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#### Updated ramps complete



Lake Linville's boat dock has recently been remodeled to provide space for two boats to be launched together. The new concrete dock was completed at the end of the year and was one of the final upgrades of past Mayor Mike Bryant. Though temperatures were cold recently, several dedicated fishermen have been on the lake and used the new ramp already this year.

# RCIDA says growth going well

By: Mike French

Members of the Rockcastle Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) discussed several projects underway during Tuesday morning's regular monthly meeting.

Executive Director Jeff VanHook reported the progress of the natural gas line, the Microfoodery Company planning to hire more workers this summer, road widening projects, the success of the Farmers Market, and several potential projects underway. "We are winning. It is that simple," said VanHook.

Chairman Corey Craig agreed. "We are being

recognized for what we are in the region," said Craig. "So many site selectors sit in an office thinking 'I wish there was a place centrally located on a major interstate, between Cincinnati and Knoxville, near a lake or recreation area, with a gold standard hospital and emergency services with natural gas, a great school district and land available...Hello! Here we are," said Craig. "And now they are beginning to notice us."

VanHook said he has heard concerns that additional jobs in the area may be difficult to fill. "People may wonder who will fill all these jobs we are working to get. But they need to realize in a 45

mile radius, there are 666,000 people. Instead of using these great highways we have to go to jobs every day, we are going to start using these roads to bring people to

their jobs every day," said VanHook.

VanHook said the Microfoodery plant owners are hoping to fill 8 to 10 more positions this (See "RCIDA" on A8)

#### **Grand Jury returns twelve indictments**

Twelve indictments were returned against 11 individuals by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Indicted, and their offense/s were:

Woodrow Lamb, 45, of Calloway Branch, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine and diazepam).

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property (c/p); Jeremiah J. Hall, 34, of Lone Oak, Mt. Vernon was indicted for four offenses: possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alco-

(See "Indict" on A12)

# New Brodhead mayor leads first regular meeting

By: Mike French Editor

Newly elected
Brodhead Mayor Jerry
Adams opened his first
meeting as mayor but
the newly elected City
Commissioner Bryanna
Mullins was not present
for her first regular
monthly meeting
Monday evening at City
Hall. However, commissioners Brian Bullock,
Teddy Rose and Harold
Taylor were present for
a quorum.

Adam's first order of business asked for a motion to rehire all city employees which must be done at the beginning of each year for insurance purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

The short agenda saw the meeting end after just 18 minutes but the full meeting chambers discussed several issues in a short time.

City Clerk Becky
(See "Brodhead" on A12)

the fiscalcCourt.

the audience as the

Davidson addressed

meeting began. "I want

everyone to know, you

are welcome here and

you will be heard." he

said. "This team is here

for everyone, no matter

# New Livingston administration begins business

By: Mike French Editor

An entirely new mayor and city commission took the reins during the first regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission Monday evening. The new leadership seemed to be well prepared and organized from the beginning.

The Livingston City
Commission now
includes commissioners
Sandi Singleton, Troy
Goforth, David
Mahaffey and Greg
Carpenter, along with
Mayor Larry Davidson.

Over 10 additional seats were added for the public and the meeting office had been rearranged so that guests faced the commissioners. "No commissioner has their back to the audience so we may all participate face to face," said Mayor Davidson. Most of the additional seats were needed as several local citizens were present, including regular visitor Magistrate Mike McGuire who represents Livingston on

#### COVID Report

(See "Livingston" on A8)

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 11 new cases of COVID reported in

Rockcastle County in the past 7 days.

There were an additional 28 probable cases reported.

#### Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle
County Fiscal
Court regular
monthly meeting
was held Tuesday,
January 10. See
next week's issue
of the Signal for
details.

#### School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was held Tuesday, January 10. See next week's issue of the Signal for details.

#### Mount Vernon meeting

The regular monthly
Mount Vernon City
Council is scheduled
for Thursday,
January 19 at 6
p.m. in City Hall.
The public is invited

to attend.

# Lambert named Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice

Chief Justice of the C o m m o n w e a 1 t h Laurance B. VanMeter recently appointed Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, of Rockcastle County, deputy chief justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. The deputy chief justice fills in when the chief justice recuses in a case or because of an ad-

ministrative matter.

"During her many years on the trial and appellant benches, Justice Lambert has shown herself to be a capable leader and I'm proud to have her as our deputy chief justice," Chief Justice VanMeter said. "Her legal knowledge, experience and compassion will

serve us all well should she need to act as chief justice."

Justice Lambert succeeds Deputy Chief Justice Lisabeth T. Hughes, who retired in December.

"I am excited to serve the court and the judicial



Debra Lambert

branch in this capacity,"
Justice Lambert said.

Justice Lambert has served on the Supreme Court since January 2019 and was elected from the 3rd Supreme Court District in Eastern Kentucky. She joined the supreme Ccurt bench after four years as a Kentucky Court of Appeals Judge. She previously served as a judge for Circuit Court/ Family Court Division for the 28th Judicial Circuit of Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

She was recently appointed chair of the newly created Kentucky Judicial Mental Health Commission. Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr., who retired

in December, chose her to lead a team of stakeholders in a statewide effort to improve how the court (See "Lambert" on A8)

# Single car fatality

Police reported a single car fatality at the intersection of KY-1326 and KY-461 in Rockcastle County last week.

According to the report by the Mount Vernon Police Department, a vehicle, driven by Thomas Fritz, 65, of Berea, crashed after Fritz lost control and crashed at the intersection.

Police did not know

why or how Fritz lost control, but officials say he was transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Mount Vernon Police Department was assisted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Rockcastle EMS.

The accident is under investigation by Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush.

# Year in review July through December

July

The annual Blast in the Valley didn't go as expected. One of the racks fell over, greatly shortening the show, and there were no other activities or

vendors as in previous years. However, a large crowd was still reported at the event.

Rockcastle County, the official location for the Statewide Food Truck

Championship, held a successful event again this year. The event is expected to grow by leaps and bounds over the next few years.

ew years.

A straight line wind hit

the county in July causing damage to several homes and uprooting several trees.

The Midsummer Night Market was called a success in July, after a large

on Main Street in Mount Vernon.

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The Rockcastle County School district hired their second SRO (School Re-(See "Year" on A8)

crowd attended the event

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# ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

McConnell. I'll admit,

There was much gnashing of teeth and beating of breasts among RINOs and Democrats last week in the House when it took 15 rounds of voting to get Kevin McCarthy elected as Speaker of the House.

The general consensus among RINOs-Dems was that the "Extreme Right" was holding the party hostage, with Rep. Dan Crenshaw of Texas going so far as to call the 19 Freedom Caucus Republicans (who were holding McCarthy's appointment up) terrorists for not immediately falling in line to make McCarthy Speaker of the House.

Crenshaw is well known for criticizing more conservative Republicans, also calling the protestors on J6 terrorists and having no problem with hundreds of Americans being detained in a Washington D.C. Gulag. charged primarily with "trespassing," for over two years and still not being afforded due process. Six of the illegally detained Americans have reportedly committed suicide during this period.

Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn) beat out Crenshaw to fill the chairmanship of the Homeland Security committee. Here's hoping he addresses this horrible stain on our nation. Who would have ever thought that this country would jail political prisoners and hold them for over two years, so far, without affording most of them the due process guaranteed by our Constitution.

I enjoyed the entire process of McCarthy's nomination process. Dissension is not a bad thing. It is often necessary to let the establishment know that true conservatives are tired of the old "go along to get along" practice of RINOs such as McCarthy and his counterpart in the

McConnell hung in there during the Trump administration and filled hundreds of judgeships across the country with conservative judges but that's the last thing I can credit him with because he certainly jumped on the Ukraine bandwagon, calling it the most critical issue facing our nation -- duh, has he visited the southern border? And, he helped the Democrats pass their \$1.7T ominbus budget bills in the final days of the 2022 session with its \$40 billion additional funding for Ukraine, again with no accounting whatsoever for any of the over \$100B that has been sent there. I guess an accounting would be hard, unless

they explained -- a mil-

lion for you (congress-

men), a million for me

(Biden) and the rest for

Ukraine's President

Zelensky. As one of the first acts of business, once McCarthy was finally installed as Speaker, the house rescinced, by a vote of 221-210 over \$70 billion in funding for the IRS to hire an additional 87,000 armed agents (to keep track of your payments of \$600 or over through Pay Pal and other online methods but no provision whatsoever to keep track of the \$110 billion already sent to Ukraine).

The bill to rescind the financing is unlikely to pass the Democrat-controlled Senate but, it's a noble gesture by the House or an exercise in futility however you want to label it.

The Republican hardliners wrested several important concessions from McCarthy but we'll have to wait and see if there is any actual benefit to our country from these concessions.

One result of the J6 protest was the coldblooded killing of unarmed veteran Ashley Babbitt by a Capitol policeman Michael Byrd with absolutely no consequences for Byrd (sorta like Alec Baldwin). But, her mother was arrested for "Jaywalking" in DC on the second anniversary of her murder while putting up a memorial to her daughter.

Democrats, including pResident Biden keep repeating the lie that five capitol policemen were killed during the J6 protest and the main stream media goes along with this lie. But that's the Democrat way - keep repeating a lie long enough and a majority of citizens will believe it. It's also worth noting that Rep. Adam Kinzinger (Crying Adam) donated \$200 to a GoFundMe for Byrd while sitting, as one of two Republicans, on the J6 committee.

Biden finally visited the border for the first time since becoming pResident, or in his entire political career in DC, depending on which newscaster you're listening to. He visited El Paso, Texas which sits nine miles from Juarez, Mexico and which has borne a great deal of the onslaught of the millions of illegals who have crossed our Southern Border at will since Biden came into office.

