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## Blast in the Valley



By: Mike French  
Editor

Depending upon where one parked, the crowd at the Blast in the Valley was difficult to estimate and most missed a large portion of the fireworks display.

Firefighters, who control traffic at the event, said the Renfro Valley field saw a very small crowd. "This was one of the smallest crowds I have seen in the valley," said Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales. "Visitors were very limited this year but we had no trouble with parking and traffic congestion was down."

However, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he believed visitors simply parked in other places. "Cars were lined up on both sides of the road and all the parking lots were filled with people. I think it was a normal crowd but they parked in different places since there were no inflatables or music events in the Renfro field."

The fireworks display was shorter than expected because one of the racks holding a series of the fireworks fell over, according to Holbrook.

(See "Blast" on A5)

(Top photo) Cheers and applause came from the crowd during the finale at the Blast in the Valley fireworks display Sunday evening. More fireworks were displayed later but most of the crowd missed that display. (Middle Photo) Crowds gathered in parking lots around Renfro Valley to watch the fireworks show. (Bottom photo) The Joenborgs won overall Most Creative during the Red, White and Ride event sponsored by the Brodhead CARES Committee Monday.



## Local men to help in Floyd County officers' funerals

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County's Micah Owens and Konnor Leger will be adding a touch of grace and elegance to the funerals of three slain officers in Floyd County this

week.

An officer involved shooting took the lives of three law enforcement officers and one K-9 and injured four others in Floyd County last Thursday, June 30th.

(See "Floyd" on A5)

## County attorney deals with local family's dispute

By: Mike French  
Editor

"This job brings surprises every day," said County Attorney Jeremy Rowe. "Sometimes you don't know what to expect."

In the latter part of June, one of Rowe's many interesting calls came from Mount Vernon resident Katina Mason who told Rowe she was hiding in the bathroom of her home while talking to him on the phone.

According to the criminal complaint Katina Mason and her ex-husband Noel Keith Mason had been arguing and she feared for her safety. An EPO was apparently in place against Noel Mason and the couple had been divorced for some time.

The complaint, provided by Rowe's office, says Noel had been staying at the home of Katina with permission with his son while Katina was in Colorado. Upon returning from her trip, Katina told Noel he could stay if he promised to stop drinking alcohol.

The complaint tells a story of domestic disputes lasting over many weeks but also says that when Katina later asked Noel to leave, he refused. The complaint says Katina had been informing Rowe of the situation from her bathroom while telling Noel that she was talking to her mother.

In one call, the victim told Rowe that she was being held in the home against her will

Eventually, Rowe convinced Katina to come to his office while Sheriff Shannon Franklin traveled to the home.

The complaint charged Noel with causing physical injury to another person, unlawful restraint and attempting to influ-

### RCIDA postponed

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meeting scheduled for this week has been postponed to Tuesday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

ence the testimony of a witness.

(See "Dispute" on A5)

### I-75 closed Monday

The Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to I-75 Monday which was closed for nearly two hours after a single vehicle accident occurred near the 55 mile marker on the northbound side of the highway. Some traffic was routed through Livingston, causing delays on US-25.

According to first responders, a helicopter landing zone was created in the roadway and one injured driver was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Assisting was the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, EMS, MVPD and the KSP.

### Relay for Life

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

### Blood drive

There will be a blood drive at the First Baptist Church gym in Mount Vernon at 340 West Main Street on Tuesday, July 12 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Donors will receive a "Giving is Good" t-shirt. Appointments are preferred and may be made by calling 800-775-2522 but walk-ins are accepted.

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



A kind of neat thing happened this week. I never have given blood. I had sort of a personal religious thing and didn't feel right doing it. I never judged anyone else for it and in fact have thought very highly of anyone willing to do so. I have respected and appreciated everyone who gave blood. But if it is still allowed in America to have one's own opinion, I just didn't feel right about it for myself. So, I never did it. And, besides, I hate needles.

But this week, I think I have changed my mind. Wouldn't it be nice if Democrats admitted they were wrong sometimes. Oh wait...they never are...right..

Anyway, My lady has given blood on a regular basis and I have supported her every chance I get. But, I just dropped her off and waited outside. Then she would come out with a cool t-

shirt or a new hat or something.

But this week she got an email from the Kentucky Blood Center. It was informing her that the blood she gave had been used and actually given to someone who needed it locally. Her little bit of giving there had made a clear and present difference in someone's life. She helped fix someone. That was extremely cool.

I knew that is what they do with the blood but to get an actual notice that the very blood God put into your body is now in someone else's body and helped them live longer, seems much closer to home for some reason. We may even see the person out on the street one day. Or it may be someone we meet someday and we will likely never know it.

My mother needed

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### Experiencing the Elvis Experience

Dear Journal,

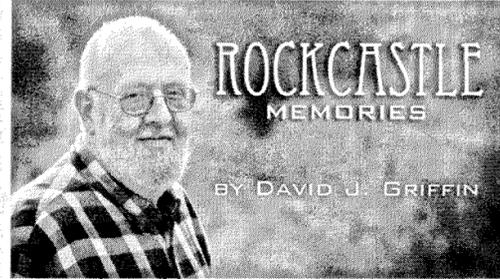
Last night, after so many distractions, Stanley and I finally went to see the new movie about Elvis. We had bought advanced tickets several days ago but we got struck down with Covid. It was Stanley's first case of it and my second, even with two shots and boosters. We were so sick but could have been worse. We got better and then other mishaps happened but we triumphed in the end.

I had been wanting to see the movie since hearing about it last February and counted down the days. I wasn't disappointed except a little here and there. The movie started when Elvis was a boy about thirteen. He was brought up in poverty and in a culture where there was a large Black influence on him. Although segregated, he had more than adequate opportunity to blend with the Black culture especially in music and it greatly influenced his style in the years ahead. I believe the movie exaggerated the gyrations of Elvis back in the 1950's. I've seen old clips from his shows from that era as much as anybody and the movie just overdid it. I know they did it for emphasis because back then to do anything other than just standing there on stage and singing was never heard of much less done.

Elvis was discovered by Col. Tom Parker, an illegal immigrant con man, who took advantage of Elvis as his manager and his family throughout his career and held him back from many advancing opportunities. This was very frustrating to Elvis. He took half of Elvis' earnings and kept getting him in bad movie contracts. It wasn't in the movie, but Col. Parker showed up at Elvis' house about two hours after Elvis died and had his father to sign contracts giving him control over the Elvis Presley Enterprises. Good timing, Col.

