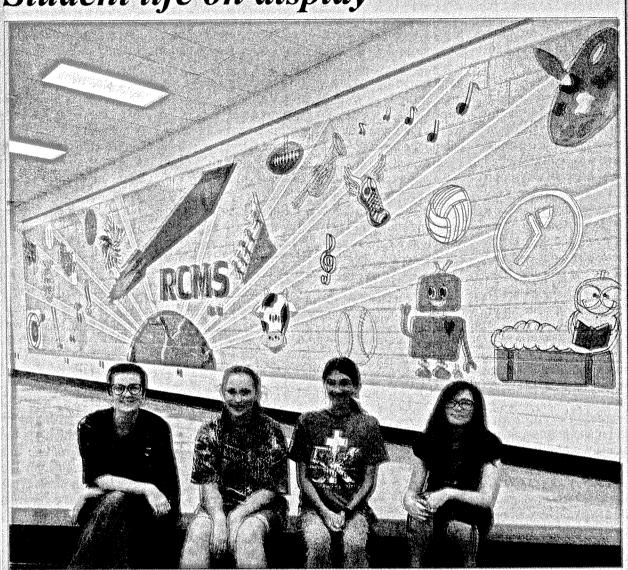
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Student life on display



Arts and Humanities teacher Cassandra Smith (left) sits with Bravo students Chelsey Branham. Gracie Peavie and Shannon Eckert under the mural they painted in the cafeteria of the Rockcastle County Middle School. The mural is part of a showcase of activities, clubs and athletic opportunities offered to RCMS students. The students also painted a mural in the Calming Room. The project was sponsored by RCMS Student Services Center.

## Masks are still in question for this school year

By: Mike French Editor

There is still a question whether students will be required to wear masks in Rockcastle County Schools this fall. This issue and more were addressed at the Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting last week.

Board member Anna Goff attended the meeting via video conference with all other members present.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger told the board the issue of wearing masks had been brought up by some parents and students. "At this time, this will be a local board decision," she said. "We can discuss it further in the August meeting but currently there is not a mandate by the Kentucky Department of Education requiring students to wear a mask. It will be up to the board unless the CDC or the KED changes that in the future. Currently, it is our decision." (Since the meeting, there has been an increase in COVID cases and the CDC has recommended masks for students, but the decision is still currently up to local boards, according to Ballinger.)

Many states have adopted a teaching strategy called Critical Race Theory (CTR). This is an extremely controversial theory that the United States system of government is based on the idea that "white people are inherently oppresive to other races, especially African Americans," according to

Education Weekly said the lessons are taught in K-12 classes in some states and that many believe it "pits people of

(See "Mask" on A9)

## County sees big increase in drug overdoses

By: Mike French Editor

According to reports just released by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and the NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse), Kentucky is the second worst state in the nation for drug overdose death increases, and local officials confirm it is happening here as well.

Though officials are clearly working on the issue, when it comes to illegal drug overdoses, Kentucky is doing something wrong.

According to both drug agencies, Kentucky saw the second highest drug overdose increase in the nation in 2020 with a 29% increase. Only West Virginia was higher.

Over 2,000 Kentuckians died of drug over-

By: Mike French

bate, members of the

School Board basically

argued over minutes from

a recent meeting as board

members sparred and

jabbed over the issue for

Board member Larry

Hammond had given a

statement at a special

meeting earlier this year,

explaining why he voted

against the salary and re-

hiring of Superintendent

Carrie Ballinger. In that

statement, names were

used, including present

and past employees, sug-

gesting improprieties and

even falsification of

Rockcastle

about an hour.

In a very heated de-

School board members

strongly disagree on

board minutes issue

County

doses last year which is six per day, or one every four hours.

Statistically, 70% of all overdoses are opioid-related deaths and one-third of those are from Fentanyl. But the CDC says even the heroin and cocaine epidemic of the 1990s were about half as dangerous as the current opioid crisis.

Locally, officials say the problem in Rockcastle County mirrors the rest of the state. "To be honest, as far as actual overdoses, the CDC numbers are probably conservative," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "There are a lot of overdoses that never get reported."

Franklin said the past few weeks alone has been

board minutes, among

his beliefs that Ballinger's

superintendency should

not be reinstated and she

should not receive the

raise the board had previ-

ously approved and made

assertions of several other

improprieties over the

with the board then con-

tacted the board attorney,

Theresa Combs, who ap-

parently advised the

board to not include

Hammond's speech in the

meeting's minutes to pro-

tect against possible

(See "Minutes" on A7)

'slander" suits.

However, officials

past several years.

Hammond explained

other misuse of funds.

a bad period for drug overdoses in the county. "The last few weeks we have had a lot of calls about overdoses," he said, "There has been a dramatic increase in drug

overdose calls to my office recently. The victims range from teens to those in their 60s. They are different races and different backgrounds. This can affect any family. No one

## **County finances** on track this year

Monument coming from DAR —

By: Mike French

Editor The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court dealt efficiently with many issues during last Tuesday's regular monthly meeting. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook Jr., attended the meeting via conference call since he may have been exposed to COVID-19 and was waiting for test results. The results later proved to be nega-

After approving the minutes of three special called meetings, and last month's regular meeting, approving the RCIDA's surplus of \$3,212 and new fencing for the Livingston Gymnasium

#### Driver's License renewal note

Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel says there is still a small window for Rockcastle Countians to get their license renewals locally before the process is taken over by a regional center in Somerset.

At least through Friday, July 23rd, drivers licenses can still be re-

(See "License" on A9)

HVAC system units, the court heard from Debbie Brown representing the

American Revolution.) Brown asked for a \$1,000 donation to install the foundation for a Revolutionary War Me-

DAR (Daughters of the

(See "County" on A9)

seems to be immune from drug addiction."

Mount Vernon Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush runs the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program for the Rockcastle County School system but only fifth grade students can currently participate.

Rush said parents should stay involved in their children's life and look for signs that may indicate a problem that could turn deadly. "Parents can't get complacent," he said. "They can't just assume this won't touch their family. They need to pay close attention to the music their kids are listening to.

(See "Drug" on A9)

## Local hospital named **Best Place to Work**

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been named a "Best Places to Work in Kentucky" for 2021 by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM). This is Rockcastle Regional's fifth year to be named to the list.

This year, Rockcastle Regional was also named to the Best Places to Work Hall of Fame in recognition of the number of years it has achieved this prestigious ranking.

"We are incredibly proud to be named a Best Place to Work in Kentucky for the fifth time," said Carmen Poynter, human resources director at Rockcastle Regional. "Our goal is to be the destination employer for those in healthcare who are seeking a career where they can make a difference in the lives of their patients and in their community. We are dedicated to providing a culture where our employees can take pride in being part of a team that conducts purposeful, worthwhile meaningful work."