Up until Sunday, when Biden arrived in El Paso, the city was so full of illegals that they were camping out on sidewalks and at the local international airport but. magically, when Biden arrived they were nowhere to be found. One senior administration official told CNN, "There just weren't any at the center (a migrant respite center) when he (Biden) arrived, Completely coincidental. They haven't had any today." Of course, he failed to mention that de Facto President Susan Rice reportedly threatened Alejandro Mayorkas (Homeland Security Director) with severe consequences if homeless illegals were seen by Biden but I'm sure El Paso's Democrat Mayor didn't have to be coerced too strongly to clear them

And, as a reminder that things could always be worse, as of Monday, January 9th, trucks and buses, with engines built before 2010, are banned from California roadways. This is over 70,000 vehicles. It also applies to trucks entering California. This should be the final blow to the supply chain in this country. Better stock up folks.

I truly believe there is a dedicated movement afoot in this country by Democrats to curtail car ownership by the majority of citizens. If they can enact enough restrictions on combustion engines, and you can't afford electric vehicle prices, plus their upkeep, then the government will have effectively shut down the vast majority of the population's mobility which will give them further control of our lives.

And, as a final thought, while vice president, Biden gave classified documents to a think tank at the University of

Pennsylvania, These (Continued on A3)

# Aces Over



If there was ever an example of how to do something wrong, how to do more damage than good, how to destroy good and promote evil, the American politician has mastered that. In fact, they have gotten so good at it that it is almost an art form now.

As much as I detest their political games and outright lies and cons and trickery, they have gotten so good at it, that even through my disgust, I am somewhat impressed.

The idea of combining completely different subjects with completely different objectives into the same bill, may be the most anti-American, con game ever forced down Americans' throats.

How on earth we the people allowed that to happen simply amazes me. Our complacency is astounding. Yes, mine included.

To allow our "servants" to submit a bill that does something wonderful and something horrible in the same bill is nothing short of stupidity on our part.

With this method. these self-serving, billionaire wanna-bes, can get anything they want passed no matter how outrageously self-serving, as long as the same bill includes something the people want.

It has gotten to the point that there are so many tree-hugging, entitled voters now that I believe a bill that would execute inleft handed;

if they don't enter the

people would pass if the same bill included a free check to every American citizen.

No bill should ever include two different subjects. Are our legislators so lazy that they have to combine a nuclear fission bill with a dog leash bill just so they don't have to vote twice?

No. They are NOT that lazy. They are just that much smarter than We the people.

It seems that most Americans, with any commonsense, realizes that if the government gets involved in any issue, it will very soon cost three times as much, be much more difficult to get, become socially acceptable and it will be taxed going and coming.

Yet, we sit back and watch them destroy things over and over and over and then vote them into office again.

I can't understand why we the people don't see politicians the same way we see everyone else. We look at politicians through rose colored glasses and put them on pedestals as if their every move is magic.

Imagine you had an employee that was with your company for 40 years who had the worst attendance in history, messed up everything they touched, cost you half of your profit every year and caused all your competition to do better than you? Would you make them your CEO? Well when our Congressman did all that for 40 years, America made him President and he is sitting there now still destroying everything he touches. What did you expect?

And the fact that we

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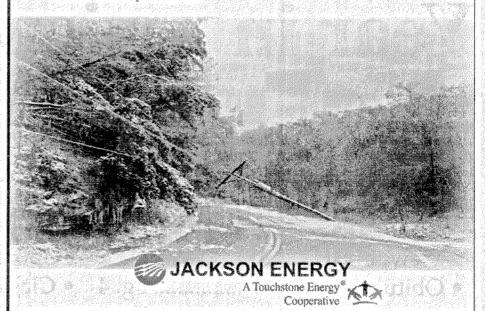
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#### ramblings

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documents were recently found stored in a closet in his ofice at the Penn-Biden Center.

As vice president, Biden did not have the authority to declassify documents so there's no

justification for these documents being stored there. Did this trigger a raid by Secret Service agents as in the case of Trump's home? No, it did not and you know why, because Democrats are Teflon, nothing sticks and we can forget their favorite saying that "no one is above the law."

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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 military service members and their families. The post is currently open by appointment only. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6546 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

**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 Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

**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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities Please join us each month.

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-

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: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

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

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

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.

#### **Accepting Applications** for Police Officer

The Mount Vernon Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

Applications will be accepted from certified police officers.

Applications may be picked up at Mount Vernon City Hall at 125 Richmond Street, in Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 between Monday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All applications must be turned in to Mount Vernon City Hall by January 31, 2023 at 4 p.m.

#### Aces

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made him President isn't the stupid part. The stupid part is that after he caused gas prices to skyrocket, inflation to soar, destroyed our borders, killed thousands and thousands of Americans promoting a vaccine that is worse than the virus, put us at the brink of nuclear war with Russia. increased taxes and sends the money to a dictator who raids churches, there are millions who would vote for him again.

THAT is the stupid part.

We let this government walk all over us as if we the people were subjects and they were dictators and we smile and say "thank you."

The very document that establishes our rights and freedoms as humans is being altered and fees attached to our freedoms and we do nothing. Our right to bear arms is infringed on every day, our freedom of speech is being curtailed, unless you are spewing left wing propaganda. An entire race of people is being discriminated against because of our skin color. We pay for things that should be paid for with our taxes while our taxes are used for things against our beliefs as Christians. The world laughs at us because our men wear skirts and compete against women. Our children are taken from us and taught anti-Christian values. Our unborn babies are mutilated and killed. Our young people think they are supposed to win at everything even if they don't enter the race. And so much more about America that isn't what our founding fa-

Something needs to give. But apparently it is going to take we the people to change it.

thers intended.

# Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray State Representative Promises Kept: House continues move to eliminate income tax, provides additional funding for veterans center

The first week of the 2023 Regular Session is already



as members of the Kentucky House of Repres tatives convened at Noon on Tuesday, Janu-

behind us

ary 5 and left Frankfort after a busy, successful four days. We moved full speed ahead into the 157th Regular Session and accomplished several goals for this year, while laying the groundwork for the legislation we will take up when we return to Frankfort on February 7.

This session is a bit different from those of recent years because we have no massive legislative packages to consider. Over the past several sessions, the legislature has wrestled with budgets, redistricting, and providing resources for Kentuckians during the pandemic while addressing the executive branch's overreach. This year, we have an opportunity to devote a great deal of attention to other important issues, including juvenile justice reform, growing our workforce, and learning loss caused by the state's pandemic shutdown.

Of course, the legislature will also take some time to deal with administrative work. particularly since a quarter of the House is brand new, and several legislative committees are under new leadership. It goes without saying there will be a learning curve for all of us.

The first piece of legislation that came across our desks this week was HB 1, the next step in towards eliminating the state's individual income tax to make our state more competitive and stop penalizing productivity and work. HB 1 lowers the state's individual income tax to 4% in 2024. The measure comes just days after the tax was lowered to 4.5% on January 1. According to economists, this year's tax cut is expected to leave approximately \$625 million in the pockets of Kentucky taxpayers. Early estimates for the 2024 cut are not yet available but promise to provide additional relief for taxpayers. HB 1 now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

We were also able to take action on HB 2 and HB 11, a legislative package that appropriates \$16.6 million in additional state funds towards construction of a veterans nursing home in Bowling Green. This center will provide long term, skilled nursing care to our state's veterans in the western region of the commonwealth and create approximately 120 good-paying jobs. This is not new money nor do we have to pull from the state's reserve account. Instead it will be reallocated from funds committed to build electric vehicle charging stations that are no longer necessary for that project. Because interest in the electric vehicle industry is growing, several private companies have poured investment dollars into charging stations; making the state's invest ment unnecessary. The Senate is expected to take up both of these measures when we reconvene in February.

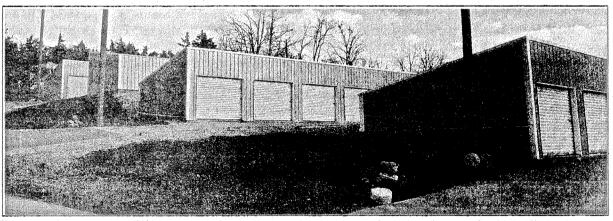
The last measure we tackled during the first week is aimed at provid-

ing additional time to allow companies that specialize in providing human resource services to work with the executive branch to ensure the changes are correctly implemented. This legislation, filed in the House as HB 1 and the Senate as SB 10, will delay the implementation of a new regulatory structure for Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs). PEOs are full-service outsourcing firms that provide human resource functions. In Kentucky alone, there are 60 PEO firms that serve more than 1,500 Kentucky employers and cover roughly 30,000 worksite employees. HB 506 gave PEOs a deadline of January 10, 2023. However, the state and PEO groups have been unable to reach a consensus on how to put the new structure into place without causing an increase in unemployment insurance and other employment costs. This legislation should give them the time they need and an opportunity to report back to the legislature if changes are necessary. The measure passed by large margins in both chambers, and now awaits the governor's signature.

As we wrap up part one of this year's legislative session, I believe the future is bright for Kentucky as we continue our work to create sound, responsible fiscal and social policy. As I mentioned earlier, we will return to Frankfort on February 7 to reconvene.

As always, I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov.

If you would like more infor mation, please visit the legislature's website a www.legislature.ky.gov.



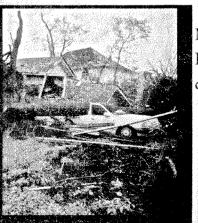
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# Obituaries &

#### Thressel Irene Owens

Thressel Irene Owens, 102, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 9, 2023 at Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born May 25, 1920 in Plato, the daughter of the late Walter Elmer and Anna Brown Broyles. She was a homemaker, enjoyed flowers, gardening, piecing and quilting, taking care of her cats, and was a faithful member of the Fairview Church of Christ for over 70 years.

