

COVID increase

Rockcastle County remains in the Red Zone with an increased incident rating of 171 Monday. Of the 120 Kentucky counties, all are listed as Red Zone counties, on the KYCOVID-19 website. According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle has lost a 64 year-old female as well as a father and daughter to COVID in the past week. Cases across the state continue to climb to record numbers according to the state website.

RCIDA

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor has COVID

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant has tested positive for COVID-19. According to the Mayor, the virus has turned to pneumonia. While battling the illness, the mayor said city business will continue as usual until his return.

City Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was cancelled for January due to illness according to officials. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Masks are back

Students must cover up again

By: Mike French Editor

In a special called meeting Monday, members of the Rockcastle County School Board voted to reinstate the mask mandate for all students, faculty and staff with several exceptions. Only board member Misty Lakes voted against the mandate.

The Kentucky Department of Education has left the decision up to local boards but has highly recommended universal mask mandates in any red-zone county. As of Monday, January 24th, every Kentucky county is a red-zone county.

The board discussed the question for over an hour and heard varying recommendations and opinions from each board member until a motion was eventually made by Chairman Angela Mink.

Lakes made an emotional statement concerning the issue and gave reasons why she felt she must vote against such a mandate. Lakes said she is "not convinced this would do anything to stop the spread of COVID." She continued to say that in her recent legal studies, she has not "found anything to indicate that we, as a board, have the right to force a student to wear a mask if the parent doesn't want them to."

During the meeting, nearly every board member agreed that masks do not stop the spread of COVID-19, but all members except Lakes voted for the mandate.

Many different forms of

mask mandates were discussed but the final motion was to create a "When You Move, You Mask" mandate. In other words, while sitting at their desk, students will not be required to wear a mask. But if they get up, "even to sharpen their pencil," board member Angela Woods said, "students must put on their mask."

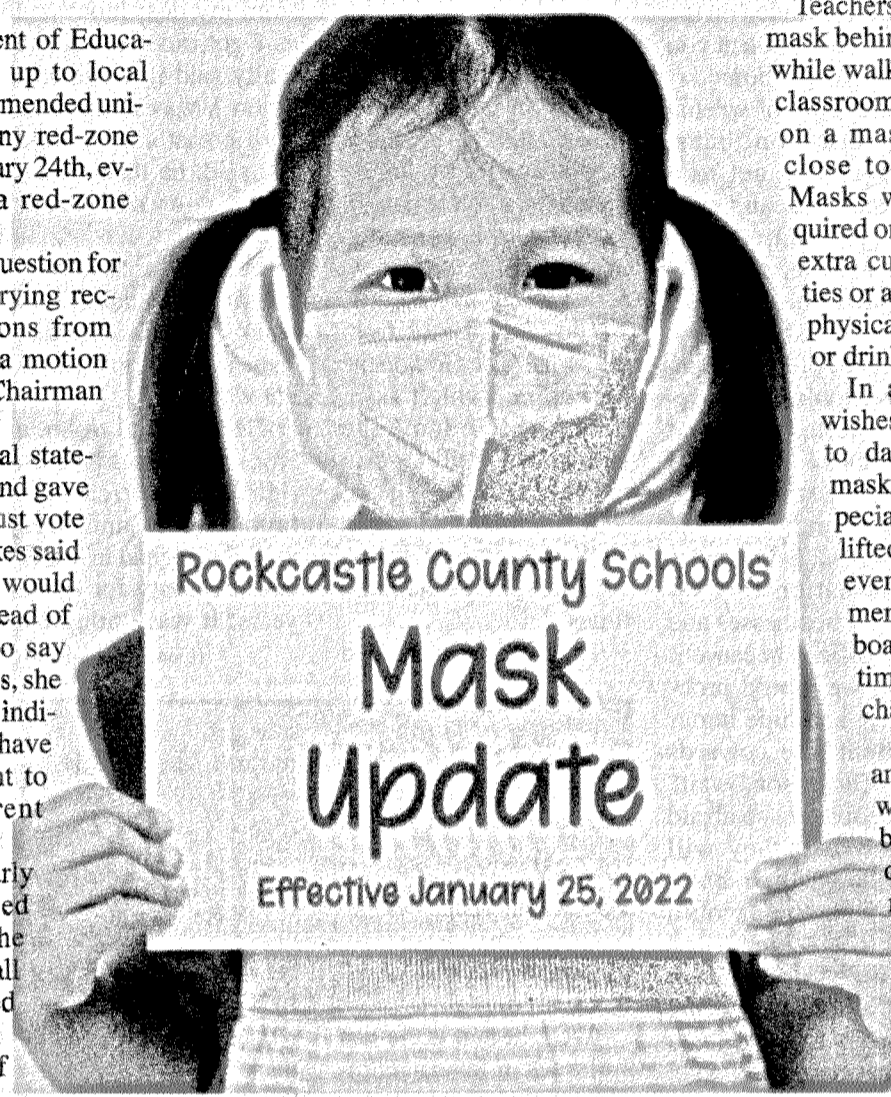
Teachers will not be required to wear a mask behind their desk or while walking around the classroom but must put on a mask if they get close to any student. Masks will not be required on anyone at any extra curricular activities or at any sporting events or during a physical education class or while eating or drinking.

In an effort to comply with the wishes of many parents who pointed to data which suggests that full-time masks can be harmful to students, especially young students, the board had lifted the mandate late last year. But even as the mandate was lifted, board members repeated the idea that the board may change that policy at any time. Monday night, the board did change that policy.

Until Tuesday, students, faculty and staff were free to choose if they wanted a mask. But once again the board has installed the mask mandate "for student's whose feet are moving," according to Woods.

The board repeated that this new mandate is only in effect for 10 school days and the issue will be revisited at the February 8

Mandate lasts 10 school days



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Livingston boil water advisory lifted

Discoloration still unsolved

By: Mike French Editor

Water officials continue to investigate the mystery of the discolored water in the City of Livingston.

Livingston Water Department Superintendent

Bryan Mahaffey had decided to take extra precautions for the safety and health of Livingston residents. Against the recommendation of the Division of Water, Mahaffey issued a boil water advisory for all residents of the City of Livingston until

further notice last week.

Mahaffey says he was not comfortable with the Division of Water (DOW) suggestion and had issued the advisory himself as Superintendent.

Last week the water in Livingston, supplied to the city by the Wood

Creek Water District, had a discoloration that concerned several residents. Mahaffey began receiving complaints about the discoloration and he im-

mediately began an investigation into the cause.

Working with the Wood Creek Water Dis-

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COVID is in jail

Thirteen inmates, two deputies

By: Mike French Editor

Fifteen cases of COVID has been reported in the Rockcastle County Detention Center, according to Jailer Nathan Carter.

Though the COVID variant known as Omicron has been reported in record breaking numbers in recent weeks, the severity of the symptoms seem typically less severe than other variants, according to many officials. Carter said A few in-

mates at the local detention center were experiencing some symptoms last week and so he tested the facility. Of those tested, Carter said 13 inmates and two deputies tested positive for COVID-19.

"We have those 13 inmates in two cells currently and we are trying not to put anyone else in there with them at the moment." The two cells are separated from other cells where negative patients are currently

housed.

The two deputies are now off work for 10 days, according to Carter and he is keeping high hopes that the virus will not spread further. "We hope to keep COVID in those two cells and we hope the inmates continue to show mild symptoms until it is gone."

The jail currently houses 79 inmates with 18 deputies but Carter said the remaining 16 deputies will be able to

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Candidates filed for 2022

By: Mike French Editor

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

Jeffrey Scott Lawless has 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.

The deadline to file for

the May Primary elections was Tuesday, January 25.

Those who have currently filed to run for office in the May, 2022 Primary, as of Monday, January 17 are:

County Attorney

Jeremy Rowe. (R)

County Judge/

Executive

Howell H. Holbrook, Jr. (R)

Doug Bishop (R)

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Pardoned by Governor arrested again

By: Mike French Editor

Dispatchers at the local 911 center received a call concerning a truck parked at the Mount Vernon Pizza Hut parking lot for about two hours Friday, January 21.

Upon arrival, police found Brett D. Whittaker, 38, of Somerset, sitting in the truck unresponsive, according to a uniform citation.

Police noticed the

truck was running but not in park and a small gun was seen inside the vehicle, according to the citation.

Upon waking the suspect and talking with Whittaker, police found he had been previously pardoned by Governor Matt Bevin on charges related to a DUI wanton murder charge, according to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

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Chimney fires

Continue to be a common problem

By: Mike French Editor

As always, residential fires tend to increase during the winter months, according to local firefighters. And with the cold temperatures and snow storms already in 2022, this year is no exception.

One of the more common residential fires occur in chimneys, according to Mount Vernon Fire Chief Adam Bales. "Of course it used to be a very common

thing because a lot more people used fire places. But chimney fires are still a rather common call to fire departments," said Bales.

