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One of the many who plan to sell produce during the annual Farmer's Market this year set up a stand early this week. The official Farmer's Market opening is Saturday, June 27th in the parking lot below to the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Patrons are asked to observe social distancing. The new Farmer's Market building on Richmond Street is expected to be completed in May of 2021.

## Josh Bray wins close race for Ky. State Rep

Over 33 percent turnout

By: Mike French  
 Editor

In a tight race for 71st District Kentucky State Representative, the unofficial winner at press time is Mount Vernon's Josh Bray.

The primary elections were different this year since the Coronavirus restrictions changed voting methods, but officials read ballot totals to party chairmen and are submitting them to the state for authorization, which was expected by Wednesday.

However, according

to the totals reported at press time, Bray won by only 30 votes. Bray won Rockcastle County by 257 votes and won Garrard County by only 25 votes. However, Bray lost in the small portion of Madison County that is within the district by 252 votes, leaving him the winner by only 30 votes.

Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said the new voting methods "went very well thanks to the wonderful help I had."

According to Allen, a

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## Teams working on 2020/21 school year

By: Mike French  
 Editor

For months, parents, teachers, students, staff, faculty, grandparents and most everyone has been waiting to learn what school will look like when classes resume this fall.

Governor Andy Beshear and the Kentucky Education Department have finally reached an agreement which includes what the governor calls "expectations" and "best practices."

"Expectations," according to Beshear, are requirements that each school district must meet while "best practices," are the government's suggestions and are not required.

The Rockcastle

County School Board had approved three calendars so that they could choose the calendar that best met the state requirements once they were announced.

Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said she and a "Leadership Team" are now going over the expectations presented to each of the 172 Kentucky school districts in an effort to match the Rockcastle County District plan with the requirements and best practices presented by the Governor.

"We are going over the state requirements and recommendations in minute detail until we find the best possible fit between state require-

ments and our students, staff and faculty," said Ballinger.

The Governor's requirements include everyone inside a school building wearing a cloth mask most of the time. The only exceptions will be anyone with an underlying condition that prevents the use of a mask, and students who are sitting at their desk at least six feet away from anyone. However, students

must put a mask on when they get up citing the new slogan, "If you move, you mask." The mask may only be removed by students while they are sitting alone and six feet from anyone.

Another requirement by the state will be that schools must screen anyone who enters the school building and students getting on a bus must either be screened or a parent must tell the driver their

child does not have a fever. Masks must always be worn on a bus.

There are also many pages of details concerning sanitation of buses, classrooms, lunchrooms, hallways and every other area of each building and a section of guidelines addressing contact tracing if and when anyone at any school tests positive for COVID-19. In fact,

(See "School" on A5)

## Clean tasting water still expected this year

Final approval may be near

By: Mike French  
 Editor

The City of Mount Vernon has fought the problem of bad taste and odor in the water system for many years. There have been many attempts to correct the issue but nothing has worked completely.

The cause of the problem was discovered two years ago when engineers studied the issue and found an algae that blooms during the spring and summer seasons and officials say a cure for the problem is finally getting closer.

But, alas, the federal government is involved now. "The amount of red tape involved with the federal government and this project is unbelievable," said Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray. "It is crazy how much red tape we have to battle and until we get this final approval, we can't do a thing."

Once engineers found the algae and worked out a way to defeat the problem, Bray started the process of obtaining grants to pay for the project.

By the beginning of

this year, three grants were obtained and Bray says the money is ready. "The money is there and we are ready to go. We have the problem solved and funded. All we have to do now is get this final approval from the Environmental Protection Agency."

The three grants include \$750,000 from the Army Corps of Engi-

neers, \$250,000 from State Flood Control grants and \$165,000 from a federal ARC Grant. "The project is 100 percent funded and when that final approval is released, we will begin the process immediately," Bray said.

The project includes a large water basin and the

(See "Water" on A5)

## Local projects still underway

By: Mike French  
 Editor

Local officials agree that economic development in Rockcastle County was well underway before the Coronavirus restrictions were established. But while some counties and cities were stalled until such restrictions were lifted, local officials stayed "on top of things," according to Jeff VanHook, Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority.

"We couldn't really hold face to face meetings with companies or developers," said VanHook. "But we stayed on the phones and used technology to keep things going the best we could."

One of the anticipated projects is the new Farmer's Market to be located on Richmond

Street. The multi-use facility will provide year-round service instead of only seasonal sales by local farmers, VanHook said. "The facility can be utilized for many different purposes and will provide the space for a farmer's market year round," he said.

The project was held up some by the Historical Society but VanHook, along with others involved in the project, didn't let that red tape slow them down. "Knowing we wouldn't have a problem getting approved, we went ahead and let the project out for bid," he said. "That way, when the approval came, we were ready to move ahead."

Apparently the plan worked perfectly. "In my last conversation with the Historical Society it looks

(See "Project" on A5)

## Candidates file for local offices

General Election is Nov. 3

By: Mike French  
 Editor

With the primary election over, candidates across the state are preparing for the November 3 General Election.

Candidates wishing to run for non-partisan offices in the November election had to file by June 2 in order to be on the ballot. But a candidate wishing to be a write-in candidate has until October 23 to file.

In Mount Vernon, candidates who have filed for

Mount Vernon City Council are the six incumbent council members. Wayne Bullock, Jackie Weaver, Shelly Raines Lewis, Clifford Mullins, Sharon Saylor and Jamie Bryant have all filed for reelection.

In Brodhead, the City Commission race has some new names vying for a seat. Those who have filed for the office of City Commissioner in Brodhead are incumbents John Burton, Dallas Todd,

(See "School" on A5)

## Food Pantry open

The Grateful Bread Food Pantry hours are now Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Call 606-256-3035 for details

## One new case

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there was one new case of the Coronavirus reported in Rockcastle County on Friday morning, June 26th. The total confirmed cases in Rockcastle now stands at 21. All have either recovered or are recovering at home.

## Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market began Saturday, June 27th in the parking lot below the Rockcastle County courthouse. There will be curbside pickup available this year. Contact the Farmer's Market Facebook page for the service.

There are no plans currently for the Farmer's Market to be at any other location in the county.

The new building for the Rockcastle County Farmer's Market is expected to be complete by May of 2021.

## Office closed

The Mount Vernon Signal office will be closed until Monday, July 6th.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

We had an exciting event in our family this week -- an event which, officially, welcomed into our family Marcos Patrick Nieto Benge.

Now, mind you, Marcos has been an "official" member of this family ever since he began making his home with daughter, Paige and her husband, Spencer in January of 2013 at the age of seven. But, Thursday's event, made it "official" as far as the government is concerned and we all know you have to keep the government happy.

Our family is no stranger to the adoption process and the joy that it brings so this was just a reinforcement of how special these children are and how lucky we are to get the chance to raise them as our own.

I'm not going to get on my usual tirade of the present state of our country since I'm tired of trying to solve the problems of our world and having no luck whatsoever.

However, I do want to say one thing, if the voters of this country, after seeing how confused and inarticulate the presumed Democrat nominee for President Joe Biden appears to be, just about every time he speaks in public, actually prefer him to reelecting President Trump, as national polls purport to show, then Lord help us.

