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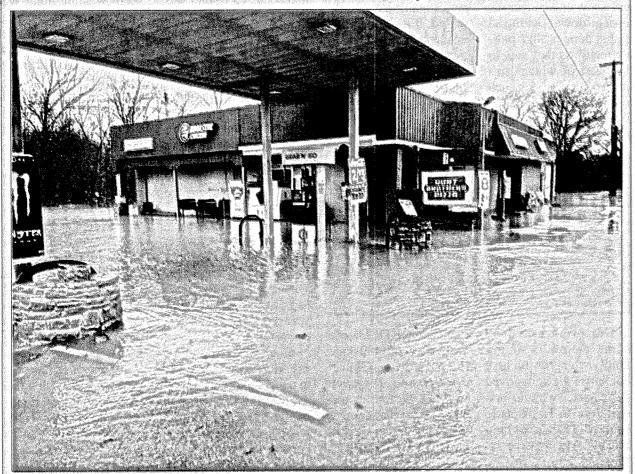
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# Rain, Snow, Ice

Hits Rockcastle County in 3 days



Flooding came to Brodhead and the rest of Rockcastle County on the first day of 2022. Shown above, the Grabn-Go station in Brodhead was inaccessible after the heavy rain fell on January 1. Shown at right, the Roundstone area was also flooded causing many roads to become impassable. First responders were forced to deliver medications to some by boat to begin the new year.

By: Mike French

trend has not begun. Last year ended with

every first responding agency in Rockcastle County making more calls for service than ever in history. As of December 31, 2021, the Mount Vernon Fire Department had made 634 runs, over 150 more than the all time record. Of those calls, 252 were calls involving vehicles. All other agencies in the county report breaking their yearly records as well.



Department answered 25 calls for service, six accidents were reported on I-75 and countless calls concerning flooded areas reached officials as storms caused damage and flooding throughout the county.

Agencies were forced to use boats to deliver needed medical supplies, a residential structure fire involved removing an elderly man in a wheelchair

(See "Ice" on A6)

## Attempted murder/ suicide ends with death of local man

By: Mike French

One man is dead after he apparently shot his wife and then himself, according to his wife. Police say Alexander Helton, 25, was found dead after his wife Callie Helton, 22, called 911 on Monday, December 27 around midnight.

According to the press release from Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy, Sam Brock, 911 dispatchers received a call around midnight from Callie Helton claiming that her husband had shot her and then shot himself.

Upon arriving at the residence on Flat Gap Road in Rockcastle County, police say they found the door locked and had to force their way into the home.

Once inside, the release says, police discovered the 22 year-old female had suffered multiple 9mm gunshot wounds and was seriously injured. Police also found Alexander Helton deceased with what appeared to be a single gunshot wound. The report does not say where Mr. Helton had been shot.

There are reports that a child was present in the home and representatives of the Cabinet for Families and Children responded at the scene.

With the assistance of the Madison County EMS, the Kentucky State Police, the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Rockcastle County EMS, the female victim was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center where she was immediately

January

thru

June

taken into surgery. It has been reported that she is now out of the ICU and is expected to recover.

Police are currently under the impression the incident is a domestic dispute but the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office is continuing the investiga-

#### **COVID** decrease

Rockcastle County moved from one of the COVID hotspots in the nation in late 2021, to one of the lower COVID cases in Kentucky in January of 2022. According to the Kentucky COVID website, Rockcastle stands at 3,536 positive case with 45 deaths from the virus. Jefferson County is number 1 with 144,000 cases. Rockcastle is still currently in the red zone with an incident rating of 54.8. 41 confirmed cases were reported in the past seven

#### **Brodhead** meeting

days with 27

probable.

The regular monthly meeting of the **Brodhead City** Commission is scheduled for Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at City hall. The public is invited to attend.

#### School **Board**

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, The public is invited to attend.

#### **Fiscal** court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

# The year in review

Perhaps not as tumultuous as 2020, but 2021 may have been a close second.

Most say time moves swiftly and nothing points that out like reflecting upon the

We hope you enjoy a recap of 2021 headlines from the Mount Vernon Signal.

January

The first issue of the Signal in January of 2021 announced the beginning of "Phase One" of COVID-19 vaccinations in Rockcastle County. The plan to start with only first Henshaw. responders and medical personnel did not work out since more people refused the vac-students returned to in-person classes in cine than expected and Phase II began many Rockcastle County with 500 student enroll-

months ahead of schedule to avoid spoilage. During the first week of the year, Rockcastle County was covered in five inches of dent to receive the COVID vaccination at snow as officials in Livingston began an effort to collect overdue water bills.

guilty in the murder of his stepmother Lois

It was the second week of January when ing in virtual classes.

Sharon Langford was the first local resithe Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Also in January, the RCIDA began the George Henshaw II, entered a plea of not first steps towards a new Farmers Market (See "Year" on A6)

### **Sheriff's Department** may have additional deputy for 2022

- New cruiser planned also

By: Mike French

In a special called meeting last week, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court heard the amended sheriff's budget reports from Deputy Dale McNew and Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

According to the report, the sheriff's department will most likely have a new cruiser and a new road deputy for 2022. "It would be a huge benefit to the entire community to have that extra deputy on the road," said (See "Sheriff" on A6) By: Mike French

The Kentucky May Primary elections will be Tuesday, May 17. The deadline to file for office is tomorrow, January 7 at 4 p.m.

Editor

Jeffrey Scott Lawless has announced he plans to retire from his position as the 28th Judicial Circuit Judge in Division One.

Those who have currently filed to run for office in the May, 2022 Primary, as of Monday, January 3rd are:

Candidates filed for 2022 **County Attorney** Jeremy Rowe, (R) County Judge/ **Executive** 

Howell H. Holbrook, Jr. (R) **Sheriff** L. Dale Miller (R)

> **Jailer** Nathan Carter (R) Micah Owens (R) <u>PYA</u>

Kathy Robinson (R) Jamie Saylor (R) **County Clerk** Danetta Ford Allen (R) **County Coroner** Dawn R. Carpenter (R)

Doug Hughes (R)

**Mount Vernon Mayor** Tim "Duck" Roberts Clifford Lee Mullins **Brodhead Mayor** Jerry Adams

28th District Court Judge, 2nd division John Adams **Eddy Montgomery** 28th District Commonwealth

**Attorney** David Dalton 28th District Court Judge 1st division B.J. Hardy William Leger

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



It really happened. I ries that taught me lessons made it to 2022. I remember so well in 1969 thinking "Man! in the year 2000, I will be 40 years old. There's no way I can live to be that old!" And now, music from the year 2000 is called "classic music." Somehow through all the terrible choices, awful experiences, good times both legal and not, bad times, mistakes, worry and unhealthy habits, I made it to 2022. And so have you!

At a time of reflecting, I find myself amazed at what I have lived through and what I find important now. Things that didn't matter at all in my younger years, are now all the world to me. But I believe the biggest surprise of my old age is which part of my own body turned out to be the most important over all the years. I would have never guessed.

I used to think the most important part of my body were my legs and feet. They took me to places I never dreamed I would go. My feet have stood on the biggest stages in the world and held me there to perform in front of thousands at a time. My feet have carried me (several times) down the aisle or into the forest hunting with my family and friends. They have walked on sandy beaches at midnight, and have trod on sacred ground.

Then, I thought, maybe the most important part of my body is my hands. It was my hands that played instruments around the world. They have toiled and calloused and entertained. Many hands do a better job, but mine have built homes and repaired old classic cars with my father. They have shaken hands with those that I never dreamed I would meet. They have gently held someone in need of comfort and have typed millions of words for people to read in newspapers and others to sing on stages.

Then, I thought, maybe the most important part of my body were my eyes. Oh, the unimaginable things they have seen and stored away in my mind. They have led me to places filled with joy and showed me parts of life that no one should ever have to see. They have gazed upon rainbows and been filled with tears but they have always shown me the truth.

Perhaps it was my ears. Without them I could never have learned to play music or sing a harmony part. My ears have carried sweet harmonies into my very soul and filled my life with music and joy. My ears have heard the laughter of little children, listened to stoand tuned in to soft rain on a tin roof.

Maybe the most important part of my body are the lines on my face. They each have a story to tell. They are a road map of hard luck and glory and bridges I have burned.

But, no. I am thankful for all that. There are those who do not have one or all of those advantages in life. I have been truly blessed to have each. But none of those were the most important part of my body.

The all-time most important part over all the years up to 2022, has been my lap. Yep. My lap.

It was in my lap that three children ran to every night after their bath. In my lap, with a moist towel wrapped around them, they snuggled in and began to drift off into slumber. Every night, always. My lap held safety and security to those who had no fear while they sat there. It was my lap that provided the comfort that they needed to know life could be on their side.

My lap then showed me life. The whole story of life. It came on that day that I sat in that old recliner, and felt light. My legs were empty. No one needed that lap anymore.

I can still play music. I can still write. I can still reach the top of the mountain and walk the sandiest beaches, but my lap is no longer needed to comfort or protect. My wonderful better half and I talk a lot about our children, when they still needed our laps to know some things are just good.



Adventures in Making Fruit Dear Journal,

The whole story begins when my oven went out a few weeks back. I bought a new stove and refrigerator to go in the kitchen but before they go in, the floor must come up and a new linoleum or tile must go down. Getting all of that done is "like pulling teeth" as they say. In the heart of winter isn't the ideal time to start such a project, so I decided to wait until the weather beI was able to get a good deal on a stove and refrigerator, so I got them both. I couldn't pass it up or later it might not be available. I needed a new refrigerator, anyway. Meanwhile, my new stove and refrigerator are decorating the front porch waiting to be installed. It is the very latest in kitchens. I call it the

"porch kitchen".
With the "porch kitchen", you can keep up with all of the happenings

Bv

Roxanne

Hammond

Pioneers like Dr Thomas

Walker, Daniel Boone,

the Traveling Church

long ago trod. They were

some of the first to pass

by and even shelter under

the Castle Rock, later to

our "neck of the woods",

in the foothills of the

Bluegrass, on the cusp of

the Cumberland valley.

This is where pioneers

have trod and continue to

pass through and reside.