Winners from across the state have been selected in three small categories:

(See "Best" on A7)

Britannica.com,

#### COVID rising again

Rockcastle County quickly moved back into the orange zone which is the 2nd highest risk zone, as of Monday, July 19th.

40% of the new cases are of those who have been vaccinated. according to

local and national officials. With an incident rating rising from 0.8 to 12.84 in one week, Rockcastle joins all other counties in the Cumberland Valley Region with a quickly rising incident rate. Three positive cases were reported in Rockcastle this week with 12 probable cases in a 24 hour period.

#### City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting was postponed last week.

Officials say they hope to have the meeting this Thursday night instead but the meeting was not finalized by press time.

#### Little World's Fair

Don't forget the Little World's Fair will begin next Friday, July 31 and last until August 7. Gates will open at 5 p.m. each day and admission will be \$10. Everyone is encouraged to attend the event. All proceeds go to the **Brodhead Volunteer** Fire Department.

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## ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

A very nice reader of my column called my hand this week on last week's ramblings... column wherein I said that 400,000 people died of influenza in the 2019-2020 flu season.

He pointed out that actually there were 400,000 cases of influenza and a little more than 34,000 deaths in that period, after 61,000 deaths in the preceding flu season.

He was right and, as badly as I hate to admit to being wrong, I would rather do than than to disseminate false information about anything. While looking over what I had written, I also found a typo I made, and didn't catch, concerning the number of flu deaths reported in the 2020-21 flu season. I had 162 and it should have been 1662.

Again, I sincerely apologize for these mistakes. It wasn't deliberate. Believe me, I don't have to make up statistics concerning the present administration's machinations, I just have to make sure I report them accurately.

There are so many things to take issue with each week, that I would like to explore in this column, that it's hard to figure out which one aggravates me the most at the time that I sit down to vent about the state of our country, particularly in the last seven months.

For one thing, I noticed this week that \$3 a gallon gas has finally hit Rockcastle County, up a dollar a gallon since Biden took office in January. This is in addition to rising prices at the grocery store. And, Senator Rand Paul, is warning that inflation will

hit double digits with Democrat spending plan.

Rep. Andy Biggs reported Monday that enough fentanyl to kill 238 million Americans was seized at the southern border last month. This should be enough reason to return to former President Trump's border policy, finish building the wall and try to control who enters our country and to know for what rea-

The Department of Agriculture reports that about 192,000 American agricultural acres, worth about \$1.9 billion, are owned by Chinese firms or individuals. The House is reportedly working on an amendment to the Agriculture-FDA spending bill which would prevent any companies that are entirely or partially owned by the Chinese government from making agricultural purchases or from benefiting from U.S. federal government support programs.

New VAERS numbers (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting), show that of those vaccinated there have been 438,440 adverse events; 26,818 hospitalizations; 7,463 disabled; 3,324 heart attacks; 2,200 Myocarditis reactions; 985 miscarriages and 9,048 deaths.

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Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook

Blast but a Bust at the

Movies

Dear Journal,



bacco every day.

Grocery. That was all

there was really. We had

never heard of a Walmart

and even if we had, they

wouldn't have had a

single customer if they

expected people to check

themselves out and bag

their own groceries like

they do now. In those

days, the old fellow that

ran the country store

treated customers with

respect, appreciation.

honor and common cour-

tesy. He was there to

make a living instead of

becoming a billionaire

and make political state-

ments with his fame and

place where men gath-

ered to spend hard earned

money and mostly to

spend their hard earned

free time and catch up on

The old store didn't

the community gossip.

have shiny, decorative,

laminate countertops. The

old wood floors were un-

even and the sound of

Country stores were a

By: Mike French

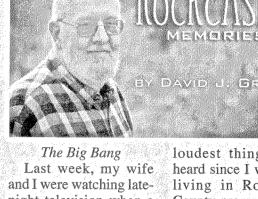


The tobacco is stripped wood squeaking together and put away. Three resonated across the shotgrades. Between now and gun style building when sale time, it feels like you stepped on one of the there isn't a lot to do on a planks that stuck up farm, when you have higher than the others. been used to working to-Occasionally a nail would back out and cause So, the men and the an old man to catch his male children usually toe giving everyone a walked down to the old good laugh while he country store, Combs cursed the owner sitting

behind the counter.

In winter months, the old unshaven fellows would lean back on two legs of old ladder-back chairs in front of the coalburning stove. Nearly every sentence in their exaggerated story about

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night television when a thunder storm approached our area in Mt. Sterling. At first, the lightning and thunder did not appear to be too close, and the television (Dish) did not go out. It seemed like a typical summer storm.

But it wasn't long before the storm seemed to kick up a gear; nevertheless, things didn't seem to be all that threatening. All of a sudden, a strike of lightning that was the loudest thing I have heard since I was a boy living in Rockcastle County prompted me to nearly jump right out of the bed. We felt the effect of the hit in the form of vibration. It was truly a big bang!

We both immediately knew that it had hit something close to our home and began to look out of the windows to see if one of our trees had been struck. We saw no evidence of damage, so we settled back down and continued to watch our television program.

The next day, I was pulling out of our driveway and discovered that a large old tree, across the street and a couple doors down, had exploded from the lightning strike the night before. Pieces of the tree had flown all over the area. The house across the street had damage to the siding and gutters. Its neighbor had a broken window. And all of this reminded me of my childhood.

When I was very young and living with my mother and grandpar-

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The Brockman family has authorized our firm to offer the property at absolute auction.



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Danny Ford



Our Fourth of July; alog Last weekend was the Fourth of July weekend. All of the weather reports were giving huge amounts of rain for three or four days surrounding that weekend and I was getting more disappointed as the days passed leading up to the Fourth. The Fourth of July is probably my favorite holiday. It has such a significant historical meaning and you can't help but to think about the colonial days back in America. This is one of my favorite periods being a lover of history. Some of my favorite musicals feature Fourth of July scenes. There are 'Yankee Doodle Dandy'' with James Cagney, and "The Music Man" with Robert Preston and Shirley Jones come to mind first.

> The weekend got off to a very nice start. We went out to dinner with some good friends and talked over dinner, and after dinner for an hour or so. It was down at the lake and at dusk, and it was very picturesque. The sunset gave a special glow on the water. There were people here and there, all seemingly having a very good time.

