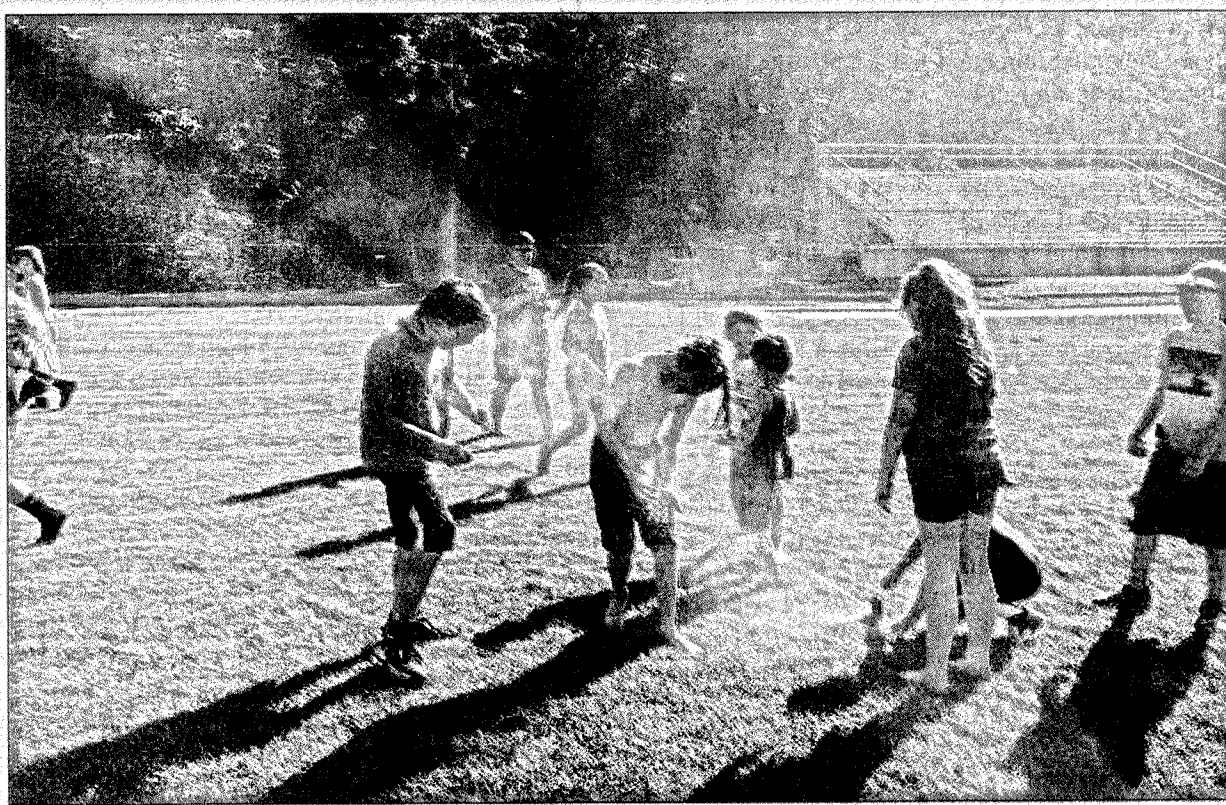


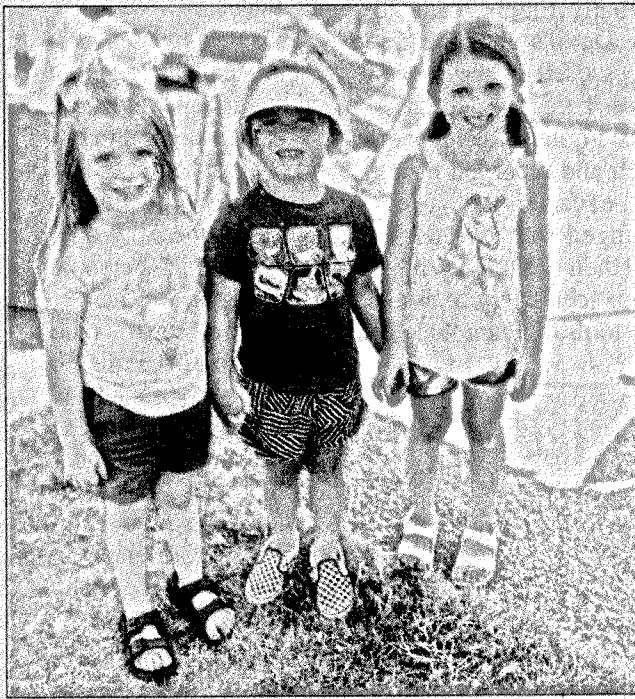
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## Longest Day of Play

Younger ones in attendance at the very warm Longest Day of Play last Wednesday enjoyed cooling off in the sprinkler as well as many other activities that were available. At right, Everly Isaacs, Logan Harris and Jaycee Dillingham enjoyed each other's company playing during the Longest Day of Play held at the middle school. The event was sponsored by the Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition and despite the very warm temperatures over 600 participants took part in fun activities and prizes.



## Mount Vernon City Council City hears new budget, needs new sewer plant

*Building maintenance ordinance not addressed*

By: Mike French  
Editor

To begin the Mount Vernon special called city council meeting last week, Mayor Mike Bryant acknowledged the extraordinary length of the regular monthly meeting in May. "Hopefully this one will not last nearly as long as that very, very long meeting last month."

Last month's meeting was still on the minds of

some after a disagreement between council member Cliff Mullins and City Attorney Bobby Amburgey ended with Mullins calling "point of order" twice to silence Amburgey from discussing the matter of a proposed nuisance ordinance. Amburgey said he resigned as City Attorney and left the meeting. However, Amburgey changed his mind im-

(See "City" on A5)

## Accident closes I-75 for hours

By: Mike French  
Editor

I-75 was closed for some time Saturday just south of Mount Vernon after two tractor trailers collided in the south

bound lanes, according to local first responders.

One of the trucks, which overturned, was transporting semi-trailer cabs which spilled across the highways and into the median, according to Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. Several of the truck cabs being transported flipped over the concrete wall dividing the lanes causing the two inside lanes on the northbound side to be closed as well.

Traffic was backed up in both directions for many miles as motorists were rerouted through Livingston and into London causing US-25 to be backed up for over a mile as well.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, Mount Vernon Police Department

(See "I-75" on A5)

## Fiscal Court approves 2022/23 budget

By: Mike French  
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court approved the 2022/23 budget, after the second reading at a special called meeting Monday, June 27.

The budget shows to-

tal appropriations of \$16,150,601.64.

In the general fund the budget shows \$4,533,426, including about \$1.8 million set aside for shortfalls and other transfers needed as well as \$1.4 million in general government ap-

propriations.

The budget shows a \$1.97 million appropriation for the road department with \$1.2 million of that appropriated to roads.

The budget shows \$1.65 million in the jail fund appropriations.

The Economic Development Fund shows \$3,343,520 in existing

(See "Court" on A5)

## Motorcycle fatality in Rockcastle Co.

By: Mike French  
Editor

Faith A. Jenkins, 26, of Somerset, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Rockcastle County over the week end.

According to a Ken-

tucky State Police report, Jenkins was a passenger on a motorcycle, driven by Matthew S. Sheridan, 32, also of Somerset, on Sunday that was traveling north on I-75. The report

(See "Fatal" on A5)

## Abortion banned in Kentucky

By: Mike French  
Editor

*Editor's note: The Mount Vernon Signal typically does not cover national news and focuses more on local events and news stories. However, since the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe Vs Wade does have a direct effect on some Rockcastle County residents, we will report on the issue to provide information to our readers.*

Abortion is now banned in Kentucky, with the only exception being if the mother's life is at risk.

The United States Supreme Court overturned a 49 year-old decision last

(See "Abort" on A5)

## Correction

The School District portion of the Property Tax settlement from the 2021 Rockcastle County Sheriff's report was \$2,321,348, or about half of the total collections, according to Sheriff's Deputy Dale McNew.

The \$193,276 reported was the total commission collected. We apologize for the error.

## RCIDA

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

The public is invited to attend.

## Relay for Life

The Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, July 8 at 7 p.m. The Survivor Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. This year's event will be held at the RCMS track. Sponsors of the event are Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and the Relay For Life American Cancer Society.

## Fireworks

The fireworks display at Renfro Valley is scheduled for Saturday, July 3 at dusk. The public is invited to attend the free event. There will be no inflatables or concessions at this year's Blast in the Valley..



Two tractor-trailers collided on I-75 southbound causing traffic problems for over an hour Saturday on both sides of the highway. One tractor-trailer was hauling trucks which spilled over into the northbound side of the interstate closing two lanes north while all southbound lanes were closed. Also involved was a vehicle pulling a camper. No injuries were reported but traffic jams through Livingston and London lasted into the afternoon.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Wanted to take off and rant and rave about the repeal of Roe v. Wade as a right nationwide but our editor, Mike French, beat me to it quite nicely.

I do want to say publicly how pleased I was with their decision. It was based on the fact that there was no constitutional right to being able to murder innocent babies in their mother's womb. It was a right manufactured by a very liberal court in the early 70s based on the right to privacy or some such nonsense (you know like that right to force American citizens to buy a product - health insurance - which basically destroyed health insurance).

I'm not convinced that there will be any noticeable difference in abortion numbers since 60% of abortions were being carried out anyway by medication (the so-called morning after pill) which will still be available and which are, reportedly, effective up to 70 days after pregnancy. Also, several major companies have expressed their intention to help employees financially to travel to states where abortions are still legal - until birth in most cases. There will have to be some litigation of this since other employees, not receiving this benefit, will probably feel they should be entitled to equal compensation of some sort.

Before you start commending the companies who have made this pledge, remember it's cheaper for them to do this then to allow for, at least, six weeks maternity leave and to add the new dependent to company insurance costs so, it's actually a self-serving gesture.

Anyway, the most-in-your-face idea being floated so far is by House Speaker Nasty Nancy Pelosi who is floating the idea of federal tax dollars to provide travel vouchers for abortions. Or, we could entertain one suggested by Pocahon, uh, I mean Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren to set up tents in national parks to perform abortions. I'm not sure how this conforms with the SCOTUS ruling that the measure be left up to the states if some of the said national parks are in states where abortions are banned.

As I understand it, Kentucky's ban on abortions only takes into account the mother's life for waiving the ban. There probably should be a waiver for rape and incest, in my opinion, although I still have a hard time with the baby being punished for another's sin.

This could all be taken care of almost 100% by women being responsible enough to use one of the

many birth control methods available today or men, who have no desire to be a dad, having a vasectomy.

One woman was celebrating in front of TV cameras wearing a t-shirt which proclaimed 'I've had 21 abortions' and I didn't know whether to pity her for her obvious lack of mental faculties to know how to keep from getting pregnant or to despise her for her obvious lack of feeling for the babies she murdered.

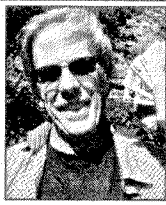
One thing I do know that the abortion ruling of 1972 was a patented slippery slope. It was billed at the time that abortions would now be safe, legal and rare. Well the rare part sure got pushed to the wayside early, didn't it?

It's the same way with allowing same-sex marriages and transgender rights. Personally, I have always been of the school of thought of "to each their own, the old lady said as she kissed the cow." So, if same-sex couples wanted to marry, even though I personally do not approve, I was willing to go along with the decision because I

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am so thankful to God that He put the wisdom in Donald Trump to appoint the right Supreme Court Justices and now Roe v Wade has been overturned. What a blessing and I am humbled by those who stood tall and did the right thing in the face of democrat threats and intimidation and anger and hate and evil.

