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## Huge Fire

By: Mike French  
 Editor

One of the largest fires in many years ripped through downtown Brodhead Sunday morning as firefighters

from across the county joined in to fight the blaze that destroyed several properties, according to firefighters. The call came at about 7:30 Sunday morning as

firefighters were dispatched to West Main Street to respond to a blaze.

Upon arrival, Brodhead Fire Department personnel discovered the

blaze had already spread through an attic space of the building, owned by Anthony Anglin, and into two occupied apartments. A pet grooming business,

which was destroyed, occupied one of the units.

Firefighters entered the structures in an attempt to fight the fire from inside the building but the were forced out of the structure after the roof collapsed.

Ladder trucks were required to reach the blaze as firefighters sprayed water from the top of the ladder down onto the buildings.

Two nearby structures were in danger but firefighters attacked the blaze from that perspective and was able to keep the massive fire from reaching the two additional structures.

West Main Street was closed for part of the day as the scene became dangerous for anyone in the area, officials say.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, Livingston Fire and Rescue, Brodhead Fire Department, Brindle Ridge, Lincoln County, Western Rockcastle and Crab Orchard Fire Departments all joined the fight to extinguish the blaze.

So many firefighters were needed that the

(See "Fire" on A5)



Firefighters, from six different departments and two other counties, battled a blaze on West Main Street in Brodhead this past Saturday morning. The cause of the blaze is currently unknown but an investigation by local and state arson experts is underway. Several apartments and a business suffered extreme damage during the fire and Main Street was closed part of the day as firefighters fought the blaze. Shown above, the ladder hose from Mount Vernon Fire Department was required to reach the flames since the roof of the structure had collapsed as volunteers were attacking the blaze.

## COVID

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, Rockcastle County officials have reported eight new cases of COVID in the past seven days. The county is now listed in the orange zone and some caution is encouraged.

## Fiscal court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Filing deadline

The deadline to file for office in the November general midterm election was Tuesday, June 6 at 4 p.m. See next week's *Signal* for a list of candidates in local non-partisan races.

## City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting, is scheduled for next Thursday, June 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston meeting turns into volatile shouting matches

### Mayoral candidate expelled

By: Mike French  
 Editor

It began as an unusual meeting and it ended in mayhem, shouts, physical altercations, threats and mayoral candidate Larry Davidson being thrown out of the meeting by police after apparently threatening Livingston Police Chief Mikie Ashurst.

With shouted words that can't be printed in a family publication, two different altercations broke out, while others present were abandoning the building, during Tuesday's special called meeting of the Livingston City Commission.

Reports indicate that, after the meeting, the Kentucky State Police took reports on the inci-

dents and the Rockcastle County Attorney's office is dealing with issues from the meeting the following day.

The Livingston City Commission had elected to hold a third reading of Ordinance 22-05-18, a Customer Water Ordinance. This was an unusual start since ordinances only require two readings before they are adopted. However, due to complaints from several citizens about the ordinance after the second

(See "Livingston" on A5)

## Indictments returned

Four indictments were returned Friday, May 27th by a Rockcastle Grand Jury.

Those indicted and their offense/s were:

Danyell L. Griffith, 42, of Chicago, IL was indicted for robbery, first degree by threatening or using physical force upon Santoch Patel and Sangita Patel, armed with a firearm, in the course of committing a theft at Eastway Tobacco and Liquor in April of this year.

Griffith's bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property (c/p);

Miles C. Hubbell, 29, of Detroit, MI was indicted on three counts of wanton endangerment of police officers under circumstances "manifesting extreme indif-

(See "Indict" on A5)

## Fiscal Court seeks better Sheriff's Department

By: Mike French  
 Editor

Some members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court expressed their dissatisfaction with several areas of the local sheriff's department during last week's special called meeting.

The meeting was scheduled to hold the re-

quired first reading of the county budget so that the second and final reading

"I just know something needs to change. The people of Rockcastle County pay their taxes and we fully fund the Sheriff's Department."

Shannon Bishop

could be held before July 1.

However, while discussing the budget, the magistrates' conversation shifted to the sheriff's department. All the magistrates agreed the local Sheriff's Department is "well funded" and there should "never be a time

(See "Sheriff" on A5)



## Class 2A 800-Meter Run State Champion

RCBS sophomore Alexis Dotson captured the state championship title in the 800-meter run last week at the Class 2A State Championships held at the University of Kentucky. Her time of 2:15.30 shattered her own all-time personal best and was the fastest time in the state so far this season. Her time was also 1.4 seconds faster than the Class A state record and only 0.64 seconds away from the Class 2A state record set in 2014.

## Car Show

The Climax Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a huge Car Show on Saturday, June 18 with prizes for the top 32 in Best Rat Rod, Best UTV/ATV, Best Jeep, Best GM Ford, Mopar, Fireman's Choice and Kid's Choice.

There will be music and concessions and a 50/50 drawing with all proceeds going to the

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It has been a sad week. It is so hard to fathom what depths of despair parents of the slain 19 students at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas are going through, along with the families of the two teachers slain.

There were so many irregularities associated with this tragedy. There was a side door left unlocked through which the mass murderer gained entry, the school safety officer was off the premises at the time, the police department waited at least an hour before a courageous border patrol officer finally took matters into his own hands and entered the barricaded fourth-grade classroom, killing the 18-year-old perpetrator.

There are so many unanswered questions to this horrible event that need to be answered. The first, in my mind, is how an 18-year-old school drop out, fast food worker managed to acquire the \$6,000 to \$9,000 estimated cost of all the equipment he assembled for the assault.

Why do these mass

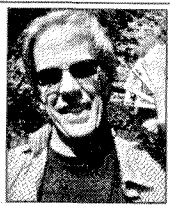
shootings keep happening, mainly while Democrats are in office?

Why would police officers stand down while children were being slaughtered in a schoolroom. They didn't have a key, you say? Well then, you get a battering ram of some sort and bust the door down. What's going to be the downside? More children killed? Police officers who are sworn to serve and protect harmed? Surely the police department had one or more shields available, along with Kevlar vests, for their officers for situations such as this.

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



How many eggs does a chicken lay in its lifetime.

How many footsteps would it take to walk to the moon.

Which end of a fishing worm is the front.

Do bears eat coffee berries in the mornings.

Who decided a piano only needs 88 keys.

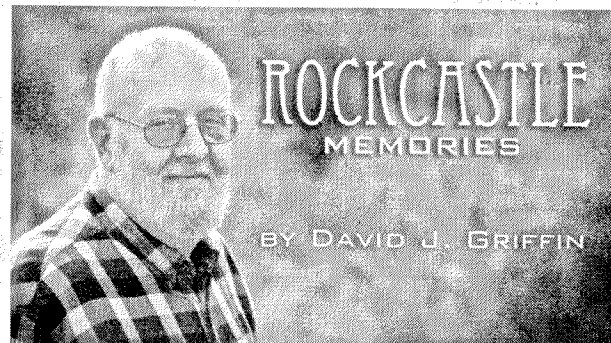
These questions, and about 10,000 others, concern me infinitely more than what some old lady who calls herself a "queen" is doing on her birthday and while celebrating 70 years on the British throne.

I had to search my television all weekend to find something on besides that old lady, standing there for hours as other people marched by and saluted and worshipped and cried and pretended she is some kind of Goddess.

It was said that over \$10 MILLION was spent putting on that display of horses and jets and fuzzy hats and sparkling white gloves and soldiers getting sore feet. All pomp and circumstance and ritzy extravagant spending all because someone has been treated better than every other person on earth for her entire life.

Queen Elizabeth II, her family and anyone she happens to like, hasn't had a lot of days when they wondered how they were going to buy groceries that week. To my knowledge, she never invented a cure for cancer and never developed some lifesaving technique. She hasn't found a way to make drive-through windows more accurate. She has never solved a social dilemma. She has never improved the human condition. I wish she would work at our local McDonalds. Maybe they wouldn't run out of everything customers ask for every week.

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### Favorite Hard Candy

For most of my life, I have been an avid fan of suckers on a stick called Tootsie Roll Pops. I suppose my love of the hard candy began when I accompanied my grandfather (Pop) as he called on grocery stores in Rockcastle, Madison, Laurel, and Pulaski Counties. Pop was employed by Louisville Grocery Company and sold wholesale groceries to a large number of stores in the area.

Because Pop was friends with most of the store owners, they often offered me a "treat" when

we first entered their stores. The storeowners quickly learned that my favorite hard candy was Tootsie Roll Pops.

Throughout my years at Mt. Vernon High School, I remained faithful to my love of the tasty hard candy on a stick. I remember keeping a small bag of the suckers in the glove box of my 58 Chevy. Often my friends would ask, "Who are the suckers for?" I always replied, "They are for me!" Some of my family members even gave them to me as a prank gift for

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



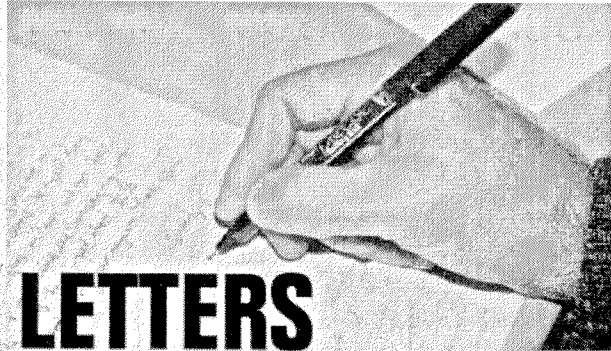
### Our New Addition

Dear Journal,  
Our new addition is finally done and ready for the electric to be turned on this week. Last fall we had a metal building, 16X20, delivered to our property and set near the

house. It will be so near the house it will be almost like a second room. Actually, there is a bridge that connects the house to the building beginning on our back porch. The cold weather was on us before we realized and the prices of construction materials were so high, we decided to wait until spring and start the project then. It has taken about a month since it was started and now it is about 95% completed.