Survivors are: one daughter, Mrs. Mava June Stamper of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Sherwin Broyles of Plato; one sister, Mrs. Marie Broyles Frazier and Lowell; one grandchild, Shawn Stamper of Richmond; 10 nieces; and six nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Henry Owens; two infant sons, Arlin Henry and Lynn Delwin Owens; two brothers, Vola "Pete" Broyles and Blake Broyles; and two sisters, Verla Burns and Vula

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Fairview Church of Christ with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial will follow in Friendship Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and after 1 p.m. at the church on Saturday.

Pallbears are: Jim Owens, Jaimy Owens, Eugene Broyles, Scott Broyles, James McKinney, and Sam McKinney. Honorary: Sherwin Broyles.

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

#### Wilburn Lee Norton

Wilburn Lee Norton, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead. He was born January 1,

1947, in Sand Springs, a son of the late Woodrow Walker Norton and Ella Mae (Kirby) Norton. He was a member of Clays Mill Baptist Church, being baptized by Bro. Albert G. Griffin. Wilburn was a well-known Lexington Hairdresser for 50+ years.



He found great joy in gardening/flowers, traveling, was an avid UK fan, loved animals, particularly cats and ducks, loved interior design. He was a speaker and motivator. On April 18, 1993, he was united in marriage to Diedre Collinsworth, and they enjoyed 29 years together prior to his passing.

He won the Evening competition for state of KY hair contest at Phoenix Hotel in Lexington. He attended Eastern School of Hair Design, winning the school's design awards.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Diedre Norton of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Naomi Carroll; sons, Michael Collinsworth (Tonya) and Anthony Cummins (Jessi); grandchildren, Chase and Makenzie Carroll, Jacob and Caleb Collinsworth, Charlie Anna Knox, and Adeline and Garrett Cummins; brother, Wayne Norton (Aline); sister, Vivian Price; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Donations/ contributions in memory of Wilburn Lee Norton may be made to any local food pantry.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 6, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Joe Spivey officiating. Burial was in Hiatt Cemetery at Renfro Valley.

Casket bearers were: Michael, Jacob, and Caleb Collinsworth, Anthony Cummins, Chase Carrol, and Chris Knox. Honorary casketbearers were members of the program.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Melvin Lee Grollmus

Melvin Lee Grollmus, 88, of Carlisle, OH, died Monday, January 9, 2023, at Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, OH. He was born April 1, 1934, in Seven Mile, OH, a son of the late William and Anna

(Stalberger) Grollmus. He proudly served his country for several years, as a Seaman in the US Navy. He was a member of Princeton Pike Church of God, and of the Ben Franklin Manager of the Ben Frankl

Pike Church of God, and of the Ben Franklin Masonic Lodge #719. In his free time, he enjoyed looking at and fixing old cars.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Janet L. (Barnett) Grollmus of Carlisle, OH; two children, Derek Grollmus of Seven Mile, OH, and Devona Miller and Don of Hamilton, OH; one granddaughter, Jasmine Grollmus; one great grandson, Demettre Grollmus; one brother, Paul Eldon Grollmus of Hamilton, OH; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dale Grollmus.

Services will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, beginning with the visitation at 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m., with Randal Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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

#### Dallas E. Kirby

Dallas E. Kirby, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born April 1, 1950, in Mt. Vernon, a son

of Mattie Christine (Denny) Kirby, and the late Sherman Earl Kirby. He attended the Church of God in Jesus Name and enjoyed fighting chickens and collecting Case knives.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Mattie Christine (Denny) Kirby of Mt. Vernon; his wife, Julie (Bowling)

Kirby of Brodhead; three children, Erica Carole Kirby-Davidson and Kenneth of Mt. Vernon, Matthew Scott Kirby of Mt. Vernon, and Dallas Edward Kirby of Brodhead; two stepdaughters, Kendra Kendrick and Michael of Richmond, and Kieara Cromer of Mt. Vernon; a grandson, Joseph Quinton Carter Kirby; step granddaughters, Rosalyn Thompson of Mt. Vernon, and Gemma Kendrick, of Richmond; three brothers, Charles Monroe Kirby and Linda, George W. Kirby and Donna, and Clarance "Bearcat" Kirby, all of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Barbara Jean Vance of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Gary, Billy, and Junie Kirby,

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Church of God in Jesus Name on Chestnut Ridge with Bro. James Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Kirby Family Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Willie Martin, Phillip Kirby, Mason Bowling, Johnny Michael Cromer, Billy Lovell, and Jonathan Norther. Honorary casketbearers were Danny Vance and Johnny Kirby.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Melvin Curtis Simpson

Melvin Curtis Simpson, 86, of West Elkton, Ohio, died Monday, January 9, 2023 in Oxford, Ohio. Melvin was the son of James A. Garfield and Anna



(Brock) Simpson. He was born June 2, 1936 in Rockcastle County. He retired from Jefferson Smurfit Corporation in Middletown, Ohio as a backtender papermaker for 36 years.

He is survived by: his four children, Darrell (Sandy) Simpson, Curtis (Jane) Simpson, Keith (Debbie Reynolds) is Hensley: the mother of

Simpson, and Carol (Chris) Hensley; the mother of his four children, Carrie L. Simpson; and eight grand-children, Tyler (Ashley) Simpson, Alex (Danielle) Simpson, Nathan Simpson, Jessica (Clay) Cousino, Bailey (Levi) Lovely, Trevor Hensley, Chase Simpson, and Lauren Simpson. Also surviving are: seven great grandchildren, Hannah Ruby, Aden, Henry, Carter, Ryver, Ryker, and Cruze; a brother, Danny Simpson; and a sister, Wanda (Jerry) Owens.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, James A. Garfield and Anna Simpson; brothers, Beckham "Beck" Simpson, Clyde Simpson, Louis Simpson, and Donald "Don" Simpson; and sisters, Beatrice "Beach" Barnett, Lillie M. Durham, and Lucille Pingleton

A visitation will be held Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 11 a.m. until time of funeral at 1 p.m. with Rev. Ralph Chasteen officiating. All will be held at West Elkton United Methodist Church, State Route 503, West Elkton, Ohio 45070. Burial will follow at Fairmound Cemetery, SR 503, West Elkton, Ohio 45070.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Childrens Research at www.stjude.org/donate or mail to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee. Memorials may also be made in his memory to Preble County Council on Aging, 800 East St. Clair Street, Eaton, Ohio 45320.

#### Bert Eva Neeley Clark

Bert Eva Neeley Clark, 81, widow of Cecil Clark died Friday, January 6, 2023, at Saint Joseph Berea. She was born July 6, 1941, to the late Delbert and

Ada Carrier Neeley in Rockcastle County. She was a farmer and homemaker, loved being outside in the woods and walking along the creek, she enjoyed her flowers but mostly she loved having her family home for Sunday dinner. Bert Eva was of the Baptist faith and a



member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Other than her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by: four sisters, Defreda Collins, Marie Anglin, Genieve Neeley, and Mary Neeley; and six brothers, Armon, Vernon, Lloyd, Harold, Henry, and Cammie Neeley.

She is survived by: three sons, Leon (Linda) Clark, Phillip Clark, and George (Jennifer) Clark, all of Rockcastle County; one brother, Willard Neeley of Rockcastle County; two grandchildren, Scott (Lindsey) Johnson and Stacy Johnson; three great grandchildren, Keeley Tiravanti, Lauren Johnson, and Grayson Johnson; and her Boxer that she spoiled, Ginger Rose.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. January 12, 2023 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Darren Slone officiating. You may watch the service live at www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com. Burial will follow in Anglin Cemetery on Anglin Falls Road in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers are: Scott Johnson, Roy Lucas, Henry Clark, Dylan Hensley, Bruce Waddles, Greg Lovett, and Tony Potter, Honorary pallbearers are: Brad Saylor, and Duane Edwards.

#### Norma Romines

Norma Jean Romines, 87, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Madison Health & Rehabilitation Center in Richmond. She was born in

Rockcastle County on February 21, 1935, the daughter of William Edward and Alene Manus Hasty. She was a retired bakery worker and homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by: her daughter, Connie Gatewood of Indianapolis, IN; a brother, Clinton



Hasty of Emerald Isle, NC; and a sister, Lois Johnson of Indianapolis, IN. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: the father of her children, George B. Bradley; three children, Donnie, Ronnie, and Patricia Bradley; a brother, Earl Hasty, and a sister, Lorene Falin.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Zandell Hasty. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Kelsie Bradley, Ronnie Bradley, Scott Bradley, Nathaniel Flannery, Luke Rutherford, and Austin Short.

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

#### Kenneth Richard Jacques

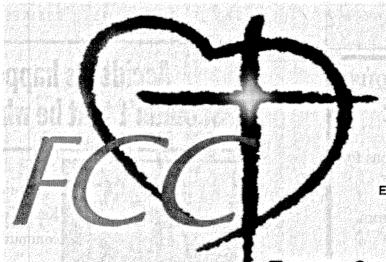
Kenneth Richard Jacques, 63, of Somerset, died Thursday, December 22, 2022. He was born in Detroit, MI on February 20, 1959, the son of the late Oliver and Lottie Jacques. He spent over 30 years as a professor at Somerset Community College. He was of the Catholic faith and enjoyed collecting stamps, coins, and books.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his friends, Patricia Rucker of Richmond, Jenny Burkett of Somerset, Brian and Kelly Durham and family of Brodhead; his dogs, Buddy and Missy; Mark Mounce and family of Somerset and Karla Stunk and family of Somerset; as well as a host of other friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his best friend, Karen Mounce, and his brother, Robert Jacques.