Though fewer homes use an actual fireplace to heat their home, wood burning stoves, gas stoves and other units are still vented through chimneys, Bales said.

In fact, local departments were called to West Main Street in Mount Vernon just this week due to a chim-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I'll be the first to admit that winter stinks. I mean it really stinks bad. I mean I would just about prefer being covered in honey and locked in a dumpster with a box of ants as long as it is warm outside. Yes, I hate, hate, hate winter.

As for my own view of winter, there is nothing good about it. People like to say it keeps our insects from over populating and I guess that is a good thing. But I would sure be happy to live with a big bug walking around than to have my nose and toes black from frost bite.

Having said that, I will admit I am amazed at how the state has become so weak that it can't deal with winter at all anymore. Yes I hate winter, but I don't cower in a corner in the fetal position everytime it snows. I still have a life.

I wish some of this generation had experienced the winter of 1978 like I did. Maybe the state wouldn't come to a screeching halt when it snows if they had.

It snowed (a lot) for 29 consecutive days. Snow drifts across the state were well above some windows in Kentucky. Roads weren't slick, they were gone.

There was no way to tell where the edge of the road was. There was no line where the road stopped and the ditch began. It was all perfectly level, white, snow. To drive at all, you had to know the road very well and simply remember that there was a turn just ahead.

The tree lines and utility poles helped some and people had a general idea where the road was. But not from vision. Only from memory.

But I will say this. We didn't stop living. We didn't just curl up and disappear like people do now.

I found Dollar stores and grocery stores and businesses and restaurants and even convenient stores and gas stations closed with signs on the doors that said "closed due to weather." What?

Well let's hope it doesn't snow on a day when you had plans.

Good grief. We didn't just crawl under the covers and die in '78. Yes it was bad but the thought of missing work never crossed our minds.

My dad never missed a minute of work through the entire month-long storm. If he had to, he would have ridden on the back of a tractor. But you didn't just stay home.

If this kind of weenie generation continues, things could get to a point that you can't even say words that may offend someone...wait!

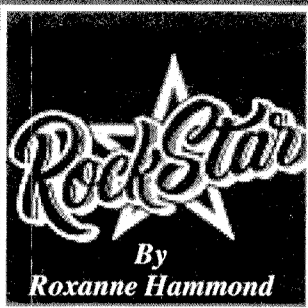
Before you know it, people would be so weak and scared of everything that we would have to remove statues of great American heroes if someone got their little feelings hurt...wait!

If we became such a weenie nation that we close our businesses and public offices because it snows, we would probably run and hide in our basement like cowards during flu season...wait!

If people are so afraid of snow that they will close down their business, then they would cover their faces and wear a mask around all day if a cold was going around...wait!

Anyway, in '78, I never saw a business closed or a single person lock themselves inside. Instead, they put on their

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Nancy Hale

By Roxanne Hammond

Some have reached out to me wanting to make suggestions and ideas to be included in the Rock Star articles, however, we're already in the process of writing most of these stories for this first year. Perhaps down the road if we continue we'll start taking suggestions and ideas.

Much of what is appearing in the Signal article Rock Star is real life stories as told by family members, a son or daughter or a spouse or sibling, in their words with a few added words and editing.

I love the lyrics from the song "The God on the Mountain" which says, "For the God on the mountain Is still God in the valley,

When things go wrong He'll make them right, And the God of the good times

Is still God in the bad

times, The God of the day Is still God in the night"

Celebrity Robin Roberts says it this way

"Make your mess your message." I've been known to say that. People know me for saying that, and it comes from my dear mom and as I got older when she really said it to me was when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. And she said, be their voice. Make your mess your message."

In a very similar way our second installment of Rock Star is saying that same message in a different way.

Her husband, John, a Rock Star is his own right (Educator, elementary, middle and high school principal in Rockcastle County for many years. It was during his

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Sleep, Wonderful Sleep

Dear Journal, Well, here it is the last full week of January coming up this week. I, for one, couldn't be happier. The snow, the slick roads, the ice, the power outages, and the brutally cold temperatures have just

been too much this year. It is probably because I'm getting old. All of these things have come together and made the last few days so very miserable. The worst thing of it all, at night anyway, is my miserably cold feet. My feet are so cold that I can't go to sleep for hours after going to bed.

When I was a kid growing up, mom always had a pair of "sleeping socks". She would stand over a vent for a bit and get her feet good and warm and then put on her "sleeping socks" just before going to bed. It seemed to do the trick. She also had a scarf she wore at night so her head wouldn't get cold. I've been known to wear a toboggan to bed. Bless her heart; she would be 101 years old tomorrow on 1-24-22.

Due to my sleepless nights because of my cold feet, I stay so sleepy during the day it makes it hard to even function at times. If I could only get a good night's sleep consistently would be so wonderful. If I can get my feet warm and finally go to sleep, then I often suffer from those horrible leg or feet cramps. Then I have to rub them and walk around for awhile. Then I'm awake for hours. Around 2 a.m. I quite often wake up even if everything else is fine. I read somewhere that according to an Oriental chart, if you woke up at 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. constantly that you hated yourself. Gee, I didn't know that. I always thought that I was a pretty good old gal, but there are those who would beg to differ. If you frequently woke up at a certain time at the specified times, you had this that and the other things/people you hated. I don't think that I hate myself but my bladder seems to have the final say.

I was reading today that the secret to cure leg and feet cramps is to drink plenty of water

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers must never be taken for granted...

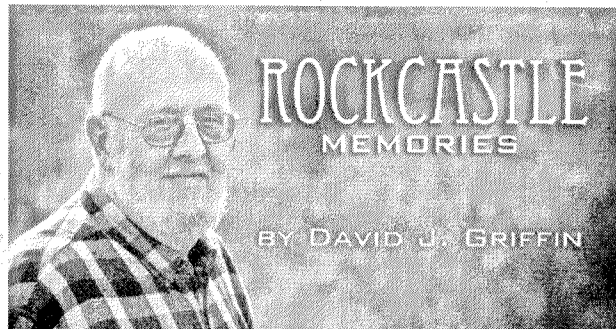
Dear Editor,

As a timely follow-up to my letter last week about the Cox family's

dedication to local fire departments and volunteerism, a week ago (Saturday night before the snow), I went to my neighbor's across the river and sat by his very hot fireplace eating pizza.

I came home and phone rang. Said he had put pizza box onto fire. His chimney flu had caught with flames five feet above the chimney. I told him to check everything. I had then gotten ready for bed when frantic call came. He said his house was on fire! I jumped into boots half dressed, called 911 for him as I ran to my truck and grabbed a water hose. His log house's timbers were glowing with flames down both sides of the chimney. Sprayed what little water I could

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Remembering the UK of earlier days.

A few months ago, I was discussing my memories of being a student at UK with my youngest grandson, McLean (Mac), who is a current student. I was a freshman in 1962, and he is now a junior. He is also a member of the UK track and cross-country team. Mac asked me where I

lived as a UK freshman in 1962, and I proceeded to tell him about my experiences living in Haggin Hall.

Haggin Hall opened in the fall of 1960 with 575 beds. After graduation from Mt. Vernon High School in May of 1962, I packed my belongings in my 1958 Chevy and headed to

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division
Civil Action No. 21-CI-00159

21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff

V.
Michael J. Palmer, unknown spouse of Michael J. Palmer, Arnold Reed, Sherlene Reed, Adam Reed, unknown spouse of Adam Reed, Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 29, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND 85/100 (\$44,105.85) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, January 28, 2022 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said real property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:

55 Reed Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
 Map ID# 042-00-010.07

Mobile Home Description:
 2015 Clayton Mobile Home, Seral No. CWP028749TN

Being the same property conveyed by deed to Janet Reed Palmer and husband Michael Palmer from Janet Reed Palmer and husband Michael Palmer, dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Deed Book 253 at Page 20 of records in the office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
 2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
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 7. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
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 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

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All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria

Aces

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mal underwear, extra socks, boggins and gloves and headed off to work.

I knew we had become a weaker nation over the past 50 years but I didn't know that we would simply close up America and hide if it snowed.

We are a nation that has changed its heroes from James Dean to Whoopie Goldberg. Obviously Russia and China are noticing this change also.

I am very concerned that if we don't get back to "good old boys" who aren't afraid of snow or catching a cold or a hard day's work, that we could one day have to ask permission to play in the snow.

Yes, I hate winter. But I am not afraid of it.

We better quit finding things to be afraid of and offended by. We better stop painting our hair blue and creating words

like "transgender." We better stop teaching our children that they do no wrong and the world owes them something. We better stop taking from those who work and giving it to those who won't. We better stop begging government to allow us to travel and just go if we want. We better stop letting looters walk out of stores with both legs. We better stop whining that the climate is 0.0001 degree warmer and use that money to build up our military. We better stop showing our body in public and then complaining if someone notices. We'd never have to say "my eyes are up here" if we stopped showing our body parts to the world. We better be thankful for our flag, our Constitution and our freedom and kick out those who aren't. And stop letting in those who aren't as well.