As a child growing up, I really enjoyed the Fourth holiday and the days of summer. There were fireworks shows to be seen although back then there weren't as many fireworks shows as today. Only the bigger cities had them. Today, just about every little town has a fireworks show of some kind. It just depends on how much money they have to invest in it. London beats anything around this area for fireworks shows I've ever seen. Last year was amazing

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule** Monday, July 26th: Child Development and Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, July 27th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

**Upcoming Classes at Rockcastle Extension** Beginning Sewing Classes: July 22 and 29 at 6-9 p.m. Ultimte Scrap Quilt Class for Adults: July 29 at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call to register for the classes at 606-256-2403

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, July 27th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be 21st District State Senator Brandon Storm. 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.

**Caregiver Connection Monthly Meeting** 

There will be a Caregiver Connection Monthly Meeting Friday, July 30th, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Compassionate Care Center, Lunch will be provided. Free for any family caregiver. Share resources, tips, frustrations, joys and more with fellow caregivrs. registration required. Learn more and register at hospicecareplus.org or 859-976-1500.

**Hospice Care Plus Volunteer Training** New Volunteer Training for Hospice Care Plus will be

held Saturday, July 24 at 9 a.m. at the Madison County Public Library, Richmond. Pre-registration is required. Register online at hospicecareplus.org or by phone at 859-626-9292. Ages 14 and up are welcome. Volunteers support Hospice, bereavement and Pallative programs locally or at the organization's office or Compassionate Care Center. Call 626-9292 for questions or more infor-

**Brodhead Alumni Banquet October 2nd** 

The Annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet, originally scheduled for April 10th, has been rescheduled for October 2nd at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

Mt. Vernon High School Reunion

The Mt. Vernon High School Reunion is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at the Rockcastle County Middle School, beginning at 6 p.m. The classes of 1970 and 1971 will be honored. Invitations will be mailed out in July.

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

Rockestle 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 frm 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.

#### **Daniel Boone CAA Accepting Applications** for LIHEAP Summer Cooling

Applications for Summer Cooling Subsidy and Crisis Components will be accepted through October 31, 2021

Daniel Boone CAA is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Summer Cooling Program. The program, which is open to qualifying households, offers two unique home energy assistance components to help offset electric costs. Households could apply and receive benefits up to the maximum allowable from both components.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis through October 31, 2021, or until designated funds are depleted. Income eligibility for the program is up to and including 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Benefits are paid directly to household's electric vendor. Qualified residents should apply at their local Outreach Office.

The Subsidy component helps households offset electric costs by providing a one-time benefit ranging from \$100 to \$400 depending on income levels and housing categories.

The Crisis component can assist households who are experiencing a home energy crisis situation, with the minimum needed to alleviate the crisis not to exceed \$600. Households can reapply each time they experience a crisis situation until they have reached their maximum benefit. Applicants must provide at least one of the following: disconnect notice; an eviction notice for non-payment of rent (if electric costs are included as an undesignated portion of rent); demonstrate a late amount, overdue amount or that they are within 10 days of running out of prepaid electric; or demonstrate that they would be disconnected or evicted if not for a moratorium due to a local, state or federal state of emergency.

COVID Statement: For everyone's safety, Community Action Agencies may provide special accommodations, adjust locations and times, and may ask that LIHEAP applicants follow safety protocols. Because these may change and vary between counties, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Community Action office for more information.

#### "ramblings"

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This is from the Center for Disease Control's VAERS department. And, to be fair, these numbers are out of 161 million Americans who have been fully vaccinated (49.6%), but there is also a three month backlog in VAERS reporting.

In the something to feel good about department, the Department of Education has reportedly cancelled its plan to use federal grants to teach Critical Race theory in schools.

A judge has sentenced Paul Hodgkins to eight months in prison for his involvement in the U.S. Capitol "riot" on January 6th. Hodgkins was sentenced for trespassing in the capitol (while holding a Trump flag). Meanwhile BLM, Antifa and leftists who rioted, looted, assaulted people and burned American cities for nearly a year continue to walk scott free. And, the way too silent GOP needs to be raising cain about this horrible mistreatment of Americans.

The City of Chicago will soon be sending out mental health professionals to some 911 calls in Chicago instead of cops, following defund the police protests as gang members now outnumber officers ten to one. This comes amid a mass exodus of cops from Chicago PD with 363 officers retiring between January and June this year - higher than the whole of 2018.

In the United Kingdom, according to Dr David Samadi, 47% of new COVID 19 cases are vaccinated people.

And, as a final note just to tell you where we are as a free country these days, former Obama administration Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said recently on CNN that unvaccinated Americans should not be allowed to work or have acces to children and be limited on where they are allowed to go.

The only thing George Orwell got wrong in his book 1984 was the date.

#### "Letters"

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with Backporch Smoke House. They are easy to work with and the food is excellent at a very reasonable price.

Cedar Rapids LLC

"T.J.'s"

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and this year was just as spectacular. You can look in almost any direction

you want and there is a fireworks show. They last for a really long time, too.

Stanley and I went over there to see the fireworks show as usual and took along the customary pizza to enjoy during the festivities. We have found a secluded parking lot in town where we go every year where you can see without hindrance in vision from the trees. We're usually the only ones there. This year they had two shows; one on Saturday night and one on Sunday. They even played patriotic music on huge speakers you could hear for miles.

We had wanted to go to a movie sometime during the weekend but we checked the various theaters all around in the area to see what was playing. Everything was so sorry you'd have to pay me to go. What a shame. If you don't want to see horror, kiddie stuff, action or sexual content you are just out of luck. The one I came closest to going to see was something in animation about Peter Rabbit. Stanley is a fan of action/adventure and the occasional science fiction movie, though. I believe Satan and his demons have enough publicity in real life. My life has about all of the action and adventure I can stand and cer-

tainly enough drama. I guess you could say that we had a rather quiet Fourth of July. We took the weekend off you could say and just rested. We just did the things that were really necessary; pet care and a little cooking. It was a good weekend. Hopefully, there will be a good movie playing somewhere in this state.

## "Memory"

(Continued from A2) ents on our hilltop farm in Rockcastle County, I was taught, not without good reason, to be afraid of storms. Both my mother and grandmother (Mommie Katie) were terrified of lightning. Once a storm appeared on the horizon, we were shuffled to the living room to sit on the couch or to the cellar to wait for it to pass. It taught horror to a young impressionable boy.

When lightning struck something close to our house, both of these neryous ladies would scream and flinch as if they had been hit themselves. When the storm approached, all electrical appliances were turned off or even unplugged. That meant that we could not listen to the radio or (heaven forbid) the television. The antenna was even disconnected from the TV!

There was one afternoon that I could never forget when lightning actually did strike. It hit the fuse box in the kitchen, which was located on the wall behind the couch. Blue light raced through the house while pieces of the fuse box flew all over the kitchen.

Well, that was the beginning of our trips to the cellar. From that point on, we moved quickly underground whenever a storm approached and stayed locked inside until no thunder could be heard again.

