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Board sees first glimpse of new RCMS project

Preliminary plans

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board got their first look at the first concept for the new \$34 million middle school building project, during

the regular monthly meeting last week. The new RCMS building will be located adjoining the old gym (and toward the football field) of the existing building.

Derek Phillips. representative of Deco

Architects from Somerset, said his 12member team has been working full time on the new Rockcastle County Middle School Building project and focusing on new and improved ideas including a "gymatorium."

According to Super-

intendent Carrie Ballinger, the project is expected to begin in April of 2023 and be completed by January of 2025. Officials say the project will be approached in separate phases in order to minimize interruption of classes and will start

with the demolition of the existing middle school except for the gymnasium, and the new structure will be built onto that remaining structure. "We have to leave that gym," said Phillips. "With new requirements we can't even build a gym like that anymore. So we have to keep that gym and build on from there."

Phillips said the presentation at the meeting is preliminary and may change slightly or completely by the time the project is approved for construction. "But this is a good starting point. We are about 15% complete in the design phase and will seek your input throughout the process," Phillips told the board.

However, there are some parts of the project that are dictated by the state and will not change much. One constant is the approximate size of the structure. "The size of the building is dictated by the state and based on the number of students enrolled. Using this calculation provided

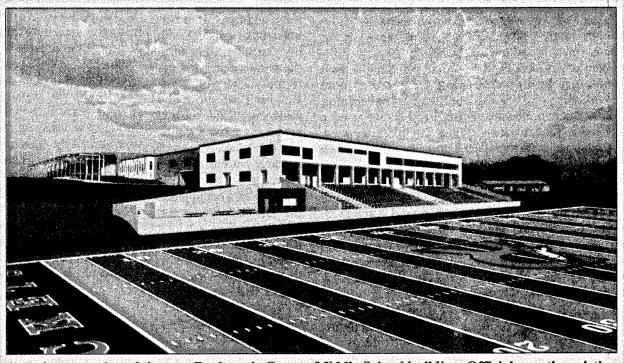
by the Kentucky Department of Education, this middle school building will include 19 classrooms at 750 square feet each. Including the gymatorium, cafeteria, administration and all other needs the school itself will be about 90,500 square feet. (For perspective, two football fields side-by-side equals about 90,500 square feet.) Ballinger said she had petitioned the state to allow the building to be bigger than the standard calculations allow, in order to prepare for the future. "If the county grows, we had hoped to be proactive and have a building that could accept the growth," she said. However, that petition was denied and the district is forced by law to use the KED

The existing middle school is 116,224 square feet but was designed as a high school for four grades (9 through 12) while this building is designed for only three grades, 6 through 8. according to Director of

calculations for size.

(See "RCMS" on A5)

New RCMS plans



Artist's conception of the new Rockcastle County Middle School building. Officials say the existing middle school will be demolished except the gymnasium, and the new structure will be built onto that gym.

Under consideration

Fiscal court asked to take action against police chief

By: Mike French

The drama continues. After two consecutive explosive and volatile meetings in the City of

Livingston earlier this month, police were called and a KSP investigation began. A special called meeting started with a third reading of a water

ordinance, holding land-

The deadline to file to

run for office in the No-

vember General Election

has passed. In some

seats available than there are candidates running

Deadline to be

is October 28th

cases, there are more seats available.

write-in candidate

overdue water bills. The meeting ended with two separate altercations, including one involving the Livingston Police Chief who ordered a city mayoral candidate to leave the building.

The second meeting later that week again resulted in Mayor Dwane King asking guests to

for office. For example,

only three candidates

have filed to run for of-

fice in the race for Mount

Vernon City Council.

However, there are six

In this case, if the re-

(See "Write" on A5)

lords responsible for leave the premises. No police presence was available at the second meeting.

After the meeting was

adjourned, and altercations were halted, police investigators and the Rockcastle County Attorney's office began lar monthly meeting of

investigating accusations of assault and incompetence from both sides.

Last week, at the regu-

the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, many of that same crowd, who were in-

(See "Chief" on A5)

Citizens speak out against crime -

By: Mike French

In a special called fiscal court meeting earlier this month, magistrates questioned the efficiency and use of the budget capabilities of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department. Magistrates suggested the fiscal court funds the department with enough funds to pay the salaries of five full time deputies but expressed road deputies work for

the department. Accusations, though respectful, followed that there should be some explanation for how the funding is being used. Magistrates complained that there are times that Rockcastle County has no deputy on duty and told of specific incidents where no sheriff's Department officer could be lo-

Sheriff Franklin and Dale

concern that only two cated during emergen- McNew, deputy and ficies. A nance officer, were on the Shannon agenda to address those (See "Growth" on A5)

Red, White, and Ride Day to be held July 4

By: Mike French

The Brodhead CARES Committee will host a Red, White and Ride Day

on Monday, July 4 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will include only rides without (See "Ride" on A5)

Fireworks show to be July 3

The Blast in the Valley is planned for Sunday, July 3 at the same location in Renfro Valley. However, this year, there are no plans for inflatables or bands as in years past.

According to officials at City Hall in Mount Vernon and the fiscal court, the prices rose this year and both entities voted to only sponsor the fireworks show at about dusk.

The City of Mount Vernon and the fiscal court split the cost of the fireworks by donating \$15,375 each but, according to officials at city hall, the tourism department has elected to do away with the extra events, including concessions and

Everyone is invited to attend the massive fireworks display and you may bring your own cooler.



Gary Mink, Stanley Cook, Tonya Cook, Chamber President Steve McKinney, Mayor Mike Bryant, Chamber Treasurer Lynn Tatum, Betty Frederick with Community Trust Bank, Jana Bray, Martha Cox, Kathy Robinson, Shelley Raines-Lewis and Jordan Bales took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday for the new Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce office and St. Clair History Garden on Main and Richmond Streets.

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ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Granddaughter Caroline Coguer has spent the last four weeks or so in Italy as au pair to a family with two children.

The children are school age so her duties are primarily to speak English to them. They were still in school when she arrived and only got out about mid June. They go to school six days a week, but their day ends at 1:30 (they don't eat lunch at school).

Caroline was very homesick shortly after arriving there but that seems to have gotten a lot better. Trips with the family to Milan and other cities in Italy probably helped that a lot.

There's quite a bit of difference in their lifestyle, as compared to ours. The two things that Caroline has commented on the most is that their home is not air conditioned and that almost everything they eat is fresh. Their home is old (in a gated community) with excellent air flow which seems to alleviate the air conditioning dilemma somewhat.

Caroline sent us the menu for lunch one day. (In Caroline language): artichokes cooked in vinegar and brined in oil; peppers with something; salami (fresh from her parents' butchery); peccorino cheese (from her parents butchery); olives; arugula with prosciutto and lemon and olive oil; some sort of sausage; steak.

Caroline has always been the adventurous one of the heat wave from last in the family and I am so week but I hear that there and we were talking happy that she has gotten to experience this. It will be something to remember the rest of her life.

Now all we have to

worry about is getting her home. The actual trip over took from early Thursday afternoon to Friday about 9 p.m. their time (which is six hours ahead of us). The actual travel time took seven hours longer than originally scheduled what with cancelled/delayed flights, changes in itinerary (landing in Frankfurt, Germany instead of Munich as originally scheduled), etc. But it is what it is with the air-

big loss of air traffic controllers and pilots over the vaccine mandate that airlines still have not made up for.

These are perilous times for us all. How anyone can not be anxious living in our present society is beyond me. There have been fires in food distribution centers across the country, an egg production facility burned to the ground, killing 200,000 chickens, thousands of head of beef cattle and now goats are dropping dead, supposedly from the heat which doesn't seem to be affecting milk cows, horses or other animals and there

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Society changes so quickly. In my short, little life I have seen the world become an entirely differ- the first color television ent place.

I remember very well the day I watched national news programs where the anchors were asking business executives "what is this internet thing?"

I remember very well line industry these days. the first car phone sold in There was reportedly a my hometown. It attached to the car. I covered the event for a newspaper.

> I remember when someone suggested I get a "home computer." And when I did get one, I thought I was the biggest deal in town. It had 64K of memory. (Less than some cigarette lighters have today.)

> I remember well when automatic transmissions in cars were a rarity. If you didn't know how to drive a stick, you were

I remember when power steering became popular. Turning the steering wheel of a car built biceps. Car air conditioning was also something one didn't see very accin reco often.

I remember very well I ever saw.

I remember when one of the biggest joys in life was going for a ride in the back of a pick-up truck. We would spend the entire day riding through country roads with the wind in our hair and the sun on our faces. Freedom existed in those days. American citizens chose their own fate. It was a good time.

I remember when three-wheelers were the top recreational toy. Four-wheelers and sideby-sides were never heard of.

I remember the first time I entered a room with air conditioning. Before that, we used a huge fan in our window.

I remember when there was no such thing as running water in our home. We had a pump out back and I used to fill our bucket each morning.

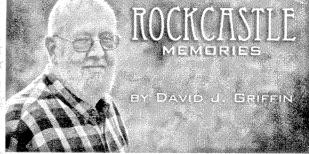
This one sounds odd but I remember when we used to drink out of creeks. No one ever got sick from it.

I remember standing in the "smoking pit" in the Madison Central High School parking lot where all us kids met to smoke between classes and we were admiring each other's new rifles. Each of our trucks had rifles in the rear window. We were free citizens in those days. No one shot

kids anade toys out of whatever they found laying around. We didn't have plastic or fiberglass. I have spent all day playing with a stick. Yeah that sound boring now. But at the time it was a wonderful, summer day.

I remember a time when people who did things that were a sin, sort of hid it and didn't try to force the rest of the

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Love My Yard

I have always loved working in my yard, no matter what my address was at the time. When my wife and I were first married, we lived in a townhouse in Lexington. As a teacher and coach, I decided to supplement my summer salary and began a lawn service mowing a dozen yards on Chinoe Road and the Tates Creek area.

My boys (Andy and Todd) were young at the time, and they often volunteered to assist me with my yards. One day when the temperature was extremely hot, Todd was watching me mow and said to me, "Dad, you better let me mow a while, you don't look so good." After a couple of trips around the yard, behind my mower, Todd handed the job back to me and said, "Here Dad, you look better now."

When we moved to Furnace Mountain in 1991, Todd sometimes

helped me with my nev yard. Todd was the younger of my boys: he was killed in an automo bile accident when he was a mere 15 years of age or Memorial Day weekend.

Like many young boys Todd loved to play in the woods, which he had the opportunity to do righ next to our home on Fur nace Mountain. He ofter took our Cocker Spanie with him when he walked in the wooded area. Afte his death, we purchased that portion of woods from our neighbor and dedicated the area in his memory.

Over several years, we developed a casual shaded, circular patl through the area. At the very back of the walk, my wife placed a concrete bench that previously be longed to her late father We also had bird feeders small animal figurines and manicured areas tha look over the mountain toward Lexington in the

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The Impending Heat Wave

I managed to survive is another heat wave coment ing for this upcoming week. According to the weather reports, the temperatures are to be in the

mid-nineties most all week. I don't know how much more I can stand. Dear Journal,

I was talking to my brother, Don, last week about the heat in the summer growing up back home. It was in the days when nobody had any air conditioning. In fact, you were lucky to have a fan. Most families only had one fan if they had one at all. That fan wasn't even turned on until midday when it got fairly hot trying in order to save on the electric.

My grandparents next door had a big two story house and they had a huge fan in the upstairs window that would blow in either direction, in or out depending on the need. You could blow the hot air out or blow the cool night air in. It actually worked pretty well

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Louisvile Science Center show was hit with students...

Dear Editor,

Nearly young and old, left the library last Friday afternoon with smiles and a sense of wonder and excitement on their face. They had just witnessed eruptions of liquids to the ceiling, fireballs, explosions, smoking liquids

turning into a mountain of foam (all controlled and safe) plus color changing reactions in the show, "Ion Jones and the Lost Castle of Chemis try," which taught the audience about elements and chemical reactions, presented by the Louisville Science Center.