Through our hallowed

community have passed

and resided teachers and

educators, professors and

provosts, university presi-

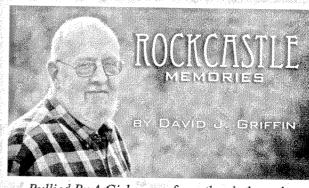
dents, police officers and

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We're unique here in

be called Rock Castle.

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Bullied By A Girl While recently watching an episode of Young Sheldon on television, I was reminded of a similar incident of my own that occurred when I was in the fourth grade at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Sheldon and I both were bullied by ... a GIRL! It was a humiliating experience, but it did serve to teach a lesson.

During lunch, the elementary students were allowed to walk around the campus, but we were instructed not to leave the school grounds. There was an area near the football field, over a ravine, that was wooded and that particular area was a constant temptation for growing boys who often wanted to push the boundaries.

One fall day, three of my friends and I gave in to temptation and sneaked over the hill to the woods below. When we located a spot that we wanted to survey, one of the guys pulled out a cigarette and suggested that we all take a "puff" or two. It was an exciting enticement. Even though my Dad had been a smoker, this would be my first cigarette.

My buddy lit up the cigarette and passed it around. We all sampled the smoke and, after a few minutes, realized that it was time to be returning to class. As we neared the top of the ravine, a girl

from the sixth grade appeared and promptly announced, "I am going to tell your teacher."

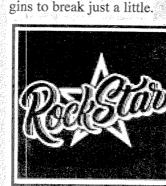
The guys and I were shocked and asked her if there was anything we could do to avoid being exposed. She said she would keep our "dirty secret" if we all gave her our lunch money each day. After a very brief discussion amongst the three of us, we all agreed to pay her off.

For the next several weeks, we pooled our lunch money (26 cents each), and one of us would deliver it to her. Each day before coming to school, I started stuffing crackers or cookies into my pockets so that I would have something to eat at lunchtime. This process was not working for me.

Finally fed up, the guys and I decided one day to keep our money and see what would happen. We told our "black mailer" about our decision and awaited her response. She simply said that we would be sorry, and she stomped away.

To our surprise and to our enormous relief. nothing ever happened. Either she did not tell on us or our teacher did not act on the complaint. We could not believe our luck! In the future, we were much more careful about who shared our se-

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I'm often asked by some members of my family who grew up here but have long ago moved elsewhere, "why do you still live in Rockcastle county? There's nothing there!" My answer is, "this is home, this is where my roots are." I grew up here, I raised my

Even though some see our community as the place where "time stands still," I see it differently. It's always about the people from and in this small county named after a giant rock. It's a name we should wear proudly.

children here.

I do hope we all understand the hallowed ground we of Rockcastle county live in and those who passed through on our journey here, along the Boone Trace, where



#### One woman's opinion...

Dear Editor,

Robert Kennedy Jr. was the person who took PRC test use to the Supreme. Court where the PCR test was thrown out due to many false positives. Plus, Dr. Robert W. Malone, the PRC inventor, says the test was not designed to test for Corona virus which has not been isolated.

Those children in New York and other cities tested positive for AIDS/HIV but first because of a test those children should never been used as guinea pigs for big pharma, NIH, NIAID. You would think that child Protective Services would have protected these children. No one in America should per-

mit children being used as lab rats to test drugs because these actions violate the Nurenburg Code and is

crimes against humanity. Rumble and Bitchute do not ban videos and do not censor much.

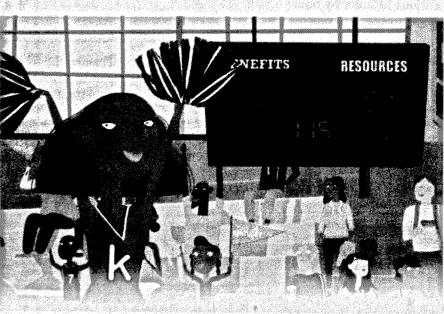
The real Anthony Faucci book by Robert Kennedy is a book you should read.

12-6-21 UK group including EX Pfizer VP Dr. Michael Yedon filed complaint in international court for crimes against humanity, against Gates, Faucci, Schwab, Daszak (President of ECO Health Alliance) and others as responsible for numerous violations of the Nuremburg Code - war crimes and crimes of aggression in the UK and other countries. 46 page lawsuit can be seen on telegram. You can see entire article by Addison Nelson on the True Defender of Life site News thetruedefender.com.

Also Poland https:// www.eutimes.net/2021/12/ nuremburg-2-trial-againstworld-leaders-for-crimesagainst-humanity-finalkick-off-in-Poland/. Also join one on Clout Hub for many more articles and information.

Please support small and local businesses and America First policies. We must support election integrity in our state and county. We must vote out China puppets.

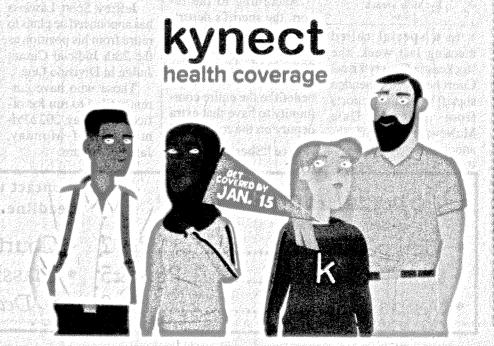
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So, get off the sidelines and check in with us at kynect.ky.gov/healthcoverage or call 1-855-4kynect.



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### Agricultural News By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Offers Options for Signing and Sharing Documents Online

Farmers and ranchers working with USDA's Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service can now sign and share documents online in just a few clicks. By using Box or OneSpan, producers can digitally complete business transactions without leaving their homes or agricultural operations. Both services are free, secure, and available for multiple FSA and NRCS programs.

Box is a secure, cloudbased site where FSA or NRCS documents can be managed and shared. Producers who choose to use Box can create a username and password to access their secure Box account, where documents can be downloaded, printed, manually signed, scanned, uploaded, and shared digitally with Service Center staff. This service is available to any FSA or NRCS customer with access to a mobile device or computer with printer connec-

tivity. OneSpan is a secure eSignature solution for FSA and NRCS customers. Like Box, no software downloads or eAuthentication is required for OneSpan. Instead, producers interested in eSignature through OneSpan can confirm their identity through two-factor authentication using a verification code sent to their mobile device or a personalized question and answer. Once identity is confirmed, documents can be reviewed and esigned through OneSpan via the producer's personal email address. Signed documents immediately become available to the appropriate Service Center staff.

Box and OneSpan are both optional services for customers interested in improved efficiency in signing and sharing documents with USDA, and they do not replace existing systems using eAuthentication for digital signature. Instead, these tools provide additional digital options for producers to use when conducting business with FSA or NRCS.

**USDA** Service Center staff are available to help producers get started with Box and OneSpan through a few simple steps. Please visit farmers.gov/service-locator to find your local office and let Service Center staff know you're interested in signing and sharing documents through these new features. In most cases, one quick phone call will be all that is needed to initiate the process.

Visit farmers.gov/ mydocs to learn more about Box and OneSpan, steps for getting started, and additional resources for conducting business with USDA online.

To learn more about program flexibilities and Service Center status during the coronavirus pandemic, farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: January 5th 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service

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#### Aces

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No tricks. No gimmick. No agenda. Just good. A lap to hold your child is just good.

My lap was my greatest gift. And my biggest regret is the day it wasn't needed anymore. Not a single day passes that I don't miss them in my lap. But for a while, nothing, no place, no sound, no sight and no touch was better than my filled lap.

Reaching this surprising old age, rather than make my own New Year's Resolution, I have been around long enough and made enough mistakes to offer advice for yours.

Always, always make your lap available to your children. There will come a day that you would give all you ever had if they needed it still.

Happy New Year and God Bless.

#### Letters

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dollars to companies that will not make payments on their loans/grants such

Please research and fill in the blank.

We must hold accountable these companies.

our school systems, our medical institutions, our county lawyers, and our police need to embrace our values as a country and our freedom is one of the most impor-

Please get out and vote in the May primary. It is so important because our children deserve better and new visions in how we develop and improve our communities is key!

Thank you Debbie Mason Telegram or Clouthub.

#### **Memories**

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crets.

But it was not something that any one of us would forget. It was bad enough as it was, but the fact that the bully/black mailer was a girl was not something that we were going to share with anyone, ever. It just ain't fittin'.z

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.1 appreciate your comments.)

#### Rock

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enforcement, firefighters and first responders, military men and women who've served on battle fronts around the world, scientists and researchers, physicians and medical professionals, authors and artists, lawyers and judges, bankers and bank presidents, small business owners and entrepreneurs, ministers and missionaries, sports stars, hall of fame athletes and coaches and many others.

And like those who had the courage to push through the frontier and forever change the United States of America, Rockcastle Countians.

native and transplant alike, have and continue to make an impact on our community, our Commonwealth, our great nation and all around the

Over the next year, once or twice a month, or perhaps more often, with the permission and blessing of the Mount Vernon Signal, I plan to highlight some of Rockcastle County's Rock Stars to remind us all of the great community in which we're privileged to reside. Let's honor and celebrate the Rock Star people who. make Rockcastle County

### T.J.s

in the neighborhood, see what all of your neighbors are doing and enjoy your yard all at the same time. I've been told that I need to get out more, so I did. Who knows, maybe it will catch on. It is a whole new concept in cooking out.

The holidays came along and there's no oven to use. Too bad my "porch kitchen" does not work. I had to buy all of my baked goods for Thanksgiving, I always make a fruit cake for Christmas but it isn't just fruit cake, it is an old family recipe that goes back into the antebellum South. It goes back to the 1850s, at least. It has been made every Christmas since except for one year about two to four years ago. I was just too sick to make it with my cancer and all that goes with that.

With no oven, I must come up with a new place to make my fruit cake. I didn't want to disturb someone at their home, so I decided to call upon the local county extension office and they said it was fine to use. It was to be available the week after the big tornado hit out in western

I gathered all of my ingredients and necessary equipment together and headed off for the extension office. Did I happen to mention that the fruitcake fruit is getting harder and harder to get every year? It is becoming so scarce that some people don't even know what it is when you ask about it at the store.

