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Midsummer success



Once again the Midsummer Night Market was a huge success as Main Street was filled with local residents and tourists alike Saturday evening. Main Street was closed to traffic while guests visited each booth that lined Main Street in front of the courthouse and filled the city parking lot. Crafts of all types were on display and food trucks brought all types of meals and treats to the patrons. Guests traveled between downtown and the new Farmers Market event the same day. Shown above members of the Faith in Sweets and Treats were one of the many booths to display their unique goods for the crowds that visited. Shown at right, Aniston Larkin held still while Alexa Bussell put the finishing touches on the face paint job she was giving. Guests were treated with foods of all types as well as slushies and ice cream. Meanwhile, travelers from across the state visited each booth to purchase one of the many arts and crafts available. The event was put on by the Rockcastle Arts Association and the Rockcastle Farmers' Market.



Tobacco Barn robbery suspect caught in Illinois

Extradited to Mount Vernon

By: Mike French
Editor

The man who robbed the Tobacco Barn in Brodhead has been apprehended.

Workers at the small store in Brodhead faced a terrifying ordeal when they were robbed at gunpoint and forced into a closet on April 2 of this year.

Reports said an unknown black male entered the store and demanded money. Employees complied and after the suspect had the cash, the employees were forced into a closet.

However, thanks to the video surveillance at the store, police were able to identify Danyell L. Griffith, 42, of Chicago, Illinois, as the suspect.

How or why the Chicago resident was in Brodhead is not known at this time.

Kentucky State Police Post 11 began the investigation and identified Griffith, while asking that anyone with information about the suspect contact police.

Working with the Chicago Police Department, and the United States Marshall's office, Griffith was apprehended in Chicago and was immediately extradited to Kentucky.

On Wednesday, July 13, Griffith was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he is charged with one count of armed robbery in the first degree. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property bond.

Meth bust at I-75 exit 49

By: Mike French
Editor

Police found themselves dealing with a hostage situation, at the end of a drug investigation in Laurel County, on Monday morning.

According to reports, police were investigating three individuals who ended up at the Spur Oil Truck Stop at exit 49 just across the Rockcastle County line at 7 a.m. Monday. Though members of the Laurel County Sheriff's Department spoke to television news media, they did not return calls from the Mount

Vernon Signal.

However, according to news reports, three individuals, that police had not identified at press time, were stopped at the business after a chase that caused a crash near the truck stop. After being stopped, one of the suspects waved a gun and held the two other suspects inside a car, refusing to let anyone out. Police moved customers to a room in the rear of the truck stop, according to Lt. Chris Edwards of the Laurel County Sheriff's Department in an inter-

(See "Meth" on A5)

Fiscal Court deals with bills and courthouse roach problem

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court dealt with a two-page agenda last week at their regular monthly meeting.

Among the issues discussed was the timing of financial issues. According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and County Treasurer Joe Clontz, the county owes a total of \$331,689 to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) for the All Lines Fund and the Worker's Compensation Fund for fiscal years 2022-23.

In the All Lines Fund the cost to the county includes \$22,388 to the General Fund, \$36,877 to the Road Fund, \$24,674 to the Sheriff's Fund, \$28,613 to the Jail Fund, \$4,909 to the AOC Fund, \$14,187 to the CSEPP Fund and \$42,187 to the Fire Department Fund for

a total of \$174,081.

In the Worker's Compensation Fund through KACo, the county owes \$2,118 to the Animal Shelter Fund, \$65,010 to the Road Fund, \$2,741 to the 911 Fund, \$37,965 to the Jail Fund, \$22,610 to the Sheriff's Fund,

Loans \$13,000 to Livingston

\$15,211 to the Solid Waste Fund, \$743 to the Coroner's Fund, \$946 to the EMA Fund, \$1,892 to the CSEPP Fund, \$955 to the County Clerk's Fund, \$2,662 to the Courthouse Janitor's Fund, \$1,331 to

the Annex Janitor's Fund and \$3,423 to the Court-house Professional's Fund for a total of \$157,608.

The County has the option of making monthly payments but saves 1% if

(See "Court" on A5)

County's monthly bills available for all to see

By: Mike French
Editor

Some praise and some complain about how tax money is used by elected officials. The federal government is notorious for wasting funds and creating programs and projects that the vast majority of voters would not support. In fact, on a federal level, billions of dollars are spent on projects that the huge majority of the general public/taxpayer doesn't know exists. But many are also concerned about how their tax dollars are being used on a more local level.

In an effort to reach complete transparency, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court provides a list of every check written each month of the year at their regular public meetings and some citizens may be surprised at the amount of funds needed each month to operate a county government with a population of about 16,000 residents. "Sometimes it takes some intricate planning between magistrates, myself and the treasurer," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "Depending upon what month it is and when payroll falls and

(See "Bills" on A5)

School board hears more on RCMS project

Kindergarten nearly at limit

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board heard the second report on the progress of the new RCMS project, during their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night.

Deco Architectural Services representative Derek Phillips, told the board the pre-bidding process is now about 20 to 25 percent complete in the first step of the process of which there are three major steps to starting construction.

Phillips said the first step involves preparing schematics and design while the second step involves proving to the board and the Kentucky Department of Educa-

tion that their designs actually work for Rockcastle's needs, and lastly presenting the drawings to contractors to bid the project. "We are in the middle of the first step."

Phillips went over detailed aspects that the firm is considering throughout the drawings and design, including using natural sunlight to its best advantage, traffic and pedestrian circulation, security, and many more areas. Phillips said they are attempting to create a secure vestibule area for visitors to check in and then make the library a first visual point for all guests.

A central hub area, (See "School" on A5)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I haven't attended Blast in the Valley (fireworks display at Renfro Valley) in years -- I got too old, but it was always a good feeling to hear what a crowd it drew and how much fun children had playing on the inflatables provided, along with the food vendors and the great fireworks display.

This year's event, whittled down to just the fireworks display, which went wrong, again, was reportedly the smallest in attendance since the event has been going on.

Personally, I think it was the lack of the inflatables, and the food and drink vendors since there was actually nothing for children to do except watch the fireworks display.

All together, the Rockcastle Co. Fiscal Court and the City of Mt. Vernon spent over \$30,000 on fireworks for this year's event.

Maybe next year, it would be a better idea to provide the inflatables and food vendors for a day of fun and spend a little less on the fireworks. In fact, my granddaughter told us of a local wedding she attended around the 4th of July and said there was an amazing fireworks display as part of the celebration. In fact, she said the display was almost as good as the ones we used to attend at the old Cincinnati Reds Riverfront Park. She also said that she understood that about a \$1,000 had been spent on the fireworks display at the wedding.

It made me think that maybe it would better to cut back on the fireworks expenditure, of over \$30,000, and provide daylong entertainment for the children.

Just a thought. But children would probably appreciate the activities instead of just settling for the fireworks which, because of a malfunction in

one of the racks set up, cut pretty deeply into the display offered.

It was interesting (to say the least) to hear that the University of Pennsylvania had nominated a transgender woman swimmer (Lia Thomas) for the 2022 NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

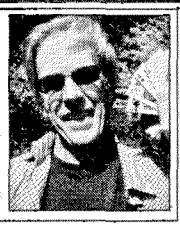
It was interesting enough when Thomas, who in the male portion of his swimming career, was ranked somewhere in the mid 200s, said his transition to a woman was not about swimming but was necessary to relieve the frustration of being caught in the wrong body - that of a male.

Of course, one of the side benefits is that Thomas (and, if you haven't noticed, I'm trying desperately to write this article without using the his/her pronoun since I'm nervous that the "pronoun police" will track me down) is now ranked in the top echelon of women swimmers, breaking all sorts of women's records

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I consider it a shame that businesses are having such a difficult time finding workers.

I can't stand lazy people who say things like "I just can't find a job" when practically every business I pass has a sign on the door seeking help. Companies are getting to the point where they will hire convicted felons and skip drug tests anymore.

Yet every day I hear someone complaining that they just 'can't find a job.' Well, I'm pretty sure they won't find one in their bedroom with an X-Box controller in their hands.

But I do have to add that most companies sure don't make it easy. Where I used to walk in and fill out a sheet of paper, People today must deal with internet forms and sign-ons and passwords and usernames and more forms and on and on.

In my day (I hate that I am old enough to use that

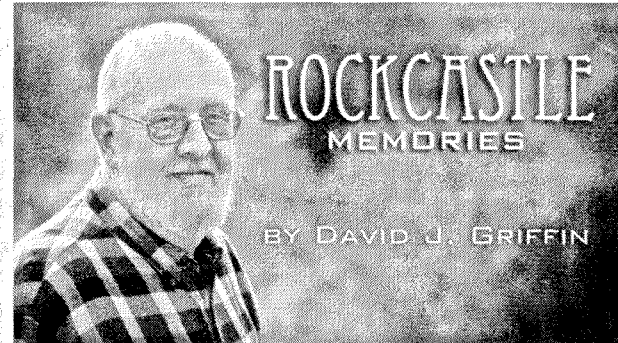
term, but it applies) when I wanted a job somewhere, I just went and got it. One way, or another.

The truth is, my generation messed up. In our effort to "give my kids more than I had," we neglected a large part of a parent's job. It was a noble cause. Caring for our children more than ourselves. But we forgot that hard work and earning your own way and considering charity an emergency-only scenario, was ignored when we gave them everything they wanted. We left out instilling a work ethic and moral values and Christian ideals and we didn't teach them that freedom isn't free.

Instead, we raised entitled children, who think the world owes them something. But it doesn't.

If America is going to get out of this mess we have created, we are going to have to simply stop taking from those who earn and giving to those

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Siamese Fighting Fish

A few days ago, my wife and I were watching Young Sheldon on television when we noticed his aquarium fish was a Betta or Siamese Fighting Fish. This caught my attention because I too had Betta fish when I was in college.

This particular freshwater species is the most popular aquarium fish in the world. The reasons for its popularity include their aggressive nature as well as their beauty. Male Bettas are prone to attacking each other when housed together. Initially, they were bred for their aggression and gambling.