Gladys, Elvis' mother, died while he was in the Army in Germany. According to the movie, it was before he left. The movie has a few errors all through it for people who really know their Elvis history. The movie had Gladys portrayed as an uncontrolled alcoholic. Yes, she did drink from time to time but not to the extent the movie portrayed. I've followed all things Elvis for over half if my life and she was known to be an overprotective mother because Elvis' twin brother, Jessie Garon, died at birth. At the exact moment Elvis was born on January 8, 1935, at about 4 AM, a glass medicine bottle unexpectedly shattered in the bedroom where he was born. She was known to be a good and decent woman who attended church regularly and took

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### Wagon Load of Gold

Recently, my wife and I ordered (from Amazon) an eight-pack of Cedar wood chip storage sachets to put in our closets and drawers to make them moth free. As soon as I opened the package, I immediately remembered my childhood days playing cowboys and Indians. The cedar sachets looked exactly like the small, cloth bags that held Bull Durham smoking tobacco.

There was a family who lived across old US25 from my mother's (Bee) home who smoked Bull Durham. Kenneth Hansel and I would frequently visit the Vaughn's home to see if they had some of these tobacco bags that we could use in our Western adventures.

Kenneth and I often pretended to be Johnny Mac Brown (Kenneth) and "Lash" Larue (Me) as we pulled my Radio Flyer little red wagon, complete with wooden slats, around the neighborhood while pretending that it was a horse-drawn wagon. We would fill the Bull Durham bags with sand and make-believe it was gold. Can you imagine spotting two eight-year-old boys pulling a wagon filled with small bags of "gold" up old US 25 while riding their stick horses?

We even had a spot in the woods above Bee's

house where we pretended to camp with our horses and wagon filled with bags of gold. One afternoon, we decided to get a box, dig a hole, and bury our treasure. One can only imagine someone digging up that box today, only to find it filled with small, white bags of sand.

Kenneth and I loved our stick horses so much that we kept them for months before we eventually got a "new" horse out of Mr. Jim Winstead's barn. My grandfather (Pop) even put a bridle on one of my favorite wooden horses.

Now that I am a senior-citizen, I often look back on my childhood and reflect on our imaginations. We would watch cowboy programs on our black-and-white televisions and then go to the woods to act out scenes from our favorite programs.

The days of make-believe are beneficial and healthy for growing children, as well as being memorable and fun. Those days will always be special to me.

You can reach me at [themrman1962@gmail.com](mailto:themrman1962@gmail.com) or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

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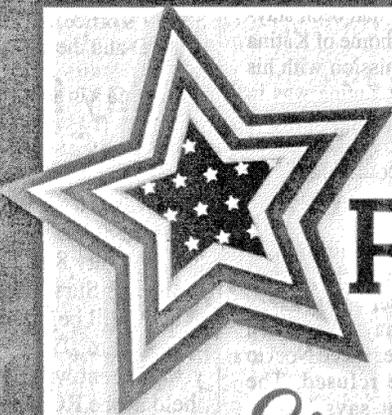
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OpEd

# The problem of guns

Submitted by  
Nancy Mullins

I don't believe the founding fathers, who included the right for America's citizenry to "bear arms", could have possibly imagined what those words would lead to in the 21st Century. The "right to bear arms" for those early leaders trying to carve out a new nation independent from a colonizing nation, meant standing your ground, if necessary, against a nation bent on instituting its rules and regulations without representation. It meant being able to carry arms for protection against attack from wild beast or wild man. It meant being ready at all times, especially in isolated areas, to kill food for the family. It meant survival in a new world as yet without many laws or police protection.

Yet as late as the 1950s, shotguns were limited to three shells. The earliest rapid-fire guns came along after the Civil War. The six-shooter, used mostly in the early days in the lawless west, and the rifle (of The Rifleman of TV) required the shooter to cock the gun each time before firing. After Prohibition, illegal Tommy guns and sawed-off

shotguns became available and popular with criminals. After WWI and WWII, army surplus stores became popular by selling the left-over weaponry and other military supplies. Slowly gun manufacturers began filling the demand for more sophisticated merchandise, including assault weaponry. As a nation, our fascination with the best, the newest, the most powerful weapons began our descent into a self-destructive slippery slope, and there seems no way out. I laugh inside when I hear people say, "The government is trying to take our guns away." Both they and I know that has never ever been proposed, never ever been discussed, never ever been on anyone's mind. But that is a scare word, an emotional response, a negative response to rationally looking at a serious, self-destructive, National problem we all know we face. The politicians in Washington know we face it, and we all know they know it!

In 1871, the National Rifle Association was organized for the purpose of promoting gun safety and training. The intentions were good, but like with many

other good intentions, time changes the outcomes. With the onslaught and proliferation of guns in the U.S., the NRA gradually took on a very different role, that of protecting, at any cost, the total freedom of gun owners and citing the 2nd Amendment, written in the 1700s as a reason to make ANYONE (teenagers included) free to own assault weapons in the 21st Century.

There is no rational basis for untrained civilians being in possession of assault weapons, guns of mass destruction designed for use on the battlefield.

With high-capacity bullet clips and rapid fire mechanisms, these devices are intended for one purpose, and one purpose only, and that is to kill or maim as large a number of human targets as possible in as quickly as possible.

Below is a timeline show-

## Aces

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blood once, before she died, and there was nothing I enjoyed more than kidding her and giving her a hard time. So at the hospital, I explained to her that they had taken Obama's blood and sent it to every state in the nation recently as a promotion. Of course I made that up just to worry her. I told her they put Obama's blood in her.

Well, mom was a Christian woman but if there was hate in her anywhere, it was for that man. I thought for a while there that she was going to slit her wrist just to get the blood back out. She was old and she honestly thought she would begin to think like a Democrat. Like me, she would rather have died.

She told me that I should feed her too many pills and end her life if I heard her suggest anything as ignorant as "there is just no reason for anyone to have an AR-15." She was NOT an Obama fan. Yes, I told her I was joking...eventually.

When Dora got that email it made me appreciate on a different level what she had done. Knowing there is a person walking around happy and smiling and living life partly because she gave blood seemed to bring it much closer to home. Whomever has her blood is walking around right outside somewhere. He or she will do stuff today. They may even help another person. I'm glad they weren't murdered in the womb.

Dear Kentucky Blood Center, that email was a great idea. I will show up at your next local drive.

I always knew the blood was used in that way but it is somehow different when I see the actual results in a letter. For example, I know the government is going to take

ing the realization of lawmakers of the need to address the danger of certain types of guns to the public and regulate the safe and responsible transfer of weapons.

1927 - Congress passed a law banning the mailing of concealed weapons.

1934 - Congress passed the National Firearms Act of 1934 regulating the manufacture, sale, and possession of fully automatic firearms like sub-machine guns.

