) any business which suffered loss or damages due to storms, flooding or mudslides between February 27 and March 14 of 2021, may seek federal Economic Injury Disaster loans in Kentucky.

The loans are available to small businesses, small agriculture cooperatives, small businesses, engaged in aquaculture, and private nonprofit organizations in Rockcastle County. The SBA says working capital disaster loans up to \$2 million are available at 3 percent for small businesses and 2 percent for private nonprofit organizations with up to 30 year terms.

The loans may be used to fund fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other expenses that could have been paid had the

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Jayna Albright of Brodhead, received their

Bachelor of Science Education in Elementary Education.

Jesse Wright of Mount Vernon, received their Master of Arts in Christian Studies.

Skylar Holcomb of Brodhead, received their Master of Arts Education in Literacy Specialist.

Shanna Lawson of Mt. Vernon, received their Master of Arts Education in Literacy Specialist.

Ashley Johnston of Mount Vernon, received their Master of Business Administration.

Morgan Fortney of Mount Vernon, received their Associate Degree in Nursing.

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that James Slaven, 452 South Plum St., Hagersrown, IN 47346 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of David Brock on the 10th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Slaven or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

Notice is hereby given that Lori Blanton, 391 S. Main St., P.O. Box 445, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Ann Cass on the 10th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lori Blanton or to Hon. Jeremy Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 n or before July 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

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