Males housed in the same tank usually will fight, resulting in the death of one of the fish. Betta tanks are designed with a glass barrier in the middle, so that the fish can be separated.

When I was a junior in college, I was hired by a man named Leo Rios in order to assist him in his

pet store. Leo had many aquaria housing his different fish species for sale. My job was to sell and set up aquaria in our customers' homes. I also had several aquaria in my own home. I loved Siamese Fighting Fish and had two or three separate tanks just for them.

I will never forget one night when I was working for Leo. He called a Louisville pet dealer and ordered a large supply of different aquarium species. My job that night was to drive to Louisville to pick up his order in my 1963 Chevy Impala.

After loading the countless number of plastic bags of water containing tropical fish into my trunk, I began my drive home. Within a few miles, a Louisville Police Officer pulled me over, stating that he had noticed that my car looked like it was loaded down with something pretty heavy in my trunk. Although he never said so, he must have suspected that I was hauling drugs or alcohol.

I gladly offered to open the trunk of the car for his observation. (As some of my readers may recall, the trunk of a Chevy Impala in those days was huge.) One can only imagine how the officer's eyes popped when he saw the number of bags of fish that I was hauling. After I explained to him that I worked for a pet store, in addition to showing him the receipt for my fish, he let me go on my way. It was a comic moment to say the least.

I loved that job working in the pet store. It allowed me to have several aquaria in my home at a low cost. At one time, I had eight separate aquaria and many varieties of tropical fish, including Bettas.

One of my fish tanks was designed to hold several male Bettas separated in the tank. It was approximately 20 inches wide and about 5 inches deep. The tank allowed you to slide three pieces

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook

My Very Awesome Week Dear Journal,

This past week was one of the most interesting, informative and exciting that I've experienced in a long time. I attended the storytelling workshop that was held at the cafeteria in the Livingston School. It was a four day session and I had to miss the Monday class.

Storytelling is, I suppose, the oldest form of entertainment known to man. Adam and Eve probably told stories to their children and they passed those stories along to their children. When I was a little girl and grow-

ing up our family was a storytelling bunch of folks. Whenever we were just sitting around the table eating or at night after supper was always time for the stories to begin. Oh my, when other family would come to visit, it was a storytelling marathon. We had a TV but we knew when to turn it off...in other words, we didn't live our lives around it. I wish I could remember more of those old stories. I especially want to remember those of Grandpa Norton telling his WWI war tales. He was all over Europe and was a machine gunner on the front lines. He was in France eating eggs at a French café when the announcement came that the war was over. He said there was dancing and celebration in the streets.

I've always simply loved telling and listening to stories. I've been told that I have a natural gift for it. My friends from high school say that I have a way of making a trip to the mail box an adventure. When I worked at the senior citizens center, the clients always wanted to hear me tell at least one or two

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor, the city and the county

Re: Blast in the Valley

Well, the noise and flash of the Blast in the Valley has come and gone. The city and county paid thousands for a show that lasted about an hour! It would be interesting to know the total amount the city and county have spent over the past several years and what improvements that money could have paid for. This year alone, it was over \$30,000.

I have heard it said that the money comes from the tourism tax we pay in restaurants. So, do the city and county have a say in how that money is spent? If not, who does?

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ramblings

(Continued from A2) along the way.

What is most surprising to me, prominent *feminists* are fine with this, completely ignoring the fact that with Thomas entry into the sport, women's swimming is being destroyed.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. There needs to be a separate category for transgender women swimmers because many doctors have acknowledged that there is a clear advantage for a biological male swimmer over a female swimmer.

In Kentucky, our legislature passed a law in February of this year that sports participants must compete in the category of the sex they were born

with - grade school through college. The bill was vetoed by Gov. Beshear but was overridden by the General Assembly.

The January 6th legal farce continues with a 69-year-old grandmother with cancer going to jail for 60 days because she tok a selfie in the capitol on January 6th. She was charged with "parading in the capitol." It's amazing when we read about violent offenders, particularly in California and New York, getting probation for offenses a hundred times worse.

Perhaps you have read recently about a Chinese company, the Fufeng Group, buying a farm in North Dakota, 300 acres for \$2.6 mil-

lion, only 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base, home to some of the nation's most sensitive military drone technology and of a new space networking center which, according to a North Dakota senator, handles "the backbone of all U.S. military communications across the globe."

Now, I'm sure there's nothing to be concerned about. The Chinese are not known for nefarious intelligence gathering (insert eye roll here). Walk away, folks, there's nothing to see here.

This is just another occasion that makes me feel like telling this administration to quit spitting in my face and telling me it's raining.

In my opinion, this transaction, along with liberal-whack Bill Gates becoming the largest landowner in the country, bears intense scrutiny by our government. However, I'm pretty sure it is no longer "our government" but a special interest/line our pockets at taxpayer expense (both sides) government.

One bit of good news, a Trump-appointed judge in Ohio has blocked the Air Force from expelling thousands of unvaccinated service members and enforcing the vaccine mandate. The temporary restraining order came after service members sued the Air Force Secretary to provide religious exemptions to the Covid-19 vaccine mandate. Defendants have until July 21 to write a 10-page supplemental brief explaining why he should not extend the temporary restraining order for the duration of the lawsuit against the Air Force.

And, a bit of bad/ridiculous news. Congress only approved \$300M for American children's school security but sent \$53B to Ukraine. If only our children knew how to wash politicians' money, they'd be safer.

Letters

(Continued from A2) baseball fields which our county people and tourists could enjoy several months of the year. It would even help pay for itself.

If blow-up toys are what our children need more than anything else, let's buy them and use them all summer, rather than rent them at a big price for a few hours.

If tourists came to The Blast in the Valley, what did they buy on Sunday night? I'll bet it wasn't gasoline as it's higher here than anywhere around.

I am an old man and I've seen a lot, but I say spending thousands every year on fireworks is like

a family needing to repair a leaky roof, but instead they spend any extra money they come by on entertainment and frivolity.

Ed Moore
Mt. Vernon

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Aces

(Continued from A2) who won't. If we stopped giving free stuff to bums, they would stop bumming and take one of the jobs that are out there.

I, personally, know of 400 good paying jobs waiting for anyone who will work right now, right here, in *Mount Vernon*. Yet, they can't get anyone to apply. As parents, it is difficult to face the truth but almost anyone not working right now, doesn't want a job.

If we shut off this free food line and shut down the free programs to all those who are able to work but won't, pretty soon they would face a choice -- work or starve.

It is a shame liberals have taken society to a place where we have thugs on the streets breaking into abandoned buildings, starting fires, forcing cities to create new nuisance laws, but that's considered okay. We have inked up kids roaming the streets at night with rings in their nose and blue hair, and \$1,000 cell phones, yet there are companies who can't find workers and conservative patriots are called "racists" and "haters" for pointing it out.

We wanted our kids to have it easier than we had it. Quite honorable of us, I'd say. But we made it so easy that we forgot

the lessons a person learns by earning something. We forgot that chores were not punishment, but lessons that build character. We forgot that sometimes, our own child is not the big winner and named President and CEO of a company just because they have a cute smile and pleasing personality. And we forgot that it is our job to teach them that.

We are going to have to stop taking what people earn and using it to buy needles and crack pipes for addicts. We have to drop this idea that the poor little fellow only robbed a liquor store to have more money for fentanyl. It's not his fault.

Unfortunately, yes, it IS his fault.

So many Republicans have now simply given up and won't stand up against anything anymore. Most Republicans see the truth but when rich, hypocrites like Mitch McConnell floats between conservative and far left liberal, depending upon which gets him more votes, even conservatives are simply letting this happen without a word.

There used to be a side of the aisle that stood for common decency, work ethics, moral values, American patriotism, anti-racism and anti-socialist values. But now, most of them just vote for whatever program will increase their popularity. Especially the minority leader I call, "Mitzy Mouse."

We only have two options. Let this "the-world-owes-me generation" continue to be beggars, and watch Socialism take over, or put a stop to the free stuff and put them to work. The question is, which way better serves our grandchildren.

T.J.s

(Continued from A2) stories almost every day. My ideal job would be a professional storyteller.

A few years ago, Stanley and I went to a story telling. Octavia Sexton was the storyteller and she was just wonderful. At that time I didn't even know there was such a thing as a professional storyteller...and now, after hearing her, I was hooked real good...or really well. I've learned to speak in the natural dialect for your area at the workshop. This is the Appalachian "hill-billy" dialect and as some might want everyone to believe, there is an association of ignorance attached to it but, there is nothing shameful about it. Mom was an English major, and I know she would just die. She spent her lifetime correcting my speech and diction...not to mention

spelling, punctuation, penmanship, etc. Growing up in Appalachia, I will, hopefully, one day be her worst nightmare, an Appalachian storyteller. Anyway, I've just been blessed to have gotten in on such a wonderful experience and from the best there is out there, at least in my opinion.

On the last day of class, I got to tell a story. It wasn't my best outing, but I just had ten minutes. I'd never been timed before and I was watching the time rather than the story. Ten minutes is all the time the professionals get. Octavia gave each of us a rock and explained about rocks and that would take several paragraphs. She did say that the rocks were similar to us and that in the next few days we would receive something we had been wanting.

My rock was rather flat, smooth, was in two colors, the lighter and the darker colors and had a chip missing on each side. I studied the rock. This was me alright. My life could be divided into two portions. The happy times are the lighter and the darker, the sad. The two chips were two times in my life that I have been totally broken and a piece of my very spirit was lost. The next day after receiving the rock, I got two good job prospects.

I had the pleasure of meeting several new people. I met two little brothers around seven to nine-ish. The eldest had built his own bicycle and was riding it. The bicycle didn't have any brakes, though. I was still very impressed. NASA may come calling in a few years. Susan Mitchell, whom I already knew, was on hand and had an event after class one day. Her son, Reuben, had passed away a few years ago and that day was his birthday. He would have been thirty-two. Instead of being depressed, though, she decided to remember the occasion with something happy. She brought thirty-two balloons to blow up and place notes of compliments in each. Then we popped the balloons. It sounded like fire crackers going off. Then we all had birthday cake. It was such a lovely gesture. I'm sure he would have been pleased and honored. What an excellent week, y'all.