I know the left-wing rhetoric lies about the unborn, not life yet, glob of cells blah, blah, blah. But for all those who have a shred of common sense and ethical morals and appreciation for freedom and life itself, we can finally ignore their rhetoric.

Millions of tiny babies created through the miracle of life have cringed and dodged and actually fought to avoid the Devil's abortion devices used in the procedure. These tiny, defenseless humans have been seen and recorded trying to escape the tools plunged into women to kill their child. They have been seen to try to avoid the tools of death that de-

mons have put in those doctor's hands. At just 25 weeks, a fetus will physically perform the act of crying from the agony as a needle is plunged into them.

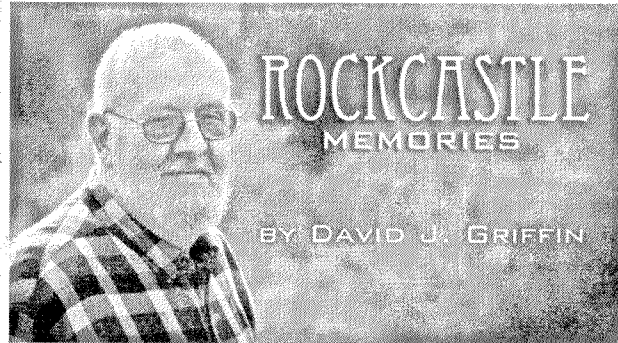
While Kamala and Pelosi and Maxine Waters and Joe Biden speak to the world, with their natural evil anger, about how horrible it is that God has stepped in to save those innocent children, the rest of us can celebrate the miracle of life.

This decision not only saved millions of lives and will allow the birth of millions of Americans who may accomplish major things with their life, but it puts the subject back into the hands of the voters. Imagine that. Democracy!! Democrats hate that.

That sick, twisted, pervert we call a President had the unbelievable gall to speak his demon words and suggest he is angered because the decision to overrule Roe V Wade, "interferes with personal health privacy." This is the same man who wanted to force me to carry a card to prove I had taken a vaccine I didn't want. He is worried about health privacy? His interference with my health privacy has shortened my life. This is a fact and my doctors tell me so.

At least now maybe society will ease off of this idea of casual sex with anyone who asks, and rather than using murder as contraception,

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### My Chuck Taylors

I recently saw an advertisement for "Chuck Taylor" Converse All Star basketball shoes, and it took me back to my youth. When I was in elementary school at Mt. Vernon, my mother (Bee) always took me to a men's store in Richmond to get my new Levi jeans and new shoes for the coming school year.

For many years, I selected the white, over-the-ankle Converse sneakers to wear to school when the weather would permit. When it was raining, snowy, or cold, I wore my leather boots. My choice was always the Converse tennis shoes, but Bee would make sure that I was wearing the correct shoes for the specific weather conditions. I can remember her sending me back to my bedroom to change my shoes.

I will never forget making the trip to Richmond in 1957. When we entered the men's store, I immediately noticed that the new "Chuck Taylor" tennis shoes could be purchased in a low-top Oxford style. I picked out a pair of white, low-cut basketball shoes, and I was so excited that I wore them home.

Later that same year (1957), I noticed that the stars of the TV show, Leave It to Beaver were wearing the Chuck Taylor, low-tops under their rolled-up jeans. That was exactly my style at the

time.

I was recently surprised to learn that the Converse over-the-ankle sneaker had their beginning in 1917. It wasn't until 1922 when Charles "Chuck" Taylor began a sales position at Converse, that the tennis shoes started their immediate rise in sales. At that time, Converse All Stars were the world's best-selling basketball shoes.

For most of my time at Mt. Vernon Elementary and High School, I had at least one pair of Converse All Stars in my closet. I wore those or Weejuns most of the time in high school.

When I went to UK in May of 1962, my Converse basketball shoe went with me. When my canvas shoes were dirty, I put them in a washer and dryer. I was terrified when I heard my All Stars banging around in the dryer. The sounds that they made were unbelievable. My mother did not have a dryer, so the sounds were new to me.

Even at my advanced age, I still have one pair of low-cut Converse All Stars. I suppose these shoes have made the biggest impression on me more than any other shoes. Thanks to Converse and Chuck Taylor.

You can reach me at themtmman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

**T.J.'s Journal**  
By: Tonya J. Cook



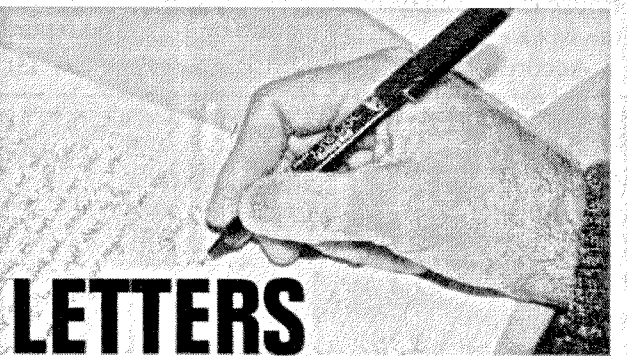
### It Takes a Village

Dear Journal,  
Last week Stanley and I had the honor of attending the official opening of the St. Claire History Garden and Chamber of Commerce Building in downtown Mount Vernon. We have served on the Rockcastle Development Board for many years and since 2017 have worked with the board to see this project come to fruition. It has taken a lot of planning, the cooperation of several individuals, civic organizations and businesses to see the final product. Of course we have had some disappointments along the way

but it was all very much worth the end result.

All in attendance seemed to be very pleased with the beauty of the history garden and the old building that was once an eyesore is now a beautiful rustic-style business office. It is only with vision such a miracle could have been performed. Lynn Tatum, the facilitator of the Development Board led the way with the support of the board and other city and county governments. The Chamber Building and History Garden compliment the revamped Triangle Park across the street. Things

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank You...

Dear Editor,  
The Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition would like to thank everyone who contributed to and attended the "Longest Day of Play!" There were over 600 total participants.

Thank you to the following individuals and

organizations: Rockcastle County Health Department, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Rockcastle County Middle School, Rockcastle County Schools, King Bottling, Inc., Kiwanis, White House Clinics, Southern Kentucky AHEC, Citizen's Bank, Whitaker Bank, Community Trust Bank, First Southern National Bank, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), KCEOC Community Action Early Headstart, Rockcastle Community Council, Rockcastle Regional Hospital RT department, Rock Peds, Rockcastle Family Wellness, Rockcastle Regional Quality Department, Rockcastle Regional Community Relations, Rockcastle Re-

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## ramblings

(Continued from A2) thought that same-sex couples should be accorded the same right to make medical decisions for each other, mainly. But, I was aggravated to read where a Pride parade in Seattle last week was led by the Boy Scouts carrying the Pride flag and some participants parading nearly nude with some even in the all together. This bothered me greatly and I don't think it should be allowed in public. I know that will be an unpopular opinion with some, but, so be it, it won't be the first time.

Lost in all the hoopla over the abortion ruling were a few others that the SCOTUS issued.

One concerned the fact that states with strict limits on carrying guns in public violate the Second Amendment per New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen. The decision says that it is a violation of the Second Amendment to require a person to show a need for self-protection to carry a concealed firearm.

New York's governor and mayor are aghast at the ruling, saying that this will increase violence in

their city/state but many are of the opinion that an armed society is a more polite society.

In Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, the court ruled that a football coach at a public high school had a constitutional right to pray at the 50-yard line after his team's games.

In Carson v. Makin, the court ruled that a Maine program that excludes religious schools from a state tuition program is a violation of the free exercise of religion.

In a rare 9-0 decision, the court ruled that the City of Boston had violated the First Amendment when it refused to let a private group raise a Christian flag in front of its city hall, although it had allowed many other organizations to use the flagpole to celebrate various causes.

And, in National Federation of Independent Business v. Department of Labor, the court found that the Biden administration's vaccine-or-testing mandate for large employers was not lawful. However, in Biden v. Missouri, the court found that the Biden administration's mandate to require

health care workers at facilities receiving federal money to be vaccinated was lawful.

One final thought, I get tired of abortion being billed as "reproductive healthcare." That doesn't fit the description of an abortion at all, neither does "My Body, My Choice." It would if the only "body" involved were the woman's but there is always another "body" affected and it certainly doesn't have any say in the outcome.

And, I apologize, since I did exactly what I said I wasn't going to do in my first paragraph and spent the entire column on the abortion ruling. No excuse, just couldn't get off of the subject.

## T.J.s

(Continued from A2) are really beginning to shape up in downtown Mount Vernon.

Hopefully this will inspire others to get a sense of pride and do something with the rest of the city. I've heard talk about how the older abandoned and dilapidated buildings really make the city look bad... "like an inner-city ghetto". This kind of image doesn't inspire business, new or old, in the county and surely doesn't inspire tourism. In fact, it is rather shameful to the whole county as people from out of town pass through for the first time. Mount Vernon just needs to get a vision and run with it.

I was talking with

Mayor Mike and Carol Bryant after the opening services. I was admiring the beautiful plaque that was presented to the mayor during the service and I was looking at all of the contributing individuals, civic organizations, and businesses in the area that donated time, money or services to make this addition to the town possible. Several contributors made this wonderful addition to downtown come to life and we agreed to take a quote from Hillary Clinton, "It Takes a Village"

## Letter

(Continued from A2) gional Tobacco Treatment and Cessation, Rockcastle Regional Dietetics and Nutritional Services, Christian Appalachian Project, Grateful Bread Food Pantry, Camp AJ, McClure, McClure and Bailey, Rockcastle Pre-Schools, Laurel Family and Mental Health, Rockcastle County Youth Service Center, Mt. Vernon Elementary Family Resource Youth Services Center, Brodhead Elementary Family Resource Youth Services Center, Roundstone Elementary School Family Resource Youth Services Center, Rockcastle Middle School Family Resource Services Center, Rockcastle County Extension/UK Extension Co-op, KY Cancer Program, NESCO Resource, KY River Foothills, Walgreen's of Mt.

Vernon, Rockcastle County Public Library, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services, Rocket Refuel, Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation, Silcox Ice, DJ Charlie Napier, Lonnie and Peggy Hall, Rockcastle Emergency Council, Berea Walmart, Mt. Vernon Signal, and Cumberland River Behavioral Health.

Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition (RHCC)

## Aces

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people can start to use abstinence, or birth control, again. Maybe people can even begin facing the consequences of their choices again. And, at the same time, the miracle of birth can take place and a real human being can live a good, fruitful, happy life and have a chance to be a productive member of society.

Still, evil will never die. Places like Planned Parenthood are paying travel expenses for those who wish to kill their own child.

Don't forget, these are the same people who give free crack pipes to addicts and free needles to heroin addicts but don't care how expensive Insulin is.

But because the highest office in the land spoke the truth and

democrats don't like it, they threaten and intimidate and lie and break laws across the country and protest at judge's homes (even though it is against the law) and riot and burn. These evil, dark creatures of that party are using terroristic threatening against others because they want the Supreme Court to continue to defy the Constitution. And now they tell their people to defy laws they don't like.

An actual Representative of the United States, Maxine Waters, has stated on the record, in public, on camera that the people should defy any law they do not agree with. This isn't a joke. It isn't an exaggeration or a spin or manipulation. She spoke it, straight out. Telling the people of America to defy laws they don't agree with. Well, I'm game if the rest of Republicans are! Just say when!