I know many have driven past our house wondering what is the purpose of this little building. Have the Cooks had a spat and the marriage is on the rocks? Is it a little guest house? Is it a "she shed", the latest thing on women's want lists? I wish it could be

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mt. Vernon has changed...

Dear Editor,

I just came back from Mt. Vernon and I couldn't believe what I saw.

Mt. Vernon used to be a town to be proud to come from. Now there are no small shops or

small grocery stores on Main St. It used to be a beautiful town to just drive through and look at all the beautiful sights and be proud to say, "I used to live here."

Now, well, if you drive all the way east on Main St. to West Main, up on

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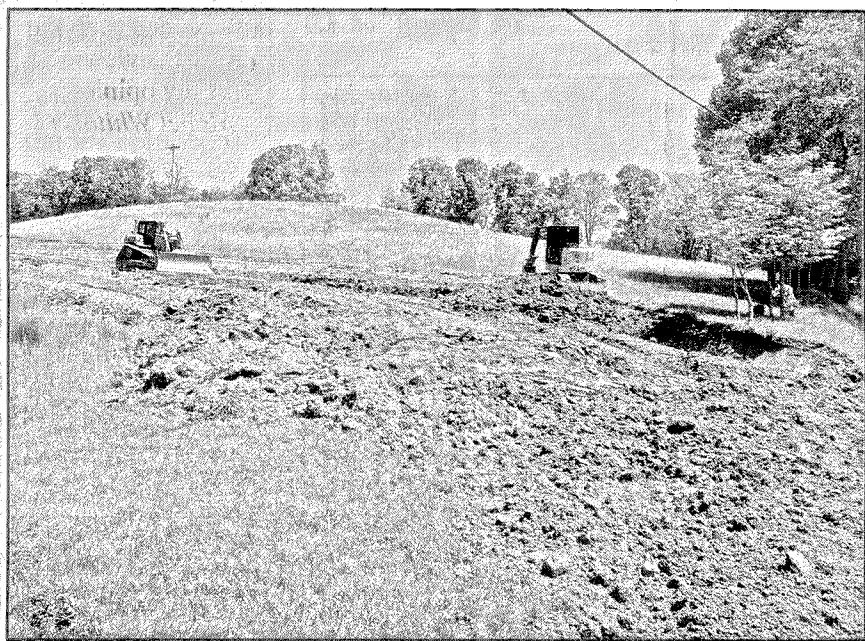
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**BEING STRUCK:** Cutting large limbs and trees can be tricky. Improper cutting can cause the tree to fall where you hadn't planned. Always have two escape routes planned in case the tree starts going the wrong way. Never turn your back to a falling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

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



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## ramblings

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I'm trying to keep quiet until this investigation is completed and surely there will be a complete investigation with the facts made public, unlike other mass shootings that the facts behind them have never seen the light of day (think Las Vegas). At this point, these shootings are getting to be almost a daily occurrence, which Democrats are fervently using to advance their gun control agenda.

I have two handguns and I look at them as a defense for myself since I live alone. The Democrats keep pushing for gun control, in spite of our Second Amendment which guarantees "the right of the people to keep and bear arms."

California Senator Dianne Feinstein (who had a Chinese driver for

20 years - just saying) said once, in support of gun control, that if guns were banned that, of course, criminals would give up their guns. Of course, Senator Feinstein is up in her 80s and maybe she is a little too trusting (or stupid) or maybe she, like our Resident President needs to get realistic about the facts of life.

If a gun confiscation law were to come into being, you can be assured that the often trite saying that "only criminals would have guns," along with those paid to protect seemingly EVERYONE in our government of course. And, believe me our government takes being protected by bodyguards seriously since the Department of Education has a SWAT team at their beck and call.

In Stockton, California, 13 SWAT officers stormed the home of

Kenneth Wright at 6 in the morning. He was dragged out of his home in boxer shorts, thrown on the ground and handcuffed. His terrified three children, ages 3, 9 and 11, were forced to sit in a patrol car for two hours and Wright was in custody six hours.

Wright's offense? His estranged wife was being investigated for her use of federal aid for students. She doesn't even live in his home. Golly gee, you would think she burned down a federal courthouse or something.

This happened people, in a country where 393 million civilians own firearms. How do you think our government would act if they ever managed to strip us of our firearms?

And if you think the DOE is the only one with their private SWAT team, there is also the Department of Agriculture, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Swat teams now make 40,000 raids on citizens each year. Paramilitary raids by out-of-control federal agencies against ordinary citizens, who may not have violated any law, are a growing threat to our safety.

The National Rifle Association is being targeted once again by Democrats in their effort to confiscate our guns. They are starting with the AR-15, calling it a "weapon of war" even though it is not issued to any soldier by our armed services. Then, Resident Biden stepped in to target the 9mm handgun which he says can "blow a lung out of a body" which is absolutely a lie. He also said recently "No ordinary American cares about their constitutional rights" another whopper.

And, of course, disgraced NYC Mayor Andrew Cuomo had to contribute saying in a tweet that he is "Proud to march with Mom's Against Gun Violence...to send the message loud and clear: Change needs to happen on a national level." The irony with this disgraced politician is that when he was in office, he managed to slaughter 15,000 nursing home residents, more than every mass shooting toll in history (and, of course, with his elite status in our society --much like our current Whitehouse Resident and his son), was never held accountable for this atrocity, losing his office only over sexual harassment allegations by staffers).

Ohio's governor is set to sign a bill that will arm teachers in schools. Is that the solution? I don't know. Black students in

some big city schools are organizing against this, claiming that they would be in danger if this were to be implemented.

It might be a good idea, in schools where teachers have their own children in the building. That would assure that they would fight to the death against an armed invader/s.

There is some good news on the horizon, and, as it often does, it centers around Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

DeSantis vetoed an infrastructure bill that, in part, gave \$35 million to the Tampa Bay Rays for a new practice facility. The veto came over the team's support for PRIDE month. Later, several players refused to wear the PRIDE logo on their uniform claiming a religious conflict.

Meanwhile, Resident Biden, has reportedly threatened to cut off free lunches to schools that refuse to allow transgender girls and boys to use the restroom of the sex they have decided they are, and not the one they were born with.

And, as a last note. There have been several occurrences lately (19 food distribution centers across the country destroyed and a fire at an egg production facility which killed 200,000 chickens) that almost guarantees a severe food shortage as early as this fall. Make plans now to stock up for the rough ride ahead, brought to you courtesy of the DNC!

## Aces

(Continued from A2) All in all, I have not seen anything out of her more than sitting on a throne with capes draped around her while "lesser humans" stood by to serve her slightest whim.

I have no respect or appreciation for anyone who places themselves above other people.

Somehow this entire family is placed above every other human being on earth by some people. Money, that could literally save millions of people from suffering or dying, is tossed out the window so that these people can have gold forks. They spend their lives in a castle (or several) with servants every few feet looking for some way to serve them and their subjects bow as if they have some sort of super power. When in reality, everyone of the royal family is exactly the same as you and me and they will someday be in a hole just like we will. Some people are en-

thralled with that family. They can't wait to watch a queen or one of her children put on a jacket or comb their hair. Somehow they have turned them into gods in their mind.

The truth is there is absolutely nothing, not one single molecule in that entire family, that is better than you.

You and I were created by the same God that created those people who drink their tea with a pinky sticking out. Absolutely nothing about any one of them is better than you. They were not elected. They didn't risk every dime they had and go in debt for a degree. They didn't work and earn their place in society. They did nothing except be born and even that wasn't their idea.

My father spent his entire life working with swollen, calloused hands to provide for his family and give to his church. He paid his taxes and crawled in cold, muddy ditches in Korea to keep us all safe and free. He obeyed the laws of the land and kept his house in order and was honest and fair to everyone. Queen Elizabeth has spent 96 years (as of last week) with people waiting on her, preparing her silk sheets and satin gowns in her castle and catering to her every whim. Guess which one I would bow to.

When all is said and done, those who choose to worship a queen and pretend she somehow deserves to be separate from their hard working father or mother, will keep on bowing and lessening their own family. That's their free choice. That's up to them. As for some of us, we believe all people are nothing more than human beings and being born to the right family is not a skill that places you above anyone else.

By the way, the answers to the questions at the beginning of this column are 530 eggs; 1,962,116,129 steps; I don't know which end is the front; No; and Steinway in 1890.

## T.J.s

(Continued from A2) the latter. Finally, a place

I could go to write, sew, paint, and sketch. None of those things is the intended purpose. Give up? It is to be a place for our dogs and cats to live. We will have it with heat and air conditioning. I will be putting in some mini blinds and curtains, too. Then there will be some furniture such as chairs, a bed and an eating table and chairs for us...probably a TV and phone, too. That is about everything except a bathroom. Since they can't live with us, we can live with them as little or as much as we want.