Memories

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of glass inside so that the Bettas would be separated. Occasionally, two of the fighting fish would gather on separate sides of the glass and try to fight. It was amusing to watch.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, July 25th: Child Development, Seek 'N Learn and Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, July 26th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

MVHS Class Reunion is September 10
The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion will be held September 10, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Co. Middle School. The classes of 1962, 1970, 1971 and 1972 will be honored. Invitations will be mailed out by the end of July. **Reservations are required to attend** because of the increase in meal prices. You cannot pay at the door as in the past. Please check the Mt. Vernon High School Reunion Facebook® page for additional information. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, July 26th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be KPR President Larry Totten. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS, or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information call 606-260-0490.

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

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

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

VFW Post 5908
Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-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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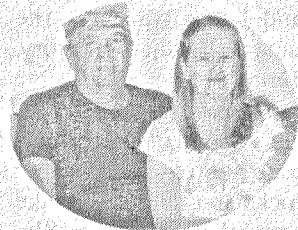


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Obituaries

Gary Lee Hayes

Gary Lee Hayes, 66, of Mount Vernon, died July 14, 2022, at Ephraim McDowell Hospital after a brave fight with pancreatitis. Although he was met with pain and suffering during his illness, his final moments were as peaceful as the way he strived to live his life.



He was born in Berea on October 5, 1955 to the late Eyvind and Alma Kirby Hayes. He married Jeanne Lou McHargue Hayes, the love of his life, on April 6, 1975. They enjoyed 44 years together until her death in February, 2020.

Gary was a man of many interests – history, genealogy, playing guitar and studying the bible, to name a few. Gary loved a good story. He found great pleasure in reminiscing about days gone by. He was a sentimental man who appreciated what was important to others. He demonstrated patience and kindness in his daily life. He also had a love of learning, and was a deep thinker. Gary was well versed in the Bible. He found his greatest contentment in sharing his faith with others; his life was a living example of Ephesians 4:32, "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." He was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church.

He is survived by: three sisters, Brenda Hayes, Regina Goforth, and Janis (Johnny) Loudermilk; two brothers, Larry Hayes and Jeff (Morrissa) Hayes; and several nieces and nephews. Additionally, Gary was very appreciative of his dear friends who walked with him throughout his life, especially in the years following the loss of his beloved Jeanne.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ottis Hayes, and two sisters, Lois Cummins and Mary Owens.

A memorial service was held Monday, July 18, 2022 at Sand Springs Baptist Church with Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was at Sand Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Bo Evans, Eric Hayes, Jeffery Shannon Hayes, James McKinney, Bentley Miller, and Jim Smith.

Marsha Lynn Franklin

Marsha Lynn Franklin, 72, of Springfield, OH died in her family's embrace in her home on the June 17, 2022 in South Vienna. She was the wife of Roger Wayne Franklin. Together, they shared 55 years of marriage. Born in Lynch, in Harlan County, she was the daughter of TJ and Alline Wilcox of Brodhead.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Carol Boggs. She is survived by: her husband, Roger; daughter, Stephanie (Chuck) Arnold; sons, Matthew (Tamiko) Franklin and Jason Franklin, along with her sister, Libby Gibbs Burdette. Marsha found tremendous joy and happiness in her role as a grandma. She had such a great love for her grandbabies, Bexley (Tyler) Myers, Jordan (Andrew) Bauman, Kanta Franklin, Kyousuke Franklin, Jonah Franklin, Natalyn Burkhardt and Jacob Altman. Rowan and Nora Myers promoted Marsha to GREAT Grandma, "Gigi". Nothing fulfilled her more than achieving the title of great grandma.

Marsha participated in and donated hundreds of afghans to Blankets of Love through Hospice of Dayton, as she was a talented crocheter. Marsha and Roger loved to go on many adventures and made countless friendships. Some of their favorite memories were shared in Inverness, Florida, the Derr Road Taco Bell and Yellow Springs, Ohio.

An intimate celebration of Marsha's life was held at Los Mariachi's on Saturday, June 18, 2022 with her family.

The family would like to extend thanks to Ohio's Hospice for their comfort and guidance during this difficult time. To help further the research and future cure for Vascular Dementia, please make a donation in Marsha's name to the Dementia Society of America.

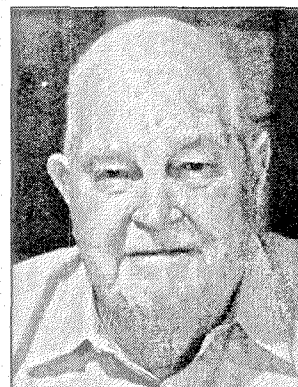
There is just so much we are going to miss about you Gigi. We love you more.

The Littleton & Rue Funeral Home is serving Marsha's family.

• Card of Thanks •

James Marvin Chasteen

We, the family of James Marvin Chasteen, would like to thank everyone who visited, called, gave monetarily, sent flowers or gifts, and for the food provided. It was all a comforting gesture during such a difficult time. A special thank you to Brother James Lamb, Bruce Alcorn, Ralph Chasteen, Faye Powell, Rick and Tammy Holt, Marvin Owens and



Staff, and Cartersville Holiness Church. May God Bless each of you.

Thank you again,
Juanita Chasteen and Family

Marie VanWinkle

Elvia Marie VanWinkle, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, July 15, 2022 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 25, 1946, the daughter of Sheridan and Melissa McFeron Mink. She had been a homemaker and was a member of McNew Chapel Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and sewing.



She is survived by: children, Jason VanWinkle and wife Brandi of Kingston, Judy Anglin and husband Steve of Orlando, and Joan Northern and husband Randy of Berea; seven sisters, Becky McClure, Louella Rader, Ruth Owens, Sylvia Bullock, Louise Mullins, Genevieve VanWinkle, and Magdalene Bullock; three grandchildren, Todd, Lisa, and Jaxon; and three great grandchildren, Jazily, Chase, and Tessa. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Talbert "T.J." VanWinkle and four brothers, Kenneth, Willie, Elmer, and Lloyd Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. John VanWinkle. Burial was in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Todd Anglin, Larry Mink, Clarence Owens, John Rader, Mitchell Rader, and Ralph VanWinkle.

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Judy Conn

Judy Conn, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, July 15, 2022 at her home. She was born in Jackson County on February 17, 1946, the daughter of Henry Clay and Katie Rowland Hatton. She had been a homemaker and was of the Holiness faith.



She is survived by: her children, Jeffery Conn and April, Gwendolyn Smith, Patricia Conn, and Penny Allen; three brothers, Larry Hatton, Robert Hatton, and Billy Hatton; and three sisters, Lilian Alexander, Irene Satterfield, and Hazel White. 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Ralph Conn; three sisters, Isabelle Lainhart, Gwendolyn McGuire, and Frances Hayes; and a brother, Clay Hatton, Jr.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in Cartersville Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Russell Lee Jones

Russell Lee Jones of Goshen, OH beloved husband of Lorene (Harrison) Jones, died peacefully in his home on Monday July 11, 2022 at the age of 83.

He was born to the late, Roy and Anna Mae (Pittman) Jones on January 22, 1939. He was married to his wife on February 13, 1959, and they made a beautiful life together with their three children. He loved to spend time working out in his garden and if you didn't find him there you would find him in his room watching Nascar or a western. However, his most favorite thing and what brought him the most joy was spending time with his kids and grandchildren. His family was always the most important part of his life, and he was always his happiest when he got to spend time and make memories with them.

Russell is survived by: his loving wife of 63 years, Lorene (Harrison) Jones; his children, Gary (Debi) Jones, Victoria (Doug) Roberts, and Patricia (Vinnie) Simpson; grandchildren, Andrew (Stephanie) Cromer, Jacob Jones, Nathan (Emily) Cromer, Alex Cromer, and Rachel (Tanner) Hall; and great grandchildren, Cole and Sophia Cromer, Bentlee Jones, Hayden and Josiah Cromer, and LeAnn, Laura and Carly Hall. He is also survived by: his siblings, Rissie (Carl) Wagner, Ina (Norman) Carpenter, Charles (Marcia) Jones, and Vern (Cassandra) Jones; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by: his parents, Roy and Anna Mae (Pittman) Jones; his siblings, Norma Bustle, Carma Renner, Vesti Kirby, Roy Jones Jr., Irene Sands, and Lemuel Pittman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday July 13, 2022 at Cozaddale Baptist Temple, 10632 Eltzroth Road Goshen, OH 45122. There was a graveside service held Thursday July 14 at Oak Hill Cemetery, 11200 Princeton Pike Cincinnati, OH 45246.



Bro. Elzie Doan

Bro. Elzie B. Doan, 81, of Livingston, pastor of Calloway Holiness Church, husband of Mary Doan, died Sunday, July 17, 2022 at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at Calloway Holiness Church by Bros. Gary Elza and Jason Medley. Burial was in Doan Family Cemetery on Piney Branch.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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Robyn Elizabeth Arnold

Robyn Elizabeth Arnold, 59, died peacefully on July 5, 2022, in Birmingham, AL. She was born August 22, 1963, in Mt. Vernon to Jimmy and Hilda Arnold. She spent her childhood in Kentucky, singing, thinking, and exploring the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. She was baptized as an adult at Easter Vigil service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, AL, on April 12, 1998.

Robyn's life was dedicated to selflessly serving others and improving the world around her. Even as a child, she championed causes she believed in, convincing her parents to establish a compost pile in the backyard, and later saving her favorite cow, Candy, from certain death by adopting her as a pet. As a priest, she focused on the nurture and care of the poor and marginalized, and the celebration of the Sacraments. She was a pastor and spiritual guide to many. Service to others was a constant theme in Robyn's life as she always put the needs and wants of others above her own.