1938 - Congress passed the Federal Firearms Act of 1938 requiring persons selling guns to obtain a license and maintain records of the names and addresses of persons to whom firearms were sold. Gun sales to persons convicted of violent felonies were prohibited.

1968 - Gun Control Act of 1968 enacted for the purpose of "keeping firearms

out of the hands of those not legally entitled to possess them because of age, criminal background, or incompetence. It regulated imported guns, expanded the gun dealer licensing and record keeping requirements and placed specific limitations on the sale of handguns. The list of persons banned from buying guns was expanded to include persons convicted of any non-business related felony, persons found to be mentally incompetent and users of illegal drugs.

1972 - The federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was created listing as part of its mission to control the illegal use and sale of firearms and the enforcement of Federal firearms laws.

1976 - The District of Columbia enacted an anti-handgun law which also requires registration of all rifles and shotguns within the District of Columbia.

1986 - The Armed Career Criminal Act increased penalties for possession of firearms by persons not qualified to own them under the Gun Control Act of 1968.

1986 - The Firearms Owners Protection Act relaxed some restrictions on gun and ammunition sales and established mandatory penalties for use of firearms during the commission of a crime.

1986 - The Law Enforcement Officers Protection Act bans possession of "cop

killer" bullets capable of penetrating bulletproof clothing.

1988 - The Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 made it illegal to manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer or receive any firearm that is not detectable by walk-through metal detectors. The law prohibited guns from not containing enough metal to trigger security screening machines found in airports, Courthouse's, and other secure areas accessible to the public.

1989 - California banned the possession of semiautomatic assault weapons following the massacre of 5 children on a Stockholm school playground.

1990 - The Crime Control Act of 1990 banned the manufacture and importing of semiautomatic assault weapons in the United States. "Gun-free school zones" were established carrying specific penalties for violation.

1994 - The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act imposed a five-day waiting period on the purchase of a handgun and requires that local law enforcement agencies conduct background checks on purchasers of handguns.

1994 - The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 prohibited the sale, manufacture, importation, or possession of several specific

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## T.J.s

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her son to the local Assembly of God Church teaching him about God and respect for others. Elvis would be deeply hurt over seeing his beloved mother portrayed in such a manner. They were extremely close.

Toward the end of the movie it showed how Elvis had through the years gotten himself, quite unintentionally, hooked on drugs. His wife, Priscilla, left him because he had let his life get into such a condition. The movie that she and Elvis' daughter approved of and applauded left out her lusty affair with Mike Stone behind Elvis' back. Several of his close friends and family had tried to get him into rehab without any success. Elvis was actually a religious man and often talked with others about the Bible and could quote numerous scriptures by heart. He had a statue about four feet tall of Jesus in his bedroom. TV evangelist, Rex Humbard, was a regular visitor at Elvis' home, Graceland.

Finally, as we all know, Elvis succumbed to years of drug abuse. The movie alluded to that being because of years of frustration in his career, Col. Tom suggesting that Elvis was to blame for his mother's death, loss of

his wife and daughter, so I say, and forced to live in a world isolated from society because his fans literally loved him to death. I think the only one that could have saved him was his mother, if she could. Elvis died about two to three PM in his bathroom at home on August 16, 1977. His last words were, "I won't", in response to his girlfriend, Ginger Alden, asking him not to fall asleep in the bathroom. She found him dead a few hours later after she went to sleep and upon awakening, missed him. His funeral was held at his home with numerous Hollywood stars in attendance. When his casket was taken from the house to the hearse, suddenly a huge branch snapped making a loud pop and fell to the ground for no reason there in the yard.

Austin Butler played Elvis. He didn't sound anything like Elvis most of the time. The older Elvis, when singing, was a voice-over, so they admit. He nailed the moves, though. If you want to see and hear someone who looks and sounds like Elvis naturally, go to YouTube and look up Bob Joyce.... it is SCARY. Tom Hanks played Col. Tom Parker and did a great job. It took five hours to get him in costume and make up. I plan to buy this movie.

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

Kiwanis Club meeting  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

Celebrate Sobriety Service  
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings  
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA  
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.  
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.  
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.  
Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.  
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.  
Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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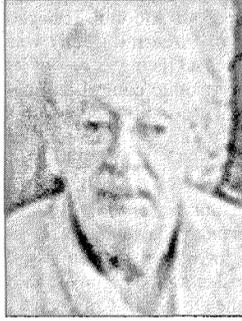
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# Obituaries

## Richard Lee Tallant

Richard Lee Tallant, 85, of Sterling Heights, MI, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 26, 2022 at his home. He was born May 20, 1937 in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Millard James and Lillie Clarice Sams Tallant. He was a retired truck driver.



Survivors are: one son, Richard Tallant II, and Lisa of Phoenix, AZ; three daughters, Penny Bowman and Thomas of Sterling Heights, MI, Peggy Tallant of Berea, and Mary Goodman and Russell of Richmond; one sister, Laura Frederick of Paint Lick; 10 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and three great great great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Millard, Roy, and Wayne Tallant.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Joe O'Mara officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Thomas Bowman, Thomas Bowman III, Russell Goodman, Zackery Goodman, Richard Tallant II and Thomas Dees. Honorary: Ferrel Meade.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com).

## Kenneth Hopkins

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Linda Neal

Linda Lou Neal, 68, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, June 23, 2022 at her home. She was born in Stanford on May 29, 1954, the daughter of Matt, Jr. and Ruby McFerron Powell. She had been an administrative employee at a collection agency and was a member of Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church.



She is survived by: her daughter, Jamie Bradley and Josh Davis of Mt. Vernon; her mother, Ruby Powell of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Melvin Powell and wife Jody of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Caleb Bradley, Jasper Davis, Ashland Davis, and Tyler Neal; and step-grandchildren, Mitchell Davis and Hunter Davis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rick Neal and her father, Matt Powell, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

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

## Ricky Lee Evans

Ricky Lee Evans, 58, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, June 27, 2022, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington. He was born October 4, 1963, in Indianapolis, IN, a son of the late James Harold and Carolyn Sue (Whitaker) Evans. He was of the Church of Christ faith, and enjoyed listening to music and playing guitar, woodworking, and spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Cathy Hodge, of Mt. Vernon; children, Jessica Hodge and Lloyd Prewitt of Mt. Vernon, Tracey VanHook and Steve of Somerset, and Charles Acree and Lora of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Stormy Jones, River Prewitt, and Hunter VanHook; cousin, Kristie Rountree of Brodhead; aunts and uncles, Louise Weather and David of Brodhead, Gary Whitaker and Louetta of Nicholasville, and Larry Whitaker and Mary of Nicholasville; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors. The family would also like to thank their friend, Terry Parsley for all she has done for them.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a cousin, Shannon Vaughn.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, and there are no services scheduled at this time.