Someday soon, we could all wish that we had good old 1978 back. I already do.

Letters

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and saw him lying on the ground at my feet!

He said he thought heart attack as he gasped for air. I knew I couldn't really help him with that and continued spraying water while I tried to calm him down. Whew! Ambulance and two fire departments came (Crossroads and East Bernstadt).

Neighbor was okay after being checked out. The firefighters saved his house after couple hours on the scene, by which time it was 2 a.m., and I thought again about how those firefighters - all volunteers, mind you - came to help a member of their community, and that was their fourth call to duty that single day. Our volunteers must never be taken for granted. We should always support their noble efforts.

Buzz Carloftis
(Former County Judge-Executive)

T.J.s

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during the day and eat certain things like bananas, anything with potassium. Magnesium was another solution. Some of the foods noted were black beans, kidney beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes and greens, especially beet greens; then try to stay flexible, take walks, and learn massage techniques from a practitioner. This all sounds good if you are able to do it.

Some of the good advice to go to sleep is to sleep in a dark and quiet room, wind down and sleep away from the clock. Some herbs to try are dill, lavender, chamomile, basil, marjoram, sage, mint and rosemary. I may try some of these ideas and see how they work. They couldn't really hurt...unless that I drink so much water during the day that I'm awake on and off during the night and learn that I hate myself, everybody and everything else.

Memories

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Lexington the following Monday.

Upon my arrival at UK, I proceeded to unload my Chevy and move into my new dormitory room. Haggin Hall had just opened as the newest and largest residence hall on campus. It also had air conditioning, and that was my first experience with AC. I could not believe my luck. I thought it was just too cool!

Mac and I discussed

sports at UK in 1962 and now. I explained how the experience at Memorial Coliseum added to my UK life. I had always been a huge Wildcat fan of UK basketball and football. As a student, I only had to show my identification to be admitted to the UK home games. That was just too much fun for a boy from Rockcastle County.

Memorial Coliseum opened in 1950. From 1950 to 1976, it was home to the UK Wildcat basketball team (26 seasons). It was the home of the 1951 and 1958 NCAA Basketball Championship teams. Memorial Coliseum was just across the street from Stoll Field, UK's football stadium.

I tried to explain how different it was to see UK basketball with 12,000 fans compared to 23,000 at Rupp Arena. UK basketball was so much fun in that environment.

I also shared my memories of the K-Lair Restaurant with Mac, which was located near Haggin Hall. The K-Lair opened early for breakfast and stayed open late for us dorm residents. They had the finest cheeseburgers, especially late at night. I can't remember how many times stopped by for a quick breakfast sandwich on my way to classes at UK.

Mac and I enjoyed comparing our experiences as students at UK, even though they were a lifetime apart. I suppose each individual thinks their time at UK was the best ever. He and I both love our time there.

(You can reach me at themtman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

Rock

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tenure at Rockcastle County High school that several Rock sports teams, basketball, baseball, girls track and field, girls volleyball, girls softball and football, began appearing and competing in Kentucky state tournaments and state finals, to which some began using the term "The Hale Factor", and upon his retirement he took over as principal of Somerset Christian School and led them to unprecedented growth and achievement. More of John at a later date. He shares now about his wife, Nancy and our Rock Star of the week.

Nancy Irene (Bruce) Hale

Nancy Hale's Rockcastle County roots predate her birth. Her father, Jack Bruce pastored Livingston Baptist Church in the early

1950's. He and his wife, Betty, became close friends with Rockcastle natives Clifford and Irene Bales. They were so close that the Bruces later named their daughter after Irene. Nancy Irene was born after the family had moved to Albany, Kentucky in 1956.

Being a "preacher's kid", Nancy was to know many homes in Kentucky and Ohio prior to her return to Rockcastle county to pastor First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. This move was to be Nancy's last as she'd had found her lifetime home, marrying John Hale in 1974.

She and John have two sons, John Andrew and Joshua Todd.

First Baptist in Mt. Vernon continues to be her church home where she has served as Sunday School teacher, WMU Director, choir member and numerous other roles of service and ministry.

Nancy attended Sue Bennet College for a year before transferring to Eastern Kentucky University where she completed her Bachelor and Master's Degree in Education.

She spent 34 years teaching in Rockcastle County Schools including service as Gifted Education Coordinator and GEAR UP Coordinator. She provided many leadership training opportunities for students through Y-Club and other activities she sponsored.

The Kentucky YMCA recognized her as Outstanding KYA Advisor and Outstanding KUNA Advisor in 2000, 2001 and 2005.

In addition, Nancy served two terms as President of the Kentucky Association of Professional Educators

After retiring from Rockcastle Co. Schools, Nancy was approached about working with Operation UNITE as Co-Director of the UNITE Service Corps funded by an AmeriCorps Grant. Her background in education served her well in her new role working for the Education component of UNITE and assisting people who wanted to become educators.

"UNITE" is an acro-

nym meaning Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education. It reflects the three-pronged, comprehensive approach deemed necessary to combating substance abuse and misuse.

Operation UNITE was launched on April 7, 2003, by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers in response to a special report, "Prescription for Pain," published by the Lexington Herald-Leader newspaper during January and February of 2003.

Nancy served 4 years in this role before the CEO of UNITE left for another position and Nancy was asked to assume the CEO position.

Nancy's passion for her work with Operation UNITE is the result of seeing family members suffer from the effects of poor choices involving drugs. The death of a niece, a nephew, and a cousin make the ongoing drug problem real to her.

As CEO, Nancy led the treatment team to expand the UNITE Voucher Program to include the full continuum of care including transitional housing. This has aided many people with addiction issues in their recovery.

Operation UNITE has developed several programs for use in schools and Nancy is enthusiastic about promoting and expanding them to reach students with the anti-drug message. She has helped pilot a mobile prevention unit called "On The Move" that offers a mobile classroom and simulated impaired driving experience. Another program is the WISE (Why Internet Safety is Essential) Program that teaches students the dangers of sharing too much information on social media and the repercussions of cyber-bullying.

Nancy's desire is to see an end to the pandemic of illicit drug use that is destroying lives. She doesn't consider her role at Operation UNITE as much a job as it is a calling - her ministry. She says, God placed me here "for a time such as this"

Thank you Nancy Hale for being such a Rock Star at this moment in time!



Nancy Hale

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Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meets each Thursday at noon at the Snack Shack dining room. 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.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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Obituaries

April Dawn Cromer McGuire

April Dawn Cromer McGuire, 45, was born to Benny and Donna Cromer, in Mount Vernon on December 21, 1976. She was born and raised in Rockcastle County, graduating from Rockcastle County High School in 1995 and later earning her Respiratory Therapy Certification, working for over 20 years as a respiratory therapist for Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Most recently, April worked for Rockcastle County Schools.

April married her husband Ryan McGuire on May 15, 2010, and the couple was blessed with a baby boy named Marcus Samuel on January 21, 2014. She was a great friend, sister, and daughter, and was most proud to be an excellent mother. A beloved member of Brush Creek Church, April was immersed in the Christian community. April was a caregiver by nature. It would be impossible to find a person with a bad word to say about her, and she was never afraid to support and defend the ones she loved.

She is survived by: her husband, Ryan; her son, Sam; her mother, Donna (Kirby) Cromer; her brother, Benjamin (Cory) Cromer; mother-in-law, Merita McGuire; brother-in-law, Bill (Angie) McGuire; her aunt, Betty (Larry) Albright; dear childhood friend, Delbert Hines; and very special friend, Karen McCalister. She is preceded in death by: her father, Benny Cromer; family, Lois (Olan) Burton-(Truman) Bastin, Bill (Darlene) Cromer, and Bobby Cromer; her paternal grandparents, Dewey and Geneva (Mink) Cromer; maternal grandparents, Tom and Mazie (Marler) Kirby; father-in-law, Dallas McGuire; and many friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Cory Stottlemeyer, Jack Alexander, Jason Allen, Delbert Hines, Robert Lane, Chris McGuire, Jeff Miracle, and Jeremy Rowe. Honorary pallbearers were the members of Brush Creek Church.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Connie Francis Baker

Connie Francis (Milburn) Baker, 56, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born April 12, 1965 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Paul and Freda Carpenter Milburn. She was a member of Calloway Holiness Church, enjoyed playing Rook, crafts, music, and her dogs.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, William C. Baker; three sons, Michael Allen (Bethany) of Three Links, William Christopher Baker (Mignon) of Somerset, and Joshua Brandon Baker (Brittney) of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Steve Milburn (Theresa) of Livingston; and three sisters, Brenda Rash (Billy) of Mt. Vernon, Flossie Lamb (Leroy) of Livingston, and Betty Milburn of London.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Cremation was chosen and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

James Edfert Taylor

James Edfert Taylor (Bunton), 68, died at his home Thursday, January 20, 2022. He was the son of the late James Everett and Eula Taylor. He was a loving husband to Carole Taylor and loving dad and brother. He worked for years as a mechanic and raised tobacco. He enjoyed tractor rides and rides in his wagon and horses. He loved spending time with his family and friends and taking trips to Tennessee. His grandkids were his pride and joy.