Robyn was a lifelong learner who began her scientific career focused on environmental studies at Appalachia Science in the Public Interest (ASPI) in the Daniel Boone National Forest. She attended undergrad at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY, and obtained her master's degree from Mississippi State (1997) in Physiology. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, Birmingham Department of Physiology (2002).

While she was in Birmingham, she began faithfully attending an Episcopal church, St. Andrews, where she fell in love with the High Church liturgy and Celebration of the Eucharist. She loved teaching children in Sunday School and was part of establishing (and chairing) the first Diocesan Environmental Commission in Alabama. Robyn earned her Masters of Divinity at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in 2008. Even while pursuing her religious studies, Robyn continued her scientific work at UC Berkeley by working in the Children's Environmental Health Laboratory as a postdoctoral fellow. She was ordained by Bishop Parsley in 2008, and then served several years as an Associate Priest at the Church of the Advent of Christ the King in San Francisco, CA, and the Diocese of California. Mother Robyn was called to return to Birmingham as Rector to Grace Episcopal Church, Woodlawn, in 2012.

She delighted in the Anglo-Catholic traditions of providing beautiful, safe, sacred space for High Church liturgy in an urban environment. She worked tirelessly with other community leaders to combat food insecurity and fight for the rights of the homeless, the poor, and anyone marginalized by the world or the Church. She was exceptionally skilled at weaving science, theology, and social justice together seamlessly in her sermons and welcomed questions from any Seeker. She celebrated diversity in all forms, saying, "The world God created is incredibly diverse. We love each other because of our differences, not in spite of them." But most of all, she delighted in celebrating the Eucharist in community. "I feel a sense of homecoming whenever I stand at the Altar or gather in this community. In Christ, I have found the love of family... a sense of place... and an increasing awareness that God is always with me and wherever God is... is home." She continued her scientific work through several advisory boards with local universities until her death.

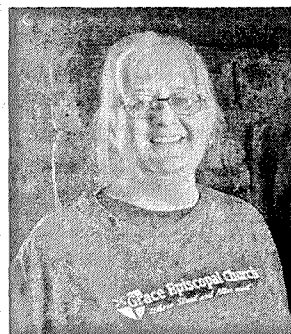
Robyn was preceded in death by: her Mom, Hilda Bowling Arnold; Daddy, Jimmy Arnold; brothers, Frank Arnold and Mike Arnold; Mamaw Bertha Arnold; Papaw James Arnold; and Uncle Bill.

She is survived by: three brothers, Donnie Arnold (May) and Ronnie Arnold (Duina), both of Mt. Vernon, and David Arnold of Paducah; sister, LeAnn Arnold (John) of Lexington; nephews, Louis Arnold of Spring Branch, TX, and Blake Arnold of Lexington; niece, Danielle Reams (Mikah) of Mt. Vernon; great nephew, Robert Reams of Mt. Vernon; and a family of close, loving friends.

Special thanks to the UAB PKD Clinic and UAB Palliative Care for taking such wonderful care of our beloved Robyn during her journey.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, July 11, 2022 at Grace Episcopal Church, Woodlawn. A private memorial will be held in Rockcastle County at a later date.

Should friends desire, donations in Robyn's memory may be made to: – Appalachia Science in the Public Interest (ASPI) - <https://www.appalachiaspi.org> – Happily Ever Esther After Farm Sanctuary - <https://www.happilyeveresther.ca/> – Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation - <https://pkdcure.org/give/> – Grace Episcopal Church, Woodlawn - <https://bit.ly/GiveToGraceWoodlawn> – GraceWorks - <https://graceworksblham.org/donate/>



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“Bills”

(Continued from front) when some bills are due, we have to stay on top of it or we could have problems.”

Each month the claims voucher, available to everyone, shows each bill the county owes and how much is being paid for each service, product or project.

The July report shows \$66,743.71 total bills paid or due in the month from the general fund alone.

In July's report, fuel and other supplies for fire departments throughout the county was \$11,013. The county provided \$900 for fuel allowances to each volunteer fire department. The total also includes other incidentals such as a replacement switch for the Western Fire Department, a tire for a fire truck at the Mount Vernon Fire Department and the county provides 90% of the utility costs for the Climax Volunteer Fire Department paid semi-annually, along with the five other rural departments in the county. But only the Climax bill was due in July and appeared in the July vouchers.

The City of Livingston received \$3,600 in July through several projects, including \$1,000 in program support, \$1,000 in security, the fire department's fuel and the Livingston Gymnasium support.

The Sheriff's Department has \$17,837 due in July in program support and the Quail Park costs the county \$1,000 in repairs while the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter costs taxpayers about \$1,400 in repairs, fuel, uniforms and kennel supplies.

The county's claims for July includes \$5,000 in program support for the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service and the claims vouchers is riddled throughout with smaller bills for custodial supplies, courthouse maintenance and repairs for the courthouse and the annex, as well as nearly \$1,000 in required advertising. The billings also show over \$10,000 for debt service on the Source HOV building.

The other funds operated by the county also have monthly bills that must be met, including \$50,835 in the July bills for the road fund. Of that amount, nearly \$10,000 was used to purchase culverts and nearly \$2,000 was needed for road department equipment repairs. In July, \$6,600 was needed for building maintenance and repairs through Donnie's Garage Doors and about \$9,000 was needed for rock.

The Jail Fund needed \$44,220 in July with \$20,963 going for Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. and \$14,888 for Kellwell Foods, LLC. The jail used nearly \$2,000 in training and conferences.

The LGEA Fund used \$20,000, with half of that amount going to Bluegrass Steel Products for recycling, supplies and equipment.

Including all the funds listed in the July claims vouchers, the county needed \$185,975 to pay the county's bills. There are some months that will greatly vary from the July expenses since Worker's Compensation and other similar bills are due semi-annually and would appear in that month's claims. The Worker's

Comp bill alone is \$147,000 for 2022 but will only appear once in the claims through the year. “We have to plan all year to have that money available in the month that it is due,” said Holbrook.

Such planning is a never-ending task for the county.

“The fiscal court is charged with being good stewards of every dollar that comes from the taxpayer,” said Holbrook. “We want everything we do to be visible to the public. We were elected to watch over the county's finances and we make sure nothing is hidden. These reports are available for anyone.”

Holbrook agreed that no magistrate should vote to approve paying the monthly bills unless they have seen every bill that has to be paid.

July's report is a monthly example of expenses and each month of the fiscal year may have different bills due at different times. But, each month, this report is provided to each magistrate before they are asked to approve them, Holbrook said.

“Meth”

(Continued from front) view with television media, while they dealt with the hostage situation outside. The driver of the suspects' car had rammed one police cruiser and another police cruiser was also damaged during an earlier chase.

The road to the truck stop was blocked by police, as officials attempted to deescalate the situation, while customers and workers were hidden in a back room. Police said in interviews that the hostage taker of the other two eventually gave up and placed his gun on the dash of the car. Police later discovered nearly a pound of methamphetamine as part of the undercover drug investigation, according to some reports.

All three individuals in the car were arrested but charges are unknown at press time. As of late Monday night, no inmates appeared on the Laurel County Jail website with a charge of methamphetamine possession that had been arrested Monday.

“School”

(Continued from front) once admitted into the building, will help the visitor know where to go using logical patterns and placing areas of need together. He said the therapy sections will be near one another while computer and data areas will be near the press box and the library and cafeteria areas will be centrally located between medical, art and science areas and every separate department of education. The hybrid gymnasium will have an additional entrance so that the school may be closed off during sporting events and separate lockers for home and away teams will be integrated into the sport sections. “We plan an ominous glowing red mascot near the visitor lockers room to help intimidate the away teams,” he said.

The guest discussed colors outside the building and plans to discuss interior colors soon, a pavilion area where students could sit to eat, and countless other aspects of the building. Phillips fo-

cused on security and space maximization while expressing his desires to create what the board is looking for. “We will be coming to you with many more ideas very soon for your approval,” he said.

Phillips said while creating all the spaces and special areas requested, the building is currently 4,500 square feet over the allowed size but he will work on different ways to bring the footprint back into the required 90,500 square feet.

Phillips was asked if the parking and other paving is included in cost estimates but Phillips said he cannot answer that question yet. According to Phillips, his company first has to meet all the requirements of the board, the State of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Education in the design, function, safety and aesthetics of the building and until the plans are accepted, he will not know if there is money left in the budget for paving.

Phillips said he will return to the board meeting next month with more details and developments for further approvals.

In other action the board approved financial reports and Superintendent Carrie Ballinger asked the board to approve an additional kindergarten teacher. “We are within three students of being over our limit and it is only July,” she said. Ballinger said she expects more students and would prefer to have the additional teacher ready before school begins.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Report. It is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired
Azeay Crisp, MDS Teacher at RCMS; Brittany Adams, Social Studies Teacher at RCMS; Lauryn Carpenter, K-5 Teacher at MVES.

Full time classified employees hired
Erik Jordison, Computer Specialist; Clifford Mullins, Computer Operator; Jenni Ellis, Payroll Clerk II; Michael Bussell, Custodian at RCMS; Maggie Franklin, Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at RCHS.

Resignations
Leslie Rigsby, Payroll Clerk II; Lea Ellen Rogers, Substitute Teacher; Joseph Cowan and Rita Brown, Substitute Instructional Assistants; Judy Maples, Substitute Teacher/Instructional Assistant; Savanna Sweet, Substitute Instructional Assistant; Dorthea Parsons, Cora Machal, Madelyn Bullen, Sarah Bullock and Hannah Reid, Substitute Teachers.

Retirements
Timothy Reynolds, Custodian; James Barnett, Maintenance Tech.

Classified Substitutes
Gary Ramsey, Substitute Computer Operator; Haley Thacker, Substitute Instructional Assistant.

Classified Staff updates
Martha (Denise) Coffey, transfer to 6-hour cook/baker; Amanda McFerron, transfer to 7.5-hour cook/baker.

“Court”

(Continued from front) paid in full by August. The court voted to pay the bills in full to receive the discounted price. “This saves the county over \$3,000 that can be used for other projects,” said Holbrook.