Anyway, I got to the extension office and I was welcomed by Ballinger-Connie Philbeck that works there. She was very excited to see me coming and to show me the big room full of necessities that had been gathered together from other extension offices and 4-H clubs all over the southeast region of our state. It was all sitting there waiting for pickup and to be delivered to the Mayfield area.

Connie was sorting through all of these necessities, and as she sorted, we talked about a great many topics of things. She had just lost her father the month prior and the conversation started from there. As it turned out, we had quite a few things in common and our thinking ran closely along the same lines. We were just about to give up on any goodness left in society, but this outpouring of charity from so many had changed our minds. People could be decent after all.

In a short while the fruit cakes were done. I gave Connie the first slice of good warm freshly baked fruit cake. She said that it was delicious. After trying it myself later at home, I'll have to say it was one of my better attempts. The secret is all in the quality of molasses you use. You can never tell what may happen while making a fruit cake.

# l. Dale Miller

Sheriff Rockcastle County

# It's Time For A Change

- Will serve and protect all residents and non-residents
- Will incarcerate all domestic violence offenders
- Will work with our county jail
- Will ensure all offenders get maximum bail
- Will create a professional police department.
- Will ensure all documents are filled out correctly, to ensure convictions
- Will ensure quicker response times



# Bituaries

#### Bro. Dean "Pap" Carpenter

Bro. Dean "Pap" Carpenter, 92, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021 surrounded by his family at home. He was born in Jackson County on June



29, 1929, the son of Charlie and Letha Cole Carpenter. He was a minister of the Gospel for over 50 years. He was

a pastor and evangelist for the Kingdom leading many to Christ over the years. He was an avid musician, playing any stringed instrument, especially his guitar. His gift of playing and singing was enjoyed by many. He was

a proud US Army Veteran who loved gardening, fishing in the Rockcastle River, riding around the block, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his granddaughters, Patricia McGuire and husband Tim of Brodhead, and Kelly McClure of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are two great grandchildren, Chase McGuire and wife Samantha of Mt. Vernon, and CaymenMcClure and wife Shelby of Brodhead. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Tesaleen; a daughter, Judy Croucher; two brothers, Bill and Everett; and a sister, Virgie Ferguson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 1, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Lonnie McGuire and Chris Davidson with music by Jason Medley. Burial was in Morning View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Henry Carpenter, Mark Carpenter, Caymen McClure, Chase McGuire, Tim McGuire, and Jason Medley.

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

#### Eddie Ray Lear

Eddie Ray Lear, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 1, 2022, following a long illness throughout which he demonstrated great courage and



endurance. He was the son of the late Herbert and Beulah Thacker Lear. He was a 1976 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a member of Scaffold Cane Baptist

A gentle, humble soul, Eddie always put others ahead of himself. He loved the farm and home where he was raised. He enjoyed coon hunting, his

"treasures"; coins, arrowheads and collectibles, Tanya Tucker, WRVK, cheeseburgers, and above all, people. He never forgot a kindness from anyone and remained thankful to the end.

He is survived by: his siblings, Terry Lear, Cindy (Todd) Moberly, Mike Lear, and Gloria (Woody) Morrison; sister-in-law, Barbara Lear; nieces and nephews; a special aunt, Edith Ponder; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Freddie Lear and a nephew, Brennan Kirby.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Scaffold Cane Baptist Church by Rev. James Hardin and will be livestreamed at www.dowellmartin.com. Burial will follow in Scaffold Cane Cemetery. Friends may call at the church after 12 p.m. Thursday.

Pallbearers are: Logan Dees, Andrew Ponder, Ben Ponder, Chris Ponder, Kelly Ponder, and Steve Ponder. Honorary pallbearers are the nurses and staff of Fresenius Dialysis Center in Berea, whose care and friendship Eddie deeply appreciated.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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#### Roberta Rose Brown

Roberta Rose (Robbins) Brown, 87, of Brodhead, died Sunday, December 19, 2021 at her home in Ottawa after a long illness. She was born December 8,



1934 in Rockcastle County, to the late Charlie Boone and Viola (Bullock) Robbins. She married Harold Brown on January 28, 1956. From this union were born five daughters, Wanda, Rita, Marcia, Katherine, and Teresa.

Roberta was a member of Ottawa Baptist Church. As long as she was able, she was an active member of the church, she espe-

cially enjoyed helping with the children. At home, caring for her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was the joy of her life. She also enjoyed cooking and reading.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one daughter, Wanda E. Brown Braley; and siblings, Minnie Mae Petrey, Paul M. Robbins, James H. "Buster" Robbins, Irene Hodge, Kenneth Robbins, O. J. "Jack" Robbins, Josephine Oaks, Virginia Lail, and Helen Chesser.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 65 years, Harold Brown, "the love of my life" as she loved to call him; daughters, Rita E. (Mark) Sampson, Marcia J. (James) Chism, Katherine I. (Rick) Hysinger, and Teresa Brown; and one son-in-law, Hershel Braley. She was "Mamaw" to grandchildren, Kayce Sampson (Matthew) Hayes, Ashley Braley (Jeremiah) Rinker, Stephenie Sampson (Chad) Wellman, Amanda Chism (Alan) Briggs, Hannah Chism, Richard (Tiffany) Hysinger, Katelyn Blair (Matt) Tovar, and Jacob Blair; and great grandchildren, Lilyann Storm, Lucas Hayes, Logan Rinker, Jon Thomas Rinker, Andrew Wellman, Whitney Wellman, Madison Hysinger, Raelynn Hysinger, Kaydence Stewart, and Hunter Hysinger. She is also survived by: one sister, Francis Petrey of Crab Orchard; and two brothers, Billy Wayne Robbins of LaPorte, Indiana, and Jesse Robbins of Lewisburg, Ohio.

Services were held at Ottawa Baptist Church on Thursday, December 23, 2021 with Pastor John McPheron and Brother Michael Hail officiating. Burial was at Ottawa Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at 11011) www.maryineowensfurleralhome.com

#### Ramona Lee Lark Denney

Ramona Lee Lark Denney, 81, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 24, 2021 at her home. She was born May 21, 1940 in Letcher County, the daughter

of the late Kyle Lark and Myrtle (John) Lane. She was of the Baptist faith and attended Brodhead Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two daughters, Ann (Pat) Craig of Brodhead, and Jacindia (Jeremy) Rowe of Mount Vernon; one brother, Dale (Joyce) Lark of Brodhead; three grandchildren, Anjelica Craig (Brad)



Johnson, Mackenzie Lynn (Dalton) Rogers and Cynthia Faith Wells; and one great grandchild, Raegan Kate Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 54 years, Ray Denney; and three brothers, Bill, Gene and David Lark.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cem-

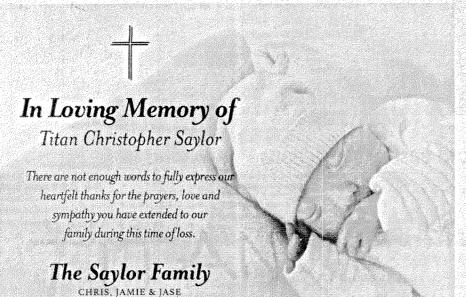
In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Denney's family asks that you make a contribution to your local volunteer fire department.

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

#### Titan Christopher Saylor

Titan Christopher Saylor, 4 days old, died Monday, November 15, 2021. He is the son of Christopher and Jamie McFerron Saylor of Rockcastle County.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by: his brother, Jase Lear; maternal grandparents, Patsy Ramsey and Michael McFerron; paternal grandparents, Dale and Debbie Turner Saylor; as well as numerous



relatives and extended family.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Reppert Funeral Home with Bro. Marcus Reppert officiating. Burial followed in Climax Cemetery with Bro. Ron Roberts. Following the service, there was a time of food and fellowship at the Climax Fire Department.

Chris and Jamie sincerely appreciate the kindness of the entire community during this difficult time.

#### Irene Lake

Irene Lake, 87, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Mt. Vernon on July 11, 1934, the daugh-



ter of William and Cora Jane Arnold Rowe. She had been a homemaker and loved Christmas lights, watching movies, and her flower garden.

She is survived by: her children, Larry Lake and Marion of Cincinnati, OH, John Lake of London, Mary and Tom White of Rineyville, and Bill Lake and Anita Smith, both of Mt. Vernon; 10 grandchildren, Brian Lake, Christian

John Lake, Tyler Lake, Cullan White, Story White, and Ella White; and eight great grandchildren, including a special great granddaughter, Sierra Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, George Lake; a son, Charlie; a brother, William Rowe; and a sister, Ruby Rowe. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Decem-

Smith, Nicole Lake, Ashley Lake, Joann McGowan,

ber 28, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ralph Reynolds. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian T. Lake, John E. Lake, Jason McGowan, and Cullan I. White.

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

#### Lillie Mae Fleming

Lillie Mae Fleming, 79, of Willailla, died Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. She was born at Quail in Rockcastle



County on October 14, 1942, the daughter of Oscar and Willie Gravely Hamm Todd. She was a retired laundry worker for the former Sowder Nursing Home and attended Conway Missionary Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as going to flea markets and

collecting bells and salt and pepper shakers. She was formerly married to the late Dean Barron and from that union came her two daughters, Carolyn Thomas and husband Steve of Union, and Stacey Blanton and husband Russell of Brodhead. She was most recently married to the late Gary "G.W." Fleming and from that union came her son, Jeremy Fleming and his fiance' Alissa of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: a brother, Wayne Todd of Bee Lick; two sisters, Joyce Rogers of Hustonville, and Bonnie Barron and husband Bobby of Brodhead; a sister-in-law, Nellie Todd of Crab Orchard; 12 grandchildren: Amanda Martin, Cassidy Martin, Sydney Martin, Nevaeh Childers, Jamie Ashton, Savannah Fleming, Chelsea Fleming, Damon Fleming, Avery Fleming, Junior Fleming, Adelynn Marlow, and Gabriella Marlow; and three great grandchildren, River Martin, Charley

Martin, and Melody Martin. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 20 years, Gary "G.W," Fleming; her former husband, Dean Barron; a brother, Artie Todd; a great grandchild, Laney Martin; a sister-inlaw, Gledia Todd; and a brother-in-law, Ron Rogers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 3, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Bobby Turner. Burial was in Providence cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Wayne Barron, Damon Fleming, Jimmy Kersey, John Phelps, James Todd, and Jeff

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

#### Gary Vincent Fish

Gary Vincent Fish, 65, of Sharonville, OH, died Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in Hamilton County, OH. He was born in Glendale, OH on December 2,

1956, the son of Marshall Vincent and Wanda Jean Anderkin Fish. He had been a track foreman for Indana & Ohio Railroad and was of the Baptist Faith. He enjoyed fishing and riding motorcycles.