That tiny room was filled with canned vegetables, sacks of potatoes, onions, and other items that my grandfather stored inside. It was damp and very dark. I hated sitting in there with a kerosene lantern as the only source of light or heat. It had the typical musty smell, and I remember crickets scampering all around while we waited for the storm to pass. When lightning hit close by. Mommie Katie would exclaim, "Lordy Lordy!"

It was during that time that I started taking a flashlight with me every time we ventured into the cellar. Me, my transistor radio, and my trusty flashlight sitting with two hysterical women and my grandfather. It is not one of my favorite memories!

Although I grew up in a wonderful home with great Christian parents and grandparents, they and my personal experiences with them did manage to instill in me a very respectful fear of lightning. After I left Mt. Vernon, It took me several years to overcome what had become an almost terrifying fear.

I am glad that in my golden years, I can now manage going through thunder storms with a lot less anxiety. As a matter of fact, on occasion, I might even enjoy one a nuie oit!

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.)

#### "Aces"

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their grandchildren would be interrupted with a missile of tobacco spit into an old Maxwell House can. The story would finally end and it would prompt another fellow to tell a story about his own grandchild

In those days, as a rambunctious youth, I couldn't sit still for too long. I'd listen to them for a while but after a few moments I would always walk over to the "pop machine" and see what kind of sodas were in

there today. "Hey dad. Can I have a fifteen cents for a pop and a candy bar?"

In those machines, I had to grab the pop by the bottle cap and slide it over to the wider area where I could raise the Coke up through a turnstile.

The fact that I had gotten a Coke meant we would be there until I finished it because dad was pretty tight and once the bottle was empty, old Bobby Combs would give me three cents back for the bottle.

I always wanted to pull that lever on the side of his cash register because it made a loud jingle noise every time the cash drawer opened

After several hours of talk about how terrible it was that some unmarried girl was pregnant or that old John was sick and couldn't bring in his crops or that little Tommy was on the bottle now, the old men would finally start standing up and stretching. "I guess I better get back to the old lady," they would say. Then one by one they would fill a brown paper sack with horse liniment, baking soda and a twist of tobacco and ask Mr. Combs what they owed him.

"You take care of yourself Clyde. And let me know if you need any help with your barn roof."

Soon we were headed back down the road to the house and dad would find something to do around the farm.

Whatever dad told me to do, I did it. Kids respected their parents too much to be sassy. Not to mention they had learned that when they were, they had to stand up for the next several hours. Sitting was not an option.

I sure miss Bobby Combs grocery. There was never a stranger in that store. If someone came in that we didn't know, we knew them by the time they left.

It wasn't until I was 20 years old and started going to some of those big chain stores that I ever walked past someone in an aisle and didn't at least say "hello."

I wish we all would support little country stores as much as we do those huge political organizations that call themselves grocery stores now. Things may be 10% more in price but I am betting there is a lot more than 10% in benefit. After all, what is it worth to be treated like a friend, to be respected, to be appreciated? A little fellowship goes a long way and I am betting there was more of that in Combs Grocery store than in all the Walmarts across America.

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#### **Esther Corine Cummins**

Esther Corine Hunt Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, died at home on July 17, 2021 surrounded by her family, after a long illness. She was the youngest of 11 chil-



dren, born and raised in Mt. Vernon. Esther spent her life making a home for her family, serving her church family and creating beauty through her garden and entertaining those she held dear. She was known for her sense of humor, love of fishing, travel adventures and personal style. Esther was a devout Christian and student of the Bible. Her passion was for the Israeli

people who are God's chosen children. Esther is survived by: her husband, Paul E. Cummins of Mt. Vernon; daughter, Paula Cummins Frizzell (Keith) of Lexington; three sons, Joseph E. Cummins (Joyce) of Mt. Vernon, Mark A. Cummins of Mt. Vernon, and Roy B. Cummins of Mt. Vernon; three granddaughters, Melissa J. Fain (David) of Mt. Vernon, Stephanie Rader (Kevin) of Mt. Vernon and Jessica E. Cummins of Richmond; six great grandsons, Noah J. Fain, Ethan J. Fain, Lincoln C. Rader, Ezekiel J. Fain, Calvin P. Rader and Henry J. Rader. Also surviving is her sister, Bonnie Daisy Winston of Cincinnati, OH. Esther was blessed to have the love of many nieces. nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by: her daughter-in-law, Deborah Bishop Cummins; and her parents, John Edward Hunt and Sibyl Alberta Wiederhold Hunt. Also preceding Esther to Heaven were her brothers and sisters, Hazel Hunt Badertscher, Ollie B. Hunt, Dallas Woodrow Hunt, Nancy L. Hunt Livesay, Russell Edward Hunt, George Leo Hunt, Cecil Lew Hunt, Barbara L. Hunt Bartholomew, Alma Marguerite Hunt Poynter Robinson, and Wayne Edward Hunt.

The family would like to honor Esther's youngest son, Roy B. Cummins who spent the last 5 years as a caregiver for their mother, attending to her health tenderly and diligently.

Special thanks to the physicians and nursing staff at Baptist Health Lexington, specifically the nurses on 6N, who became family and dear friends. Thank you to the nursing staff at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, who were so compassionate and kind to Esther as she suffered. Hospice Care Plus provided direction, care and peace in her last days. beadlone is spirit merit to

Accelebration of Esther's life was held at Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, July 20. Funeral services were held at Bible Baptist Church on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Christopher Poynter, Garry Fain, Daniel Hunt, David Fain, Matthew Poynter and David Cummins. Honorary pallbearers were: Ethan J. Fain Noah J. Fain, Ezekiel J. Fain, Lincoln Rader, Calvin P. Rader, Henry J. Rader, Jeff Hunt, Hal Hunt, and Robbie

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY. 40403 Arrangements by Marvin E. Owens Home for Fu-

#### Sylvia Lynn Bullen

Sylvia Lynn Bullen, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the University of Cincinnati Hospital. She was born in Hamilton, OH on May 16,



1970, the daughter of Michael David and Joyce Hubbard Hayes. She had been a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

She is survived by: her sister, Patty (Steve) Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; a niece. Abigail Fletcher; and a nephew, Matthew Fletcher. In addition to her parents, she was preceded

in death by: her husband, Bobby Bullen; a brother, Michael David Hayes, Jr.; and her grandmother, Myrtle Alexander.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. James Blanton and James Alexander. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charles Bullen, James Bullen, Matt Fletcher, Steve Fletcher, David Himes, and Gary White.

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

#### NOTICE OF BID OPPORTUNITY

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for an Aluminum Can Densifier

Bidding will close at 12 noon on Monday, August 10, 2021.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the office of the County Judge-Executive prior to bid opening upon request.

