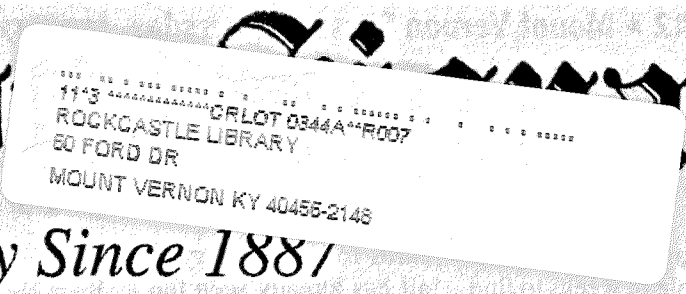


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## New plant looking for applicants

Farmers Market getting closer



Shown above, the new Chapin Industries now has some employees setting up the equipment but managers are ready for general applicants. Go to [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) or visit the plant in person to apply. Shown at right, is the site of the new Farmers Market on Richmond Street which is about to be rebid and officials hope to complete the building in time for local growers to sell their wares this year.



By: Mike French Editor

As many have discovered with some other new businesses in the area, getting started sometimes takes longer than expected due to unforeseen circumstances like COVID-19. The new Farmers

Market hit more than one delay but is now about to be rebid and construction is expected to begin shortly.

But, the new Chapin Industries, located in the Rockcastle County Industrial Park North, hasn't encountered such hold-ups, as yet.

To date, each deadline that had been set by the county or the company has been met and now the company is ready to begin the hiring process as promised.

Doug Platt, Plant manager, said anyone interested in applying for a job at Chapin of Mount

Vernon has two options. Applicants may either visit [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) or go to the plant directly and ask for an application.

Platt said he has already received over 50 applicants and the company would love to have

(See "Plant" on A7)

25 cars involved

## Multiple wrecks block I-75 in Rockcastle

By: Mike French Editor

"I watched two cars spinning around and around coming down the interstate towards us while we were trying to get there."

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said the scene was like none he had witnessed in several years, during the 25-car pile up in Rockcastle County Saturday, January 16th.

Around noon on Saturday, the first car began to slide on I-75 as black ice started to develop between exit 59 and exit 62, according to Bales. "It became a mess out there really quick," he said.

Responding to an accident on the southbound side of the interstate, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was enroute when another accident occurred in the same area. By the time first responders arrived at the scene on the southbound side, five vehicles were involved in the crash and the south side of the highway was blocked.

However, upon arrival the radios started again with an accident on the northbound side about one mile away.

The Livingston Fire Department was called to the scene of that accident but, in the few moments it took Livingston first responders to arrive, about 20 more vehicles had become involved in the northbound accident, Bales said. "Black ice just

formed all of a sudden and cars were spinning out of control on both sides of the interstate."

While assisting at the northbound site, a vehicle lost control on the ice and slid into one of the Rockcastle County EMS ambulances at the site. "The damage to our ambulance was minor," said EMS director Dana Carter. "It was hit but not hard enough to take it out of service."

Ambulances were dispatched to the scene from Madison and Laurel County, as well as three from Rockcastle EMS

Soon, I-75 was completely blocked on both sides and the highway had to be shut down. "We had to close it to clean up debris but we would have had to close it anyway because it was too slick. Many of us could not stand up on the blacktop because of the ice," said Bales.

Bales said, as first reported (See "Wrecks" on A7)

## Covid cases

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department did not report any COVID activity Monday since offices closed. As last reported Friday, Rockcastle County has had 651 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 with an additional 457 probable cases. Seven deaths have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus in the county. There are currently 109 active cases and 913 people have recovered.

## City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting virtually Thursday, January 21, at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast on facebook live.

## B-ball quarantine

The Rockcastle County Rockets boy's and girl's basketball teams have both been quarantined.

In total, the high school teams are expected to miss five games due to the quarantine. Coaches hope to be back on the court on January 25 when the boys will face Pineville at RCHS and the girls will travel to Clay County.

## State Representative asks school how he can be of help

Budget process begins

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board meeting last week lasted well into the night Tuesday evening as board members discussed many different issues.

Two new board members, and one relatively new member, were sworn-in by Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook before the meeting began as

newly elected Larry Hammond and Angela Woods took their seats.

Also sworn-in at the regular monthly meeting was Misty Lakes. Though Lakes had been serving on the board already, she had never been elected to the office until this past November. Lakes was appointed to replace a past member who resigned midterm.

One of those who waited for well over three

hours for his chance to speak was newly-elected Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. The

newly-elected Bray attended the meeting to ask how he can help the local school board in his new role as representative in Frankfort.

"I'm here to find out what you want me to push for," said Bray. "As your representative I want to know what you want me to try to get done for you. I don't care about Lexington or Louisville school

systems, I care about my district school system. Tell me what you want from the state. What you need to better serve the kids in Rockcastle County. What can I do to help you provide the best education possible?"

With the duly-elected, state legislature representative present, the board

(See "School" on A7)

## Fire departments stay busy in 2020

By: Mike French Editor

Fire departments across the county and the state are still looking for volunteers willing to learn the trade and give back to the community.

And, according to the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD), more volunteers are needed now than usual.

According to Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David

Bales, the MVFD made 461 calls for service in 2020. This is the second busiest year in the history of the department.

According to department records, only 2015 was a busier year with 481 calls.

The most usual call to the department involves vehicles as 232 of the 461 calls were for accidents and vehicle fires.

(See "Wreck" on A7)

## Gracious Giving Giveaway

Higher Praise Ministries will be conducting a Gracious Giving Giveaway at 545 S. Main St. in Brodhead next Monday, January 25th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Also, in partnership with Higher Praise Ministries Mobile Kitchen, there will be free hot food.

Bring trash bags for your items and an appetite.

Masks and social distancing will be required.

Due to limited capacity, only 10-12 shoppers will be accommodated at a time with a 20 minute shopping time limit per family.

## Fiscal court hears reports

## County may see even more growth in the near future

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their first regular monthly meeting of 2021 last Tuesday, under the direction of Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority

told the court the first installment from the new Chapin Industries has been received and two more installments of \$900,000 each will come at the first of the next two years.

VanHook also mentioned a psychiatric Adolescent Treatment Center that is all but certain to locate on a five-acre lot in

(See "Court" on A7)

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have been trying for a couple of weeks to find a way to express myself, through this column, about the recent events in our country but, there are so many disturbing "recent events" occurring that it has been almost impossible for me to narrow down my feeling enough to express them in one column.

I have been heartsick ever since our last national election day, November 3rd, when, I am convinced, Democrats and global forces conspired to pull off the biggest heist in a supposedly free election that has ever been known to man.

It is also sickening that no one was able to get a forum to investigate the theft of said election which saw a sitting President garner millions more votes in his reelection bid but get defeated by a candidate who rarely left his basement and who got 81 million votes for his non-efforts.

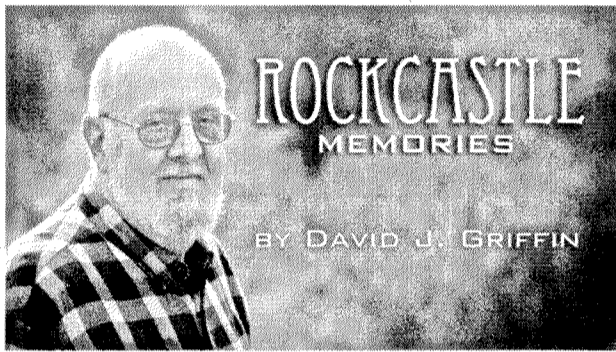
Just like anyone else, I don't like to get tagged with the title "sore loser" and, if there was not so much incriminating evidence in at least five states, not including New York and California where I feel like it occurs in every election already, that the election was blatantly stolen then I would simply shut up, lick my wounds and wonder why 81 million voters were so gullible to elect a party into office that almost destroyed our country the last time they were in power.

I am not going into the specifics of "the steal." Surely, everyone who

cares for our country at all has already seen the sheer magnitude of evidence available to prove it, especially in Georgia, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

I blame Republicans, as much as Democrats. I blame the "establishment RINOs" particularly our own Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who did not lift a finger to help fight against the election improprieties documented nor did any of them attempt to make sure that the same thing did not happen in the Georgia runoff election for the two senate seats which went to Democrats and gave them the presidency, the senate tied at 50-50, with Vice Presi-

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**ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES**  
BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

### Thermostat Wars

For many years, my everyday life has routinely included a continuing battle for control of the thermostat in my living quarters. Unfortunately, I seem to have won the war only to find that I am now reaping from what I have sown.

When we were first married, my wife and I lived in a ground floor apartment in Lexington. At that time, I was extremely hot-natured, and she was just the opposite.



# Aces Over

By: Mike French

I found out something very interesting this week. It is amazing that it took me this long to figure it out. But the truth is, I bet every one of us eats things every day and have no clue what we are eating.

I am addicted to Hazelnut powdered coffee creamer. I drink about 8-10 cups of coffee every morning and go through a bottle of Hazelnut creamer about every two days -- when I can get it -- since stores who carry it can't seem to order enough and it is gone two days after the truck arrives.

This week, bored, I read the ingredients on

the label of the bottle. It had a lot of things in it that I didn't know I was drinking. But of all the ingredients, guess what it does NOT have?? - Hazelnut!

There is no Hazelnut in Hazelnut coffee creamer. Not even any extract or oil from Hazelnut. Why on earth do they call it "Hazelnut" if there is no Hazelnut in it? Why not just call it "road tar?"

I bet I don't even know what a hazelnut tastes like. I thought I loved the flavor of Hazelnuts but apparently I have never tasted one.

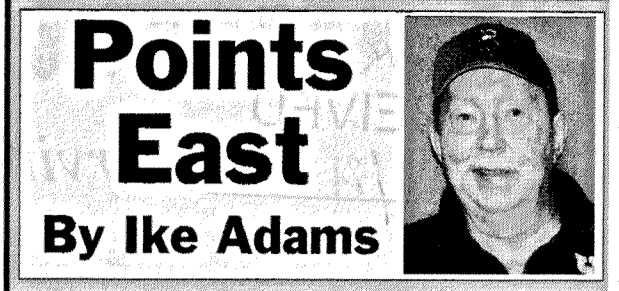
So, that started me looking around. I thought everything had to have its ingredients listed. I thought that was a law. But I notice my cigarettes have no list of ingredients at all. I know there is more in my Marlboro than tobacco. As a youth, I smoked tobacco right out of the barn rafters and this Marlboro is NOT what it tastes like.

I guess I don't blame them for not wanting me to know. I would bet one ingredient would actually be "road tar."