Kudos to Ms. Pam Chaliff and her staff for always providing a safe,

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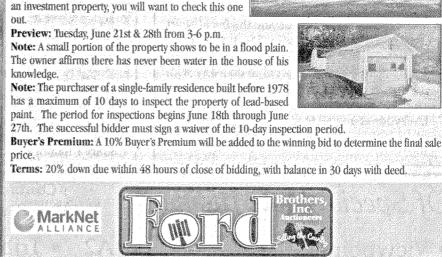
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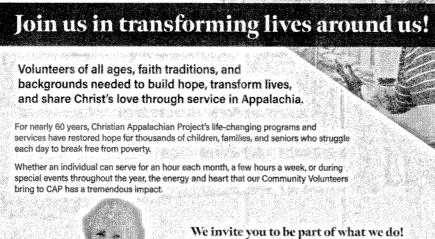




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Ramblings

(Continued from A2) have been six coal train derailments in the last 30 days across the country. There is also still a severe baby formula shortage, in a country widely consid-

ered to be the most advanced in the world, and now reports of a widespread shortage of feminine hygiene products? But do not be concerned because we have been assured by Resident Biden just recently that Ameri-

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, June 27th: No service. Tuesday, June 28th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

Volunteer Fair

Volunteer Fair, Thursday, June 23rd, 12 pm - 2 pm at the Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Enjoy complimentary snacks, refreshments, and give-aways as you learn more about volunteer opportunities at Hospice Care Plus. Open to anyone aged 14 and up living in Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley or Rockcastle counties. Questions? Contact Mariah at 859-626-9292 or hospice@hospice.org. Details at hospicecareplus.org and on the event's Facebook page.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Monday, June 27th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be House District 86 State Representative Tom O'Dell. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information call 606-260-0490.

DBCAA Board Meeting

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office, located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. It can also be viewed by Zoom and a link will be made available. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Kiwanis Club meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all 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 Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

American Legion Post News

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

Tuesday-Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY Contact 859-308-8900

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

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

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

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

Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead: 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.

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

DAR Meetings

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

cans are reporting being "more comfortable now than in past administra-

tions."

This American did not report that. I have an 11 year old Dodge Caravan and, in the past, it cost me, tops, \$42 to fill my gas tank. The other day, it cost me \$88. I was, of course, on fumes but over double?

We are being warned repeatedly of grocery shortages coming, probably in the fall. We had better listen people. Diesel fuel keeps going up and up and I have heard truckers say on the news that there will come a point of no return when the only solution is to park their trucks. When that happens, we are truly going to realize how important trucks are to our daily existence.

But, be assured that Democracy is being safe guarded by the J6 public hearings being held on TV, by a "bipartisan" committee. Congressman Shifty Schiff is assuring us that he has personal knowledge of enough transgressions by former President Trump to assure his indictment on insurrection charges. The only problem with that is that the same congressman assured us for four years that he had personal knowledge of Trump's collusion with Russia to get elected in 2016 that somehow was NEVER BROUGHT TO LIGHT by said congressman even when the Mueller investigation turned up no proof of said collusion.

Somehow Washington officials never seem to get around to holding hearings on who financed the riots held all last summer which killed 19 people, destroyed billions of dollars in property and garnered tens of millions of dollars in donations to Black Lives Matter so they could buy several mansions but can't seem to find any funds to help improve black lives.

And, if you really want to see me worked up, let's discuss the current trend to expose our children to all the seamier elements of Pride Month. Elements which involve half or totally naked people marching in parades to celebrate diversity which means that you must tolerate my lifestyle no matter how public I insist that it be made.

Thank goodness, at least in our area, I cannot see our public library or our schools sponsoring "drag queen" performances for our children.

And, for those of you interested in seeing our Second Amendment survive. You had better contact our weasel of a senator MitchMcConnell who is reportedly working with Democrats to pass a

bill which will involve a red flag law which, in essence, means that if I get mad at someone and want to cause them grief, all I have to do is tell law enforcement that I believe they pose a danger to themselves or others and they will then have the right to take their guns ON MY SAY SO you know that whole guilty until proven innocent thing.

And, if you enjoyed a slight uptick in your take home pay after President Trump's tax cut, which benefited 82% of the middle class, get ready to kiss it goodbye. Resident Biden said just this past Sunday (a little while after he managed to fall off his bike from a stationary position), that 'we are going to"increase taxes" on "individuals as it relates to Trump's tax cut, which is inflationary. People going out and buying a yacht doesn't help the economy a whole lot." (I tried to tell the children about that whole yacht-buying thing).

One small bit of good news recently. Swimming's world governing body FINA on Sunday voted to restrict the participation of transgender athletes in elite women's competitions and create a working group to establish an "open category for them in some events as part of its new policy.

Meanwhile, our country is still being invaded, on a daily basis, by hundreds of illegal immigrants from Peru, Nicaragua, Cuba, Colmbia, Georgia, India, Russia and Venezuela and, the worst part, Resident Biden recently tasked Vice President Kamala Harris with heading up the federal task force to fight dis/misinformation. Now this, along with her duties of controlling the onslaught of illegal immigrants across our borders will, I'm afraid, cause her to be less capable of the latter. Yes, I'm being sarcastic.

Aces

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world to approve of it and make them a hero for doing it. A person's sexual preference was rather private. There were Christian moral values in those days.

Just a few years before I existed, there was a time when citizens were promised that Social Security was voluntary and would never, ever be mandatory and taken out of your check against your will.

I remember when it became law that people must wear seat belts in their own car. This is when Democrats learned they could do anything they want if they told their followers it was for their own good.

I remember when government decided to force people to buy car insurance. Oh the endless speeches we heard about how that could never, possibly lead to forcing people to buy other forms of insurance. That was a conspiracy theory at the time. We were called Communists for believing the government would ever try to force people to buy health insurance. Yes, I remember it well.

I remember when pets were considered animals and though we loved them, no animal was ever placed before any human being.

I remember when people obeyed cops. If we didn't, we got arrested. If we fought them or threatened their lives, we got shot. Yes, the good old days with law and order and respect.

I remember Victrolas and little plastic army men and cap pistols and dimmer switches on the floor and napping in the barn and prayer before class started and respect for police officers and obeying our teachers, and, children in school didn't need psychologists.

Everything is different now. People used to make their own choices in life and live in freedom.

Might just be me, but I miss it.

Memories (Continued from A2)

distance. We used to say that we had a modest home with a million-dol-

home with a million-dollar view. Todd used tostand in this area and stare into the distance for long periods of time. I think he loved the area as much as we did.

As we developed our walkway, we purchased an engraved, cedar sign saying, "Todd's Walk" and mounted it at the entrance of the circular path. Our friends and neighbors often commented how wonderful it was to casually stroll through the path. Because it is completely covered with a canopy of old oak, popular, maple, and hickory trees, the temperature is considerably lower there than it was anywhere on the rest of our property. The path

is almost completely covered with lush, green moss. Every time I walk in the area, I feel the presence of my son. It almost feels as if he is walking with me.

When my wife and I purchased our home in Mt. Sterling in 2019, I once again was given the opportunity to spend time working in my new yard.

During the first year, an ice storm took down an old Crab Apple tree in our front yard. We decided to have a tree service plant a new 5-inch caliper Red Sunset Maple tree that was about 15 feet tall. I was totally surprised to learn that the root ball was over 36 inches and weighed almost a half-ton.

When the workers dug the hole in my front yard, they asked me to come to the hole and see the condition of the soil in my yard. The hole was approximately three feet deep, and the soil was as black at the bottom as it was at the surface. The man in charge told me I could grow anything I wanted in this soil.

The gentleman was totally correct about how fertile this soil is. My grass "shoots" out of the ground and has to be mowed about every five days. People often comment on how nice and green my yard always looks. The flowers in my yard are extremely healthy and bloom all season.

I feel so blessed to have a great front and back yard. My lot is 100 feet wide and 200 feet deep. The back yard is huge and is completely fenced in. I have planted a grape arbor, and a Merloe Redbud tree in the back yard. We have blooming flowers in our front and back yards?

The "crowning jewel" in my back yard is a three seat Kentucky Red Cedar swing. It was made by a friend of mine from Stanton. When one of my friends comes to visit, I usually take them for a swing so we can relax in the shade.

So, if you come by for a visit, check in the back yard if I do not answer my door bell. I could be relaxing in my cedar swing, enjoying our most recent blessing.

You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

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Kenneth Hopkins

Kenneth Helton Hopkins, 101, of Mt. Vernon, father of Tony and Donna Hopkins, died Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 23, 2020 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dennis Wilder and will be livestreamed. Mr. Tony Hopkins will deliver the eulogy. Burial with Military Honors by the US Navy will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Donations are requested to: the First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 639, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Sig-

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

Cemetery Notices

Three Links Phillips Cemetery

Donations for the mowing andupkeep of the Three Links Phillips Cemetery can be sent to to: Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Checks should be made payable to Phillips Cemetery Fund.

Piney Grove Cemetery

The board of directors of Piney Grove Cemetery want to thank everyone for donations for upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Additional donations can be sent to: Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Silver St.,

Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Mowing will resume on June 8, 2022. We kindly ask that all decorations on grass be removed by 6 p.m. June

Thanks for your support and consideration.

Hansel Cemetery

Please send all donations for the upkeep of Hansel Cemetery at Pine Grove to Teresa and Corky Childress, 117 Jimson Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Negro Creek Cemetery Notice

All flowers on the ground at Negro Creek Cemetery need to be removed by Friday, July 1st.

Saylor Family Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Saylor Cemetery can be sent to: Saylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Susan Daugherty, 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Patty Isaacs, 104 Arrowhead Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403.

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery



Monthly Singing

Philadelphia Baptist Church Brodhead will be having our monthly singing June 26th at 3 p.m. New Harvest will be our guests. Everyone welcome.

VBS at Maretburg **Baptist Church**

Vacation Bible School will be held at Maretburg Baptist Church June 24th from 6 to 9 p.m. and June 25th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m

There will be Bible Study and, on Friday, there will be Pizza and on Saturday, hamburgers and hot dogs. There will also be outdoor activities, including a bounce house, corn hole, basketball, volleyball and

sidewalk chalk. Please join us, God has big plans for you!!

Event at Freedom Baptist

Please join us on Thursday, June 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church on Freedom School Road, Mt. Vernon.

Our kids will have rubber ducks to award their favorite Jeep, Chevy, Ford, golf cart, etc (collector car/ hobby car/any vehicle). You can receive more than one duck.

Park your vehicle and enjoy a FREE chili dog and water or soda.

Donations will be accepted for renovations for the Laurel Lake Camp Pool. Help us keep our kids cool in the camp pool!!

Reunions

Bond Reunion

Descendants of Nathan and Ibbie Bond are invited to a Family Reunion July 31st, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Main Shelter House, Springwood Park in Richmond. Indiana.

Bring a well-filled basket. For more info, call Nonetta Tunell, 765-935-5568.

Miller Reunion

The Miller Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 16th in the fellowship hall at Maple Grove Baptist Church. Descendants of: Bill and Susan Miller, John and Mary Miller, Orville and Ida Miller, Oliver and Harriett Miller and Irvine and Lydia Miller are invited to attend.

The reunion will begin at noon. Please bring a covered dish.

For more information, call Penny at 758-4489.

For Sale

Brown leather couch and chair. Ph. 606-758-4819 or 606-682-4069

Need death dates or names put on your loved ones headstones?

> **Call Larry Barnett** 606-872-0659

Over 10 Years Experience

Lydia Josephine Willey

Lydia Josephine Willey, 96, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at her home. She was born on December 2, 1925 in Rockcastle County, the daugh-



ter of the late William Thomas and Lula Mae Payne Stephens. She was a homemaker, a midwife, assisted with family deaths, and helped build caskets. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, fishing, and was a member of First Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors are: two nephews, Mike Miller and Pat, and Donnie Doan and

Nevanda; and four nieces, Linda McClure and Delno, JoAnn Foster and Jack, Gracie Jo Sabaston, and Virginia Caudill. Over six generations of nieces and nephews also survive.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Carson; one brother, Dennis Stephens; and two sisters, Mary Hazel Miller Doan, and Georgia Grace Decker.