He is survived by: his Peggy Ann wife, Dillingham Fish; a daughter, Nikki Kathman of Cin-



cinnati, OH; his father, Vincent Fish of Mt. Vernon; a step-daughter, Terra Fish of Evandale, OH; a brother, Rick Fish and wife Michelle of Cincinnati, OH; and four sisters, Glenna Stewart of Richmond, Donna Gregory of Scottsdale, AZ, and Marsha Wood and husband John, and Karen Crouch and husband Johnny, both of West Chester, OH. Also surviving are: four grandchildren, Tyler, Zoey, Mya, and Brant; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Wanda Jean Fish; a brother, Sean Fish; and three brothers-in-law, Wendell Stewart, Scott Gregory, and Tommy Dillingham.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jonathan Tussey. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Billy Cope, Johnny Crouch, Brandon Miller, Brant Miller, Jason Stewart, Kenny Stewart, Red Stewart, and John Wood.

Honorary pallbearers were: Joe Baugardner and Don Fish, Jr.

Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin

# Bituaries

#### Phyllis Shepherd

Phyllis Shepherd, 92, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 1, 2022 at her home, after a long illness. She was born December 26, 1929 in Rockcastle County,



the daughter of the late Dewey and Virgie McCracken Ballinger. She was a homemaker, enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing, caring for her family, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: her husband of 60 years, Charles Shepherd of Mt. Vernon; one son, Rodney Shepherd and Tracy of Gainsville,

GA; one daughter, Amy Mink and Perry of Mt. Vernon; and one grandchild, Conor Richard Shepherd. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: four brothers, George, Edward, Raymond "Jug Head", and Donald Ballinger; and four sisters, Edith Abney, Etta Ann Mullins, Lucille Kirby, and Cleda Shepherd.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

#### Sharon Glen Burchett

Sharon Glen (Burke) Burchett, 59, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, December 24, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born September 26, 1962,



in Chicago, IL to Glen Burke and the late Opal Burkhart Burke. She was a cook/baker at Roundstone Elementary School, was a member of Northside Baptist Church, loved shopping, going to movies and concerts, beach trips with her family, watching hockey, and eating out with family and friends. She married Benny Burchett on

March 29, 1986, and from that union came two sons, Yancee and Shawnee.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 35 years, Benny Burchett; two sons, Yancee Paul Burchett and Liz of Derby, KS, and Shawnee Christian Burchett and Heather of Brodhead; her father, Glen Burke; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Jerry Lanham officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sharon's honor may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

> Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Della Myrtle Abney

Della Myrtle Abney, 93, of Montpelier, IN and formerly of Kentucky, died Sunday, December 19, 2021 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on

December 14, 1928, the daughter of Emmett and Rosie Mullins. She helped her husband, Marion on the farm, taking care of their cows, as well as their business, D&M Abney Construction. She and her husband were brick layers and mostly bricked T&K houses all over Indiana. She enjoyed canning and gardening in her free time.



She is survived by: her children, Kathy Utterback and Ruby Slone and husband Ricky, both of Lexington, and Keytron Abney, Ruth Nestleroad, and Terry Abney and wife Carolyn, all of Montpelier, IN; and her stepchildren, Zella Miller of Lexington, Faye Holbrook and husband John of Renfro Valley, and Barbara S. Johnson of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and several step-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Marion Abney, Sr.; two sons, Tenon Abney and John G. Abney; four step-sons, Marion "June" Abney, Jr., Keith Ray Abney, Denzil Abney, and Preston Abney; a brother, Samuel James; and a sister, Rachel Griffith.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home L Chapel by Bro. Clint Abney, Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

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

#### Alice Banks

Alice Banks, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born June 23, 1948, in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late John E., and Edna Belle Lutes Banks.

She leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, many

friends, and other relatives. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by

five brothers. A private service will be held, at a later date. Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Bennie Dale Barnes

Bennie Dale Barnes, 52, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Charity, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at his residence, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born

December 9, 1969, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Herman and Mary McFerron Barnes. He was united in marriage to Charity Sowder on November 19, 1994, of that marriage came three sons, Justin, Jacob, and Jeffrey. He was of the Baptist faith, and enjoyed tending to his chickens, being outdoors,



and most of all, spending time with his family.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 27 years, Charity Sowder Barnes of Mt. Vernon; sons, Justin Barnes and Caitlin of Brodhead, Jacob Barnes and Erica of Mt. Vernon, and Jeffrey Barnes and Ashley of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Makennalee Barnes, Abbygail Barnes, and Liam Barnes; five brothers, Donnie Barnes, Tony Barnes and Vickie, and Gerald Barnes, all of Brodhead, Ronnie Barnes of Woodstock, and Ernie Barnes and Armilda of Mt. Vernon: three sisters, Donna Northern and Charles of Mt. Vernon, Carolyn Rose and Don of Waynesburg, and Minnie Hopkins of Brodhead; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors, whom all loved him dearly.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by four siblings, Robert Barrons, Jessie Barnes, Joyce Barnes, and Lois Barnes.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 1, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Roger Pigg officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cem-

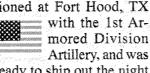
Casketbearers were: Ronnie Osaile, Robby Bradley, Nathan Renner, Dustan Ramsey, Jay Croucher, Scott Decker, Jimmy Mason, and Chris Brock.

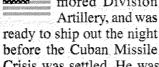
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#### Ronald Dean Rogers

Ronald Dean Rogers, 83, of Hustonville, formerly of Bee Lick, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Ephraim McDowell Medical Center in Danville. He

was born June 16, 1938, in Wallin Creek in Harlan, to the late Otis and Nannie (Norton) Rogers, He served in the United States Army from 1961-1963, stationed at Fort Hood, TX





Crisis was settled. He was a faithful member of the Stanford Church of Christ, where he served as a deacon for the last several years. Ronald and his wife Joyce owned and operated Roger's Grocery in Bee Lick for 13 years before working in construction and farming. Ronald enjoyed farming, fishing, was a master gardener, and an avid UK sports fan. He married Joyce Todd on December 25, 1965, and from that union came one daughter, Jill.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 56 years. Joyce Rogers; one daughter, Jill Kersey and Jimmy of Hustonville; one grandson, Zachary Kersey and Ali; one great grandson, Jameson Blake Kersey; two sisters, Mary Roberts of Lebanon, OH, and Eva Sowders and Brent of Lebanon OH; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers. Charlie and Jim Rogers; and one sister, Treva Rogers.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 31, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Roy Hopkins and Daniel Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

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#### David Archie Cope

David Archie Cope, 61, died Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born December 4, 1960, in Dayton, Ohio to the late



James and Martha Cope. David was a self-employed mechanic and loved working on race cars and was an avid pool player. He was of the Baptist faith.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Cope. He is survived by two

brothers and one sister, Mike Cope, Jean Spires,

and James "Shorty" (Bobbie Jo) Cope, all of Mount Vernon. Also surviving are several aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 2, 2022, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Homer Cope officiating. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dallas Cope, Bill Jack Carpenter, Brad Griffin, Jerry Griffin, Dustin Griffin, and Chase Miller. Honorary pallbearers were: Jason Cope and Adam York.

#### Willmalene Singleton

Willmalene Bryant Singleton, 68, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 31 at her home. She was the wife of William Singleton, Sr. whom she married June

9, 1971. Born March 23, 1953 the daughter of the late Henry and Hazel Brumett Bryant. She loved her husband and family dearly, especially spoiling her children and grandchildren. Many called her nana because of her far reaching love for all. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and collecting dolls.



Survivors include: husband, William Singleton, Sr.: two sons, William (Kim) Singleton, Jr. of Livingston and Johnny Singleton of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Angel Singleton and companion Bart Baldwin of Mt. Vernon; one son-in-law, Bobby Dick; 15 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and adopted children and friends; one brother, Lesley (Pat) Bryant of Ocala, FL; two sisters, Sheila Downs of Kings Mountain and Irene Bishop of Brodhead.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Hazel and Henry Bryant; two children, Glen Singleton and Jennifer Singleton Dick; one grandson; one great grandchild; two sisters, Arlene Irvin and Kathleen Denney; four brothers, Lester, Wesley, David and Henry, Jr. Bryant; and her best friend, Kimberly Bishop.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tim McClure officiating. Burial was in Philadelphia Baptist Church Cemetery

Pallbearers were: Chris and Blake Van Winkle, Josh Frith, Clayton Fisher, Bobby Dick and Mitchell Bishop.

#### David Arnold Napier

David Arnold Napier, 56, of Lancaster, son of Representative Lonnie and Barbara Ann Day Napier, died Monday, December 27, 2021 at his home. He was born Saturday, March 13, 1965 in Madison County. David was co-founder of Napier Brothers and former editor for the Garrard County News. He was a member of Lancaster Church of God and formerly attended White Lick Baptist Church. David attended Sue Bennett College in London, and was a graduate of the National School of Auctioneering.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by: daughters, Chelsea (Justin) Combs, of Garrard County, and Whitney (Freeman) Pinkney, of Knoxville, TN; brother, Jeff (Shonda) Napier, of Garrard County; and five grandchildren, Wyatt Sparks, Russell Sparks, Robin Sparks, Josie Combs and Waylon Combs.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 30, 2021 at White Lick Baptist Church with Bro. Glen Daugherty, Bro. Vernon Willard, and Bro. David Stewart officiating. Pallbearers were: Dean Napier, Kenny Allen, Blake Dowell, Dakota Napier, Davien Logan, John Wilson, Glen Poynter, Kaden Childress, Wyatt Sparks and Russell Sparks. Honorary pallbearers: Danny Irvin, Mike Denny, James Bushnell, Nathan Mick, Marty Miniard, Michael Harness, Keith Napier, Ryan Ward, James Ward, Bobby Powell, Cecil Arnold and Holton Howard.