I read the ingredients on my hand sanitizer. I sure wish chemists and doctors would use English. I would actually question your "coolness" if you know what triethanolamine glycerin glycol is. But apparently it is okay because they also

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# Points East

By Ike Adams

The jury is still out, as to whether or not it did any good, but I just completed 5 consecutive days of radiation treatments and have a diploma to prove it. The treatments are aimed at easing my prostate cancer pain and nothing else has worked for longer than a week to 10 days at a time. The doctors say it may take up to month for this to do the trick if, in fact, it's going to and that is far short of being guaranteed.

In the meantime, since last Friday night, I've slept more than 40 of the last 48 hours while basically only waking up to eat, use the bathroom and take a dose of pain pills. Getting this column out is proving to be the hardest job I've experienced in decades and I've been cobbling on it, in bits and pieces, all week. This ra-

diation stuff wears me out and each subsequent treatment made me more tired than the last one. I believe I now know what a zombie feels like.

I'm told that the fatigue will gradually go away over the next couple weeks, as will a reduction in pain. I'm certainly going to be in deep do-do if it doesn't.

However, I will say this, I don't believe I could possibly have been treated at a more amazing, class act health care facility than Baptist Health Care's Cancer Center in Lexington. All I have to do is walk inside the hospital to feel better. Every person in the place treated me like I was a member of their immediate families and the atmosphere inside

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Term limits give power to the people...

Dear Editor,

During the last year, my outgoing envelopes contained in large letters on the back -- TERM LIMITS GIVE POWER TO THE PEOPLE. The same message is included on National Republican Convention questionnaires. Two November 2020 Kentucky election candidates' radio advertisements included the words "I'm in favor of term limits."

Two two-year terms for representatives and one four-year term for senators is the proposal

for both state and federal offices. The writers of the constitution wanted senator terms to be weighted as they will continue with this change.

Na, Na, Na- I can just see those wagging heads and those wide eyes are coming through, too.

Don't come off with "That can't be done!" It takes only 38 states which have ratified a proposed amendment for it to become part of the constitution. Surely all 74,000,000 TRUMP voters will love the challenge. This will be the biggest Cancel Culture

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### How to Spend a Cold Winter's Day

Dear Journal,

Well, here it is mid January and the days are short, but they seem so long. It seems that Christmas was at least six months ago. I've always thought that this time of year was the longest, saddest, most dreary time that there could possibly be. My coworkers and I were talking the other day that we hadn't seen the sun in days. Coupled with staying in due to COVID, overcast days can make time stretch for what seems like forever, seemingly anyway.

In times like this we need to make simple little things seem special. I commented last week that Stanley and I are having our special time together on Saturday night.

Last night (Saturday) we had a special supper. It was a big meal of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, and a big salad with all of the fixin's. We have found a raspberry vinaigrette dressing that is very good. We used that on the salad. For dessert, earlier in the day, we pitched in together and made a sugar free lemon meringue pie. It was so good. Believe it or not, there are tasty sugar free desserts to be had.

We ate that as we watched our Saturday night at the movies. We haven't had TV in at least four or five years and haven't missed a thing except the bill. We just got tired of paying about a hundred dollars a month

to see about five or six channels. There was a time when I got the NBA League Pass. It was around \$189.00 alone divided over about four or

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## Rockcastle County Recycling Center

open for recycling drop-offs

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

### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

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

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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



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## ABSOLUTE ONLINE ONLY ESTATE Auction

Estate of the late Mr. Willard Wynn

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Real Estate Description: This conveniently located property between Rockcastle, Garrard and Madison counties of 278 acres m/l is being sold by the boundary and offers a great mixture of woods, cropland and pasture land. The land offers marketable timber, 4 ponds, barns, and beautiful Copper Creek meandering throughout the property. 1/2 of mineral rights convey on Garrard county portion of property.

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PREVIEW: Tuesday, January 26th & February 2nd from 1-5p.m. at both locations.  
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NOTE: The attached map is not a survey. It is an estimated boundary map performed by the PVA office. The actual acreage could vary. This property is selling by boundary deed description. No acreage guarantee.

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BUYER'S PREMIUM: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price on both real estate and personal property.  
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**“TJ”**

five months. Last night, we watched “The Young Abraham Lincoln” starring Henry Fonda. It was such a wonderful movie and we plan to see it again. Very historically accurate, too. They had some details in it that only history buffs like me would appreciate or even notice.

For lunch, we had one of our favorites, homemade potato soup along with some homemade tuna sandwiches. It was snowing outside and we just sat around and talked. I guess that we are getting reconnected during all of this stay at home time.

I was tied up with some reading and giving the dogs their medicine, so Stanley made a big breakfast. He had scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy. Remember those watermelon preserves and rhubarb preserves I made last summer? Well, they tasted so grand on the biscuits along with real butter. I could just feel the warm summer of those days when they were canned. When I was a little girl and Mom would be canning for the winter, she would always say something like, “This will be for next winter when the snow is flying and the North wind is whistling around the corners of the house.” She could make some of the best canned peaches and pear preserves that I’ve ever tasted. I’ve never seen or tasted any that could compare with hers.

From just looking this writing over, it seems that most all we did was sit around and eat, but we sure had a good time and it made the day pass in a

delightful way. We’re already planning next weekend’s movie night. Did anyone say barbecue? (There is sugar free barbecue sauce, too)

**“Letter”**

move to beat them all! Of course, this compares to a large dose of Castor Oil, but eventually most will rejoice. One of the secular realities I’ve learned in life is—if one finds a situation that solves all questions about a problem, it is the correct answer. Just think, this deletes exaggerated ownership of public offices as well as the long-term power of the office holders. We, the people, want elected officials to stop enriching themselves, rewarding their contributors, and “hauling wheelbarrows” of our money to persons in other countries. Benevolence is another matter.

As a carrot, those currently in office should be allowed to stay for the entirety of the old term. Some juggling will be needed to coordinate elections over time. Also, an adjustment of higher pay for each office will probably be needed in order to entice persons to run for the new terms. Remember, this is a carrot. We will still save at least billions. The stick will be the sacrifice current office holders will make—inability to acquire extra money from the office and the unexpected changes in their lives.

P.S. The first law they should pass is a 20-page limit on all bills. (Ooh, that could be an amendment, too.)

**“ramblings”**

dent Kamala Harris as the tie breaker, and the House.

I’m not going to plead with you readers about how much better the fiscal policies of the Republicans are for this country. Instead, I am just going to remind you that, “on the first day in office” Joe Biden has vowed to cancel the Keystone XL Pipeline Permit, which will threaten our oil independence and raise gas prices, majorly, rejoin the Paris Climate Accords which will cost our country a \$101 trillion dollars over 100 years to lower the planet’s temp by .1 degree and which obligates China, the worst polluting country in the world, to do nothing, grant amnesty to 11 million+ illegal aliens, initiate legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour which is estimated to cost 1.7 million jobs and so on and so forth but you get the idea.

Biden, along with other Democrats are also having a problem with the 25,000 plus troops in Washington, DC for the “peaceful transition” of power. He wants the Army to find out which soldiers voted in GOP primaries and who have contributed to GOP candidates, so commanders can station them away from the president-elect without ammo. Of course, they can continue with their duties of building the 12 ft. fencing, topped with razor wire, around our capitol and the checkpoints that everyone must pass through to attend the inauguration of our “most popular President ever.”

And, to top it all off, Democrats in both the House and Senate are planning to draft legislation to classify MAGA rallies as “domestic terrorist activity” and require the FBI, DOJ and DHS to take steps to prevent such “domestic terrorism.”

Twitter, Facebook and Instagram all deplatformed the sitting President while still allowing the world’s most brutal dictators and state sponsors of terrorism to speak on any and all platforms. I guess it’s just Freedom of Speech (first amendment right) for said dictators and state sponsors of terrorism that our constitution guarantees.

And, in the name of “unity,” the House has impeached the President for the second time. This in a record three days without any evidence being presented except “orange man bad.”

There is so much more to think about for all of us, such as the thousands of illegal aliens currently headed for our southern border because a Democrat President has been “installed” and will, no doubt, be welcomed as “new Democrat voters,” the CDC admitting at least 96% of deaths attributed to COVID 19 were deaths from other causes and remembering that the vast majority of our manufacturing jobs were lost during Democrat administrations to China, other Asian countries and Mexico (and other South American countries).

We need to all remain vigilant and be aware, particularly as to the actions of Senator Mitch McConnell and be ready to try and find a suitable primary opponent next

time to send a message that his days are numbered. Pray for our nation.

**“Aces”**

added that wonderful substance that I use every day, barbadensis leaf juice.

Personally, I love the Hershey’s company. A can of Hershey’s Cocoa ingredients is “cocoa.” That’s it. Now that’s what I thought I was buying. However, it also says “artificially sweetened.” I wonder how they did that if there is nothing in it at all. How do you sweeten something without adding sweetener? But none is listed in the ingredients. HMMMMM.

Even my ordinary table salt, which I understand is nothing more than a crushed rock, contains “yellow prussiate of soda.” So look it up like I did. Prussiate of soda is CYANIDE! Yes, look it up. Ask Google “why is Cyanide in my salt?” Interesting read. The FDA says a little Cyanide never hurt anybody.

I have found that almost anything that says it is 100% something, is not 100% anything. That just means they started with 100% pure something and then they added a bunch of stuff to it. That’s like saying a car is 100% metal. There is indeed 100% metal in it. But there is also fiberglass and carpet and rubber and plastic and so on and so forth. Personally, I call that false advertising. You know...a lie.

I grew up in a hog-killing family. Dad grew his own sage and his own peppers. Our sausage was made of stuff that we grew and ground and hand-rubbed and we knew exactly what the hog ate throughout its life. We knew what we were eating. We raised our own chickens, our own cattle and killed squirrels and rabbits to eat all the time.

Granted, Pop did put some fertilizer on the garden and I’m not too sure if that wound up in my tomatoes or not. I hope not because our fertilizer sometimes came right out of the back side of one of the cows.

I guess times are different now.

But, I am going to keep reading ingredients and be thankful that they are listed. At least I guess they are all listed. How would we know if they weren’t? Is there an “ingredient listing police?”

Maybe I should start raising hogs again.

By the way, it is my understanding that even though the rumor is true that margarine is only one single molecule away from being Tupperware, that is okay and chemists say that isn’t important. I’m told molecules “don’t work that way” and that I just don’t understand. So, I’m told not to worry about it. But if you know me, you know I will anyway.

**“Points”**

made me feel more relaxed and comfortable than I am at home.

In fact, I only walked inside one time and that was to do the initial ct scans and x-rays they used mark up my torso into very precise targets onto which to aim the radiation machines. That took about 30 or 45 minutes. Or maybe it was less and just felt like more because holding perfectly still, without getting a nose or eyebrow itch is darn near impossible for me.