Pallbearers were: Austin Hubbard, Tommy McClure, Jason Miller, Brian Evans, Sean Evans, and Coty Evans. Honorary pallbearers were Carlos McClure and John McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Wendell Martin officiating. Burial was in First Church of Jesus Christ Cemetery. rivina mile i ilicarazan baileri bil

REVIVAL

WHERE: Conway Missionary **Baptist Church**

WHEN: Sunday, June 26th thru Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 WHO: Evangelists will be students from Clear Creek Baptist College SERVICES:

June 26th (11:00a.m.)Collin Coots June 26th (6:00 p.m.) Michael Deland June 27th (7:00 p.m.) Thomas Schnitzler June 28th (7:00 p.m.) Thomas Schnitzler June 29th (7:00 p.m.) Collin Coots SPECIAL SINGING EACH SERVICE

Pastor Bobby Turner EVERYONE WELCOMEIIII

Knowing God as our Father

Why is knowing our Heavenly Father important? Some people only call on their father when they are in a bind, whether we are talking about our physical father or our spiritual Father. But I want to talk about knowing our Heavenly Father, having a relationship with him, where I know him, and he knows me. We can read numerous examples in the bible how God became upset with his people Israel because they didn't know him. Judges 10:14 They were told to go and cry unto the Gods which you have chosen. Jeremiah 2:28 Where are the Gods that you have made for yourselves? When the children of Israel were in a crisis or coming under oppression by someone, they remembered the God that had always delivered them. But shortly after being delivered they would turn their backs on God, indicating to God that they truly didn't know him.

God created all of humanity, the good the bad and the ugly. But he is only the Heavenly Father to those who accept him as such. Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously ever man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our Fathers?

Acts 17:27-28 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us: V 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring. Gal. 3:26 For in Christ Jesus are all sons of God,

I John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given

to us, that we should be called children of God; and so,

John 1: 12:13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood not of the will of the flesh not of the will of man, but of God.

Philippians 2:15 That you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish amid a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

What a blessing to know that we can, thru the blood of Christ have a relationship where we know God as our heavenly Father, and he knows us as his children!

Everyone Welcome

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

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Mamaw's Kitchen



By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CREAMY **CUCUMBERS** 1 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip ®

1/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup white vinegar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon fresh dill. optional

4 cups peeled sliced cucumbers

In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, and salt. Add cucumbers; toss to coat. Cover; refrigerate for 2 hours. FRESH CUCUMBER

SALAD These stay fresh in the refrigerator up to 2 months!

7 cups unpeeled pickling cucumbers sliced

1 cup sliced onions 1 cup sliced green peppers, optional 1 tablespoon salt 1 cup white vinegar

1/2 cup sugar 1 teaspoon celery seed 1 teaspoon mustard seed

Mix cucumbers, onions, peppers (if desired, and salt; set aside. Put vinegar, sugar, celery seed, and mustard seed in a pot and bring to a boil Remove from heat and let cool for one hour. Pour mixture over cucumbers. Put in jars and store in refrigerator for at least 4 hours before eating. Add more sugar of or a skeep for about 2 months.

sweeter pickle. I have also added some thinly sliced carrots.

REFRIGERATOR PICKLED BEETS

2 pounds fresh beets 3/4 cups red wine vinegar 1/2 cup sugar OR honey 1/2 cup water, filtered 1/2 large red onion

Trim the top stem to roughly 1 inch and thoroughly wash beets. Place washed beets in a large pot of water and boil for roughly 20 minutes, or until tender. (Just like boiling potatoes, the larger beets will take longer to cook.) Strain cooked beets in a colander and cool your beets by running cold water over them. When your beets are cool enough to safely handle, with your faucet is running with cold water, use your hands to slip the skin off the beets. Trim the remaining stems and root to be flush with the beet bulb. Cut or slice cooked beets as desired. Combine vinegar, sugar or honey, and water in a small saucepan. Heat to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat and set aside. Layer cut up beets and sliced onion in glass jar(s) or container(s) with a tight fitting lid. Pour vinegar mixture over top. Add additional water if needed to fully submerge the beets in the liquid. Cover with a tight fitting lid and place in the refrigerator for 5 to 7 days before enjoying. Refrigerator pickled beets will

Ways To Guard Against Falling

One of the very best ways to keep from falling we find; (Matt. 26:41) Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Praying is one of the greatest gifts we have when it comes to guarding against the temptation of sin.

1. An understanding of the progressiveness of sin. (Psa. 1:1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Many think they can sin just a little, but will not permit it to go very far, but sin is progressive in nature and multiplies rapidly. We have all heard about the man, who said I will take one drink and stop, now he is either dead or taken life of an innocent soul.

2. In the life of Peter (Matt. 26:58,75) First Peter followed the Lord afar off, second, he denied the Lord and lied; third, he denied with an oath; fourth, he cursed and

3. In doctrinal departure. (2Tim. 4:3,4) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. Many are going down this road today; churches hiring only those who tickle the ears of the congregation. They have turned their ears from the truth to storytelling.

4. A memory of scripture and the quotation of appropriate passages in the moment of trial will fortify us against falling. Jesus left us this example. (Matt. 4:10) Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou Shalt worship The Lord Thy God, and him Only Shalt Thou Serve. (Jas. 4:7) Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

5. The control of thoughts. All sins are first committed in thought, (Prov. 4:23) Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Matt. 15:19) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Hence, when we control the thoughts, we are controlling the source of sin. But how can we? By being so busy thinking good thoughts and putting those thoughts into practice.

6. Faithfull attendance to worship and study. (2 Tim. 4:2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. This will help us keep our thoughts and deeds in line with the word of God.

7. The addition of the Christian graces. If we do this, we have the assurance we shall never fall in our walk with the Lord. (2 Pet. 1:5-7) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and

to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

(IF WE DO THESE THINGS WE WILL NEVER FALL) Thank you for reading this article. We have free Bible correspondence articles to read on our Facebook website. (Remember God loves you.) We welcome your questions and comments whether you agree or disagree. We want to know what you think. Give us a call or e-mail us at the listing

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"Growth"

(Continued from front) issues during the regular monthly meeting last week.

During the regular meeting of the fiscal court last week, before the issue was directly addressed, two guests presented well thought-out, articulate speeches centered on hopes that any changes that may come in the sheriff's department will help reduce crime and obvious, continuous drug usage throughout the City of Livingston and the entire county.

"It has gotten to a point where we need help," said Mike Smith, Livingston resident. "We can sit and watch people using drugs from our front porches, making people afraid to leave their home at night, They are stealing from good citizens every day and it gets worse and more obvious every day and nothing ever gets done. We just have to stop all this talking about it and complaining about it and actually do something that stops it. We can't just keep letting these addicts and thieves rule our town and do nothing except talk about doing something about it while nothing ever changes."

Smith continued to describe areas of his city where groups of people present a threat to good citizens in his hometown. "We see them out every night with their backpacks and police see them too. But they drive by or just speak to them and even if they do catch them, they are back out there in our street before the policeman can get back to the office," he said. "We talk and talk and plan and plan but nothing that actually helps the problem gets done. Something is wrong here and good people shouldn't have to e afraid their stuff will be gone in the morning or afraid to get out and walk the sidewalks of their hometown at night. We need to stop pretending we are helping just by talking about it. We have to take actual, noticeable, physical action to stop these thieves and addicts in our streets."

Livingston resident Tom Miller also gave a heartfelt plea to the court and Sheriff Franklin. "I love all you guys. I voted for you. I'm not bashing anyone. I am just saying if you are going to hire more deputies, get deputies with some backbone. It is always the same bunch of people on our streets robbing and doing meth and, let's be honest, you guys (speaking to Franklin) know who they are. I see five state troopers sitting in parking lots chatting at night when these thieves are robbing our homes and doing meth in our streets. We have to stop this. When I was young, I would have been in jail if I had done this stuff. But anymore these people just keep right on and no one stops them. Even when they do, they let them back out of jail in an hour or two. What happened? What changed over the years? Why is this okay in 2022? We have to get some backbone and stop these meth heads. Arrest them. Hold them. Keep them off our streets, please!"

Magistrate Mike McGuire said anyone caught breaking into a home could be "shot in the leg. That will stop them." But Miller said this was not a feasible

idea. "That sounds good but if I do that then I am in a war with a family and the police have taken my guns during the investigation and I have to hope a judge decides it was self defense. This is the job of the police. They need to stop these people. When you see someone walking down the street at midnight with a sword in their backpack and you know what they have been up to, and you do know, why don't you arrest them right then?" asked Miller.

Franklin explained some of the complexities of the First and Second Amendment. "We are on the same page here," said Franklin. "I agree with every word you said. But we can't just arrest someone who isn't breaking a law and no one would want a deputy to have that authority. It is not illegal to carry a sword and if you don't have serial numbers or any evidence that the stuff in their backpack was yours, there isn't any leagal recourse we can take," he said. "We have basically the same complaint you have. When we can arrest some of these people, they beat us home. You would have to address the courts and judges over that issue."

More conversation continued about the condition of cities and towns across the state and hopes that something will change.

During the discussion Franklin pointed out the small stature of the local sheriff's department. "Just for reference, the Mount Vernon Police Department has seven road units and two in the academy with a budget of \$800,000. But they have four square miles of city to cover. Our department has two road deputies and are wanting five but we have 300 square miles plus the interstate and 16,000 people with a budget of \$600,000."

Miller spoke up again. "There is the problem!" he said. "Why just five deputies? Even if you hire deputies, why only have five for the entire county? Why? Who set that number? The City of Mount Vernon needs seven cops to properly cover a few miles, but you all seem to be happy and proud of yourselves because you are hoping for four or five deputies serving the entire county and 300 miles. There is

the problem." After much more discussion about the budget and suggestions from magistrates about how to arrange the sheriff's budget, most seemed to agree that at least four deputies is the goal and Franklin and McNew agreed they plan notable raises for all road deputies and they plan to hire more very soon. "Finding them is the difficulty," said Franklin. "If anyone in this room has family or friends or just know someone who is certified and interested in the job, I will gladly take their resume right now. Please give it to me after the meeting." No one responded.

"It boils down to this," said Franklin. "We are all in agreement here. We all completely agree that we need more deputies and the citizens deserve 24/7 protection. We are going to give \$3 an hour raises and going to hire more deputies. The money is indeed in our budget for that and that is our goal. Finding them is going to

be the challenge, as it has

been all along."

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe agreed that finding officers is a daunting task. "If you hire a \$15 officer, you get a \$15 officer. Shannon can't just hire anyone off the streets. He has to find good, honest people with the right motives. There are people that I wouldn't be able to put on the witness stand due to credibility issues," Rowe said. "In this case you can't just find willing people. You have to find good, qualified willing people."

Though it was not discussed in detail, or by the court, Magistrate Shane Thacker said he agrees with the raises. "I don't think the public would mind more money for better coverage." Still, Franklin did not request more funding. "We aren't asking for more money," he said. "We agree with you all and that is exactly what we want to provide to the people of Rockcastle County. That is exactly what we are trying to do."

However, currently, McNew said this will not be an easy task. "If you look at the sheriff's budget in front of you, as you can see that last month our total revenue was \$32,247 and our total expenses were \$44,029. We were \$10,000 in the hole," he said. "This is where the money is go-

Smith and Miller continued to seek better coverage and plan to meet with judges to discuss why those arrested for illegal drug use and/or theft are released from jail so quickly.

There was considerably more discussion on the issue but no further action was taken.

"RCMS"

(Continued from front) Student Services Marcus Reppert. The new RCMS will be about 25,000 square feet smaller than the existing RCMS.

Ballinger said the space in the new building is used more efficiently. "This building is smaller but the space is planned to be used very efficiently with no wasted space," she said.

Phillips said a "gymatorium" is a fairly new idea that was brought to him by the Rockcastle County School District. "You all brought this idea to us and we think it is a great idea," he said. Phillips described the gymatorium as a combination of an auditorium and a gymnasium. "To try to build both in this building would bust our budget," he said. "We are going to have to combine the two uses and it will work very well for this project."

Phillips showed several drawing slides of the project that places the building slightly closer to the track and provides a drive thru in the middle of the structure for buses so that middle school students would not be dropped off in an open area parking lot. "The area would provide a courtyard of sorts with outdoor dining and bus loading and that open center would allow windows in every classroom.

Phillips included many details his team is incorporating into the design, including traffic patterns, a walk-out basement to the football field, a storm shelter area, outdoor class space, tables with the periodic table

printed on them, a canopy system, crime prevention design, separate staff parking and many other ideas. "We want to create a premier learning environment and we don't want to meet goals, we want to exceed them," he said. "We want a rich, dynamic building. Let's be efficient with construction goals with no unrealistic dreams." Phillips mentioned recent cost increases in most every field of construction. "We will deal with that as we make decisions throughout the project."

After Phillip's well-received presentation, board members expressed their pleasure with the process thus far and say they are looking forward to the July meeting when Phillips said he will ask for the board to begin the first of many project approvals.

In other action, the board approved the Liberty Mutual Insurance bid for district property. The price of the policy increased to \$223,122 per year (a \$31,000 increase) but Finance Director Jenny Sweet said the price hike is standard across the state and not just Rockcastle County.