However, this also places the county in a “tight position” for the time being when some other county departments also have bills due, according to Clontz. “We have some money coming in this month and some other things are going on,” said Clontz. “We may need as much as \$550,000 in the General Fund for the Road Department, 911 Fund and Jail Fund but I suggest that right now we just transfer up to \$550,000 from the Occupational Tax Fund into the General Fund, pay KACo in full and save the discount, but then wait to transfer funds into those three accounts until it is needed.”

The court agreed and the recommendation passed unanimously.

The court dealt with several other items on the agenda, including donating \$1,500 to the Livingston Homecoming, loaning \$13,000 to the City of Livingston for roof repairs on the Depot Building, providing \$1,140 in program support to the Rockcastle County Development Board, as well as opening bids for jail services.

The \$13,000 loan to Livingston will be added onto the \$14,500 already owed to the county for purchase of the building and a new mortgage will be created, according to Holbrook.

Melissa Hahn, Livingston Homecoming Coordinator, had asked the court for an increase from last year's \$1,500 donation but the motion was made, by Magistrate Mike McGuire, and passed, to provide the same amount this year.

The court voted to accept a bid for food services to the local detention center for \$2.15 per tray.

Brenda Bowman, a courthouse employee, also asked the court to deal with a roach problem that has become evident to workers and visitors alike recently. “The biggest part of them come from the jail and all the cardboard boxes,” said Holbrook. Officials say

restrictions allow the county to spray for roaches but only every 14 days and this has been the process but it has not stopped the roach infestation. Holbrook said he is looking into the cost of hiring an exterminator and will get that information to the court.

The court also agreed to extend Wildflower Lane to a cemetery (276 feet). The county will also take responsibility for a 345 foot length of Twilight Avenue and 335 feet of Warren Lane. Both passed unanimously.

The court also dealt

with several other issues, including a mitigation resolution, the Livingston Gymnasium report, PVA Property Tax Roll assessments, accepting \$17,962 as Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen's excess fees for 2021-22, RCIDA budget, animal shelter reports, claims and vouchers, Solid Waste reports, and more.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BROCCOLI SALAD

From my good friend Wanda Faye McClure Mahr.

1 small head of broccoli, chopped
1 small head of cauliflower, chopped
2 tomatoes, diced
1 can black olives, halved
1/2 red onion, diced
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing
1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
Salt and pepper to taste
Combine the veggies; toss with both dressings. Add sunflower seeds and crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste. If you don't like blue cheese, use all ranch dressing.

FREEZER SLAW

1 head of green cabbage
1 carrot
1 sweet bell pepper, any color
1 small purple onion
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup vinegar
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1 teaspoon mustard seed
Chop cabbage, carrot, bell pepper, and onion. Cover with salt; let set for one hour. Squeeze the salt and water out of the cabbage mixture. Mix vinegar, sugar, water, and mustard seed in pan. Bring to a boil. Boil for 3 minutes. Let cool. Pour

over cabbage mixture. Stir well. Let stand about 3 minutes before placing in freezer. This made about 2 pint containers. Thaw before eating.

SEVEN (OR EIGHT) LAYER SALAD

Uncle Paul's wife June was the first to bring this salad to our holiday and Sunday meals. It has certainly withstood the test of time as it is still one of our favorites.

1 medium head lettuce, shredded
1 sweet onion, chopped (optional)
1 cup celery, chopped (optional)
1 package (about 16 ounce) frozen green peas, thawed and drained
5 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
8 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
1 and 1/2 cups Miracle Whip® or mayonnaise, spread evenly over bacon layer
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded
Layer ingredients in order given in a 9 x 13 glass dish. Do not toss or stir. Refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving. NOTE: Some of the family likes to thin the Miracle Whip® out a little bit by mixing it with 2 tablespoons milk and 1 teaspoon sugar. Adjust the amount of Miracle Whip® to your taste.

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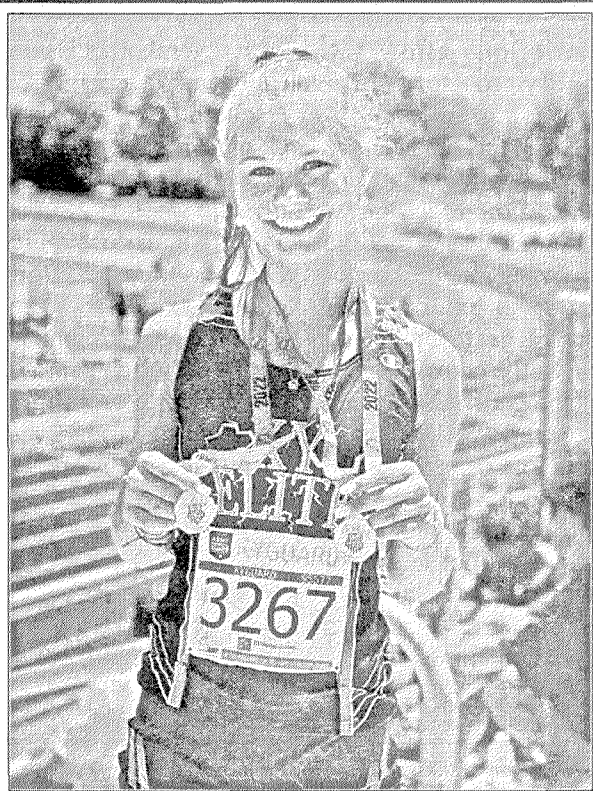
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Swinney qualifies for AAU Junior Olympics

Maliyah Swinney, an eighth grader this upcoming school year at Rockcastle County Middle School, will compete in the 2022 National AAU Junior Olympic Games in Greensboro, North Carolina in August.

Maliyah's road to the national championships started back in June with gold medal wins in both long and triple jump at the AAU District Championship Meet at Henry Clay High School. With her two outstanding performances, she automatically qualified for the Area 6 Regional Championship Meet at Hardin Valley Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee in early July. The regional meet featured many of the best track and field athletes from Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee with the top six in each event qualifying for AAU Nationals.

Maliyah had amazing performances in both of her jumping events. She placed 2nd in triple jump and 4th in long jump in the 14-year-old age division, earning a berth in both events at the national championships. With her continued hard work and improvements, she should have an excellent opportunity to win national titles in both events.

The National AAU Junior Olympics will be hosted by North Carolina A&T State University.



Connor Ford and Griffin Jackson shot 29 under par to win the Championship Flight of the Cedar Rapids LLC Two-Man Invitational held this past weekend.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CROCK POT ITALIAN SPAGHETTI SAUCE

This recipe came from my sister-in-law in Florida. Her son doesn't like olives so when she knows he and his family are coming to dinner, she leaves the olives out. Personally, I like it better without the olives also.

- 1 pound ground beef
 - 1/2 pound Italian sausage
 - 1 can (28 ounce) tomatoes, cut up
 - 1 can (6 ounce) tomato paste
 - 1 can (6 ounce) sliced mushrooms
 - 1 cup chopped onion
 - 3/4 cup chopped green pepper
 - 1/2 cup Burgundy or beef broth
 - 1/3 cup water
 - 1/2 cup sliced pimento stuffed green olives
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 3 bay leaves
 - 1 and 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 2 tablespoons cold water
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- In a skillet, brown ground beef and sausage, drain. Transfer to crockpot. Stir in undrained tomatoes, tomato paste, mushrooms, onion, green pepper, Burgundy or beef broth, water, olives, garlic, bay leaves, Worcestershire sauce, sugar, salt, and chili powder. Cover and cook on high for 5 to 6 hours. Blend cold water slowly

into cornstarch and stir into sauce. Cover and cook for 10 more minutes. Serve over cooked pasta with Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top.

SLOW COOKER UNSTUFFED CABBAGE ROLLS

I dislike making cabbage rolls, but I love this unstuffed cabbage.

- 2 pounds lean ground turkey or ground beef
- 2 cups chopped onions
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1 small head green cabbage, coarsely chopped
- 1 can (15 ounce) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 can (15 ounce) tomato sauce

Spray crock pot with nonstick cooking spray. Crumble the raw ground turkey or beef into crock pot; spread along bottom of pot. Add the onions, green pepper, garlic, salt, thyme, and cabbage. Pour the diced tomatoes over top. Mix the sugar into the tomato sauce and pour over everything. Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours or on high for about 4 hours. When done, remove lid and stir to mix well.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Rockcastle County Producers Have Until Aug. 1 to Submit FSA County Committee Nominations

Farmers and ranchers have until Aug. 1, 2022, to nominate candidates to serve on the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accepts nominations each year in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAAs) for individuals to serve on these locally led committees.

This year, Rockcastle County is accepting nominations for LAA 1, which includes The western section of Rockcastle County bound by Pulaski, Lincoln, and Garrard County. Highway Boundaries are Hwy 70, Hwy 150, I-75 and Little Hurricane Rd. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program, and reside in the LAA up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Nationwide, more than 7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote, and hold office.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A form. Urban farmers should use an FSA-669-A-3 for urban county committees. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, 2022.

Committee Meeting Date: August 3rd 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

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Rock Youth Football Camp is July 26-28

The annual Rock Youth Football Camp will be held July 26-28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the RCHS football practice field.

The camp is for kindergarten through 6th grade. The non-contact camp will work on the basics of football, including agility, speed, body weight strength exercises and fundamentals of different offensive and defensive positions. There will be passing games and a combine style workout with times and distances recorded.