But for now, in millions of cases, a baby will be able to kick in their mother's womb and will grow and be born and laugh and smile and become a grown member of society. Mothers and fathers will hold their child in their arms and feel the hug and total trust of their own creation. God has saved them even against Democrat's evil efforts.

Thank you Donald Trump and thank you Lord.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, July 4th: Closed. Tuesday, July 5th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Cove Branch. Wednesday, July 6th: Maple Grove and Climax.

**Health Department Holiday Hours**  
The Rockcastle Health Department will be closed Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 8 a.m.

**Farmers' Market Coupons**  
The Farmers' Market Coupons, originally scheduled for distribution on Friday, July 1st, at the Senior Citizens Center on U.S. 25 South just past Lumber King, will instead not be available for distribution until Monday, July 11th.

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

**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.

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

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

**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 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.

**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.

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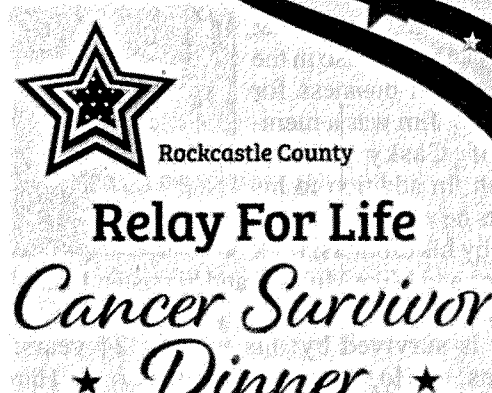


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Please join us Friday, July 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School for a dinner in your honor. Each Survivor is entitled to bring a guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration! All Survivors will receive a t-shirt!

After the dinner, we invite you to come to Rockcastle Middle School track for Relay for Life Survivor Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.


Please RSVP by calling Melissa Brock at 606-256-7703 or Chelsea Dillingham at 606-256-7767 or on-line at <https://bit.ly/22survivor> by **Wednesday, July 6.**

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**Friday, July 8, 2022**  
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# Obituaries

## Kenneth Hopkins

Kenneth Helton Hopkins, 101, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born at Freedom in Rockcastle County, on May 21, 1921, the son of Lum Hopkins and Nancy Helton Hopkins. He was a musician and retired after 42 years as a district manager for South Central Bell. He loved playing music with the Rockcastle Bluegrass Group. The highlight of his musical career was performing at the 2015 Kentucky Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony. He was a 66 year member of the Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566, a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, and was a World War II Veteran of the US Navy.

He is survived by: a son, Tony Hopkins and wife Donna of Mt. Vernon; two grandsons, Kenneth Shaye Hopkins and wife Serenity of Mt. Vernon, and Stephen Hopkins of Douglasville, GA; six great grandchildren, Abby, Charlotte, Andrew, Bradley, Kennedy, and Stella; a step-son, Mark Hogue and wife Sandy of Danville; and a step-daughter, Sarah Hogue. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his previous wives, Joyce, Rita, and Ann.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dennis Wilder and Mr. Tony Hopkins. Burial with military honors by the US Navy followed in Piney Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Pallbearers were: Casper Bowling, Mark Hogue, Ken Hopkins, Stephen Hopkins, John Sizemore, and Howard Whatley.

Donations are requested to: the First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 639, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Edith Coffey

Edith Coffey, 90, of Wildie, died Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at her home. She was born in Wildie on March 29, 1932, the daughter of Henry and Joyce McGuire Smith. She had been a homemaker and a member of Wildie Christian Church. She loved cooking and gardening.

She is survived by: her sons, Anthony Coffey and wife Susan of Mt. Vernon, and Brian Coffey and wife Janie of Wildie; two grandchildren, Katherine Coffey and Lincoln Coffey; three brothers, Herman Smith of Mt. Vernon, Arnold Smith of Trenton, OH, and Kenneth Smith of Glendale, AZ; and three sisters, Faye Peters of Mt. Vernon, Ester Houston of Cincinnati, OH, and Bonnie Lou Schwarz of Milford, OH. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Johnnie Coffey; five brothers, William, Ed, Leonard, Merle, and Shirley Smith; two sisters, Gertrude Stephens and Hazel Smith; and a granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Coffey.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Shannon Franklin. Burial was in Maret Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Houston, Christopher Peters, Mike Peters, James Smith, Keith Smith, and Lyndon Smith.

Donations are requested to Wildie Christian Church.

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## Lois Elizabeth Mullins

Lois Elizabeth Ruppe Mullins, 95, died Sunday, June 26, 2022. She was born in Harlan on July 1, 1926, to the late John Ruppe and Elizabeth Pittman Ruppe. She was the co-owner and operator of Lee's Grocery in Livingston for many years. In her spare time, she enjoyed tending to her garden and yard, especially weed-eating. She also had a talent for canning and sewing. Mrs. Mullins will be remembered for being a dedicated, loving, and hard-working woman.

She is survived by: her son, John Mullins (Jennifer); grandchildren, Brad Mullins (Amy), Stuart Mullins (Michelle), and Rachel Taylor (Myles); great grandchildren, Josh Mullins, Cody Mullins, Brandon Mullins, Chase Mullins, Kirsten Wright, Audra Mullins, Myles Taylor, Brayden Taylor, and Jake Servison; and her great great grandchildren, Adelyn, Tinley, Everleigh, Sarah, and Khayd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Lee Mullins, Jr.; siblings, William Ruppe, Robert Ruppe, Freddy Ruppe, Minnie Florence Garner, and Gene Ruppe; and her grandson, Kevin Mullins.

Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 30.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at [www.harrodbrothers.com](http://www.harrodbrothers.com)

## William Jonas "Joe" McKenzie

William Jonas "Joe" McKenzie, 79, and his wife, April, died in their home last week. Joe was born in Louisville and moved to Pensacola with his parents, William H. "Mack" and Ruby Dowell McKenzie, when he was 10 years old. He attended Turner Lee Day Elementary School, Warrington Junior High, and Pensacola Technical High School.

He is survived by: his daughter, Gina M. (Stephen) Comeaux; his son, William Jonas "Joey" McKenzie, Jr.; his grandson, Christopher Comeaux; sister, Mary Jane M. (Duke) Norred; uncle, Bill W. (Sandy) Dowell; a nephew; and many cousins and friends.

He was the owner of Jonas Enterprises, where he sold industrial supplies for many years. He was a member of Northview Baptist Church.

A memorial service was held at Trahan Family Funeral Home on 60 Industrial Blvd on Saturday, June 26, 2022.

## Jimmy "Jim" Dean Mullins

Jimmy "Jim" Dean Mullins, 60, of Herndon, died Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at his home. He was born June 15, 1962, in Eubank, the son of the late Lucian Mullins and Jane Gibbons. He grew up on a dairy farm and could operate all types of equipment. He was a supervisor for Scott & Murphy. He was also in the construction business for 40 years. Jim was a member of Casky Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Rick Mullins and Mike Mullins, and his sister, Lisa Mullins Evans.

He is survived by: his wife of 24 years, Rani Mullins, of Hopkinsville; his son, Logan Hardison, of Clarksville, TN; his brother-in-law, Neil (Brandy) Mason JR.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 26, 2022, with Rev. Ronnie Ping and Rev. Johnny Lear officiating at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Casky Baptist Church, 4090 Casky Ln, Hopkinsville, KY 42240; or Max's Hope, 105 Metcalfe Dr, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

## Card of Thanks

### Margie Ann Vanzant

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all those that sent prayers, words of comfort, food, flowers, cards, etc. during the loss of our loved one.

We would like to say a special thanks to the medical staff/nurses at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, the University of Ky Hospital and Bluegrass Hospice Care for the special care and attention they gave Margie.

Also a special thanks to Bro. Jim Miller for the comforting words and insight into her life and to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for their thoughtfulness and friendship through many years.

Martin, Marty and Jeorgette Vanzant

## Linda Neal

Linda Lou Neal, 68, of Mt. Vernon, mother of Jamie Bradley and daughter of Ruby Powell, died Thursday, June 23, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

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

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Roger Parsons

John Roger Parsons, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at his home. He was born in Berea on April 30, 1947, the son of John Franklin and Ione

Carter Parsons. He was a retired owner of Parsons Gas Company, a member of Wildie Christian Church, and was a Veteran of the US Air Force.

He is survived by: his children, Nicholas Parsons and wife Theresa, and Courtney Saylor and husband Brad, both of Mt. Vernon; his grandchildren, Sophie Saylor, Emmie Lou Saylor, Koben Saylor, Ronan Parsons, and Hanna Parsons, and also two special grandchildren; a brother, David Parsons and wife Marsha of Wildie; and a sister, Joy Durham and husband Jimmy of Berea. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a son, Kyle Parsons; a sister, Amy Lisa Parsons; and a brother, Ian Parsons.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Shannon Franklin. Burial with military honors from the US Air Force followed in the Hiatt Cemetery in Renfro Valley.

Pallbearers were: Jerry Carter, Danny Ford, Aaron Hamilton, Roger Isaacs, Christian Parsons, Jack Parsons, and Rodney Smith.

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## Jimmie Smith

Jimmie Lee Smith, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on April 17, 1939, the son of Tony and Lola Moore

Smith. He loved watching basketball, was of the Baptist Faith, and was a Veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by: two sons, Frankie Baker and wife Lora, and Chuck Baker and wife Stephanie, both of Mt. Vernon; a step-son, Michael Baker and wife Teri of Berea; four grandchildren, Justin Cameron, Justin Mullins, Michael McCauley, and Dustin Cameron; and two great nephews, Lonnie Arthur and Derrick Arthur. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Ann Mullins and a sister, Mae Smith Mink.

Visitation services were held Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Smith Cemetery at Burr.

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## Gus Edward Fielder

Gus Edward Fielder, son of Robert and Elsie Fielder of Estill County, entered our world on March 3, 1940. He went Home to Jesus on June 20, 2022 chasing

FURIOUSLY after his beloved bride, Kay Fielder, for 18 months just as he began in 1963. He married Kay on December 12, 1964 and they began a life together. Ed, as he was known, worked every day of his life whether it be slopping hogs and plowing fields as a boy to laying the first load of rock on what

would become Interstate 75 south from Cincinnati and beyond. He always worked with trucks or heavy equipment of which many considered him a master. There was nothing he couldn't master however. In July of 1967 they welcomed a son into the family, Wayne Edward Fielder. Ed raised his son and provided for his bride by building his own Trucking company, merging that company with Langley Incorporated, and later as Foreman for Creech Incorporated providing services to Kentucky's Thoroughbred industry.

Retirement beckoned and Ed and Kay moved to Renfro Valley where they opened Valley Keepsake. What started as a music store with various collectibles turned into Country Meadow Soap Company that was always the passion of this passionate couple.