That happened on Thursday before last. The next week, we parked in the basement parking lot where a couple of technicians came out with a wheel chair to haul me inside and take me back to the car. I never took more than half a dozen steps during each trip and those involved getting into and out of the wheel chair. By Friday I was having problems getting that far.

The treatments actually last about 5 minutes each, start to finish. Except for refraining from the afore-mentioned nose, eye brow and ear itches, the procedures were totally painless. I tried Zen meditation but that only made it worse.

And yes, just after the last treatment, late Friday afternoon, Dr. Alan Beckman and his entire staff of 27 did, in fact, present me with a diploma for my “determination, courage, tolerance and perseverance.”

I told them that Loretta was the person who had earned that recognition. She is the one who coaxed and cajoled me out of bed after day 2 and spent nearly three hours every day hauling me there and back. I’m sure she is tired of making that trip but I can guarantee she is not as physically exhausted as yours truly. I realize the column is a tad short this week but this is the last sentence I have left in me.

**“Memories”**

Over the years, I was more persistent than my wife at sneaking around to adjust the thermostat. It wasn’t that she didn’t do the same; I was just on top of the matter most of the time. If she complained of being cold, I advised her to put on additional clothing.

After a few years of this, my wife began to learn to live with cooler temperatures, especially when sleeping. Although the adjusting of the thermostat behind each other’s backs took less and less attention, it went on—just in smaller degrees.

Then came menopause—which at first appeared to be helpful to my comfort level. For a while, things were on an even keel. But as it turned out, my wife’s travels through menopause seemed to take an awfully long time. (To be frank, I am not sure it is over to this day!) The tables had turned. I became the one that complained of the cold temperatures. She became the one telling me to put on more clothes.

Now after 42 years of marriage, my body has turned on me, and the woman is freezing me to death. I suppose I have created a thermal monster. I now sneak and raise the thermostat. The wars have returned.

To adjust the temperature in our home, I have purchased three small electric heaters. I place these devices in rooms that are usually cool. My wife turns them down and I turn them up. Some nights I sleep with my face under the covers because my nose is so cold. How did I get to this point? I was always hot!

This year, Santa presented me with a truly great gift: a big, soft, warm bath robe. I keep it handy! When my wife turns down the thermostat, out comes my (woozy) robe. Often, you can find me watching television huddled in that robe. She caught me in the back yard a few days ago wearing it.

So there it is. I froze her to death for years, and now I am reaping from it. I now know why old people move to Florida. It seems like the older I get, the more cold-natured I become. I successfully created a monster: a woman who cannot bear a warm room. Will the wars never cease?

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

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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 Item**  
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. 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 William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. \*\*\*Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.  
**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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# Obituaries

## Mildred Hunt

Mildred (Blanton) Hunt, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born February 14, 1935 in Brodhead, to the late Carsel and Doxie Lorene Brock Blanton. She worked for three years at Brodhead High School and 31 years at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was a member of Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church, enjoyed gardening, crocheting, quilting, singing, watching the Cats play, and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her four children, Donna Lee (John Paul) Harley of Richmond, John Leo (Trish) Hunt of Crab Orchard, Jeffrey Carsel (Angela) Hunt of Mt. Vernon, and Connie Sue Hunt of Mt. Vernon; along with grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; three brothers, Carsel (Linda) Blanton, Jr. of Mt. Vernon, David Ray (Goldie) Blanton of Brodhead, and Earl Phillip (Opal) Blanton of Brodhead; and five sisters, Christeen (Walter) Cash of Brodhead, Lena Griffin of Dayton, OH, Viola Sebree of Brodhead, Geneva (Bill) Meenach of Maineville, OH, and Irene Watson of Frankfort; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy Lee Blanton and Paul Edward Blanton and one sister, Shirley Blanton Burton.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Eddie Blanton, Greg Browning, Jamie Burdette, Roy B. Cummins, Hal Hunt, and Phillip Payne. Honorary casketbearers were: Dale Ann Bradley, Jerry Godsey, John P. Harley, Jonathan Hunt, and Ron Mosley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, KY. Donations can be made at the funeral home the day of services or by this link <http://hospicecareplus.org/donate-now/>

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

## Wade Graves

Wade Graves, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 14, 2021 at his home. He was born April 27, 1944 in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Everett and Wilma Ramsey Graves. He was a retired cook, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Fountain of Life Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Harold (Shauna) Graves of Berea and John H. Graves of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, William Clinton Graves; and a lifelong companion and care giver, Cynthia Cornell. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Christine and one son, Steven Graves.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 18, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. James Blanton officiating. Burial was in First Church of Jesus Christ Cemetery at Sand Springs.

Pallbearers were: Kenny Graves, Randy Graves, William Graves, Dylan Guinn, Eddie Gentry, and Justin David.

Send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## David Lee Begley

David Lee Begley, 49, of Brodhead, died Sunday, January 17, 2021 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born May 10, 1971 in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Kenneth Gale Begley and Loutisha Thomas Begley. He was an Escort for Oversize Loads, was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed Hot Rods and stereo's. On May 4, 1996 he was married to Alice Marie Hodge and they enjoyed 24 years together.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Alice Begley of Brodhead; children, Sara Begley and Russell Bullock of Livingston, Austin Hodge of Livingston, Zachary Begley of Livingston, and Fayeth Begley of Brodhead; brothers, James Begley (Martha Ann) and Kenneth Begley (Lawana); sisters, Sandra Butler, Zella Denham (Joe), Charlotte Bowman, Linda Lyons (Roger), Patricia Begley, Jennie Ceeshey (Ismaila) Lisa Hoffmann (Tim), Ruby Begley and sister-in-law: Ruthie Begley; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Jackie and Bruce Begley.

Services will be Thursday, January 21, 2021 with visitation starting at 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m.

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

## Darrel Monroe Falin

Darrel Monroe Falin, 64 of Brodhead, died Saturday, January 9, 2021 at his home. He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 24, 1956, the son of Monroe and Patsy Renner Falin. He enjoyed hunting and cheering on the Rockcastle Rockets and the Pulaski County Maroons. He never met a stranger and greeted everyone with a hug. He was a member of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Sheila Wesley Falin; a son, Wesley (Rachel) Falin of Brodhead; two grandchildren, Wessen and Alizabeth Falin, both of Brodhead; his mother-in-law, Kaye Wesley; three sisters, Debra (Lyman) Fisher and Ellen Miller, both of Mt. Vernon, and Lisa (Phillip) Morris of Bloomfield; a brother, Charlie Falin of London; and special friends, Melvin and Lela Mae Harrison. A host of cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends, also survives. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Monroe and Patsy Falin; a sister, Margaret Falin Bullen; his father-in-law, Joel Wesley; and two brothers-in-law, Buddy Miller and Ronnie Wesley.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. David Sargent, Clyde Miller, and Lyman Fisher. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Stephen Carrera, Spencer Childress, Brandon Falin, Charlie Falin, Larry Hensley, Dennis Miller, Phillip Morris, and Scotty New. Honorary pallbearers were: Don Bradley, Jackie Burdine, Melvin Harrison, and Paul Thomason.

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## Curtis Lee Miller

Curtis Lee Miller, 87 of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Hillcreek Rehabilitation & Care in Louisville. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 23, 1933, the son of Orville and Ida Gregory Miller. He had been a carpenter and was a deacon and member at Bible Baptist Church.

He is survived by: a daughter, Virginia Lee Frazier of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Jennifer Davis and Darla Raven Harrison; four great grandchildren, Ethan Cody Norris, Mahala Jaylen Norris, Adrionna Zoe Norris, and Meekah Axlee Davis; and two brothers, Casper Miller and Denton Miller, both of Mt. Vernon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Darla Falin Miller and a brother, Orville Miller, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 18, 2021 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Travis Gilbert. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chris Cornelius, Jesse Eaton, Jordan Kelley, Mike Mason, Duane Miller, and Ethan Norris.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Billy Scott (Scotty) Robinson

Billy Scott (Scotty) Robinson, 54, died Thursday, January 7, 2021.



Born in Richmond, Indiana June 22, 1966, Scotty grew up in Livingston and attended Rockcastle County High School, where he was a member of the Rockets football team.

During his career as a student-athlete, he amassed 3,000 yards as a running back. He was widely known as one of the best running backs to play

for RCHS, and this later earned him a spot in the Rockcastle County Football Hall of Fame.

Survivors are three children: Gregory Scott Robinson of Lexington; Laura Geanne (Bryan) Robbins of London and Hannah Alma-Lynn Robinson of Irvine; one grandson, Woodson Brock Robbins; two cousins, who felt like siblings, Larry Welch and wife, Rhonda, of East Bernstadt and Sherry Miller of London; one uncle, Harold Robinson of Jeffersonville, IN; two aunts, Elizabeth Black and Brenda Black House, both of Richmond, IN plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Estill Robinson and Geanne Black Robinson; his maternal grandparents, Robert Black and Ida Greer Black and his paternal grandparents, Lawrence Robinson and Laura Seaborn Robinson Bradley.

A memorial service for Scotty will be held at Livingston Elementary School gymnasium on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 5 p.m.

## Patricia Miller Harmon

Patricia Miller Harmon, 81, of Evans GA, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 15, 2021. She was a loving and devoted wife of 62 years to the



late Harry Harmon. She worked for many years at Young's Pharmacy in Mt. Vernon and later at the Rockcastle County Hospital Pharmacy. She so enjoyed laughing and having fun with those all around her. Patricia and Harry moved to Evans, GA eight years ago to be near family. She was an active member at West Acres Baptist Church and very involved in the senior adult ministry.

Family members who survive include: her sons, Larry C. (Kaye) Harmon and Jeffrey M. (Adrienne) Harmon; three grandsons, to whom she was affectionately known as "Gran", Jay and wife Rachael, Caleb and wife Meredith, and Luke Harmon; and two granddaughters, Catarina and husband Chris and Mackenzie King; two great grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin "Snookie" Taylor.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Caleb Harmon, Luke Harmon, Tommy Payne, Andrew Pensol, David Pensol, and Sam Pensol.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 12 p.m. Thursday.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, face masks are required, social distancing is encouraged, and capacity is limited to 50% at the funeral home.

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

## Wilma Jean Wilson

Wilma Jean (Murray) Wilson, 66, widow of Elbert Wilson, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born April 20, 1954 in Pineville, to the late Boyd and Willa Maurine (Jones) Murray. She was a homemaker, a member of the Pentecostal Faith, enjoyed antiques, flower arranging, and cooking.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Nora Jean (Eddie) Nichols of Berea, Dewayne (Dorothy) Sizemore of Brodhead, and Carla (Jason) Robinson of Mt. Vernon; stepchildren, Barb (Jerry) Snyder, Ron Wilson, and Elbert Wilson, Jr., all of Batavia, OH, and Bonnie (Mike) Kauffman of Campbell, CA; grandchildren, Brandon (Heather) Nichols, T.J. (Destiny) Nichols, Tabitha Nichols, Kayla Barnes, Haley Robinson, Chris Robinson, Jaden Robinson, Chloe Robinson, Doug Snyder, and Greg Snyder; great grandchildren, Dawson, Eli, Gracelynn, Immanuel, Noah, and Tayah; brothers, Donald Murray of Middlesboro, Kenneth Murray of Brodhead, and Roger Murray of LaFollette, TN; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Elbert Lee Wilson in 2005; her fiancé, Donald Mills in 2015; sisters, Shirley Partin, Lou Gibson, Ginevee Smith, Niena; and brothers, Bobby Murray, Bill Murray, and Randall Murray.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial was in Leger Cemetery.