I'm sorry to say that over the years our animals have done so much damage to our interior of the house that we will be installing new flooring here and there, drywall in two or three rooms, and we needed a new ceiling in the living room anyway.. There will probably have to be kitchen cabinets to replace, as well. There isn't much animals can do to metal walls in the new building. It should be easy to clean, also.

All of this should take us through the next few months if not a year or so. We will just be working at a slow pace. So, in a little while we and the pets should have pretty nice looking places. It all should be done just in time for us to go to the nursing home.

## Letters

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what we used to call Fairground Hill, well, right at the top of the hill, before you go over towards 461, there is the old Rickels house on the left and, on the right, well you have to see it to believe it... It's a dump right on a corner.

How could a town as beautiful as Mt Vernon come to allow this to happen, especially on the Main St. No house as you could call it, just trash scattered all over the whole lot.

I believe the neighbors would rather have it zoned then have to see a sight like that when they want to sit on their porch to enjoy the view.

Just my opinion.  
Mabel Whitaker

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
**Monday, June 13th:** Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Tuesday, June 14th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick.

**Southern KY AHEC School Camp**  
 Southern KY AHEC will host a Health Careers High School Camp June 13-16 at Rockcastle County High School. Go to <http://11soahec.org/summer-health-scholars/> or call Sherry Spragens at 606-256-0950 for more information.

**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.

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

**Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.  
**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- AA- Alcohol Anonymous:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.  
**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.  
**Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead:** 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.  
**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.** 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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

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# Obituaries

## Patricia Lynn Hayes

Patricia Lynn Hayes, 62, wife of 46 years to Steven R. Hayes, died Saturday, June 4, 2022, in Berea. She was born September 2, 1959, in Berea, to Betty Lamb Hayes and the late Luther Hayes. Patty loved the Lord and her family. Her absolute joy in life was to take care of her family. Patty served the Lord in many ways including her time spent as Youth Director at Conway Baptist Church during the 80's - 90's. She enjoyed reading John Grisham, growing, and arranging flowers, and decorating. As a small business owner, she owned and operated Heavenly Treasures Christian Bookstore in Old Town during the mid-90's, was a real estate agent for Pennington Realty in the early 2000's, worked with the child support division of Rockcastle County Attorneys Office, owned the store at Snyder, and helped her son at his store on Highway 461 in Rockcastle County. Patty would always greet everyone with a big smile and Hello.



Other than her father, Patty is also preceded by an infant brother.

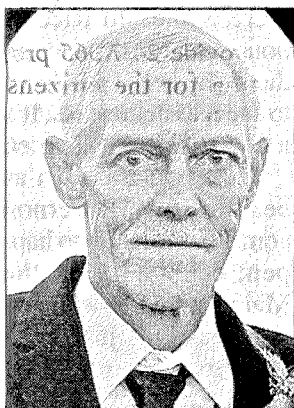
In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by: two sons, Andrew (Patty Joe) Hayes of Berea, and Luke (Jennifer) Hayes of Mount Vernon; three sisters, Teresa Scenters, Kathy (Fred) Cox, and Kaye (Steve) Deaton, all of Berea; four grandchildren, Aubrey, Ally, Evan, and Eli; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Joey Kays officiating. Burial was in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Evan Hayes, Eli Hayes, Mark Scenters, Adam Scenters, Greg Cox, Matt Cox, Aubrey Hayes, and Ally Hayes.

## Gary Wayne Scott

Gary Wayne Scott, 68, of Mount Vernon, died Friday, June 3, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born November 28, 1953, in Rockcastle



County, a son of the late Garvin and Eva Christine (Barnett) Scott. He was of the Christian faith and attended Brindle Ridge Baptist Church. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, metal detecting, and watching old war movies.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Kevin Scott and Shanda of Richmond, Kentucky, Christy McKinley and Jonathan of Mount Vernon, and Michael Scott and Brooke Shackelford of Mount Vernon; a granddaughter, Madelynn Mae Scott; a brother, Robert Estill Scott and Kathy of Lexington; as well as a host of many loved ones, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Charlene Faulkner Scott.

Funeral services were held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## 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:

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

### Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

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Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)  
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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



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

## Wilma Spoonamore

Wilma D. Payne Spoonamore, 83, widow of the late Charles E. Spoonamore, died Friday, June 3, 2022. She was born November 12, 1938 the daughter of the late Lonnie and Melvina Payne.

She is survived by: her children, Teresa and Mark Jostworth, and Carol and Wayne Bowling; grandchildren, Amy Yazell, Candice and Kyle Hickox, Charles and Lynn Bowling, Brandi Bowling, and Thomas Fagin; 13 great grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Doris Sowder, Floyd Tex and Juanita Payne, and Ernie Lee Payne. She is also survived by her honorary daughters: Debi Johnson, Penny Johnston, and Jenny Morris.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 9 at Vorhis & Ryan Funeral Home in Lockland, OH, and from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 10 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 12 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

\*Per the kind directive of the family; as a strict safety precaution, there will be no fresh cut floral arrangements accepted during the Kentucky services. Planters only if desired. The family encourages memorial contributions to Hospice of Cincinnati-Blue Ash, PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263 or online at: [www.hospiceofcincinnati.org](http://www.hospiceofcincinnati.org).

Please visit [www.vorhisandryan.com](http://www.vorhisandryan.com), [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com), to view online obituary.

## Church News

### Flat Rock Baptist Church Fun Day

Flat Rock Baptist Church invites everyone to join them for a time of food, fellowship and games as they get ready to kick off their week of VBS.

The event will be held Saturday, June 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 504 Maple Grove Road, Orlando.

### Flat Rock Baptist Church VBS

Flat Rock Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School June 13-17 from 6 to 7:30 nightly.

The church is located at 504 Maple Grove Road in Orlando.

Please call Pastor Burton at 606-282-2329 if you are in need of a ride

### VBS at Maretburg Baptist Church

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

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

Please join us, God has big plans for you!!

## Prayer Meeting at Famous Cane Ridge Meeting House

Christ's Discipleship Ministries will be hosting a Prayer Meeting at the famous Cane Ridge Meeting House on Saturday, June 11th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This meeting will include a Communion Service and the theme will be *Seeking the Face of God*.

The gathering is simply to pray, seek the face of God for Revival in our own heart and to be in God's presence, and to show our Lord that nothing else matters and nothing else will do but His will for our lives.

Can we all worship our Saviour without denominational walls? If our hearts and our spirits are in tune with God, "We Can." We need to carpool and convoy to the meeting house as parking is limited. We should leave the lower parking lot of the courthouse in Mt. Vernon no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

2nd Corinthians 2:17 says *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

For questions or concerns, contact: Cane Ridge Meeting House, 1655 Cane Ridge Road, Paris, Ky. 40361, Jeff Cromer 606-308-1314 or Randy Thompson 606-308-5451.

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## Cemetery Notices

### Maple Grove

We are asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone that would like to help may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove account. Donations may also be sent to Penny Cameron at 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409

You may call 606-758-4489 for more information or to make a donation. We would like to thank everyone that has given and the ones that will give. Please don't let us down. Every dime given goes for the upkeep of the cemetery.

### McKinney Cemetery

Donations can be made for the upkeep of McKinney Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. Checks or money orders, payable to McKinney Cemetery please. No cash will be accepted.

If you were not able to attend the Annual Meeting, you may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Roberts Cemetery

Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Maretburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Maretburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Briarfield Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Briarfield Cemetery. Donations can be mailed to: Briarfield Cemetery, c/o Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 or to Briarfield Cemetery, c/o Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 90 McK Farm Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Thanks for all your support.

### Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing of Sand Hill Cemetery to: Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

### Maret Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the cemetery may be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make all checks payable to Maret Cemetery.

### Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please send donations to Nelce Drew, 5599 Climax Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

### Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244.

Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

### High Dry Cemetery

Please make donations for the upkeep of the High Dry Cemetery to: High Dry Cemetery, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

### Rimell Family

Donations are needed for upkeep of the Rimell Family Cemetery. Please send to: Judy Rimell-Carl, 900 Greenwood Drive, Berea, Ky. 40403.

For more information, call 606-416-0432.

### Saylor Family

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

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery Fund.

### Three Links Phillips

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

Checks should be made payable to Phillips Cemetery Fund.

### Piney Grove

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

Additional donations can be sent to: Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Silver St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Mowing will resume on June 8, 2022. We kindly ask that all decorations on grass be removed by 6 p.m. June 7th.

Thanks for your support and consideration.

### Hansel Cemetery

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

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## “Fire”

(Continued from front)

East Bernstadt Fire Department moved some equipment and personnel to the Mount Vernon Fire Department so that the local department would be staffed and ready in the event of another fire.

Once the blaze was extinguished, firefighters, and the Kentucky State Police Arson Unit along with Richard Reynolds of the Brodhead Police Department, began an immediate investigation into the cause of the fire. That investigation is still underway but Chief Reynolds said he has a “Person of Interest” that is currently under investigation. “I can’t say for certain yet that the fire was set on purpose but I can say it was started by this female,” he said.

With the help of forensic studies through the Kentucky State Police Lab, Reynolds said he expects to know if the fire was set deliberately or it was simply a fire that got out of hand accidentally.