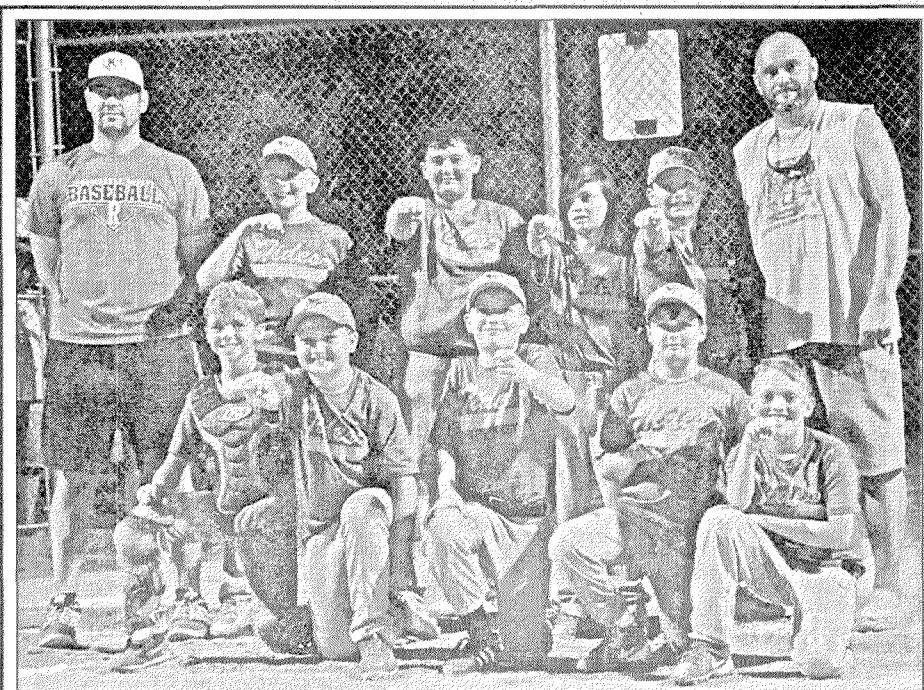
The cost is \$25 for one camper and \$40 for two campers (from the same family). There will be concessions sold and each camper will get a Free Camp T-Shirt. Payment is due the first day of the camp.

Youth Little League Football sign-ups will also take place at the camp.

For more information, contact Coach Chris Larkey at chris.larkey@rockcastle.kyschools.us or on the Facebook page Rockcastle Rockets Football

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The Tides (9-12 year olds) are the Rockcastle County Little League Champions. Pictured are front row: Logan Rogers, Bryce Hunt, Boniah Wylie, Noah Denny and Jace Childress. Back row: Coach Greg Harper, Zayden Scalf, Gage Childress, Keegan, Nash Harper, Assistant Coach Jason Childress. Not pictured: Carson Hughes. The Tides won against the Iron Pigs who had been undefeated all season.

Deadline

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

Community Volunteer Opportunities

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Volunteers of all ages, faith traditions, and backgrounds needed to build hope, transform lives, and share Christ's love through service in Appalachia.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Home Foundation
Plantings

Once upon a time, ugly concrete foundations of homes needed hiding. I suspect this prompted someone to invent the term "foundation plantings" and put plants along the foundation of their houses.

Regardless of who started this practice, it's a useful one.

And to this day many homes still have foundations that are eyesores.

Our residences can be enhanced by a good planting design, no matter if there's an ugly foundation to hide or not. I suggest creating such a landscape feature, but do it to match up to your specific house and your preferences for colors and textures. Foundation plantings often are the first plantings along the front of a recently constructed home. They should not be a 'cookie cutter' installation of one of 5 or 10 over-used plants just like everyone else chooses. Easy-care plants can still be varied to differ from those of neighboring homes.

In the overview, numerous municipalities and homeowner associations require plantings along the front foundations of homes. The idea has merit, no matter the motivating reason. Many rural homes still sport a n unattractive foundation long after the original construction. I do understand the reasons for some of the ordinances requiring plants that some cities implement. (But I also realize many of the resulting plantings are just to fulfill the letter of the law and are not the good or attractive choices that might be made by a skilled creative person.) If you have the option of doing the foundation plantings for your new home yourself, or of hiring a professional, you'll likely produce a result superior to the "planting packages" most builders offer you.

Some modern homes may not have exposed ugly foundations; still,

Upcoming Reunion 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.

judicious plantings soften harsh architecture in most situations, tying the house to the yard.

Corner plantings, doorway plantings, plus connecting plantings are a common strategy for creating a good front yard foundation design.

Decisions already made concerning the drive and the path to the

front door may limit your creativity in front foundation landscaping. (A curved walk offers numerous options for creative landscaping not accommodated by a straight concrete walk to the front door. So, if you're buying a home and the drive and walk aren't already concreted in, insist on some curves be made in yours.)

To set your foundation landscaping apart, color choices, plant sizes, textures, and multi-seasonal changing looks can be employed. Sometimes unique plants can also be employed. Being sure to use multiples of at least one plant throughout the design, you can put in a plant or two you desire as oddities or specimens.

Take note of the direction your home faces before beginning any landscaping. A south facing front is going to limit your options for using shade-loving plants, and a north facing front is going to limit the use of sun loving plants in your designs. (Or, you'll find out the hard way that it matters!)

Shorter plants in front of taller ones is desirable if you have the room along your front foundation.

A layered look is a nice look on most homes.

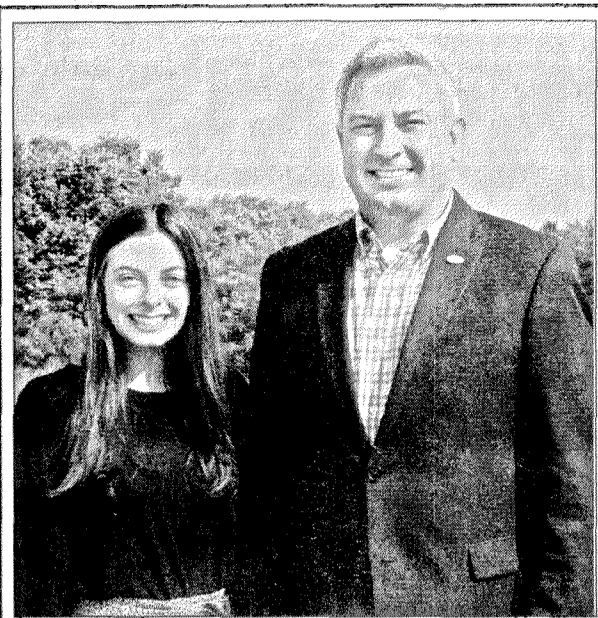
Make note of the prominent colors on your home's exterior. If you can tie some of your planting colors to the home colors (or choose opposites on the color wheel if you like some drama) it gives a sense of belonging and compatibility that neighboring homes may not exhibit.

One thing front yard landscaping should do is help visitors or delivery persons find the front door.

(Or, perhaps not, if you prefer to discourage anyone from ringing your doorbell.) Confusion about the front entry can be a negative in selling your home, so highlighting the front door is typically the correct way to go on this.

So, as you set about to do your foundation plantings, just a few cautions to be aware of. Pick a plant that will still fit the spot you are planting it in a decade from now, or two decades or more. Is your choice likely to at some point crack the sidewalk or the home's foundation? Roots—will they be unsightly or affect things like drainage or septic? Security—do you wish to have overgrown large shrubs someone could hide in next to your front door? Other considerations may be leaves, trimming, dead limbs, death of plants from dry or overly wet locations, and the list could go on. Put a little effort into the process and you'll have a foundation planting to be proud of.

The author is a landscaper.
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Hope Holbrook, with Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles, is working as an intern this summer at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Office of the State Veterinarian in Frankfort. Holbrook, who will be a senior this fall at the University of Kentucky, is majoring in agricultural education and minoring in agricultural economics. She is the daughter of Howell and Gail Holbrook of Brodhead.

(Photo by the KY Dept. of Agriculture's Office of Communications)

Church News

Revival at Sand Springs Baptist

Revival services will be held at Sand Springs Baptist Church July 20th thru the 23rd at 7 o'clock each evening.

Evangelist will be Bro. Rayburn May.

Bro. Eugene Gentry and congregation invite everyone to come and have a good time in the Lord.

Monthly Singing

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday, July 31st, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Blackburns will be the guest singers.

Everyone invited and welcome.

Faith and Prayer Walk

Christ's Discipleship Ministries will be hosting a Faith and Prayer Walk on July 29th and will begin at the depot in Brodhead, across from Citizens Bank.

The Walk will start at 7 p.m. and a time of fellowship will follow as we return to the depot.

The Church has been

silent for too long and it's time we, as Children of God, come together as one body to intercede on behalf of our leaders, our families, our schools, our churches.

God gave us (the Children of God), a simple fix for all the problems we face as a society when He said in Chronicles 7:4...*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

This scripture lays the responsibility to stand in the gap against the evil forces we face on the Child of God not the sinner!! *It's up to us!*

Come walk with us, come pray with us, all are welcome.

Proverbs 27:17...*Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*

Any questions, contact Jeff Cromer at 606-308-1314 or Randy Thompson 606-308-5451.

Hope to see you there!! God Bless.

The Work of Christ

In Eph 2:10 it says, For we are Gods workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. As we think about all the work that needs to be done, as it pertains to our Christian lives, let's think about all the work our Lord did while he was on earth not to mention the role he played in the creation of the earth and all that is in it. Jesus was constantly teaching during his ministry. Christ would look for opportunities to help people that had physical infirmities, for examples healing the lame, healing the blind, casting out evil spirits and raising the dead, not to mention the feeding of the five thousand with a few loaves and a few fish.

To be a Christian means to be Christ like, so when we are Christians, we need to be busy unto good works. I fear that sometimes people want to get saved and live under the canopy of Christianity without ever doing anything for the cause of Christ. The reason God created man was "unto" good works and if Christians are not busy doing good works, who will do it? I know Eph. 2:8-9 tells us that we are not saved by our works, but rather by excepting the gift of grace provided by God. It says in verse 9 that we would certainly never have the right to boast or brag about how much we have done to earn our salvation.

The reason God created us was to be about our father's business. Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14 says, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. VS 14 For God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. A lot of people try to avoid any kind of work as if it is a bad thing. We should look at work as being a privilege not only our occupation or the way we provide ourselves and our families, but more importantly the privilege of being a worker in our Lord's vineyard. In Luke 10:2 Jesus said, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborer's into his harvest.