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

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## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### ROASTED CHICKEN CHIMICHANGAS

2 and 1/2 cups shredded roasted chicken  
1 cup crumbled queso fresco or Monterey Jack cheese  
1/4 chopped green onions  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 small can chopped green chilies, drained  
6 (8-inch) flour tortillas  
Cooking spray  
Salsa  
Preheat oven to 500°. Combine chicken, cheese, onions, garlic and chopped green chilies; toss well. Top each tortilla with 2/3 cup chicken mixture; roll up. Place rolls, seam side down, on a large baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Coat tops with cooking spray. Bake 7 minutes or until browned. Serve with salsa.

### TACO MINI STUFFED PEPPERS

1 and 1/2 pounds ground turkey or beef  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 sweet onion, finely diced  
2 teaspoon cumin  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1 teaspoon coriander  
1 tablespoons chili powder  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 and 1/2 pounds mini bell sweet peppers  
1 and 1/2 cups shredded Mexican cheese  
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

Preheat oven to 350°. Slice the peppers in half (stems will remain on) and remove seeds. In a 10-inch skillet, heat olive oil on medium-high heat. Add the diced onion and sauté for 4 to 5 minutes. Add the ground meat and cook for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until meat is brown; drain any liquid. Stir in the spices. Cook over medium heat for 3 minutes. On a baking sheet, line the sweet peppers. Fill each pepper with meat mixture, place on a baking sheet. Bake 13 to 15 minutes. Remove peppers from oven, and top with cheese. Place back in oven until cheese melts.

### FRESH TOMATO SALSA

1 sweet onion, chopped  
Juice of 1 lemon  
Cilantro - if desired  
1 small can black olives, sliced, optional  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1 jalapeño, minced OR 1 banana pepper  
2 large tomatoes or 1 pint cherry tomatoes, chopped  
Salt  
Mix all together. I have also added chopped cucumber and green pepper. As usual, home grown tomatoes are the best for this. If using pickled banana peppers, I add some of the pickling juice to the salsa.

### Be Ye Transformed

1. The Christian life is a changed life. In writing to the church at Thessalonica, Paul said, (1Thess.1:9) For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. They had been converted by the power of God's word and were living transformed lives.

2. Peter speaks of some Christians who had made some drastic changes. (1Pet.4:3,4) For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries, where in they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you. Christians must be transformed from corrupt passions and unlawful desires, dancing and all other acts of revelry, winebibbing's, and beer-guzzling's, and all other forms of sinful pleasure.

3. The Christians at Rome had been transformed from the servants of sin to servants of righteousness. (Rom. 6:17,18) But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

4. Paul in the third chapter of Colossians states several things Christians are to do in completing this change from the world to Christ.

1. (Col. 3:1) If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. (Col. 3:2) Set your affection on the things above, not on the things on the earth.

3. (Col. 3:9,10) Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds. And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

4. (Col. 3:5) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

5. (Col. 3:12,13) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

To be a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people; these are the graces we must put on to be like Christ.

5. This transformation is accomplished by the renewing of the mind. (Rom. 12:2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and perfect will of God. Studying God's word every day will change our minds for the better; it will help us demonstrate God's word by the life we are living.

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# Help MVFD and you can win big prizes

By: Mike French  
Editor

All local fire departments are currently searching for new recruits interested in becoming volunteers. According to local chiefs, the job is very rewarding and all training and equipment is provided by the department.

Anyone interested in becoming a firefighter and helping to protect their fellow citizens and the community, is encouraged to contact their local department.

Local fire departments also need funds to operate and keep their equipment up to date and work-

ing properly. Several fund raisers are held for each fire department in the county yearly. In Brodhead the monthly fish fry and the Little World's Fair are two important sources of income for the department.

In Mount Vernon there are also a few events throughout the year but the local department is now making it possible for your donation to pay-off in other ways beside peace of mind and safety.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department is now selling tickets that will provide some with prizes for their donation.

Anyone may purchase

tickets for to be eligible for the prizes for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Then, during the Bittersweet Festival on Saturday, October 1, the drawing will be held.

The first place winner will receive a Blackstone 28-inch Griddle with an Air Fryer. But that's not all. The second place winner will receive a Tarus G3C 9 semi-automatic

pistol and the third place winner will receive a Case knife from John's Wholesale. You do not have to be present to win.

Winners must be 21 years of age or older for

the gun and must have the gun transferred into their name.

Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket should ask any MVFD firefighter.

## 7eventh Time Down reaches Gold status

By: Mike French  
Editor

An extraordinary number of musicians hail from Rockcastle County. Several, local residents have used their talents to grow in the music field and several make their living with music.

Among them are three talented local residents named Cliff Williams, Mikie Howard and Austin Miller, all natives of Mount Vernon. The three young men spent their early teens playing music together and perfecting their craft and eventually forming a band called 7eventh Time Down.

Since the three young men were strong Christians, they performed Christian Rock music and named the band after something they had read in the Bible.

Soon the three young teens began getting noticed and began playing bigger and bigger venues until they were eventually signed by a record label.

The group had several hits on the national charts and were becoming a more common name in the Christian Rock genre. Not long ago Williams and Howard, with the assistance of Ian Kelin and Tony Woods, wrote a song entitled *God is on the Move*. This turned out to be the band's greatest hit.

After 25 years of playing as a band, *God is on*

*the Move* reached music's highest plateau when it became a Gold selling record last month reaching over 500,000 copies sold.

The band, now working with Goamusic and BEC Recordings as well as Tooth and Nail Records, is touring with bookings across the country. Shows scheduled include trips to Ohio, New Jersey, Illinois, Nebraska, Wilmore, Kentucky, and

more where they will have their seven albums for sale.

In fact, all three members consider their job more a ministry than a band and each hopes to continue in the ministry after they have completed their musical career. In fact, they have discussed in music magazines the idea of becoming a minister in their hometown of Mount Vernon eventually.

The next time you see a local musician practicing their craft, you may want to keep in mind that many locals end up in the world wide music arena and get their autograph while you still can.

And if you listen to Christian Rock, when you hear 7eventh Time Down, you will know you are listening to three more Rockcastle County musicians who have made it to the top.

## "Blast"

(Continued from front)

One explosion went toward the crowd, after a rack filled with fireworks fell over. No one was hit and no damage was reported, according to officials. However that entire rack of displays were not fired until about 30 minutes after the crowd had left.

"After the fireworks show, they got that rack set up and had another fireworks show about 30 minutes later," Holbrook said.

A mishap that resulted in several injuries took place at the event several years ago causing new safety measures and operating procedures which may have avoided injuries this year, officials say.