Services were held Thursday, December, 30, 2021 at White Lick Baptist Church. Burial was Friday, December 31 at Cartersville Cemetery.

Ramsey-Young Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Friends and family may share memories or leave condolences on his tribute wall at www.ramsey-young.com

#### Vernon Dellard "Dale" McFerron

Vernon Dellard "Dale" McFerron, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 27, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in



Rockcastle County, on October 6, 1951, the son of Billy and Alta Barron McFerron. He was a retired service station attendant and a member of Grace Baptist Church. He loved fishing, playing music, and playing cards, especially "Rook".

He is survived by: his wife, Connie Doan McFerron; a son, Scottie McFerron and wife Callie

of Brodhead; a daughter, Angela Miller and husband Chris of Orlando; a brother, Gary McFerron of Mt. Vernon; and six grandchildren, Zackery Miller, Khloee McFerron, Michaela McFerron, Tristan McFerron, Braydon McFerron, and Braxton Gay. In addition to his parents and grandparents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Benny and Larry, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 31, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Raymond Offutt. Burial was in Hansel

Pallbearers were: Chris Doan, Matthew Doan, Braxton Gay, Tristan McFerron, Chris Miller, and

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

# Card of Thanks

Albert York

The family of Albert York would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all of those who comforted us during our loss. We were very grateful to all who visited, brought food, sent flowers, cards and gifts. A very special thank you to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Brother George Renner, Ms. Katha Carpenter and Sam Snyder for everything they did to make sure that his wishes were carried out.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

#### "Sheriff"

(Continued from front)

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "Providing more safety and protection for the people of Rockcastle County is a very positive step forward into 2022."

According to the budget, there are funds called "unusual funds," meaning it is money the department took in this year that it will not receive next year. For example, the interstate work, such as traffic control during the widening project which is now complete in the county and funding through the CARES Act. There is also extra funding available from other sources in the payroll department since there will not be the same COVID requirements in the court-

Holbrook also said there were two franchise fees received early which appeared on the 2021 budget, providing excess funds that may be used for the new cruiser. "The problem is, those two franchise fees will not show up in the 2022 budget because it was paid before 2022," he said.

So, the Sheriff's Department hopes to purchase the new cruiser with those early funds, if that is allowed by state regulations. "It may have to be a bid situation in which case it won't happen overnight," said Holbrook.

As for the additional deputy, McNew told the court that money should be available now to hire a fifth road deputy. According to McNew, the

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Rockcastle County

Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Jan. 10th: Child Development, Seek n'

Learn, Tic Toc, Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, Jan.

**Kiwanis Club** 

The Rockcastle County Kiwania Club meets each

Thursday at noon at Limestone Grille. Kiwanis is a

service organization working to improve the lives

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Cel-

ebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of

each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Indus-

trial Park Road (across from the high school) in

Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any ques-

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

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 frm 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 Of-

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 meet-

ing, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander

Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J.

**Recovery Meetings** 

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Com-

munity Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle

Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan

DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:

Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd.,

Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Mount

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies -

Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 35 Castle Village Dr.,

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact:

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-

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 mem-

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.

3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Vernon City Park, Contact 859-308-8900

or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Contact: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

bers are welcome to attend.

fice Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

of children. The public is invited.

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11th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

money is basically there to hire the new deputy but the department will also save funds by not needing as much overtime pay if a deputy is in place.

"There has always been five deputies in the budget for years," said Holbrook. "But because of several reasons, including some of the COVID needs, they have only had four deputies. This fifth road deputy will be a great help."

The court agreed to accept the budget and allow the sheriff's department to pursue the cruiser purchase, if auditors agree that there does not have to be a bid process. Sheriff Shannon Franklin said he will continue to "crunch numbers" and investigate applicants before he makes a final recommendation to the court. Franklin will inform the court of any final decisions concerning hiring the additional deputy and the purchase of the cruiser...

The excess fees from unusual funds is about \$41,000 and since the 2021 Dodge Durango will cost about \$35,000, there will also be some funds left for other needs, McNew said.

Franklin says of the 6vehicle fleet currently at the department, one is in the shop indefinitely and two have well over 200,000 miles.

Holbrook had asked for a comparison of the 2021 budget and the actual money disbursed, which McNew provided at the meeting.

As expected, some line items were over budget while some were under. However, since some of the COVID requirements are not expected for the 2022 fiscal year, officials say they have the funds to hire the additional deputy.

According to the 2022 budget, the Sheriff's Department expects \$651,789 in receipts with only \$636,789 in disbursements.

In other action, the court agreed to purchase two copiers and some commonly used signs with the help of a state

#### "Tce"

#### (Continued from front)

from the home, vehicle accidents, including an extrication over an embankment, were reported across the county and crews spent the day Saturday clearing broken trees from roadways.

On January 2, flooding was reported across the county as Main Street in Brodhead was covered in several inches of water that entered many buildings and closed Main Street, the Roundstone area reported flooded roads and residents in center was opened in the

Livingston reported water damage from heavy flooding.

Then on Monday, January 3, the county woke to nearly two inches of snow on the ground and a 25 degree temperature drop overnight causing some icy spots on bridges and overpasses.

However, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., a county must meet several thresholds before the top official may declare an official State of Emergency making FEMA funds more available. A formula is used to calculate damage and estimated cost of repair compared to population before such a declaration can be made. Holbrook and others spent most of the weekend surveying the storm damage and flooding to discover if the flooding damage met those requirements.

That formula considers the latest Census population and the total estimated damage must be \$4.10 per person. Holbrook said the agencies are now using the 2020 Census which shows 16,037 people in Rockcastle County. At \$4.1 per person, to qualify for FEMA assistance, there must be an estimated damage of \$65,751. "There just wasn't that much damage to county roads," he said. Personal property damage is not calculated in the formula, Holbrook

#### "Year"

#### (Continued from front)

building on Richmond Street and Chapin began setting the machinery for production at the local plant.

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray attended the monthly school board meeting to ask about their wish list for the district.

Heavy rains in January caused the rise of the Rockcastle River and, as always, those same rains caused accidents on I-75 throughout the week.

#### February

The local school district started working with the Strategic Planning Committee to set goals for the future of Rockcastle County Schools.

Rockcastle County was without any vaccine at the beginning of February, causing concern for those hoping to be vaccinated, but more was soon available.

Judge Jeffrey Burdette announced his upcoming retirement after 30 years of public service.

Again in February, a snow storm hit the county but this time it was much heavier causing a state of emergency. A warming local middle school and motorists, passing through the county, were stranded for several days. Over 75% of Jackson Energy customers lost power during the storm. First responders saw record calls throughout the event.

#### March

In March, a second State of Emergency was declared due to flooding... In one of the worst flooding evens in the history of the county, many homes were damaged and many swift water rescues took place. Reports indicated 6 inches of rain fell in 48 hours in the county.

Also in March, a Mount Vernon City Council member filed a complaint with the Attorney General's office concerning an open meetings act violation since meetings had been cancelled due to Covid, snow storms and flooding issues.

The Rockcastle Regional Hospital became a regional vaccine site but schools started a four day week during the first week of March.

Livingston Police Chief William Barrett resigned in March, after some controversy when his police vehicle was destroyed during the flood-

Alexa Bussell was named RCHS Homecoming Queen and Justin Mink was named King.

Also in March, David Dalton was named Commonwealth Attorney.

Josh Bray, who had resigned as Mt. Vernon City Administrator, named as an independent contractor with the City of Mount Vernon and plans were announced to add shade and trails to the Lake Linville Park.

#### April

In April, a rash of catalytic converter thefts were reported throughout the county.

The annual VFW Easter Egg Hunt was a success again in 2021.

Police made a large drug bust at a local motel seizing a large amount of cash and drugs as well as counterfeit money.

The announcement came in April that a REAL ID must be obtained by all citizens to enter some buildings or to board flights.

Mikey Ashurst was named the new Livingston Police Chief.

The Red Bud Bike Ride brought countless riders through Livingston during a 100-mile ride and the fiscal court heard plans for possible new ATV trails through the county.

At the end of April, the school board began discussion about more energy efficient school buildings, as well as cleaner air in all buildings.

In April, local resident Kevin Jones was killed in

a farming accident. May

In May, Senator Rand Paul visited Mount Vernon at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

Mount Vernon City Council member Jackie Weaver announced he would resign his post, citing his inability to attend enough meetings.

Dignitaries toured the new Chapin plant that came to the county in 2020. It was later, in 2021, the company announced an expansion that is expected to add 100 more jobs to their payroll.

Kirk Mays joined the Brodhead Police Department in May, doubling the patrol time in the area.

The Day of Prayer was observed in Rockcastle County,m bringing many local residents to the courthouse lawn for the ceremony.

The first Vendor and Crafts Fair was called a great success. The event was organized through the RCHS Masked Seniors program.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Farmers Market Building on Richmond Street.

Also in May, Madison McIntosh threw a perfect game for the Lady Rocket Softball team. She was only the fourth in Kentucky history to reach this milestone.

Trash Drop-off Day was a success in the county but had a slightly smaller turn out than previous years, according to organizers, David Owens received

the DAR Historical Preservation Award for remarkable volunteer work.

#### June

The 49th graduating class of RCHS received their diplomas on the football field due to COVID restrictions.

The Memorial Day Celebration was a grand success as the courthouse lawn was filled with those honoring veterans from Rockcastle County.

In June the local school board began discussions about a possible new middle school in the county.

Debra Brown received the DAR State Conservation Award in June and the local school board voted to move ahead with a new energy savings project.

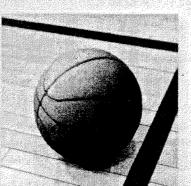
The Longest Day of Play was called a great success in Rockcastle County and the city was given property to located the new water basin behind the Water Plant, Saving Noah was released in June. The book, written by William F. Carman, centers on the murder of Rockcastle County Sheriff Noah Tipton in 1932.

(See next week's issue for July through December.)