I, personally, do not believe these polls and as justification for this belief all you have to do is look back on the polls of 2016 which showed

Democrat nominee Hillary Clinton a lock to win the office of President over DJT and we all know how that turned out.

Of course, it set in motion the actions of the House of Representatives and other government entities who have accomplished absolutely nothing on behalf of the American people for 3 1/2 years, instead spending their time trying to come up with ways to effect a coup against our President.

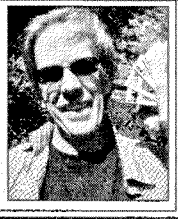
And, one more thing, of those things I told you earlier I wasn't going to get into, Bill and Melinda Gates have announced that their COVID 19 vaccine will be prioritized for healthcare workers and, of those healthcare workers, black workers will be given the vaccine first.

Besides being a terribly, to me, racist statement, I can only tell the Gates that they can give my vaccine to whomever they want because I

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I had the rare opportunity to sit and talk with my mother this week. Just talk. No reason and no problems and no plans. Just talk.

I love to hear how life was in her young years. It was a time that I wish was still here.

I'm sure I would miss modern conveniences if I knew about them. But, they never even thought of such things. They just lived a life where moral values and common courtesy for others was a given fact.

They didn't have government intrusion in their daily lives telling them what they are allowed to think and what they are supposed to feel. No one looked over their shoulders and counted how many people of each race worked on the farm. They just got the work done.

People respected each other and were good to each other. They didn't

worry about terrorist groups like Black Lives Matter burning down cities and beating white people up in the streets.

In those days the way you avoided being shot by police during a no-knock warrant, and avoided being killed while resisting arrest was, you didn't get involved with narcotics and you didn't resist arrest.

The method they used to avoid yelling "I can't breathe," was, they didn't break the law and fight with cops. But I digress.

Mom told me stories about Christmas and other holidays. How the children (a bunch of them) would make a week-long celebration out of Christmas.

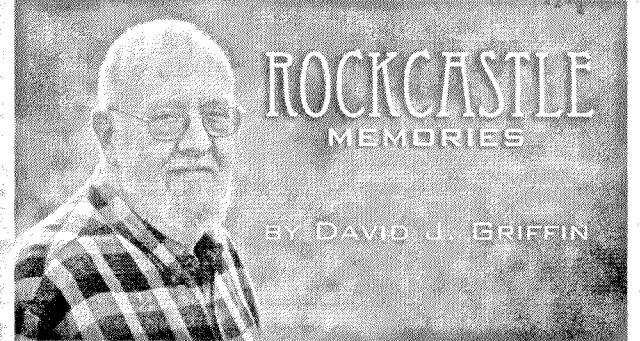
About a week before Christmas, the kids waited to hear the order, "Run up to the barn and get the ham girls." Once that order was spoken, the celebration started.

The country hams would be cooked and something was on the stove every hour of the day for the rest of the week.

The brothers kept squirrel and rabbit meat plentiful and the father had a garden that would feed an army.

She told me of a year that the tobacco crop sold cheap. They were so wor-

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### Leather Britches

Last week, I was reading an article about Appalachian recipes and noticed that one dish was about how to prepare "leather britches." These dried green beans were known as shuck beans in my family.

Shuck beans have been a family tradition for as long as I can remember. Anytime I eat this wonderful mountain dish, I am reminded of my mother (Bee) and my grandmother (Mommie Katie) sitting on our front porch stringing and breaking white, half-runner beans to dry. The amount of beans that they prepared was astonishing!

I can still picture the wooden, bushel baskets of green beans next to these two hard-working women as they dropped the strings and caps into their aprons to be dumped into the garden. The broken beans were placed on two large panels of window screens. The beans were placed between these screens which were carefully positioned on top of the smokehouse for the drying process. At night the beans were transferred into the attic so that they would not absorb the night dew. The

next morning, they put the beans back out to continue the drying process. It took several days to dry enough beans to serve our family.

My grandfather (Pop) made sure that he had planted enough half-runners to supply us not only through the summer months, but to have a plentiful supply for the women to dry. I cannot imagine sitting down to a "special" meal without having good old shuck beans. My family simply thought they were the centerpiece of a country meal. Everything else was optional, but not the shucks.

At times, some of the neighborhood ladies would help Bee and Mommie Katie with their production of this delicacy. As a young boy, I listened carefully as these women spun their tales while breaking the beans that I knew would soon be on our Sunday table.

Mrs. Charity Barnes lived next door to our small farm, and she visited Mommie Katie often and helped with the beans. I can still see her coming down the road with her bonnet on her head and her apron tied

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



If we thought that harvesting, selling and preserving nearly 2 acres of strawberries was some sort of practical joke related to the start of "school vacation," imagine how we felt about taking a break from picking berries to spend the

afternoon hoeing vegetables until dark.

"Go hoe the sweet corn, while you rest," or "run out there and stake 25 mater plants while you ain't doing nothing else, and make sure you tie them up right." If you cut their circulation off they'll strangle.

In other words, any reprieve from picking strawberries, throughout the month of June, was touted as a fun thing to do and, in fact, anything gardening related was far more pleasant than picking berries, as far as I was concerned.

Of course the strawberries were essentially gone by the end of June but no sooner had we stopped canning strawberries than it was time to start canning everything else the garden produced. That meant that whatever kraut, pickles, canned apples, tomatoes,

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### FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from July 6 through July 20, 2020. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll, **PLEASE CALL 606-256-4194 TO DISCUSS YOUR ASSESSMENT OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

This is the January 1, 2020 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2020 will be due in the Fall of 2020.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator. Unless otherwise determined by the property valuation administrator, inspections will be conducted remotely. If in-person inspections are available, the tax roll may inspected between the hours of **8:30 am and 3:30 pm by appointment only to ensure social distancing.**

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, all conferences will be held via videoconference, where available, email, telephone or fax. Documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required; however, you will receive specific instructions on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office about your intention to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

Your appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He or she must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

**“ramblings”**

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would no more take a vaccine that they have had anything to do with then I would drink sewer water for my health.

I have never taken a flu shot because (1) I have never had the flu in all my advanced years and (2) I have a deep aversion to any needle and only allow their use on me when I feel like it is a matter of life and death.

Man, aren't you glad that I decided to forego any political statements this week?

**“Aces”**

(Cont. from A2)

ried that the patriarch would not be able to afford to go to the train station and get the annual fireworks he always ordered from Tennessee.

They fretted for a month that Christmas would be small. But alas, somehow, grandpa came up with the money. Mom

says they never knew how but he was at the train station when the fireworks arrived and the presents were hidden in the house.

Mom said they were not allowed to touch a gift until Jesus's birthday so they went to bed with shoes on so that they could get up at midnight and rush to the tree without having to put shoes on.

Times were so hard in those days but they didn't know that. They were happy and playful and enjoyed every moment of life.

They all worked hard and they reaped the rewards for their work. They were not forced to give it to those who wouldn't work like we are today. When they gave to a charity, it was their choice to do so. About to digress again.

Their radio was the center of life and they would gather around it when the brothers would go to Renfro Valley. Mom said they would try

so hard to hear their brothers clapping between songs over their stand-up radio.

What a time it must have been. Pure, honest, free, independence.

I hope we never forget where we have been as a nation. I hope we don't forget our history and I hope someday we realize how far we have drifted from what our forefathers planned. Now days, people with darker skin get a virus vaccine before my family because my skin isn't dark enough in order for Beshear to get more votes.