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

## Elizabeth Baker

Elizabeth Baker, 79, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at her home. She was born in Mt. Vernon on August 15, 1941, the daughter of Joe and Ruth Walden Vanwinkle. She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by: a son, Rickey Baker of Arizona; a daughter, Mary (Alan) Vanwinkle of Orlando; six grandchildren, Dustin, Courtney, Sarah, Kristin, Megan, and Jordan; and four great grandchildren, Evie, Nirvana, Ruby, and Chevy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Baker and a son, William Douglas Baker.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. John Wesley Vanwinkle. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Glen Baker, Raymond Baker, Ronnie Baker, Adam Reed, B.J. Vanwinkle, and Dustin Vanwinkle.

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

## With Sincere Thanks

from the family of

Mary Ellen Farthing Sexton

We wish to extend heartfelt thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbors for your kindness and support during this difficult time.

We sincerely appreciate your visits, words of comfort, calls, cards, flowers and food. We thank you for the thoughts and prayers of those unable to attend.

The love and support you've shown brings comfort during our time of mourning.

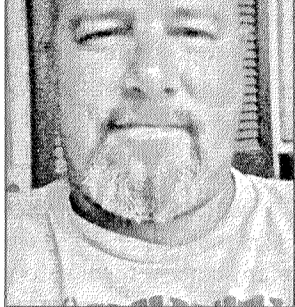
May God bless each of you.



# Obituaries

## Anthony Ray Barron

Anthony Ray Barron, 57, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County April 28, 1963, the son of Robert Everett and Jewel Wanda Kirby Barron. He had been a carpenter.



He is survived by: a son, Jordan Barron of Mt. Sterling; a daughter, Amy Bober of Indiana; a brother, Jeff Barron of Mt. Vernon; and two sisters, Judy Barron of Somerset, and Rhonda Barron of Winchester.

The family of Mr. Barron held memorial services on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

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## Hobert "Pappy" Isaacs

Hobert "Pappy" Isaacs, 66, of Rockcastle County, died Friday, January 1, 2021 at U. K. Medical Center in Lexington of complications from Covid. He was a Berea native, born March 31, 1954 the son of the late Charlie and Annie Powell

Isaacs. He was a U. S. Army Veteran, retired employee of Hyster-Yale Material Handling, member of Valley Baptist Church and had been a resident of Rockcastle County all his life.



Hobert was a true outdoorsman who liked to garden, hunt, fish, hike and go camping. He enjoyed nature and was known for feeding all types of birds and wild animals. He was a family-man and loved spending time with his family. He was a double transplant recipient (liver and kidney) in 2018 whose faith in Christ never faltered, no matter what situation he was facing in life. The family expresses their never ending thanks to the donor who gave their loved-one a second chance.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 42 years, Rebecca Leger Isaacs; children, Nicholas Isaacs, Terry Smith (Jamey), and Tracy Thompson (Jr.); four grandchildren, Blane Smith, Tatum Isaacs, Cody Smith, and Wesley Thompson; 10 siblings, Raymond Isaacs (Barbara), Luther Isaacs (Nancy), Leroy Isaacs (Becky), Herbert Isaacs (Dora), Mary Watkins (Jerry), Sarah Neeley, Barbara Turner (Bill), Janet Vaughn, Joyce Thompson (Mike), and Jim Isaacs; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and church family. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by: a brother, Ralph Isaacs; two sisters-in-law, Jean Isaacs and Phyllis Isaacs; and brother-in-law, Earl Vaughn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Jeff Draper officiating. Burial with Military Rites was in Isaacs Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his brothers, Raymond, Luther, Leroy, Herbert, and Jim and brother-in-law, Bill Turner. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren, (Blane, Tatum, Cody, and Wesley), Jerry Watkins, Doug Cupp, Buck Cupp, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions suggested to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates, 2201 Regency Road, Suite #601, Lexington, KY 40503

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service were entrusted with arrangements.

Leave condolences for the family, share a memory, light a memorial candle at [www.reppertfuneralhome.com](http://www.reppertfuneralhome.com)

## Nerissa Lynne Baker

Nerissa Lynne (Shelton) Baker, 66, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, January 8, 2021 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She was the widow of John Ray Baker, who preceded her in death on April 28, 2012. She was born in Lincoln County on April 3, 1954, to the late Homer and Ruby Christine (Ledford) Shelton. She earned her Masters degree in Nursing and was currently working for Kenwood Health & Rehab in Richmond. She had previously worked for Hospice Care Plus and the Rockcastle County Hospital. Nerissa was a member of Valley Baptist Church and was a former Sunday School Teacher for the ladies group. She enjoyed reading and quilting in her free time. Her grand babies were her pride and joy and loved spending time with her family.



Survivors include: daughters, Kristin Nicole (Shane) Miracle and Melissa Lynne (Brandon) McIntosh; son, John Nathan Baker and his companion Victoria Howard; and seven precious grandchildren, Destiny Cheyenne Brogan, Eliana Brynne Baker, Jaily Christine Brown, Brayden Connor McIntosh, Ember Brooke Miracle, Samuel Colt Baker and Greyson Luke McIntosh.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Ruby Ilene Shelton and a brother, Homer "Bud" Shelton, Jr.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Valley Baptist Church. Burial was at Wilmot Chapel Cemetery on Copper Creek.

## James Corbet Leger

James Corbet Leger, 66, of Berea, died Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. He was born November 5, 1954 in Berea, to the late William Herbert "Bill" "Red" and Mary Fern (Baker) Leger. He was a retired electrician for Leger Electric and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his eight siblings, Billy Ray Leger of Berea, Benny (Martina) Leger of Brodhead, Jerry (Jan) Leger of Paint Lick, Charles (Inas) Leger of Berea, Becky Isaacs of Berea, Nikki (Dennis) Moore of LaGrange, Iola Harris of Berea, and Julie (Howard) Moore of Pendleton.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Hobert Isaacs and Rick Harris.

Funeral services were Monday, January 18, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Michael Leger officiating. Burial was in Leger Family Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Chuck, Joseph, and Calvin Leger, Nick Isaacs, Matt Moore, and Ricky Harris.

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

## Cole Tyler Hammond

Cole Tyler Hammond, 35, of Somerset, died Friday, January 15, 2021 at his home. He was born in Somerset on August 14, 1985, the son of Glen and Judy Carter Hammond. He had been a construction worker.

He is survived by: his mother, Judy Neal of Somerset; a brother, Carter Lee Hammond, also of Somerset; and an aunt, Dr. Rebecca Hammond of Berea. He was preceded in death by his father, Glen Hammond and his grandparents.



At the request of the family, there were no funeral services.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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### The Solution is Service

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove, what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. It is no coincidence that these verses appear in the order that they do. In verse one Paul urges us to present ourselves to God in service to Him. Verse two follows with the exhortation in our minds. A transformation of the mind is a change in thought, opinion or attitude. As we read and study these verses, it appears that a general principle emerges, attitude follows action. A change in attitude or feeling only occurs once we step out and take action in obeying God.

I read about a man who went to school to become an evangelist. The students of this Bible college had to go out and knock on doors and talk to people about the Bible that they met. This man didn't like doing this. He was afraid of looking foolish.

One evening his group set out to do the door knocking. He knocked on the first door he breathed a sigh of relief when no one answered the door. But the next person was home and, after talking about the Bible for a short while, he found out that he liked doing this. He found once he obeyed God's command, by taking action, his attitude changed forever.

Once our attitude, feelings, and motivations are changed, we find a lot of things are not nearly as difficult, as we imagined in our mind. So many of us ruled by the word fear, when it comes to obeying the command of God, we allow that fear to direct our steps and because of that we are never able to go knock on a door, or invite one to church or to have a sit down and talk about the word of God to those who are lost.

God loves more than we can possibly imagine. He never asks us to do anything that is not for our best and for His honor and glory. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you expected end. We need to remind ourselves that refusing to take action on any of God's commandments is considered sin, regardless of how we feel or what our attitude is.

The whole duty of man is to obey God and keep his commandments.

Thank you for reading this message, I pray you have the things you need, and you remember to thank the good Lord up above. Remember if you like to contact someone from the Church you can reach us at these # Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104.

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## Lillian Berniece Cromer

Lillian Berniece (Burton) Cromer, 87, died January 5, 2021. She was born in Somerset to the late Grover and Mattie (Hurst) Burton.



She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jearl Dean Cromer. She was preceded in death by her son Derwin Cromer and three brothers, Ronnie, Carl and Lloyd Burton. She is survived by a loving daughter-in-law Tami Cromer, three cherished grandchildren, Anthony Conway, Kelsley

(Michael) Rosales, and Elise Strickland, two precious great grandchildren, Luke Conway and Trip Rosales. She is also survived by a sister, Ruth (WA) Owens, three sisters-in-law, June Burton, Billie June Burton, and Wanda Acton and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the Goshen Church of Christ and a faithful Christian for 66 years. We take comfort knowing she is resting in the arms of Jesus. Berniece was a kind and loving person and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A graveside ceremony was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery, 57 W. Main St., Brodhead, KY 40409.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the American Heart Association.

## Richard Otis Garrison

Richard Otis Garrison, of Corbin, (formally of Vancleave, MS) was a loving and caring father, brother and uncle. Richard died very unexpectedly on Sunday, January 10, 2021. He was born to Robert and Dockalee (Crain) Garrison on July 25, 1967 in Pascagoula, MS.

He is survived by: his mother, Dockalee, a sister, Melissa (Jeff) Lock and brother, Bryan Keith (Amy), all of Vancleave, MS; a brother, Scott (Donna) of Virginia Beach, VA.; his loving children that he adored so much, Matthew, Mason and Melody of Mt. Vernon; nephews, Jeffery Garrison, Robert and Carson Lock and Blake Melton; and nieces, Madison and Miranda Lock, JoAnna Garrison and Makaylee and Makenna McNally.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Robert; Paternal grandparents, Earl and Lillie (Rogers) Garrison; and maternal grandparents, Otis and Helen (Freeman) Crain. He was a long time employee for Dow Chemical in Knoxville, TN.