However, Reynolds did say the person of interest was flown to UK claiming she was injured from the fire. However, “I didn’t see any injuries anywhere on this person,” he said.

No deaths were reported but the buildings involved suffered severe damage, according to fire fighters.

“It was an amazing thing to watch six departments working together with one common goal,” said Assistant Brodhead Fire Chief Brian Bullock. “I could not be more pleased with all our people at the Brodhead Fire Department and I offer our appreciation to everyone who jumped in without hesitation to fight this fire.”

At the end of the day the fire was extinguished and the Brodhead Fire Department held their monthly Fish Fry that same day. The money from the event helps support the fire department. “I can’t say enough about the dedication of the people at our fire department,” said Bullock. “They never stop serving the public.”

## “Car”

(Continued from front) department.

Spectators will be allowed in free and entries will be \$15. Judging will begin at noon and the show will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Lucky 13 Racing Performance and Graphics, Summit Racing Equipment, Rock Auto, Haggerty and Ridetech.

The department is located at 7436 Climax Road and everyone is invited to attend and help your local fire department.

## “Livingston”

(Continued from front) reading, city officials opted to perform changes and then hold an unprecedented third reading before adoption. “A third reading is unusual but we do what we can to accommodate everyone,” said Mayor Dwane King.

However, after the third reading, guests began to shout that the ordinance had not been changed. Voices continued to rise and discussion, by visibly angry residents and landlords, grew.

City Clerk Amanda Thomas read the ordinance completely to a

quiet full house. However, one section of the ordinance was clearly the source of tempers in the room. That section reads “Property Owners/Landlords will be responsible for any debts left outstanding by their renters. Property owners/Landlords are required to sign all water user agreements for their renters before water service will be connected. Service will be denied to any property that has an outstanding debt not paid by the renters or property owners/landlords.”

Mayor Dwane King immediately asked for a motion as guests were speaking out against the ordinance. A motion was made and even during guest shouts, Commissioners Bonnie Reaves and Leroy Lamb voted “yes” while Commissioners Clyde Carpenter and Donna Durham voted “no.” Mayor King broke the tie voting in favor and the ordinance passed. However, all this took places during shouting matches and most of the crowd was unaware that the ordinance had been adopted.

Several landlords present loudly expressed their concern about the ordinance saying they should not be responsible for their renter’s bills. Since the City of Livingston requires a \$150 deposit, landlords said they feel if a bill is more than that amount, the water should be disconnected and therefore there would never be a bill of more than \$150 overdue and that deposit would cover that amount. One landlord said she didn’t feel she should have to keep track of her renters’ water bill.

However, Thomas said there are many times that this deposit does not cover the water bill, depending upon the timing of the monthly bill and that the city has been losing money due to high water bills that are delinquent. Thomas said taxpayers should not be responsible for landlord’s business losses.

Durham said she does not feel comfortable holding landlords responsible for overdue water bills while Mayor King and Thomas were arguing that landlords should be responsible for bills their tenants have with the city rather than the city using taxpayer funds. One guest said if the city would obey existing ordinances in a timely manner, the issue of later water bills would not exist.

“Well, the ordinance is adopted so adjourn the meeting,” said King. This caused unrest in the crowd and caused escalated arguments and raised voices to continue until Police Chief Mikie Ashurst was forced to bring a halt to the yelling that was clearly getting out of hand. “Everyone will shut up, Right now!” he shouted. “We are going to address this with calm discussion, one at a time. We will not be yelling and shouting like a pack of wild dogs.”

For a moment the room was quiet, but within moments Davidson was standing in front of Chief Ashurst, in what some might say a threatening manner, and guest Sandi Singleton had crossed the room and was in an altercation with Mayor King’s daughter Melissa Hahn.

Ashurst ordered Davidson to leave the room but Davidson re-

fused. “I am a police officer ordering you to leave this meeting,” said Ashurst. Davidson continued to refuse and shouting and cursing continued with guests standing between Ashurst and Davidson, pushing Davidson towards the door, while Mayor King ran to stand between Singleton and his daughter. Eventually, Davidson was out of the room and other altercations had broken up as guests left the conference room.

“It is a darn shame that I have to deal with this kind of attitude every day down here in Livingston,” said Chief Ashurst. “It is almost always these same three or four people that cause such civil unrest in the community. All I can do is try to keep things calm and protect my town as best as I can. We are a town of 181 residents and four cause all this trouble.”

Davidson, who has filed to run for Livingston Mayor in the November General Election, said Ashurst will not work for him when he is elected mayor.

In other action, before the disagreements began, the city voted on a resolution to release \$55,676 of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. However, Commissioner Durham expressed concern on voting in favor of this ordinance as well. “I would like more information before I vote for something,” she said. “What will this money be used for and how. There needs to be more information.” However, Thomas said the vote only releases the money to be used and how it is used will be addressed by the commission as needs arise.

The motion passed with three votes but it was not clear how Durham voted.

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

## “Indict”

(Continued from front) ference to the value of human life” on April 22, 2022.

Hubbell was also indicted for fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Scotty Kent Chattelle, 51, of Cedar Rapids Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p, and

Elijah C. Walker, 20, of Carter Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of bail jumping.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

## “Sheriff”

(Continued from front) that there is no road deputies on duty.” Magistrates said there are times each week that no one is on duty and citizens cannot receive assistance from the sheriff’s department.

“I have talked to a lot of people who say they needed help only to find no one is on duty at the sheriff’s office and no one answers the phone,” said Magistrate Shannon Bishop. “I hear from citizens all the time who say you can’t find a deputy or anyone else in our sheriff’s department. We fully fund five full-time deputies at the department and only two road deputies work there. Where is that money

going?”

Magistrate Mike McGuire agreed. “If we fund five deputies and there are only two in the department, how did they use the entire budget,” asked McGuire.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said the money is used through overtime pay since only two deputies must work extra hours. But Bishop spoke up saying “If you run your department efficiently, a fully funded sheriff’s department should have a deputy on the road 24 hours per day, seven days per week,” Bishop said. “There should never be a time that Rockcastle County citizens have no one to call for help in a fully funded sheriff’s department no matter how they rearrange the budget. A sheriff’s department with not one deputy on the road at any time means something isn’t right.”

The fiscal court budget provides \$214,048 for sheriff’s department program support (deputy salaries).

McGuire said he believes something about the budget “isn’t adding up.” He added, “In order for two road deputies to use all the funds we allocate for deputy salaries, they would have to work 80 hours of overtime per week. That just isn’t possible.”

Holbrook said once the Rockcastle County budget is approved, the court “has no say over how that money is spent.” The 2022-2023 Rockcastle County budget appropriations include a total of \$505,293 to the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department, which covers all employee benefits. But once the budget provides the funds to the department, it is up to the Sheriff’s Department how to spend those funds, according to Holbrook.

McGuire said he has personal experience with the difficulty in finding a deputy on duty. “I was robbed once,” he said. “I called and called and couldn’t get ahold of anyone at the sheriff’s department. I drove there and the office was closed. I had to actually call the Kentucky State Police from the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Department parking lot. Now that’s a shame.”

Magistrate Shane Thacker said he, too, is confused about the issue. “The sheriff keeps complaining that he can’t keep deputies but the money is in there to pay five deputies. Why doesn’t he have four deputies and pay them enough that they won’t leave?” asked Thacker. “If you pay them \$25 an hour they won’t leave.”

Bishop said he expects

the county to have a deputy on duty at all times. “Someone needs to stand up and point this out and people need to know,” he said. “There are times that there is no sheriff’s department coverage on the roads of Rockcastle County. There should never be a moment that the people are unprotected.”

Magistrates turned their attention to County Treasurer Joe Clontz who orchestrated the county budget, asking why there are not five deputies in the force. “I can’t answer that question,” Clontz said. “The money is there and we have asked them all these questions before. They just don’t answer them. How the money is spent is up to them.”

Going around the room, each magistrate voiced concerns over a lack of deputies on the payroll and the amount of time that no deputy is on duty. “I know for a fact the Mount Vernon Police and the Kentucky State Police are getting tired of having to cover Rockcastle County because we have no one on duty,” said Bishop.

Holbrook pointed out that the fiscal court provides \$158,460 for deputies salaries, \$156,000 for other salaries and \$45,000 in overtime in the budget. “That is money for deputies. The fiscal court pays the employer matching share of social security, retirement, insurance, worker’s compensation, property and casualty insurance, printing, training and more,” he said.

Since the county pays employee benefits, \$158,460 equals about \$15 per hour for five employees. Including the overtime fund, the budget provides \$19.50 per hour for five deputies.

Each year, the fiscal court also gives the Sheriff’s Department \$15,000 in start-up fees. “Right at budget time there are no taxes coming in and it is a hard time for the Sheriff’s Department,” said Holbrook. “So we give them \$15,000 to operate the department until the funds begin to flow through again. Then at the end of the year, they return that \$15,000 to the court and then we hand it back to them to start the next year,” said Holbrook.

The sheriff’s department’s annual budget shows total receipts of \$651,789 which includes the funding from the fiscal court and the fees and revenues earned by the department throughout the year. Total disbursements listed at \$636,789 leaving the \$15,000 in excess fees.