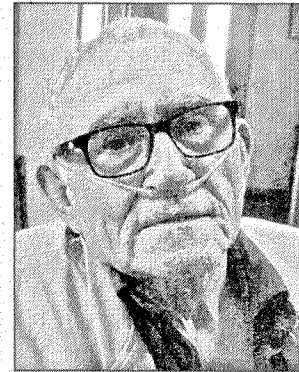
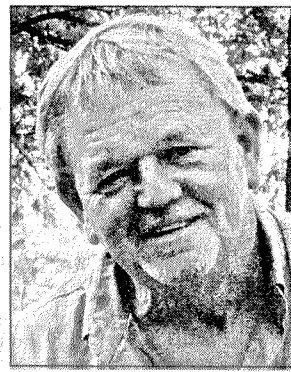
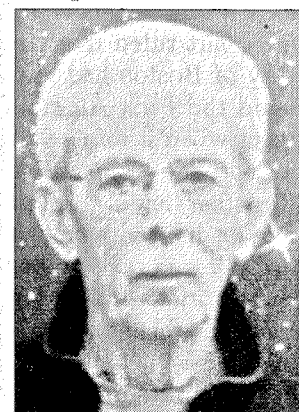
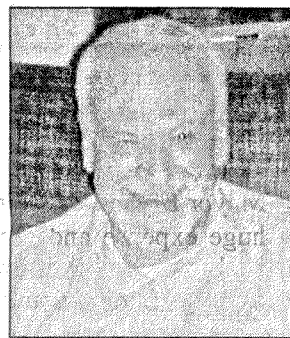
Ed continued chasing his bride and raising his son over the next 56 years until Kay preceded him in Heaven on December 13, 2020. My beloved father continued chasing his bride for the next 18 months until he found her...in Heaven.

He is survived by: a brother Gene (Roxanne) Fielder and a sister, Lorraine (Paul) Hendrix, both of Ashland; his son, Wayne (Angela) Fielder of Frankfort; niece, Jennifer Fielder of Irvine; and kinda-adopted daughters, Rachel Riddle of Brodhead and Bethany Martin of Mt. Vernon. Not all family is blood.

I love you Daddy. See you soon.

Services were held Friday, June 24, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Jason Medley officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)





## “Abort”

(Continued from front) week that had forbidden states from banning abortion. As of the latest decision, the court voted 6 to 3 to return the matter of abortion rights back to the individual states.

Until 1973, each state had its own laws concerning abortion. Amid nationwide riots and battles on each side of the issue, the Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that states could no longer ban abortion in a decision on the case of Roe vs Wade.

However, last week, the Supreme Court reversed that decision stating that abortion is not addressed in the Constitution and therefore is not a right provided to citizens by the Constitution. Since the Supreme Court's only duty is to interpret laws, as they relate to the Constitution, the justices correctly decided the Supreme Court does not have the right or the authority to make laws, but only to interpret laws written by legislatures. Therefore, the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision was overturned.

In 2018, Governor Matt Bevin signed what was called a "Trigger Law" (HB148) that would take effect if Roe vs Wade was ever overturned should that event take place. Last week, that event took place as Roe vs Wade was overturned.

The trigger law, so called because it is similar to a loaded gun with the hammer cocked and will fire the instant the trigger is pulled, bans abortion in the State of Kentucky with only the exception of a continued pregnancy being a danger to the mother's life.

Kentucky is one of three states in the nation, along with Louisiana and South Dakota, to have such a trigger law, which is a Class D Felony and include penalties of up to five years in prison on conviction, and which took effect the moment Roe Vs Wade was overturned. Three other states, including Tennessee, have similar trigger laws but those take affect 30 days after Roe vs Wade was overturned. Seven other states also have trigger laws but take effect only after their governors have signed certification that Roe vs Wade was overturned. A total of 13 states have abortion trigger laws.

The recent decision has sparked more riots and protests throughout the nation and caused public uproar. President Joe Biden falsely claimed the Supreme Court does have the authority to ban abortion even though the Constitution does not address the issue. United States Representative Maxine Waters has now publicly called upon the citizens of America to defy the law if they disagree with it and saying publicly "To h--- with the Supreme Court."

Locally, the Rockcastle Regional Hospital does not perform the procedure of abortion, according to public relations director Jana Bray. Instead, all requests for an abortion are referred to their primary OB/GYN. Some doctors have performed the procedure but most are performed at clinics, according to some websites. Two Planned Parenthood centers exist in Kentucky with one in Lexington and one in Louisville. Both centers immediately

ceased all abortion procedures upon the overturning of Roe vs Wade, according to their websites. However, those centers and other organizations in Kentucky are forming departments that will assist with transportation costs to anyone seeking an abortion. Kentucky residents who seek an abortion must now travel to Virginia or Illinois, the closest states where the procedure is still legal. Planned Parenthood and others intend to provide the expense involved with traveling to those states for an abortion.

The Supreme Court is currently considering several other previously ruled cases including Kennedy vs Bremerton which is a case in which a high school football coach sued the school after he was fired for praying after each game at the school (a decision in this case was handed down Monday in favor of the coach, calling it a freedom of speech right).

Another case, Vega vs Tekoh, will decide if previous courts had authority to allow criminals to sue their arresting officer if they did not receive their Miranda Rights.

## “I-75”

(Continued from front) ment, Brodhead Police Department, the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle County Emergency Management, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and numerous towing agencies from Rockcastle and Laurel Counties responded to the calls.

Officials used road signage and social media posts to warn drivers to avoid the area and find alternate routes.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the accident is under investigation. Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department say they worked to clear the roadway as soon as possible.

## “Fatal”

(Continued from front) says the rear tire apparently blew causing Sheridan to lose control of the motorcycle, crashing on the highway.

Upon arrival, Trooper Corey Jones contacted Rockcastle EMS and the two victims were transported to the local hospital. Sheridan was later transported to the University of Kentucky A.B. Chandler Hospital where he is being treated for serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Jenkins succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased by the Madison County Coroner's office.

Trooper Jones was assisted at the scene by the Madison County EMS, Rockcastle County EMS, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Brodhead Police Department, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office and the Madison County Coroner's office.

The reports says neither rider was wearing a helmet.

## “Court”

(Continued from front) funds and includes money paid to the county by Chapin Industries and the Microfoodery plant when they paid off their buildings. A large part of that money includes funds the county bonded and must be repaid, but officials plan to keep those funds in the ac-

count until early payoff penalties by the lending institutions are dropped in December of 2025.

Officials say this decision will not only save the county large penalties but will also mean the county has the \$3 million available in the event of an emergency or other need arises.

There is also over \$3 million in the American Rescue Plan Act fund. This money is a "once in a lifetime gift" according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. that was designated to the county for COVID expenses. According to Holbrook the money was given through calculations by estimating how many employees in the county worked through the COVID pandemic during certain months.

However, Holbrook says the United States Treasury has not yet released guidelines concerning how that money may be used. "If we use it for something that the Treasury doesn't approve, the county would be responsible for that money," he said.

So, the court has decided to simply keep the money available until uses are approved by the treasury department. "Once we have that information on how we can use these funds, it will be very nice to have it available for Rockcastle County," Holbrook said once the money becomes available, it will make a difference in some areas of the county. "We don't know how we can use it yet, but when we find out, there will be some part of our county that will benefit greatly," he said. "\$3,000,000 can make a noticeable difference no matter which area we are allowed to use it in. Or we may be able to use it in several different departments. We just don't know yet."

In other action at the special meeting, the court approved the bid for road salt from Compass Minerals for \$150 per ton. The cost in 2021 was \$104 per ton but magistrates agreed the price hike is due to fuel costs in transporting the salt to the county. "Let's hope we have an easy winter," said Holbrook.

The court also approved an agreement with the Department of Justice who will provide \$1,000 to each inmate who completes the MRT Program at the local jail. Jailer Nathan Carter said an average of 4 to 5 inmates graduate the program each month.

The court also approved the Administrative Code with only one change from previous years which gives the Judge/Executive the authority to fill job vacancies with fiscal court approval.

Having no further business the court was adjourned.

The court's regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## “City”

(Continued from front) diately and never submitted his resignation in writing.

The disagreement centered around an ordinance that would force property owners to maintain, repair, lease or occupy their building and create a building inspector office which could impose fines for unoccu-

pled or dangerous buildings. Mullins asked to table the ordinance last month but Amburgey expressed the need for the ordinance immediately.

The council informally agreed to table the issue until the June meeting. However, the June meeting was postponed and moved to last week on a different weeknight than usual making it a "special called" meeting. Therefore, the subject could not be addressed since no items may be addressed in a special meeting unless it is on the agenda and the matter was not included.

Mayor Mike Bryant said the subject was not addressed because Amburgey was on vacation and his role is incapable on the subject. Mayor Bryant said he expects the subject will be on the agenda in July.

The special called meeting last week saw City Financial Consultant Josh Bray present the first draft of the 2022-23 budget. "The budget this year is more fluid than usual," said Bray. "There are expenses that weren't expected and grants and funding and reimbursements that won't show up till the next budget but we will get some of the funds this year and there were some changes this year. So the numbers on this budget will be more fluid than normal throughout our fiscal year." Bray explained that there may be some projects that are fully funded by grants but the city will have to pay the cost and then wait to be reimbursed for those funds.

"One thing I don't care to have out in the public is the fact that we need a new sewer plant," said Mayor Bryant. "This is a huge expense and obviously we can't do it for a while. But we need to start thinking about that and keeping the idea in the back of our minds when we make decisions."

Bray agreed a new sewer plant is currently needed but will eventually become mandatory instead of simply a need. "There are some things we can do to make our plant more efficient as we get closer to capacity," said Bray. "We are okay for a while but you are right, we need to be thinking about a new plant very soon." The mayor said he does not wish to cause false alarm in the general public and therefore does not want to say how close the plant is to capacity already. "It is okay right now but we need one."

Bray said some of the changes in the new budget include a drop in the expenses in the parks and recreation department by about \$12,000, and raises the expected alcohol tax revenue to \$120,000. There were also some surprises this year, according to Bray and Mayor Bryant. "There are several surprises but a good example is fuel for our police vehicles and trucks the city uses," said Bryant. "The cost of fuel has doubled." Bray said the utilities in general have also raised. "The utilities expense in the water fund is \$220,000 and we had budgeted conservatively at \$180,000. We had room in the budget but not this much room."

Bryant said the budget is very conservative on most estimates. "We would always rather err on the side of the city and have funds left over," he said. "But some of these

larger inflated prices were unpredictable."

In the end, the budget summary shows total cash and revenues estimated at \$7,148,817 and total appropriations at \$6,083,877 for a balance of \$1,064,940. However, Bray says these numbers will change most likely before the second reading or at least have amendments added later.

The draft budget passed unanimously with council members Jamie Bryant and Sharon Saylor not present.

In other business the council heard department reports. Fire Chief David Bales told the council the Mount Vernon Fire Department made 51 runs in May. Of those 27 involved vehicles and seven were EMS assists.

Brian Carter reported the Mount Vernon Police Department received 474 calls for service in May with 39 of those involving vehicle accidents.

# New chamber office open

By: Mike French Editor

It was ten years ago that the Saint Clair property on the corner of Richmond and Main Streets became available and, after several years of negotiations, the City of Mount Vernon purchased the unsightly property for \$25,000. "We didn't even know what we were going to do with it at the time," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "We had several complaints that the area was unsightly and we just knew if the city could purchase it, we could use it for something to benefit the city."

Last Tuesday, that benefit came to fruition as officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new office space for the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, the Rockcastle County Development Board and the Saint Clair History Garden.

Dignitaries throughout the county and the City of Mount Vernon attended the event, marking the opening of the Chamber office. "It has been a long process but we are proud to have this beautiful history garden for tourists to learn about our area and for local citizens to enjoy any time," said Bryant.

Several clubs and orga-

The department also made 33 arrests and ticketed 28 traffic violations and seven drug charges. There were also 25 warrants served. Councilman Jim Bowman asked if the department keeps records of trends and follows when certain parts of the report are higher or lower throughout the year but Carter said the numbers seem to follow no path and "are up and down unpredictably."