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> Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Please mark envelopes "Sealed Bid" and specify materials for which you are placing a bid. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Carolyn Sue Brown

Carolyn Sue (Gregory) Brown, 83, of Brodhead died Friday, July 16, 2021, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead. She was born July 31, 1937, in Livingston, to the late David and Evelyn (Ma-

son) Gregory. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She retired after 30 years as a schoolteacher and loved to talk to people, spend time with her grandkids, do genealogy research, and play Bingo. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Quail Homemakers, and Retired Teachers Association.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her two sons, Michael (Pat) Brown of Brodhead, and Greg (Nichole) Brown of Russell Springs,; one stepdaughter, Sharon Brown of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Holly Brown, Steven (Brittany) Brown, Cameron Brown, and Caleb Brown; one great grandson, Mason Brown; and one brother, Wayne Gregory and wife Frankie of Orange Beach,

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Leroy Brown; one stepdaughter, Karen King; one brother, William "Bill" Gregory; and one daughter-in-law, Regina Brown.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 20, from 6-9 p.m. and Wednesday, July 21, from 10-11 a.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Funeral service will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Robby Cable officiating. Burial will follow in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers are; Steven Brown, Cameron Brown, Caleb Brown, Jimmy Antle, Wayne Todd, Raymond Brown, Anthony Lewis, and Billy Joe Brown.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Robert Alvin Roberts

Robert Alvin Roberts, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, July 16, 2021 at his home. He was born in Brodhead on November 30, 1940, the son of Thomas



Greene and Anna Barnett Roberts. He was a retired butcher for Carter's Market and was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church JOH NVSW

He is survived by: a son, Jason (Dreama) Roberts; a daughter, Teresa (Gary) Prewitt; and four grandchildren, Hannah Prewitt, Gary Prewitt, Jr., Jamison Roberts, and Chelsea Rob-

erts. He was preceded in death by his wife, Una Mae Moore Roberts, as well as several brothers and sis-

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 18, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Tim Hampton and Troy Roberts. Burial was in Roberts Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: David Mink, Gary Prewitt, Gary Prewitt, Jr., Jim Prewitt, Jason Roberts, and Blaze Stewart. Larry Mink was an honorary pallbearer.

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#### Obituary Notice

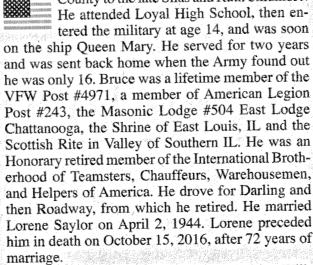
#### Tracey Machelle Parsons

Ms. Tracey Machelle Parsons, 35, of Somerset and formerly of Rockcastle Co., died Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Somerset.

Arrangements are by the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete at this time.

#### William Bruce Skidmore William Bruce Skidmore, 94, of Sardis, TN, for-

merly of Harlan, died Tuesday, July 13, 2021, in Humboldt, TN. He was born July 8, 1927, in Harlan County to the late Silas and Ruth Skidmore.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his sons, William Bruce (Linda) Skidmore, Jr. of Sardis, TN, Bill (Elizabeth) O'Dell of Naples, FL; six grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by:

his wife: Lorene; four brothers; and two sisters.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Saylor Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

#### Billy Gene Renner

Billy Gene Renner, 90, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born at Pine Hill



in Rockcastle County, on December 24, 1930, the son of Thomas and Carrie Allen Renner. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and was of the Pentecostal faith.

He is survived by: his step-daughter, Janice Kelly of Independence; six grandchildren, Stephanie and Scottie Hines, Hope and Donnie Sturgill. Jasmin Johnson, Jennifer

Durham, Cheyenne and Matt Haste, and Kellen Carmack; 12 great grandchildren, Katie, Allison, Emily, Isaiah, Randall, Layne, Riley, Asher, Jasper, Haddon, Anna, and Adelyn; and five nieces, Diane and Bryan Boggs, Lori and Mark Parsons, Janet and Anthony Rader, Kim and William Denny, and Lisa and Ethan Eversole. Several great nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Helen Carmack Renner; a son, James Ellis Renner; two brothers, Herman "Duck" Renner and Sherman "Big John" Renner; a niece, Carol Renner; and nephews, Mike, Dale, Jeff, William "Billy Boy", and Timmy Renner.

Services were conducted Thursday, July 15, 2021 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Matt Haste. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery.

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#### James Ray Fordyce

James Ray Fordyce, 74, of Louisville, returned to his Heavenly Father on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. He was born in Harriman, TN on July 5, 1947, to the late Clyde

and Juanita Fordyce. He was a member of Cornerstone Pentecostal Tabernacle and he retired from the Dover Corporation (C. Lee Cook Division) after 39 years of service.

Among those who preceded him in death are: his son, James Byron Fordyce; Clifford brothers, Underwood and Richard Underwood; and his sis-



ters, Barbara Keeling and Alice Cramer. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 54 years, Carol (Davidson) Fordyce; children, Halia Baxter and Sandra Miracle (David); grandson, James

Wesley Baxter (Heather); great granddaughters, Madison Baxter and Makenzie Baxter; brother, Tommy Fordyce (Rita); sister, Pat Fordyce; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Funeral services were held Monday, July 12, 2021

in the chapel of Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home (Preston Hwy. at Brooks Rd.) with burial at Brookland Cemetery.

#### Jane Marie Leathers

Jane Marie Leathers, 68, of Mt. Vernon, born in Parsons, KS, died at her home in Mt. Vernon. She was married to William Lewis for more than 18 years. She loved crafts, music, her flea market days and above all, her family. She was an ordained minister with a strong faith and foundation in Jesus.

She is survived by: her husband, William Lewis; a daughter, Aimee Riley (David Riley Jr.); sons, Aaron Allen (Julie Allen), and Jeremy Allen (Beth Wood); grandchildren, Michael Tomlinson, Mathew Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Joshua Riley (Chelsey Lakes), Haley Riley, Kyle Allen, Russell Allen, Ryleigh Allen, and Isabella Allen; and great granddaughter, Emberlyn Riley.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 3 p.m., which will also include food and fellowship, sharing Jane's life and memories amongst family and friends. The address for Memorial Service is: 151 Hurricane School Road, Mt. Vernon, KY

#### Virginia Lee Mylin Scheid

Virginia Lee Mylin Scheid, 84, of Mount Vernon, died Thursday, July 15, 2021, with her family by her side. She was born April 24, 1937, in Lancaster, PA,

a daughter of the late John C. Mylin III, and Pauline Penny Mylin. She married Michael Gregory Scheid on December 14, 1957, and they enjoyed 63 years together. She was a member of the New Hope Reformed Church. Throughout her life, she took part in many ministries, including teaching Sunday School, directing choirs, playing the organ and pi-



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Michael Gregory Scheid; her children, Pamela Jo Young and Ralph of Tennessee, Debra Lee Dull and Daniel, and Lori Ellen Caldwell and Eugene, both of Mount, Vernon; her 11 grandchildren, Ralph Gregory Young, Jeremy Michael Young, Virginia Lynn Croyle, Daniel Luke Dull, Nathaniel Wayne Dull, Abigail Lee Barnett, Elizabeth Hope Dull, Benjamin Eugene Caldwell, Aaron Thomas Caldwell, Matthew Caleb Caldwell, and Rebecca Lorell Caldwell; and 21 great grandchildren. A private family gathering has been planned for

Mrs. Virginia.