Talk to those who remember American life when it was still a free country. When government didn't have the authority of a dictator.

Maybe we can get back to those days somehow.

It may take some major, national event that forces us back into a life of hard work and moral values and ethics and common sense.

Then again, I'm game. Bring it on.

In my opinion, the older America is the better America -- in every way.

**“Memories”**

(Cont. from A2)

on, making her way to our house to be of assistance.

When the drying process was finally complete, Mommie Katie stored the dried beans in glass gallon jars with screw-on lids, which were kept in a dark closet in an upstairs bedroom.

When Mommie decided it was time for some shucks, she went upstairs and fetched just enough for a large meal. She then soaked them overnight in salt water inside the refrigerator. She declared that the salt would kill any mites that could be in the beans. After soaking, she cooked the beans with a ham-hock for several hours. The aroma of those beans cooking filled our home, making it nearly irresistible not to sneak a sample bite.

Next weekend I am going to fix a mess of “shucks” for me and my wife. On Friday night, I will take out a double handful of the dried beans and wash them carefully under cold water. Then I will put them in an open container in the refrigerator covered with salt water. On Saturday morning, I will get out my biggest pan and put the beans, along with a ham hock, on the stove, and bring them to a boil. As soon as the pot boils, I will turn back the heat and cover the pot, allowing it to simmer all day. On Saturday night, we

will have shucks, country ham, corn bread, corn pudding, and baked apples.

You can forget fancy dishes for special Griffin meals. Just give me a pone of cornbread, mashed potatoes, and shuck beans cooked with a ham-hock, and I am a happy mountain man. (I gotta quit this thinking about food so often; my mouth is watering, again!)

(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.)

**“Points East”**

(Cont. from A2)

vegetable soup, etc., left over from last year's canning had to be emptied out to make room for this year's bounty.

Mom would order Mason and/or Ball brand canning lids/caps in lots of 24 dozen at a time. We also bought at least a dozen boxes (12 per box) of the ring and cap combination lids and usually didn't need more than that because we religiously saved the fastening rings for reuse every time a jar was opened during cold weather. Depending on the menu, that could be 6 or 8 jars every day. The only time I can recall reusing the caps was during kraut making time. Used caps were prone to warping and refusing to seal once they came out of the canner which meant that well over an hour of labor had gone to waste.

We never bothered trying to seal canned kraut. We simply sliced, diced and chopped the cabbage, stuffed it into jars, added a spoonful of salt and another of vinegar, screwed a lid loosely to the top and set the jars aside, someplace away from our living quarters, to ferment for a couple of weeks. The stink of Kraut can get to be very unappetizing during that fermentation period and makes a terrible mess until it has finished working. Once the fermentation was finished, we washed the jars and lids off with hot water, snugged the lids back on and stored the jars inside our walk-in canning room.

To this very day, Loretta swears that there is no excuse for anybody on Blair Branch being alive today. The way we made and canned kraut should have been enough to kill every one of us. Suffice to say that we've made a lot of kraut on Charlie Brown Road, over the years, and every single jar was properly boiled and sealed, under my wife's watchful eye,

before it graced our table.

Anyway, when caning got into full swing by the end of June, we always had several hundred empty jars stored away and ready for refilling. Mom would take inventory of whatever was still sitting in the pantry and decide what needed to be emptied. If beans still had good color, or maybe blackberries, apple butter or even strawberry jam, those jars would be set aside and eventually brought to the very front of the shelves to be opened whenever it was time to start eating out of

cans again. However, if any kraut, tomatoes, canned apples, cucumber pickles, pickled beets, mixed pickles or even strawberries had survived the past year it was time to start feeding the hogs and chickens. As far as Mom was concerned, the fruits of our labor were not going to waste; they were simply making bacon or putting eggs on the table.

As far as I was concerned those emptied out strawberry jars were finally being eaten by something that deserved them.

**Quarles praises legislators for supporting investigation**

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles praised a bipartisan group of legislators for joining his efforts with Attorney General Daniel Cameron in asking the Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate possible anticompetitive practices in the beef packing sector.

“I am grateful to the bipartisan group of legislators who have joined the Attorney General and me in asking the Department of Justice to keep a watchful eye on suspect price disparities between the price of beef at the farm level and at the grocery store,” Commissioner Quarles said. “It is critical Kentucky's constitutional officers have the support from the General Assembly so we can have a united front on issues facing Kentucky families. I thank Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Paul Hornback and House Agriculture Chairman Richard Heath for their leadership.”

“Kentucky's cattle producers deserve answers about why they are continuing to make less, even as the price of beef increases,” said Attorney General Cameron. “I'm appreciative of the members of the General Assembly, Chairman Hornback, and Chairman Heath for forming this bipartisan coalition and joining Commissioner Quarles and me in asking the Department of Justice to investigate potential market manipulation on

behalf of Kentuckians.” The letter, issued by a group of Kentucky House and Senate Republicans and Democrats, reiterated the need for confidence in the beef cattle market.

“We have heard from our constituents across the Commonwealth about the wide disparity between the price of cattle and the price of processed beef,” the legislators wrote. “Some of us are cattlemen ourselves and have personally witnessed this disparity.”

On May 15, Commissioner Quarles and General Cameron sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General William Barr asking the DOJ to look at possible price-fixing in the beef cattle industry. The letter noted that, despite steady consumer demand for beef, the prices paid to Kentucky's cattle producers have declined, suggesting the presence of possible market manipulation and other anticompetitive practices. As a result, Kentuckian consumers are paying more for beef while hardworking Kentucky farmers are making less during the coronavirus pandemic.

According to a report from Axios on May 26, the DOJ began investigating the allegations in late May.

Kentucky is the largest beef cattle state east of the Mississippi River, with more than 38,000 beef cattle farms in the state.

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**Rockcastle Library Has Reopened**

The Rockcastle Library reopened Tuesday, June 9th. Their hours will now be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. **Bookmobile Schedule: Monday, July 6th:** No service. **Tuesday, July 7th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston. **Wednesday, July 8th:** Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

**Health Dept. Holiday Hours**

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd and reopening on Monday, July 6th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

**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 and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

**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.

**DAR Meetings**

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

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

**American Legion Post 71**

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**“Filed”**

(Continued from front) Brian Bullock, and Ricky Kirby, along with newcomers Ted W Rose, Harold Taylor and Jerry W. Adams. In Livingston, only incumbent Leroy Lamb has filed for a seat as City Commissioner. In the race for the Rockcastle County Soil Conservation Supervisor, four candidates have filed. Brenda K. Parsons, James Ballinger, Roy Reynolds and Barry Hurst have filed for the office. However, in the race for one of the three available Rockcastle County School Board seats, only one incumbent has filed for reelection. The election for Divisions 2, 4, and 5 will be held this November.

Current school board members Jeff VanHook and Susan Jordison did not file for reelection.

Though considered an incumbent, since she replaced board member Carrie Ballinger in mid-term, Misty Lakes will be in her first race for a seat on the school board with no opposition unless a write-in candidate files at a later date.