Wayne Bullock also gave the All American Club report indicating his department picked up 31 bags of trash in Mount Vernon. The report does not indicate a time frame when that trash was removed but was dated June 22.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21 at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

nizations, led by Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum, have joined in the process of creating the history garden beautification and placing markers, informing visitors about the history of the area.

The ceremony provided guests with an opportunity to visit the new chamber office and catch up on local history.

A plaque was presented that will hang in City Hall and a bronze plaque will be mounted to the building commemorating the event and recognizing those who helped make the area a public, usable space.

Those who are listed on the plaques are:

Gold Level; Appalachian Regional Commission, Citizens Bank, the City of Mount Vernon, Old Kentucky Logs, Silver level; Jackson Energy, Lowes, Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, Bronze Level; Community Trust Bank, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Debbie Brown, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Lumber King, Randy and Ronnie Mink, the Rockcastle County Development Board, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the Rockcastle County Garden Club.

## 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.



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# Some memories of Brodhead Hardware

Submitted by:  
Allison (Cash)  
Reynolds

Huge Fire: Apartments and Brodhead office building destroyed... read the headline on the front page of the June 9, 2022 edition of the *Mount Vernon Signal*. But the old building that was destroyed was the former Brodhead Hardware, S&T; and before that, John Sowder's Hardware & Appliances. Originally an IGA Grocery, then converted to a hardware, appliance and Zenith television store, Mr. Sowder also had a radio station there for a time which broadcast local talent on Saturday afternoons. (Rockcastle County, KY and Its People 1992; pg. 315, Sowder-Albright entry).

The Hardware store was A BIG part of the life of three kids, Allison, Lorrie and Shannon Cash. Our parents, David and Jone (Harris) Cash, Jackie Cash and our Grandfather, Edgar Cash operated "the store" from 1966, when we (Allison and Lorrie) moved "home" from Independence, Missouri to Rockcastle County, (we were 7 and 5 years old) until they retired and sold out the stock in 1996.

One of our favorite sections in the Signal is Aces Over, by editor Mike French. Mike often writes of his childhood memories so well one can recall, or imagine, the sights and sounds from a time long gone, yet not so long ago. That's the essence of our feelings of nostalgia over the loss of the store building... recalling the slower paced, less anxious days in the 1960s-90s. Those were our childhood and adolescent years, growing up in the small town of Brodhead, Kentucky.

Back in the day, from the corner on that side of Main St. to the railroad tracks were: the Brodhead Jail, John Sowder's Hardware, Herman Singleton's Grocery, W.O. Yaden's Dry Goods, (possibly another business unknown to me?), Citizens Bank, Laswell & Bussell Milling Co., City Hall, one or two Barber Shops (not sure), B.C. Riddle's General Store, (perhaps others that I am not aware of).

Johnny Sowder was a first cousin of my and Lorrie's Grandfather, John Ephraim Harris. Grandpa Harris was working at Singleton's grocery store when it and Yaden's dry goods store, burned together in February, 1951 (some say it was 1948), and perhaps a third business as well that was between Sowder's Hardware and Citizens Bank, (Rockcastle County, KY and Its People 1992; pg. 31, Brodhead Fire Dept. entry). The men of the Brodhead Fire Department, working furiously as water froze to their clothing, were able to save the hardware and the bank from the fire.

The Citizens Bank building (Dari-Delite, now John Boy's Pizzeria) later became Dillingham's Sundry when the new bank was built, and Mr. Willie Dillingham moved his drug store and soda fountain from across the street to the vacated bank building. We used to walk to the hardware store after school to stay there with Mom until she closed for the day. Most days we

would leave our books at the store and go down to Mr. Willie's for a snack. We got \$5 allowance every week, some to give to the Lord, and some to spend or save. I vividly recall the soda fountain counter, with its red vinyl seat stools and the half-dozen ice cream tables. Twenty-five cents would buy a small Coke in a soda glass and either a candy bar or bag of chips. They dipped ice cream, made milk shakes and banana splits. We would anxiously await the monthly arrival of 16 Magazine and buy it the first day it hit the rack at the drug store! Elvis, Bobby Sherman, David Cassidy and the Partridge Family, Donny Osmond and Brothers, The Jackson Five, The Beatles, and The Monkees... thirty-five cents well spent! We'd return to the hardware store and watch the Zenith black & white televisions, or go across the street to look at the merchandise in Mr. Earl Mullins' 5 & 10, and buy a nickel scoop of candy in a little brown paper sack, usually Red Hots.

Next to the 5 & 10 was Fletcher's Grocery (now Brodhead Pharmacy) across the street from our hardware store. Mom & Dad were close friends with Charles & Patsy Fletcher. Like Dad and Mom, Charles and Patsy had returned from living out of state, to Brodhead to take over the grocery store after Jack and Virginia Fletcher retired in 1971. The Brodhead Post Office was next door to Fletcher's on the corner where CRC Medical Equipment is now. Mr. C.B. "Junior" Owens was the Postmaster then.

For the most part there weren't many mishaps or injuries at the store, but there were a few. And one of them involved a guessing game with a spinning 4-sided fishing hooks and lures rack. Lorrie and I used it to pass the time, standing with our eyes closed and spinning it then guessing which side it would stop on. Packages of hooks and lures hung on metal prongs that turned up on the end to keep the packages from sliding off. Lorrie was playing the game by herself when we heard her screaming! One of those prongs had gone in her eye and lodged under her top eyelid! Mom tried to lift her up and off the end of the prong but that didn't work! I ran frantically out of the store calling for help and a man came running. He was able to pull her eyelid out and off the prong. Lorrie's eye was swollen shut for several days after the injury, but otherwise her eye healed alright.

It's hard to remember ALL the Brodhead folks who frequented the Hardware Store on a regular basis. But one was Judge Ed Brown. Right across from the cash register and counter were two chairs, and most of the time somebody was sitting in one of them visiting with Mom or Grandpa Edgar. Often it was Judge Brown, but we would be interested to know how many people around town remember sitting there just to talk for a while about what was going on around Brodhead. Grandpa Edgar would sharpen your pocket knife for you on a whet stone he kept behind the counter, then

he'd grab you by the wrist and shave a patch of hair off your arm to demonstrate its sharpness! He would laugh because he knew that bald spot would take weeks to grow back in! Another "couple" that came in the store were father and son, Coit and David Brock. I remember one time they wanted a red wagon to haul their news papers around town in and Mom had to order it. When it came in they were really tickled with it, and Mom watched them leave arguing over who was going to get to pull it down the street... Coit won...

Most people who came in the store call Mom, Miss Jone. She was the clerk and bookkeeper, and she knew where everything was. She ordered all the merchandise, organized the stock and displays, mixed paint, cut screen, electrical wire and rope, scooped and weighed nails, counted out bolts and nuts... They carried linoleum room-size rugs that were rolled up and stood on their end in a big rack 10 feet high. There was also a rack with rolls of "Cling", a self-adhering vinyl contact paper you could use to line shelves and drawers, or to cover over something old with a fresh new look and pattern. Housewives loved that stuff! Getting it off of something once you grew tired of it was another story - Cling may have been the original "love it/hate it" household product, and Mom sold a lot of it! She carried Corning Ware, Farber Ware, Revere Ware and Corelle Ware. Also, some pretty glassware pieces like candy dishes, cut glass bowls, water glasses and pitchers that were nice gifts. Mom knew the hardware business, and

she was the hub of the wheel at Brodhead Hardware.

Dad and Uncle Jackie were plumbing and electrical contractors. They installed the plumbing and wiring in a many new homes, and repaired and serviced a lot of old plumbing around the county. While Lorrie and I mostly stayed around the store, Shannon went along with his dad and "Unc" on jobs, and he might have a biscuit stuck down in his pocket from breakfast at Sybil's Dix Point Restaurant. Several of the new houses they installed the mechanics in were built by Wallace and Arlos Proctor who were very good builders. The Cashes and the Proctors had grown up in the Ottawa/Quail community and went to school together at Ottawa School. Many people still tell us that the work Dad and Uncle Jackie did was always done right. It makes us proud to know people respected their work and appreciated the quality of the jobs they did.

Grandpa Edgar was a mainstay of Brodhead Hardware. While Dad and Uncle Jackie were out on plumbing or electrical jobs, Mom and Grandpa held down the daily business in the store. Grandpa was the galvanized pipe cutter and threader. The old warehouse is still there behind the loading dock in the back. If Grandpa wasn't in the store, he was usually back there. That's where the rolls of black plastic pipe were as well. Grandpa made several things for us to play with. He made Hula Hoops out of black plastic pipe, and he put dried peas inside so they would make the sound the store bought ones made. He made stilts out of alumi-

num pipe with metal shelf brackets to stand up on. We had so much fun learning to walk on those stilts! He made a little ironing board with a wooden top and copper pipe for legs that folded flat. He used jute twine and taught me how to re-weave the bottom of a wooden ladder-back chair that I still have. He made a wooden rocking horse for my son, Jason with black plastic pipe painted brown for the rockers. Jason's little girl, Trinity has rocked on that horse now. Grandpa made his own weed-eater that had blades instead of plastic thread. Nothing ever went to waste while Grandpa Edgar was around! He practiced the "waste not, want not" way of life we surely could benefit from re-learning in this country! It was hard for Mom and Dad to ever get away for a vacation. But we would go to the hardware show every year at Belknap Hardware & Manufacturing Co. in downtown Louisville, and stay at the Galt House overlooking the Ohio River. Later the hardware convention was held in the Fair & Expo Center and we stayed at the Executive Inn/Executive West. It was a real treat to get to swim in the hotel pools and watch

color television in our room! We loved eating in the hotel restaurant and riding the big city bus that shuttled us over to the Expo Center. On the last night of the convention there was a banquet with a live brass band. When it was downtown the banquet was on board the Belle of Louisville paddle wheeler as we cruised down the river.

The Brodhead Hardware store building didn't look the same after it was subdivided for apartments and the porch, vinyl siding and windows were added along the side. Only the brick and stucco of the store front remained the same with the large display windows and door covered by the red and white metal awning. Shannon said the little bell above the inside of the front door was still there after the fire destroyed most of the rest of the interior. And the memories for us remain. Some happy, some hard, some sad, but all important to remember, for those of us who CAN still remember a little bit about how things used to be in the small, but busy town of Brodhead. So, our headline would be something more like, "Huge Fire Claims Another Piece of Old Brodhead History"...

## Cemetery Notices

### 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.

### Johnetta Cemetery

Those who have flowers on the ground are asked to pick them up this week.

### Be Not Fashioned According to this World

1. Christians should not conform to the conduct, feelings, and manners of the people who know not God. The people of this world live under the influence of Satan. Some live in the vilest manner, as described by Paul in Rom. (1:18-32). They freely indulge in the works of the flesh. The god of pleasure is served by the multitudes. (1 Tim. 5:6) But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. Others live moral lives but have no concern for the church and the work of God. We must not be like the world; we must be different from the world.

2. We are warned against following the multitudes. (Exo.23:2) Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil. The fact that everybody is doing it does not make the thing right. Christians are to fashion their lives after Christ. (Phil.1:21) For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

3. The Christian life is one of restraint instead of indulgence. Paul said, (1Thess.5:22) Abstain from all appearance of evil. This does not leave out anything that is wrong. The children of God must deny themselves the common tastes and practices of this world which can cause them to be spotted. (Jas.1:27)

4. James made it plain that Christianity is opposed to being a friend of this world. (Jas.4:4) Ye adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. Many who have professed to be the followers of Christ are really his enemies by virtue of the fact they are trying to serve two masters. Jesus said, (Matt.12:30) He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. There can be no divided allegiance in the kingdom of God.