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

## Church Directory

**Believers** House of Prayer 156 Scenic View Lane U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker Renfro Valley, Ky. Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m. Morning Worship II a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor: Bill Davis bhop@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle 231 US 25 South Berea, KY Tuesday Night 7 p.m. Sunday Night 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Preaching Brethren Marcus Reppert Phillip Permenter Eric Bullock Contact Info: Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794 223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.

Mt. Vernon, Ky.

marcusreppert24@hotmail.com **Brodhead Baptist Church** Corner of Silver & Maple St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 606-758-8316 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday Youth Bible Study

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

Ralph Baker, Pastor **Brodhead Christian** 237 W. Main St. Brodhead 606-758-8721 Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship II a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Tracy Valentine, Preacher 606-758-8662 Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead 758-8216 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. veanesday evening / p.m.

Terry Orcutt, Pastor **Brush Creek** Holiness Church Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Howard Saylor

Pharmacist

**Buffalo Baptist Church** Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.) 606-256-4988 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Calloway Baptist Church 76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway Sunday Worship II a.m. Wednesday Evening 6 p.m George Renner, Pastor 606-224-4641

**Central Baptist Church** 86 Maintenance Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-2988 centralbaptistky.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning 11 a.m. Bus Sunday School 5 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. "Central Time" Radio Broadcast WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m. WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m. Transportation and Nursery provided for all services Home of Well of Pure Water Radio - 93.3 FM

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Church of Christ at **Chestnut Ridge** 2 miles south of Mt. Vernon Turn left off US Hwy 25 Sundays 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Bro. Ova Baker Bro. Dale McNew Bro. Philip Scott **Church of Christ on Fairground Hill** 

Different speaker each Sunday **Clear Creek Baptist** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Climax Christian Church

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Hwy. 1912 308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Climax Holiness Church

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m. Thursday Nights 7 p.m. 3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m. **Community Worship** 

Church of God 758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor Worship Service Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Cell 606-305-8980 8 Six 13 Na M. & 5:30 p.m. www.cwchurehofgod.com Conway Missionary

> Baptist 116 Meadow Lark Lane Berea, KY 40403 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Bobby Turner, Pastor

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

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal** 

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.

Pastor: Donald King

606-355-7595

**CrossPoint Church of God** 

211 Industrial Park Rd.

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

**Community Holiness** Church Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Thursday Service 7 p.m. Robert Miller, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church 520 Fairview Loop Road Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Choir 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m. Wednesday Services Creative Ministry 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m. RAs and GAs 7 p.m. Mission Friends 6 p.m. Vaughn Rasor, Pastor 606-256-3722 email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal** S. Wilderness Road Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Jack Carpenter, Pastor First Baptist Church 340 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922 Dennis Wilder, Pastor

Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth website: www.fbcmvkyorg email:fbcmtvemon@kyn.twcbc.com Every Sunday: Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am

Sunday School/Growth X1011 Groups 10 am WRVK 1460AM at 11-a.m. LiveStream at fbcmvky.org Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm Student Worship at 6 pm First Christian Church West Main St. Mt. Vernon 606-256-2876 Bro. Bruce Ross, Pasto

Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Flat Rock Missionary

**Baptist** 504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004 Orlando, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Fountain of Life **United Pentecostal Church** 80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon Sunday 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome Pastor: James Blanton Freedom Baptist Church

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

Hickory Grove **Pentecostal Church** Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)

Brodhead, Ky. Randal Adams, Pastor Youth Pastor, Scott Adams Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

4896 Lake Cumberland Rd. Mt. Vernon Chris Davidson, Pastor Sunday 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm

**Higher Praise Ministries** 

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Tim Hampton, Pastor 606-256-4884 • 606308-2342 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday 7 p.m. Livingston Baptist Church Pastor: Josh Hasty 606-392-3809

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m. Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Arthur Hunt, Minister **Livingston Pentecostal** Holiness Church Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Jim Miller, Pastor 606-256-1709 **Living Word** 

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

Macedonia Baptist Church 6567 Scaffold Cane Road Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor Maple Grove Baptist Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road) Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873 Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor Home Phone 606-256-3075 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. **Maretburg Baptist** Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Wayne Harding, Pastor Phone: 256-8844 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.

Sunday Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. www.maretburgbaptist.org maretburgchurch@yahoo.com McNew Chapel

**Baptist** 

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. John Vanwinkle, Pastor Mt. Vernon **Church of God** 

1025 W Main St. Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Bobby Owens, Pastor 859-986-1317 Mt. Zion Baptist Church

606-308-3293 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 5 p.m. **New Heights Church** 316 Mini Mall Dr.

(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N) Berea, Ky. www.newheightsky.net Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Church

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Midweek Gathering for all ages; prayer & Bible study, vouth worship, and Children in Action Pastor:

Bro. Chad Burdette **New Hope Baptist** Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd. Orlando Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor Northside Baptist 777 Faith Mountain Rd.

(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon 606-256-5577 Kenny Allen, Pastor Sunday Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Children's Church 11 a.m. Tuesday Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9 Wednesday

Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m. Time Warner Cable Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. **Ottawa Baptist Church** 

1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Services Service 7 p.m. 758-8453

ottawabaptist@windstream.net Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

525 Williams St (across from MVES) Mount Vernon, Ky. 606-256-4170 Mass Times: Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m. Holy Days 5 p.m. Father Gary Simpson, Pastor

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper Tom Darst, Maintenance Philadelphia United Baptist 834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead .25

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Gordon Mink, Pastor 606-308-5368 **Pine Hill Holiness** 5216 S. Wilderness Rd.

Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Pine Hill Missionary **Baptist Church** 81 Limeplant Hollow Road Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor 859-986-1579

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting &

Youth Service at 7:00 p.m. Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every 2nd Tues, at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. 1st Sunday in Month Church at

2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor **Poplar Grove Baptist** 145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor **Providence** 

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758-8524 Robby Cable, Evangelist Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

**Red Hill-Union Baptist** 4308 Highway 1955 Livingston, KY Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Bill Hammond, Pastor 606-392-1826

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Sand Hill Baptist Church Sand Hill Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 5:00 p.m. Thursday Night 6 p.m.