He leaves behind: his wife, Carole Taylor; two daughters, DeShonna Taylor (Victor) of Brodhead, and Breanna Burton (Jordan) of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren, Kirsten Moore, Jayden Burton, Jaxon Burton, and Jagger Burton; two brothers, Harold Taylor (Dena) of Stanford, and Allen Taylor of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Janet Adams (Kenny) of Brodhead, and Donna McCoy (Michael) of Danville; as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, James Everett and Eula Taylor; three brothers, Michael Taylor, Lonnie Taylor, and Larry Taylor; and grandparents, Fred and Lucy Taylor, and Brad and Cora Braley.

There will be a memorial held at a later date.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Benny Ray Cromer

Benny Ray Cromer was born to the late Geneva (Mink) and Dewey Cromer in Blue Springs in 1951. He grew up with his four brothers and sisters, graduating from Brodhead High School in 1970. He worked as a self-employed auto mechanic and auto body specialist.

Benny married the love of his life, Donna Jean Kirby, on August 10, 1975. In their 46 years of marriage, together they raised two children and earned the love and respect of their community through their kindness and generosity.

As a father and papaw, Benny led by the example of being strong and independent and was always willing to support his loved ones in any new adventure. He enjoyed attending Walnut Grove Church.

Those who knew Benny well, were familiar with his love of cars, especially big block Chevys. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening and generously shared his produce with friends and neighbors. And, when he wasn't working with his hands, he enjoyed being hands-on with his grandson Samuel, doting on him every chance he got. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna; a son, Benjamin (Cory) Cromer; a grandson, Samuel; a sister, Betty (Larry) Albright; first cousin and close friend, James McFerron; and very special friend, Karen McCalister. He is preceded in death by: his daughter, April Dawn McGuire; siblings, Lois (Olan) Burton-(Truman) Bastin, Bill (Darlene) Cromer, and Bobby Cromer; his parents, Dewey and Geneva (Mink) Cromer; paternal grandparents James Patton and Ida (Barron) Cromer; maternal grandparents, Henry and Ella (Kirby) Mink; and many nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Marvin Cromer and Bro. Toby Mullins officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pall Bearers were: Wayne Burton, Larry Albright, Danny Bruce Hamm, Ricky Bullock, Jerry Childress, and Shay Mullins. Honorary pallbearers were James McFerron, Carlas Caldwell, and members of the Walton Grove Church.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Lou "Brenda" McFerron

Lou "Brenda" McFerron, 69, died Friday, January 21, 2022, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. Brenda was born in Rockcastle County to the late Cecil Elbert and Zora Mae Barron Brown. Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, James Brown, and her brother-in-law, Hollis Marcum.

She is survived by: one daughter, Christine (A.J.) Richardson of Berea; two sons, Jerry McFerron and Terry McFerron, both of Berea; seven grandchildren, Dustin Collins, Emilie Collins, A.J. Richardson II, Hunter Richardson, Regan Richardson, Nathan Aster, and Catelyn Aster; her siblings, Linda Marcum and William (Faye) Brown; and one sister-in-law, Shirley Brown.

Brenda loved to spend her time tending to her flower bed and gardening, as well as playing board games, and was an avid reader.

Services will take place at Lakes Funeral Home on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow afterward at Poplar Grove Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Bro. Charlie Acton will be officiating.

Pallbearers will be Jerry McFerron, A.J. Richardson, Dustin Collins, A.J. Richardson II, Hunter Richardson, and Tim Saylor.

Card of Thanks

Danny Ray Bustle (Bird)

We, the family of Danny Ray Bustle (Bird), would like to thank everyone who visited, called, gave monetarily, sent flowers or gifts, and for the food provided.

It was all a comforting gesture during such a difficult time. A special thank you to Brother Jack Carpenter, Marvin Owens, and Staff and the HD brothers and sisters that escorted him to the cemetery. May God Bless each of you.

There are no words and may never be for the hurt our family has experienced. Continue to pray for comfort and understanding.

"If you have family members whose lives may be different than yours, don't turn your back on them; tell them you love them. You don't have to hang out with them, and you don't have to invite them to your home. Just pick up the phone and tell them you love them because you never know when that will be the last time you see them".

Brenda

Gail Clark

Brenda Gail Clark, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Berea on January 25, 1952, the daughter of Pete and Dorothy Hurd. She was a homemaker and a member of Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church.

She is survived by: a granddaughter, Brianna Cotton of Mt. Vernon; four great grandchildren, Elizabeth Cotton, Bailey Cotton, Elijah Slate, and Bryson Slate; a brother, Ronnie Hurd and wife Lynn of Mt. Vernon; nephews, Chad Hurd, Danny Hurd, Josh Bray, and Neil Bray; and nieces: Rhonda Hurd and Erica Thacker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a daughter, Tabettha Kates; a sister, Peggy Hurd; and a brother, Benton Hurd.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

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

Russell Blackburn

Russell Norman Blackburn, 87, of Somerset, died Monday, January 17, 2022 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 2, 1935, the son of Arie and Mintia Odell French Blackburn. He was a retired chair maker and was of the Seventh Day Adventist Faith. His hobbies included playing music and making willow furniture.

He is survived by: his sons, David and Lisa Blackburn, Daniel Blackburn and Della Horn, Aaron and Cierra Blackburn, Samuel and Jessica Blackburn, and Stanley and Susan Blackburn; a daughter, Darlene Blackburn; two brothers, Eugene Blackburn and Dallas Blackburn; a sister, Juanita Inman; 12 grandchildren, Jordan Blackburn, Brook Blackburn, Jessica Blackburn, Hunter Blackburn, Emily Blackburn, Abby Gayheart, Raquel Fleming, Zachary Horn, Kayla Horn, Skyler Horn, Natalee Bailey, and Bladen Hopkins; and two great grandchildren, Jasey Bowles and Brent Miller. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Carol Blackburn; two sons, Marvin Blackburn and Darrell Blackburn; and a brother, Doyle Blackburn.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 21, 2022 at Red Hill Baptist Church by Bro. Jason Medley. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Donald Thacker

Donald Thacker, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born in Berea on July 5, 1949, the son of George Washington and Mary Brooks Thacker. He was a retired industrial maintenance man for Dresser Industries in Berea and was of the Baptist Faith. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and trap shooting.

He is survived by: his wife, Theresa Gayle Sowder Thacker; his children, Steve Thacker of Waco, Brian Thacker and Darrell Richardson, both of Lexington, and Hollyann Joyner and husband William of Mt. Vernon; a brother, George Thacker and wife Rose of Richmond; and a sister, Doris Shadwick and husband Brent of Frankfort. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Kyle Thacker, Wyatt Thacker, Javan Richardson, Teagan Richardson, Lilly Richardson, and special grandson, Henry Joyner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Cledith Ray Thacker.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ova Baker. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Todd Cromer, William Joyner, Darrell Richardson, Javan Richardson, Teagan Richardson, and Leonard Stallsworth.