In the Sheriff’s budget,

prepared by Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Deputy Dale McNew, the sheriff’s salary is listed at \$92,890 and deputies’s gross salaries are listed at \$166,000 while “other gross salaries” are shown at \$163,074 with \$30,000 allocated for overtime pay. The budget also shows \$40,000 for gasoline.

“I just know something needs to change,” said Bishop. “The people of Rockcastle County pay their taxes and we fully fund the Sheriff’s Department. The people should have a deputy on the streets at all times. Leaving no deputy on the roads for any amount of time is unacceptable.”

Still, many agree finding new police officers is difficult especially after the national “Defund the Police” campaign and social changes that can end with police officers in jail or fired for making arrests.

In fact, Franklin said he agrees with Rockcastle County School’s Director of Student Services remarks last week at the Mount Vernon City Council meeting when he said “finding police officers is hard enough. Finding five willing to be SROs by August just isn’t going to happen.”

Sheriff Franklin says finding qualified deputies is difficult at this time. “What Mr. Reppert said was exactly correct,” said Franklin. The sheriff said he welcomes the criticism and looks forward to getting help on the any issues that magistrates or any citizen may have.

“As recently reported in the Signal, I look forward to meeting with the fiscal court and addressing the financial and physical requirements necessary to retain current deputies, recruit new personnel and provide 24/7/365 protection for the citizens of Rockcastle County.”

Franklin says he is encouraged by such questions/criticism and hopes everyone will get involved and offer their advice to help the force. “I am confident that members of the court will join us in providing the increased financial and moral support to address these issues. I am also encouraging all citizens to contact their magistrate regarding these issues and any other concerns.”

Bishop said he feels there is enough money in the current budget to provide five full time deputies in Rockcastle County. “If things are operated efficiently and organized properly, there should be at least one deputy on duty at all times,” he said.

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# SPORTS

## RCCHS Track Class AA Region 5 runners-up

*Have great individual performances at state*

The RCCHS Track and Field Team captured the Class AA Region 5 runner-up trophy and qualified for the state held this past weekend at the University of Kentucky.

Sophomore Alexis Dotson highlighted the state with an 800-meter run state championship.

Dotson's time of 2:15.30 shattered her own all-time personal best and was the fastest time in the state so far this season.

Her time was also 1.4 seconds faster than the Class A state record and only 0.64 seconds away from the Class 2A state record mark set in 2014.

Allie Martin competed in the Long Jump and finished in fourth place in Class 2A. Martin jumped an impressive 16'11.25".

Learin Reagan competed in the 100 Meter Hurdles and the 300 Meter Hurdles and finished seventh in both events.

Reagan's finished the 100 meter in 16.83 and the 300 in 48.73.

Seventh grader Maliyah Swinney, eligible to compete on the high school level for the first time, had two impressive individual events with the Triple

Jump and the Long Jump.

Swinney was one of only three seventh graders that qualified for individual events at 2A State.

In Long Jump, she was the only seventh grade qualifier and placed 21st overall with an awesome jump of 14'9.25".

In Triple Jump, once again the only seventh grade qualifier and just missed the finals and placed 11th overall with a jump of 32'5.5".

Emma Watson competed in the individual events of 200 Meter Dash and 400 Meter Dash.

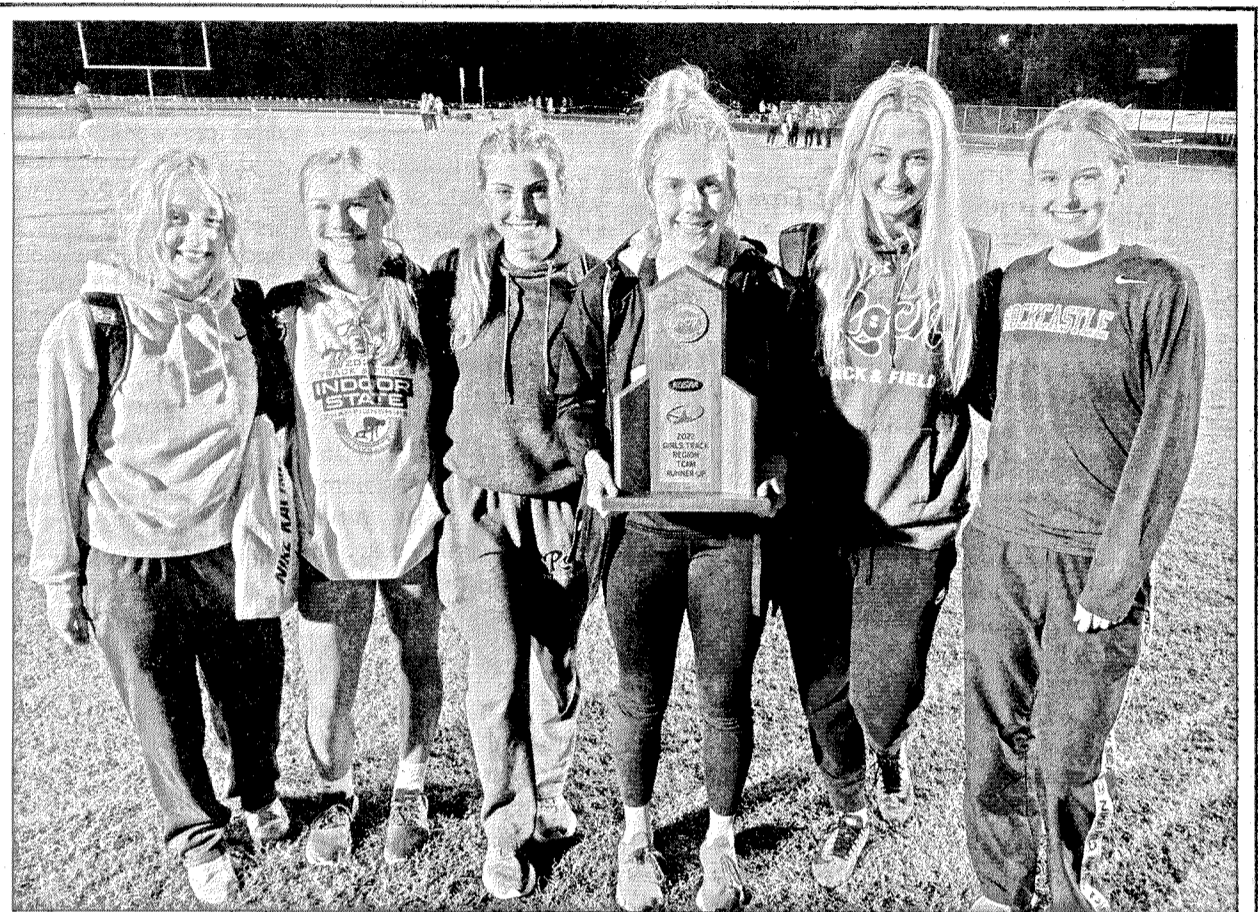
In the 400 Meter Dash Watson finished 11th with a time of 1:02.25. In the 200 Meter Dash Watson finished 23rd with a time of 27.97.

RCCHS's relay team in the 4x100 set a new school record with a time of 51.54 and a ninth place finish.

The team consisted of Allie Martin, Emma Watson, Maliyah Swinney and Learin Reagan.

The 4x400 relay team finished 13th with a time of 4:18.52.

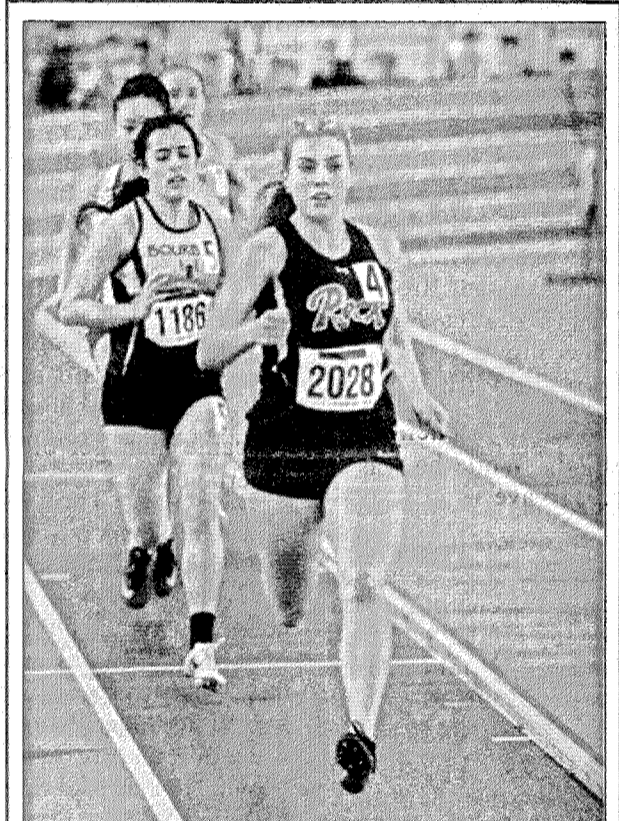
Team members were Allie Martin, Emma Watson, Maliyah Swinney and Alexis Dotson.



The RCCHS Track and Field team were the Class AA Region 5 runners-up. Members of the team are shown above, from left: Learin Reagan, Maliyah Swinney, Emma Watson, Allie Martin, Karalinn Loudermilk and Alexis Dotson.