The board also approved adding the track and football field to the project list so that those can be upgraded during the middle school construction.

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

Full time certified employees hired: Kaitlin Thacker, Digi-

tal Learning Coach (DLC) at RES; Alaina Taylor, DLC at MVES; Melissa Neeley, DLC at BES; Heather McGuire, DLC at RCMS; and Virginia (Rachel) Cornelius, DLC at RCHS.

Full time classified employees hired: Kayla Adams, Com-

puter Specialist.

Resignations: Jackie Weaver, assistant football coach at RCMS; Bert King, assistant girl's basketball coach at RCMS; Adam Coleman, assistant football coach at RCHS; Zachary Loudermilk, substitute custodian; Matthew Brown, teacher at RCHS; Albany Wilson and Isaac McClure, instructional assistants at RCMS; Christal Parkey, guidance counselor at MVES.

Retirements:

Deborah Bullock, instructional assistant at BES; Chrysti Noble, LBD teacher at RCHS; Adam Coleman, teacher at RCHS; Kathy Bobo, teacher at RCMS.

Certified Substitutes hired:

Victoria (Brooke) Castle, substitute teacher. Classified Substitutes

Cade Burdette, substitute custodian; Keith Graves, substitute bus driver; Angela Wyatt and Laura Kidwell, substitute cook/baker; Joyce Craig, substitute instructional assistant.

Certified Staff Updates:

Ashlie Carrera, Placement at BES - LBD

"Write"

(Continued from front) maining seats are not filled by appointment by the elected council members within 30 days, the governor will appoint three people to the seats.

However, according to County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen's office, it is not too late to file as a write-in candidate.

The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is Friday October 28 by 4

A representative of Allen's office said anyone interested in becoming a write-in candidate should go to the clerk's office in the courthouse and pick up a packet with detailed instructions for filing.

The instructions within the packet must be completed by the deadline. Officials say the name of write-in candidates will not appear on the ballot and voters must handwrite the name of that candidate in on Election Day. "When a writein candidate is campaigning, they must let their voters know that they have to physically writein the candidate's name. Their name will not be on the ballot," said Allen.

There is no limit to how many write-in candidates may file and the top six vote-getters will be the winners, regardless of whether their name was on the ballot, or not in that particular race.

"It doesn't matter if their name is on the ballot or they are a write-in candidate," said Allen. "The top six vote-getters are the winners in the election."

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 8

"Chief"

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volved in the altercations. spoke to the fiscal court. Larry Davidson, can-

didate for Livingston Mayor, told the court his version of the incidents at the Livingston meeting claiming that the police officer in Livingston acted in an aggressive manner against him without cause. "What I am asking is that there be some type of action taken in regards to disciplining Chief (Mikie) Ashurst,' he said. "This so-called peace officer is a loaded gun."

Davidson continued accusing the officer of "killing an unarmed man" in a previous job and having a history of disciplinary actions taken against him. Davidson told the court that since the fiscal court pays \$1,000 per month for Ashurst's salary, they have the authority to take action against him. "I have spoken with counsel about the assault Chief Ashurst has com-

mitted upon myself and at this time I am deciding on

what action I am going to take," he said. "I just want you to ask yourself if that is the kind of peace officer you want in the City of Livingston."

After Davidson finished his presentation, Melissa Hahn, past City Commissioner and daughter of present Mayor Dwane King, voiced her support for Ashurst's actions and said she believes the court will not need to take action since the incident is currently under investigation and that investigation will provide resolution to the incident. "I think our police officer showed restraint by not tazing or arresting anyone," she said.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook offered everyone in the full house an opportunity to speak but many remained seated.

Magistrates discussed the issue for a moment but quickly thanked the guests for their input and agreed to consider the suggestions.

No action was taken at the meeting and Ashurst was not present.

(Editor's note: Chief Ashurst says he was indeed involved in an officer-involved shooting at a previous job. However, standard operating procedure in Kentucky requires an internal investigation in all such matters and he is working as Livingston Police Chief as that investigation continues).

"Ride"

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motors and line up will be at Brodhead Elementary School and proceed to the Brodhead Depot Park. Anyone 12 and under is invited to participate but each child must be accompanied by an adult.

All participants will eceive patriotic popsicles donated by the Baptist Brodhead Church. There will also be photo opportunities at the park.

There will be prizes for the best decorated stroller, wagon, bike, tricycle, scooter, walker and the overall most creative entries in the park after the parade.

Organizers are encouraging adults to line the streets of Brodhead in support of the children's parade to cheer as they show off their best patriotic gear.

Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

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Attention Non-Profit Groups or **Organizations**



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

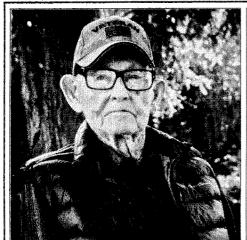
Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

Keep The Rock Clean!

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

A Tribute ——





Mr. Raymond Asher

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Raymond Asher was born over 100 years ago on November 8, 2021 in the community of Roark in Leslie County, Kentucky. When he was 14, he moved with his parents Rev. B.G. and Maultie Langdon Asher to Brodhead.

Around 1940 when he was 19, he went to Harlan County to work in the coal mines but, by July of 1942, he found himself drafted into the Army. He was first sent directly to the Panama Canal for basic training and to defend the locks in the canal.

In October of 1944, he was sent to Camp Gordon in Georgia and in December to Camp Kilmer in New Jersey for more training in preparation to go to Europe. Raymond

shipped out from Boston to France and from there to Belgium to the Ardennes region and the famous deadly Battle of the Bulge. Here he tells of a memorable incident. "When I got off the ship in France, there were a lot of generals there to meet us, and General Eisenhower was there and asked me where I

was from."

Raymond said from February, they fought their way through Germany to Austria until Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945. He was in the 63rd Armored Infantry Battalion, but he calls it "Patton's Army." From there, he would have been sent to the Pacific, but he had enough points to be discharged, so he

stayed in Austria until October of '45.

Not long after getting back to Brodhead that fall, he spied a pretty girl named Nellie Bishop. She was dating another guy, but he said he "ran that guy off. Nobody would fool with me because I had just come back from the War."

On May 25, 1946 he and Nellie married, and after that he farmed, had a milk route for 4 years, logged for several years and ran a sawmill for 32 years. Nellie and Raymond were married 54 years before she passed away, and they had three children: Raymond, Jr., Rita, and Anthony.

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Mr. Kenneth Hopkins

I was born in 1921 in the small community of Freedom in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. My father's name was Lum Hopkins and my mother was Nancy Helton Hopkins. They divorced around the time I was born. When I was 6 years old my mother and I, along with my grandparents, Jerusha and John Helton, moved to West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

We lived a simple life with family, extended family, neighbors, church folks, school teachers and coaches having a big influence. Everyone "looked out" for each other always willing to lend a "helping hand."

As a young boy, I spent time with my pet, a horse. Many of the neighbor men on West Main St. helped me build a wagon for the horse to pull. Mr. Dowell (Billy Dowell's father) was the most helpful, he was very patient with a young boy.

As I got older I would use the horse to plow

neighbors' gardens and make money. When time came for me to buy a car, I sold the horse and wagon and soon realized I had no way to earn money. Since few teen age boys had cars, friends would chip in to buy gas, and I furnished the car. I attended school at old Mt Vernon School where my mother taught fourth grade. Sports, particularly basketball in the old gym, became my favorite interest. I became captain of the Red Devils my junior and senior years, and graduated in 1939. I have been fortunate to attend many class reunions, the last being my 75th Class Reunion.

After graduation, I went to an electrical school in Chicago, then came back to Kentucky and got a job with Bell Telephone Co. Very soon, WW II happened, and, as a 21-year old, together with two good friends, Clarence and Kenneth Carter, I enlisted in the US Navy.

Following boot camp,

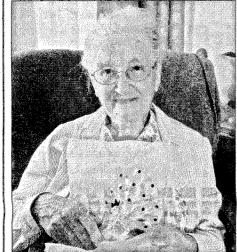
my specialized training kept me in the states where I was trained in aviation on electrical generators and electrical circuits at Purdue University and Georgia Tech. After that, I was sent to the Russell Islands in the Pacific to deploy fullsized remote control airplanes with bombs.

Returning to the States, I finished my military life in California. In 1945 while stationed in San Diego, My 19- year old fiancée, Joyce Laswell of Brodhead, travelled to San Diego by train and we were married.

After being discharged from the military, we returned to Kentucky where I went back to work for the telephone company for the next 42 years. Upon retirement from South Central Bell in Danville, we moved to West Main Street in Mt. Vernon to be near our son and daughter-in-law Tony and Donna, and our

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I was born Thressel Irene Broyles on May 25. 1920 in Plato, (Pulaski County) KY. I was the oldest of seven children of Walter Elmer and Anna (Brown) Broyles. When I was five years old I wanted to go to school so badly! The school was too far away for me to walk the distance by myself. To grant my wish my parents allowed me to live with my paternal grandparents whose home was a short distance from the school. I would help my grandmother by washing dishes. When I was older I stayed part time and carried in water and wood. In the winter I carried in coal for the heating stove.

Grandpa Broyles owned a general store. One day when I was very young I found fabric samples that had been swept outside the store. I took them home and Momma said, "Why don't you make a quilt block with those?" That was the beginning of a lifelong love of piecing and quilting many quilts. I also loved to make dresses for myself and my sisters. They would show me a picture of a dress they liked in a catalogue. I would make a paper pattern and then use it to cut out dress, skirt or blouse. I liked to trim the dresses with buttons and various trims of bias tape, eyelet, or lace. When my sisters were older they would describe their favorite dresses I had made for

When I was over 18 my aunt and uncle took me to Arlington Heights, Ohio to stay with a family they knew. I was to be their housekeeper and help with cooking. My pay was \$5 per week. I stayed there three months. My future husband. Henry Owens came to get me and bring me home. If I had it to do over, I would not have left my home.

Henry Calib (as spelled on his B/C) Owens and I dated three years and eleven months to the day and were married on Sept 17, 1940, the day after he was 24 years old. Henry was cutting tobacco for his dad that day. He came out of the tobacco patch and walked two miles to my house. We then walked back to his home. We both dressed up in our suits and was married by Preacher Souards.

After the ceremony, Henry took off his suit and went back to the field to cut more tobacco. That evening after supper (which included an apple stack cake that my new mother- in-law had made), we all went to church. Preacher Souards was staying with Henry's parents while he was holding a revival at the Friendship Church of Christ. Henry and I were members of that church until it broke up in midlate 1940's. We then started attending church at Fairview Church of Christ at Willailla three

times a week. I still at-

tend services there, and that has been at least 70 years at the same church.

About January 1941 Henry bought about 150 acres of worn out land, which included a two room house. The bedroom had a double floor, but the kitchen only had a single floor. The cracks were so big that you could see the chickens under the floor. It was so cold I had to wear galoshes but my toes still almost got frostbit.

Before long Henry and my brother stayed up all night to put a new floor in the kitchen. Part of the windows had been broken out and boarded up by the former owners. Henry and his dad soon put glass in the windows. The house wasn't much but I was tickled to have my own place. Henry ordered something from a catalogue and got two free sets of curtains which I used in the kitchen. I soon got new white enamel pots and pans which had a red ring around the edges. I would carry cream and eggs about two miles to sell at the nearest general store. I sometimes got cash and other times I would trade out for sugar, coffee, vinegar, salt, or baking powder or a household item.

The farm was so overgrown that I doubt a rabbit could have stretched out its length without touching a brier of some sort. I carried so many sawbriers that I wore out the front of my coat. It

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Ms. Audrey Hamm

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Audrey Wright Hamm who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, was born May 29, 1922 in Mt. Vernon the second daughter of Val and Rissie Ramsey Wright. Her dad was a bricklayer who worked on many of the store buildings on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, some in Frankfort and later he worked at the local stone quarry. "He died in 1945 from having been gassed in WWI.' Her mother, a long-time member of First Baptist Church lived to be 104 vears old and was revered by those who knew her as a model lady and model Christian.

To attend Mt. Vernon School, Audrey says she walked every day through all kinds of weather. "We walked in rain, snow, ice whatever came."

"Unlike my sisters, Wanda and Irene, I have never been a very outgoing person, but they made up for it. They had a sense of humor. They didn't care what they said to anybody, didn't care who liked it or not. They said what they thought. People would always say to me, 'You're not like vour sisters. You don't

talk much.' I said, 'Well,

I didn't have a chance to talk because they did all the talking."