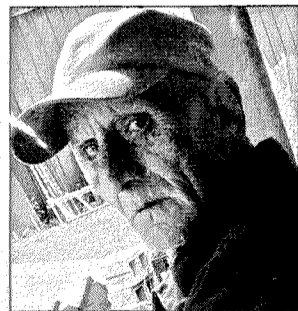
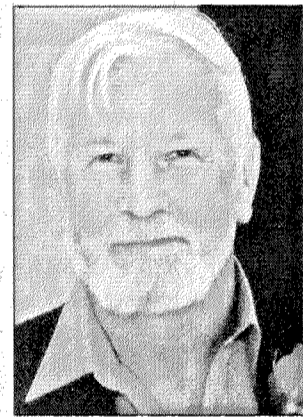
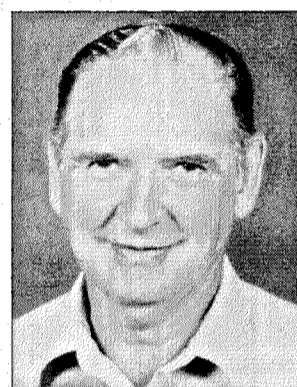
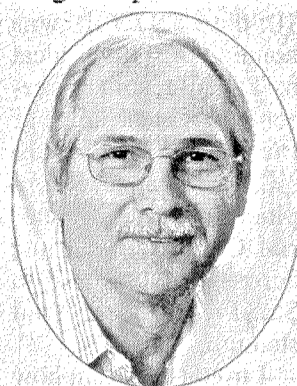
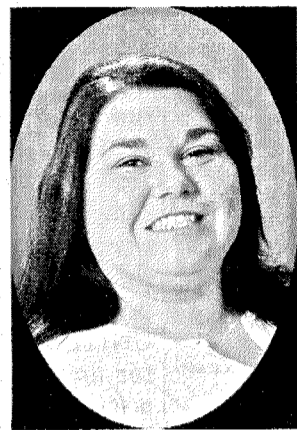
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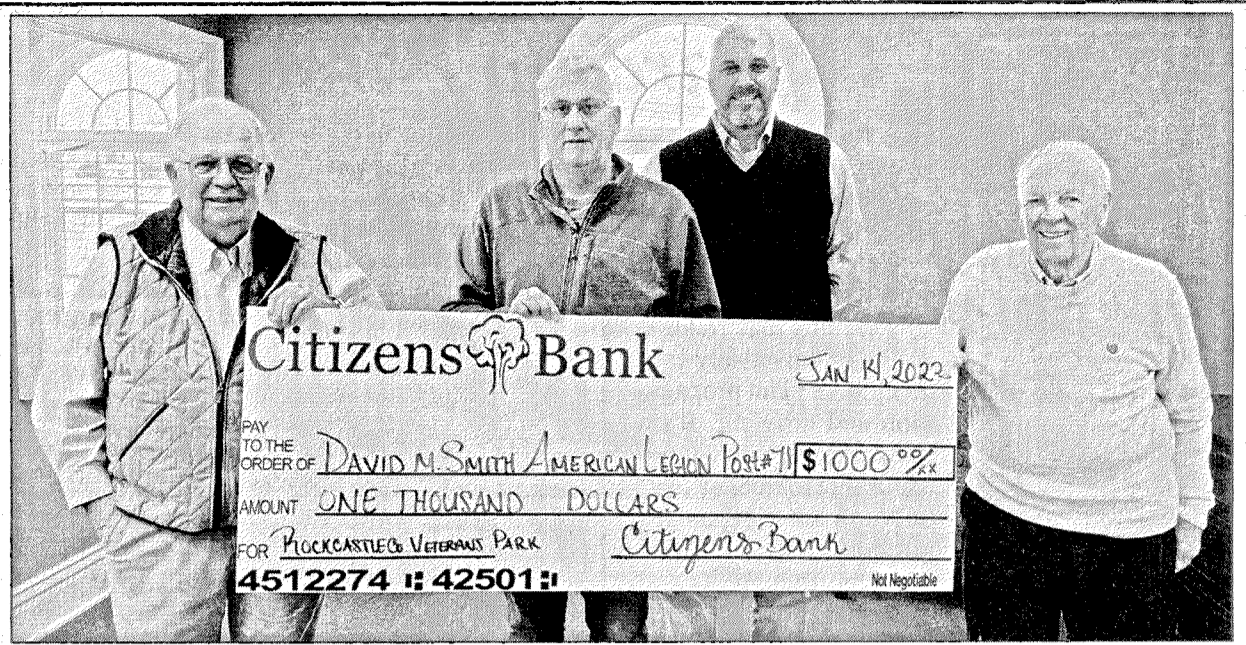
Card of Thanks

James Boone

The family of James Boone would like to express our gratitude to each and every person who sent cards, brought food, said prayers and visited during the loss of our loved one. We would like to thank the Harrodsburg Rehabilitation Center for taking care of him during his time there. We offer a very special thank you to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Roy and Pam Martin for everything you did for our mom and us, Brother Ova Baker for his kind words and for checking on our mom. All the acts of kindness shown to our family will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Boone Family





Citizens Bank donates \$1,000 to the "David M. Smith" American Legion Post #71 for their construction of the Rockcastle County Veterans park, soon to be located at Lake Linville in Renfro Valley. The "David M. Smith" American Legion Post #71 is a non-profit organization that supports Veterans and community causes. This includes The Moving Wall Vietnam War Memorial and ROTC Awards Banquets. Pictured are: Post Commander Rick Bobo (front center) and Citizens Bank CEO Corey Craig (back center). Joining them are Citizens Bank Board Members and Veterans, Sam Ford (left) and Joe Young (right). Both Sam and Joe served in the US Army Reserves for 6 years. The staff at Citizens Bank would like to thank those who served for all of their service.

Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator
Week 3

Children are the Commonwealth's most precious asset. Investing in them today makes for a healthier, stronger, more economically sound commonwealth and the legislative measures introduced this week underscored their importance. Four meaningful bills have been voted on and passed from the Senate Chamber, primarily on education and healthcare.



The following is an overview of bills passed by the Senate this week, which are now on their way to the state House for consideration:

Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) systematically improves the quality and delivery of reading instruction to K-3 students across the state, by implementing supports, interventions and creating a streamlined

curriculum-based foundation in phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. SB 9 also requires reading-specific developmental training for all teachers K-3.

Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) modernizes and strengthens oversight and care for residents in assisted living communities by transitioning these services from a certification model within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. This bill brings assisted living communities like nursing homes, under the Office of the Inspector General in CHFS, improving regulatory oversight on par with other states.

Senate Bill 55 (SB 55) gives first responders a more clear indication of where stroke victims should be transported. The bill adds a fourth level of certification called thrombectomy-capable, to hospitals caring for stroke patients. Kentucky currently has three levels of identified care; acute, primary

and comprehensive; SB 55 would add thrombectomy-capable as another, signifying the capability of handling blood clots.

Senate Bill 56 (SB 56) aims to save lives by making federally approved 'opioid antagonist' drugs more widely available to the public. An opioid antagonist is a drug that can rapidly reverse a drug overdose and is currently only available to first responders; this bill would make it more widely available.

Also, the week of January was National Child Advocacy week, in which our Senate Majority Caucus Chair, Julie Raque-Adams, filed priority legislation to tackle the issue of child abuse and neglect across the commonwealth. This bill aims to address issues in our Commonwealth surrounding child abuse and neglect, in which we rank 50th in the nation. That statistic is horrific and following strong attention during the first few weeks of the session to strengthen education,

keep students in school and improve health care, it is imperative for the General Assembly to put measures in place to protect the most vulnerable residents in our state. Above all else, this is legislation that should bridge party lines in order to help our children and those who work to protect them. Expect more attention on this priority bill, Senate Bill (SB) 8, in the days ahead.

Finally, the governor vetoed both the Congressional (SB 3) and the House District (HB 2) maps. The Senate acted expeditiously to override both vetoes, as did the House.

I'm excited about the significant changes in policies we are able to impact for the better education and health of our residents. It's an honor to represent you.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov.

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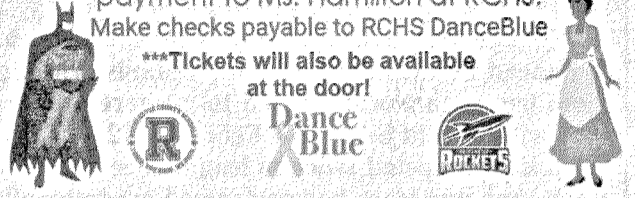
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Peat: Story of and Uses of Peat Moss for Landscape Gardening

Peat is a most useful and abundant planting and seeding material that is almost universally used in modern plant propagation and growing. It's a sustainably harvested natural resource, at least in North America, and the predominant source is Canada, though a good deal is harvested in the United States.

The popular "Proven Winners" line of garden center plants use potting mix from Fafard group, a Canadian concern that has several US plants, too. Mass production depends on peat for the plants we purchase from the big blue or orange store or our favorite garden center.

Sometimes there's negative press for using any product that has carbon or might in some manner increase pollution. Such stories distort the picture. For, any alternative also has some pluses and minuses, and are also not as good in most cases for young seedling production of the garden plants and flowers most of us buy regularly in the spring.

Sphagnum moss and other bog plants decay over time, and the process is slow. To get the big picture, 86 percent of peat bogs are virgin and undisturbed. Canadian peat can only be harvested for about 30 to 45 days due to frozen ground and/or rain. Of the 160 million acres, only about a fourth of one percent of those are being actively mined. And of the 9,000 acres finished, over half have been reclaimed to near original state. Other countries may have other statistics, but in any case it is a natural and an environmentally friendly product used everyday in modern horticulture.