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Dearest Grandson Alex Robinson

You mean the world to me and you fill my heart with so much joy. I'm so proud of you for what you have planned for your life, since grade school. You went for it all these years and didn't back out. You became a young man at an early age. Still did the kid's stuff, too, but you knew what you wanted your life to be in the future.

First, straight As, four years of JROTC, plus doing Marine programs on Tuesday and Thursday nights, pool program on some Saturdays. You were ready to go, yet you still made time for family and friends.

The picture here, shows what you can do. First year all the pins and rope. Just think years three and four pictures weren't taken because of Covid 19. But you got so many more awards in those years, too. I'm so proud of you.

I just wanted you to know that I hope you had the happiest birthday you could ever have, the first year without your family, on July 15, 2022. You're in our hearts and prayers. The Marines are in our family now and we're all so very proud of you!

I wanted to say Thank You for being such a wonderful grandson, Alex, I love you so much. God Bless You and keep you safe. My church family (Fairview) is always praying for you.

Happy 18th Birthday Alex,

Love always,

Granny, Dad, Mom, Hannah, Beatrice, Grammy, Adam and family, Eric and family and, of course, Carly and family.

"You're Not forgotten"

P.S. Today is your 18th birthday and I am the one that got the gift -- my first letter from you, my love. God be with you at all times.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company (LG&E and KU), 220 W Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202, has filed an application with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to maintain the Mt. Vernon-North London transmission line. The Project is located in Laurel and Rockcastle Counties. The Project begins approximately 0.3 miles east of the intersection of KY-490 and US-25 in Laurel County. It travels northwest through Daniel Boone National Forest into Rockcastle County until just north of the intersection of Crab Orchard Road and KY-2549. This Project includes construction in the floodplain of Rockcastle River. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

Things Which Destroy Peace

1. Contention. (Prov.26:21) As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to inflame strife. Note carefully the comparison: a contentious person is to strife what wood is to fire. Wood keeps fire burning, and contention keeps strife kindled.

2. Vengeance. We must live and associate with imperfect people just like ourselves. In the course of time, it is easy to feel that someone has wronged us. This maybe true, and it maybe no more than a figment of our imagination. Even though it is true, we should not seek punishment, but rather should leave it with the Lord to handle at the proper time in His own way. (Rom.12:19) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance Is MINE, I WILL REPAY, saith the Lord.

3. A self-willed spirit. Trouble will come when a person is set on having his own way regardless of the wishes of others. If it must always be my way or else, this attitude will lead to strife. It is easy to see the wisdom of God in making this statement, that elders must not be selfwilled. (Tit.1:7) For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God: not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre.

4. Bitterness, wrath, and anger. (Eph.4:31) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: These evil traits tend to break the peace of a family, church, or community; for they will break forth in word and deed and do injury. (Prov.29:22) An angry man stirreth up strife. He who is incapable of controlling himself is unable to handle critical situations, because he is unable to make good decisions. Eph.4:26 Be ye angry and sin not: but let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

5. Foolish and ignorant questions. (2 Tim.2:23) But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. Questions which do not come from a trained habit of thinking are to be declined.

6. A desire for power and preeminence. This has led to conflicts of both minor and major proportions, from fist-cuffs to world wars. It has led to struggle and strife in the church. Listen to John: (3 John:9) I wrote unto the church; Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. A church with a man like Diotrephes, is sure to have trouble, it is just a matter of time.

7. Corrupt speech. (Eph.4:29) Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the us of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Hasty words create strife; so, we are commanded: (Jas.1:19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

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The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on July 13, 2022, scheduling a hearing to be held on August 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in Case No. 2022-00038. This is an Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Kentucky Utilities Company 220 West Main Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202

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Second Section

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Second SRO named for school district

By: Mike French
Editor

Recent legislation has required all Kentucky schools to have one SRO (School Security Officer) in each building. Rockcastle County has one SRO (Tom Atkin) for the entire district, as do most other schools systems across the state, according to officials.

The requirement was unrealistic, according to Director of Student Services, Marcus Reppert, but the district is aiming at that goal in the near future.

Reppert told the Mount Vernon City Council that finding four additional properly trained SROs, who were interested in the very specialized duties in the required time frame, "just isn't going to happen." In fact, Reppert pointed out that even if there were four additional trained

police certified officers, that is no guarantee that they would fit the needs of Rockcastle County Schools, he said. "We not only have to find four more certified officers, who are trained in this specialized area, that are interested in this specific position working with children, but they must also be someone that can work with our students and our board," Reppert told the council. "It is hard enough just to find an additional officer for a police force. There is no way to fill these four very specific positions in a month."

Still, having one SRO in each school building is the eventual goal and the school board is working closely with the Mount Vernon Police Department to reach that goal.

In fact, Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush an-

nounced recently that officer Shay Helton has now been hired as the school system's second SRO, beginning with the 2022-23 school year.

The agreement between the district and the police department was reached last year when the school district agreed to pay the SRO's salary, while working at the school, and the department will pay expenses, including uniforms and equipment. When school is not in session, Helton will serve as a Mount Vernon Patrol Police Officer and will be paid by the department.

"We are working with the school to help in any way we can to keep our students and the school staff safe while in school," said Rush. "It is a team effort and our goals is to have an SRO at each school as soon as possible."

Midsummer Night Market



One of the many booths at the Midsummer Night Market included the Mount Vernon Fire Department booth (shown above) selling raffle tickets for several high quality items. Shown below, the art work of Cory Bond was on display in the Arts Association Building on Main Street. Shown at bottom, the Farmers' Market was open the same day as the Midsummer Night Market and visitors traveled between the two locations to enjoy the many fresh vegetables for sale.



The Lair



Jessica Blankenship, Glenda Smith, Lindsey Thomas, Mayor Mike Bryant and Assistant County Attorney William Leger, cut the ribbon for the opening of The Lair (The John Lair House) last week. Owners intend to rent the space for special events and perhaps use it as a bed and breakfast location.

Property Valuation Administrator summary

By: Mike French
Editor

The 2022 Property Valuation Administrator's summary of the county's real property valuation has been submitted to the fiscal court and approved.

The recapitulation totals show \$527,296,372 total property value with PVA increases of \$9,303,210 and PVA decreases of \$1,632,675 for a total assessment of \$534,966,907.

Of those totals \$323,163,627 is residential lots, land and improvements, \$115,490,101 is farm land and other improvements and \$96,313,179 is commercial, industrial, telecommunication and leasehold interests.

According to the summary there are 7,624 resi-

dential properties, 419 commercial properties and 2,889 farms for a total of 10,932 taxable parcels.

Rockcastle native has book of poetry published

By: Mike French
Editor

Many residents of Rockcastle County have heard the name Kathee Brown Staton since she was involved as a performer at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center for many years. For the last several years, she has organized the Renfro Valley Alumni Show. Kathee, the daughter of the late Roy and Flora Mae Brown, now lives in Florida.

And now, the thoughts of Kathee, as she likes to be called, are in print in a

new book of poetry entitled *Kathee's Classics*, published by Newman Springs Publishing in New Jersey.

The book of poems range in topics but most are focused on her Christian life experiences in Quail where she was born and raised. Kathee began writing songs and poems at an early age and she continued her hobby into her college years and on to this day.

Being active in theater and arts she also worked in television for many

years and her countless credits include writing plays and serving as a promotions director.

According to the book, Kathee is thankful for the training she has received over the years in the performing arts and

she has utilized that training for her own well-being and for the entertainment of others.

Kathee's Classics is a book of poems written over many years and she expects a second book to (Continued on B4)

School board will again participate in free meals program

By: Mike French
Editor

Lunch and breakfast for all Rockcastle County students will be free again this year.

Rockcastle County will once again be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast program.

"As part of this program, Rockcastle County Schools will be offering healthy meals every school day at no cost to the student, due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for the school year 2022-23" said Jennifer Mattingly, Food Ser-

vice Director.

Students will be able to participate in the program without having to pay any fee or submit a household application, Mattingly added.

Anyone with questions about the program should call Mattingly at 606-256-2125.

\$62,292,950 in residential and \$16,326,400 in farms.

The total amount deferred under the Agriculture Deferred Land Use Act is \$189,970,507 in residential, fair cash value for farms and \$87,893,500 in commercial properties. The number of taxpayers with Homestead exemptions is 1,644 and with a disability is 454.

Additions in the 2022 assessment (taxable) include \$4,929,000 in residential property, \$106,900 in farm land and \$1,032,500 in commercial, industrial and telecommunications for total additions of \$6,069,250.

The deletions (taxable) from the 2021 assessment, include a total of \$2,395,870.

Additions in the 2022 assessment (fair cash value) is \$6,069,250 and the deletions from 2021 (fair cash value) is \$2,556,420.



Members of the Rockcastle County Middle School Football team held a car wash Saturday to raise funds to be used for the football program. Many local residents stopped at the event to help the program and have their car shined during the beautiful weather.

COVID report

Confirmed cases in the past 7 days

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Cumberland Valley District Health Department figures

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Miscellaneous For Sale

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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

Notice is hereby given that Charles E. Bunch, 264 Old Railroad Way, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Marie Bunch on the 7th day of July, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, verified according to law, to the said Charles E. Bunch or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford, PSC, 45 E. Main St.,

P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 23x3

Notice is hereby given that Tamara Rochelle Wilder, 74 Strawberry Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 and John Hoskins, 82 Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors of the Estate of Donna Jean Cloyd Hoskins (deceased) on the 14th day of July, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tamara Rochelle Wilder and/or John K. Hoskins on or before January 16, 2023. 24x3

Notice is hereby given that Brian E. Coffey, 1157 Wildie Road, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Johnnie Anthony Coffey, 138 Arrowhead Drive, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Edith Coffey on the 12th day of July, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brian E. Coffey and Johnnie Anthony Coffey or to Hon.