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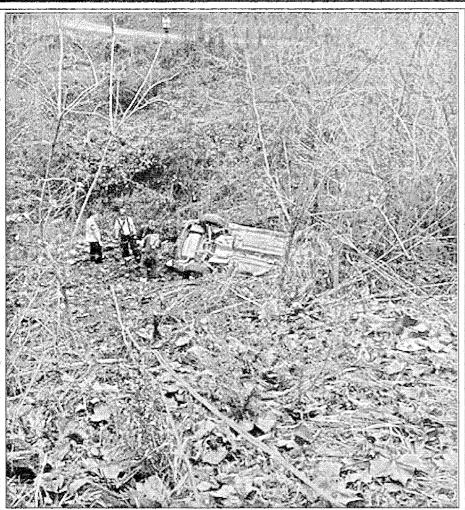
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First responders were called out to nearly 30 emergency calls, 10 of which were vehicle accidents, on New Year's Day. This car left the roadway in the Livingston area and the occupants had to be extricated. No fatalities were reported but several injuries occurred throughout the holiday weekend. Officials say the heavy rain may have caused most of the accidents. The Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston Fire Departments were all called to this accident in the Red Hill area where helicopters had to be called to take two occupants for medical treatment.

# Local school district gets \$22,000 in tech grant

By: Mike French

Each year the Kentucky Education Department makes three offers to assist most school districts in the area of technology. The funds, from the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS), is matched by the district and used to upgrade, repair or modernize technology within the local district.

The Rockcastle County School district received their first offer of \$22,484 last week. A special called meeting was held to consider how to respond to the offer. As usual, the district voted to accept the offer and match the funds with a 100% match. In what was the final motion, made by board member Larry Hammond, who has resigned his position with the board, the motion to match the funds passed ananimously.

Finance Director

Jenny Sweet said the total, of \$44,968, will be used entirely on technology within the local district.

Sweet said two more offers are expected throughout the school year and all are typically

met with the board voting to match the state grant in each case.

No specific use of the funds was discussed but the money is restricted to technology related projects that the board will choose.

## **BFD** Awards

In the busiest year in history for the Brodhead Fire Department, some volunteers were recognized for their efforts recently at the BFD annual Awards ceremony. Awards presented were as follows:

Christian Dooley, Firefighter of the Year and the 5-Year Award.

Brad Todd, Officer of the Year Award and 10-year Service Award.

Dallas Bussell, Rookie of the Year Award. Sami Reynolds, the Larry Taylor Scholastic Excellence Award.

Jessica Cameron, The Chris Kerns 100% Award.

Austin Jordison, 5-year Service Award. Carisa Stallsworth, 5-year Service Award. Christian Sagraves, 5-Year Service Award. Devon Mason, 10-Year Service Award. Josh Hayes, 20-Year Service Award. Brian Bullock, 20-Year Service Award. Larry Albright, 35-Year Service Award.

# Farmers Market project called near completion

By: Mike French

"Just putting on the finishing touches. That's all that's left." Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, told members of the board Tuesday morning. VanHook said that the Farmers Market project is very near completion. "It won't be long now."

The project has been highly anticipated and even through COVID restrictions and limits the project remains close to schedule and budget, according to VanHook.

During the regular monthly meeting, VanHook told the board there are a few final touches and some parking details to work out, but all has "gone as well as could be expected" and he will begin planning a grand opening ceremony very soon.

In other action, the board discussed a planning meeting held recently with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials. The meeting included board chairman Corey Craig, VanHook and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook who discussed potential

growth and development near exit 62 below Wendy's

"A lot of the discussion focused on ingress and egress from the interstate and talked about possible access roads between exits 59 and 62 and possibly behind any development in the area," said VanHook.

The area has been the topic of many public discussions since development in the area seemed to halt last year after the land was cleared and prepared for development. In fact, the area has been designated a TIFF District, giving access to millions of dollars in funding to projects there.

However, VanHook said the state of Kentucky is still looking at several possibilities for the area. "They wanted our input on potential businesses or projects that we believe may be interested in the area," he said.

However, Craig seemed less optimistic. "These things can move pretty slowly," he said. "In 2019 we had all the right people involved and everyone was so excited and getting ready for this big development. Then Boom! COVID hit and the election changed ad-

ministrations and all of a our nose to sudden everything said Crais stopped and we are back at the beginning again." meeting be this proje

"Back in 2019, they had us providing specs for the electric light posts and projected utility bills and it was ready to move," said Holbrook.

"I guess we just have to keep pushing and keep our nose to the ground," said Craig. "This was mostly a brainstorming meeting but if you get this project going, I'll buy your breakfast."

VanHook vowed to continue moving ahead on the project.

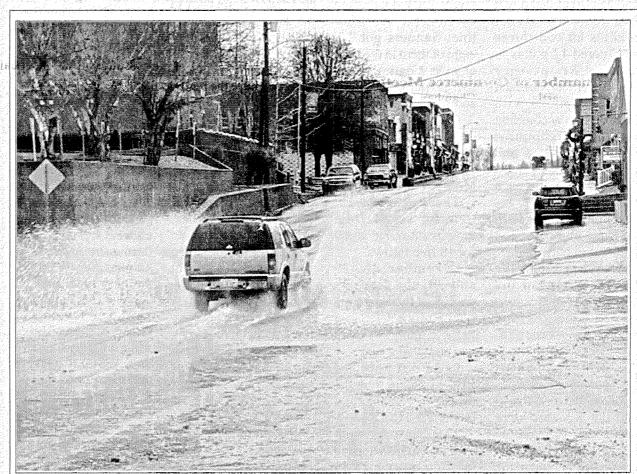
The board also heard and approved the financial statements showing an ending balance of \$429,826.

A special called RCIDA meeting was held on December 17 where the board approved moving \$50,000 from the Source HOV Account into the Farmers Market account to close out the project. VanHook told the board the funds will be replaced into the Source HOV account when reim-

bursements are received for the Farmers Market

Including that transfer, the Farmers Market account ending balance is \$45,415.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the RCIDA is Tuesday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room at the courthouse.



Many areas of Rockcastle County had flooding trouble to begin the new year. Shown above, Main Street in Mount Vernon had flooded areas causing vehicles to create a a large splash as they traveled up Main Street during the heavy rain.

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#### 2022 is here, what will you do with the new year?

Time is precious and it is fleeting. Can you believe another year has come and gone? We can look back on the past year and see how uncertain life is. I remember the ice storm in Texas back in February, over 100 people died due to freezing rain and zero temperatures. This was in an area where this type of weather never happens. It was a critical situation, in which the people of Texas were unprepared.

I point this out as a reminder that there is a lot of uncertainty in life. We have no guarantee of life, as it is subject to change or even end. I doubt if those people who died on the freeway pile up due to black ice, had any idea they would die that day. Hopefully they were prepared to leave this world as it pertains to their spiritual well-being.

We have a limited amount of time on earth even if we live out our days. We have natural disasters, tornados, floods, fires, earthquakes, not to mention COVID and all the other diseases such as cancer, heart disease and so on, that can take our lives. In James 4:14, Whereas ye know not what shall be on tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeared for a little time, and then vanished away.

None of us know what this new year will bring. But we know that God has prepared a place for those that believe in Him. For those who put their faith in salvation, which was provided by Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. In Corinthians 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

With the new year 2022, you can be a new man, a new creature in Christ. Don't put it off another year.

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#### Spiritual Maturity

We begin another year with the same old promises, about weight loss and exercise and it usually will last four to six weeks and then it's over with, and we go back to our old routine, but what our spiritual health, something as Christians we should be working on every day.

1 Peter 2:1 Therefore, laying aside, all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. Peter describes the new Christian as a babe. I think everyone understands this concept. When a baby is born it can do very little on its own, it must have its mother and father to care for it. As time goes by the baby usually learns new things such as crawling then walking and talking, it goes from milk to meat in a matter of months. There are no shortcuts in learning all these things, it takes time. This same concept is true with new Christians, they must grow in spiritual maturity, one day at a time, there are no shortcuts. Being a Christian is a lifetime commitment, and no matter how old they we are we need to always be striving to grow.

There are for sure things that Christians must lay to the side, if they expect to grow, malice, means to injure or to hurt others physically or spiritually, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, this must be put away from our hearts, these things cannot exist in the life of one who wants to grow spiritually.

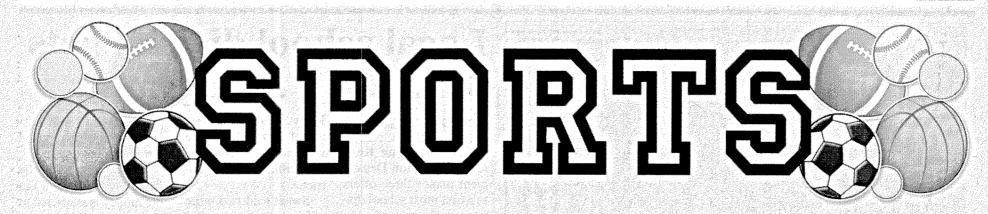
Guile means to speak evil of our brother or sister in Christ, things that are not founded, lies, hypocrisies. The word envy means to resent someone for their talents or achievements in life. When it comes to the church, we are to encourage one another and support one another because we all have talents, and they are all important for the church to grow. Envy that is out of control is like a raging fire, it never ceases to burn if there is this attitude among children of God.

Peter says if you are truly saved, and you know what it is like to have the promise of eternal life, put these childlike traits, out of your life, and grow in the word of God.

Thank you for reading this message, next week if the Lord wills, we will look at some things we can do as Christians to help us grow. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church you can reach us at these# 606-224-1480 or 859-582-4021.

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# Rockets are now 8-7

## Go 3-3 in holiday action

The Rockcastle Rockets went 3-3 in their holiday tournament season, with wins over Rowan County, Apollo and Crittenden and losses to Cooper, Harlan County and Grayson Co. and are now 8-7 on the season.

Tuesday night, December 21st, the Rockets played the Cooper Jaguars in the Legacy Nissan Dribble Drive Challenge at South Laurel and lost 60-49. A slow starting first quarter, that saw the Rockets only score two points (both free throws), while the Jaguars were pouring in 16 points pretty much determined the outcome of the game.

Both teams scored 17 points in the second quarter, the Jaguars won the third quarter 10-6 and the Rockets took the fourth quarter 24-15 but it was too little too late.