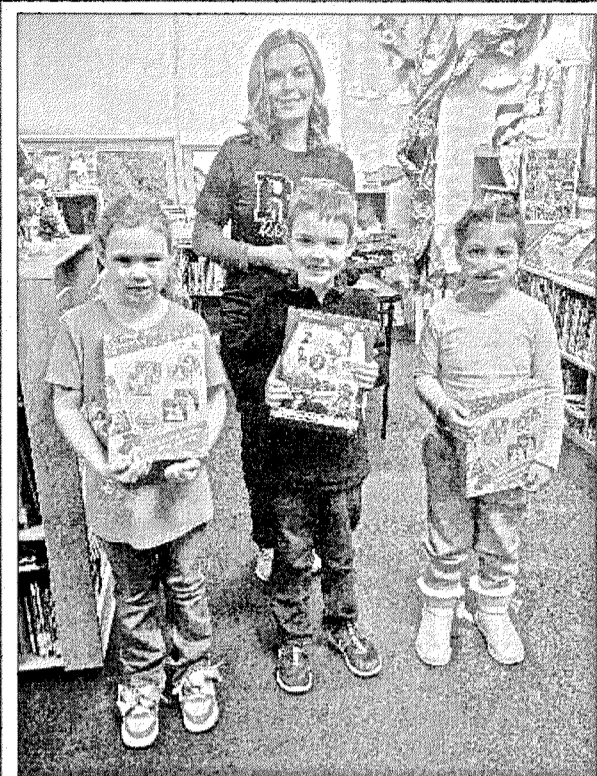
What are the garden uses of peat? Potting mixes and seed starting pots are a primary use. Bales of shredded peat can be tilled or mixed into garden beds to help aerate compacted or clay soils (or add organic matter to sandy soils). We often use peat to reduce pH, especially useful for cultivating blueberries, azaleas and many acid-loving shrubs and perennials. Certainly perlite, peanut hulls, rice hulls, coconut husks, pine fines and a myriad of other things can and are added to planting mixes and grow mixes, but it's tough to get a dependable medium without using some peat.

An informative reference on peat can be found at: <https://www.gardenmyths.com/peat-peatmoss-true-story/>. Even so, they seem to suggest there are more environmentally friendly options than peat. I'd like to see the proof rather than the opinion on such myself.

In summary, peat is the perfect seed starting ingredient, and a lovely ingredient in potting and planting mixes and garden or tree planting soils. Most of it is responsibly harvested and the areas restored upon completion of harvest or mining. It is acidic, and not every plant likes that. But some lime or some wood ashes easily corrects that situation if using a lot of peat in gardening and landscaping. Bales of peatmoss are the most economical for mixing your own combinations,

but a seed starting or potting mix containing peat is probably more convenient for many to begin

gardening in. The author is a landscaper. Feedback encouraged: rockcastles.net or 606 416 3911.



Roundstone Kindergarten would like to thank Ms. Dana Carrera of Made Whole Counseling and Consulting for donating several memory games to be used in the library. Thank you, Ms. Dana, for your donation to our school and students.

Now accepting applications for ARC mini-grant

The Center for Rural Development is now accepting grant applications for the 2022 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grant program.

The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as FLEX-E-Grants) is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in 35 ARC-designated economically distressed Kentucky counties for capacity building planning and implementation projects.

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Grants are competitive and subject to approval for up to \$10,000; require a 20 percent match of total project costs; and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grants are available on a reimbursement basis only.

For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit www.centertech.com.

All grant applications and supporting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 3 PM (EST) on Feb. 25, 2022. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to arc@centertech.com.

For questions about the application process or program guidelines, please call 606-677-6000 or email psimpson@centertech.com.

Awards will be announced in the spring of 2022.

The Center for Rural Development administers programs funds in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Local Government and the ARC.

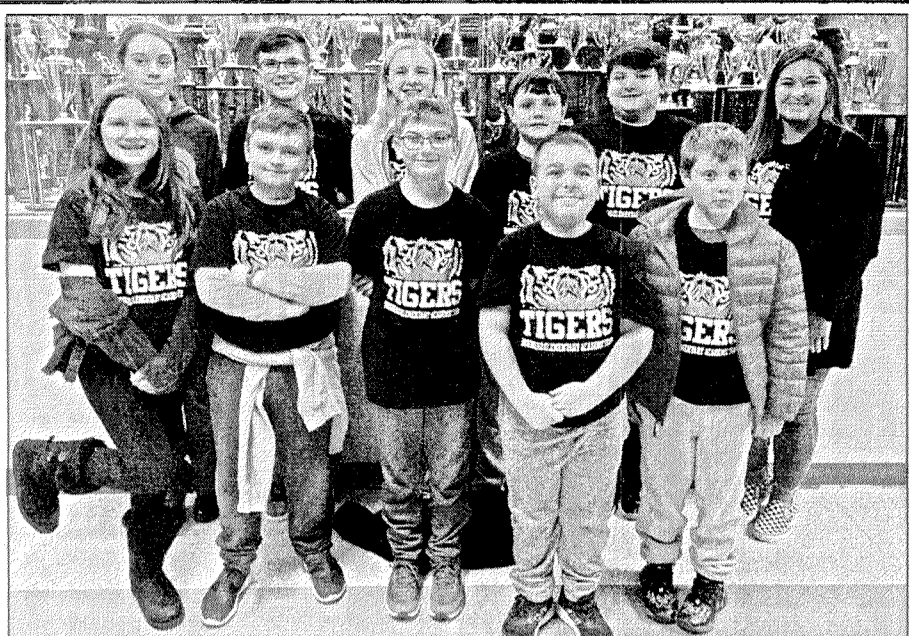
STEM activity



Mr. Devin Hasty's third grade class at Brodhead Elementary School has recently been working on a STEM activity in science. The activity focused on catapult engineering. Mr. Devin's students have been studying gravity and forces. The students did a great job as each group created their very own mechanism.

Address Change Note

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Brodhead Elementary Academic Team is off to a great start this year. The team has been working hard to prepare for their District tournament that will be held Saturday, February 12. At this point in the season the team has competed twice in league meets with Mt. Vernon Elementary. Each time our team has performed exceptionally well, and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication. As a member of academic team students compete in quick recall, composition, and written assessment. Students on academic team range from grades 3-5 and practice weekly to learn material in the areas of math, language arts, science, Social Studies, and arts/humanities. BES is proud of their team, and wishes them the best of luck in future competitions. Students on the team include, front from left: Eevee Warrick, James Perkins, Mason McKee, Riley McKinney, and Dominic McClure. Back row from left: Kim Childress, Harrison Craig, Jocalyn Abney, Jacob McClure, Trenton Kates, and Coach Breanna Adams. Not pictured: Kylee Robinson, Reni Owens, and Khloe Bussell.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Maintaining ARC/PLC Acreage

If you're enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, you must protect all cropland and noncropland acres on the farm from wind and water erosion and noxious weeds. By signing ARC county or individual contracts and PLC contracts, you agree to effectively control noxious weeds on the farm according to sound agricultural practices. If you fail to take necessary actions to correct a maintenance problem on your farm that is enrolled in ARC or PLC,

the County Committee may elect to terminate your contract for the program year.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: February 2nd 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

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Republican Candidate for Rockcastle County PVA

Family

Jamie Saylor (McFerron) is a life-long resident of Rockcastle County, currently residing in the Roundstone community. She grew up on Town Hill in Mt. Vernon, but enjoyed spending a great deal of time with her grandparents, and a very special aunt, Libby Ramsey, in the Climax and Brodhead communities. Jamie's parents are Michael McFerron and Patsy Ramsey. She has one brother, Philip McFerron. Jamie's grandparents are Sam Mullins and the late Evelyn Pittman Mullins, Shelby Cash Abney, and Arthur "Junior" Ramsey. Jamie and her husband, Chris, have been blessed with two children - Jase Lear, a 4th grader at Roundstone Elementary; and Titan, whom they were blessed to love four days before his passing due to Trisomy 13. She and her family attend Brindle Ridge Baptist Church.

Qualifications and Experience

Jamie has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Louisville, an Associate of Applied Science from Somerset Community College and is a graduate of the Leadership Rockcastle program. She has been employed by Rockcastle County Schools for 21 years, but is also known for her former freelance graphic and website design business. Jamie also served as an Instructor for the Somerset Community College Visual Communications program. Through Jamie's many years of service in education, she has worked in various capacities including website and graphic technology, federal and state grant projects, adult education, community relations, professional development, human resources and as administrator of the USDA's federal school meals program. Jamie leads 40+ employees and manages a \$2 million dollar budget. Jamie is accustomed to following policies and procedures, abiding by government regulations and audit processes. She is innovative, dedicated and honest, possessing a broad skill-set needed to operate the PVA office. Jamie was certified by the Kentucky Department of Revenue on November 17, 2021 to serve as your next PVA.

Community Involvement

Jamie is a Kentucky Colonel and is very active in the local Kiwanis Club whose mission is to "improve the world one child at a time". She is currently club Secretary, but has also served as President and Vice-President. Additionally, Jamie serves on the MVES Family Resource Center Advisory Council and Rockcastle Area Technology Center Business Advisory Committee. She has previously served on the Rockcastle Work Ready Community Council, Lake Cumberland Area Development District Youth Council and Somerset Community College Visual Communications Advisory Committee.

Jamie was recognized as a 2014 Hal Rogers Difference Maker, the 2014 Kiwanis Member of the Year and the 2013 Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year.