Those filing for a seat on the school board are: Division 2, which is made up of the Brown, West Brodhead and North Brodhead precincts, former school board member and chairman of the board Martin VanZant and Angela Parsons-Woods. In Division 5, which includes East Mount Vernon, Conway, Roundstone and Wildie precincts, the candidates are John Matthew Chaliff and former Rockcastle County Superintendent Larry B. Hammond. In Division 4, which includes the precincts of Climax and Orlando, only Misty Lakes has filed.

**“Water”**

(Continued from front)

influx of chemicals and carbon that will purify the city’s water system before it leaves the plant.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, who says he has attacked the issues since first becoming mayor, and Bray agree that this new system will solve the issue. “This will fix the problem,” said Bryant earlier this year. “Our water is safe to drink but our customers deserve good tasting water and we are going to make it happen.”

Bray says once started, the project will not take as long as many may expect. “I still believe we can complete this project this year,” said Bray. “It should take about six months to complete once we get started.”

Officials held an on-site meeting with engi-

neers and contractors Friday to inspect the property and prepare for construction once the final approval is received.

Local officials now have help in attempting to speed up the process. “Congressman Hal Rogers has started a congressional inquiry to speed up the process and get things moving,” said Bray. “The congressman has been a big help trying to get the project underway.”

Bray, Mayor Bryant and customer are hoping the goal to complete the project is reached. “We are hoping this EPA approval is the last stop before we can begin,” Bray said. “We are staying on top of the issue every day. Everything is ready to go and we will begin immediately after this approval is given.”

**“School”**

(Continued from front)

Beshear made mention of seating charts in classrooms and buses so that contact tracing may be made easier.

During the governor’s conference Wednesday evening, it was announced that the state will remove the 10-day limit on NTI (Non Traditional Instruction) days allowed at each district and that the state will not use average daily attendance this year to establish funding to each district.

Beshear also recommends smaller classroom sizes.

Ballinger said she and the Leadership Team expect to have a detailed plan ready to present to the school board at the next regular meeting on July 14 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

“We are looking at all the criteria and, as of right now, all the options are still on the table,” said Ballinger. “We will nail down the details and present our recommendations to the board in July. Our priority is the safety of every student, staff, faculty and our community.”

**“Project”**

(Continued from front)

as though that approval will come very soon now. We are finally about to clear that hurdle.”

An on-site bidders’ meeting will take place on June 30 and bids are expected by July 9, VanHook said.

Without any unexpected circumstances, VanHook says he expects construction to begin in the first week of August and he believes construction will take between six to nine months to complete, depending upon weather.

“If everything goes as we have planned, we hope to be leasing space in the new facility by May of 2021,” he said.

“This will be a big help to our local farmers and will be such an asset to our county and our city,” said VanHook. “To have year-round local produce sales and other entities using the building for events or other needs, will benefit the entire community.”

Another of the hopes for local growth and development is the sale or lease of the Plastics Building at the Industrial park. The county is currently involved in a lawsuit with the previous occupant of the building but has received permission to move ahead with plans for the building, according to officials.

So, during the pandemic restrictions, VanHook and others never stopped trying to fill the building. In fact, there have been several companies interested in operating from the site but now there are two “very serious” possibilities.

“We never stopped pushing the process ahead,” said VanHook. In fact, now there may be two companies interested in the building at the same time. It would be a home run for our community if we could sell about 30,000 square feet to one company and about 100,000 square feet to the other company,” he said. “We are letting the two companies work together on that idea but that would mean more local jobs for our community.”

In fact, one of the companies would employ about 40 people while the other would employ over 100 people, VanHook said. “We are excited about the possibility. It would be the ideal scenario for us all,” he said.

However, VanHook is quick to point out that these two projects, as well as several others in the area, are possible because of many local officials. “This is not just my work,” he said. “The city and the county, along with RCIDA, the state, the economic development cabinet and local people who are so dedicated to the community all working together to make these things possible. We are blessed to have so many people here willing to work so hard for the community and the region.”

There are also continuing efforts to eventually have a gas pipeline into Rockcastle County. Corey Craig, Chairman of the RCIDA, said a gas line would be “a monumental improvement” in the future growth of the county.

By this time next year, the county and the City of Mount Venron may look different and include as many as 200 additional jobs if the RCIDA, city, county and state plans reach fruition on these and other projects.

**“Elect”**

(Continued from front)

little over 33 percent (4,173) of the 12, 612 registered voters cast their ballot this year in Rockcastle County. “We had a lot of good people working with us to make this possible,” said Allen. “I am very appreciative of the help of every one of them.”

Election totals were read to Party Chairmen and voting officials at the courthouse Tuesday

morning and were sent for state verification expected by Wednesday.

Of the three available voting methods this year, 570 voted on Election Day in person while 1,255 voted in person but before Election Day and 2,348 chose to mail in their ballot.

Totals Tuesday in Rockcastle show Donald J. Trump receiving 3,181 votes in the Republican primary while Joe Biden won the votes for Democratic candidate

with 352.

In the race for Republican United States Senator Mitch McConnell won handily with 2,947 votes and the race for Democratic United States Senator was won by Amy McGrath with 275 in Rockcastle County. However, Charles Booker took 189 votes in Rockcastle in his race against McGrath.

In the Democratic race for United States Senator in Rockcastle,

Harold “Hal” Rogers took 3,211 to Gerardo Serrano’s 259.

In the race for 4th District Constable, Dale Miller received 409 votes to Joseph McClure’s 168.

For Circuit Judge in the 28th judicial district, Mount Vernons Jerry J. Cox won Rockcastle with 2,101 while Daryl Day received 726 votes and Walter McGuire took 576. Teresa Whittaker took 485 votes and A.C. Donahue took 144.

**County budgets are complex documents**

By: Mike French Editor

Unless one knows a lot about accounting, an \$8.3 million county budget can be a complicated document. Many may not be aware of the countless details involved and, due to the many ways money is appropriated, some of the items must be grouped together.

For example, the county budgets \$50,000 under the heading of “Fire Department Program Support,” but that money is used in dozens of different ways throughout the year, according to Howell Holbrook, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive.

The money is made available for potential needs that may arise for any of the departments throughout the fiscal year. “We use some of those funds for repairing equipment for fire fighters and some for other needs that arise,” said Holbrook. “By listing it this way in the budget, all seven fire departments have money available. It doesn’t go to a specific item but is distributed when it is needed.”

However, through the year, receipts are kept for each dollar used Holbrook said.

A budget involving this many funds must also include subjects that most may never consider. For example, the “Pauper Fund” was slightly increased this year to \$1,000.

This fund, Holbrook says, is there in the event a homeless person should pass away and no family can be found. “You can’t just ignore them,” said Holbrook. “It’s not a pleasant subject but it has to be addressed. This is the cost of cremation.”

Also, through the year, there are training conferences or equipment needs that are required by the state or federal government and each such requirement must be paid for, Holbrook said.

The general fund alone lists 195 accounts. Each account lists total dollars spent but may include as much as 40 to 50 different ways that money is spent in each account.

Even maintenance in each department for each item owned by the county can be little more than a guess. Officials say a part on a salt truck that breaks may cost \$10 or it may cost \$5,000. “How do you know before it happens?” Holbrook asks. “All we can do is look at past events over the years and average them and hope for the best.”