Private services were held at First Baptist Church-Vancleave in Vancleave, MS on Saturday, January 16, 2021.

Croley Funeral Home of Williamsburg, Kentucky in charge of all arrangements, J. Andrew Croley, Director.



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### Are you spiritually alive?

#### How do you know whether you are or not?

This is a question that all professed Christians might need to ask themselves. The scriptures teach us that one must be born again and, at that moment, we become spiritually alive.

**John 2:3** Jesus answered and said unto Nicodemus Verily, verily I say unto these, Except a man be born, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. **VS 4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **VS 5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. **VS 6** That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of Spirit is spirit.

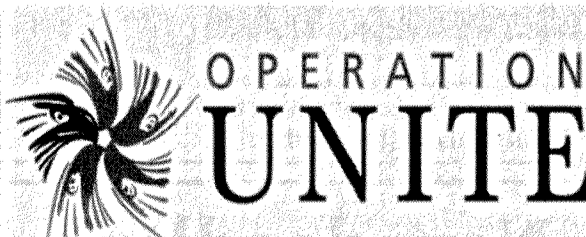
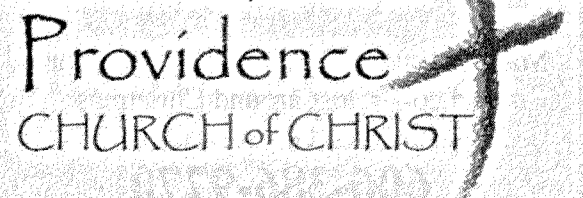
So when we start our spiritual journey, what should that look like? We should start conforming to the Word of God, being guided by it. It is our spiritual food, it is His Spirit; For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **VS 12** that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **VS 13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth; but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**I Corinthians 3:1-3** Paul points out in this text that sometimes people don't grow in the Spirit, implying that one is still carnal in their thinking if they are not growing spiritually. Are you growing spiritually? If not, you might want to check your spiritual pulse!

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## Rockets beat Cardinals 62-53

After trailing at half time 30-25, against the Wayne Co. Cardinals at Monticello Tuesday night, January 12th, the Rockets came on strong in the second half to get their first win of the season 62-53.

The Rockets were bested the first quarter 15-13 and at half time were down 30-25. They came back in the third to cut the lead to 43-41 and really picked up the pace in the fourth, behind 10 points by junior Daniel Mullins, to outscore Wayne 21-10.

Mullins led the scoring for his team with 23 points, including hitting seven of eight free throws and two three point baskets. Junior Reese Coguer was next with 13 points along with six assists, five steals and four rebounds; junior Drew Hopkins got nine points and six rebounds; junior Jake Sanders scored seven points and pulled down six rebounds; junior Matthew Chasteen was next with seven points and led in rebounding with eight and freshman Skyler Durham scored two points.

All of the Rockets and Lady Rockets games have been canceled until the January 25th games because of COVID 19 quarantines.

On Monday, January 25th, the boys are scheduled to host Pineville.

## Lady Cardinals defeat Lady Rockets 57-30

The Lady Rockets traveled to Wayne County last Tuesday night for a doubleheader with the boys team and hit a buzz saw in their second game of the year losing 57-30 to the Lady Cardinals.

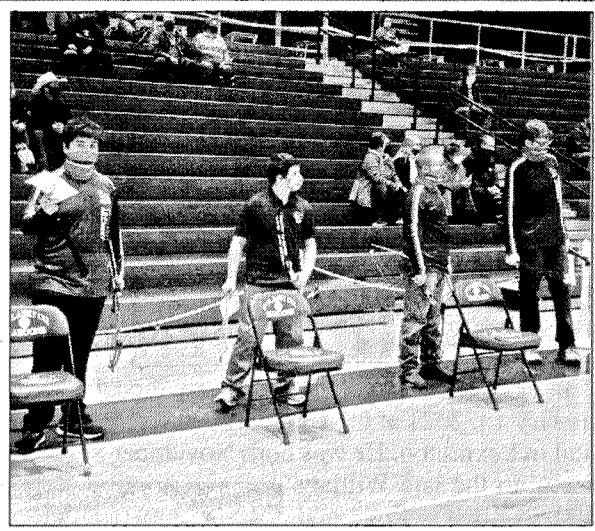
A disastrous first half for the Lady Rockets 32-11, proved to be insurmountable in the second half which saw the Lady Rockets fall further behind 25-19.

Senior Lindsey Jones was the only player in double figures for the Lady Rockets with 10, all of those coming in the second half. Jones also contributed three rebounds and one assist.

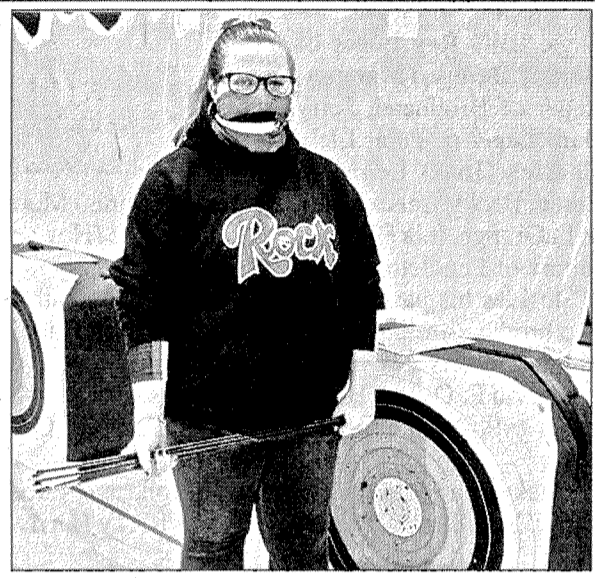
Seniors Jordan Harper, Casey Coleman and Aliyah Lopez all got five points each. Coleman also contributed three assists and one rebound.

Sophomore Calleigh Burdette scored four points and was credited with three rebounds and one assist. Sophomore Hallie Brown didn't score but came the leading rebounder with seven.

The Lady Rockets will next see action Monday, January 25th at Clay County.



Marcos Bengé (left), Jacob Cook (second from right), and Jaden Cameron (right) maintain social distancing while waiting to shoot at Pulaski County this past Saturday.



Freshman, Alivia Kirby after pulling her arrows at Saturday's archery tournament at Pulaski.

## RCHS Archery team takes fourth at Pulaski County

RCHS Archery had a great showing at Pulaski Co. High School, their first tournament of the season. The overall team score was 3041 which earned them a 4th place finish.

The team was led by senior, Kyle Coffey with a score of 289. Kyle ranked 3rd in overall boys at the tournament.

Senior, Gentry Phillips had a strong showing with a score of 271.

Sophomore, Jameson Mink added a 263 to the

team total.

Top female shooter was freshman, Callie Bengé with a 248.

Others adding to the team's total score were: Jacob Cook, TJ Ramsey, Ezekiel Graves, Allison McCoy, Emily Maupin, Liz Renner, Jillian Wallin, and Marcos Bengé.

The RCCHS Archery team takes on more schools next Saturday, January 23 at the Lincoln Co. High School tournament.



Senior Gentry Phillips and sophomore Jameson Mink shoot at the 10 meter line during the Pulaski Co. High School tournament.



Junior, Liz Renner shooting for RCCHS at Pulaski County this past Saturday.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Gaining Privacy in Your Yard

Sometimes we buy a property, or clear some trees, maybe build a deck or install a swimming pool. Then we realize there are all these points from which we're subject to being watched. Or maybe the vacant lot next door now has a new house and our privacy becomes compromised. You may not be doing anything anyone else wouldn't do, but if you're having a beer on the deck or going for a swim or giving the spouse a smooch—and you get the feeling some eyes somewhere are on you, it messes with the mood. However the desire to have more privacy comes about, let's look at some possible solutions through landscaping.

Any of these ideas could have an entire article dedicated to it, so we can maybe dig in deeper some other time. If you don't enjoy someone watching your every minute outdoors, I want to present a few things that could be done that might alleviate your lack of privacy problem.

A fence or a thick hedge is a possibility. A combination of a fence along with a hedgerow of tall shrubs or trees would do even better. If your fence is set in from the property line, could there be a hedge planted on both the inside and the outside of the fence? Or a row of tall trees, a row of medium shrubs, and a row of small fruiting or flowering shrubs closest to the yard and house?

Seems a lot of homeowners desire to build a new house on top of a hill or knoll, or maybe you have one that just happens to be on display from all sides. Fencing or hedging along the property line may not be the answer.

You could plant groups of trees or shrubs close to the house and block certain viewpoints. Or maybe build a mound like you might find on a golf course, with elevated or blocking shrubbery to wall off what's around the curve from view.

Another idea for the yard that is 'on display' all the time might be a sunken garden. Excavate a large hole, build retaining walls, and create a garden or patio or a fire and water display, where you

can be below eye level of lookers. Putting in a row of shrubs around this sunken area also works, and especially if you can't do a lot of excavation for some reason.

I've seen instances where a property had a pool and the owner doesn't want a pool anymore. Rather than the expense of tearing it out or completely filling it in, perhaps a sunken garden area could be created where the pool is only partially filled and plants, seating and pavers, along with access, creates a special private place.

Walkways sometimes take our privacy—and not many consider that before they lay out the original walks.

Whether from the street to the front door, or from the back door to the limits of our property, anyone on a walk that is straight can be seen by anyone at either end. A curved walk creates interest in a yard, letting visitors wonder what lies around the bend, and a curved walk gives you privacy as others can't see what you're doing around the bend. Trees or shrubbery or other obstacles will be utilized to facilitate this, of course.

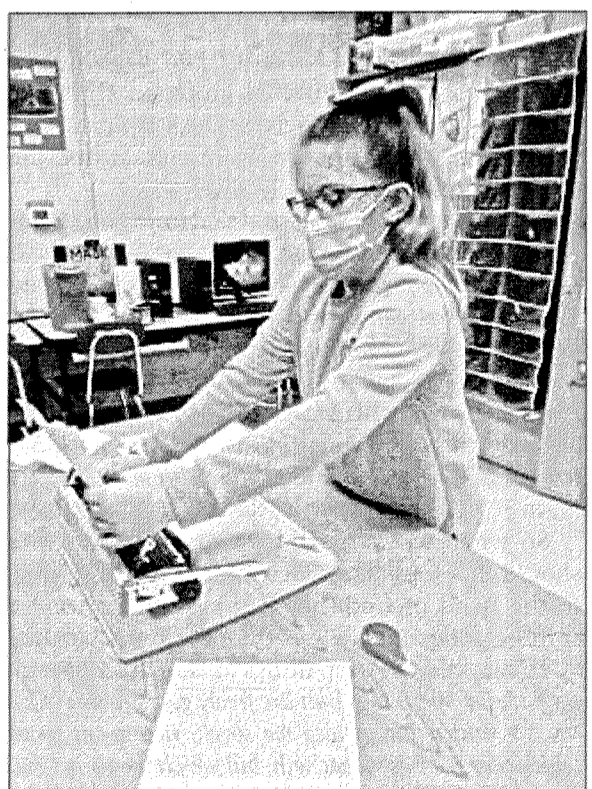
In our modern age with not just airplanes, but drones flying around, Google earth, and perhaps before long flying cars—you might want to block out the sky as well around your retreat or seating areas. The term *allée* is used where treetops actually meet overhead along a street or walkway. Such plantings, once mature (or with the help of trellising or pergolas), can provide screening from overhead as well.