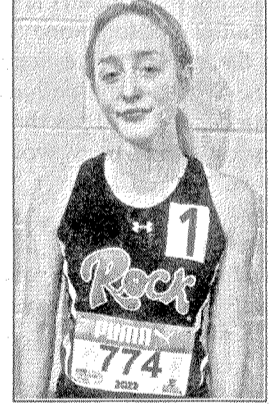
Seventh grader Maliyah Swinney finished 11th in the Triple Jump and 21st in the Long Jump. Swinney also ran as part of the 100 Relay and 400 Relay teams.



Senior Emma Watson finished 11th in the 400 Meter Dash and 23rd in the 200 Meter Dash. Watson also ran as part of the 100 Relay and 400 Relay teams.



Allie Martin finished in fourth place in Class 2A in Long Jump and was a part of the 100 Relay and 400 Relay teams.



Learin Reagan took seventh place in the 100 Meter Hurdles and the 300 Meter Hurdles in Class 2A state championship. Reagan also ran in the 4x100 meter relay which set a new school record.

### Berea College Dean's List

Fig Vance of Brodhead and Michael Allen of Mount Vernon were named to Berea College Spring 2022 Dean's List.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

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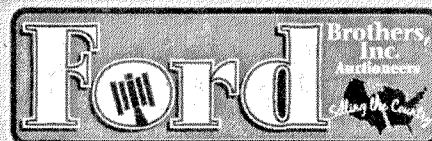
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# Memories

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my birthdays and for my graduation.

During those days, it was possible to purchase the suckers individually in grocery stores. That was my favorite way to buy them because I could select the flavors that I love most – orange, grape, and cherry. My love of this candy accompanied me to college. I kept a sack of suckers in my footlocker, which I kept in my dormitory room at UK. Of course, they were always under lock and key.

After receiving my degree, I began my teaching and coaching career and my love of Tootsie Roll Pops followed me to the classroom. One of my football players (Doug Caulk) came by my room one day and noticed I had one of these suckers in my mouth. He asked if that was my favorite candy, and my reply was a resounding, yes!

A few weeks later, we had a pep rally for the football team on Friday afternoon before a home game with one of our rivals. At the end of the pep rally, Doug and some of the senior players presented me with a bag of suckers and announced, "Coach Griffin is always in a better mood if he has a Tootsie Roll Pop in his mouth so we decided to help him out." There were probably a hundred suckers inside the bag. Of course, everyone got a kick out of watching me receive the unique gift.

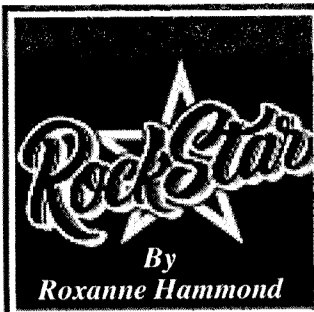
One day, the high school principal came into my room in order to observe my teaching methods. While he was there, I gave one of my students a "reward" for correctly solving a very difficult chemistry problem on the board. When I received the written evaluation of my performance in class, he commented on my use of candy. He said, "Mr. Griffin very successfully awarded his students with a sucker when they demonstrated exceptional knowledge of work in his class. I think this award system was used professionally and worked well for his classes." I was completely surprised by his evaluation but was also pleased that he approved.

Several months ago, my wife purchased a large box of Tootsie Roll Pops as a surprise for me. I keep a zip-lock bag in my bedside table filled with these tasty suckers and often sample one as we watch television. To me, this is a very relaxing treat.

When I used up all of the suckers that were given to me, I decided to re-order my Tootsie Roll Pops. To my great surprise, my favorite hard candies can now be ordered in individual flavors. I quickly ordered a two-pound bag filled with only orange suckers.

Some of my friends get a kick out of my Tootsie Roll Pop obsession, but I just laugh and offer them a sample. There are just some things that you never get too old for – and in my opinion, Tootsie Roll Pops are at the top of my list.

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



## Roy Brown

Born in 1915 to John and Maude Brown, Roy was the youngest of four children. After his father became disabled due to an accident, he and his siblings, as well as his mother, took over management and operations of the large farm at Quail. Ironically, this is the same farm where Roy spent all his life until his death in 2001. Roy developed an expertise and love of farming that led to much recognition throughout his life. He was one of the most innovative farmers in the Commonwealth.

In 1937, at age 22, he married Flora Mae Hurst and out of that union were born three daughters: Kathee (Staton) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Christine (Taylor), and Virginia (Hansel) both of Quail.

Both Roy and Flora Mae had a deep love for Rockcastle County and lived lives of service dedicated to the people of the county and beyond. They both became 4-H leaders, and Flora Mae was a charter member of the Quail Homemakers Club. The door to the Brown household was always open to visitors and anyone needing help of any kind. Their outstanding hospitality was well known throughout the community.

Not only was Roy a dedicated and successful farmer, he was also highly recognized businessman. He became manager of Cumberland Production Credit Association (CPCA) in Rockcastle and Jackson counties, and continued in that position for many years. He would later be named Vice President in charge of Public Relations for CPCA's service areas of Tennessee and Kentucky, a role he maintained until his retirement.

Roy became an integral part of a team with a dream of making Rockcastle County a better place and more opportunities for families. Not all inclusive, listed are some of the avenues Roy took in trying to achieve that dream. At his death, he was serving as the Chairman of the Rockcastle Conservation District Board; he was part of the team that founded the Rockcastle Western Water Association which made water available to many rural areas; he served for about 35 years as the Tour Director of the Rockcastle Agri-Business agency and took groups of farmers and businessmen to many farming operations throughout the country; he had served as Chairman of the Rockcastle County Improvement Council, as well as being a member of the team that recommended the consolidation of the Rockcastle County School System. In 1979 Roy received the Everett C. Brown Memorial Award for outstanding community service and, prior to his death, he was inducted into the Rockcastle Farmers Hall of Fame. Even following his death, his family received word that he was honored to receive an award from the United States Environmental Services agency. Roy also served as a Director with Commonwealth of Kentucky

Farm Bureau Agency.

The Browns donated land from the farm for a Community park, and for many years they managed and operated Quail Community Park so that families from all over Rockcastle County could enjoy the ameni-

ties. Roy also obtained grants to build a ball field to accommodate the many sports participants in the county. Today, the park is still operational and is an integral part of the Rockcastle community.

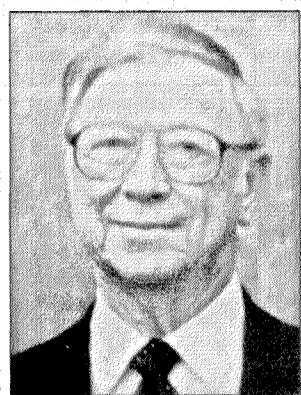
In the late 1960's, Brown's Vacation Farm was born, the first of its kind in Kentucky. Guests from all across the states and around the world stayed in the home as family members and had the opportunity to experience farm life firsthand. Many of these guests, even those out-

side the United States, made repeat visits to the Vacation Farm.

Roy Brown's service to the people of Rockcastle County continued right up to his death in November 2001. Just days to He and Flora Mae's 64th anniversary. A member of the Providence Church of Christ, he had served as an Elder with the church for almost fifty years at the time of his death.

Roy Brown had an unequalled love for Rockcastle County. His dedication to service to the people of Rockcastle has

certainly earned him a "Star" on the wall of "Rock Stars" in Rockcastle County.



Roy Brown, Rockcastle County Farmer, Businessman and founder of Quail Community Park

## Local DAR members receive state positions

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR is honored to have four of its members representing the chapter and county on the state level during the 2022-2025 administration with Mrs. Linda Conrad as State Regent. Chapter Regent, Karen Adams was elected as the new 4th District Director. She will be coordinating and assisting the 15-chapter regents other district. Debbie Brown, current 4th District Director was elected to the position of State Curator. She will have oversight of the Duncan Tavern Historic Center and be custodian of the flags and insignia

of the society.

Edwina Anglin and Tonya Cook were appointed to state committee chair positions. Miss Anglin is the new state literacy committee chair and will promote literacy throughout the state. Emphasis will be to promote adult literacy and involvement in literacy programs for children and adults and to honor those who dedicate their time to promote literacy in the community.

Mrs. Cook is the new Native American committee chair. This committee serves to educate DAR members and the community about issues

facing Native Americans today, celebrate Native American history and culture and support educational opportunities for Native American youth.

The new administra-

tion will begin immediately following the NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington D.C. on June 29th-July 3rd.



Karen Adams



Edwina Anglin



Debbie Brown



Tonya Cook

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### Going Home

#### Ethiopian Eunuch

##### 1) "He was on his way back home"

In Acts 8, we learn of a man who was both a preacher and a deacon who was successful preaching and baptizing in Samaria. An angel instructed Philip to go meet a man who had traveled from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to worship and was on his way back home. This man was worshipping God, according to the law of Moses. Philip met this treasurer and, after teaching him the gospel, Philip baptized him.

#### Moses

##### 2) "He was on his way home"

In Exodus 3 we learn of Moses who was on his way home to Canaan by way of Egypt. Moses made excuses to the Lord, saying that he wasn't the man for the job. The Lord insisted that Moses was and, after some hesitancy, Moses went as directed. However, he failed to get home, because Moses didn't give God the glory for the water the Israelites received. We learn there are ways we can cheat God other than money.