County Treasurer Joseph Clontz says the 2020/21 budget may

require amendments throughout the year because the full effects of COVID 19 have not been determined. There were four amendments before the budget was even approved.

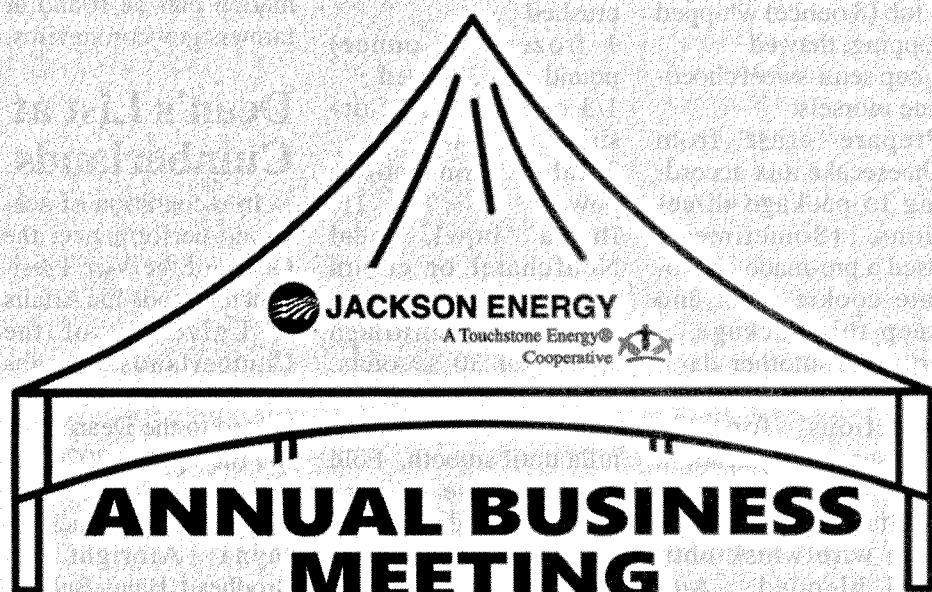
The budget includes every employee and all costs associated with that employee, including health/life insurance, supplies, uniforms, retirement and more.

Each program, including parks and recreation, also have line items within the budget and Holbrook says in some cases previous administrations or magistrates may have voted to support certain programs more or less than others. “Those commitments must be met as well,” he said.

When all is said and done, 42 percent of the budget is used in the general fund, the road fund’s allocation is 23 percent, the jail fund accounts for 18 percent of the budget, the LGEA Fund gets 3.4 percent, Forestry Fund 0.18 percent, 911 Fund 4.86 percent and CSEPP Fund 6.47 percent.

A copy of the detailed budget report is available at the courthouse.

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Jackson Energy Cooperative Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Member Appreciation Events.

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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

*USDA Adds Digital Options for Farmers and Ranchers to Apply for Coronavirus Food Assistance Program*  
Online portal, e-signature tool enable producers to apply from anywhere

USDA's Farm Service Agency will now accept applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) through an online portal, expanding the options available to producers to apply for this program, which helps offset price declines and additional marketing costs because of the coronavirus pandemic. FSA is also leveraging commercial document storage and e-signature solutions to enable producers to work with local service center staff to complete their applications from home.

"We are doing everything we can to serve our customers and make sure agricultural producers impacted by the pandemic can quickly and securely apply for this relief program," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "In addition to working with FSA staff through the phone, email and scheduled in-person appointments, we can now also take applications through the farmers.gov portal, which saves producers and our staff time."

Through the portal, producers with secure USDA login credentials—known as eAuthentication—can certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local

USDA Service Center. Producers who do not have an eAuthentication account can learn more and begin the enrollment process at farmers.gov/sign-in. Currently, the digital application is only available to sole proprietors or single-member business entities.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local service centers when calling to discuss the CFAP application process. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

USDA has several other options for producers to complete and submit their CFAP applications. These include:

1. Downloading the AD-3114 application form from gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

2. Completing the application form using our CFAP Application Generator and Payment Calculator found at gov/cfap. This Excel workbook allows customers to input information specific to

their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, and then signed and submitted to their local USDA Service Center.

Getting Help from FSA

New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap. For existing FSA customers, these documents are likely already on file.

Producers self-certify their records when applying for CFAP, and that documentation is not submitted with the application. However, producers may be asked for their documentation to support the certification of eligible commodities, so they should retain the information used to complete their application.

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/cfap or call 877-508-8364.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors may also be required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

### Dean's List at Cumberland

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester.

Local students include: Jayna Albright of Brodhead, Haley Bullock of Mount Vernon, Zoe Burdette of Mount Vernon, Abigail Fletcher of Mt. Vernon, Amanda Hopkins of Mt. Vernon, Jessica Northern of Mt. Vernon, Lucas Jones of Brodhead, Heather McClure of Mt. Vernon, Deliah Pyles of Mount Vernon, and Bailey Taylor of Brodhead.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

### Four students graduate from University of Cumberland

University of the Cumberland has conferred degrees to the Class of 2020.

Local graduates are:

•Joanie Alexander of Mount Vernon, who received Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership Principal

•Ella Bradley of Mount Vernon, who received Master of Arts in Education degree in School Guidance Counselor

•Hannah Laswell of Mount Vernon, who received their Master of Arts in Education degree in Literacy Specialist P-12

•Virginia Johnson of Mount Vernon, who received their Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary English (8-12)

### Singleton named to Dean's List

Julianna Singleton of Mount Vernon, qualified for the Spring 2020 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 53 percent of Belmont's 6,313 undergraduate students qualified for the Spring 2020 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the spring semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."

University of the Cumberland conferred 1500 degrees this spring to its newest graduates. Graduates hailed from 44 states and several countries, including Latvia, India, Trinidad and Tobago, and Sweden, among others.

In a letter to the graduates, Dr. Larry Cockrum, President of the University, offered his "heartfelt congratulations" to students on their "outstanding achievements." Cockrum gave one piece of advice as well, quoting legendary basketball coach John Wooden, "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming." Cockrum encouraged students to put this idea to work in their lives, coupling the principle with the knowledge they gained during their time at Cumberland.

Commencement ceremonies were unable to be held this year, so the University found other ways to celebrate its graduates. "Grad boxes" were sent to graduates' homes, complete with discount vouchers for the Cumberland bookstore; specially ordered red, white, and blue 2020 tassels for graduation caps; new notebooks; and of course, that important slip of paper, the students' hard-earned degrees.

Dr. Cockrum summarized the University's heart toward the graduates in the closing of his letter, saying, "Please know that wherever your life leads, you will always be a member of the Cumberland family. And, just like family, we wish you all the best."

Congratulations, Class of 2020.

### Spragens graduates from Centre College

Alex Spragens of Brodhead graduated from Centre College with a bachelor of arts degree in studio art during the College's virtual Senior Celebration held on Sunday, May 24. Spragens graduated cum laude, and received The Mildred and David Wood Art Prize, presented to the outstanding senior in art.

Centre held the virtual Senior Celebration to honor the 352 members of the Class of 2020 on the date originally scheduled for Commencement. President John and First Lady Susie Roush recognized the graduating class live on Zoom from the stage of Newlin Hall in Centre's Norton Center for the Arts. The event was not meant to take the place of an in-person Commencement weekend, which will occur in the future when conditions allow.

A graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Spragens's parents are Mark and Sherry Spragens of Brodhead.

### President's List at Cumberland

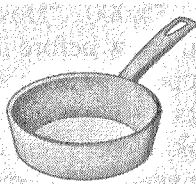
In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberland has announced the students named to the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

Local students include: John Cornelius of Mount Vernon, Kaitlyn Smith of Mount Vernon, and Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage and be in good academic standing.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



**PAOLI CANNOLI PIE**  
I saw a cannoli recipe in a magazine, but I tweaked it some to reflect my tastes. We were living in Paoli, PA at the time—hence the name. Still remains one of our favorites.

1 box Jello No-Bake® cheesecake with crust  
1 cup cold milk  
1 container (15 ounce) ricotta cheese  
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1 tub (8 ounce) whipped topping, thawed  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate morsels  
Prepare crust from cheesecake mix according to package directions. (Sometimes I used a pre-made chocolate cookie crust and keep this package of crust for another day). Disregard the package directions for the cheesecake. Instead, in a medium bowl, beat ricotta cheese and milk with wire whisk until well blended. Add DRY cheesecake mix and lemon peel. Beat with wire whisk for 2 minutes (mixture will be thick). Gently stir in half of the whipped topping and chocolate morsels. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set. Garnish with remaining whipped topping.

**NOTES:** Use chopped pistachio nuts, candied or dried fruit or other nuts instead of the chocolate morsels. My favorite is

the chopped candied cherries and pineapple like they put in fruit-cakes.

### COFFEE TOFFEE CAKE

1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened  
2/3 cup powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon instant espresso coffee powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
8 ounces whipped topping, thawed  
5 bars (1.4 ounces each) English toffee candy, crushed  
1 frozen (16 ounce) pound cake, thawed  
1/3 cup Kahlua, if desired  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder

In a bowl, beat Neufchatel or cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Beat in powdered sugar, espresso powder, and vanilla until smooth. Fold cream cheese mixture into whipped topping. Stir in crushed candy. Remove thawed pound cake from container. Slice pound cake lengthwise into 3 equal slices. Place bottom third onto a large piece of plastic wrap. Brush cake with Kahlua if desired. Spread a third of cream cheese mixture over bottom layer. Repeat with remaining layers, ending with cake. Cover with the plastic wrap. Chill for 5 to 24 hours. Remove plastic and place cake on serving dish. Sprinkle with cocoa powder.

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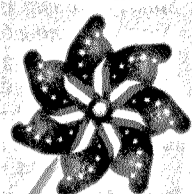
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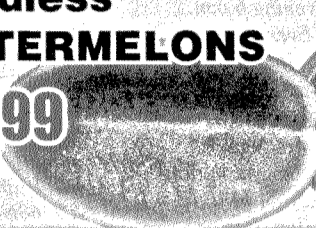
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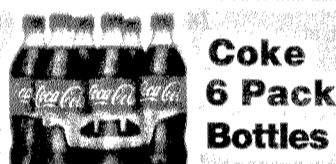
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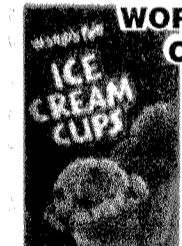


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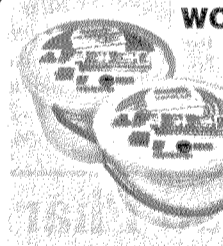
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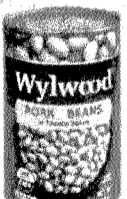
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## RCCHS Academic Team ends season with record-setting results

The past season for the RCCHS Academic Team was one to remember. The team of talented students went from undefeated league play to Districts, to Regions, and to State, all while making school history.

The RCCHS Academic Team began their 2019-2020 season with an impressive performance at the Glasgow Invitational Academic Tournament with winning matches against many Kentucky teams as well as teams from out of state. Coming out of their first tournament, the team started league play in the Lake Cumberland Academic League. Over the course of the season, the Academic Team remained undefeated against such schools as North Laurel, Madison Southern, Berea Community, Model Lab, Garrard County, and every high school in Pulaski County. In the final league tournament, both the varsity and JV teams won their single-elimination tournament with four straight wins and the continuing their thirty-two-game league winning streak which started in October of the 2018-2019 season. Individually, the team had eight students place in written assess-

ment at the tournament which broke the school record set by last year's team.

During the post-season, the team made school history as the first team to win the District KAAC Governor's Cup Championship since 1997. Both the Quick Recall and Future Problem Solving teams won a bid to compete at Region and ten players placed in individual assessment, and won the right to compete at Region. The team went on to finish second overall at Region earning a spot to compete at the Governor's Cup State Finals in Louisville thanks to the leadership of Hayden Robinson who answered the most math questions in a Quick Recall match in school history, and team captain, Kristen Taylor leading the team for Language Arts. The following students placed in an individual assessment and also earned a spot at the State Finals: Elizabeth Mikeworth placed second in Science, Drew Bullock placed fifth in Social Studies, Tarrylton Dunn placed second in Arts and Humanities, Bailey Cromer placed fifth in Composition, and Audrey Childress placed

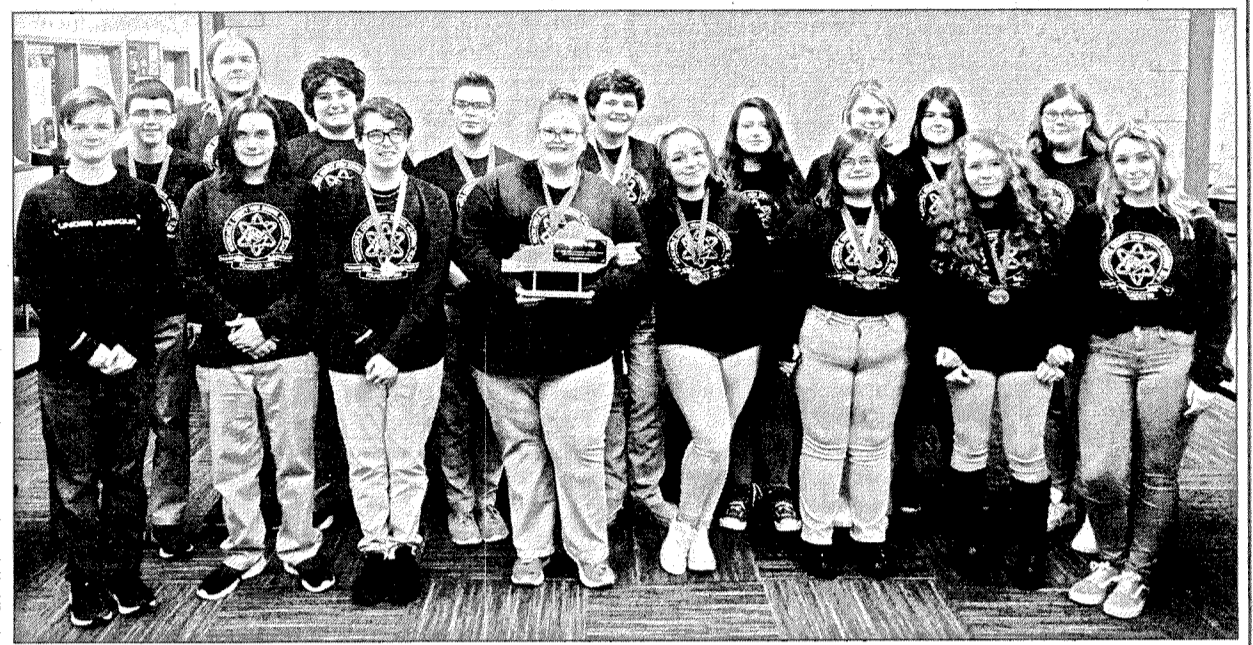
fourth and Kristen Taylor placed first in Language Arts, with the eight-highest in the state.