The Blast in the Valley itself did not include food trucks, inflatables, music or activities for those who attended. Most of those who attended began arriving near dusk and were able to leave immediately after the pyrotechnics. However, more fireworks were displayed after visitors had left. "It is my understanding that once they are loaded, you can't return them and they must be shot," said Holbrook.

The second part of the fireworks display was enjoyed by those who had camped for the night, Holbrook said.

Some local residents hosted events in the Renfro Valley area that did include food trucks, live music and other activities which is being credited for bringing more visitors than expected to the valley this year.

"I think things went very well," said Holbrook. "We camped in the valley this weekend and the fireworks display was great, as always," he said. "There was a lot going on in the valley and I thought we had a great turnout for everything."

Due to the rising costs to sponsor such an event, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mount Vernon voted to eliminate all Blast in the Valley events except the fireworks display in 2022. Each entity donated \$15,375 (over \$30,500 total) to pay for the fireworks display and related costs but did not sponsor other attractions this year.

Some private citizens not related to the city, the county or Renfro Valley, sponsored events for a fee near the Hall of Fame and the Lair House and reports suggest those events too were a success.

Police say reports indicate visitors were calm and relaxed throughout

the event and no arrests or injuries were reported.

## "Floyd"

(Continued from front)

The incident made national news but, due to the ongoing investigation, the Kentucky State Police are not releasing details of the incident except to say that Lance Stortz, 49, is in custody and charged with the shootings.

Owens, of Leger Farms in Brodhead, received a call soon after the shootings because he has become known throughout the state for his Palomino horses and horse drawn hearse.

"They called me Monday and I am honored to be of help," said Owens. "We are staying in Floyd County since each of the officers will have their funeral on different days," he said.

The horse-drawn hearse lends an air of elegance to the funerals and Owens said he was transporting his two palomino horses Tuesday.

"I am proud to be a part of the last ride these officers will take and I am overjoyed that we can play a small part of honoring these officers," Owens said.

The officers' funerals were Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The other injured officers remain in the hospital. One is listed in critical condition.

The three officers killed were Captain Ralph Frasure, Deputy William Petry and Officer Jacob Chaffins.

Stortz's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 11.

## "Dispute"

(Continued from front)

"This was a stressful situation," said Rowe. "The County Attorney's office usually doesn't get these 911 type calls. I contacted Shannon (Sheriff Franklin) and told him to get on the road to that location."

The county attorney's office deals with domestic disputes every day but typically only after the police have settled the issue. "When someone calls you from their home fearing for their safety, it is very real, Our 911 dispatchers do a wonderful job," said Rowe.

Rowe saw the situation through and Noel Mason was taken into custody last week and is being held on a \$15,000 cash or property bond. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) and Rowe said he is glad he could help the local family.

## School board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

## Citizen asks for clarification in recent fiscal court article

By: Mike French  
Editor

*Editor's note: In a recent article about a fiscal court meeting, Mike Smith and Tom Miller joined several Livingston residents to express their concern about the drug problem and ongoing thefts in Rockcastle County. Others attended the meeting to express their views about law enforcement in the City of Livingston.*

*The meeting included several speakers standing and expressing their views in no certain order. We did not print every word spoken, due to the massive space that would have required. Instead, we tried to include most subjects discussed. Smith visited the Signal office last week asking that we clarify some of the comments and we are happy to do so.*

Mike Smith says he and Tom Miller are not "of Livingston." Smith was born in Livingston but moved to the Orlando area. Smith said a guest at the meeting mentioned seeing drug dealers off of their front porch. "I live in Orlando. I don't see that in Orlando," he said.

Smith asked to clarify that he is tired of "some people being took to jail and then released in 24 hours." He also asked that we include his statement that he does "not hate these people" referring to drug users and those guilty of theft. "I just want them to get rehab when they get out. The ones not willing to get help on their

own. They need help."

Smith also said "Jeremy (Rowe, County Attorney) and the court system has to push to raise the bar for Rockcastle County and keep our streets clean. People are sick and tired of going home and their stuff is gone," he said. Smith also said he feels "the sheriff's department needs more deputies and they should all receive raises." We pointed out that Sheriff Shannon Franklin says he is planning exactly that. Smith's response was "The taxpayers of Rockcastle County deserve 24/7 service."

At the public meeting Smith also pointed out that he feels punishments are more strict in Pulaski County than in Rockcastle County. He said he was disappointed that those comments did not appear in the article. "The bonds are higher in Pulaski County than they are in Rockcastle County for the same offense. There is a lower standard in Rockcastle County," he said.

Smith also said he feels there is not enough deputy coverage in the mornings. "When buses are loading what happens if there is someone on the other end of the county that needs help?" he asked. "The sheriff's office doesn't even open until 8."

Smith said he hopes everyone understands his point of view and he is hoping the county experiences less drug-related crimes and thefts and he believes the sheriff's department is

understaffed.

## Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. in city hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 11 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Fiscal court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### Deeds Recorded

Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, Trustees, property north of Mt. Vernon, to Judy Mitchell. Tax \$140

David and Mary Hendrickson, property on Tarklin Road, to Simon Daniel Laird. Tax \$120

Stanley Mullins, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Debra Renner. Tax \$35

Faye McFerron, property on Town Branch Road, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal Hampton. Tax \$25

Julia and Joey Alcorn,

property on Little Clear Creek Road, to Mary Lisa McGuire. Tax \$1

Barry D. and Sally J. Daulton, property in Lakeside Subdv., to Rock Solid Properties, LLC. No tax

Parker Taylor Properties, LLC, property in Mt. Vernon, to James Christopher and Debra Madonna Lane. Tax \$107

### Marriage Licenses

Kimberly Anne Smith, 32, Tyner, Home Health and Stanley Jay Kenton Anderson, 39, Mt. Vernon, factory worker.

6/17/22

Sabrina Rheannon Richmond, 43, Brodhead, accounts payable and Collin Dion Cass, 46, Brodhead, electrician. 6/20/22

Lora Sue Gadd, 45, Berea, disabled and Carlo Potter, 56, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 6/22/22

Lauryn McKenzie Carpenter, 22, Brodhead, teacher and William Brent Lovell, 23, Brodhead, construction. 6/22/22

Abigail Nicole Slone, 26, Lexington, RN and Justin Ross Houk, 26, Shreveport, LA. US Air Force. 6/23/22

### District Court

June 22, 2022

**Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless**  
Jessica Carr: assault, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Eric Wayne Denny: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and seven other charges, bw issued for fta.

Andrew Scott Elam:

operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

David Henderson: fines/fees due (\$963), bw issued for fta/20 days in jail or payment in full.