#### Abraham

##### 3) "He was on his way to a new home"

In Genesis 11-12 we find Abram, Sari and Lot leaving their homeland of Ur at the direction of God and went to a new home in Canaan. Unlike Moses, Abram made no excuses but followed God's instructions "by faith." We too must step out by faith and go to another land Heb. 11:6. While we have no choice about whether we will leave, we do have a choice as to where we are going.

#### Prodigal Son

##### 4) "He was on his way back home"

In Luke 13 we have the lesson of the Prodigal Son who left for a new home to find the "grass wasn't greener on the other side." He acknowledged that going home was preferable to staying where he was, so he made plans to return. Having it "our way" may be the American way but that isn't God's way. Are you on your way home?

John 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am there ye may be also.

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### The Bible Name

How does the Lord's church identify themselves in the New Testament? I believe the Bible is clear on that, we find the name Christian is found three times in the New Testament (Acts 11:26); (Acts 26:28); (1 Peter 4:16).

We know that Christian is the right and only name, but many do not understand the significance of wearing it. All of us wear it, but most, I believe, could wear it better. A Christian is more than just a baptized person, church member, weekly worshipper. There are many of these, but few who are true Christians.

1. What wearing the name Christian means?
    2. The name Christian is the greatest and most distinguished name of all.
      - a. (Isaiah 62:2) And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all the kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. (What a Precious Name).
      - b. Early Christians were proud to wear it. (1 Peter 4:16) Yet if any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. We wear the name Christian, not of ordinance, man nor angel, but the name of God's Son. We glorify God and The Son in that name. (Gal. 6:14) But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.
    3. The reward for wearing the name Christian.
      - a. The material blessings of life. (Matt. 6:33) But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
      - b. The more valuable spiritual blessings are especially the Christian's. (Eph. 1:3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Forgiveness, the privilege of prayer, the word dwelling in us, and the hope of heaven, and so much more.
    4. The promise of heaven is given to Christians only.
      - a. Not to unbelievers. (John 8:24) I said therefore unto you, ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.
      - b. Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. (John 14:3) And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye maybe also. Christians are preparing daily to receive heaven as their home someday.
    5. Two facts regarding the wearing of the name Christian.
      - a. We wear it voluntarily. Christ did not force me to wear the name Christian. Therefore, we ought to serve Him gladly and willingly. (2 Cor. 12:15) And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.
      - b. We ought to wear the name Christian wisely. (Matt. 5:14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. We should be ever mindful of the influence we have on others, and what we are projecting night and day.
- Are We Christians or Merely Wearing the Name? Thank you for reading this article. We have free Bible correspondence courses, and videos to watch, and articles to read on our Facebook website. (Remember God loves you). We welcome your questions and comments. We would love for you to get in touch with us.

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## Don Gabbard receives DAR Medal of Honor

The DAR Medal of Honor is the most prestigious honor awarded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and is given to an adult man or woman who is a United States citizen by birth and has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service, and patriotism. The recipient must have made unusual and lasting con-

tributions to our American heritage by truly giving of himself to his community, state, country, and fellow man.

This year's recipient is Mr. Don Gabbard. He is a Marine Veteran who served his country honorably during Vietnam and continues today to serve his fellow servicemen and his community with the same pride and commitment as his time in service. He has continued serving his fellow veterans through leadership, fellowship and guidance and his love for his community is apparent to all. Through his faith-based service, he has become an inspiration to all who know him.

His love for his fellow veterans can be seen in his commitment to the local American Legion and VFW. He has participated in many acts of community service and exemplifies DAR's motto of God, home, and country.

Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams presented Mr. Gabbard his award with members of the community, DAR members and fellow Veterans present to congratulate him and thank him for his many years of service.



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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### NUTMEG CAKE

1/2 cup butter  
1 and 1/3 cups sugar  
3 eggs,  
2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
2 teaspoons nutmeg  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup buttermilk.  
Preheat oven to 375°. Spray or grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. Cream butter and sugar till light; add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In another bowl, combine flour, nutmeg, baking soda, salt, and baking powder. Add to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating until smooth. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until cake inserted into center comes out clean. Make topping just before cake is ready to come out of oven.

### TOPPING

6 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup light cream  
1 cup brown sugar  
Cook butter, cream, and brown sugar together to boiling. Remove cake from oven. Pour hot mixture over cake. Return cake to oven; bake 5 minutes longer.  
**APPLE BUTTER SPICE CAKE**  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
1 cup apple butter  
2 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup buttermilk  
Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and lightly flour 9 x 13 pan. Cream together shortening and sugar. Beat

in eggs, one at a time, beat until light and fluffy. Stir in apple butter. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add mixture to apple butter mixture alternately with buttermilk. Turn batter into cake prepared pan. Bake 30 to 40 minutes. After cake has cooled for at least 10 minutes, spread additional apple butter on top if desired.

### NUTMEG SAUCE

1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tablespoon butter  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
Mix sugar and flour. Add water slowly, mixing well, and cook over low heat for three minutes, whisking or stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir in milk and bring back to a boil. That should take about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add butter and nutmeg. Stir until butter melts. Serve warm or chilled with either cake.

## Deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, **Mount Vernon Signal's** deadline is now **4 p.m. Monday**



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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, June 9, 2022

## Grateful Threadz Thrift Store reopens

Christian Appalachian Project's (CAP) Grateful Threadz Thrift Store reopened on Monday to the delight of shoppers and staff. The store originally

opened in 2012 to provide affordable clothing and household items to the Mt. Vernon community, but closed in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

"The third customer that came in the store today threw her hands up and said, 'I'm home.' That said it all," said Carolyn Lindsey, man-

ager of the store. "She spent about three hours here talking with people she hasn't seen in some time. This is a place where people come out and visit while they shop. That sense of bringing people together is really special."

Grateful Threadz provides the community a place to find clothes and shoes, as well as small furniture items, housewares, toys, books, and jewelry. There is something in the store for every member of the family.

"We love this store. We've been coming here for years. It was sad when the store was closed," said Michelle Spence. "People were having to pay higher prices and a lot of families just don't

have the extra income. When I saw on Facebook that the store was reopening, the girls were so excited and I was too. You can see I have my bags full."

Another shopper shared the same sentiment. "When the store was closed, it made a big impact. I'm glad it's open. We missed it," said Sharon Langford. "There is no real clothing store here. During the pandemic, people didn't get out much. People were really hurting. Here, I can find something for all of my grandchildren. The community really enjoys coming here."

Lindsey is grateful for her team and the community volunteers who made it possible to get the store ready for the

reopening.

"We're all called here at CAP to provide a service," Lindsey said. "We are able to help the community. As prices have gone up, they know if they need something that they can come here. They don't have to worry about what it costs."

The thrift store also partners with Rockcastle County Schools to meet the needs of students with clothing, hygiene items, and other basic needs. Even during the pandemic, staff worked with the schools to make sure that young ladies did not miss prom because they didn't have a dress. Staff also work with CAP's Family Advocacy Program to assist families who have lost their homes to fire or natural disasters.



Sharon Langford visited Grateful Threadz Thrift Store, which reopened on Monday to the delight of shoppers and staff.

## Donate to help local bees and get a rare treat

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to Doug Brock, of Brock's Honey Bee farm, there is a new kind of honey on the market and it is the best honey any bee has ever made. "I am a connoisseur of honey and this is the best there is," he said. The fact is, Brock may be right.

Brock will gladly share the story of how the honey came to "bee" with anyone who may be interested.

The story starts with a neglected bee colony that had been unattended for many years. When the 90+ year-old beekeeper decided to retire, he sold his untended stock to

Brock. The local beekeeper then left the bees unattended for a few more years and this added to his rare stock of honey bees. "These bees had gotten by for 10 years without a beekeeper and I had another hive that had not been cared for in over 20 years," Brock said.

After a while, the bees moved out and into a new hive and Brock finally got to the honey the bees had protected all those years.

"I tried this honey and it is like a wonderful candy. This was a once in a lifetime experience," he said. "I had to find a way to share this."

So Brock came up with the idea of providing samples of the honey and the hive for \$5. For

that donation, the donor would sign their name on the new hive material and would be helping provide a home for the bees. "They will be called 'Farmers' Friends of the Honey Bees,'" according to Brock. All those who donate will be eligible in a drawing for a jar of the one-of-a-kind honey.

The winner of the honey will be chosen the week before the end of the Farmers Market season.

The story is long and complex but if you see Doug Brock at the Farmers Market, he will gladly explain how this rare honey came to be and how you may sample it. In fact, he enjoys telling the story and is proud of what his bees have accomplished.



Lance and Jessica Dickert were the first people to make the \$5 donation to the new bee home and received the samples of the rare honey.

## Livingston residents making the town a little more colorful

By: Mike French  
Editor

If you drove through the City of Livingston last week, you probably saw the mayor and others out cleaning or sweeping and planting flowers. Some residents are doing their part to prepare the town for summer activities and tourism.

Mayor Dwane King, and his daughter Melissa Hahn, along with help from Christy Nicely Bartlett have been working on the beautification of the City of Livingston.

King, who has now announced his intent to run for the office of Mayor again in November, and those willing to lend a hand spent last week cleaning sidewalks and parking lots, mowing, weed eating and painting as well as cleaning up the old planters around the city.