5. Christians must make a distinction between evil and good. (Rom.12:9) Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. When this command is obeyed, it is easy to distinguish Christians from sinners, as easy as distinguishing light from darkness. (Christians are light). It is sad many Christians have lost their identity, and no longer are they shining as lights in this world.

6. Love for God and love for worldly things are in compatible. (1John 2:15-17) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Christians are not to love the world. As a person's love for the world increases, his love for God decreases. This was true of Demas, (2Tim.4:10) For Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

7. We must influence sinners rather than allow them to influence us. (Rom. 12:21) Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good. Our desire to be righteous and pleasing in the eyes of God, must be greater, than the sinners desire to be unrighteous.

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### • Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome  
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021  
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

### Taking on the characteristics of Christ

When one becomes a Christian, a transformation begins, the Bible clearly teaches that we put off the old person and put on the new person. Galatians 3:27, *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* Ephesians 4:22-24 *That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts; V23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; V24 And that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* Romans 12:2, *says And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect.*

So many times, in the religious world today, people do not start the process of transformation but instead want to serve God on their terms. For example, we might need to change our conversation Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good for to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* For some people this may not be such a transformation but for others it might require a lot more work. Have you ever known someone who was converted to Christ, and you could see the transformation begin immediately? It was once said by a Christian that if you can't see any difference between a Christian and people of the world, that there probably wasn't any. Our young people are under a lot of pressure to fit into the world. Often they are struggling with their identity and they want so much to fit in.

What happens in a world where people don't take on Christ-like characteristics? We obviously can look around us and see what happens: hatred, malice, envy, murders, backbiting. Galatians 5:19 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness V20 Idolatry, witchcraft, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, V21 Envy, murder, drunkenness, raveling and they that do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, V23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. V24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. V25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in Spirit.*

Taking on Christ-like characteristics is certainly a challenge, but one that is worth the effort.

Everyone Welcome

Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

Providence  
CHURCH of CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00



# Church Directory

**Believers House of Prayer**  
156 Scenic View Lane  
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker  
Renfro Valley, Ky.  
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhbp@gmail.com

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

**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., &  
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Travis Gilbert  
Music Director: Dan Dull

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:  
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Marcus Reppert  
Phillip Permenter  
Eric Bullock  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794  
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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

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

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

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Jason Medley, Pastor  
606-308-4543

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
"Central Time" Radio  
Broadcast  
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.  
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.  
Transportation and Nursery  
provided for all services  
Home of Well of Pure Water  
Radio - 93.3 FM  
Mark Eaton, Pastor

**Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge**  
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon  
Turn left off US Hwy 25  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Bro. Ova Baker  
Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott

**Church of Christ on Fairground Hill**  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Different speaker each  
Sunday  
Clear Creek Baptist  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Climax Christian Church  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.

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

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

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
606-355-7595

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

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

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

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness**  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor

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

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmvmon@kynwtcbc.com  
Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am  
Sunday School/Growth  
Groups 10 am  
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.  
LPS at 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 p.m.  
Student Worship at 6 pm

**First Christian Church**  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
Pastor: James Blanton

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst  
859-200-6331

**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

**Higher Praise Ministries**  
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Chris Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

**Lighthouse Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

**Livingston Christian Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Arthur Hunt, Minister

**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jim Miller, Pastor  
606-256-1709

**Living Word Community Church**  
"About our Father's Business"  
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Joe Buswell, Jr., Pastor  
606-308-4312

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

**Maple Grove Baptist**  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Maretburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions 6 pm  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
John Vanwinkle, Pastor

**Mt. Vernon Church of God**  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

**New Heights Church**  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheights.net  
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
Midweek Gathering for all  
ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action  
Pastor: Bro. Chad Burdette

**New Hope Baptist**  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor

**Northside Baptist**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
Kenny Allen, Pastor

**Ottawa Baptist Church**  
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
Pastor: Bro. John McPherson  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship  
Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Service 7 p.m.  
758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.

**Father Gary Simpson, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance  
**Philadelphia United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &  
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting  
monthly every  
2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

**Pleasant Run Missionary**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
1st Sunday in Month Church at  
2 p.m. at Rockcastle  
Respiratory Care  
Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor

**Poplar Grove Baptist**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor

**Providence Church of Christ**  
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618  
758-8524  
Robby Cable, Evangelist

**Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.**  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
www.WhatSaidTheScriptures.com

**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bill Hammond, Pastor  
606-392-1826

**Roundstone Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

**Sand Hill Baptist Church**  
Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller

**Sand Springs Baptist Church**  
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go  
exactly 5 miles, church on right  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
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**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
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606-25605894  
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
Pastor: Eugene Webb  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December, 1908  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Watts Chapel Baptist Church**  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**Wildie Christian Church**  
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606-256-4494  
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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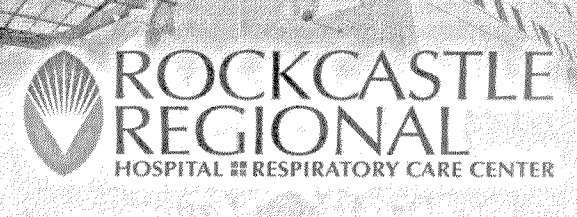
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## Alexander participates in 2022 TopConnect Basketball Symposium

ETSU women's basketball assistant coach/recruiting coordinator and RCHS graduate, Jackie Alexander, was selected to participate in the prestigious 2022 TopConnect Basketball Symposium taking place at the Thomas & Mack Center on the campus of University of Nevada, Las Vegas on Monday, June 27 presented by Teamworks and INFLCR. TopConnect (formerly Villa 7), originated in 2003 by then VCU Athletic Director Dr. Richard Sander, identifies the top assistant basketball coaches in the country and

connects them with mid-major Athletic Directors providing tremendous networking and leadership development opportunities for both parties.

In its fifth year, TopConnect develops educational programming that allows these top assistant coaches to hear from a wide variety of successful leaders and speakers. The 2022 symposium is headlined by a panel of prominent and successful head coaches in Lindy LaRoque, Head Women's Basketball Coach at University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Simon Harris, Head

Women's Basketball Coach at East Tennessee State University; John Aiken, Head Men's Basketball Coach at McNeese State University and retired Head Coach, Lon Kruger.

Athletic Directors presenting include, Mark Benson, University of Albany; Mike Capaccio, The Citadel; Bryan Blair, University of Toledo; Chris King, Robert Morris; Scott Garrett, Cleveland State University; Alex Ricker-Gilbert, Jacksonville University; Eugene Marshall, Hampton University; Drew Marrachello, Boston University; and Gene Taylor, Kansas State University.

Also, joining the lineup of influential speakers are Debbie Spander, Insight Sports Advisors; Colton Houston, HD Intelligence; Glenn Sugiyama, DHR Global; Jeff Schemmel, College Sport Solutions and Kevin Barefoot, Teamworks.

Panel discussions and breakout sessions include Expectations of a Head Coach; Preparing for the Interview; First 365 Days Managing the Season and Developing Real Expectations; What ADs are looking for; Scheduling; NIL; Discipline and Motivation; Mental Health; Core Values; Building Support; The Future of College Basketball.

The fan-favorite "Speed Dating" returns and allows for rapid networking to take place between the assistant coaches and administrators.

The three-word mantra of "Connect. Prepare. Lead." identifies the purpose of TopConnect.

Since the inception of TopConnect in 2018, 35 assistant coach and assistant athletic director participants have been promoted to the next chair of Head Coach and Athletic Director as well as a Conference Commissioner.

TopConnect is on all social media platforms @TopConnectLead. If you have questions regarding TopConnect, please contact Dr. Richard Sander at sander@etsu.edu.

Alexander is the daughter of Jack and Sandy Alexander of Brodhead.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY Fiscal Year 2022-2023

### BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,405,360.76
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	232,305.75
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	131,729.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	28,400.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	108,200.00
7700	LEASES	293,515.99
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	71,300.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	1,887,602.54
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	348,012.94
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	27,000.00
Total		<b>4,533,426.98</b>
Road Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,000.00
6100	ROADS	1,278,500.00
7700	LEASES	165,087.52
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	26,829.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	139,368.88
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	332,486.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	11,000.00
Total		<b>1,971,271.40</b>
Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,163,288.14
7700	LEASES	94,387.50
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	46,061.89
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	347,010.48
Total		<b>1,650,748.01</b>
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	46,950.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	69,000.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	99,865.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	1,000.00
6100	ROADS	35,600.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	1,525.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	55,750.00
Total		<b>309,690.00</b>
Forestry Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,555.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		<b>2,555.00</b>
Fairgrounds		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	23,750.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
Total		<b>23,750.00</b>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
7700	LEASES	309,562.62
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	3,033,957.38
Total		<b>3,343,520.00</b>
FARMER'S MARKET		
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	7,800.00
Total		<b>7,800.00</b>
911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	325,300.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	50.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	143,241.00
Total		<b>468,591.00</b>
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS		
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	3,251,812.25
Total		<b>3,251,812.25</b>
CSEPP Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	439,391.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	4,000.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	119,234.75
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	24,811.25
Total		<b>587,437.00</b>
Total Budget Appropriations		<b>16,150,601.64</b>

Adopted this 27th day of June, 2022

*Howell Holbrook*  
HOWELL HOLBROOK, COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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



Jackie Alexander

## Free Storytelling Workshop to be held

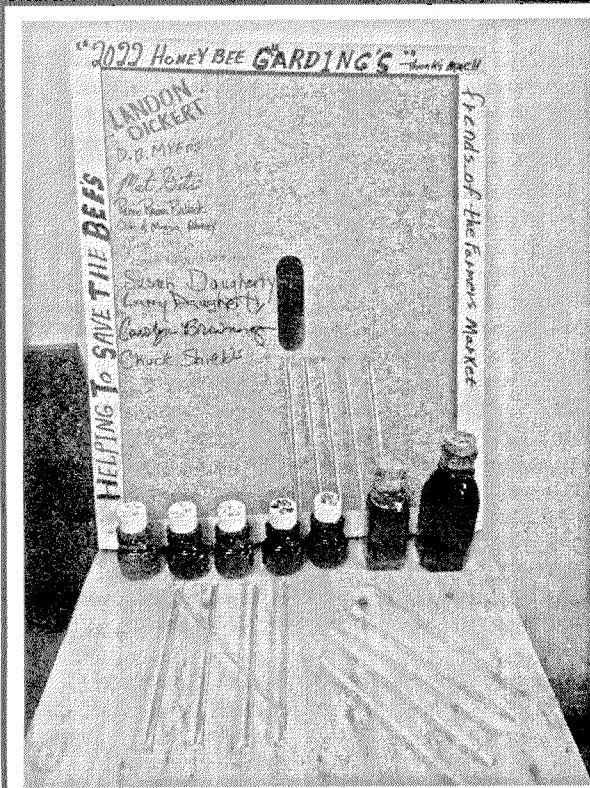
There will be a free storytelling workshop at the Livingston cafeteria July 11-14 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop is called "You Don't Know Jack!"

In this lively workshop, for ages 9 and up, participants will be immersed into the Appalachian tradition of storytelling with Octavia Sexton, a true folk artist of the spoken word.

You will get to know 'Jack' the legendary trickster character of the Jack Tales and be engaged in creating a story through games, imagination and fun activities.

Children may participate on their own, with friends or siblings or bring their caregivers or parents and make it a fun family activity.

To register, please call Susan at 606-453-2061 or email octaviasexton@windstream.net with the names and ages of those attending and the parents' names and cell phone numbers.