A private graveside service was held at Ottawa Cemetery on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday School 10 am

Sunday Service II am

Sunday Night Service & K-5th Grade

YOUTH GROUP 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night Service & Middle-High School Youth Groups 7PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 160 WEST MAIN STREET MOUNT VERNON, KY

# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



#### Marriage Licenses

Brianna Grace Terry, 19, Somerset, unemployed and Cabryn Andrew Ping, 20, Somerset, Hendrickson/Military. 1/ 6/23

#### Deeds Recorded

Johnny and Michelle Rader, property in Rockcastle County, to Johnathan and Emily Rader. No tax

Carol Ann Kirby and Robert C. and Kelci Kirby, property in Dusty Trails Subdy., to Angela G. Dean. Tax \$10

21st Mortgage Corp., property on Reed Road, to Jonathan Daniel and Erika Maria Perkins. Tax \$41

Perry and Amy Mink Properties, LLC and Fred Nathaniel Hampton III and Rachel Hampton, property on Negro Creek Road, to Fred Nathaniel Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$55

Wanda and Scott Coffey, Carla K. and Jonathon Price and Donna Smith, property on Chappell Lane Rd., to Wanda and Scott Coffey. No tax

John and Darlene Peters, property in Red Hill Community, to William and Debbie Carpenter. Tax \$15

Dessie Fay Mink, property on Hwy. 461, to Theta Gail Cromer and James Edwin Cromer. No. y a province can hastxat

Kemuel Allen, property on Hammonds Fork Road, to Alexander L. and Cindy Altman. Tax \$212

Jewell Baker, property in Rockcastle County, to Christopher D. and Billie

Jo Hall. Tax \$327.50 Lavada and Barry Gatliff, property in Rockcastle County, to

Racheal Chase. Tax \$117 Beverly R. Felner, property on Flat Gap Rd., to Jeffery T. and Angelica T. Feltner. No tax

Edith Belle Ballinger, Billy Ray Ballinger, Rhonda Lee and Rodney Yaden and Vickie Ann and David Burdette, property in Rockcastle County, to Cameron Properties, LLC. Tax \$6

Johnny and Margie Wilcop, property in Frith Addition to Brodhead, to James and Johnna Ward. No tax

Michael and Jane McClure, Carl Gill Lots, to Beverly McClure Caldwell. No tax

Barry M. McGuire, property on Copper Creek Rod, to Ciara Maleigha and Cody Hollis Durham. Tax \$132

Terry Lear, property in Rockcastle County, to Jason Lear. No tax

Danny Woodall, property in Frith Addition to Brodhead, to James E. and Ruth M. Lunsford. Tax \$20

James H. and Teresa G. Smith, property on KY 461, to Mechanical Refrigeration Co., LLC. Tax \$280

Jeff and Rhonda McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Caimen J. Hagar McClure and Kaylan

Marie Bullock. Tax \$106 Larry and Kaye Harmon, property in Owens Subdv., to Jeff and Adrianne Harmon.

No tax

Dakota and Courtney McFerron, property in Cedar Heights Subdv., to Kemuel Jamin Allen. Tax \$145

Violet Begley, property on Wolf Creek Road, to Joseph W. and Marsha K. Truskowski. Tax \$10

#### **District Civil** Suits

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. John Slone, complaint.

Cash Express LLC vs. Dennis Doan, complaint. Cash Express LLC vs. Jeremy Calder, com-

plaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Nathan McKinney, com-

Lendmark Financial Services, LLC vs. Alissa Forman, complaint.

First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. Jeremy Cain, complaint.

Cash Express, LLC vs. Winona Dykes, com-Crown Asset Manage-

ment, LLC vs. James Clark, complaint. Cash Express, LLC

vs. Megan King, com-LVNV Funding, LLC

vs. Bert Gabbard, com-LVNV Funding, LLC

vs. Joseph R. Singleton, complaint.

Cash Express, LLC vs. Steven Creech, com-

Valley View Apartments, LTD vs. Jessica Weiss, forcible detainer complaint.

Castle Village Apartments vs. Sarah Saylor, et al, forcible detainer complaint. 23-C-00001

#### Circuit Civil Suits

Eric Dwayne Miller vs. Jessica Blackburn, petition for dissolution of marriage.

James E. Lunsford vs. David E. Sowder, complaint.

Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Jeffery Carlton Thomas, foreclo-

Amanda Forrester vs. Jeremy Forrester, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lendmark Financial Services, LLC vs. Charles E. Price, complaint.

Michael David Parman vs. Heidi Maria Parman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Community Trust Bank, Inc. vs. KLCC Trucking, LLC, et al, complaint.

American Express National Bank vs. Kenneth Collins, complaint.

Sherry Beth Coots vs. Bennie Ray Coots, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank vs Varshabahen Khatri, complaint. OneMain Financial

Group, LLC vs. Joshua D. Elam, complaint. Karla Kay Parsley vs.

Shoen Derek Parsley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

EZ Pay Buildings, LLC vs. Dylan Messer, complaint.

Brandon Stewart vs. Stephanie Brock, complaint.

Lillie Childers vs. Unknown heirs of Mattie Coffey, complaint.

Wintrust Mortgage vs. Mary Wilson, foreclo-

Republic Finance, LLC vs. Lonnie E. Vanwinkle, complaint. 23-CI-00004

#### District Court

Dec. 14-19, 2022 Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Clinton Seth Bowman: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Joseph Burke: receiving stolen property, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Patsy Chandler: harassing communications and harassment (physical contact), agreed orders entered.

Stefani L. Cole: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, sentencing order entered.

Devin Duane Didonato: fines/fees due (\$483), bw issued for fta/ 10 days in jail or payment in full.

Billy Jack Heflin: fines/fees due (\$150), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full. Amanda Helton:

fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Shannon Kilver: theft by unlawful taking and public intoxication controlled substance, 10° days in jail/each charge/ costs waived.

Austin Lee Krug: fines/fees due (\$233). bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Robert Lee Lear, Jr: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full. Lonnie W. Reed: no/

expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine each charge/suspended; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle and rear license not illuminated, \$25 fine each charge.

Ryan Rose: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Virginia R. Rose: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs and failure to wear seat belts, order entered.

Duncan " Charles Stives: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

James Robert Wynn: fines/fees due (\$323), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment

Timothy Elam: failure to wear seat belts, excessive windshield/window tinting and ten other charges, agreed order en-

Xander Elliott Gage Fletcher: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine/complete zero tolerance and license suspended.

Wiley E. Gambrel: No/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card and failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Ruth Y. Harrison: improperly on the left side of road, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, disregarding stop sign, bw issued for fta.

Clifford Lee Hedrick: fines/fees due (\$100), bw issued for fta/two days in jail or payment in full.

Andrew Michael McCloskey: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration platesreceipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, improper/ no windshield, bw issued for fta.

William J. Ross: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card. improper equipment, license suspended for fta.

Cathy Lynn Smith: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Robert Stringer: resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.

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

Speeding: Daniel James Roach, license suspended for fta.

Teddi Day: theft by

unlawful taking, 10 days in jail/credit time served/ costs waived; resisting arrest 10 days in jail.

Jeffrey T. Howard: DUI (Under 21), \$200 fine plus costs, complete zero tolerance, license suspended not to exceed

six months.

Kenneth R. Lewis: operating on suspended/ revoked operators license, time served/costs waived: failure of nonowner operator to maintain req. insurance, time served plus restitution.

#### Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. **Low-Income Home Heating Program**

The cost of home heating is a problem for many lowincome Kentuckians.

Your Community Action Agency, Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, may be able to help. If you live in Rockcastle County, you may apply at the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency office located at 105 E Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). Applications will be taken January 9, 2023 through March 31, 2023, or until available funds have been expended. To be placed on the schedule, please call 606-729-4000 or agency website: danielboonecaa.org

You will need (1) Social Security cards for everyone living in the household; (2) proof of your household's income for the preceding month: documentation from the local DCBS office will not be accepted, with the exception of zero income households receiving food stamps and KTAP. All recipients receiving Social Security and SSI checks will award letters for income verification, if you do not have them you will need to contact the local Social Security office for this in advance (3) Your most recent heating bill or verification from your landlord that the heating expenses are included in your rent. All customers that apply for assistance must present an electric bill at the time of application to provide proof of residency. If electric bills are in someone else's name other than the applicant, documentation will be required from the person whose name is on the utility bill. Dwellings that are not connected to a meter ARE NOT eligible for assistance. All eligible households that apply will receive assistance. Gross monthly income must be within the guidelines, and with limited liquid resources. Households not receiving food stamps with no income will be required to fill out a self-declaration form prior to sign up date. Contact Leslie Faulkner at 606-256-5315 for more information. DBCAA does not discriminate because of race, religion, color, national origin, Income Guidelines

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# Thank You

I am very thankful to the voters of Rockcastle County District One for the opportunity to serve and represent you



as your Magistrate for the last two terms. I will miss this.

I served my terms with the best intentions to help our county prosper and try to provide more parks and recre-

ation for kids and adults along with being a good steward with your tax dollars.

I hope that you feel that I represented you well.

Our children are the future and we must continue to find the resources to provide, improve and create additional facilities for children and adults.

> God bless you all and thank you again.

Shannon Bishop

# Rockets lose to Somerset and PC; beat Adair

Somerset 59-56 earlier in the season at Somerset and the Briar Jumpers came to town won again 67-61.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Broedy Dunaway with 12 points; Walker Craig got 10; Kaden Kidwell nine; Connor Hunt eight; Maddox Parsons and Trenton Wilson seven each; Skyler Durham five and Jace Rogers three. The Rockets shot 42% on the night (21 of 50) and were shooting (7 of 22).