There's no need to be intimidated by nosy neighbors who know what time you got home or that you left for church or a ballgame at a certain time. Unless you have wonderful and loving neighbors, you probably don't want your life to be constantly shared with them. With these and other possible solutions to a privacy dilemma, I hope to have given the reader some useful ideas to incorporate to make their place a bit more like a private paradise.

The author is a landscaper. Comments and ideas welcome. Website: [rockcastles.net](http://rockcastles.net)



MVES Music classes would like to welcome Miss Heather Ramey. Miss Heather is a student teacher from EKV and will be working with Mrs. Jamie Cornelius' music students until March. Everyone has enjoyed hearing her play the saxophone this past week.



Students in Ms. Heather McClure's Technology Class at MVES are learning about old technology this rotation. Pictured is Sophia Owens in Mrs. Lyndsey Reams' class inserting paper into a typewriter.

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

### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindley Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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



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## “School”

(Continued from front) had only three requests of Bray. First, a larger and updated kitchen at Roundstone Elementary School.

The request seemed to be presented jokingly, however officials said, in actuality, the school was built in 1958 and the kitchen is very outdated, especially for all the meals provided for the entire county that find their way through that kitchen.

Second, Chairman Angela Stallsworth Mink had a specific request of Bray. "It is easy to promise funds for our school system. It is easy to tell us to budget for funds we will have and to plan on the best way to use those funds," said Mink. "But it is not so easy for the money to actually be there when it comes time to produce. It is used somewhere else by the time we are supposed to have it. All I ask is that the state do what they promise to do."

Bray agreed. "I hear you and I couldn't agree more. What else?" he said.

Lastly, members of the board seemed to agree that they hope Bray stands up for public schools in Frankfort. "I am a product of the public school system and so is my son," said Bray. "I'll never tell you something that isn't the truth. There are going to be some difficult conversations about that very subject soon. The whole idea of public schools will be looked at very closely and I support public schools. I believe public schools are of vital importance to our society."

The meeting began with a presentation from Roundstone Principal Chris Bishop. A slide show presentation was given to show a typical day in the school. "I hope that if we are invited back next year, we can bring our students and give a proper presentation," said Bishop.

The principal told board members details about the school, including the fact that there is a combined 734 years of educational experience in the staff at the school. Bishop also said everyone at the school seems like family to him. "We are a family with 243 kids," he said. "We are all family. We all know every student by their first name and I truly wish the public could see what a close family we are."

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert told the board about school policy in contact tracing. Reppert said the policy basically mimics the health department guidelines.

According to Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, there are currently ten staff members and 53 students under quarantine (at the time of the meeting Tuesday, January 12). Ballinger said a little over 50% of the staff has agreed to take the COVID vaccine when it is available to them.

Among many other items discussed was the draft budget that was presented by Finance Director Jenny Sweet. As always, Sweet presented a balanced budget. This budget shows total revenue and expenditures at \$31,525,727.38 but this does not include fund 2.

Sweet said she plans to work closely with every department of the school system to create a tenta-

tive working budget by May.

However, Sweet and Bray both warned of a possible financial trap that the board should avoid while the COVID funds are being disbursed. "This CARES Act funding and other stimulus funds that we are getting are onetime influxes of funds," said Sweet. "We need to be very careful not to use those funds to create something that we can't afford to continue once that funding stops."

Bray agreed. "Jenny is right," he said. "You have to be careful. You can't use those funds for anything that will require continual maintenance or something that needs to be budgeted for upkeep every year. That money will stop coming and then you would have to find funds from other places or possibly reduce other vital programs."

Sweet said one of the biggest difficulties is a requirement for the district to increase CERS funding by 12 percent each year for classified employees. "This is a very difficult thing to keep up. That increase will add up to over \$125,000 of the budget," said Sweet.

There was some discussion around the room about the increases and how the district may have to look closely at reducing or reassigning some staffing. "One of the reasons Rockcastle County Schools is so successful, I believe, is that the district has placed such an emphasis on staffing and keeping the right people in place for the good of every student and I hope that doesn't change," said Sweet. "At the same time, meeting a 12 percent increase every year, well, that is going to be very difficult."

Hammond said he is concerned that if the CERS increases continue, it may be less expensive to hire certified employees than to keep classified employees.

The board also elected officers during the meeting. Mink was elected to continue in her position as chairman and Anna Goff was named vice chairman.

The board also approved financial reports, a calendar committee and a nutrition and physical activity report.

The food service department told the board it served 44,588 breakfasts and 44,738 lunches in December. Holiday food baskets were given to 2,458 children, including over 73,000 pounds of food.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel action report. It was as follows:

### Full-time Certified Employees

Jason Coguer, district digital learning coach.

### Full-time Classified Employees

Andrew Cash, Program Assistant-Voc ReHab at RCHS and Albany Wilson, Americorps volunteer at Roundstone Elementary School.

### Resignations

Valerie Williams, bus monitor and Kendra Calico, MVES Instructional Assistant.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

## “Court”

(Continued from front) the Rockcastle County Industrial Park. "The Letter of Intent is in our hands and we are talking every day working out details and getting closer. This will be another very strong partner with our community," he said.

The business, which has not been publicly named as yet, is expected to invest several million dollars in a new center and provide about 70 new jobs, according to the director.

Those present mentioned the Microfoodery, Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, the new Farmers Market, Chapin Industries, the TIFF District, this new unnamed center, the I-75 widening project and several new businesses, all of which have developed within the past four years. But according to VanHook, "we are just getting started."

VanHook also told the court of another company from New York that is also "very interested and currently in negotiations" with RCIDA. "This company is a big deal," said VanHook. "And these people need at least 10 acres for their business. If we land them, it is a huge step." VanHook could not elaborate, at this time, on who this company is but did say when added to the other new businesses in the area, the county will feel a noticeable impact financially.

Magistrate Shane Thacker brought up a point of conversation that interested all the magistrates and VanHook as well. "You know all this growth and development is a great thing for the people of Rockcastle County and we thank you for all your hard work Jeff. At the same time I hope we consider Rockcastle County kids in all this," said Thacker. "While you are marketing and looking for companies to locate here, let's look at movie theaters and bowling alleys and skating rinks or even a sporting complex, and things that could give our kids a place to go and things to do. The more we can keep our youth in a family-friendly place and off the streets, well, you know what that can lead to."

Everyone present agreed and VanHook said the thought was also in his mind. "To be honest, we have had a couple things along those lines on the hook, so to speak, and this COVID thing just shut us down for one reason or another," said VanHook.

"When we consider the quality of life in our county, that most certainly includes entertainment facilities and our youth. A park of some kind or a sports-related operation are some of the things we are looking for right now. The truth is, when all these new businesses are in operation, that brings more homes and more families and even more need for such facilities. We have our ear to the ground on those types of things every day," VanHook added.

There are also specific grants available for such things as convention center facilities or outdoor facilities, according to the director. "We are becoming very well positioned to be eligible for such grants," he said.

Many other subjects were discussed during

the meeting as well, including culverts, building repairs in the county, donations to the Red Cross and the All American Club, the Rocket Docket, Livingston gym rentals, salaries, and department reports among many other issues.

Among the more notable actions were a \$15,000 check delivered to the fiscal court from the sheriff's office for excess fees for 2020 and the first quarterly bill for \$8,322 to pay for the Rocket Docket program.

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said the program is going very well and is paying for itself just as planned.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz asked the court to transfer \$75,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$15,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## “Busy”

(Continued from front)

The firefighters answered calls to 41 structure fires and six additional calls for smoke inside a structure.

There were also nearly 40 EMS assists and 28 calls for a brush or woods fire.

Sixteen of the calls involved a rescue or search and 13 involved traffic control.

Other local fire departments report a higher number of calls than average as well and most are looking for volunteers as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any fire department should contact their local department and apply. Officials say training and gear are provided.

## “Wreck”

(Continued from front)

sponders were working to help those involved in the accidents, other vehicles continued to slide into the vehicles that were already disabled. "It was a dangerous situation for everyone but we did what we could to keep everyone safe while helping those in need."

The highway was closed for several hours and traffic was detoured away from the interstate. Some bystanders say a line of traffic extended along US25 from Mount Vernon to the Rockcastle County line near Berea.

According to Carter, none of the accidents caused serious injury but there were many reports of minor injuries.

"It was something to see and we are just glad no one was killed or seriously injured," said Bales.

Several officials said that "rubber necking" caused a lot of the accidents. "Rubber necking" is a term used to describe a driver who is looking at an accident instead of watching the road.

Assisting the Mount Vernon Fire Department at the scene were the Mount Vernon Police Department, Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Madison and Laurel County Ambulance Services, Rockcastle EMS, Livingston Fire Department and the Kentucky State Police, Town and Country Wrecker Service, Davis Towing, Emery's Towing, Thorough Truck and a Rockcastle County Constable.

## “Plant”

(Continued from front)

more. Platt was a plant manager for Chapin at the New York location and chose to move from the city to Mount Vernon to run the new plant.

Officials at the plant say they are not yet certain of the exact number of workers the plant will employ and that number may change as production grows or cycles through seasons.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. says he visited the plant last week and was well pleased with the progress. "It was very nice out there and they already have about seven people hired setting up machines and getting every thing ready for full production."

According to Holbrook, the plant is expected to be in full start-up production in less than three weeks.

Chapin owners made the first installment payment of \$900,000 last month for the plant and is scheduled to make two more payments of \$800,000 each, according to Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority.

One of those payments will be due in

January of 2022 and the last payment in January of 2023.

The plant makes plastic items, including garden sprayers and other similar farm and home equipment.

Holbrook also said the Farmers Market multi-use building on Richmond Street is about to be rebid and, once a contractor is confirmed, construction will begin immediately.

Originally, the Farmers Market building delay was mostly due to the COVID-19 pandemic according to VanHook. "The prices of materials and the cost to perform work rose overnight due to COVID restrictions. This caused the bids to be about \$75,000 higher than expected."

But, VanHook began a search and found grant money for the additional \$75,000 and the building is now expected to be let out for bid this month. The advertisement to bid is inside this issue of the *Signal*.