This photo is of the people that have donated \$5.00 to save the honeybees in Rockcastle County.

Anyone that donates this Saturday or next Saturday at the Farmers' Market will also receive five honey straws as samples of the maybe? 20-year-old honey.

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Your \$5.00 donation will also give you a chance for a \$50.00 bottle of honey to be given away at the Farmers' Market in about three weeks.

**Beekeeper Doug Brock, Sr.**

## 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.

### Phelps Reunion

The Phelps family reunion will be held Saturday, July 2nd at Kentucky Christian Assembly in Brodhead. Gate will be open by 11:00. There will be games and lots of fun for all ages. Please bring a dish and join us. Hope to see all our family and friends. For more information contact Sheary at 606-758-8617.

### Mullins Family and Friends

Mullins Family and Friends Reunion will be Saturday, July 9th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Fairview Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. From CP and Edith Mullins' family, please come join us!

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## Climax Volunteer Fire Department receives Robert E. Browning Jr. Award for Excellence

The Climax Fire Department recently received national recognition for performing wildland fire risk reduction and prevention projects within their community. The department serves about 1,500 residents within Rockcastle County, nestled alongside the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Kelsey Baker, a wildfire mitigation specialist with the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF), presented the Robert

Browning Jr. Wildfire Prevention Award to Climax Volunteer Fire Department on May 15. The award is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Climax Fire Department was selected from nominations from the U.S.F.S. Southern Region which is comprised of 13 states and Puerto Rico.

The award honored the department's accomplishments as well as their enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile. "I had not

heard of the Climax Fire Department until Katie Wynn sent in their first Firewise Grant application a few years ago," said Baker. "Now I am thankful to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of people and help them achieve their wildfire risk reduction goals. They serve as a model of what great things a community can achieve when they work together."

In 2018, the department sought resources to

strengthen their wildland fire suppression capacity and reduce wildfire risks. They were awarded the Kentucky Firewise/USA Community Grant, which fueled a three-year journey to become more fire adapted, officials say. With unhindered enthusiasm, the local firefighters conducted 300 home assessments, installed 150 address signs and

cleared over 50 cubic yards of vegetation from around homes.

The department began hosting wildland educational fire events, such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt with special appearances from Smokey the Bear. To date, \$25,000 in state funding and more than \$15,000 worth of volunteer time were invested in wildfire prevention, mitigation,

and preparedness for the community, according to officials. The department continues to achieve yearly recognition through the national Fire Protection Association as a Firewise USA community.

The award is in remembrance of Robert E. Browning, Jr., a southern firefighter who lost his life battling the south canyon fire on Storm King Mountain.



Cimax Fire Department volunteers and family members.



Chief Brian Wynn receives the Robert Browning, Jr. Award from Kentucky Division of Forestry Representative Kessley Baker.

## Past ten mayor's photos on Wall of Honor

By: Mike French  
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has changed a lot since its inception in 1790, when a settlement was formed around Spout Springs. Growth and development has been taking place since that day. Most of that growth came because citizens were willing to serve as volunteers and leaders in elected office.

As he is experiencing his last few months of service as Mayor of Mount Vernon, Mike Bryant is proud of his countless accomplishments over the 12 years he has been in office. But he is also proud of the accomplishments of all those who were willing to serve and lead before him.

The City of Mount Vernon has had ten mayors since the designation of "Chairman" was abandoned in 1947 and, Mayor Bryant believes each of them deserve to be recognized for their years of service to their community.

Bryant, and his assistant Nicole Roberts, decided to help make sure each mayor in Mount Vernon history is never forgotten.

The two city servants have contacted family members of each and every past mayor of Mount Vernon and chose a photo of each of them that will hang in city hall for all to see.

"It is just sinking in really that this is my last few months as mayor," said Bryant. "I have presided over 11 successful audits and we just approved the 12th budget. It has all taken a team effort and I just hope my ounce of leadership has played a part in the continued growth of our town. I want to leave the office of mayor a little better than I found it and leave these memories of every mayor who has gone through similar circumstances."

The mayor and Roberts have cleared a wall just behind the main counter of the newly renovated city hall where a

framed photo with a brass nameplate will be displayed. "Everyone that comes into city hall will be able to see every mayor that has served their community over the years," said Bryant. "I love this job and I love my community but I can say it isn't an easy job and it comes with its own stress level. I think each of the mayors of our fair city should be remembered and appreciated."

The Mayor's Wall of Honor will be in City Hall for years to come and Bryant and Roberts

plan to leave space so there will be room to add mayors in coming years.

It wasn't until 1947 that the first mayor sat in city hall. Prior to that year, the leaders of the community were called Chairman of the Board.

"I'm sure each mayor would have stories to tell and memories to share about our community," said Bryant. "I have presided over 144 regular city council meetings plus the special called meetings, work sessions and so much more every day. A lot has changed

and it will continue to change after I have moved on."

The past ten mayors, their service years are as follows:

- Roy Cummins 1947-1958
- Carl Brown 1958-1964
- Clyde Linville 1964-1970
- Edd Winstead 1970-

- 1972 Roland Mullins 1973-1986
- Elizabeth Baker 1986-1988
- Gary Cromer 1988-1998
- Karen King 1998-2003
- Clarice Kirby 2003-2009
- Michael Bryant 2010-2022

## Lamb still on the lam

By: Mike French  
Editor

In February of this year, a Mount Vernon man started a crime spree that lasted several weeks and resulted in several robberies and a shooting. However, five months later, the man is still on the run.

Woodrow Lamb, 44, of Mount Vernon, was accused of breaking into a home and shooting a resident inside in the first week of February. By the second week, other robberies had been reported and police had begun an all out search for Lamb.

Lamb had already served 10 years in prison on the charge of the attempted murder of a police officer. He was released from prison in 2021.

Reports from Livingston, the week af-

ter the shooting, indicated late night searches and reports continued for several weeks that local drug dealers were being robbed of their drugs and cash.

Reports of similar robberies from the Conway area began to follow and police asked the community for assistance and asked that anyone who spotted Lamb to call 911.

An accomplice in some of the incidents was later arrested and charged but Lamb himself is still on the run, according to police.

Officials at the sheriff's office say the manhunt is still underway and police do not know of Lamb's whereabouts.

Anyone with information concerning Lamb is urged to contact police. The call can be anonymous.

## Little World's Fair plans underway

By: Mike French  
Editor

Once again the time is drawing near for the Little World's Fair in Brodhead. This year the event will be held from August 16 to August 20 at the Fairgrounds in Brodhead.

Though all the times and events are not finalized, organizers are working hard to make the event one of the best in history. The fair serves as the major fundraiser for the Brodhead Fire Department and has become known across the entire United States.

Though events are still being finalized and dates and times will be announced soon, the event will have the Small Car Demolition Derby on

Tuesday, August 16 presented by B&M Motorsports.

On Wednesday, August 17 plans include ATV and side-by-side obstacle course, a pretty baby contest and the annual cutest kid contest.

On Thursday, August 18 a truck pull is planned and will be presented by the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department.

On Friday, August 19, the fair will host the KITPA Truck Pull and on Saturday there will be the annual mud races presented by Hall Motorsports.

Everyone is invited to attend the event. Admission and event entry prices and full schedules will be released soon.

## Noble remains as head coach

By: Mike French  
Editor

If you have heard that the girls' basketball coach at RCHS is retiring, you heard correctly. But not from coaching. Chrysti Noble is not retiring from her post as RCHS girls' basketball coach.

When it was announced that the long-time girls' basketball coach was retiring, many local basketball players, fans and parents felt a panic coming on. However, Noble has retired from her position in special education at the high school but has not retired her position as head coach. "Oh I'm not going anywhere when it comes to my basketball girls," she said. "I am retiring from teaching but not retiring as basketball coach. As long as the good Lord lets me, I'm going to be right there on that court working with our team," Coach Noble said recently.

The 2022 team will be Noble's 33rd consecutive team at RCHS and she says this year is looking good. "We just got back from summer camp last

week and we have been working hard in the off season," she said. "We do have some work to do but we have a plan and we are going to work as hard as we need to in order to get it done."

Assistant coaches Bert King, Chrissy Cash and Ken Mattingly will be beside Noble once again this year and have been doing their job all summer as well. "We have played a lot this off season and the team looks pretty good. We have been busy and we will get busier yet," she said.

Noble will continue to be on the sidelines during the girls' basketball season this year.

## Rockcastle County COVID

Confirmed cases in the past 7 days	21
Probable cases in the past 7 days	20
Deaths in the past 7 days	0
Incident rating currently	35.08
Zone rating currently	Orange

Data provided by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department



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## Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15x51

**Posted:** No trespassing on property of Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Not responsible for accidents. 21x1

**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 LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33x52

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing 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.

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

## 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

## Notices

**Looking for a caregiver job.** Call 606-453-9202 and ask for Mandy. 20x2

**Notice is hereby given** that Christy M. 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. 19x3

## Yard Sales

**5 Family Yard Sale:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 30, July 1 and 2. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 1455 Scaffold Cane Road. Some antiques and lots of other items.

**Four Family Yard Sale:** Lots of new items, priced to sell at 437 S. Main, Brodhead at Crossroads Assembly of God. Friday, July 1st, 8 a.m. to ?

**Multi-Family Yard Sale:** Friday, July 1st and Saturday, July 2nd, 9 a.m. to ? Breezy Hollow Rad, 1 1/2 miles out Freedom School Road.

## NOTICE

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## Frankfort Update

By: **Josh Bray**  
State Representative  
Setting the record  
straight: *Roe v. Wade*  
overturned

Friday, June 24, 2022.  
This date will go down in  
history as one of the most



important in  
our nation's  
history as  
the Supreme  
Court of the  
United  
States stood

strong in their ruling in the  
Dobbs v. Jackson  
Women's Health Organi-  
zation case.  
By now you are aware  
that the ruling overturned  
Roe v. Wade. The Court's  
opinion expresses clearly  
that "There is nothing in  
the Constitution about  
abortion, and the Consti-  
tution does not implicitly  
protect the right," as well  
as "It is time to heed the  
Constitution and return the  
issue of abortion to the  
people's elected representa-  
tives."

Ultimately, the Dobbs  
ruling means that state leg-  
islatures have the author-  
ity to pass laws regulating  
abortion in their states.  
While pending legal chal-  
lenges must be dealt with,  
the United States Consti-  
tution is no longer inter-  
preted to prohibit enforce-  
ment of legislation passed  
by the Kentucky General  
Assembly that limits or  
prohibits the procedure. In  
preparation for the possi-  
ble overturn of Roe, the  
Kentucky General Assem-  
bly already approved sev-  
eral pieces of pro-life leg-  
islation.

For Kentuckians, the  
Dobbs ruling has the im-  
mediate effect of ending  
all medically unnecessary  
abortions. In 2019, the  
Kentucky General Assem-  
bly passed HB 148, which  
called for an end to abor-  
tion in Kentucky upon the  
overturn of Roe v. Wade.  
The measure contains an  
exemption for a licensed  
physician to perform a  
medical abortion neces-  
sary to prevent the death  
or substantial risk of death  
due to a physical condi-  
tion, or to prevent the se-  
rious, permanent impair-  
ment of a life-sustaining  
organ of a pregnant  
woman.

In addition to HB 148,  
HB 91 stands out among  
the most important. This  
measure places the issue  
before Kentucky voters  
during the November

2022 General Election as  
proposed constitutional  
amendment #2. By voting  
"yes" for amendment #2,  
we will all get to decide  
whether or not to amend  
the state constitution with  
the following words: "To  
protect human life, nothing  
in this Constitution shall  
be construed to secure or  
protect a right to abortion  
or require the funding of  
abortion." To put it plain-  
ly, a "Yes" vote is a vote  
for life.