The Rockets pulled two points. down 27 rebounds, with Hunt getting nine of them. Dunaway, Rogers and Wilson got four each; Durham and Kidwell were credited with two each and Craig and Parsons got one apiece.

The Rockets also hit 12 of 15 free throws.

Friday night at Pulaski County, the Rockets were soundly defeated 82-57 by the Maroons.

This time, freshman Walker Craig took scoring honors with 16; Durham got nine; Dunaway and Hunt

The Rockets lost to eight each; Kidwell seven; Rogers five and Wilson and Parsons two each.

Hunt led in reboundlast Tuesday night and ing with eight; Kidwell got six; Rogers, Parsons, Wilson and Durham pulled down two each and Dunaway got one.

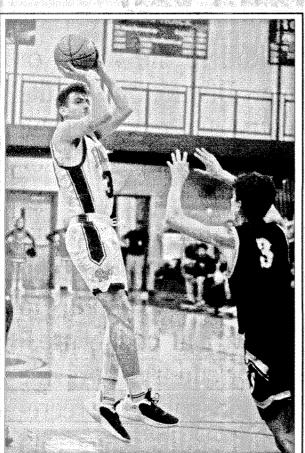
> The Rockets hosted Adair County Saturday and came away with a 60-57 overtime win.

In this game, freshman Jace Rogers led the scoring with 14, followed closely by Durham with 13; Parsons and Craig got nine 31.8% in three point each; Wilson eight; Dunaway five and Hunt

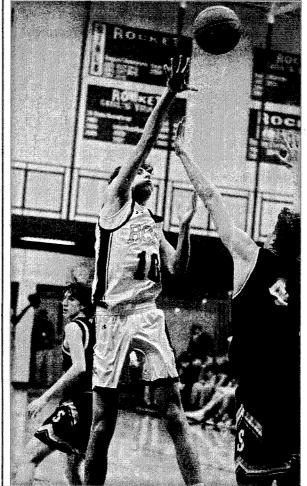
The Rockets hit five of 22 three point basket attempts and went 11/15 from the free throw line.

Wilson and Durham tied for rebounding honors with eight each; Kidwell got four; Rogers and Hunt three each and Craig and Parsons each got two.

The Rockets, now 8-9 on the season, will travel to Anderson County Tuesday night and with the Lady Rockets, play district foe Casey County away Fri day night and will travel to Wayne County next Tuesday night.



Skyler Durham puts up a shot in the Rockets' 67-61 loss to Somerset.



Walker Craig goes for two of his 10 points in the Rockets' 67-61 loss to Somerset last Tuesday night.

# Lady Rockets avenge early loss to Jumpers

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets came out on fire last Tuesday night, outscoring the Somerset Lady Briar Jumpers 22-7 in the first quarter to go on to take the 48-44 win and avenge a earlier 16 point loss. The Lady Rockets are now 8-6 on the season.

In the first quarter, junior Haven King put in eight of her 13 points for the game and senior Keelee King added two three point baskets to help their team to the big lead. However, in the second quarter, the Rockets cooled off considerably, getting only one point, a free throw by senior Karlee Smith, to Somerset's 14 points for a halftime lead for the Rockets of 23-21. The scoring in the second half was balanced between the teams, with the Rockets taking it 26 to 22 points.

Junior Talynne Shearer came on strong in the second half, scoring 19 of her game high 21 points. She also shot almost 89% from the field, hitting eight of nine shots, one a three pointer. Haven King got 13 points (six of eight for 75% shooting); Keelee King six (two threes) and Camryn Cash, Karlee Smith, Macy Spivey and Taylor King scored two points

The Lady Rockets hit 11 of 19 free throws and made three threes. Somerset was eight for 14 in free throws and hit four three point shots.

Shearer took rebounding honors in a big way, grabbing 10, H. King got five; Spivey three; T. King, Cash and K. King two each and Savannah Santo one.

Friday night at Pulaski County, the Lady Rockets didn't fare as well, losing 59 to 48 in a district matchup.

The Rockets got down 18 to 7 in the first quarter and couldn't recover, shooting only 39% from the field and only pulling down 20 rebounds in the game.

Shearer led the scoring with 16 points; Keelee King got 14, including her team's only two three point baskets; Karlee Smith, Taylor King and Santo each scored four points and H. King, Cash and Markley Richards got two points each.

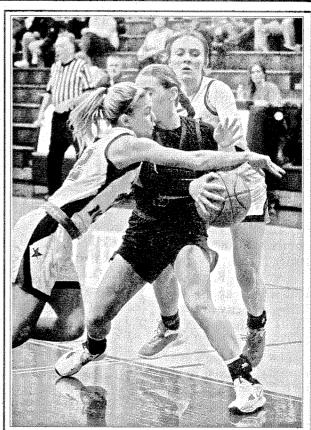
The Lady Rockets were 6/11 from the free throw line. Pulaski was 12/16 in free throws and hit four three point baskets.

Shearer once again took rebounding honors with six; H. King got five; T. King three; Santo and K. Smith two each and Cash and K. King one each.

At the H&W Sports Classic at Franklin County Saturday, the Lady Rockets were bested by Conner 63-49.

Shearer once again led her team in scoring with 23 points; K. King got 10; Cash and T, King scored six points each and Santo and H. King got two points each. The Rockets only shot 37.5% for the game, including three of eight three point baskets, and they went 10/14 from

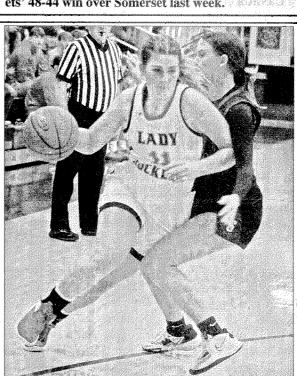
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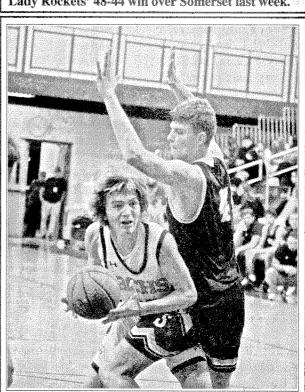
Karlee Smith and Camryn Cash double team a Ladv Briarjumper in the Lady Rockets' 48-44 win last week. The win avenged an earlier 16 point loss at Somerset.



Haven King drives to the basket in the Lady Rockets' 48-44 win over Somerset last week.



Talynne Shearer drives around a defender in the Lady Rockets' 48-44 win over Somerset last week.



Connor Hunt works hard in the paint during the Rockets' loss to Somerset. Hunt had eight points and nine rebounds in the loss.



Maddox Parsons plays tough defense during the Rockets' loss to Somerset last

week. Parsons had seven points in the contest.

### Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm State Senator Week 1

As we convene the 2023 regular session, I would like first to wish you a happy new year. I hope your holidays were filled with joy and laughter while spending quality time with family and friends.

This 2023 legislative session kicked off on a stormfilled Tuesday with heavy rains and high winds. I hope you remained safe in your travels if you were on the roadways during this time.

Legislative sessions in odd-numbered years are known as 'short sessions,' consisting of 30 days, unlike the longer 60-day budget session, which occurs in even-numbered years. Short session years are intended to evaluate previously enacted policies and address any necessary legislative cleanup. As outlined in the Constitution of Kentucky, the General Assembly must gavel into session on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday in January, and adjourn after the first week for a constitutionally mandated break. We will reconvene on the first Tuesday in February and are required by the state constitution to adjourn by March 30.

The primary focus of week one in the Senate was to swear in our six new

members, pass this year's Senate rules, officially confirm committee assignments and introduce any critical legislation demanding immediate attention. Our newly elected members are Amanda Mays Bledsoe, R-Lexington, Gary Boswell, R-Owensboro, Shelley Funke Frommeyer, R-Alexandria, Lindsey Tichenor, R-LaGrange, Matt W Deneen, R-Elizabethtown, and Gex Williams, R-Verona. They, along with each of us, took their oaths of office on

On Jan. 1, the first automatic reduction of our state income tax went into effect. The 2022 House Bill 8 outlined the framework by which the first half-percent was reduced automatically once specific economic triggers were reached, taking the commonwealth from a 5 percent to a 4.5 percent state income tax. The reduction for the second 0.5 percent must be introduced like any other bill and be voted on by the General Assembly.

To continue down this path towards further income tax reduction, our House of Representatives introduced House Bill 1, which sets the rate for another 0.5 percent income tax reduction to 4 percent. It was voted out of the state House and moves over to the Senate for consideration. The bill is now in our care, and we will take prompt action on it when we return on Feb. 7.

House Bill 1 is significant in that this additional 0.5 percent reduction will leave anywhere from \$600 million to \$650 million in the pockets of Kentucky taxpayers and consumers. This is the next responsible step in reducing Kentuckians' income tax to 0 percent which moves tax policy away from penalizing production and work to one based on consumption, leaving power in consumers! pockets. When looking at states such as Florida, Tennessee, and Texas, you will find the economic successes of similar conservative tax policies at work. These states each experienced strong population growth according to 2020 Census data and are enjoying robust economies. This is what happens when residents have more money in their pockets to spend as they see

Lastly, the senate approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 this week. The measure aims to establish a time-limited working group to collect data and address the recent horrific details we have recently heard relating to the Kentucky Department of Juve-

nile Justice. It is our hope to bring stakeholders together during the constitutionally mandated break in this 30-day session, so we can collectively determine a better path forward to remedy this crisis.

There are many vital policy items to take care of in this session. Each proposed measure, be it mundane or headline-worthy. will receive the debate and deliberation the legislative process requires. Feel free

to share your thoughts throughout the session. Find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181. You can watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/legislature Legislature.ky.gov.