Tyler Dylan Smith: fines/fees due (\$233), bw

issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: Barry Alaric Saturday, license suspended for fta.

Gary M. Berryman: possession of marijuana, sentencing order entered.

Jordan Carpenter: public intoxication con-

trolled substance, 10 days in jail/costs waived.

Brandy Larada Hammonds: assault, sentencing order entered.

John Anthony McClure: public intoxication controlled substance, 15 days in jail/costs waived.

### Statewide driver testing services available

Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced that all KSP Driver Testing Regional Branches have been established within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Driver Licensing Regional Offices and are ready to serve Kentuckians who wish to obtain a state driver permit or driver license. Residents will now have the option to make driver testing appointments at any regional office throughout the commonwealth, regardless of their county of residence.

In March 2020, House Bill 453 passed transitioning licensing services to the KYTC as the sole issuer of driver and operator licenses including REAL ID. The bill mandated regional offices be operational statewide by June 30, 2022. KSP has met the deadline as of today's announcement.

We appreciate KSP and KYTC working together to expand driver licensing services to Kentuckians statewide, said Gov. Beshear. Now that residents can make an appointment at any regional office, our Kentucky families have expanded access to the services they need, making it easier for them to take a written or skills drivers

test and obtain a license at one location in one day.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday and can be made online by visiting KSP's website. Residents must make an appointment at any regional branch before arrival for a permit, driver, or commercial driver license test. Successful testing applicants will be served the same day by KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office staff to apply for a permit or license, based on capacity and time of day, without scheduling a separate appointment.

One of the benefits of the regional branches is the increased availability of testing services. Allowing citizens to choose where they receive those services adds increased flexibility for scheduling appointments. The increased availability and flexibility are both made possible by regionalizing our services, said KSPs Commander of Driver Testing, Captain Marshall Johnson. New appointments will be posted daily at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and citizens can now make an appointment at a location that works best for them.

Captain Johnson went on to thank and recognize KSPs driver testing

branch for their hard work and quick response over the last two years in transitioning to a regional model.

Prior to an appointment, new drivers should prepare for the exam by accessing the only approved Kentucky drivers manual through the official KSP mobile app.

According to KYTC, Kentucky will continue offering the option of a standard drivers license, but a REAL ID or other form of federally approved identification, such as a passport or military ID, eventually will be needed by people 18 and older for boarding commercial flights and accessing military bases and federal buildings that currently require identification. Federal enforcement is scheduled to begin May 3, 2023.

First-time application for a REAL ID must be made in person at a Driver Licensing Regional office. Specific documentation is required. A list of acceptable documentation and a link to take an interactive quiz that populates a personalized list of documents is available at [drive.ky.gov/IDocumentGuide](http://drive.ky.gov/IDocumentGuide). Kentuckians can renew their drivers license online, by mail or in person. To learn more, visit [drive.ky.gov](http://drive.ky.gov).

### OpEd

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types of assault-type weapons for a 10 year period. The law expired September 13 after Congress failed to re-authorize it.

1997 - The U.S. Supreme Court declared background check requirement of the Brady Bill unconstitutional.

1998 - A Justice Department report indicates the blocking of 69,000 handgun sales during 1997 when the Brady Bill pre-sale checks were required.

1998 - An Amendment requiring trigger lock mechanism to be included with every handgun sold in the U.S. was defeated in the Senate, but required dealers to have trigger locks available for sale.

1998 - Permanent provisions of the Brady Bill go into effect requiring gun dealers to initiate a pre-sale criminal background check on all gun buyers through the NCIS computer system.

1998 - The NRA filed suit in federal court attempting to block the FBI's collection of information on firearms buyers.

1998 - President Clinton announced that the instant background check had prevented 400,000 illegal gun purchases. The NRA claimed the information was misleading.

2004 - After heated and lengthy debate, Congress refused to reinstate the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 banning the sale, manufacture, importation or possession of 19 types of assault-type weapons.

2004 - Congress failed to

continue funding President Bush's 2001 gun control program, Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The largest gun-owner's organization in the nation, the NRA, formed a lobbying arm to influence laws and government policy in 1975, and in 1977, it formed its own Political Action Committee (PAC) to channel funds (\$\$\$\$) to legislators to vote their way.

Today, the NRA officially spends over \$3 MILLION EVERY YEAR to influence gun policy. That amount is only the RECORDED contributions to lawmakers. Considerable funds are spent through PACs and independent contributions, funds which are difficult, if not impossible, to track. It grades members of Congress from A to F on their friendliness to gun control.

Just a Sample

As of 2019 - Senator Mitt Romney, of Utah tops the heap, having received over \$13.5 MILLION of NRA money during his tenure in a Washington! Kentucky's Mitch McConnell has received over \$1.283 MILLION during his years in DC to vote to please the NRA.

Recent Legislation President Biden recently signed into law a bipartisan gun bill meant to prevent dangerous people from obtaining firearms and increase investments in the nation's mental health system.

The law's enactment came the same week the Supreme Court struck down a New York law limiting where gun owners could

carry firearms outside the home, citing the second amendment.

The law will expand the background check system for prospective gun buyers under the age of 21 giving authorities 10 days to check juvenile and mental health records.

It sets aside millions of dollars so states can fund intervention programs like mental health and drug courts and carry out so-called red flag laws and allow authorities to temporarily confiscate guns from any person judged too dangerous to possess them.

It pours more federal money into mental health resources in communities and schools across the country, and sets aside millions for school safety.

It also toughens laws against gun trafficking and purchasing a gun on behalf of someone barred from purchasing one.

For the first time, it includes serious or recent dating partners in a ban on domestic abusers buying firearms, tightening what is known as the "boyfriend loophole."

The message to Biden and Congress was to "Do something." Well, they actually did do something, but was it enough?

A proposed assault weapon ban did not advance to the Senate. Some of the Republican Senators negotiated on other measures and opposed banning such a popular category of weapon. Today, 30% of the mass shootings in the database involved an automatic weapon with a large capacity magazine. And on we go.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
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**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Climax Holiness Church**  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.