Drew Hopkins led the scoring for the Rockets with 14 points, including three three point baskets and he also pulled down four rebounds. Daniel Mullins hit two threes and scored 12 points in the game; Reese Coguer and Skyler Durham each got eight points with Coguer also accounting for four rebounds; Broedy Dunaway and Matthew Chasteen scored three points each and Chasteen took rebounding honors with seven and Kaden Kidwell got one point.

The next night, the Rockets took on the Harlan Green Dragons and lost their second game of the tourney 78-58.

Harlan turned in a hot first quarter, scoring 25 points to the Rockets 13 and the Rockets were never able to make up the difference, even falling further behind in the next three quarters 51-45.

Mullins was the only Rocket in double figures with 11 points, 9 from three point baskets; Coguer got 9; Hopkins and Dunaway, 8 each; Chasteen scored 6; Jake Sanders 5; Walker Craig 4; Durham 3 and Kidwell 2.

Sanders led in rebounds with five; Mullins and Dunaway got four each and Hopkins, Coguer and Chasteen grabbed 3 each.

The Rockets continued their free throw shooting woes, hitting only 10 of 21 for 47.6%.

The Rockets played their final game of the tournament on Thursday, December 23rd and took a close one from the Rowan County Vikings 49-46.

The Rockets were down 23-18 at the half but a strong third quarter put them up 34-31 and they managed to tie the fourth quarter with the Vikings 15 all for the win

Mullins put together a strong game with 18 points, including three three point baskets; Hopkins scored 13 points, including going 4-4 from the free throw line; Sanders got 10, eight of them in the third quarter; Coguer scored four points and Sanders and Kidwell two each.

Chasteen took rebounding honors with seven, followed closely by Hopkins with six and Mullins corralled four.

The Rockets went four for seven from three point range and 9 for 18 free throws.

December 28, 29 and 30, the Rockets played in the Magnolia Bank Holiday Classic at Larue County, winning two and losing one.

In the first game, the Rockets easily took the measure of the Apollo Eagles 75-51.

The Rockets took control early, winning the first quarter 25-11 behind five three point baskets, three from Mullins and two by Hopkins.

The team tied the second at 14 all and the Rockets took the second half 36 to 26.

12 Rockets played in the game with eight getting into the scoring column. Mullins led the scoring with 21 points, 15 coming off of three point shots; Chasteen was the only other player in double figures with 11 points; Coguer scored nine: Hopkins, Dunaway and Durham got six points each; Craig scored four and Landon Dillingham two. Chasteen pulled down

Chasteen pulled down nine rebounds to lead his team; Sanders got six: Hopkins, Mullins and Coguer had four each; Durham three and Dillingham two.

The Rockets free throw percentage improved, going eight for 10 with Chasteen hitting five of seven attempts.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, the Rockets faced off with the Grayson Co. Coguars and lost a heartbreaker 68-66.

The Rockets took the first quarter 24-21 but Grayson Co. was up 42-33 at the half. The Rockets tried to come back in the second half but fell just short, outscoring the Coguars 33-26.

Mullins was high point man in the game with 26 points, 16 of them coming in the first quarter behind four threes. Hopkins and Sanders each tossed in 13; Coguer got six; Chasteen four; Dunaway three and Kidwell one.

Chasteen once again took rebounding honors with nine; Hopkins got five; Durham four; Mullins and Coguer three each and Dunaway and Sanders two each

The final game of the tournament was Thursday, December 30th and Rockcastle took care of the Crittenden County Rockets 63-41.

The Rockcastle Rockets took three of the four quarters in scoring, 13-11, 9-10, 21-15 and 20-5 with Hopkins 23 points leading the way. Hopkins got six three point baskets in the game to Crittenden's five for the whole team. Mullins scored 14 points; Coguer got 13; Sanders six; Chasteen and Durham had three points each and Dillingham one.

Rebounding for the team was evenly distributed with Hopkins getting five; Mullins and Chasteen four each; Craig and Sanders 3 each and Coguer, Kidwell and Dunaway two each.

The Rockets were scheduled to play a district doubleheader at Somerset Tuesday night (after press time) with the Lady Rockets and then participate in the Raymond Reed Classic at SouthLaurel January 8th at 2:30 against Whitley County. Tuesday, January 11th, the Rockets will host Anderson County.



Lady Rocket Talynne Shearer pulled down 17 rebounds in the Lady Rockets' 56-50 loss to Henry Clay.

# Lady Rockets win four, lose four in holiday tourneys

The Lady Rockets are now 5 and 7 on the season, after going 4 and 4 in their Christmas season tournaments at Madison Central and South Warren.

Following their third game of the Adams Buick GMC Holiday Hoopfest at Madison Central (a loss to the Lafayette Lady Generals), 'the' Lady Rockets played the Henry Clay Lady Blue Devils on Tuesday, December 21st and came up just short 56-50.

The Lady Rockets led at the first quarter stop 16-14 but were down 30-28 at the half. The Rockets were still down at the third quarter stop 42-40. Talynne Shearer scored the only field goals for her team in the fourth, four, and Taylor King added two free throws while the Lady Blue Devils picked up 16 points for the final 56-50.

Shearer led the scoring for her team with 16 points and grabbed a game high 17 rebounds; Keelee King was the only other player in double figures with 11, including three three point baskets; Karlee Smith and Taylor King each scored six points; Addison McClure got five; Calliegh Burdette four and Camryn Cash two.

The Lady Rockets then journeyed to South Warren to play in the FirstBank Holiday Bash where they beat Owensboro and Oldham County and lost to Marshall County and Newport Central Catholic.

In the 62-41 win over Owensboro, 12 Lady Rockets played and nine scored in the game which was never in doubt.

The Rockets lost the first quarter 12-11 but that was the highpoint for the Lady Devils as the Rockets came out strong in the second and third quarters, outscoring the Devils 40-16.

The Rockets only senior, Addison McClure, had a big night, scoring 17 points, including three of four three point field goal attempts and grabbing four rebounds. King

got 12 points, hitting two threes and going 4-4 from the free throw line; Haven King scored 11 points; Talynne Shearer got 10 points and led in rebounds again with six. Calliegh Burdette scored four points and Karlee Smith, Taylor King, Macy Spivey and Abby Deleon each scored two points. Besides Shearear's six rebounds, Cash and McClure corralled four each and Keelee King and Karlee

Smith each got three.

The next day, December 29th, the Lady Rockets squared off with the Lady Colonels of Oldham County and, without the services of junior Keelee King due to a knee injury, two other Kings took up the slack and helped the Lady Rockets to a 58-51 win.

The Lady Rockets took the first three quarters, 15-13, 11-10, 16-11 and lost the fourth 17-16.

Sophomore Haven King led the scoring with 11, and took rebounding honors with 10. Her sister, eighth grader Taylor King got 10 points; Shearer, along with Calliegh Burdette, got 9 points (Burdette also grabbed four rebounds); McClure scored eight points; eighth grader Macy Spivey scored five points; Karlee Smith four and Camryn Cash one, along with four rebounds.

McClure hit the only three point basket for her team.

Against Marshall County the same day, the Lady Rockets did not fare as well, losing 53-36.

Still without the services of junior Keelee King, the Rockets played 15 players and nine scored, none in double figures.

A big first quarter by the Lady Marshal's Langhi's 10 points helped give Marshall Co. a 16-5 edge and the Marshall extended it to 29-14 at the half. The two teams each scored 24 points in the second half.

Leading scorer for the Lady Rockets was Shearer with eight points. She also tied with Haven King for leading

rebounder with four each. Other Lady Rockets scoring were: Taylor King, 6; Cash 5; Smith and Spivey, 4 each; Haven King 3 and Burdette, McClure and Brylee Mullins, 2 each.

With Keelee King still out of the lineup, the Lady Rockets closed out 2021 with a close 59-55 loss to Newport Central Catholic on December 30th.

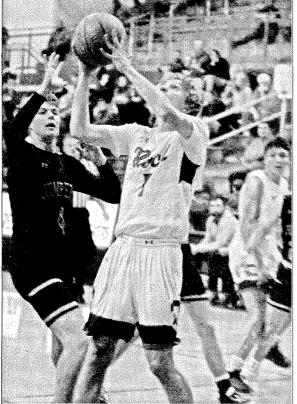
The Lady Rockets took the first quarter 14-7 but it was all downhill after that with the Lady Thoroughbreds getting the next three quarters 13-12, 26-18 and 13-11.

Newport Catholic's Turner took game honors with 32 points, hitting 11 of 16 free throws.

Shearer was the only Lady Rocket in double figures with 11 points, and she pulled down four rebounds, along with Haven King; Smith scored 9 points; Burdette, Taylor King and Spivey each got 8 points; McClure scored 5 and Camryn Cash, Savannah Santo and Haven King each scored 2 points.

The Lady Rockets only hit three of 11 three point field goal attempts with Shearer, McClure and Burdette each getting

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to travel to Somerset Tuesday night (after press time) for a doubleheader district game with the Rockets. Saturday night, January 8th, the Rockets will play Conner at Franklin County at 3:30 p.m. in the Bluegrass Orthopedic/Penn Station Tourney. They will then be at North Laurel Tuesday night, January 11th.



Senior Drew Hopkins led the Rockets with 23 points in their 63-41 win over Crittenden County. The Rockets went 3-3 in holiday play.