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Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhop@gmail.com

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

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
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Pastor: Travis Gilbert
Music Director: Dan Dull

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Services:
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Preaching Brethren
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Phillip Permenter
Eric Bullock
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church
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Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided)
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Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

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Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor
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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

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606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Mink, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
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(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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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.
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Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
www.cwchurchofgod.com

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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.
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: Dwayne Carpenter
Fairground Hill Community Holiness
Sunday Evening 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 Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722

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Mount Vernon, Ky.
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst
859-200-6331

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Mt. Vernon
Chris Davidson, Pastor
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Wednesday 7 pm
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Wayne Harding, Pastor
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Sun. Discipleship Training/Sunday Youth Missions 6 pm
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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606-256-5577
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Children's Church 11 a.m.

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Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
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Sand Springs Baptist Church
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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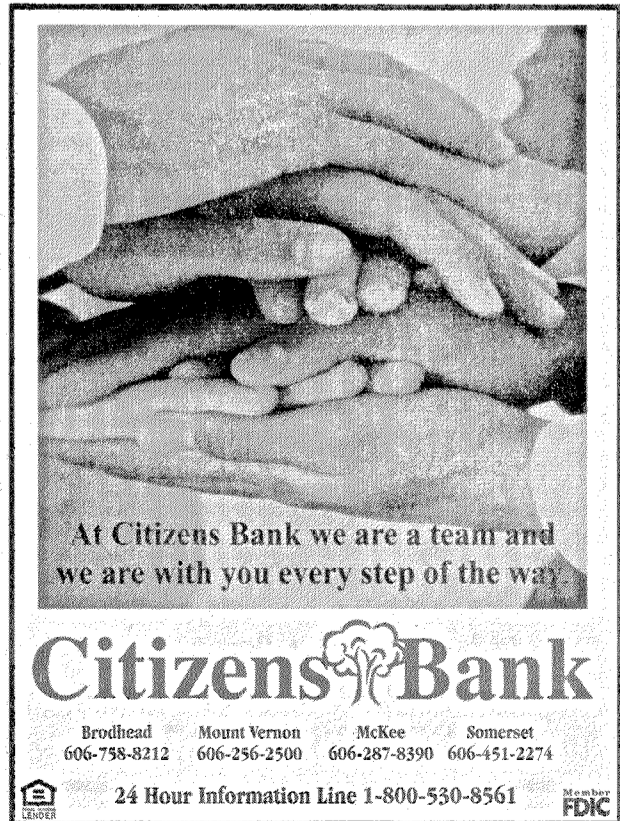
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Brodhead, Ky.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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SPORTS

Rockets defeat Whitley; lose to Pulaski County

The Rockcastle Rockets picked up their 13th win of the season Saturday night with a 73-53 win over Whitley County.

The Rockets jumped out to an early 10 point lead at the end of the first quarter, 19-9 behind nine points by senior Drew Hopkins. The Rockets extended their lead to 16 at the half, 37-21. The Rockets outscored the Colonels 34-32 in the second half for the 20 point victory.

Hopkins and Matthew Chasteen led the Rockets with 15 each followed by Jake Sanders with 13. Broedy Dunaway and Walker Craig each added nine. Reese Coguer and Kade Kidwell scored four each and Skyler Durham and Jace Rogers each added two.

The Rockets cooled off a little at the charity stripe hitting 21 of 32 for 66 percent. Dunaway led the way on the boards with five rebounds.

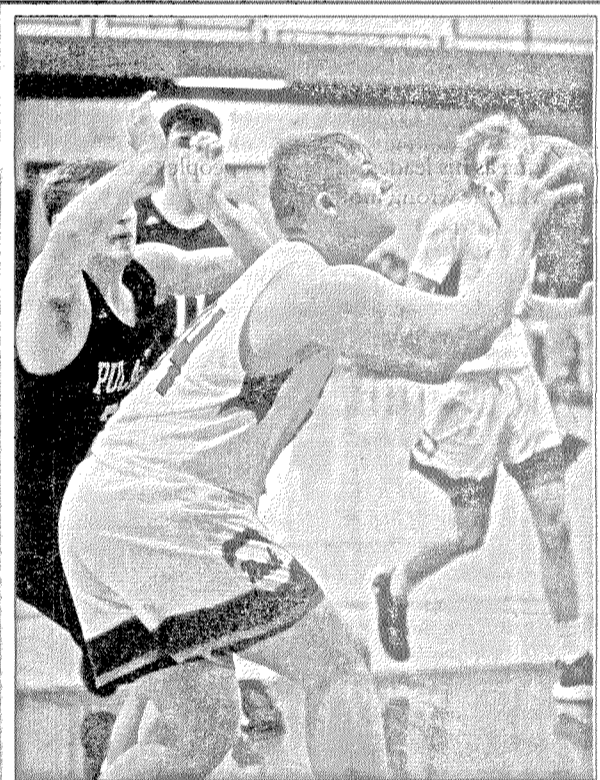
The Rockets hosted undefeated Pulaski County Sunday afternoon with the Maroons besting the Rockets 68-55.

Rockcastle managed to keep the score tied at 11 after the first quarter but Pulaski found the hot hand in the second outscoring the Rockets 23-10 for the 34-21 halftime lead.

Rockcastle came out and took the third quarter 13-10 and a back and forth fourth quarter saw the Maroons outscore the Rockets by only one, 21-20.

Jake Sanders led the Rockets with 21 points and 15 boards in the loss. Reese Coguer added 18 for the Rockets with two threes and four for four from the charity stripe along with four rebounds. Matthew Chasteen had 11 points and seven rebounds. Others scoring were Walker Craig with three and Broedy Dunaway with two. Drew Hopkins picked up seven rebounds.

The Rockets were set to host Berea Tuesday night (after press time) and will host Mason County Friday night and Danville Saturday night. Both games tip-off at 8:15.



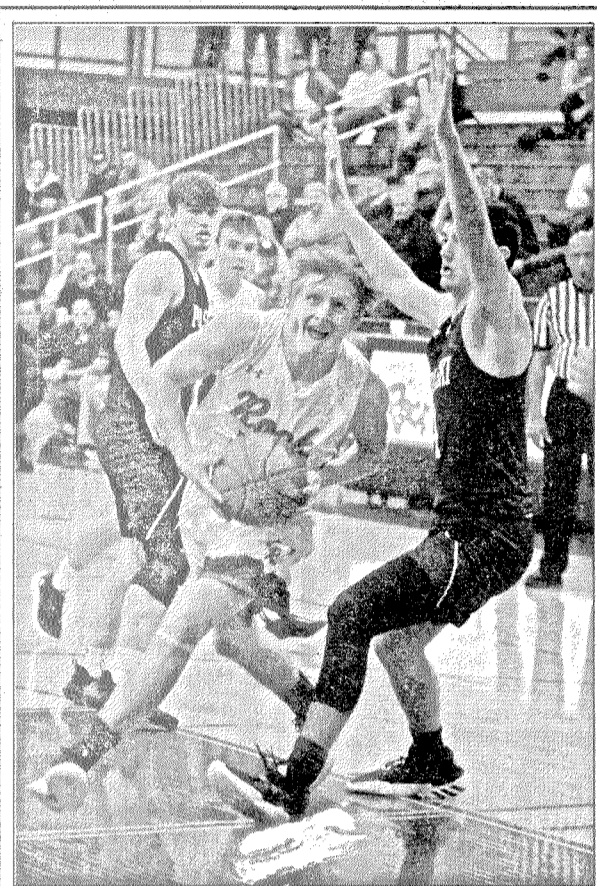
Jake Sanders muscled his way to the basket during the Rockets' 68-55 loss to Pulaski County Sunday. Sanders led the Rockets with 21 points and 15 rebounds.



Walker Craig goes to the hole and gets fouled for the old fashioned three point play in the Rockets' 68-55 loss to Pulaski County Sunday.