**Community Worship Church of God**  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
**Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor**  
Worship Service  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**  
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116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.**  
**Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.**  
**Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 7 p.m.**  
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606-758-4007

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

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

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

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

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

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Jack Carpenter, Pastor**  
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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
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606-256-2876  
**Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor**  
**Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister**  
**Sunday School: 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.**

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.**  
**Fountain of Life United Pentecostal Church**  
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon  
**Sunday 3:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 7:30 p.m.**  
Everyone Welcome  
**Pastor: James Blanton**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor**  
**Maple Grove Baptist**  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
**Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor**  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.**  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**

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

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

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 5 p.m.**  
**New Heights Church**  
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(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
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**New Hope Baptist**  
Ict. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor**

**Northside Baptist**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
**Kenny Allen, Pastor**  
**Sunday**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Morning Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Children's Church 11 a.m.**  
**Tuesday**  
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9  
**Wednesday**  
**Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.**  
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Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

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

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
**Mass Times:**  
**Tuesdays at 5 p.m.**  
**Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.**  
**Holy Days 5 p.m.**  
**Father Gary Simpson, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

**Philadelphia United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday Service 7 p.m.**  
**Gordon Mink, Pastor**  
606-308-5368

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.**  
**Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.**  
**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
859-986-1579  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.**  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

**Pleasant Run Missionary**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.**  
**1st Sunday in Month Church at 2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care**  
**Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor**  
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.**  
**Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor**  
**Providence church of Christ**  
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758-8524  
**Robby Cable, Evangelist**

**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
4308 Highway 1955  
Livingston, KY  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday Evening 6 p.m.**  
**Bill Hammond, Pastor**  
606-392-1826  
Everyone invited to come and worship with us

**Roundstone Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
**Sand Hill Baptist Church**  
Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
**Pastor Tommy Miller**

**Sand Springs Baptist Church**  
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
**Pastor: Bro. Eugene Centry**  
**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
**Pastor: Bro. James Hardin**  
**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
**Pastor: Bro. Richard West**  
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**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
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Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
**Pastor: Clyde Hodge**  
**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
**Pastor: Eugene Webb**  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome!

**United Gospel of Christ**  
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky 40403  
Organized in December 1908  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Watts Chapel Baptist Church**  
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Crab Orchard, KY  
606-879-8183  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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**Dan Gutenson, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian Church**  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
**Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

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**VBS at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist**  
 Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church will hold their Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 10th - Wed., July 13, 6 to 8 p.m. with a meal served nightly.  
 The church is located at 81 Lime Plant Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon.  
 For transportation, call 859-582-0439.

**Upcoming Reunions**

**Bond Reunion**  
 Descendants of Nathan and Ibbie Bond are invited to a Family Reunion July 31st, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Main Shelter House, Springwood Park in Richmond, Indiana.  
 Bring a well-filled basket. For more info, call Nonetta Tunell, 765-935-5568.

**Miller Reunion**  
 The Miller Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 16th in the fellowship hall at Maple Grove Baptist Church. Descendants of: Bill and Susan Miller, John and Mary Miller, Orville and Ida Miller, Oliver and Harriett Miller and Irvine and Lydia Miller are invited to attend.  
 The reunion will begin at noon. Please bring a covered dish.

For more information, call Penny at 758-4489.

**Major Reunion**  
 The Major Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 9th at Quail Park from noon to 7. Bring a covered dish and enjoy a day with friends and family.

**Yard Sale**  
 Friday & Saturday - 9 to 3  
 Mini-warehouse across from  
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Please call  
 change of addresses  
 to 606-256-2244  
 as soon as possible

**Free Storytelling Workshop to be held for children and families**

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

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

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

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

To register, please call Susan at 606-453-2061 or email [octaviaseyton@windstream.net](mailto:octaviaseyton@windstream.net) with the names and ages of those attending and the parents' names and cell phone numbers.

**Cash graduates from Centre**

Carlee Cash of Brodhead graduated from Centre College with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish during the College's Commencement ceremonies held on Sunday, May 22.

The Commencement address was delivered by Centre College President Milton C. Moreland, who urged the 293 graduates to, "to be skilled problem solvers who seek to make a positive impact on our world and have a strong sense of social responsibility."

A graduate of Madison Southern High School, Cash's parents are Chuck and Sherri Cash of Brodhead.

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**NOTICE TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY TAXPAYERS**

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2021 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the *Mount Vernon Signal* on July 21, 2021. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office located at 205 East Main St. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

The list may also be inspected on the Rockcastle County Clerk's website.

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is [rockcastlecountyclerk.com](http://rockcastlecountyclerk.com).

The tax sale will be held on August 16, 2022 beginning at 2:00 p.m. All priority participants must register with the County Clerk's office by August 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. All current participants must register with the County Clerk's Office by August 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the County Clerk's Office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's Office through close of business on August 15, 2022. All payments by mail must be RECEIVED by this date (postmarked payments will not be accepted). NO PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN ON August 16, 2022. Some delinquencies although they have been advertised will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). Payment agreements can be set up by contacting the Rockcastle County Attorney, Jeremy B. Rowe, at 606-256-2730.

**ALL TAX BILLS NOT PAID BY July 11, 2022 BY 4:00 P.M. WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE MOUNT VERNON SIGNAL.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's Office at 606-256-2831.

If you bought or sold property in 2021, please call to make sure your tax bill has been paid.

# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, July 7, 2022



Robin, Ben and Grayson Kelly, along with Curtis Kelley (sitting) tossed a football and played other games while waiting on the fireworks display to begin at the Blast in the Valley Sunday evening.



Jared and Kara Brown took a photo of the Red, White and Ride Parade in Brodhead.



Daisy Brown enjoyed a BombPop provided by the Brodhead Baptist Church during the Red, White and Ride event.



Tilly Laswell joined many across the country to display her patriotic flag. Tilly was part of the Red, White and Ride parade in Brodhead sponsored by the Brodhead CARES Committee. A special "thanks" to the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department for their help with traffic control during the parade and other events. The CARES committee would like to thank all who participated or watched the parade.



Shown above, the crowd cheered during and after the finale at the Blast in the Valley. At left, 4 year-old Ava Figman prepared her camera phone to take some photos when the fireworks display began. Many of the attendees parked at businesses around Renfro Valley rather than the Renfro field this year since there were no other attractions.

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**of Brodhead**  
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## Property For Sale

**Three Empty Lots.** Lot #1 is .48 acres, asking \$10,000. Lot #2 is .92 acres, asking \$14,500 and Lot #3 is .77, asking \$12,000. 10% down on any lot and \$200 monthly payments. Call 606-308-5459. 20xntf

**For Sale:** 2 bedroom house with 3 bedroom trailer, \$69,000. Serious inquiries only. 606-386-0650. 19tfn

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## Help Wanted

**In Home Caregiver:** Part time and includes some weekends. Serious inquiries only please. Call 606-308-3043 or 606-392-8488. If no answer, please leave message. 20x2

## Notices

**Notice is hereby given that** Cassandra C. Denney, 555 Philpot Rd., London, Ky. 40744 has been appointed Executrix w/will attached of the estate of Gerald Dean McGuire, deceased on the 29th day of June, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Cassandra C. Denney on or before December 29, 2022. 22x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Larry Kidwell, 5761 Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of James Edward Kidwell on the 28th day of June, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Larry Kidwell or to Hon. Brooks, Stumbo, Erdmann and Stumbo, RLLC, 1000 Commercial Dr., Ste. 3, Richmond, Ky. 40475 on or before December 28, at 11 a.m. 22x3

## Yard Sales

**Multi-Family Yard Sale:** Friday, July 8, 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 191 Jefferson Trail, Somerset. Valley Oak Subdv./Hwy. 461 across from the big red barn vegetable stand. Women's clothes sizes 2-10, men's clothing sizes S-L, lots of shoes, purses, household items, full oak bed headboard, bath and body, books, lots of jewelry and much more.