In December of her freshman year in high school, when she was 16, she quit school and got married to R.H. (Pood) Hamm. "His sister gave him that nickname, and it stayed with him. Everybody knew him by that name and no other. One time somebody came to town trying to find him and asked about R.H. Hamm. Nobody knew who he was talking about.".

Audrey says there was nothing for young people to do back then, so their dates consisted of riding around, often double dating with Bennett Hiatt and his girlfriend Reba Dillingham. After she and Pood married, they lived with his parents Mode and Alma Hamm, who ran a store on Highway 70. Later, after Pood served his country in the Navy during WWII, his parents gave the couple a place to build the house which Audrey still lives in. His dad had raised hogs on the place, and she said Pood often joked that

they lived in a hog lot. She said that her plan when she married was to have 6 children, but it was not to be. Her nephews Shannon and Val Franklin have been standins for her children. She said Val called her Momma after his mother, Wanda, died an early death. Shannon and his family keep a watchful eye on her and don't live far away. Val passed away not long ago.

"We had a good marriage with few problems, and it lasted 47 years. She says times were different back then and girls were raised to cook and keep house. She did that, but she also worked the whole time beside her husband, keeping the books, selling oil and gas in their business on West Main Street.

She credits her long life to the Lord and is a faithful member of the Ottawa Baptist Church around which most of her social life revolves. Until she was 92, she drove herself to St. Cloud, Florida where she owned property. "Pood and I went down there so much and had the best time with Alberta and Ed Winstead and Bruce and Ruth Wilmott. After

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Altering Terrain for Drainage, Usefulness, Aesthetics

One of the biggest landscaping projects that seems to be overlooked or put off until later is dealing with poor or awkward lots. Something the builder or former owner of your home probably also didn't thoroughly consider. But, if the slopes or drainage are going to cause issues later on, they ought to be addressed early on in landscaping a home.

Adding a patio or driveway, or any other major new constrution, is often done and things like how this affects drainage, wet spots, creates more area not accessable to lawn tractors and so forth are not given much thought. Then, some other contractor is eventually called to deal with standing water, wet basements or crawl spaces, slopes that are constant pains to maintain, and so forth.

The earlier in the building or landscaping these potential problems are solved, money is saved and troubles are avoided before they start.

Hopefully, the builder of your home sculpted the topsoil around the home in such a manner that the water from a hard rain drains away and does not puddle or pond at the edges of the home itself. On a new construction, this is an issue to bring up under a home's warranty.

Rain, or any water from any source, should drain away from a home. I find it rather amazing that the current owner of a home has had this issue-

for decades (and finally calls on someone for help). You can't really do new landscaping or any other projects until you solve your water issues.

Sculpting, grading, terracing—these are like tools to fixing mechanical problems, only in this case the problems are the earth or the lack of good alterations, and some problems can't be fixed by planting the right tree or shrub in the yard. Sometimes the land itself has to be re-arranged before a lovely landscape can be installed, and

Loads of good soil, terraces and retaining walls, leveling a hill or filling a gully are some things that we might consider in altering our plantations, our homes and the layouts of our yards.

Sometimes rock outcroppings, gullies, knolls, boggy areas can be worked around or incorporated into the landscape plan. But, sometimes, a dozer or backhoe is the remedy for the troublesome hill, ditch, rock, gully, pond, wet crawl space or soggy flower bed or garden.

Consider if you need to alter the land itself first if you are thinking of landscaping or gardening projects. Sometimes it's the best use of money rather than spending on shrubs and plantings. May your garden ventures all be successful; and the odds are better if terrain problems are solved before the other chores begin.

The author is a landscaper. Contact: 606-416-3911. Feedback and ideas encour-

"Hopkins" (Cont. from A6)

grandsons, Ken Shay (Serenity) and Stephen

Hopkins. I've spent many happy years enjoying my interest in Bluegrass music. I've had the chance to

play in a Bluegrass Band at a number of events as well as many hours of good fellowship just "picking and grinning" on my back porch.

The highlight of my music years came in 2015 when my Uncle Doc Hopkins was inducted into the KY Music Hall of Fame. Mr. Roy Martin invited me to play and sing at Rupp Arena in my Uncle's memory at the Induction Ceremony.

In the past year my son and I have had many conversations about the electric car. We decided my next car should be one. I shared with him that my training in electrical school had sparked my interest in the use of an electric motor vehicle. The one thing In life I always wanted to do and never got the chance was to build an electric car that was able to reverse the motor so it could become a generator to help brake the car.

Living a long life has been rewarding. I've always tried to do what my mother taught me, and to respect the advice from older, experienced people. My generation realized how the older people could teach us so much about life.

(Ed's Note: Sadly, Mr. Hopkins passed away Sunday morning at the local hospital surrounded by family).

life to. I tell them it is pulling weeds!! My daughter says it's because most of the food I've eaten over the years is the food grown in our own garden.

When I was 100 years old I could work in my flowers a few hours a few days a week. When I turned 101 my vision and my hearing began failing rapidly. Now that I am 102 I find my strength and breath is weakening. I am thankful that I only have to take one (mild) prescription medication. And I am especially grateful to God that I don't hurt. I just feel bad a few days a week. But on better days I can still pull a FEW weeds. And this past week I moved 4-5 rocks from one flower bed to another. I tell my daughter that if you sit down and give up, then you have had it!

"Asher"

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Raymond's special interests include music and sports. He started singing in church when he was 16. He loved pitching softball and played in a league until he was 54 and played on a church team until he was 64.

When reflecting on the past, Raymond says, "I think I may have missed out on helping people more, people I could have helped. I missed seeing more people when they were sick, but all together, I helped everybody I could.

"I may have lived a long life because I was careful in everything I did. I didn't have any bad health habits, didn't keep company with bad people, didn't hang around with a gang, never was in trouble with the law, and didn't do anything dangerous outside of the War. I did everything I could to live."

Raymond says he's been a Christian all his life and has always loved the Lord. "I believe I'm still here because I always believed in the Lord. His advice to people is to stay close to God and live today in a way that you don't have to worry where you spend eternity if you die tomorrow."

'Hamm''

(Cont. from A6) Pood passed away, one

time I was down there

and got sick, and the boys came down and insisted I sell the place. I know they were worried about me, but I've regretted it a million times,"

She still drives everywhere she needs to go. "I go to Somerset, but I don't go to Lexington any more. Too much traffic. I used to go for rides sometimes in the afternoons, but not much any more. I eat three meals a day, and I cook myself one hot meal a day. I like beans and potatoes and cornbread." Audrey is content and thankful, but sometimes laments that there are jobs that she would like to do, but just doesn't have the stamina or strength to do any more.

ship was established in

2020. Both Randall and

Victoria Weddle grew up

in Southeastern Ken-

tucky and attending col-

lege after high school was

not an option. After re-

cently moving back

home, the Weddle's

wanted to find a way to

Bobbi Brooke Lovell awarded scholarship to attend SCC

Bobbi Brooke Lovell has been awarded the Randall and Victoria Weddle Scholarship to attend SCC. Lovell is a 2022 Rockcastle County High School graduate and plans to pursue a Criminal Justice degree.

The Randall and Victoria Weddle Scholar-

give back to their community. Lovell stated, "My plan is to obtain an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, then transfer to a 4-year university and finish getting my bachelor's Degree."

> Students interested in attending SCC can still apply for fall semester scholarships with a July 1 deadline. To apply visit somerset.kctcs.edu/ scholarships.



Bobbi Brooke Lovell

"Owens" (Cont. from A6)

The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts kicks off its 35th Anniversary class this summer with a class doubled in size from previous years thanks to supplemental funding from the Kentucky Department of

Governor's School for the Arts

Two local students attending

Participating from Rockcastle County are Celia Shaffer - Drama and Mya Hunt -Musical Theatre.

Growing from 256 students to more than 500 students, the tuition-free program will take place over two consecutive three week sessions (Session 1: June 12 - July 2; Session 2: July 10 - July 30) with students divided into each. Both sessions will take place at The University of Kentucky this summer.

During the three-week program, student-artists from 71 counties will be immersed in a rigorous schedule of daily seminars, creative projects, master classes, and lectures. Instruction will be offered in nine disciplines: Architecture+Design, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Film+Photography, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Visual Art and Vocal Music.

Since 1987, nearly 7,250 rising high school juniors and seniors have descended on a college campus setting to immerse themselves in an arts intensive environment, with cross-discipline learning, special guest artist performances and lectures, and the opportunity to access critical life-changing college schol-

"We have learned a lot about the resilience of the arts during the past couple years," said Nick Covault, Executive Director of GSA, and GSA Alumnus (Class of 2002, Vocal Music). "What we also discovered was that through passion and energy, these young students are willing and ready to learn under any circumstance. We are once again excited to welcome them - and twice as many - to GSA this summer."

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took Henry and I a few years to clean all the briers and brush off the land so it could be planted.

One time Henry cleaned manure from another farmer's barn This was done with a pitchfork by hand — no machinery. Henry took the manure in pay so he could spread it over our land to improve the soil.

1947 was a big year for Henry and I. We had our first baby, bought a new truck and had a new 1 1/2 story "rock face" block house built.

We lived on the same farm for 63 years. We raised cattle, corn, hay, tobacco and, of course, a garden. Henry expected me to help him with the manual labor in the crops. When work hands were housing tobacco or hay I would cook a large dinner for them and a good size snack in the afternoon. I always grew flowers for pleasure and had to weed and dead head them. I couldn't stand dandelions in the yard. I had a particular knife that I used to dig them out.

I guess my other hobby would be collecting rocks. I like to see all the different colors, shapes and sizes. My daughter has even mailed me rocks when she has been on vacation in different states. I especially like the sparkly rocks.

In 2004, we had to move off the farm as Henry was no longer able to take care of it at age 87! I've still grown peas and beans and tomatoes on the fence between the yard and field. I still plant and weed flowers.

Over the past decade people have asked me what I contribute my long

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BEING STRUCK: Cutting large limbs and trees can be tricky. Improper cutting can cause the tree to fall where you hadn't planned. Always have two escape routes planned in case the tree starts going the wrong way. Never turn your back to a falling tree, and always wear a hard hat when trimming and cutting.

OVERESTIMATING: You can be seriously injured or killed if you overestimate your abilities.



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friendly, nurturing learning environment that invites their patrons into a world of literacy, discovery and creativity and for teaching them that learning can be fun!

If you aren't a patron of the Rockcastle County Library, you need to check it out! Not only do you have access to a wide selection of books but audio books, movies, a computer center plus a room that showcases Kentucky authors. In addition, they have weekly activities such as Kids Krafts, Lego Club and Story Hour for kids to en-

Of course, their regular activities are interspersed with activities/ events like the Ion Jones show, a petting zoo, "Conservation and You" program, Make and Take workshops such as Noah's Ark that allows children to make their own stuffed animal, plus "Books for Bikes" and the summer reading program which is going on

All these services are provided free to patrons! My compliments to Ms. Pam for using much of her funds to invest in our county's citizens and to her wonderful staff for their service to our community.

Sincerely, A Library Patron Jeanie Gabbard

Mt. Vernon is still my hometown... Dear Editor,

Well, I recently received the June 9 edition of the Signal; and this issue was a real eye-opener

-- from Brodhead burn-

ing down to Livingston officials having it out.

I debated on whether to write this; but after reading Ms. Whitaker's Letter to the Editor, I thought it was time. I commend her for writing that letter. It has been long overdue.

I may live in another state, but Mt. Vernon is still my hometown. For that reason, and this is rough to say; but the fact of the matter is that Mt. Vernon is dying -- and dying fast. Any street improvements the town does is just making a corpse look pretty. When a town loses its downtown to neglect and vagrancy, the end is not long in coming.

All of the old and historic buildings Mt. Vernon used to have were demolished because no one wanted to take care of them and keep them up for some reason; and now what is left of Mt. Vernon and its history is quickly falling apart, I guess, because nobody really cares.

I saw how run-down the town had become when I was there a few summers ago. One of the big reasons for the town's decline stems, in part, from the fact that Mt. Vernon does not have the civic pride as do other towns in the state. My father often lamented on that. When Ms. Whitaker drove down Main, I hope she noticed all of the trees gone. It was a bad decision for that to happen, but I guess someone did not like trees.