Due to the circumstances and regulations

related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Governor's Cup State Finals were not able to be held this year for the first time in its thirty-two year

history. After months of preparation it was disappointing that the team would not be able to compete at State, but even without State taking

place, the team broke many school records, cementing its place as one of the highest-achieving teams in RCCHS history.



The RCCHS Academic Team celebrates after winning District Championship. Pictured are front from left: Hunter Zanet, John Asher, Joe Pickle, Kristen Taylor, Alyssa Lunsford, Bailey Cromer and Elizabeth Mikeworth. Back row from left: Carson White, Drew Bullock, Garret Hamilton, Tarrylton Dunn, Hayden Robinson, Jayden Nicely, Audrey Childress, Ellie Robinson and Nora Pulliam.

## Safety tips for fireworks and the ongoing pandemic

With the Fourth of July approaching and communities across the country still battling COVID-19, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) urges everyone to stay safe and take precautions with large gatherings and firework celebrations, but not to hesitate to go to the ER if you have an emergency.

There are more than 9,000 firework-related emergencies annually and more than a third (36 percent) of those involve children under the age of 15. It's no surprise that about two-thirds of firework injuries happen around this time of year, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"Each year, emergency physicians see an influx of people coming into the ER with avoidable fireworks injuries," said William Jaquis, MD, FACEP, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "When it comes to using fireworks to cap off your Independence Celebration, it's best to leave it to the professionals."

If you are using your own fireworks, ACEP encourages you to follow these firework safety tips to limit your risk of serious burn or injury:

- Make sure you buy fireworks, sparklers or other flammable items from reputable, legal sellers.

- Keep a fire extinguisher and large bucket of water or hose nearby.

- Light one at a time and keep everything flammable away from children. This includes sparklers, which can burn hot enough to melt metal and cause serious burns or injuries.

- Never try to re-light or handle fireworks that malfunction or don't go off.

- Do not ignite fireworks in containers, that could create dangerous shrapnel.

- Avoid horseplay with or near fireworks, torches, candles or any flammable items; don't point fireworks at people or launch them toward anyone.

- When lighting a firework do not stand directly over it. Back up immediately after it is lit.

- After use, spray fireworks with water until soaked. Placing dry fireworks in a trash can creates a fire hazard.

The ongoing pandemic adds another layer of concern to this year's celebrations. Given that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) still urges people to social distance with six feet or more between people, it's prudent to choose outdoor activities with small groups rather than indoor gatherings with larger crowds. You may want to rethink typical summer activities like

(Cont. to B4)



Rockcastle Co. Farm Bureau Federation presented Holly Miller with a \$1,000 scholarship check. Holly applied for the Federation's annual scholarship program in early Spring. They wish Holly luck in her educational journey. Congratulations.

## Congressman Rogers announces funding to combat Kentucky's drug abuse crisis

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) applauds the U.S. Department of Justice for investing more than \$2.4 million to help the Kentucky State Police save lives and combat the methamphetamine and opioid abuse epidemic. Nationwide, the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is awarding nearly \$42 million in grant funding through the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP) and Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) program to support state-level law enforcement agencies in combating the illegal manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and prescription opioids.

"The opioid abuse epidemic did not stop as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. In fact, some states are reporting increases in overdose death rates since the pandemic began, so we must be vigilant in our efforts to stop powerful painkillers from infiltrating our streets again," said Congressman Rogers, cofounder of the Congressional Caucus on Prescription Drug Abuse. "We have been making great strides in our joint life-saving efforts in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, thanks to the comprehensive efforts of law enforcement, medical professionals, educa-

tors and other community leaders. This funding will support and improve ongoing efforts to stop illegal drugs from entering our communities."

Drug overdose deaths and opioid-involved deaths continue to increase in the United States. Deaths from drug overdose are up among both men and women, all races, and adults of nearly all ages, with more than three out of five drug overdose deaths involving an opioid. More than 130 people die every day in the United States after overdosing on opioids, while methamphetamine continues to be one of the most commonly misused stimulant drugs in the world and is the drug that most contributes to violent crime.

"The scourge of opioid and methamphetamine use continues to take a devastating toll on our nation's communities," said COPS Office Director Phil Keith. "By providing these resources to law enforcement to help combat the further spread, the COPS Office is demonstrating our commitment to this Administration's priority of reducing drug use and protecting our citizens from this public health and safety crisis."

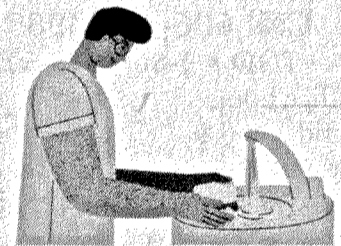
For more information about Congressman Rogers' efforts to address the nation's drug abuse crisis, visit [halrogers.house.gov](http://halrogers.house.gov).

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### DURING USE



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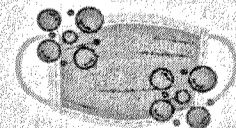


**Do Not Touch Your Mask**  
If you touch your mask, wash your hands.

### AFTER USE



**Remove Mask From Behind**  
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**Wash Your Mask**  
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**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Joseph and Kimberly Ramsey on Copper Creek. No hunting, riding horses or ATVs of any kind. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 20x4

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on property owned by Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Violators will be prosecuted. (11/5)

**Posted:** Absolutely no horseback riding, fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight, Carmen and Dustin Poynter on Hwy 3273 and 461. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 13x10

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

**No Trespassing of any kind,** and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted.

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

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

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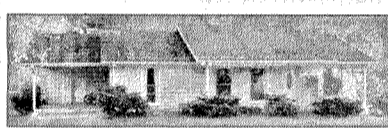
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# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## District Civil Suits

Unifund CCR, LLC v. Garry L. Frith, complaint.

Unifund CCR, LLC v. James Ramey, LLC, \$3,149 plus claimed due.

Citibank vs. Jeanette Robinson, \$1,692 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. vs. Misty Couch, \$2,932 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit vs. Scotty Bullens, \$2,591 plus claimed due. C-00083

## Circuit Civil Suits

Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. v. Steve Frederick, complaint.

Vall Franklin v. Cheryl Franklin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Bonnie Sigmon v. Tim McNally, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. v. Bad Boy Mowers, claim for property damage/negligence.

Great Western Bldg. Systems v. W&A Auto Farm and Diesel Repair LLP, \$10,056 plus claimed due.

Absolute Resolutions v. Norman Smith, \$10,989 claimed due on contract.

VM Properties LLC v. Monique Fletcher, et al, \$3,424 and \$1,257 claimed due.