**Yard Sale:** Home of Patty Renner, 226 Solar Dr., Maretburg area. Pillows, comforter sets, drapes, lots of misc. items. Thursday, July 7, 9 to 5 and Fri., July 8, 9 to 1.

**Yard Sale:** Scaffold Cane at 4 mile marker. Everything must go. Sat., July 9th, 8 a.m. to ?

## Notice to Bid

### 2022 Dodge Durango PPV

The Mount Vernon Police Department will be accepting written sealed bids for the lease and immediate delivery of six (6) 2022 Dodge Durango PPV. The bid must be received by July 9, 2022 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon City Hall, 125 Richmond Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456. A list of specifications for the vehicle is on file at the Mount Vernon Police Department.

The bid award will be made based on the lowest or best bid, taking into consideration delivery date, availability of service, mechanical warranties and price. The City of Mount Vernon reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids if, in its judgment, the best interest of the City of Mount Vernon will be served.

Conflicts of interest, gratuities and kickbacks as defined in KRS 44A, 455 are absolutely prohibited. The provisions of these statutes shall be noted and acknowledged by the users of this procurement document. All bids are to be made in accordance with these provisions.



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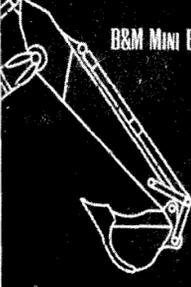
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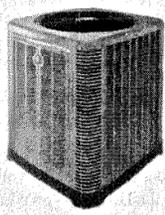
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The Mt. Vernon Lions Club recognized Lion Bob Kendrick for his service. Bob has been a member of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club for 45 years and served as treasurer of the club for the past 20 plus years. Bob is a Veteran and serves his community in many ways through the American Legion, First Baptist Church and Mt. Vernon Lions Club. The club is thankful for his servant heart.



Mt. Vernon Lions Club President Sandy Dowell presented the Mt. Vernon Lions Alfred McNew Memorial Scholarship to Luree Gabbard, a 2022 graduate of RCHS. Luree is the daughter of Brent and Lindsay Gabbard. She will be attending Big Sandy Technical College in the dental hygienist program in the fall. The Lions Club wish Luree the best for her future.

Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 asap

## Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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

### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

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

- Brodhead** (behind City Hall)
- Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo** (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax** (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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



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

# Free Storytelling Workshop to be held for children and families

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

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

You will get to know 'Jack' the legendary trickster character of the Jack Tales and be engaged in

creating a story through games, imagination and fun activities.

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

To register, please call Susan at 606-453-2061 or email [octaviaseyton@windstream.net](mailto:octaviaseyton@windstream.net) with the names and ages of those attending and the parents' names and cell phone numbers.

## ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTIFICATION OF FERPA RIGHTS and CHILD FIND

for CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF SPECIAL EDUCATION or 504 SERVICES

#### Notification of FERPA Rights

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and "eligible students" (students over 18 years of age or students who are attending a postsecondary institution) certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

1) **The right to inspect and review the student's education records within forty-five (45) days of the day the District receives a request for access.**

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school Principal/designee a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

2) **The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.**

Parents or eligible students may ask the District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of privacy or other rights. They should write to the school Principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy or other rights.

If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise him/her of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3) **The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.**

One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A "school official" is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility to the district.

Upon request, the District shall disclose education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled or to other entities authorized by law.

Disclosure of information is provided to those whose knowledge of such information is necessary to respond to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat.

4) **The right to prohibit the disclosure of personally identifiable information concerning the student to recruiting representatives of the U.S. Armed Forces and its service academies, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the Kentucky Army National Guard.**

Unless the parent or eligible student requests in writing that the District not release information, the student's name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters upon their request.

5) **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

#### DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee is authorized to release Board approved directory information. "Directory Information" is information contained in an educational record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. This information may be released without consent. "Directory Information" includes the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended, email address, photograph, grade level, and student ID number or other unique personal identifier used to communicate in electronic systems. The parent, guardian, or eligible student currently enrolled may request that all or part of the "Directory Information" be withheld.

Rockcastle County School District's process for any eligible student, parent, or guardian who does not wish to have directory information released shall make a written request to the Principal by September 15th of that school year. The written request must specifically state what information may not be classified as "Directory Information".

#### CHILD FIND

The Rockcastle County School District will keep educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The Rockcastle County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Rockcastle County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Rockcastle County School District may retain, for an

indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity, which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The Rockcastle County School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Rockcastle County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Rockcastle County School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Rockcastle County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who attends a private or homeschool within the boundaries of the Rockcastle County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please contact the appropriate district at the numbers listed below or send the information to the appropriate Board office:

Director of Special Education or 504 Coordinator  
Rebecca Hubbard  
Rockcastle Co. Schools  
245 Richmond Street • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
(606) 256-2125 • Fax (606) 256-2126

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Rockcastle County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office at each school, and in the Board of Education offices. Copies of these Policies and Procedures may be obtained by contacting:

Director of Pupil Personnel  
Marcus Reppert  
Rockcastle Co. Schools  
245 Richmond Street • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
(606) 256-2125 • Fax (606) 256-2126

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Rockcastle County School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the addresses or phone numbers listed above for the Rockcastle County School District.

#### ANNUAL NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Students, their families, employees and potential employees of the Rockcastle County School District are hereby notified that the Rockcastle County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in employment, vocational programs offerings, admissions criteria, or activities as set forth in compliance with federal and state statutes and regulations.

Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to:

Carrie Ballinger, Superintendent  
Rockcastle Co. Schools  
245 Richmond Street  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
(606) 256-2125  
Fax (606) 256-2126

#### DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS NOTICE

In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records housed at Rockcastle County Schools will be destroyed forty-five days from the date of this notice.

Special Education Due Process Records to be destroyed are those for students who attended Rockcastle County Schools prior to 2017-2018 school year. Special Education services end when the student is no longer eligible for services, graduates or completes his or her educational program at age 22, or moves from the district. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's name, his or her grades, classes attended, grade level completed, and year will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of the records by contacting Rebecca Hubbard, Director of Special Education, phone number (606-256-2125).