All of the talk about future development in energy and a new road for the area, which should have been done years ago, better come soon before it is too late. I sup-

Rockcastle County

pose it should be noted too that Mt. Vernon is finally wet, but taverns as moneymakers for the local economy will never be an item in Mt. Vernon. Lake Linville and Renfro need to be really developed to boost the economy, but I am doubtful if that will happen in anybody's lifetime.

In closing, while Mt. Vernon has its failings, for better or for worse I still accept my home town for what it is - even in its deathwatch.

> Just my opinion. Brent R. Laswell

T.J.s

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for that era. However, Mom and I lived in a smaller house next door and didn't have a fan for years. We didn't have a TV until I was probably six or seven years old. Mom and I would sit on the porch in the evenings and string and break green beans that had just been gathered after supper. It not only got the beans ready to be canned the next day, but it gave the house a chance to cool so we could sleep. About two or three in the morning it got cool enough to doze off to sleep. In the meantime you could hear thousands of "night sounds". There were crickets and frogs plus a variety of others creatures harmonizing in the night. It was during the era when you never locked a door or window. The screens at the doors and windows were all that separated you from the outside world. We lived in a very small rural farming community and everybody knew everybody else and that made a big difference too.

After the beans or such chores were done, Mom would usually read stories to me from a book. She would have "school" sometimes, too. I could read and print and write my name before I went to school.

Today we are all spoiled and used to air

Livingston fiscal year budget is approved

By: Mike French Editor

The Livingston City Commission approved the fiscal budget last week with three of the four commissioners present. Commissioners Leroy Lamb, Bonnie Reaves and Clyde Carpenter voted to approve the budget.

The 2022/23 fiscal budget shows total revenues estimated at \$407,727 and total expenditures at \$273,149 for an estimated balance of \$134,677.

According to the budget the general fund revenue is estimated at \$147,389 while expenditures are \$95,291 leaving a balance of \$52,098.

The Road Fund revenue is estimated at \$5,973 with expenditures at \$1,721 leaving a balance of \$4,216.

The Tourism Fund is estimated at \$4,450 in revenues and \$5,629 in expenditures leaving a negative balance of \$1,179.

The Water and Sewer Fund revenues are estimated at \$249,951 with expenditures at \$170,508 for a balance of \$79,443.

conditioning...including me. There are ceiling fans in most every room, at least at our house. Could I survive the old time summers like there was when I was growing up? Almost every day was close to ninety plus and there would be no rain for a week sometimes. People began worrying about their gardens after about four days. I hear

that there are cattle going to die in the next few days due to excessive heat in some areas. The price of beef will go sky high. I really hate it for the poor cows and other livestock.

When it is cold and freezing I'm not satisfied and then when it is hot and humid I'm not satisfied, either. If only it could stay spring or fall year around.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Budget

Actual receipts to date in current fiscal year

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Commission on taxes	\$42,564
State Advancement	\$35,000
Arrest fees	\$1,382
Court security	\$15,443
Auto inspections	\$893
State fee claims	\$2,034
County funds	\$104,365
Executions	\$6,734
Delinquent taxes	\$1,269
Intrest earned	\$17
Subpeona/summonds	\$0
allocations	\$0
KLEFPF	\$2,303
Hospital security	\$0
Misc. grants	\$9,673
Prisoner transport	\$1,080
CCDW	\$1,840
Court costs	\$0

\$224,601 Total Revenue

Actual expenses to date in	n current fiscal year
Sheriff salary	\$41.569
Deputy salaries	\$47,962
Clerk/other salaries	\$67,839
Fuel	\$9,210
Postage	\$68
Uniform expense	\$542
Loan FC repay	\$542
Vehicle repairs	\$5,838
Office exp./util	\$17,291
Postage	\$76
CCDW	\$30
KLEFPF	\$3,071
Misc/other	\$1,105
Total Expenses	\$194,606

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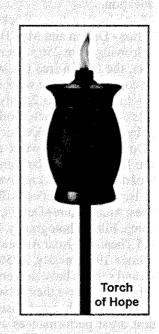
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Superintendent receives highest possible ratings

– Gets \$15,500 raise

By: Mike French Editor

The annual School Superintendent Evaluation was presented last month and Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger was recognized and rewarded for her duties, above and beyond the call of duty, according to the members of the school board.

The board voted to provide Ballinger with a \$15,500 increase in salary which brings her annual salary to \$127,500. But more importantly to Ballinger, her evaluation received the highest possible ratings in all seven categories.

Ballinger was rated on strategic leadership, instructional leadership, cultural leadership, human resource leadership, managerial leadership, collaborative leadership and influential leadership. In all categories, the board rated Ballinger as "Exemplary" which is the highest rating available.

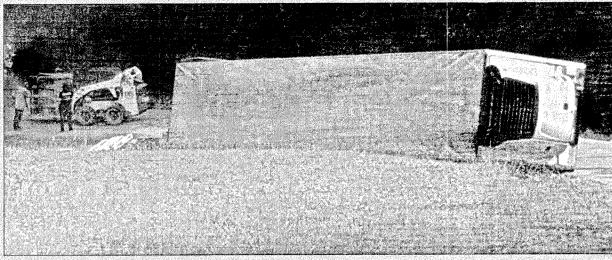
Each category of the evaluation had several departmentalized qualifications and duties but the board agreed that Ballinger has served at the highest possible level in every department of every category.

After the evaluation, board members commented on Ballinger's dedication and love for the school system and credited her with playing major roles in countless successes that the local school system has experienced under her leadership. In fact, most agreed that without Ballinger's specific form of leadership, the new middle school project would never have begun.

Ballinger says she is pleased with the evaluation. "I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the students, families and staff of RCS," she said. "I appreciate the confidence that the board has demonstrated in me as reflected in my exemplary evaluation and raise. My evaluation is a reflection of a complete team effort that includes every staff member and our drive to make RCS the best district in the state."

The remainder of Ballinger's contract remains the same as last year, she said. The average Superintendent salary in the state of Kentucky is \$140,000.

40,000 pounds of eggs spilled on road



Crews worked to clear the roadway of spilled eggs after a tractor-trailer overturned on Copper Creek Hill Road.

By: Mike French

Anyone driving on Copper Creek Hill Road last Friday morning was met with several first responders who were "scrambled" to the scene of a tractor-trailer

According to Sheriff Shannon Franklin, a tractor trailer overturned on the roadway, spilling over 40,000 pound of fresh eggs across the roadway.

The driver of the truck, Brian Adams of Waterloo, Iowa, told officials that his GPS system had a glitch that led him down the wrong road and the curve on Cooper Creek Hill Road was too sharp to navigate causing the vehicle to turn "over easy." No injuries were reported.

Local volunteers join to help find missing Whitley County man

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County volunteers helped locate a missing Whitley County man last week.

A Golden Alert was broadcast last week after 75-year-old Darrell Carter, of Whitley County disappeared. The missing man has been found.

Search teams were joined by the Brodhead

Fire Department, Climax Fire Department, Mount Vernon Fire Department and Livingston Fire and Rescue. Local firefighters have taken specialized training in search and rescue and Brodhead first responders have become one of the premier search and rescue entities in the state, according to local officials.

"We don't care who found him or how he was found," said a post on a Brodhead Fire Department social media page. "We are simply pleased the man was located safely."

The search began after the elderly man disappeared last Sunday and ended when he was found on Wednesday one mile outside the search area by a farmer.

The local departments were joined by Bell, Jackson, Knox, Lee and Pulaski counties during the search.

Carter was found with minor cuts and bruises and all the first responders, along with Carter, returned to their home.

Brian Bullock, BFD assistant chief, said he is proud of all the Rockcastle County departments that helped. "We were happy to join the search for the missing Whitley County man. We are always glad to assist our neighbors when we can. Most importantly, we are happy that Mr. Carter was found alive with only minor injuries," said Bul lock. "Being well trained, willing and able when someone is in trouble, is what we so proudly do. We are glad we could

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By: Mike French

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week with a full agenda.

Roy Reynolds, a representative of the Soil Conservation Service, presented an annual report to the court. Reynolds thanked the court for the dead animal pick-up program as well as other programs in the county. He also informed the court of a program in his office that rents farm equipment inexpensively. "There are farmers who would need very expensive equipment once per year," he said. "Rather than spend thousands and thousands of dollars, they can rent that equipment from our office for about \$60 per day. Just one way we can help farmers in our county."

Dale McNew, Sheriff's Department Finance Director, presented the court with the 2021 property tax settlement. According to McNew, the department was put in charge of collecting \$4,927,917 with \$4,079,296 of that from real estate taxes. The school district portion of the property tax settlement was \$193,276, according to McNew. After commissions and the amount due to the taxing district and refunds, the department completed the settlement with \$98.13 remaining.

The court also agreed to provide \$1,140 in program support to the Development Board and \$7,000 to the Rockcastle Little League football program. The court also pledged \$300 to the All-American Club.

Some bad news came in county bids for asphalt. The county bids the work out to contractors but once again the county received only one bid for \$105 per ton, up from \$85 per ton. "We sent the bid package to others also but no one else responded again," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "It has been very difficult to get paving done at all for two years now. But at least we have a bid now." Being the only bid, the court unanimously accepted the bid.

The court also unanimously approved the PyroShow bid for the fireworks for the Blast in the Valley event this year. However, though the court had only approved \$15,100, the invoice was for \$15,375. "They are going to milk every dime they can get aren't they?" said magistrate Mike McGuire. "Magistrate William Denny agreed the price was high. "Next year I'm not going to vote in favor of this," he said. The City of Mount Vernon is expected to vote to accept or deny their matching \$15,375 at their next meeting.

A lengthy discussion began when Livingston Mayor Dwane King asked the court for \$13,000 to repair the roof of the Depot Building in his town. King said the roof had not been repaired after a fire several years ago and now the roof is leaking into the building and becoming more dangerous to citizens who come there.

The discussion drifted into money that magistrates believed had already been set aside for that repair. According to

Full agenda is addressed

Holbrook, Jason Medley rents the building from the city for \$300 and the city uses that \$300 to make payments to the fiscal court, who sold the building to the City of Livingston several years ago. Magistrates discussed money that had been donated before to repair the roof damage and the money made from events held in the building. But King and City Clerk Amanda Thomas said they have never seen any of that money. "There were thousands and thousands of dollars allegedly donated to fix that roof but all that money went to Jason Medley and we can find no record of how it was used," she said.

Magistrates and representatives of Livingston also discussed money made from events at the building. "I guess that money belongs to Jason because we don't see any of it," said King. Magistrate Shannon Bishop said the court needs to know where the money raised through events or donated for the building is going. "Before we donate more, we better find out where this money goes," he said.

Medley said after the meeting, in a phone interview, that the money made from the building is not profit. "There was no thousands of dollars and the money we make pays the \$300 rent and the utilities and other expenses for running the shows and events. We hold fundraisers for people in need and other events but I come out in the hole every month," he

The court decided to

wait to answer the request for funds until after they look into how much Livingston still owes for the building and how much the extra \$13,000 would add to the monthly payment. King said the building sat for years and no payment was made to the fiscal court but that since he became mayor, the payment is made every month. "I would ask that you don't wait so long that the damage from the leaky roof makes it impossible to repair the building at all," said King. The issue was tabled.

There was also a lengthy presentation from out-of-county animal rescue representatives explaining the definition of "animal shelter" and their idea of what should be standard operating procedure.

In other action, Holbrook said he received a bid for a backstop at the Brodhead ball fields. "They (league volunteers) were estimating about \$25,000 to create an additional field but this estimate for the backstop is about \$14,000 plus about \$10,000 to move the poles. This doesn't count dirt or tile work or several other things we have to do to have a new ball field. Holbrook said he has heard of other methods of providing backdrops less expensively and would look into those

possibilities soon. The court also approved a 27-page Administrative Code to be put in place upon approval.

Having no further business, the court was adjourned.

Brockman **Power Cruise** set for July 10

Brockman Power Cruise is planned in Livingston for July 10.

life of George Michael Brockman who was killing in a motorcycle crash near Livingston. The event will begin at Wildcat Harley in London and travel to Livingston.

Riders are expected at the Livingston Fire Department by 4 p.m. and burnouts will take place at the site of Brockman's

Transportation will be in Rockcastle County issuing driver's licenses and the Travel IDs on July 12. There will only be 36 appointments accepted

The Third annual

The event will be held The event honors the at the Rockcastle Emergency Operations Center

at 755 Progress Drive in Mount Vernon and is being hosted by Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel and County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. For more information

call 606-256-2581.