VanHook said he plans to set the bid date at February 5. "I am hopeful that the building will be ready by the usual opening time of the local farmer's market. That will be contingent on a construction plan review in Frankfort, which is unpredictable, and lead times on materials for contractors," he said.

## Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter

State Senator

Weeks 1 & 2 of the 2021

Regular Session

I can confidently say that the Kentucky General Assembly is making the most of the 30-day legislative session. In the first eight days back in Frankfort, lawmakers have already delivered six bills to the governor's desk. I am happy to report that we are moving forward in deliberation but with purpose.



Senate Bill 1 – This bill better defines executive authority during a state of emergency. It brings the representative branch of government to the table to be a voice for the communities its members represent. The bill will require legislative authorization before the governor can extend an executive order beyond 30 days if the order places restrictions on various public and private entities. The same requirement would exist for emergency executive orders. Similarly, it would require mutual agreement between the Governor and the Attorney General to suspend state statute during a state of emergency. Taking a less arbitrary and more targeted approach to addressing a state of emergency, SB1 would allow local officials to request an extension of executive orders only for their area and only for the amount of time they ask.

Senate Bill 2 – For far too long, governors and their administrations have been able to blur the lines between executive and legislative branch authorities by making law through the use and abuse of the emergency regulatory process. SB 2 enhances this process's legislative and public oversight by requiring an expedited public hearing and written comment period and allowing a legislative committee to review, amend, or find an emergency regulation deficient.

Senate Bill 3 appropriately places the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy under the

office of the State Agriculture Commissioner. Each statewide office holds certain responsibilities delegated to it by the Constitution of Kentucky or state statute. It is only appropriate that this office falls under the office most relevant to state agriculture policy.

House Bill 1 provides clarity and reassurances amid a state of emergency for businesses, schools, parents, teachers, students, and religious institutions. Provides assurances that they may remain open and operational if they follow a comprehensive operating plan, which details how the business or school will adhere to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines or state guidelines—whichever is least restrictive—to ensure safety.

The Senate also passed several budget bills this week – but no firm decisions were made on how to spend tax dollars. The legislative and budgetary processes can be daunting even to a seasoned lawmaker.

Here's what happened: The General Assembly jump-started the legislative process of enacting a budget. The keyword in that sentence is "process." We did this by getting four bills dealing with the budgets of the three branches of government and the Transportation Cabinet into what's called conference committees.

These committees are where Senate and House members work out their differences on what Kentucky should spend its money on. The compromises agreed upon are then subject once again to approval by the majority of members in each chamber.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the legislatures work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.



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## Frankfort Update

### New Representative focuses on economy

By Josh Bray  
State Representative  
Budget goals must be preparing for uncertain year, restoring our state, and investing in the future



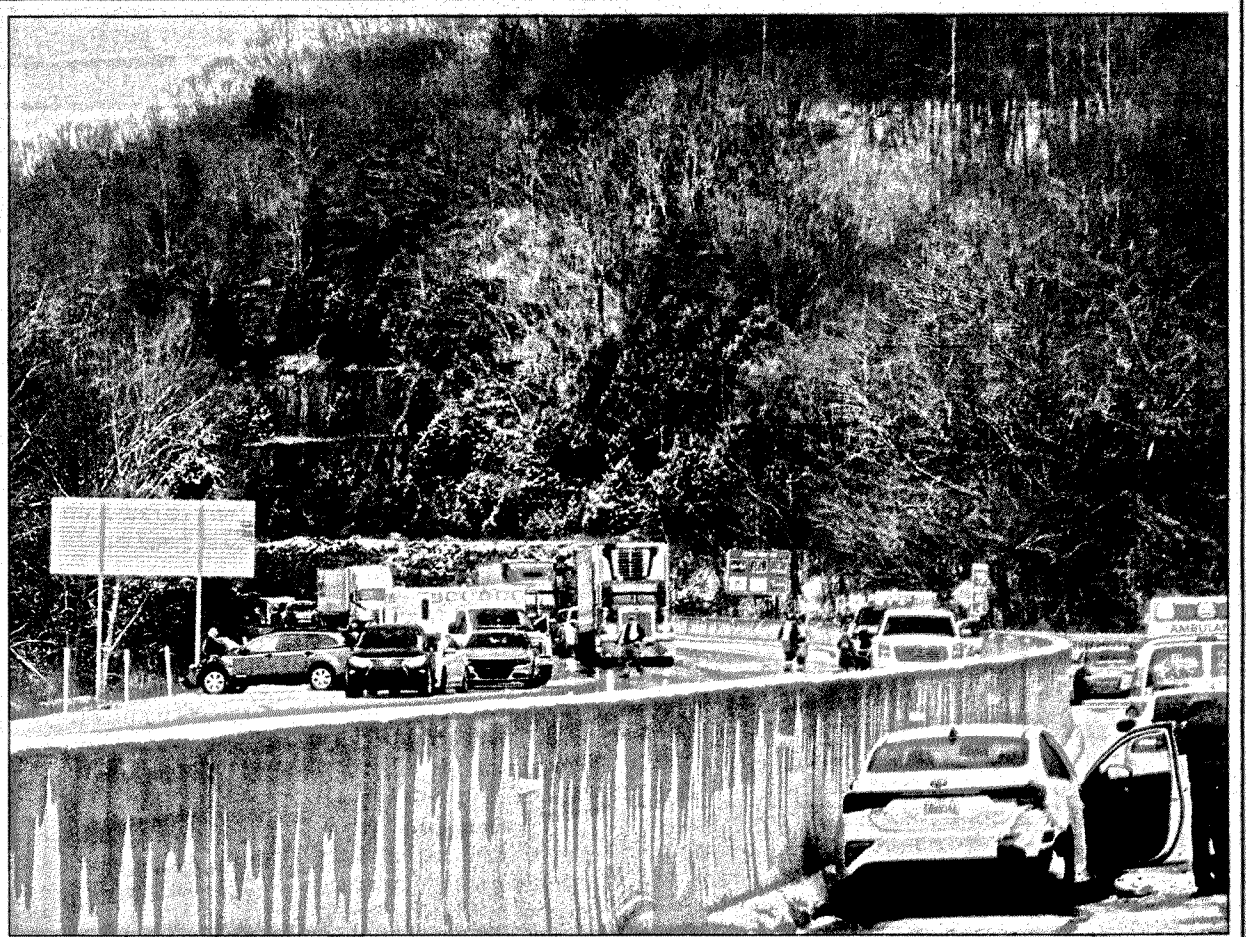
The January portion of this year's legislative session was extremely productive. We adjourned on Wednesday, January 13, after sending seven bills to the Governor and beginning work on the budget and other important legislation. Without a doubt, the budget is the biggest challenge we will face when we get back. When we use the term "budget," we are most often talking about the executive branch budget that covers funding for state programs, agencies, and offices. However, state spending breaks down into the executive (HB 192), legislative (HB 194), and judicial (HB 195) branches of state government, as well as the budget that will guide our road and infrastructure spending (HB 193). The House and Senate acted on all of these bills this week, moving them through the process to allow us to continue working on them during the next few weeks.

Last year was the first time in modern history that the legislature did not approve a two-year budget. No one had any idea of how the pandemic or

the state's response to it would impact the state's needs or state revenue. Therefore, it was far more responsible to set aside the budget we had prepared and keep spending flat in a one-year continuation budget. While many things have changed a great deal since last March and April, the uncertainty remains, and the pandemic is far from over. While state revenue remained steady through the end of 2020, that can be attributed to a combination of federal aid and the resilience of our business sector. Both are subject to change as the world continues to deal with the virus and so many Kentuckians remain unemployed. There are several factors we have to consider, including the economy, our revenue picture, and how prepared we are to deal with another recession.

State Economy: The Consensus Forecasting Group (CFG), a panel of economists who estimate revenue growth and economic health, met in December. The forecast issued by the CFG showed a small increase in tax receipts in this fiscal year. However, at least one member of the panel cautioned that the forecast is merely an educated guess, describing it as throwing

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Sudden black ice caused 25 vehicles to crash in Rockcastle County last weekend in two separate accidents. I-75 was closed in both directions for several hours. Though several injuries were reported, no one was killed.

### Grant opportunities available for farmers, restaurants, and research institutions

Several grant funding opportunities are open at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced.

"The Kentucky Department of Agriculture offers a number of grant funding opportunities to support farmers, restaurants, and research institutions every year," Commissioner Quarles said. "These grant programs are more important than ever before as we support our farm community in rebuilding

after the coronavirus pandemic."

**Buy Local - Connecting farmers to restaurants**

The Buy Local program provides incentives for participating restaurants and other food service businesses to buy and use Kentucky Proud products for their customers. The program offers participants a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000.

For Buy Local guidelines and an application,

go to [kyproud.com/buylocal](http://kyproud.com/buylocal). For more information, contact Grace Ragain at [grace.ragain@ky.gov](mailto:grace.ragain@ky.gov) or (502) 782-4110.

**Farm To Fork - Showcasing Kentucky farm products**

The Farm to Fork program provides incentives for local organizations to host dinners that showcase local farms, farmers, producers, and Kentucky Proud products while benefiting a local charity. This cost-share grant reimburses up to 50 percent (no more than

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For more information, contact Alisha Morris at [alisha.morris@ky.gov](mailto:alisha.morris@ky.gov) or (502) 782-4119. For guidelines and an application, go to [kyagr.com/marketing/farm-to-fork.html](http://kyagr.com/marketing/farm-to-fork.html).