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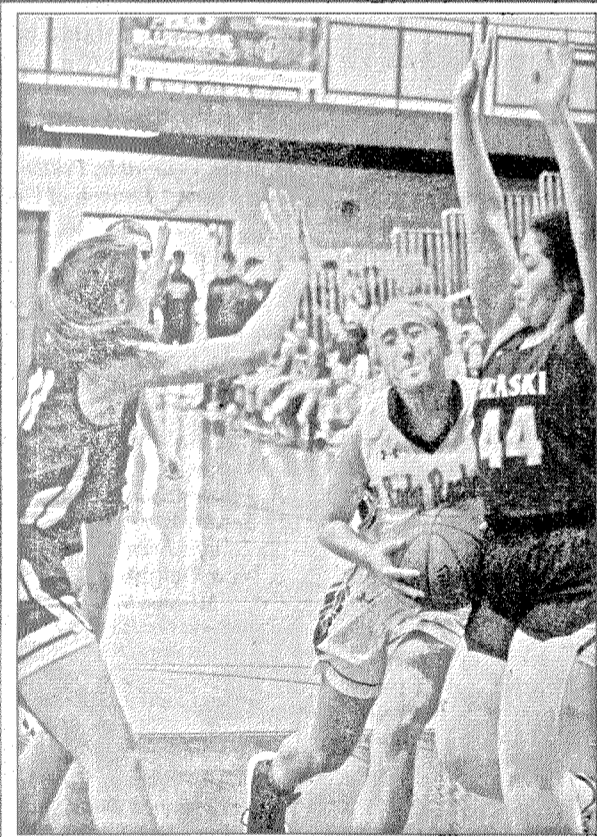
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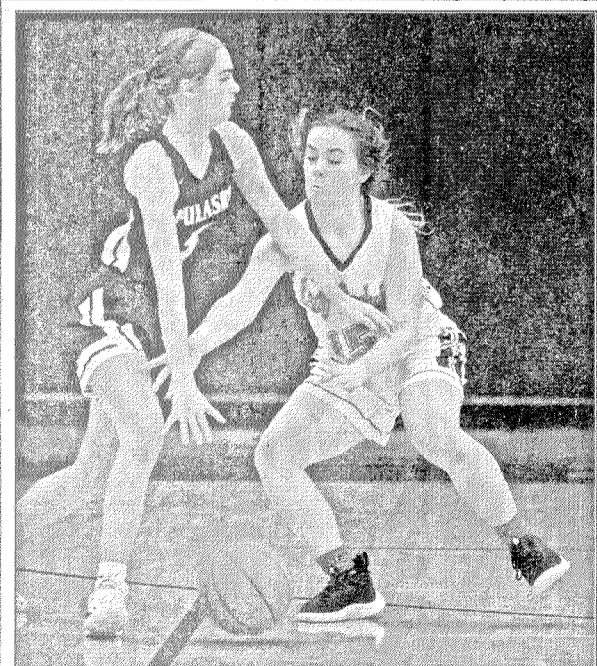
Matthew Chasteen takes it to the basket during the Rockets' 68-55 loss to Pulaski County Sunday. Chasteen had 11 points and seven rebounds.



Broedy Dunaway makes a pass in the Rockets' 68-55 loss to Pulaski County Sunday.



Calleigh Burdette takes it hard to the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Sunday.



Markley Richards plays some tough defense during the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Sunday.

Lady Rockets beat Clinton 63-49

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets picked up a win over Clinton County Saturday and took one on the chin Sunday afternoon against Pulaski County.

Saturday, Rockcastle traveled to Clinton County and came away with a 63-49 win.

The Rockets had only a two point lead at the half, 27-25, but a hot second half sealed the win for the Lady Rockets outscoring Clinton County 36-24.

Talynne Shearer led all scorers with 20 points and 11 boards. Calliegh Burdette scored 13 and had seven rebounds.

Karlee Smith had 12 points, Taylor King added five, Addison McClure and Camryn Cash each had four, Haven King added three and Macy Spivey had two.

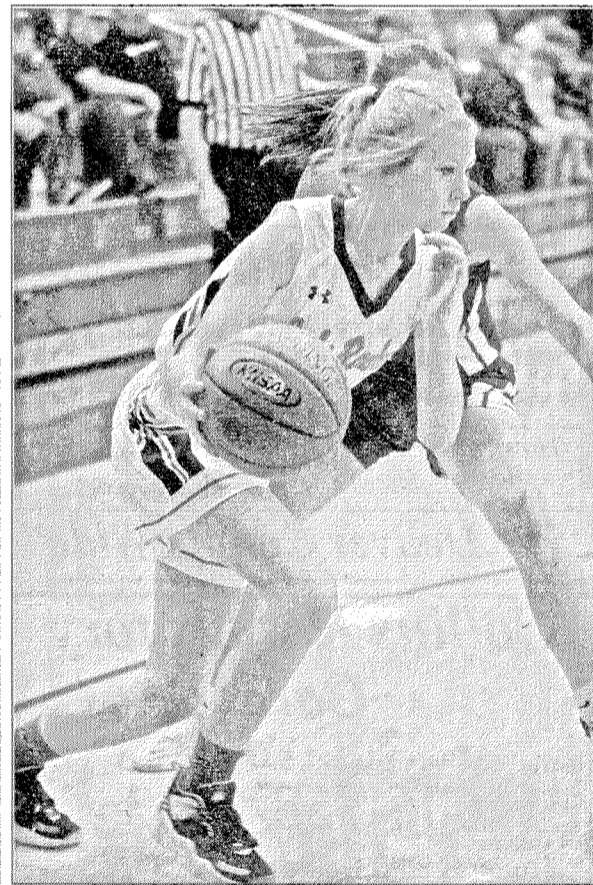
The Lady Rockets struggled Sunday when Pulaski County came to town losing to the Maroons, 61-32.

Pulaski County built a 25 point lead at the half and never looked back. Shearer once again led her team with 14 points and six rebounds. Addison McClure, Macy Spivey and Karlee Smith

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Camryn Cash makes a pass to teammate Talynne Shearer in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Sunday.



Macy Spivey drives the baseline during the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County Sunday.

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE MATTER OF A.M.M., JU-2020-59.01

THE MATTER OF A.D.T., JU-2020-60.01
To: RUSSELL DOUGLAS ALLISON
Please take notice that Jennifer Allison Woods has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights against you in the above-styled cases currently pending in the Juvenile Court of Hale County, Alabama, and you must file an answer to the same with Petitioner's attorney, John W. Ryan, Jr. and the Court within thirty (30) days from the last publication of this notice, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against you.

John W. Ryan, Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner
Seale, Holmes & Ryan, LLC
P.O. Box 241
Greensboro, Alabama 36744

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

Notice is hereby given that Judy French Jones 2735 S. Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, Nancy Carol Brickman 20072 Creek Rd., Batesville, IN 47006 and Sandy Whitaker 114 Eddie Dr., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 have been appointed co-executrices of the estate of Robert B.

French on the 19th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Judy French Jones, Nancy Carol Brinkman and Sandy Whitaker or to Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 19, 2022. 51x3

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Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 19, 2022. 51x3

Notice is hereby given that Michael Mason Brown 1530 W. Level Green Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 and Gregory Allen Brown 764 Redmon Rd., Russell Springs, KY 42642 have been appointed co-executors of the estate of Carolyn Sue Brown on the 18th day of January, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Michael Mason Brown and Gregory Allen Brown or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 18, 2022. 51x3

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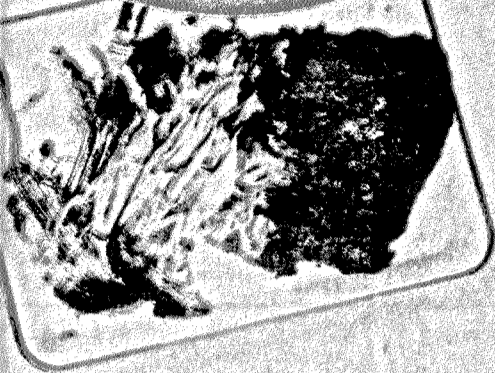
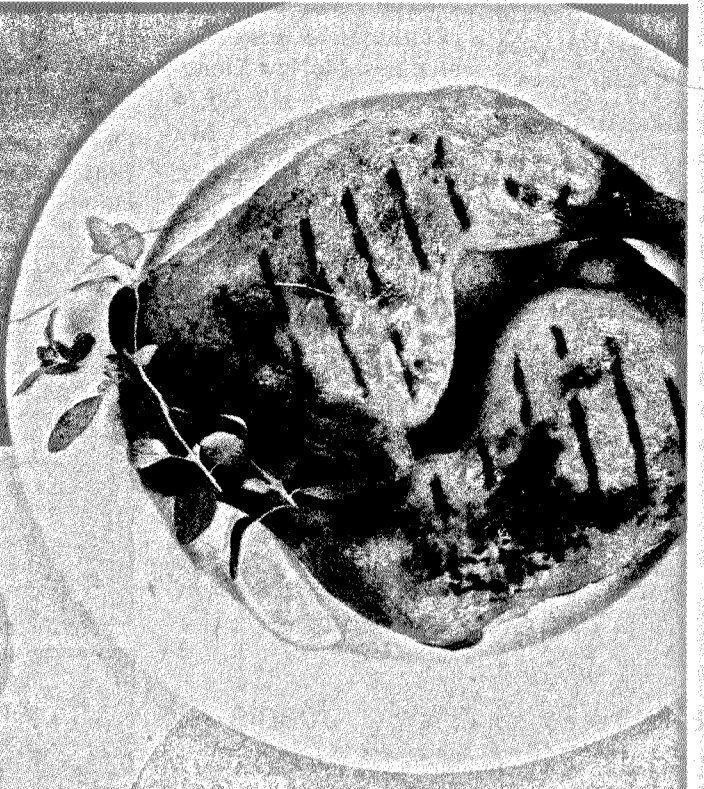
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