Given the Governor's  
public outrage at the  
Dobbs ruling, legislation  
we passed during the 2021  
Regular Session may be  
necessary. HB 2 expands  
the role of the Attorney  
General, the state's chief  
law enforcement officer, in  
enforcing statutory and  
regulatory conditions on  
abortions. While we  
passed this law after the  
Governor refused to close  
abortion clinics when he  
shut down other elective  
surgeries during the pan-  
demic, this measure may  
provide more important  
than ever if the adminis-  
tration fails or refuses to  
follow the will of the people.

While we rejoice in a  
Supreme Court that  
showed great courage in  
this ruling, it is important  
to remember the women  
and men who have spent  
almost five decades pray-  
ing, advocating, and fight-  
ing for Roe to be over-  
turned.

I also think it is critical  
that we recognize the work  
is not done. Now we must  
double down on efforts to  
ensure these infants have  
every opportunity at suc-  
cess. That means contin-  
uing our work in foster  
and adoptive care, working  
to keep families together  
when possible, and provid-  
ing resources to help par-  
ents. The same political  
policies that brought us  
Roe v. Wade also helped  
place Kentucky as one of  
the worst states to be a  
child. I know how great  
our people are and how  
much can be accomplished  
when we combine faith  
with works.

Thanks for taking the  
time to read this update. I  
can be reached through the  
toll-free message line in  
Frankfort at 1-800-372-  
7181. Feel free to contact  
me via email at  
Josh.Bray@LRC.KY.GOV.  
If you would like more in-  
formation, please visit the  
LRC website  
legislature.ky.gov.

## Legislative Update

By **Brandon Storm**  
State Senator  
Independence Day  
Message

Independence Day  
gives us all a chance to re-  
flect on our country and  
take pride in our nation's  
enduring principles. On  
this day 246 years ago, the  
Declaration of Indepen-  
dence was ratified by ex-  
emplary visionaries who  
dared to initiate the most  
grand experiment of self-  
governance in human his-  
tory by creating a new  
form of government. It is  
constrained by the recog-  
nition of God-given in-  
alienable rights, which the  
government may not take  
away nor infringe upon,  
but must protect.

"We hold these truths to  
be self-evident, that all  
men are created equal, that  
they are endowed by their  
Creator with certain un-  
alienable Rights, that  
among these are Life, Lib-  
erty and the pursuit of  
Happiness," is one of the  
most powerful statements  
of all time. Those words  
still ring loudly throughout  
the world today as  
America has taken its  
foundation of freedom and  
transformed it into the  
blueprint for the greatest

nation on Earth.

This freedom has not  
come without sacrifice.  
Countless men and  
women have given their  
lives on and off the battle-  
field for our freedoms and  
rights. Civil and interna-  
tional wars have been  
fought to expand those  
freedoms to all people,  
and we continue that fight  
today. We are a nation that  
celebrates our differences;  
we do not persecute be-  
cause of them.

As we celebrate inde-  
pendence on July 4, we  
also celebrate our  
country's unity in spite of  
our differences. Our na-  
tion—and our great com-  
monwealth—was founded  
on a simple principle:  
"United we stand, divided  
we fall."

As we celebrate with  
our family and friends this  
holiday, let us keep in  
mind those principles of  
freedom, sacrifice, and  
unity. We are one nation,  
under God, and together  
we will continue to live the  
lives our founding fathers  
envisioned for the future  
of this great nation.

I hope that you and  
your family stay safe this  
holiday, keep one another  
close, and God bless  
America.



The MVHS Class of 1972 celebrated their 50th reunion on June 17th at Quail Community Center in Rockcastle County. This class was the last graduating class of the Mt. Vernon High School. There were 78 total graduates. Pictured are front row from left: Lisa Kelsey Howard, Dinah Hayes Moore, Joyce Sowder Allen, Yvonne Carmack, Edna Kirby, Gayle Taylor Scoggins, and Patty Kirby Renner. Second row from left: Betty Cameron Frederick, Patricia Kirby Philbeck, Beverly Pittman Price, Pam Parrott White, Jerry Hackworth, Judy Hines Stevens, Linda Cummins Elmore, Juddie Ponder Donaldson, Brenda Abney Bullock, Lois McClure Sewell, and Jonathan Hunt. Back row from left: Mitzi McCauley Alexander, Kenneth Childress, Lonnie Reppert, Eddie Hayes, Larry Alexander, Lyndon Smith, Sharon Abney Lewis, Debbie Coffey Baker, Danny Sowder, Derald Phelps, and Mike Spillman.

## Yards to Paradise

By **Max Phelps**  
That Stump in Your Yard

What do you do with a  
stump in your yard?  
Many a new home is on a  
small building lot, and  
any stumps got bull-  
dozed. Perhaps you had  
purchased some land and  
hired a private builder,

and some  
trees or  
stumps may  
be left  
alone. Fre-  
quently  
older homes  
from per-  
haps twenty  
to 100 years  
old need

trees removed for some  
reason. (And there's a  
stump left...unless you  
paid extra to have it re-  
moved or ground up.) So,  
this is the situation. How  
might we remove the  
stump, or use it creati-  
vely?

Hiring a professional  
to grind up the stump  
sometimes isn't going to  
be easy on the budget (or  
the blood pressure), but  
may be the quickest way  
of getting rid of the re-  
mains of this former tree  
or trees. Others try and  
dig out stumps. And some  
try pulling it out with a  
rope or chain attached to  
a winch or a 4-wheel-  
drive vehicle.

Soaking a dead stump  
in an accelerant such as  
kerosene and picking an  
occasion that is safe to  
light it afire is one method  
of getting rid of a stump.  
Building a stone or metal  
ring around it and having  
a bonfire and cookout  
may be another idea. Cau-  
tion: such stumps may  
smoulder for several  
days, so keep an eye on  
it, or be prepared to douse  
the fire. And stumps still  
alive may need a brush  
killer and stump removal  
compound before think-  
ing about a fire.

Maybe the better idea  
is to find some use for the  
stump and to keep it.

How about a gnome  
home, or a fairy house? If  
you imagine a bit, other  
whimsical options are  
sure to pop into your  
thoughts. Let children  
help. Flowers and other  
decorations make the  
stump attractive rather  
than a problem.

Sculptures, such as  
carvings of bears, birds or  
toadstools can turn a  
stump into a conversation  
piece.

Stumps can make seat-  
ing. Also, tabletops can be  
fitted to make a useful  
space and you don't mind

the stump. A large stump  
could even be carved into  
a big seat or a throne for  
a king or queen. Add a  
cushion, and you have a  
masterpiece rather than a  
problem in your yard.

Hollow stumps can be  
utilized as natural flower  
pots or baskets. Carving  
can help if the  
stump doesn't  
have a  
hollow,  
or one of  
suffi-  
cient  
size.

Buy  
some mushroom spawn  
and grow these on your  
stump. It looks good, pro-  
duces food, and eventu-  
ally converts the stump  
into compost.

Plant shrubs or flow-  
ers around your stump,  
and it becomes an asset  
anchoring the middle of  
a lovely planting bed.  
Add bed edging and  
bring in dirt and mulch  
and completely hide the  
stump by burying it in the  
raised bed.

If you might like an-  
other tree, you can plant  
one in this new dirt not  
far from the stump.

(Trying to dig a hole  
big enough to plant a new  
tree so close to the old  
one might be impossible  
otherwise.) If you place  
this new tree at least a  
couple feet from the old  
stump, most of the time  
there isn't a lingering is-  
sue for the new tree.

Maybe you have  
stumps on a slope and  
you can build a retaining  
wall below them and  
bury them in this manner  
and they'll be out of sight,  
and your landscape bud-  
get can be spent on a use-  
ful terraced area rather  
than stump removal.

And what if you love  
some of these ideas, but  
don't have a stump? I  
think you could find  
someone to "plant" you  
one as landscaping. Or, if  
doing it yourself appeals  
to you, the tree trimming/  
arborist trucks often have  
big chunks of wood they  
can't shred into chips and  
might be glad to give you  
a section of a tree for  
your 'stump project'.

I hope you've found  
some ideas that might  
make your place a bit  
more like paradise, either  
by eliminating a stump,  
or turning one into a  
lovely asset.

The author is a landscaper.  
Contact:  
rockcastles@gmail.com

## Agricultural News

By: **Warden Alexander**, FSA Director

**USDA Reminds  
Producers to File Crop  
Acreage Reports**

Agricultural producers  
who have not yet com-  
pleted their crop acreage  
reports after spring plant-  
ing should make an ap-  
pointment with the Name  
County Farm Service  
Agency (FSA) before the  
applicable deadline.

An acreage report docu-  
ments a crop grown on a  
farm or ranch and its in-  
tended uses. Filing an ac-  
curate and timely acreage  
report for all crops and land  
uses, including failed acre-  
age and prevented planted  
acreage, can prevent the  
loss of benefits.

**How to File a Report**

The following acreage  
reporting dates are appli-  
cable for Rockcastle  
County: July 15, 2022  
Perennial Forage, CRP, All  
other Crops.

To file a crop acreage re-  
port, producers need to pro-  
vide:

- Crop and crop type or  
variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the  
crop.
- Map with approximate  
boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when  
applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from  
planting, when applicable.
- Other information as re-  
quired.

**Acreage Reporting  
Details**

The following excep-  
tions apply to acreage re-  
porting dates:

If the crop has not been  
planted by the acreage re-  
porting date, then the acre-  
age must be reported no  
later than 15 calendar days  
after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires  
additional acreage after the  
acreage reporting date,  
then the acreage must be  
reported no later than 30  
calendar days after pur-  
chase or acquiring the  
lease. Appropriate docu-  
mentation must be pro-  
vided to the county office.

If crops are covered by  
the Noninsured Crop Dis-  
aster Assistance Program,  
acreage reports should be  
submitted by the applicable  
state, county, or crop-spe-  
cific reporting deadline or  
15 calendar days before  
grazing or harvesting of the  
crop begins.

Producers should also  
report crop acreage they in-  
tended to plant, but due to  
natural disaster, were un-  
able to because of a natu-  
ral disaster.

Prevented planting acre-  
age must be reported on  
form CCC-576, Notice of  
Loss, no later than 15 cal-  
endar days after the final  
planting date as established  
by FSA and USDA's Risk  
Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous

certification for perennial  
forage. This means after  
perennial forage is re-  
ported once and the pro-  
ducer elects continuous  
certification, the certifica-  
tion remains in effect until  
a change is made. Check  
with FSA at the local  
USDA Service Center for  
more information on con-  
tinuous certification.

**New Option to View,  
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logging into farmers.gov. A  
new feature will allow pro-  
ducers to export field  
boundaries as shapefiles  
and import and view other  
shapefiles, such as preci-  
sion agriculture bound-  
aries. This will allow pro-  
ducers to view, print and  
label their own maps for  
acreage reporting pur-  
poses.

Producers who have au-  
thority to act on behalf of  
another customer as a  
grantee via form FSA-211  
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ness Partner Signature Au-  
thority, along with other  
signature types, or as a  
member of a business can  
now access information in  
the farmers.gov portal.

Producers can learn  
how to use the farmers.gov  
Farm Records Mapping  
functionality with this fact  
sheet and these video tuto-  
rials.

For questions, please  
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