John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 24x3

Notice is hereby given that Gina and Jacob Harding, 444 Big Orchard Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed Co-Guardians of Aurora Mae Reyes, a minor. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gina and Jacob Harding on or before January 13, 2023. 24x2

Notice is hereby given that James C. Baker and Crystal Baker, P.O. Box 1918, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Guardians of Jazmanie Misael Reyes, a minor. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them to the said James C. and Crystal Baker or to Hon. Heidi Weatherly, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. 24x2

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Multi-Family Yard Sale: 448 Green Fish Road, right off U.S. 25 N, by Green Hill Cemetery. Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, 8 a.m. to ?

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Yard Sale: 445 Williams St., Mt. Vernon. Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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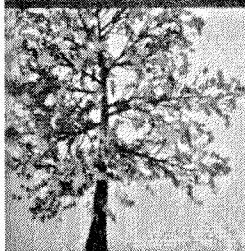
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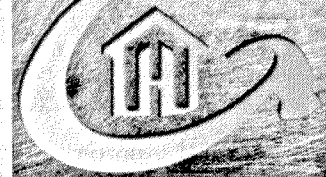
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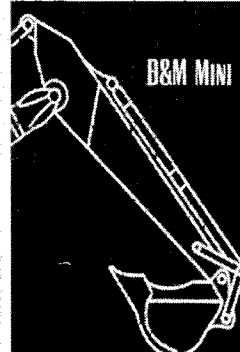
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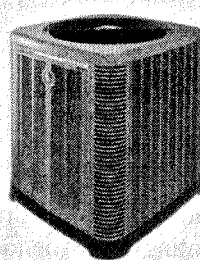
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Hannah Elizabeth Cotton, 22, Orlando, bank teller/student and Bobby James Bryce Parker, 20, London, pharmacy tech/student. 7/13/22

Kiaya Faith Hensley, 20, Berea, unemployed and Thomas Jackson Otey, 20, Berea, factory. 7/14/22

Deeds Recorded

Robert Ledford and Ellen Marie Brewer and Helen Brewer, property on Blue Springs Road, to Steven L. Novak and Christina A. Kohl. Tax \$5140

Timothy and Lisa Durham, property on KY 1004, to Abraham Garcia Arellanes and Iliana Belen Caamal Perez. Tax \$155

Vicki Reynolds, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Kayla C. and John M. King. Tax \$220

Roy and Pamela Martin, property in Mt. Vernon, to First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Inc. No tax

Michael P. and Melinda K. McGuire, property in Rockcastle County, to Bobby R. Lunsford. Tax \$10

James and Angela C. Alcorn and Allen Hendrickson, property in Rockcastle County, to Shawn Moon and Tia Williams. Tax \$185

Danny and Sue Ford and John D. and Angela Ford, property on Brindle Ridge Road, to Tammie Reppert. Tax \$30

Justin Prewitt, property in Mitchell Abney Subdv., to Justin Prewitt, Jr. and Stephanie Prewitt. Tax \$135

Linda S. Berry, property in Disputanta section, to Philip and Stephanie Berry. Tax \$200

Woods & Waters with M&S, LLP, property on Lear Lane, to Marty and Mechale Howard. Tax \$33.50

John Hamilton, property on Lower River Road, to Kevin and Carol Bedsworth. Tax \$18

Martin and Brenda Orberon, property on KY 1505, to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Tax \$35

Robert H. and Michelle Bustle, property in Robert Ford Subdv., to Dennis Clevenger and Nancy Elberty. Tax \$4.50

Eddie and Tammy Gabbard and Ronnie and Betty Gabbard, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to Robert and Betty Gabbard. Tax \$3.50

Crystal Owens, property in Rockcastle County, to Debra K. Owens. No tax

Danny Ray and Marvis JoAnn Price, Joan Fay and Joe Denny, Marilyn Douglas and Ricky and Zada Price, property on Albright Street, Brodhead, to Tammy Faye McClure. Tax \$98

Patricia Cornelius,

property on Sweetwater Road, to Stacey and Nicandro Carrizales. Tax \$21.50

Victor Harold and Deborah Francisco and Victor Chad and Kara Brooke Francisco, property near Calloway on U.S. 25, to Darren and Danetta F. Allen. Tax \$63

District Court

July 6-13, 2022

Hon. Kathryn G Slone
David C. Barnes: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance, 15 days in jail/costs merged; fines/fees due (\$243), five days in jail/concurrent.

Jason K. Blair: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Charles Gregory Fitzpatrick: fines/fees due (\$298), six days in jail.

Wesley D. Robinson: public intoxication and resisting arrest, 10 days in jail, each charge/concurrent/costs waived.

James Spoonamore: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 30 days in jail/each charge/concurrent/costs waived.

Jeremiah Alexander Cain: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Perry Wade Mason: escape and official misconduct, per-trial diversion order entered for six months on condition.

Randall Matthew Mullins: harassing communications (two charges), enrolled in Lake Cumberland Recovery.

Brandon L. Overbay: driving w/o license/negligence in accident, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Alexis Gonzalez Perez: no operators/moped license and Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg,

Driving of Motor Vehicle, \$50 fine each count/both suspended; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, \$200 fine, \$425 service fee, plus costs, license suspension up to six months; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/suspended.

Halona Wynn: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; operating vehicle w/ expired operators license, \$100 fine, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Anthony Calder: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia-buy/possession, bw issued for fta.

Christopher Lee Denney: no/expired registration plates-receipt and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Ronnie M. Herrington: alcohol intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Patricia Mahoney: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Jamane Riley: assault, bw issued for fta.

Jimmy Curtis Schafer: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Randy Singleton: public intoxication, \$100 fine; possessio of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Walter Terry: obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates receipt, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

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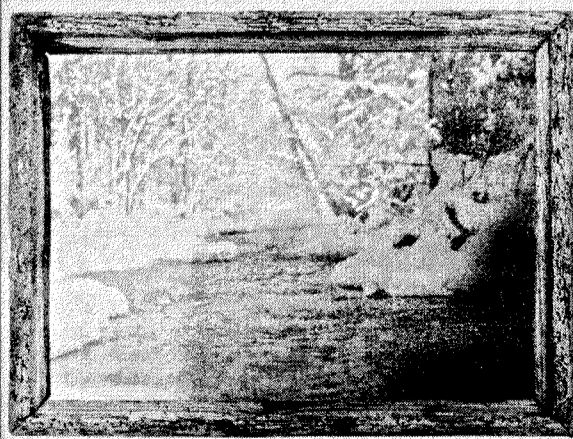
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be released within a year.

The book opens with a poem about a mother's visit to the old homeplace and ends with a poem about turning to God. The 180 pages between those two poems include subjects that will continue to tug at the heart of most anyone in any circle of society.

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For 2022

Hale named one of 50 "Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and Government"

Operation UNITE President & CEO Nancy Hale has been selected by The Kentucky Gazette as one of the 50 "Notable Women in Kentucky Politics and Government" for 2022.

"These 50 women represent some of the most intelligent and powerful women leading our commonwealth in a broad range of fields - elected office, government service, labor, lobbying, and nonprofit leadership," said Laura Cullen Glasscock, the Gazette's editor and publisher. "These women make things happen in fields that mostly are dominated by men."

"I am humbled by the honor," said Hale, who has headed UNITE since February 2015. She is the third person to hold this position since its creation in 2003.

UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education) is a Southern and Eastern Kentucky-based non-profit organization striving to prevent abuse of drugs and facilitate recovery.

"Earlier this year, The Kentucky Gazette asked its members and social media followers to nominate women who make a difference in Kentucky public affairs," Glasscock said. "Nominators emailed us the names and reasons why these women should be honored. It's as fascinating to read the nominations as it is to read the Notable Women's bios when they're submitted. I will say, these women have fans who respect their work."

Hale spent 34 years as a teacher, career counselor and administrator - mostly in Rockcastle County - before joining UNITE as Co-Program Director for the UNITE Service Corps (AmeriCorps) program in 2012.

Hale currently serves on the advisory boards for the Rx and Illicit Drug Summit and National Recovery Month Planning Partners. In addition, she is a Board member for RECON Kentucky, and member of the Appalachian Regional Commission's Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council and the Southeast Kentucky Advisory Council for Volunteers of America.

Very involved in her community, Hale has served as an Executive Board Member and volunteer with the Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition for the last 18 years and volunteered for 28 years with the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association.

In addition, as a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Hale is actively involved in missions and outreach. She serves as Women's Missionary Union Director, has served as a messenger for the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists, the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention, various music ministries, and taught Sunday School for more than 40 years.

She and her husband, John, are the parents of two grown sons and they have four grandchildren.

You can view The Kentucky Gazette's special edition on-line at <https://kentuckygazette.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Kentucky-Gazettes-Notable-Women-in-Kentucky-Politics-and-Government-2022.pdf>

For more information about Operation UNITE initiatives, please visit their website at OperationUNITE.org.

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Now a public affairs journal, The Kentucky Gazette was founded in 1787 by John Bradford, a Lexington printer who later published some of the first Acts of the Kentucky General Assembly and the Kentucky Almanac (1788-1807). It is considered the first newspaper published in the United States west of the

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Nancy Hale

Little World's Fair plans underway

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again the time is drawing near for the Little World's Fair in Brodhead. This year the event will be held from August 16 to August 20 at the Fairgrounds in Brodhead.

Though all the times and events are not finalized, organizers are working hard to make the event one of the best in history. The fair serves as the major fundraiser for the Brodhead Fire Department and has become known across the entire United States.

Though events are still being finalized and dates and times will be announced soon, the event will have the Small Car Demolition Derby on

Tuesday, August 16 presented by B&M Motorsports.

On Wednesday, August 17 plans include ATV and side-by-side obstacle course, a pretty baby contest and the annual cutest kid contest.

On Thursday, August 18 a truck pull is planned and will be presented by the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department.

On Friday, August 19 the fair will host the KITPA Truck Pull and on Saturday there will be the annual mud races presented by Hal Motorsports.

Everyone is invited to attend the event. Admission and event entry prices and full schedules will be released soon.

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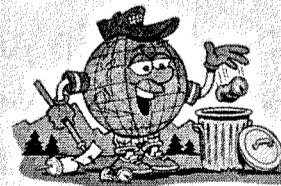
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