Janet L. Beck v. Minit

Mart. personal injury complaint. CI-00120

## Deeds Recorded

Joshua D. and Jamie Ann Newton, property in Rockcastle County, to Lisa Breedlove and Doug McGargill. Tax \$105

Brady and donna Montgomery Durham, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy and Sherri Goforth. Tax \$10

Jason Lee Lear, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Douglas Abney. Tax \$11

Robert C. and Leigha Cameron, property on KY 70, to Ronnie Offill. Tax \$15

Patsy and Dawson Edward Mason, property in Rockcastle County to Patsy Kay Thomas and Thomas Emil Sibila III. Tax \$3

Mary A. Ramsey, property on Main St., Mt. Vernon to Service Commander HVAC LLC. Tax \$24.50

Bill and Carolyn McKinney, property in Benton Bullock subdv., to Chris and Amanda Sprinkles. Tax \$7.50

Greg Sutton, property on Tan Yard Road, to George and Nicki Dodson. Tax \$269

Kimberly and Troy Wayne Bradley, property in Rockcastle County, to Shondale R. Philbeck. No tax

Dustin and Janie Barnett and B&M Pipeline, Inc. property in Rockcastle County, to

Matthew Mullins. Tax \$20

Kassandra K. Barnett, property in Bethrum and Lewis addition in Mt. Vernon, to Debra D. Lawrence-Poynter. Tax \$56

Zandell and Connie Hasty, property in Rockcastle County, to Zandell Devin Hasty. No tax

## Marriage Licenses

Joanie Marie Mink, 36 Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Frankie Dail Woodall, 44, Brodhead, self-employed 6/10/20

Martha Alice McKinney, 38, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Curtis Lee Broughton, 29, Lexington, unemployed, 6/10/20

Raychel M. McKinney, 24, Brodhead, graduate student and Codey H. Stewart, 25, Berea, business manager, 6/11/20

Elizabeth Leann Wilson, 47, Mt. Vernon, SourceHOV and Michael Steven Luttrell, 42, Springfield, welder, 6/11/20

Ashley Gayle Foley, 28, Brodhead, student and Jonathan Earl Childress, 28, Brodhead, TTAI, 6/16/20

Sabrina Renee Davis, 21, Richmond, nurse and Levi Franklin Sparks, 23, Orlando, Scribe, 6/17/20

## First RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled to October

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985.

For more information, go email us at [rchsalum.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:rchsalum.assoc@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

nities we serve, enjoying the full benefits their national forests have to offer."

As recreation sites continue to open, the Leave No Trace 7 Principles are more important than ever. Make a plan, be prepared and leave no trace. If a recreation area is full, please consider another location.

"We encourage you to go outside and enjoy the fresh air, but take extra steps to do this safely, Olsen said. "Be extra cautious and avoid high-risk activities that might require health care or rescue."

Although not accepting in-person visits, offices remain open and operational. Visitors are encouraged to contact their local Forest Service office for general information or assistance in obtaining maps and passes.

The Daniel Boone National Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please review current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with local and state guidelines for social distancing and cloth face coverings.

For up-to-date information and the projected opening schedule on the Daniel Boone National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/dbnfl](http://www.fs.usda.gov/dbnfl) or the forest Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/danielboonenfl](http://www.facebook.com/danielboonenfl) or on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/DanielBooneNF](http://www.twitter.com/DanielBooneNF).

# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



**SPAGHETTI SALAD**  
1 box (7 ounce) spaghetti  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 red or yellow sweet pepper, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
2 medium cucumbers, chopped  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 carrot, thinly sliced  
1 small bottle Italian dressing  
Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and cool. Add rest of ingredients and refrigerate.

**CAPRESE PASTA SALAD**  
1 package (16 ounce) mini bow tie pasta  
2 cups grape tomatoes, halved  
7 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cubed  
1 medium sweet yellow pepper, chopped  
1 small red onion, chopped  
1/2 cup pickled banana pepper rings, chopped  
1 can (3.8 ounce) sliced ripe olives, drained  
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced  
Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine pasta, tomatoes, cheese, yellow pepper, onion, pepper rings, olives, and basil.

**DRESSING:**  
1 cup red wine vinegar  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 teaspoon dried basil  
1 cup olive oil  
In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the dressing ingredients; shake well. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

**ITALIAN PASTA SALAD**  
1 pound rotini pasta  
1 cup chopped pepperoni  
1 cup chopped salami  
1/2 cup sliced black olives  
1 cup chopped mozzarella cheese  
1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
1/2 cup chopped red onion  
1 bottle favorite Italian dressing.  
Cook the pasta according to directions on box. Place the cooked pasta in a strainer in the sink and let cool. Stir in rest of salad ingredients. Pour

dressing over salad. Toss gently to coat and serve within 30 minutes.

**CHICKEN REUBEN**  
4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut in half (8 pieces)  
Seasoned salt and pepper to taste  
1 can (16 ounce) sauerkraut, drained, squeezed dry  
1 and 1/4 cups thousand island dressing, divided  
8 slices Swiss cheese  
8 slices rye bread  
Preheat oven to 325°. Pound the chicken breasts to an even thickness with a meat mallet. Placed the breasts in a greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Season with seasoned salt and pepper. Combine sauerkraut and 2 to 3 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Divide the sauerkraut mixture among the chicken breasts. Top with swiss cheese, and then generously spread with the remaining thousand island dressing. Cover the pan with foil. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the chicken is cooked through (juices with run clear when the meat is pierced with a knife). Serve on the bread.

**KENTUCKY HOT BROWN BAKE**  
2 packages (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls  
1 pound package deli sliced turkey breast  
12 slices cooked bacon or ham  
2 cups Italian cheese blend shredded cheese  
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
6 Roma tomatoes, sliced thin  
5 eggs, beaten  
Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 9 x 13 baking pan with parchment paper or aluminum foil, letting some hang over the edges. Unroll one roll of crescent dough. Place in bottom of prepared pan. Press dough to fit pan leaving no hole in dough. Place half the turkey, ba-

con, cheese, and tomatoes over dough. Pour half the eggs over the top. Place remaining turkey, bacon, cheese, and tomatoes over the eggs. Top with remaining package of crescents. Pour remaining eggs over top. Cover pan with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 20 to 25 minutes. Let sit at room temp for 15 to 20 minutes before serving

**HAM AND CHEESE PIE**  
1 can (8 ounce) refrigerated crescent rolls  
1 and 1/2 cup finally chopped ham  
1 package (8 ounce) Monterey Jack cheese, cubed  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
Preheat oven to 325°. Unroll crescent rolls and separate into 8 triangles. Fit 5 triangles into a 9-inch pie plate, pressing edges together to seal. Combine ham, cheeses, onion, and onion. Spoon into pie plate. Cut remaining 3 triangles into thin strips and arrange over mixture. Bake on lower oven rack for 1 hour. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

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Bees will be relocated to a safe place!!!

**July 18, 2020**

**Rockcastle County**

**FREE TRASH**

**DROP-OFF DAY**

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held **Saturday, July 18th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

**This event is open to Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign in at the gate will be required!**

We will be accepting the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

**Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items, however, you may have to unload yourself if we are either shorthanded or getting behind.**

**This is a service to our citizens, if you are able to unload, then you should be willing to do so!**

We will **NOT** accept any tires, liquids, paint, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

**For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902**



**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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