#### Lady Rockets

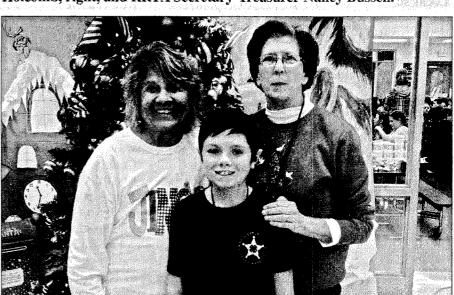
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the free throw line. Shearer also took rebounding honors with 11; H. King got four; T. King and Karlee Smith three each; Spivey and K. King two each and Santo one.

The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play at Clay County Tuesday night and will travel to Casey County in a doubleheader with the Rockets on Friday night. They will then travel to Wayne County for a game on Monday night, Jan. 16th.



The Rockcastle County Retired Teachers Association would like to congratulate Miss Leah Gregory for winning first place in the AARP Grandparent Essay Contest. She is pictured above with her teacher, Ms. Skylar Holcomb, right, and RRTA Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Bussell.



The RRTA would also like to congratulate Gabe Griffith, above, for winning second place in the AARP Grandparent Essay Contest. He is pictured with his teacher, Mrs. Patsy Alcorn, right and Nancy Bussell.

# **RCHS** helps West Whitesburg after the Kentucky Floods

RCHS club "Educators Rising" has raised funds and supplies for Whitesburg, Kentucky. Due to flooding in July and August of 2022, their elementary school was destroyed. Now, a school in Letcher County is housing not only hundreds of highschoolers, but hundreds of elementary students as well.

The tragedy inspired Rockcastle Ed Rising to try and assist the school with their needs. Club members have sold lanyards that students could attach to their student and manned tables at

lunch to raise money for certain items and supplies.

On November 17th, the club held an event at school to support flood victims. Club members gathered and organized supplies for teachers. They collected basic items like pencils, pens, staplers, and lots more. To add special touches for the elementary classrooms, many of the students decorated trash cans and mugs for the teachers with fun or inspirational artwork and messages. They also in-IDs, school spirit stickers, fluenced a few dozen students to write inspirational letters to the teachers with drawings and inspirational quotes.

RCHS Educators Rising will continue supporting teachers & students in the Whitesburg area burdened by flooding. If you would like to help their cause please contact the chapter president, Callie Benge Callie Benge@sturockcastle.kyschools.us

Kinds of Followers of Christ

THE ONES WHO FOLLOW AFAR OFF. (Matt. 26:58) At one time this is the way Peter followed the Lord. He did not wish to follow Christ closely, neither did he wish not to follow at all. True of many. This afar-off following led Peter to deny the Lord. (Matt.26:69-75) The safe way to live is to resist the devil and draw nigh to God. (Jas.4:7-8)

THE BREAD-SEEKERS. (Jno.6:26) Their false hunger for the bread of life. (Jno.6:35) They were only interested in the bread that perishes. "It has been said by new members of the church. I thought they would take care of us". They were bread seekers. The Christian spirit is that of giving rather than getting, serving rather than being served. (Matt.20:28).

THE GLORY- SEEKERS. (3 Jno.9). Diotrephes belong to this class of members in the church. He was willing to work in the church if he had the preeminence. True of many. They have a "big shot" complex; they are selfish and self-centered; they think the whole world revolves around them This is the one of many reasons why very little church work

THE CRITICAL. (Ino.12:3-8) Judas criticized Mary's anointing of Jesus. It caused a murmuring among the disciples. (Mk.14:4-5) No matter how unfounded an accusation maybe, there are always it seems those who will echo the same thing. One sinner destroyeth much good (Eccl.9:18) The critic is often guided by impure motives.

THE FUSSY. (Phil.4:2) We find two brethren who were not on the same page. (Amos3:3) Can two walk together, except they be agreed? War-both carnal and spiritual are costly. Peace in the church is not a luxury it is a necessity. (Matt.5:9) Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be call the children of God.

THE FEARFUL. (Mk.4:36-41) Jesus said (Matt.8:26) Why are ye so fearful? O ye of little faith. (2Tim.1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit, of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

THE SACRIFICIAL. The Christian life is a life of sacrifice. (Rom.12:1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable ser-

THE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH. (2Tim.4:7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. The apostle Paul entered the race to win it; he embraced the faith to keep it. 'PERSEVERANCE IS ESSENTIAL TO ETERNAL SALVATION'

WHAT KIND OF FOLLOWER ARE YOU AND WHAT KIND OF FOLLOWER AM I? Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch

articles to read on our You Tube website. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think your suggestion is important to us, whether you agree or disagree. You can contact me at 606-224-1480 or you can email me at ovabaker@windstream.net.

#### REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ

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

#### God uses broken people to accomplish His will

Amos 9:11-12 "In that day I will restore David's fallen shelter I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins and will rebuild it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnants of Edom and all the nations that bare my name," declares the Lord, who will do these things.

Ever since the fall of man, the world and its inhabitants have not been whole.

In Jeremiah 18, where Jeremiah observed the potter fashioning the clay and the vessel was marred in his hands, so our world has been marred. But God in his wisdom is able to take that which has been marred and fashion it again. Jeremiah 18 says, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.

John 21:11 tells us, So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was

Another example of the broken box of spikenard that anointed Jesus for his trip to the cross and the

Mark 14:2 "And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box and poured it on his head."

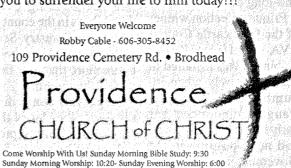
Being broken can be a good thing, Brokenness can actually make you stronger, deeper and more useful to God.. If you are broken, then you are qualified to be God's representative to them and introduce them to his love and show them how to let God put their lives back together. You are just where

There are ways that the Lord can use us when we are broken. We need to put ourselves to work in a ministry that ministers to people who have suffered

Be aware to anyone in your community/life who has suffered a similar fate as yourself and be there for them. Pray for people who are suffering, and the people who are down trodden.

There is power in adversity. "Out of tragedy and adversity come great blessings." Adversity can be God's refining fire. With brokenness brings perseverance. Romans 5:3-5 tells us, not only so, but we also glory in our tribulations also: Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the holy ghost which is given unto us.

God allows tragedy to bring us closer to Him and surrender to Him through trials and tragedies, I ask you to surrender your life to him today!!!



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00



Rockcastle County student Caitlyn Kirby and the trash can she painted for a teacher's classroom at West Whitesburg Elementary.

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#### "Year"

(Continued from front) source Officer), as part of a state wide mandate to have one SRO at each facility.

The county experienced many scam phone calls in July, causing the sheriff's department to issue warnings and advice against such illegal activity.

#### August

In August, countless local fire department volunteers, as well as community members, traveled to Eastern Kentucky to help flood victims. Volunteers made several trips for nearly a month to help those in need. Flooding occurred in also Rockcastle but of much less severity.

The second week of August included a several-car accident on I-75, causing the closure of the interstate for several hours. Local fire departments received complaints about the amount of time the highway was closed but it became clear that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet made that recommendation and the local departments were not responsible.

Local schools held intensive training, including a demonstration of live shots fired inside the school building. Such training is part of a new safety protocol throughout the state.

Karalinn Loudermilk named Miss Rockcastle County at the Little World's Fair in Au-

It was August when new principals were named for **Brodhead Elementary and** Rockcastle County Middle School. Nick Williams was named Principal at Brodhead Elementary and Jessica Ballinger was named the new Principal at Rockcastle Middle Schooledmane !! hi besti

Mount Vernon City Councilman Jim Bowman brought up the idea of making first responders tax exempt from city taxes in appreciation of their service to the community. However the proposal has yet to gain traction.

Police Chief Brian Carter and Assistant Chief Joe Rush exchanged jobs in August, making Rush the new Chief of Police for the Mount Vernon Police Department and Carter taking the assistant job.

The River Sweep Project picked up 35 bags of trash in August.

#### September

In September, Anthony and Tiffany Anglin announced an upcoming new high-tech drive-in theater coming to Brodhead. The project broke ground immediately.

The local sheriff's department received a new high-tech drone for accident reconstruction and possible other uses in an effort to modernize the local department and better serve the residents of Rockcastle County.

The Signal ran a special report saying goodbye to two long-time mayors in Rockcastle County as Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash and Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant announced they would not seek re-election.

The Livingston Homecoming Parade was called a huge success and residents from throughout the county attended the weekend-long event.

Primary election winner of the Rockcastle County **PVA** office Kathy Robinson was installed in the office early when incumbent PVA Janet Vaughn announced her early retirement. Robinson had no opposition in the November General Elec-

tion.

In September, law enforcement finally caught up with Woodrow Lamb who was "on the lam" for several months in connection with several burglaries and a shooting. Police searched for Lamb over an eight month period until the fugitive was arrested without incident in the Calloway area.

A Brodhead police officer resigned his post and soon after the police chief also resigned, leaving the city without any police force. Officials immediatelybegan a search for two new offic-

The Hunger Walk turned out to be the biggest ever in Mount Vernon as orange shirts filled Main Street from the courthouse to West Main St. during the walk.

In August, a Moral Instruction Class was offered at Roundstone Elementary School at an offsite location as four protestors attended the school board meeting citing separation of church and State issues, in their opinion. The Moral Instruction hour was later called a great success by organizers.

Once again in August, officials expected construction of the new water basin, that is expected to remove the bad taste and odor from the Mount Vernon Water system, to begin soon. But similar to many other times when such expectations reached a height, once again, the project was delayed.

#### October

The Bittersweet Festival was once again a massive success as one of the largest crowds in the event's history visited the and food trucks in downtown Mount Vernon.