For an appointment go to Drive.KY.gov.

Rockcastle County COVID

Confirmed cases in the past 7 days Probable cases in the past 7 days Deaths in the past 7 days Incident rating currently 17.97 Zone rating currently Orange

Data provided by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Anthony Bruce and Sandra M. French, property on Big Cave Road, to Douglas Scott French. No tax

William and Janet Barnett, property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Harrison and Shirley Stain. Tax \$1

Kenny and Zelma Gabbard, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Ronnie and Betty Gabbard. Tax \$3.50

Woods & Waters with M&S LLP, property on Lear Lane, to William David Taylor, Tax \$40

Mark Caudill, property on Freedom School Road, to Sondra Lynn Dyer. No tax

My Kentucky Home LLC, property on Old State Road, to Chris Wilson. Tax \$30

David and Amanda Renae Nicley, property in Wildie, to Kirsty Beckett. Tax \$174

William Clare and Virginia Marie Theis, property in Mountain View Estates, to Joel James Aaron and Mikeal Ann Zintzun. No tax

Service Commander HVAC, LLC, property on W. Main St., to Kenneth Blaine and Tawana Collins. No tax

Regina and Mitchell Durham, Glenna Stewart, Donald R. Stewart, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Regina and Mitchell Durham. No tax

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Rana Saleem and Parveen Rana, property in Burr Community, to Daanyaal Ahmad and Ambreen Ahmad. Tax

Helen Pollock, property in Livingston Quadrangle, to Nathan Anzures. No tax

Ginny Carol Saville and Matthew Alexander Saville, property near KY 1004, to Candace and Marco Woodward. Tax \$115

Richard Hampton Randall, property on Line Creek Road, to Ryan D. Morrow, Richard Hampton Randall and Caitlin Cress Randall. No tax

Danny and Rebecca McNew, property on Big Sinks Road, to Michael Thomason. Tax \$95

Benton and Theresa Bullock, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Stanley Mullins. Tax

\$5 Glenn and Kathy Baker and Edith Peterkin, property in Rockcastle Co., to Edith Peterkin. No

Glenn and Kathy Baker and Edith Peterkin. property in Rockcastle County, to Christopher Glenn Baker. No tax

Glenn and Kathy Baker and Edith Peterkin. property located in Rockeastle Co., to Glenn and Kathy Baker. No tax

Brandon Bullock,

property in Rockcastle County, to Calvin and Brenda Baker. No tax Gina Lee Wynn, prop-

erty on Brush Creek Road, to David Bruce Wynn. No tax

Gina Lee Wynn, property on KY 1004, to David Bruce Wvnn. No tax

Jennifer and Hakeem Davis, property in Hill-N-Dale Subdv., to Jason W. and Maggie M. Smith. Tax \$254

Jeffrey Belcher, property on Old KY 1955, to Randy and Billie Tankersley. Tax \$1

The Estate of Mae Fleming, property in Rockcastle County, to Bert Lee and Rida Peterson. Tax \$33

Fred Hampton III and Racheal A. Hampton, property in Rockcastle County to Virginia Renner. Tax \$50

Dennis R. and Wanda Faye Ballinger, property in Rockcastle County, to Dianna and Bobby Ford Johnson, Tax \$2

Charles F. Ashcraft and Anna M. Sagraves, property on Dug Hill Rod, to Anna M. Sagraves. No tax

Nathan and Kimberly Kerr, Lauren and Jordan Ellis, property on Ferguson St., Mt. Vernon, to Kenneth W. and Kelly Bailey. Tax \$144

Racheal and Fred Hampton, property in Livingston, to Aaron Caldwell. tax \$11

Britney and George Day, Ashley Shaffer, Teresa Shaffer and Eric Dale Shaffer, property on Big Orchard Rd., Brodhead, to Helen Marie and Jeffrey Eugene Thacker. Tax \$120

Marriage Licenses

Savannah Danielle Neeley, 21, Mt. Vernon, hospital and Isaac Cole McClure, 23, Mt. Vernon, safety manager. 5/27/22

Joanie Alexander, 30, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Benjamin Drew Lake, 28, Berea, engineer. 5/27/22

Michelle Beth Crawley, 24, Mt. Vernon, respiratory therapist and Michael Joe McLaughlin, Jr., 26, Mt. Vernon, assistant manager. 6/6/22

Deana Paige Gabbard, 29, Crab Orchard, physician's assistant and Adam Hale, 27, Crab Orchard, Dept. of Agriculture. 6/10/22

Crystal Dawn Jarvis, 43, Mt. Vernon, general clerk and Daniel Levi Crawford, 42, Mt. Vernon, general clerk. 6/ 10/22

Brittanie Danielle Coffee, 32, Brodhed, SRNA and James Christopher Benge, 41, Brodhead, deputy jailer. 6/15/22

District Civil Suits

Cash Express LLC vs. Janie Grace, complaint.

Chris Ramsey vs. Danny McKinney, forcible detainer complaint.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A., vs. Eric S. Roy, complaint.

David Peel vs. William A. Falconberry, forcible detainer complaint.

Troy Goforth, et al, vs. Bon Woodard, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Herschel Waterman vs. Jacob Witten, forcible detainer complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Alice Smith, complaint. One Main Financial Group, LLC vs. Stefanie M. Cope, complaint.

Anna Sagraves vs. Charles Ashcraft, forcible detainer complaint. 22-C-00082

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Richard Willoughby, foreclosure.

Terra Leann Davidson vs. Michael Shannon Davidson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Synchrony Bank vs. Ray Fields, complaint. Nationstar Mortgage

LLC dba Mr. Cooper vs Scott Harper, foreclosure. Mattie Miller vs. Birdella Patrick, et al,

complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Danyell L. Griffith, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Miles C. Hubbell, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Scotty Kent Chattelle, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Elijah C. Walker, complaint. Marlene Miller vs.

Leonard Dale Miller, petition for dissolution of marriage. Lendmark Financial

Services LLC vs. Stefanie Cope, complaint. Discover Bank vs.

Billy D. Powell, complaint. Benny Blanton vs.

Lori Blanton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Charles Frank Ashcraft vs. Anna May Sagraves, complaint.

Republic Finance LLC vs. William Dykes, complaint.

Lonnie Vernon Poynter vs. Debra Kay Poynter, petition for dissolution of tharriage.

District Court

June 1-6, 2022 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless Donald Ray Clemons: reckless driving, sentencing order entered.

Briana Paige Keating: failure to wear seatbelts and no/expired registration receipts, \$25 fine each count; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs/converted to 15 days in jail in lieu of fine and costs.

James Bradley: fines/ fees due (\$775), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/16 days in jail or payment in

full. Gregory Fitzpatrick: fines/fees due (\$287), bw issued for fta.

Phillip W. Hudson: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, bw issued for fta.

Larry Lawson: theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief, bw issued for fta.

Robert Lee Lear, Jr: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine plus costs.

Craig S. McClurkin: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine plus costs.

Garrett Scottruss Payne: fines/fees due (\$668), bw issued for fta/ 14 days in jail or payment in full.

Jason R. Puckett: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and five other charges, license suspended for fta.

Gail Renee Sigmon: fines/fees due (\$813), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Jonathan Andrew Tincher: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/ 15 days in jail or payment in full.

Sean T. West: fines/ fees due (\$823), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Amanda Helton: public intoxication controlled substance, \$100 fine; disorderly conduct, \$100 fine/suspended on condition 12 months.

Devin Lee Adams: fines/fees due (\$508), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Aldo Nahun Aveler-Escoto: fines/fees due (\$368), bw issued for fta/ eight days in jail or payment in full.

Randall Aaron Baggett: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Howard James Craddock: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/ three days in jail or payment in full.

Christy J. Eason: possession of controlled substance/drug unspecified (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Zachary Goebel: fines/ fees due (\$650), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Amanda Helton: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, sentencing order entered.

Jeremy Napier: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/substances and possession controlled substance, sentencing orders entered.

Melissa Ann Puckett: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in

jail or payment in full. Timmie Robinson:

theft by unlawful taking,

Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at: **Brodhead** (behind City Hall)

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

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

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

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



of Brick Home & Lot & 82 +/- Acres Multiple Tracts Ranging From 1.3 Acres to 16+/- Acress

Saturday, June 25th, 2022 at 1:30 PM 🤛

2626 HWY 935. SOMERSE PREVIEW BATE! Horsday June 18th marcas Jun.

Not often do you get the opportunity to purchase land that has frontage on 2 roads! This 82 +/- acre farm will be available to purchase in individual tracts, combinations of tracts or as a whole.

Tract 1 has a brick farmhouse sitting on 1 acre with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms total, including 2 beds & a bath on each level. The main level also has a then. Iiving room and dining room while the up stairs has additional storage closets. The home has a full basement with walkout stairs. The home is in good condition and would be a perfect candidate for updating to the farmhouse style of your liking! The home is surrounded by beautiful farm views from both porches.

Tract 2 has 3.55 ac, Tract 3 is 2.29 ac & Tract 4 is 4.17 ac and any of these Tracts would make coellent building sites that give you a little extra elbow

Tract 5 is 1.33 ac and would make a perfect modular home site.

Tracts 6 & 7 are 5 ac and 6.10 ac, respectively. These are great baby farms with room for your horses or cattle.

Tract 8 has 10 ac with plenty of blacktop frontage;

wooded sites, timber and cleared on the back side,

Pick your location for a home! Tract 9 is the largest of the tracts with 15.86 ac and has 2 barns and a silo. This would be an excel-lent farm to run your cattle. It is accessed by an

Tract 10 is 12.21 ac & Tract 13 is 15.56 ac. These are great tracts to build your dream home or barn-dominium and still have room for your livestock.

This tract also includes an abundance of timber. Tracts 11 & 12 are over 2 acres each with blacktop frontage and great for building. Tract 12 also has quite a bit of timber included on the tract.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: If you're in the market for a brick house, baby farm, a timber tract or a place to build your dream home, you'll want to mark your

calendar to attend this Absolute Auction. PERSONAL PROPERTY: Additionally, there will be some personal property available for auction including vintage pieces, tools, furniture &

sales price.

household items TERMS: 20% down the day of the auction with the balance due in 30 days for the real estate. Any per-

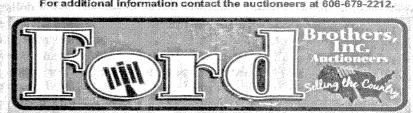
sonal property item must be paid for in full the day of the auction with cash, check or major credit card in full. All credit sales are subject to a 3% processing fee. NOTE: There will be a 10% buyer's premium added to the last bid to determine the final

Tract #1 will remain open until the conclusion of all bidding and close simultaneously with other lots. However, Tract #1 will not be grouped in Multi-Par round.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for lead-based paint. The period for inspection begins on June 13th through June 24th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post-inspection period.

AUCTIONEER/BROKER/SELLER DISCLAIMER: The information contained herein is believed to be correct to the best of the auctioneer's knowledge. The information is being provided for the bidder's convenience and it is the bidder's responsibility to determine whether the information contained herein is accurate and complete. The property is selling in its as-is condition with no warranties expressed or implied.

Announcements made the day of the auction take precedence over printed matter. For additional information contact the auctioneers at 606-679-2212.



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Sen. Storm appointed to EMS Task Force

Senate Leadership recently announced the appointment of Sen. Brandon Storm, R-London, to the newly formed Emergency Medical Services Task Force, which will conduct business through the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly Interim.

The task force will study the emergency medical services in Kentucky, which will include ways to improve the delivery of services to patients and needed statutes and regulations, training requirements, EMS vehicle specifications, and the certificate of need process for ambulance services.

"Our EMS providers are very often the first responders in times of crisis," Storm said. "This task force aims to make sure they are best prepared for any situation they may be confronted with, but to also ensure these vital providers have what they need to best care for the patients they encounter. I am honored to be a part of this task force, and look forward to presenting our findings."

The task force will provide a report to the Legislative Research Commission by Dec. 1.

A legislative task force is also known as a special committee. They are established by the Legislative Research Commission and function primarily during the interim,

assist with summer programs

Alyssa "A.J." Hacker of Brodhead and Justin Mink of Livingston are among six interns that will be assisting with Operation UNITE's summer youth prevention programs in 2022.