Pastor Tommy Miller **Sand Springs Baptist** Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry

**Scaffold Cane Baptist** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. Pastor: Bro. James Hardin

**Skaggs Creek Baptist** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Bro. Richard West Everyone Welcome! **Tabernacle of Love** 244 Old Somerset Rd. Mt. Vernon

606-25605894 Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Clyde Hodge **Union Chapel Pentecostal** Pastor: Eugene Webb

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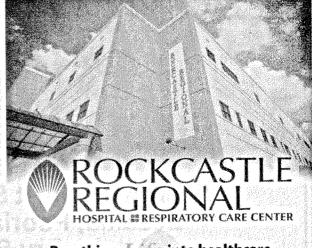
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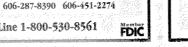




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#### Self-Deception

The Bible says, Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it? Deception is an old practice and is everywhere, therefore we want to look at some ways we deceive ourselves.

1. One of the most common methods that we deceive ourselves is looking at the sins of others instead of our own.

There was an elderly man that often wore a coat that was patched with many colors. He said the patches on the side represented the sins of his neighbors. When asked about the patches on his back, he replied. They represent my sins, but they are where I cannot see them.

It is easy to see the faults of others, but we seldom see our own. For instance, the spendthrifts can give a great sermon on the miser, and the miser can preach a sermon equally as strong on the spendthrift. What deception? What weakness? It is amazing how quick we are to see the mote in other people's eyes and never see the beam in our own eyes. Jesus said this about people like that. Matthew 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

2. Another deceitful exercise which hinders many, is the measurement of ourselves who are weaker and less fortunate. Have you ever said I would not do what he or she done? I am better than he is. These comparisons are not wise: 2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves, but they are measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. You see, we cannot discover self, if we spend all our time trying to cover self with a false standard. No matter strong or weak, good or bad the other fellow maybe, it does not alter my status one bit. I am what I am, no matter what others are.

Thank you for reading the message this week, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and as always, we remember to give him thanks, because he is worthy. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church give us a call at 606-878-8104 or 859-582-4021.

#### Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ

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

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings** 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. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: 859-308-8900

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.\*Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies -Women Only. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the ommunity Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900.

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Werhom? P:30 a.m. Saturday. Contact: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact:

Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob Sandusky 606-386-3907.

#### **VBS** at Fairview **Baptist Church**

Life is Wild - God is Good! will be the theme for Vacation Bible School at Fairview Baptist Church July 25-29 from **5:30** to **8:30** p.m. nightly.

Join us each night for fun, friends, games, crafts, food and Bible study! Classes for all ages, babies to adults.

The church is located at 520 Fairview Loop Road, Mt. Vernon.

For more information, call 256-3722 or email fairviewbapt@aol.com

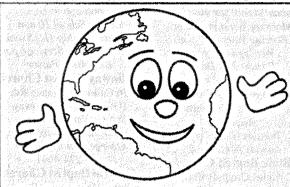
Benefit Singing and Cook-Out

There will be a Benefit Singing and Cook-Out for Maple Grove Cemetery, to replace the fence, on Saturday, August 7th, beginning around 10 a.m.

The event will be held at the cemetery and there will be hot dogs, chili dogs, burgers, pulled pork BBQ, chips, water, soft drinks, coffee, cakes and brownies. There will be tables and chairs or bring your own chair.

Everyone welcome. Come and help us out. All singers are wel-

come. For more info, call 758-4489.



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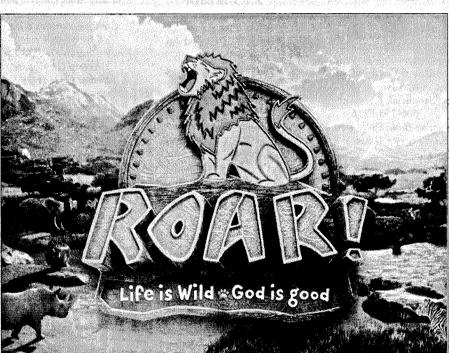
Saturday, August 21st from 8:00 am to noon to help remove tires and trash from the Rockcastle River.

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## Vacation Bible School



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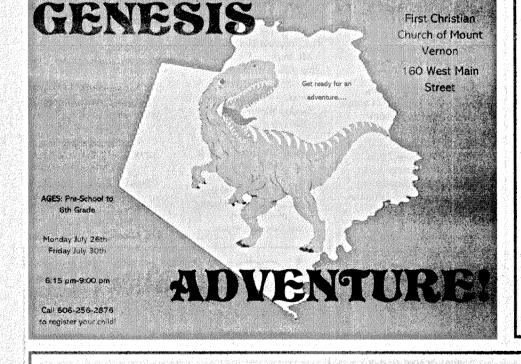
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#### "Minutes"

(Continued from front) At the request of Hammond, a former Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent, the minutes were moved on the agenda to an area that would allow more discussion. That discussion aired many apparent issues about the deletion of his comments from the

minutes.

"The letter I read was aired on YouTube Live. and still is there, and I have provided the letter to the newspaper and others," said Hammond. "So the comments are obviously public and already out there. They should also be in the minutes. The minutes can either show only 'yes' or 'no' votes, or can show details of the meeting. But you shouldn't do both. If we are going to have detailed minutes, the comments should appear in the minutes."

Hammond continued, "I find it humorous when anyone can watch the YouTube video anytime they wish, and the letter is out there for anyone who wants, and (Chairman) Angela (Mink) said our comments would appear in the minutes when she asked for comments, that the comments would not be in the minutes," he said. "There is no liability concerning the names I used for the board because the letter is my basis and my opinions. Not the board's. I stand by my vote and I stand by my comments."

This sparked a very lengthy and detailed response from board member Misty Lakes who began reciting a prepared opinion that since the attorney had advised the board not to use the state ments in the minutes, for legal reasons, she believes the board should adhere to the attorney's advice and leave the statements out of the minutes. Lakes continued to point out that Hammond had only been on the board for six months and that he is not an attorney, and that she felt the board members were not supposed to surprise each other. In fact, Lakes began listing the board attorney's history until Mink interrupted. "Wait. We don't need a list of our attorney's credentials. We all know the board attorney and before you go on and on, we don't doubt the board attorney," she said.

Board member Anna Goff attended the meeting via video conference but complained three times that she could not hear clearly. "Can we table this issue please because I don't feel comfortable voting on it if I don't know what was said," she said.

However, Mink said "We can keep tabling this but the results won't change."

During continued discussion, Hammond eventually said he felt it would be against the board team commitments to keep the speech out of the minutes. "Actually, I would move to abolish the board team commitments because they haven't been followed in years here."