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**For Rent**  
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**606-308-2491**

## Property For Sale

**House on 1/2 Acre Lot** on Locust St., Mt. Vernon. House features two bedrooms, bath, living room, kitchen, dining room. Additional improvements include three (two car) detached garages. \$42,900. 606-386-1470. 50x2p

## Posted

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road, Danny Smith. 47ftn

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

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

## Miscellaneous For Sale

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**Cemetery Plot** in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 29xntf

**Cresthaven Cemetery Plots.** Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

## Notices

**Storage Lien Sale:** KTM 2 0 1 7 VIN#VBK39405HMN959425 Daniel Marelich, 1452 Grand Avenue Apt. #1, San Diego, CA 92109. JEEP Liberty 2003 - VIN 1J4GL48K83W731466 Dennis Howard. 493 Dry Fork Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460. Emery's Towing LLC, 535 Castle Village Drive, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. 859-200-3157. 49x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Stephanie Mills, P.O. Box 1173, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Guardian of Timothy Haney, a minor. Any person having claims against said estate, shall present them, according to law, to the said Stephanie Mills or to Jeremy Bartley Law Offices, 600 Monticello St., Somerset, Ky. 42501 on or before July 6, 2021. 50x2

**Notice is hereby given that** Alvin Pigg, 288 Cox Cemetery Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executor with will of the estate of Noal Pigg, Jr. on the 4th day of January, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Alvin Pigg or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 4, 2021. 49x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Travis McGee, 109 Gilpin St., London, Ky. 40741 has been appointed Administra-

tor with no will of the estate of Sheila Parrett on the 23rd day of December, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Travis McGee or to James L. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 23, 2021. 49x3

**Notice is given that** Donna Elaine McKinney and Jeffery Brad Kirby have filed a Final Settlement of their accounts as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Lloyd Kirby, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held February 17, 2021 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 51x1

**John Boy's Pizzeria and More,** mailing address 4657 Brindle Ridge Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409 hereby declares intention to apply for a non-quota retail malt beverage license no later than January 30, 2021. The business to be licensed will be located at 37 West Main St., Brodhead, KY doing business as John Boy's Pizzeria and More. The owner principal officer is Wess Mills, 4657 Brindle Ridge Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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**For more info, call 606-308-3670**  
**LA Angus Farms, Rick Bryant**

## Help Wanted

**Lisa's Little People** now accepting applications. Must be 18 years, high school diploma or GED required, available, flexible hours Monday-Friday. Apply in person 100 Crawford Lane, Mt. Vernon. 45xntf

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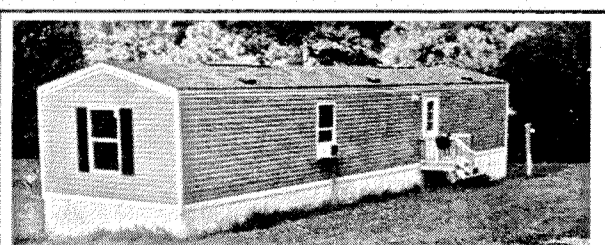
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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### District Civil Suits

Cavalry SPV I, LLC v. Kevin Hall.  
Midland Credit Mgmt., Inc. v. Tanagene Blanton.  
Ronnie Messer v. Johnny Bowling. C-00004

### Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. J. Price, complaint.  
Lakeview Loan Servicing v. James Darrell Howard, et al, complaint.  
Brenda Gayle Taylor v. Casper Coy Taylor.  
Jessie D. Harris, et al v. Meet Patel, et al.  
Discover Bank v. Troy Clark.  
Jacob Taylor v. Hannah Taylor.  
Cheryl Lynn Abshear v. Terry Lee Abshear. CI-00008

### Marriage Licenses

Mary M. Tuttle, 40, Brodhead, cashier and Jason A. DeBord, 37, Brodhead, unemployed. 1/11/21  
Samantha Brooke Robbins, 21, Berea, Suture and Christopher Nathaniel Powell, 21, Berea, TTAI. 1/14/21  
April D. Gordon, 37, Orlando, McDonald's and

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**STRAWBERRY CAKE**  
For most of my young life, Mum bought my birthday cake from Burke's Bakery in Danville, Kentucky. After we moved away from Danville, I started asking Mum to fix this cake as my birthday cake.

1 box white cake mix  
1 box (10 ounce) frozen strawberries, thawed  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup water  
2 eggs  
1 box (3 ounce) strawberry Jello®  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Preheat oven to 350°. Pour cake mix in large bowl. Chop strawberries, measure out 3/4 cup, add to cake mix along with oil and water, mix well. Set aside remaining strawberries to use in frosting. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add dry Jello® and vanilla; beat well. Pour into greased and floured 13 x 9 cake pan. Bake about 40 minutes at 350°. Cool.

**FROSTING:**  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 box (1 pound) powdered sugar  
1 stick butter, room temperature  
Combine confectionery sugar, butter and remaining strawberries in mixing bowl until well blended. Spread over warm cake.

**TEXAS SHEET CAKE**  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups sugar

Christopher Couch, 40, Orlando, Bee Garbage. 1/14/21  
Tina Marie Haling, 32, Orlando, housewife and Charles Fred Clark, 42, Orlando, self-employed. 1/15/21

### Deeds Recorded

Scott and Angela Adams, property in Rockcastle County, to Charity and Jacob Johnson. No tax  
Donald Coffey, property in Rockcastle County, to Jesse R. and Megan Coffey. Tax \$250  
James E. and Roberta McClure, property on KY 1152, to Randy Curtis and Edna Thompson. Tax \$95  
Clyde and Faye Powell, property on Flat Gap Road, to Cheyenne Mikayle Hall. Tax \$105  
Sean A. Decker, property on Oriole Lane, to Little Creek Investments and Holcombe Properties, LLC. Tax \$75  
Lynn Tatum, property on waters of Lake Linville, to James R. Singleton. Tax \$16  
Wayne Berry, property on waters of Clear Creek, to Eric and Shelby Eversole. Tax \$35  
Shirley and Brian Gibson and Darrell and Lottie Mulins, property on Bluegrass Lane, to Shirley and Brian Gibson. No tax  
Shirley and Brian Gibson, property on Bluegrass Lane, to Larry Christopher and Lauren Newcomb. Tax \$15

## Bray

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darts at a dartboard. People have asked me why I talk so much about the economy, and my answer is simple – jobs and the people who need them to provide for themselves and their families. When the economy is strong, people have an opportunity to improve their lives. If we see another economic recession, opportunities dry up, state revenue goes down, and government spending increases because more people qualify for programs like Medicaid.

State Revenue: Please keep in mind, when we talk about revenue, we are talking about taxpayer money – the money you and I pay on our income, purchases, property, and other items and services. When taxes are paid, someone had to work to earn the money to pay them. Any time the government tells us they are “giving” people something, we need to be cautious because they are not giving us anything, but rather returning money we earned in the first place.

Preparing for Uncertainty: Kentucky's rainy day fund is basically the state's emergency fund and savings account. It sits at a record high with \$460 million. Adding to the fund has been a priority for the House since conservatives took control in 2017. At that point, Kentucky had one of the most depleted funds in the country. We have made some gains, even requiring that the surplus revenue from last fiscal year be deposited into the fund. Kentucky's rainy day fund may be at its highest ever, but it still only has enough money to cover a handful of days of state budget needs. To put it into perspective, the state has already borrowed more than \$505 million to pay unemployment insurance benefits, much of which went to individuals who did not traditionally contribute to the plan. The rainy day fund is always critical to our state, but particularly so when our economy is struggling.

The budget we craft must take all of this into consideration and provide a blueprint for restoring our state and strategically reinvesting in areas that we are certain will benefit Kentuckians. We must look at it as an opportunity to lay the groundwork for our state's comeback.

We will reconvene on February 2 for the remaining 22 days of this session. In the meantime, I can be reached on my cell at (606) 308-2135 or by calling the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. The message line is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov.

## New deadline

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

## Grants

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burses members for up to 50 percent of future eligible expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase to promote agricultural products with direct Kentucky farm impact. Grants are limited to 10 percent of the applicant's reported direct Kentucky farm impact up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000.

For more information, contact Jonathan Van Balen at jonathan.vanbalen@ky.gov or (502) 782-4132. For an application, guidelines, and other documents, go to kyagr.com/marketing/grants.html.

### Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG) – Diversifying Kentucky agriculture

The Specialty Crop Block Grant program is a federal grant program aimed at supporting specialty crops in agriculture. Applicants must describe how the projects will potentially affect and produce measurable outcomes for the specialty crop industry and/or the public.

501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations and quasi government entities, including public universities, are eligible to apply. All projects are subject to the availability of funds. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will not award grant funds for projects that solely benefit a particular commer-

cial product or provide profit to a single organization, institution, or individual.

Preliminary proposals must be submitted by email to ryan.burnette@ky.gov no later than 4:30 p.m. EST on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Qualifying applicants will be notified and invited to complete a full grant application.


Specialty crops are defined as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticultural prod-

ucts, nursery crops (including floriculture), and honey. For a comprehensive list, interested parties may visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop>.

KDA receives grant funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the specialty crop grant program and conducts an annual competitive application process to award grant funds.



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will accept Design/Build Proposals for the project:  
**“RCIDA- FARMERS MARKET STRUCTURE”**

According to Schematic Design Documents of drawings and outline specifications contained in the Project Bid Packet, and described in general as:  
An approximate 4175 SQFT farmers market building structure with the following attributes to include but not limited to:  
Reinforced Concrete Foundations and footings; foundation walls (retaining wall Foundation walls). Wood frame structure with metal clad siding. Clear span wood truss roof structure. Attic Smoke partitions. Slab floors. Envelope insulations, prefinished metal roofing and flashing systems, hollow metal doors and frames. Carpentry work as required. Electrical fixtures and Service systems, Plumbing / Sanitary Sewer and Water service. Mechanical ventilation and HVAC systems.

Site utility work outside the building pad will be generally limited to 10' extensions beyond the building line but proposal shall include the ADA parking pad and ADA access walks into building, site work beyond this limit will be generally provided by the owner. Project shall be subject to Davis Bacon Act wage rates laws.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Rockcastle County Judge Executive, Howell Holbrook, 205 East Main St. Rockcastle County Courthouse, Mt Vernon, Kentucky 40456 ATTENTION JEFF VANHOOK, RCIDA on Friday, February 5th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.

The Bid Proposals shall be opened and read aloud at that same time and place. Bids received after the 2:00 P.M. bid submission deadline will not be accepted. Interested parties are invited to attend. Bids received after this submission deadline will not be accepted, and or will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Proposed Documents may be examined as follows:  
Rockcastle County Judge Executives Office, Rockcastle County Courthouse, Judge Exec Office, 205 East Main Street, Mt Vernon, KY 40456

A General Contract Bidder may also secure copies of the Project Bid Packet Documents from the office of The Rockcastle County Judge Executive, as noted above after 2:00PM Friday January 21, 2021.

General Contract Bidders will be provided (1) Bid Packet containing the documents for consideration of a Design/ Build Proposal.

Packets may be acquired in person or requested via email request and the packet will be forwarded via USPS (U.S. Postal Service). The owner shall not be responsible for the timely or ultimate delivery of the packets requested via mail service.

Timely Delivery of all Proposal information and the Bid Proposal is the sole responsibility of the Bidder.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the project site, “180 Richmond Street, Mt Vernon, KY 40456” on Tuesday January 26th, 2021 at 2:00 PM EST; All interested bidders should acquire bid packets and attend this meeting to review the site and publicly request any clarifications of the Packet Documents. This Pre-Bid will be in the open air and social distancing will be practiced. If a Contractor has a conflict with the January 26, 2021 date or has a Covid-19 concern please notify Jeff VanHook at [jvanhook@rockcastlecountyky.com](mailto:jvanhook@rockcastlecountyky.com) or by phone at (606) 392-3290 for any alternate accommodation request prior to the scheduled meeting time.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bid Proposals. In the form of a Certified Insurance Bid Bond and or Certified Check made out to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Successful bidder shall provide 100% performance and payment bond.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularity and or informalities in the bids and in the bidding processes.