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#### Deeds Recorded

Donald S. and Brenda Kaye Parsons, property in Rockcastle County, to Gordon and Stella Hisel, Jeffery Alan Johnson and Felisha Marie Murphy. Tax \$10

James and Darlene Jones, property on Tulip Circle Lane, to Robert N. and Emily Nicole Jones. No tax

Dale and Joyce Lark, property in Brodhead, to Susan Palladino. Tax \$25

Kermit R. Bowling and Cynthia Plummer, property on waters of Renfro Creek, to Judy and Cecil King. Tax \$300

Roger Rowe and Roxie Rowe, property on Rocky Road, to Clyde Chrisopher and Hazel Gail Powell. No tax

Tracy Bullock, property in Cedar Heights Subdy., to Ernest Aaron and Kelly Ann Mobley. Tax \$135

Jason and Olivia Abney, property in Conway, to Jesse R. and Virginia K. Adams. Tax \$110

Connie Hunt, property on Perciful St., Mt. Vernon, to Bobby and Ruthetta Allen. Tax \$155

Pedro Ramos, property on Old State Road, to My Kentucky Homes LLC. Tax \$35

Michael Bradley, property in Rockcastle County, to James A. and Peggy Burus and Barry T. Bruner. Tax \$160

Donna Joyce Abney, Shirley Bullen, Tammy VanWinkle and Timothy and Cynthia VanWinkle, property on Vanzant Road, to Donna Joyce Abney and Timothy VanWinkle. Tax \$10

Harry James and Diana Sue Martin, property in Rockcastle County, to Benjamin Price and Ella Kincaid Morin. Tax \$15.50

Creek Bottom Properties LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Larry and Natalie Stone. Tax \$152

Shaun Tracy Poynter, property on Hwy. 1505, to Lisa Beuhler. Tax \$90

Robert C. and Zannie G. Robinson, property in Rockestle County, to Karen A. Durham. No tax

M.S.P.C. Development Inc., property in Sunny Dale Estates, to Mark W. and Lauren L. Whittamore. Tax \$22

Charles Robert and Kimberly J. Isaacs, property on KY 1912, to Tyler Christian Lamb. No tax

Fred N. Hampton III and Racheal Hampton, property in Pine Hill Community, to Delbert Hines. Tax \$6

Joshua C. and Jessica L. Dollins, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy and Ashley McKeehan. Tax \$6.50

Michael R. and Lynette H. Barr, property in Rockcastle County, to J. Stephen and Onna K. Owens. Tax \$5

Danny and Betty Jo McKinney, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeremy and Melissa Neeley. Tax \$140

Joseph and Jennifer Whitehead, property in Rockcastle County, to Christian and Brittany

Bach. Tax \$82 James R. Prewitt and

Keisha A. Thompson,

property on Old Scaffold Cane Road, to Kimberly Lynn and Rion Lawatatha Landrum. Tax \$230

Charles and Erin Marie King, property in Rockcastle County, to Charles Smith and Martha Epperson, Tax \$12.50

Kathy Ingram, property in Lakeside Subdv., to Kathylee Ingram Cameron. No tax

Matthew and Loren Maples, property on old KY 461, to King's Rental, LLC. Tax \$90

Roxana Figueroa, property in Burr Community, to Sohail Khan. Tax

Delia M. Abney, property on Main St., to WeStoreIt, LLC, Tax \$25

Nora Johnson, property in Scaffold Cane section, to The Linda K. Harris Revocable Trust. Tax

Emily Coffey, property on Niceley Avenue, to Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Care Center. Tax \$165

Melissa K. Mink, property in Benton Bullock Subdy., to Teresa Petrey. Tax \$4

Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Lena Gail Holbrook, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark and Teresa Lunsford. Tax \$16

Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Lena Gail Holbrook, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark and Teresa Lunsford. Tax \$8

Jeffrey C. and Amber Hodges Cromer, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdy., to David and Rachel Kirby. Tax \$245

Clara Louise and Johnny Benge, and others, property on West St., Brodhead, to Jason Proctor. Tax \$106

Patricia S. McKinney, property on US 150, to David Collins. Tax \$10

Eddie Powell, property in Rockcastle County, to Amy Wyatt. No tax

Charles and Bobbie Saylor, property southwest of Conway, to Kimberly Anne and Robert William Stone. Tax \$300

Joshua Shane Dixon, property on Flat Gap Road, to Horn Investments, LLC. No tax

#### Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Joann Dixon, 26, Brodhead, data entry and Jacob Tyler Bullock, 27, Brodhead, laborer. 12/10/21

Cynthia Lee Cochran, 62, New Albany, IN, retired and Terry Lee Wilson, 59, Brodhead, retired. 12/14/21

Destiny Danielle Bryant, 23, Orlando, hospital clerk and Shane Vincent Linville, Jr., 23, Orlando, inventory clerk. 12/17/21

Donna Marie Crow, 59, Irvine, director of non-profit and Ralph Edward McClanahan II, 73, Cumberland Gap, TN. 12/20/21

Alison Lee Birney-Davis, 44, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and James Edward Hughes, 69, Mt. Vernon, retired. 12/27/21

#### District Court

Dec. 12-13, 2021 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless Penny Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$163), four days in jail or payment in full.

Lydia B. Frederick: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of nonowner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/\$250 suspended on condition.

Speeding: Kiana Harris, \$38 fine/suspended on condition of attending state traffic school and pay costs; Beulah Jane Nolan, license suspended

William J. Gilbert: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ substances, sentencing order entered.

Chad Everett Mahaffey: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and rear license not illuminated, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear

Amanda Marlowe: theft by unlawful taking, drinking alcohol in public place and disorderly conduct, bw issued for

Garrett Payne: unlawful transaction with a minor, bw issued for fta.

Heather Payne: unlawful transaction w/a emag ent to neme minor, bw issued for fta.

Elizabeth A. Traugott: alcohol intoxication in a public place, harassing communications, falsely reporting an incident, bw issued for fta.

Susan Amburgey Underwood: no/expired registration plates - receipt.

Ethan Watson: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, sentencing order entered.

Samuel Christopher West: receiving stolen property, bw issued for fta

James Ray Allen: public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and terroristic threatening (three counts), bw issued for

Gary M. Berryman: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Jarrad Allan Davidson: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued

Renea McDaniels: possession controlled substance and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.

Krise Mullins: fines/ fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/five days in ail or payment in full.

Frankie Wayne Wilburn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Melissa D. Winn: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 as soon as possible

## Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray State Representative Budget, redistricting expected to dominate session

When we convene the 2022 Regular Session on Tuesday, January 4, we start the clock on a 60-day session and an ex-

tensive list of goals to accomplish. Before we adjourn on April 15, we must craft a responsible budget, plan

to invest federal COVID-relief funds wisely, redraw legislative and congressional district lines appropriately, and address storm recovery in west and western Kentucky and pandemic relief needs across our commonwealth. In addition, we will continue our efforts to improve child welfare, reform public assistance programs, and fill gaps in our approach to the mental health crisis. I hope to continue providing legislative updates throughout session and appreciate the opportunity to publish them here.

Redistricting: It looks like the first issue we will tackle is voting on new district boundaries for state legislative, congressional, and judicial seats. The Kentucky constitution requires states to redraw legislative district boundaries to reflect population changes since the last census. Drawing these maps requires following often conflicting legal and constitutional considerations. Late last week, a group of lawmakers working on the redistricting proposal released a preview of the House plan. While we are all still reviewing the possible changes to our districts, I think we agree that this proposal represents a committed effort to meet all legal considerations while respecting communities and appreciate the efforts of those who have spent months working on the plan. This plan does not split a single precinct in the entire state and every district is entirely contiguous and as compact as practicable given variables like topography and existing county preeinct lines. This has not always been the case. For comparison, consider that redistricting plans passed by previous legislatures included more than 150 divided precincts. Currently, we have a district that reaches from the Tennessee state line to a community 30 minutes from downtown Louisville. Population shifts required the combination of existing House districts and the plan ultimately combines four pairs of incumbents - two sets of democrats and two sets of republicans. As with all legislation, this measure is subject to change. I do expect that we will vote on a final plan by the end of our first week so that we can return our focus to the budget and other issues. State Budget: According to

the Kentucky Constitution, the legislature must approve a spending plan for the state's agencies and programs. The budget must be balanced, meaning we can spend no more than we can pay for with state revenue. The constitution also requires the state's budget begin in the House of Representatives. The budget is often referred to as the most important policy document that we pass. After all, one glance at someone's checkbook will tell you more about their priorities than anything they say. Our current spending plan reflects our commitment to responsibly investing tax dollars into programs that benefit the people of Kentucky. We allocated historic amounts to education, water and waste-water infrastructure, and broadband expansion. After spending the spring, summer, and fall preparing to craft a spending plan for the next two fiscal years, I am looking forward to building on that foundation.

Tax Modernization: I want the people of Kentucky to work more for themselves and less to pay taxes to state government. However, decades of poor political leadership created billions in pension debt and exploding Medicaid program costs. While we did not cause the debt, we must fix the problems and meet our financial obligations. We have two options: raise taxes or grow our economy. Raising taxes hurts working Kentuckians, but growing the economy gets

more Kentuckians in goodpaying jobs. One of the best ways to create jobs is modernizing the tax code in ways that make sense with the current economy. Our tax code is outdated, complicated, and better suited to the economy of 1970 than today. The legislature started modernizing taxes before the pandemic and efforts to broaden the base and lower tax rates so that more people pay less were paying off when the first case of COVID was diagnosed. These changes are part of the reason state revenue is faring well today. After all, prior to the pandemic we were on track to shatter state revenue records and saw record high investments in economic development. I am hopeful we will consider additional changes that benefit the people of our state.

Storm Recovery/Emergency Preparedness: Now that major portions of west and western Kentucky face the aftermath of December's deadly tornadoes, we are assessing what role the legislature needs to play in helping communities and individuals recover. While we have federal emergency agencies at work in the area now, we know they will not be there forever. It is up to us to look at long term policies that will help rebuild these communities, get people back to work and school, and help folks restore their lives. This tragedy also drives home the need to review how our state approaches emergencies and what we can do to better prepare for them in the future.

Like you, I want this state to be the best place to live and work so that every Kentuckian has an opportunity to reach their full potential. That philosophy will guide every vote I take between now and April 15. I hope you will feel free to contact me over the next few weeks. You can reach me by calling 502-564-8100, through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, by e-mail at Josh, Bray@LRC, KY, GOV. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature's Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook @Josh Bray Kentucky State Representative or on Twitter with the control of t

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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 Povery Guidelines.

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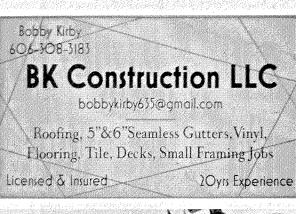
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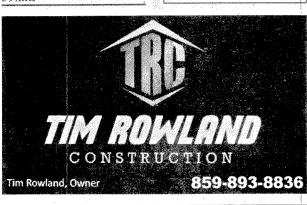
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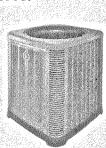
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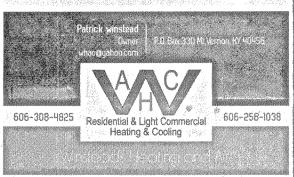
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