Funded through a Kentucky AmeriCorps grant, the interns will primarily be helping coordinate the five regional Shoot Hoops Not Drugs basketball camps with Jarrod Polson in June and the week-long residential Camp UNITE program for middle school-aged youth in July.

"Having college-age interns adds strength and credibility to UNITE's



Toll-free Treatment Help Line 1-866-90-UNITE

UNITE welcomes interns to prevention programs every summer," said Nancy Hale, UNITE president and CEO. "They are able

to connect with youth on

a more personal level." "The peer-to-peer mentorship has been exceptional," Hale continued. "We are always excited to welcome the new ideas and creative energy these interns bring to UNITE programs."

Hacker graduated from Rockcastle County High School in May. The Brodhead resident will be attending the University of Kentucky this fall studying medical laboratory science.

Mink will be a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University where he is studying international relations and political science. He is a 2021 "I Am UNITE" Scholarship recipient.

These interns began their service in mid-May. UNITE began offering summer internships in 2010.

typically studying a specific topic. The Emergency Medical Services Task Force is one of six new task forces established to conduct business through the Interim.

Additional task forces include the:

•Bourbon Barrel Taxation Task Force - Created to study the current ad valorem tax rate structure for bourbon barrel sales in the commonwealth.

•Benefits Cliff Task Force - Created to review the impact of the public assistance benefits cliff on labor force participation, employment, wages, and benefit duration and usage in the commonwealth and develop public policy recommendations to support working families transitioning off of public assistance into gainful employment and self-sufficiency.

 Cabinet for Health and Family Services Organizational Structure. Operations and Administrative Task Force - Created to study the organizational structure, operations and administration of programs, policies and procedures within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

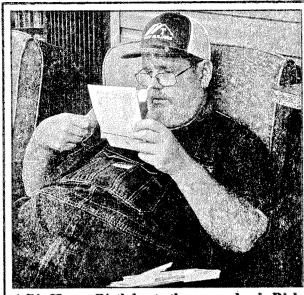
 Early Childhood Education Task Force - created to conduct a comprehensive review of the commonwealth's early childhood caregiving and educational structures and operations.

•Executive Branch Efficiency Task Force -Created to study the effectiveness of current executive branch cabinet working procedures for administering services to citizens of the common-

The 2022 Interim will serve as a primer for the 2023 Kentucky General Assembly's Regular Session as legislative efforts in the months ahead will

be critical in crafting of potential legislation.

V i s i legislature.ky.gov for details on Sen Brandon Storm and more information on legislative committees, such as membership and scheduling. Tune in to live interim coverage at ket.org/legislature or via the Legislative Research Commission YouTube Channel. Archived legislative footage can be accessed there and at KET.org/legislature/archives.



A Big Happy Birthday to the one and only Rich Man Rodger..... We All Love You!!!

State Police participates in 'Secure Your Load Day'

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) participated in the Secure Your Load Day safety campaign on June 6 to prevent crashes, injuries, and deaths caused by unsecured vehicle loads.

In 2020, the United States had 637 fatal crashes related to unsecured loads. The crashes resulted in 715 deaths.

In Kentucky, the law states that no vehicle shall be operated on any public highway whose load is susceptible to shifting or spillage unless the load is covered with a device that is suitable for the prevention of spillage (KRS 189.150).

KSP Major Nathan Day, Division Director for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troop, says these deaths are preventable, and it is crucial motorists are take securing their loads seriously.

After you secure your load, ask yourself, Would I feel safe if I drove behind my vehicle?, said Major Day. If you cant answer with a yes, you need to take our tips to ensure you are traveling safely on our roadways.

Motorists should follow these tips to secure

THE 2022-2023 YEAR BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON HAS

Budget Ordinance # 2022-06-13

the load in your vehicle or trailer:

•Tie your loads down with rope, netting, or

•Tie large objects directly to your vehicle or trailer.

•Cover the entire load with a sturdy tarp or netting.

 Dont overload your vehicle or trailer.

•Double-check your load to make sure its secure.

Motorists should ask themselves these questions before they start driving: •Is there a chance of

debris or cargo falling or blowing out of the vehicle?

•Is the load secured at the back, sides, and top?

•Is my load secured if I had to brake suddenly or hit a bump? Secure Your Load Day

To learn more about Secure Your Load Day

the information.

Robin Abel.

visit the safety campaigns website.

was established by Robin

Abel, a Northwest native

who lost her daughter

Maria in a vehicle acci-

dent in 2004. Maria was

on her way from work

when someone ahead of

her had lost a piece of fur-

niture. The 40 lb. board

went through her wind-

shield, hitting her in the

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ways, save lives, injuries,

and reduce litter. Secure

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Notice

Rockcastle County Detention Center now accepting proposals for Food Services, Medical Services, and Commissary Services.

Contact Rockcastle County Jailer

at 606-256-2178.

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Rockcastle Farmers Market

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HONEY BEE SWARM REMOVAL

REVENUES

General Fund

DETERMINED

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Road Water-Sewer **Tourism**

Total Revenues

EXPENDITURES General Fund Road Water-Sewer

Tourism

Total Expenditures

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES **GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE**

\$147,389 \$5,937.00 \$249,951.00 \$4,450.00

\$407,727.00

\$95,291.00 \$1,721.00 \$170,508.00 \$5,629.43

\$273,149.43

\$134,677.57

NOW, THERFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LIVINGTSON

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2022

Attest: Amanda Thomas, City Clerk

First Reading: 06/13/2022 Second Reading: 06/16/2022 Published: 06/23/2022



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For Rent

Storage Units 16'x32' with lights, electricity and concrete floors for rent. Ideal for boats, cars, campers, etc. Location, former Hamm's Auto Sales on H26. 1250. Prices per month - 16'x32' - \$150; 10'x32' - \$100. Call 606-308-2319. 13xntf

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras: 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications
For 2 and 3 bedroom
units at

Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912, TDD for hearing impaired only.

1-800-247-2510.

For Rent
Maple Street
Storage
of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Property For Sale

Three Empty Lots. Lot #1 is .48 acres, asking \$10,000. Lot #2 is .92 acres, asking \$14,500 and Lot #3 is .77, asking \$12,000. 10% down on any lot and \$200 monthly payments. Call 606-308-5459. 20xntf

For Sale: 2 bedroom house with 3 bedroom trailer, \$69,000. Serious inquiries only. 606-386-0650. 19tfn

Motor Vehicles For Sale

1952 Chevy pickup. Show truck, V8 automatic, black on S-10 frame. \$24,900. 606-386-1470. 17x4

Posted

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Uppper River Rod.

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 5x18

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 52x28

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

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33x52

Posted: No hunting or tres-

passing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x50p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted, 35xntf

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone, All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).

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Miscellaneous For Sale

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058.

Notices

Looking for a caregiver job. Call 606-453-9202 and ask for Mandy. 20x2 Notice is hereby given that Melissa Daniels, 75 Madison View Rod., Berea, Ky. 40403 was appinted Administratrix, without will attached, of the Estate of Johnnie Daiels, deceased, on the 3rd day of May, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melissa Daniels or to Hon. Bobby Amburgey, PO Box 3118, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before December 5, 2022. 18x3

Notice is hereby given Christy McKinley 218 Sally J. Rd. Mount Vernon, KY 40456 and Nathan M. Scott 188 Sally J Rd Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed co-administrators of the estate of Gary W. Scott, deceased on the 14th day of June, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Christy M. Mckinley and Nathan M. Scott or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before December 14, 2022.

Help Wanted

In Home Caregiver: Part time and includes some weekends. Serious inquiries only please. Call 606-308-3043 or 606-392-8488. If no answer, please leave message. 20x2

Yard Sales

Yard Sale: 79 Woodland Place, 9 a.m. to ? Friday and Saturday, June 24th and 25th.

Moving Sale: June 24th and 25th, 10 a.m., 70 Lovell Lane. Some furniture, lots of household stuff. Antique kitchen utensils, brand new grill and much more. June 24th and 25th, 10 a.m. to? No early birds please.

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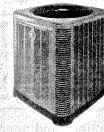
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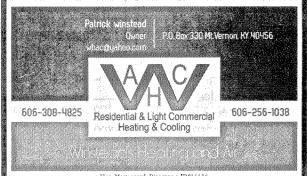
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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray State Representative Session Results:

Preventing Substance Use & Addiction

Without a doubt, the opioid epidemic has taken a devastating toll on our state. It is an urgent and pressing health



crisis that impacts o u r people's quality of life and our state's abil-

ity to reach our potential. We are not alone, as more than 100,000 Americans died of a drug overdose last year alone. Kentucky's overdose deaths skyrocketed last year, fueled by the increased use of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that can be deadly even in very small amounts. In 2021, 2,250 Kentuckians died from drug overdoses, an almost 15% increase from the previous year, with fentanyl identified in 1,639% or 72.8% of the deaths, according to the state's annual Overdose Fatality Report released earlier this week.

During the 2022 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed several initiatives to prevent substance use and addiction.

Expanding Access to Assisted Outpatient Treatment- HB 127 expands the use of Tim's Law to better serve more Kentuckians in need of court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment (AOT). Tim's Law was adopted in 2017 and has proven effective in allowing families, mental health providers, law enforcement officers and others to help someone with a serious mental illness. The measure instills hope for folks that may not always get the care they need and often feel

forgotten about. We need to find ways to get them out of this revolving situation that often leads right to harmful behaviors. We are trying to build and grow a system of care that helps individuals manage their lives better and provides the right tools for a successful recovery.

Dalton's Law - Trafficking- HB 215 enhances the penalty for importing carfentanil, fentanyl, or fentanyl derivatives to a Class C Felony. There are dangers not only the users but to innocent bystanders, EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, and police officers who respond to the scenes of drug overdoses. The measure increases time served for both the importing and the aggravated trafficking of fentanyl and related substances from a minimum of 50 percent served to a minimum of 85 percent.

Substance Abuse Intervention-HB 362 seeks to expand access to substance use disorder treatment by updating Casey's Law. The bill makes health care professionals performing examinations subject to subpoena for purposes of cross-examination and allows an order of treatment to be issued if the court finds proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Casey's Law has helped over 6,000 people across the Commonwealth since it was enacted in 2004. It is a very successful program, and HB 362 helps make it even better. We simply strengthened Casey's Law by updating the burden of proof. The measure ensures more people will have access to lifesaving treatments for their substance abuse disorder.

Prescription Digital Therapeutics in Substance Abuse Treatment-HJR 28 directs the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services to request federal guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for Medicaid coverage on prescription digital therapeutics. Digital therapeutics are treatments or therapies that utilize digital and often internet-based health technologies to spur changes in patient behav-

Opioid Antagonist-SB 56 defines an opioid antagonist as naloxone or any Food and Drug Administration-approved opioid antagonist designed to reverse the effects of an opioid over-

This adjustment was necessary because it expands the scope of medicine that doctors can use on their patients as they experience an overdose.

We will continue our work to increase access to prevention and treatment services. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know is seeking help please visit findhelpnowky.org or call 1-833-8KY-HELP. The hotline can provide information on a variety of services and help identify the best next step to recovery.

As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I can be reached here at home anytime or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Please feel free to email me at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information about any of these committees or legislative actions, you can visit the Legislative Re-Commission search website legislature.ky.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY Fiscal Year 2022-2023

The second reading and adoption of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held at the date, time and location listed below.

> 06/27/2022 Date:

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Rockcastle County Courthouse - Conference Room

BUDGET SUMMARY AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer, on the dates listed

Approval by the Fiscal Court: 05/31/2022 Approved by State Local Finance Officer 06/16/2022

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the

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5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	28,400.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	108,200.00
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Signal by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the Rockcastle County proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

Agricultural By: Warden Alexander, FSA Direction

Nominations Open for the 2022 County

Committee Elections The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Rockcastle County Committee election nomination process.

FSA's county committees are a critical component of the dayto-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secelected, members become part of a local decision making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee

is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a threeyear term. This year, Rockcastle County is accepting nominations for LAA 1, which includes The western section of Rockcastle County bound by Pulaski, Lincoln, and Garrard County, Highway Boundaries are Hwy 70, Hwy 150, I-75 and Little Hurricane Rd.

County committees may have an appointed advisor to further represent the local interests of underserved farmers and ranchers. Underserved producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and landowners and/or operators who have limited resources.

All nomination forms retary of Agriculture. If for the 2022 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by Aug. 1, 2022. For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member available online at: fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Committee Meeting Date: August 3rd 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 3.625%Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 3.750% Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

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Notice

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