According to Hahn, the work is not costing the city since all the work is

done on a volunteer basis and the materials are donated. The planters were in disrepair but the volunteers cleaned and painted each of them over the weekend. Potting soil and plants were placed in the pots around the city.

The City of Mount Vernon had recently placed plants and decor around the city, as part of a beautification effort, and volunteers in Livingston said they care just as much about their own hometown.

King, who is 80 years old, could be seen throughout the weekend planting flowers and carrying trash bags and Hahn was close by with a shovel and a broom. "We just love our city and we take pride in Livingston," said Hahn. "We are getting a little old for this and I hope some younger Livingston residents will be willing to grab a broom and continue to share the pride for our town."



Livingston Mayor, 80 year-old Dwane King, and his daughter Melissa Hahn and a few volunteers spent last weekend cleaning and painting pots and placing colorful plants around the city.

## City attorney expects city to address abandoned buildings

By: Mike French  
Editor

For several years some local officials have advocated for an ordinance or order that would give the City of Mount Vernon the authority to condemn certain buildings and structures or force owners to upgrade the property if it is deemed dangerous. For several months, City Attorney Bobby Amburgey has been working on just such an ordinance, at the request of the city council, after Councilman Jim Bowman brought the issue up again.

The issue had apparently been sparked the previous week when several fires were discovered in the former Mount Vernon Signal building. After investigating the fires, it was determined that homeless squatters or adventurous youth were building fires and sleeping in the building. This rekindled talks of a building inspector in the city and an ordinance that such an inspector would enforce.

After lengthy discussion on the matter, the council voted to table the issue until the City Attorney could draft an ordinance dealing with abandoned or neglected buildings and an order to create a building inspector.

At the meeting when

the ordinance and order were to be addressed and was on the agenda. Councilman Clifford Mullins immediately made a motion to table the issue before it was discussed, igniting a heated discussion between Amburgey

and Mullins.

Against Amburgey's warnings about the possibility that someone could get hurt in neglected buildings, the council unanimously voted to table the issue again. Mullins said the

ordinance and the order are complex issues with far reaching effects and he wanted to have more time to study the ordinance and understand those long term effects.

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## RCIDA board talks about 461 project and gas line status

By: Mike French  
Editor

Executive Director Jeff VanHook led the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Tuesday morning since Chairman Corey Craig was out of town.

The meeting focused mostly on recent meetings with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet concerning the 461 widening project. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said most of the design work and engineering has been done for the project from McDonald's to Renfro Valley.

"They provided us with an impressive Power Point presentation which includes two roundabouts and a bike path and sidewalks," said Holbrook. "They ask for our input but they pretty

much are going to do it their own way. It is the state's design. But it does seem nice."

VanHook agreed. "They are checking on

federal grants now and they, of course, are going to place cost and safety above all else," he said. "They have this en-

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## School board holds special meeting

LPC also meets

By: Mike French  
Editor

Editor's note: The broadcast of the special called Rockcastle County School Board meeting held Tuesday, May 31, had no sound and provided only video. Thank you to Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert and Superintendent Carrie Ballinger for providing the following information about the meeting.

The Rockcastle County School Board

held a special called meeting last week to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the school district and the City of Mount Vernon to hire five SROs (Safety Resource Officers) for the local school district. The agreement had already been approved by the city.

With the approval, the board agreed to enter into a contract with Martin and Associates to write a

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# Classifieds

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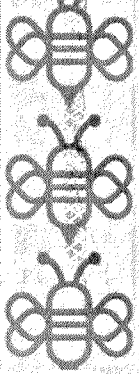
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## “School”

(Continued from B1) grant request for a COPS (Community Oriented Policing at Schools) Grant to fund the project. One SRO at each school was required by legislation during the last session.

Though legislation requires one SRO at each school building by August of 2022, Rockcastle County Student Services Director Marcus Reppert said that requirement is not realistic. “It is hard enough to find regular police officers right now,” he said. “Finding five who would be qualified for this position by August is just not going to happen.”

Mayor Mike Bryant asked if Reppert feels the state will accept the effort to find such SROs as sufficient to avoid trouble. Reppert told the council that he feels assured that making the good faith effort to find the SROs and seeking the grant to fund the project will suffice for the time being.

The district's Local Planning Committee (LPC) also held a meeting last week to add the Rockcastle County Middle School Track and Football Field to the facilities plan.

According to Superintendent Ballinger, no project may be approached unless the project is on the facilities improvement plan and approved by the board, the committee and the Kentucky Department of Education.

With the new \$34 million middle school building on the plan, the board voted to add the track and football field to that plan after Gecco Architects provided a presentation concerning the existing track and field. “According to the architects’ presentation, the track and the football field do not meet KHSA specifications and cannot be used for events,” said Ballinger. “We want all our school athletes to be able to participate in every activity and we need to upgrade this facility to be able to do that.”

According to the presentation, the project will cost about \$1.2 million and the board expects those funds to be part of the RCMS project funds. “We plan to do this at the same time and provide this much-needed facility for our students,” said Ballinger.

Now that the LPC has approved the plan, the board must approve it before it is sent to the KDE for final approvals.

## “RCIDA”

(Continued from B1) gineering down to a science and they consider every possible scenario. But it is impressive to look at their designs.”

Each board member had questions about turning lanes and pedestrian access and VanHook and Holbrook answered each question.

VanHook said he will keep the board informed of any progress on the project.

In other action, VanHook informed the board that he is petitioning the state of Kentucky to reduce the number of required jobs at the Microfoodery plant. “They were required to create 50 jobs before the RCIDA can use the money that they have paid back,” said VanHook. “But we

have petitioned the state to allow us to use the money when they create 35 jobs. So, if that is approved, we are just waiting for them to do that and then the money becomes available to us.”

Once the funds are available, the RCIDA board may use the funds only for other economic development projects that will benefit the county.

The board also approved the monthly financial report and VanHook presented his Director’s Report.

According to that report, the gas tap in Lincoln County is expected to be completed by next week. The first customer to use the new natural gas tap, that will eventually make its way into Rockcastle County, is expected in September.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## “Buildings”

(Continued from B1) “There is a council member not present and this is a complex ordinance,” said Mullins at the meeting. “We should all have time to look it over very carefully before we start voting on it.”

Mount Vernon does not have a Planning and Zoning board and therefore no building inspector. According to Amburgey, this may put the city in a dangerous situation when structures are abandoned and/or neglected. “There is a lot that can go wrong in this existing situation,”

Amburgey said. “One building on Main Street is a mess. We can’t contact the owners, no one is paying taxes and the back door is open. We currently have no authority to lock that door and there is obviously people sleeping in there. It is a health hazard, and safety hazard and a fire hazard. The city has to have the authority to lock that door and keep people out.”

Amburgey says the ordinance and the order do not deal with planning and zoning in any way but does deal with a building inspector. “We aren’t looking for planning and zoning,” he said. “We are focused on blighted buildings and helping avoid dangerous situations. This new ordinance specifically addresses dangerous conditions and adds a section about dangerous buildings that our current ordinances do not have.”

The city currently can’t lock the door on open, dangerous or hazardous buildings, according to Amburgey. “We would be trespassing unless we had the owner’s permission to lock the doors,” he said. “But there are some really bad things that could happen in such a place that we don’t even need to talk about in public right now.”

The City Attorney says there are other advantages to having such an ordinance as well. “We are working with the Kentucky League of Cities and they are big on such things,” he said. “There is a good chance we could become eligible for some grants once such an ordinance is in place.”

The proposed building inspector position is also slightly different than such a position would be if a Planning and Zoning Board were present, ac-

ording to Amburgey. “Here in Mount Vernon, we are not looking for a Building Inspector who would go in and measure each 2x4 and count the rebar in concrete,” Amburgey explained. “We need a person who would have the authority to go into a building and determine if it is a fire hazard or needs immediate attention or, especially, determine if it is going to get someone hurt. We aren’t as concerned about liabilities, though that is important, we just better be concerned about someone getting hurt. Buildings or parts of buildings can collapse if not maintained and there are a number of dangerous situations that develop in abandoned buildings. We better get on this.”

The municipal order to create a building inspector position would allow the inspector to uphold the rules and regulations and codes as directed by a Codes Enforcement Board. The inspector would have the authority to perform inspections and enforce that code as well as prohibit occupancy and close vacant structures as it

is currently written. The inspector’s duties would be mainly directed by the newly created Enforcement Board which would be a three-member board. Enforcement powers would include the power to issue remedial orders and impose civil fines as a method of enforcing city ordinances when a violation of the ordinance has been classified as a civil offense.

The ordinance includes detailed fines and restrictions as well as rules and goals set out that would force building owners to bring their building into a state of safety or face fines or other penalties.

The council is expected to address the issue at the next regular meeting but it is not required and may continue to be tabled or done away with completely if the council votes in that manner. A codes ordinance and building inspector are not required by the State of Kentucky and there have been those who expressed concern about intrusion into property owner’s rights.


The issue is expected to be debated by the council soon.

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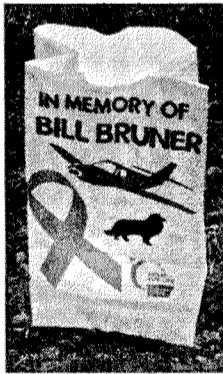


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