Also in October, Wesley Mullins was killed when his bicycle was hit by two vehicles on US-461.

Livingston officials began discussion concerning animal leash laws.

County Clerk Danetta Allen informed the public of the 2022 general election voting locations and the voting dates for the upcoming election. It was determined that nearly 80% of registered Rockcastle County voters are registered as Re-

publican. Workers at the local 911 office began seeking a raise in October and the City of Mount Vernon voted to provide \$1,000 per month in program support to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority.

Emily Sturgill was crowned RCHS Homecoming Queen while Silas Durham was crowned King.

#### November

Election 2022 took place on the second Tuesday of November and for the first time in recent memory, all three cities in Rockcastle County elected a new mayor. Larry Davidson was elected Mayor of Livingston by three votes, Jerry Adams (unopposed) was elected Mayor of Brodhead and Tim "Duck" Roberts was elected Mayor of Mount Vernon by two votes.

Several forest fires began in November with one fire burning over 2,000 acres in the county. The State Forestry Service was called in to help battle more than one fire during the month.

There was some dissension to the idea of the City of Mt. Vernon providing more salary for the RCIDA Director but

Chairman Corey Craig convinced the City of Mount Vernon to provide \$1,000 per month in program support, and the fiscal court to take the position off of their payroll, giving the RCIDA Board full control over the salary in question.

It was a rainy day for the annual Veteran's Day event but organizers continued rain or shine. The event was moved inside RCMS where students provided a parade indoors for all the veterans present.

Also in November, the fiscal court voted to provide a 5% raise for all county employees, except the County Court Clerk's Office Jail and Sheriff's Department who work under their own budget. However, both entities decided to provide the raise for their employees as well.

The 23-member squad of RCHS Cheerleaders were named Regional Champions in November,

The FFA Appharvest containers were revealed in November bringing state and local dignitaries out to witness the new program. Officials say the Rockcastle FFA Appharvest program is setting a new standard for farmers across the coun-

Officials announced the first customer in Lincoln County of the new natural gas line that is on its way to Rockcastle County. The tap was successfully energized and construction is underway to bring the line to Rockcastle.

The flu ran rampant in the county through most of November prompting new guidelines from the school system and closcountless events, vendors ing some local businesses. Meanwhile, COVID numbers continued to fall to single digits by the end of November.

December Officials announced the new guidelines for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds so that recipients would know how they are allowed to use the funds. Where and how the money will be used is expected to be announced during early 2023.

The Noel Night Market was called "the biggest and best yet" by more than one local officials who attended the event along with several other local holiday events in the county during December.

In December it was announced that Mount Vernon resident, past City Administrator and Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray was named vice-chairman of the Local Government Committee in Frankfort. Bray pledged to focus on helping county budgets by finding a way to help counties pay jail expenses. The local jail costs the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court General Fund more than \$1.5

million per year. Also in December, the Give Hope organization, along with the Community Mission Team, handed out 750 backpacks to children, filled with needed items.

Two people were killed in two separate train accidents in the same week in the county.

The local school district hired the third SRO who will float between elementary schools until more SROs are hired.

Also in December, all newly elected officials were sworn into office. Two Livingston City Commissioners, who were the two top votecetters in the November

general election, resigned before being sworn in.

### "Livingston"

(Continued from front) who you may have voted for. We are not about the past but we are moving forward and we are all in this together. I am mayor for everyone in Livingston. We are two commissioners short right now but I hope we settle that issue in a few moments."

With the resignation of City Clerk Amanda Thomas, Commissioner Sandi Singleton will be dealing with duties in City Hall until the new clerk begins later in January, according to Davidson.

Commissioner Troy Goforth will be dealing with water and sewer issues until a new water and sewer staff is hired. No one had been located at press time but Davidson said Rural Water Assn. will be helping the city until someone is found. "We are very lucky that Rural Water has agreed to help us and to sign-off on required, certified paperwork until we get a new water person." In fact, Davidson and Singleton said a representative will be reading the water meters on January 17 as customer contracts require. "Everyone's water meter will be read on the 17th just as your contract savs and we will get the bills out as soon as possible," said Singleton. "We are going to get things in order soon and no one will have their water turned off or have any late penalties or fees at this time," she said. "Everyone will be billed for what the meter says and that is all."

The first order of business provided a chance for those in the audience to address the commission. Past commissioner Clyde Carpenter asked if the Celebrate Recovery organization could continue to use its current space under the new administration. Davidson said he strongly supports the program. "I think that is a great organization and there won't be a problem with staying where they are as far as the city is concerned," he said.

Another guest asked about parking during special events at the old school gym. Davidson agreed to look into "no parking" signs and other measures to direct traffic to the parking lot and off the streets during special

Immediately after the question and answer period, Davidson opened the floor to volunteers to fill the two empty seats as city commissioner. Four members of the audience raised their hands as candidates. The three commissioners (since the mayor acts as a voting commissioner in a city commission form of government) unanimously chose David Mahaffey who was immediately sworn into office by Davidson. Mahaffey ran for the office in November and came in fifth in the race. But the two top vote-getters resigned at the last mdeting in December, causing the need for the appointments.

Of the three contenders remaining, Greg Carpenter was unanimously chosen to fill the final seat. Mahaffey also voted in this choice and Carpenter was immediately sworn in by Davidson

The remaining two candidates. Heather Burke and Rick Parker,

were not chosen to sit on the commission but were thanked by Davidson for their interest in serving

their community. Parker asked the commission to place a spotlight on the city flag. "It has been talked about for years but everytime it gets close, nothing happens," he said. Davidson agreed a light will be placed on the flag. "If we are going to fly the flag, it should be lit at night," Davidson said. "We will get on it immediately."

Before closing the

meeting, Davidson told the audience that his top three goals include annexation, dealing with dilapidated or abandoned buildings and attracting new business to Livingston. "We need to be ready to grow and we must begin to enforce our existing ordinances concerning the dilapidated structures in town. We also need to let people know that Livingston is open for business. We are ready for growth and development," he said.

A guest asked Davidson about hiring a new police officer, since the only Livingston officer resigned recently. Davidson said he and the commissioners are "on the search" but will not rush. "We can't rush that kind of thing," he said. "The Livingston police officer must be a good match for our city and they won't be easy to find, especially with so many school districts paying \$70,000 per year and giving benefits and three months off every year and you don't get called out to emergencies at 3 a.m. That is hard to compete with when you are a small city. But we are vetting potential new officers now and will find the right person." In the meantime, Davidson said Kentucky State Police are patrolling the city. "We are very thankful for their

help," he said. Davidson said the city is currently searching for a meter reader and that there are already those who have volunteered to help get the Livingston Sewer Plant "back up to par."

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

#### "RCIDA

(Continued from front) summer and, once the 35 job requirement is met, and the CDBG loans are paid back, the RCIDA will have well over \$2 million to work with." That is the most we have ever had and that's just scratching the surface," he said.

VanHook said there are currently 8 to 10 employees at the plant.

The board also approved their financial report, which included the personnel payroll change after the board took over the payroll process for the Executive Director.

The board approved the budget statement and elected officers including Craig as Chairman, Roland Mullins as Vice Chair, and Steve Eversole as Treasurer.

The board also voted to move their monthly meeting time due to some discrepancies with other meetings by newer members of the board.

"We try our best to work with everyone involved," said Craig. "Each member is an important piece of our puzzle, the Mount Vernon Signal is a vital resource for our efforts, and the Judge (Howell Holbrook) and other guests play a huge part in what we do. We need to find a time that is best for everyone."

The board settled on the second Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

**Brodhead Mayor Jerry** Adams attended the meeting, following a discussion at the Brodhead City Commission meeting the previous night about the City of Brodhead working more closely with the RCIDA Board.

"Having the mayor of Brodhead here with us today is a great sign and we hope other officials in our cities will join us in our economic development efforts and show the same interest in working together for the good of everyone in Rockcastle County," said Craig.

In other action, members discussed the Farmers Market progress. "We have over \$3,000 in the account now and everything is going well," said VanHook. "But that's not the biggest issue. The best thing about it is that people are using it and enjoying it. We have had birthday parties, weddings, retirement events and so much more. It is getting used and it is a benefit to the community. That is the big news."

Before adjourning the meeting VanHook left the board with a thought. "Just be aware that we are on the edge of economic growth like we never dreamed before. Someone is going to be getting these big companies and manufacturing plants and someone will reap the benefits. Why not us?"

#### "Lambert"

(Continued from front)

system handles cases in which parties have mental health, substance use and/or intellectual issues.

#### Supreme Court of Kentucky

The Supreme Court is the state court of last resort and the final interpreter of Kentucky law.

Seven justices sit on the supreme court and all seven justices rule on appeals that come before the court. The justices are elected from seven supreme court districts and serve eight-year terms. A chief justice, chosen for a four-year term by fellow justices, is the administrative head of the state's court system and is responsible for its operation.

The supreme court may order a ruling or opinion to be published, which means that the ruling becomes the case law governing all similar cases in the future in Kentucky.

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231 US 25 South Berea, KY Tuesday Night 7 p.m. Sunday Night 6 p.m. **Bible Baptist Church** 

100 Higher Ground (off US 25) Mount Vernon, Ky. Church Phone 606-256-5913 e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m. Channel 3 - New Wave Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays Pastor: Travis Gilbert Music Director: Dan Dull **Blue Springs** 

**Church of Christ** 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd) Services. Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Preaching Brethren Marcus Reppert Phillip Permenter Eric Bullock Contact Info:

Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794 223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ky. marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church Corner of Silver & Maple St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 606-758-8316 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.

Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m. Children's Programs: RAS & GAS Mission Friends and Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor **Brodhead Christian** 237 W. Main St. Brodhead 606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Tracy Valentine, Preacher. 606-758-8662 Cell-606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God Hwy. 3245 \* Brodhead 758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday evening 7 p.m. Terry Orcutt, Pastor **Brush Creek** 

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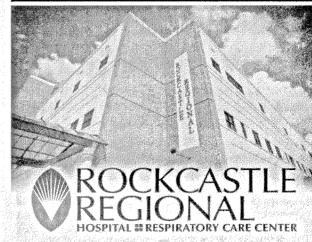
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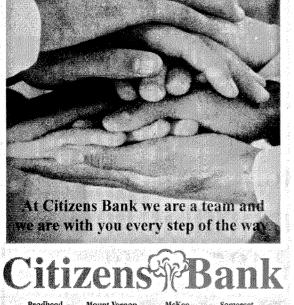








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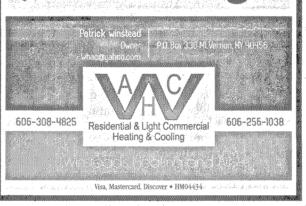
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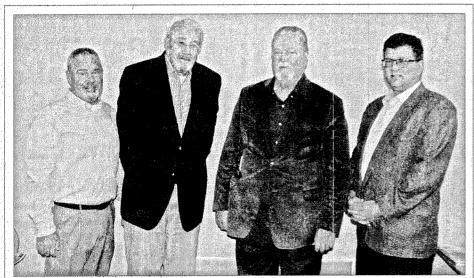
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# Firefighters honored for dedication and service

Editor

Several fire departments held awards ceremonies recently, recognizing firefighters who have served in ways that deserve notice.

Members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department held their annual awards banquet in December presenting six awards to outstanding members of the department.

The Most Training Hours Award was presented to Firefighter Melinda Hillard who completed over 110 hours of training in 2022.

The Most Incident Response Award was presented to Captain Brandon Evans, who personally responded to 96 separate incidents in 2022.

The annual Tim Mullins All Out Award was presented to firefighter Johnathan Sharp. The award is presented to the firefighter who has gone above and beyond what is expected for the community and the department.

The Rookie of the Year Award was presented to firefighter Joe Potter.

The Officer of the Year Award was presented to Lieutenant Matthew

Stockwell. The Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Firefighter Melinda

Hillard. The awards were voted

on by members of the department. The department responded to 176 incidents in 2022 with the biggest number of calls made for medical assists. Building

Members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department held their awards banquet at the Rockcastle County Farmers Market Building re-

Those who received certificates for their response to the flooding in Eastern Kentucky were firefighters: Nichole Griffin, Keaton McClure, David Fish, Holly Nolan Camden Mink, Captain Steve Griffin and Lt. Brandon Evans.

Receiving awards for years of service were: Hunter Goff (5 years); Lt. Brandon Evans (10 years) and Brian Wynn (10 years) and Sergeant/ Chaplain Chucky Gray (31 years).

The award for most training hours went to Firefighter Filo Ramirez. The award for most responses in 2022 went to Captain Steve Griffin. The award for most improved firefighter went to Hunter Goff. The Firefighter of the Year Award went to Keaton McClure. The Officer of the Year Award went to Major Adam Bales.

Members of the **Brodhead Fire Depart**ment also held their awards ceremony re-

Firefighter Dakota Messinger received the Everett Albright "Gear 'em Up" Award which is presented to the firefighter who is most involved in helping new members succeed in the

department. Safety Officer Dwayne Sowder received the Larry Taylor Scholastic Excellence Award for going above and beyond in training in 2022.

Firefighter Tessa

Vickers received the Chris Kerns 110% Award.

Lt. Devon Mason received the Officer of the Year Award.

Dallas Firefighter Bussell received the Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Holdan Renner received the Rookie of the Year Award.

Chief John Dyehouse received the 25 Years of Service Award while Security Officer Dwayne Sowder received the 20 Years of Service Award.

The department also presented awards to each firefighter who was directly involved with the saving of a life during the course of their duties. This award was presented to Assistant Chief Brian Bullock, Lt Bryanna Mullins, Lt Larkin Prewitt, firefighter Dallas Bussell, firefighter Dakota Messinger and firefighter Tessa Vickers.

The department also presented awards to those firefighters who reached milestones in training in 2022. They were Tessa Vickers, Holdan Renner, Dallas Bussell and Holly Brown, all with 150 hours Level 1 certification. Tyler Sowder and Lt. Larkin Prewitt, both with 400 hours and Level 2 certification. Dakota Messinger with IFSAC Fire Instructor 1 and Christian Dooley with 150 hours and Level 1 certification and EMR.

The BFD responded to 339 calls for service in

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#### reason for calls and motor vehicle accidents made up 24 of those calls.

fires were the second most

"Brodhead" (Continued from front)

Bussell had provided sheets of financial information and bank accounts for the commissioners use and past Mayor Walter Cash and, newly elected Magistrate Lee Earl Adams were also present as guests in the meeting.

Having no old or new business, Adams asked for department reports after paying the monthly bills and approval of the min-

While discussing the police report, several city employees, workers and commissioners expressed their concerns that the Brodhead City police officer, Gary Alcorn, is getting called to areas outside the city limits more often than expected. Commissioners and officer Alcorn agreed that the Brodhead officer will focus more attention inside the city limits. "Of course if I am needed to help with something serious somewhere else, I will go help when I can," he said. "But my focus is going to have to be right here in Brodhead."

Commissioner Bullock agreed. "The people of Brodhead pay for the Brodhead officer and he needs to focus his attention in Brodhead," said Bullock.

Commissioners once again expressed their opinion that Brodhead should be better represented by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Board (RCIDA). "I wish that board could have a better relationship with the City of Brodhead," said Bullock. "We learned a gas line is coming to Brodhead by reading the

Mount Vernon Signal," However, Mayor Jerry Adams attended the RCIDA meeting the following morning drawing the accolades of the chairman and the director. "It is such a positive sign to see interest from Brodhead and working together is what makes the dream work," said Jeff VanHook, Executive Di-

rector. "We will stay in

contact and work much closer together than we have in the past. Having you here is a evidence of your interest and dedication to your town."

In other action, the commissioners discussed the annexation process for future reference. Bullock explained three different types of annexation available to the commissioners and said he continues to support growth and development.

Commissioners agreed there are no specific annexation plans immediately but simply wants to keep abreast of potential future needs.

There was also some discussion concerning the new RCMS project that is expected to cost more than original estimates. Officials are working on the new cost at this time, according to school officials.

Having no further business, Adams adjourned the meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

# **Budget shows over** \$6 million in cash balance

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Treasurer Joe Clontz recently submitted the financial statement for fiscal year beginning July 1 of 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 for approval in the meeting minutes.

The 13 page report listed every individual fund controlled by the county and compared actual amounts of revenues and expenditures to estimated budgeted amounts. A summary of total receipts, including all funds, was \$15,233,627. Total claims for the same period was \$8,469,824 for a cash balance of \$6,763,802.

Outstanding encumbrances equaled \$134,498 leaving an unencumbered cash balance of \$6,629,304 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

According to officials, it is an unusual circumstance that the county has over \$6.5 million in unencumbered cash at the end of the fiscal year. But last year, the county received funds from the unexpected sale of the old Anchor Building, the early pay-off of the Microfoodery building and the remaining funds from the \$1.6 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant given to the county.

Officials say the money is not simply waiting to be spent. Judge/ Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said the fiscal court has already voted to keep most of the funds in the bank for good reason. "We are still waiting for final guidance on how the ARPA money can be spent," he said. "We have received some guidance but it is still changing every day and we can't spend it until we know what it can be used for legally."

Also, the funds from the early payoff of the Microfoodery plant cannot be used to pay off the loan due to early pay-off penalties until 2025. "It makes a lot more sense to just keep that money in the bank rather than give away all that early payoff penalty money," said Holbrook. "The money should remain in the bank and collect interest for the county until 2025. During that time, in the event of an emergency need, the money will be there and we won't have to borrow more money at a much higher interest rate than we are paying until 2025. It makes perfect sense."

The general fund includes many expenditures including, employee salaries, many forms of program support, courthouse maintenance, annex maintenance, RCIDA support, over \$70,000 in animal shelter support, the commonwealth Attorney and ambulance service support, elected official salaries, election officers and election expenses, fire departments support, over \$450,000 to the sheriff's department (some of which is reimbursed), county attorney support, occupational tax office expenses, indigent services, parks and recreation program support and is used throughout the year to fill shortages and provide support in the 10 other accounts.

Of the funds established, the general fund is the largest with the economic development fund showing \$3,340,153 in total receipts followed by the road fund with \$1,940,028. All 11 funds showed a positive cash balance.

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Chadreic R. Molden, 42, of Somerset was indicted for: possession of a controlled substance, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs and expired/no registration

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

Johnny D. McClure, 50, of Tate Street Brodhead was indicted on three counts of wanton endangerment, alcohol intoxication in a public place and terroristic threatening.

His bond was set at \$20,000 c/p;

Jessica R. Carr, 37, of

possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

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Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Anthony J. Naylor, 35, of Richmond St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for receipt of a credit card and theft by unlawful tak-

His bond was set at \$2,500 c/p;

Chad E. Mahaffey, 45, of Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, was indicted for the offense of criminal mischief.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p: Nicholas Heath Short,

39, of Jeffersonville was indicted on two counts: strangulation and assault. His bond was set at

\$15,000 c/p;

Melissa Ann Doan, 47,

of Stallsworth Branch. Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and hindering prosecution.

Her bond was set at \$7,500 c/p;

Michael J. Cromer, 40, of Ottawa Road, Brodhead was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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

Angela J. Owens, 40 of Maretburg Road, Mt. Vernon was named in separate indictments. both for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p on each indictment.

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