Clearly disturbed by the suggestion, Mink then listed each board team commitment one at a time, saying she followed each of them.

"I was superintendent here when those board team commitments were established," said Hammond. "It meant a lot more to us back when we established them. I just don't believe this board puts the importance in them that we did."

Board member Angela Woods repeated twice that she "did not apprecithe method Hammond used to deliver his opinion suggesting it should have been done in private. "Were you just trying to shock people with that (statement?)" she asked. "I was trying to make my statement," said Hammond.

More discussion continued and some expressed obvious disgruntlement among the board on the issue but the Chairman said she does understand Hammond's argument. "I really do see where you are getting your point," she said. "I get it." However, Lakes, Woods and Mink all said they plan to follow the opinion of the board attorney and leave Hammond's comments out of the minutes. "It is called the 'attorney's opinion' for a reason," said Hammond. "It is only their opinion. You don't have to do something just because it is someone's opinion that you should."

Hammond later said leaving his comments out of the minutes is "an obvious lack of transparency" and will provide "purposely inaccurate minutes of the meeting."

Lakes said the board could not do anything about the YouTube video or the newspaper article but the board can control the minutes and she felt the board should follow the opinion of the board attorney.

Hammond said the board should have been trained on how to conduct public meetings on a live YouTube feed and should be aware that any statements made under those conditions would be on the record and the min-

Ballinger, who had allowed the board discussion about the minutes without interruption, then spoke about the live feed. "We shouldn't need training. If we are doing this for the community, our actions should be exactly the same," she said. "There should be no difference in our actions whether the meeting is broadcast on YouTube or not."

Eventually, Mink called for a vote on the matter. The question was to accept the minutes already in place, which do not include Hammond's public statement concerning Ballinger's employment and other issues. Mink then asked "all in favor" but did not ask for those opposed leaving Hammond unable to vote on the issue. Though Goff had said she didn't hear everything and did not feel comfortable voting, she voted to leave the comments out of the minutes. The motion was passed, with everyone voting aye, except Hammond, and the board

moved on. Later in the evening, during board members' discussions, Lakes reminded the board of a recent item on the attorney general's desk which questioned Hammond's eligibility to serve on the Rockcastle County School Board at all. The issue is currently under consideration since Hammond is the Superintendent of the Gallatin County Board of Education. Questions have been raised if the two positions

are in conflict.

"I think a lot of people weren't aware that he holds those two positions and we should talk about it at the next meeting," said Lakes. "I mean there are times you couldn't attend things like games or other functions here because you would be two hours away in Gallatin County. We need to discuss all this in the open...the community needs to know."

However, Hammond said he has no doubt about the outcome of that issue. "I researched this exhaustively before I ran for this office. I consulted attorneys and school board members and other superintendents before I ran," he said. "I have no doubt how this issue will end and I would be glad to talk about any of it anytime. In fact I have talked about it in public many times and will again any time. There is no conflict there. It's like when Mrs. Ballinger worked in Madison County while serving here. It is no issue. The story has been in the paper and everyone is aware. But we can talk

about it all you like." After the meeting Hammond said he is surprised he was not offered an opportunity to vote against the minutes. "The way this board works, it is apparently not beyond them to make the minutes reflect that I voted in favor (of keeping my letter out of the minutes) anyway," he said. "I don't think they see how crazy this is. In my opinion, the statement can be seen by anyone, anytime on YouTube. It is out there for all to see. And then to leave the whole thing out of the minutes is the opposite of transparency."

Hammond submitted another letter to the Signal this week and asked that his letter be added to this article. It is as fol-

"The vote to censure my statement, which was fact based, is a continuation of the mind-boggling actions of the board. While the statement was read in a public meeting, broadcast live through YouTube, shared with the Mount Vernon Signal and covered in the weekly publication of the paper, I fail to understand why the board of education would desire to withhold relevant discussion on a topic as significant as the superintendent's contract. I am unaware of the guidelines being used by the board to determine what board explanations and comments will be allowed in the minutes. Censuring the explanation of a vote by a board member is not the norm."

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



### Deeds Recorded

Jerry and Carolyn Petrey, property in Quail Subdy., to Jason Debord. Tax \$35

Larry Dean Bowles and Dale Tuggy Bowles, property on CleftRock Road, to Michael and Laura Megan Ostrander. No tax

Donald and Rebecca Fleming, property in Conway, to Justin Fleming. Tax \$45

The Beulah T. Lear Irrevocable Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to Creek Bottom Properties LLC. Tax \$292

Creek Bottom Properties LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Woods and Waters W/ M&S LLP. Tax \$328

The Beulah T. Lear Irrevocable Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy and Karen M. Barron. Tax \$136

Lawrence and Sharon Hinkle, property in Green Acres Subdv.., to Jared Robert and Kristen Eslick-Coats. Tax \$275

Chris Ramsey and Chris Jarvis, property in Cromer and Lambert Subdy., to Real Estate Daily LLC, No tax

Dennis and Cindy Monroe, property on

Scaffold Cane Road, to Jessie A. and Britt T. Taylor. Tax \$230

James Anthony and alicia Wilson, John Christopher and Barbara Wilson and Angela Wilson and Dale Carpenter, property in Rockcastle County, to Glen E. and Tina M. Adams. Tax \$150

Audrey Morgan and Robbie Robinson, property on Copper Creek Road, to Ronald and Susan Sears and Michael and Tracy King. Tax \$177 - 15 TATAWA WATE

Charles E. and Donna L. Croucher, property on Stevens Road, to Shauna Graves and Cortney Girdler. No tax

Lawrence Phillip and Angela Michelle Drew, property in Rockcastle County, to Keith R. Taylor and Pamela Taylor.

#### Marriage Licenses

Betty Lou York, 60, Berea, painter and Roger Glendon Pigg, 68, Mt. Vernon, floor covering. 7/ 28/21

Patricia Gail Bradley, 47, Crab Orchard, post office and Mark Anthony Blanton, 56, Crab Orchard, asst. road foreman. 7/13/21

#### Farm Tax Exemption Law

Due to the new Farm Tax Exemption Law, in order for farmers to continue to receive their agricultural tax exemption a new application must be filled out and sent to the Kentucky Department of Revenue. If any farmers DO NOT have a tax exemption, please come by and pick up a form. We have these forms available at Kentucky Farm Bureau. in a 1 de 2000 2016.

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### **Notice To Rockcastle County Taxpayers**

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2020 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Mount Vernon Signal on July 21,2021. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office located at 205 East Main St. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is rockcastlecountyclerk.com. The tax sale will be held on August 24, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. All priority participants must register with the County Clerk's office by August 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. All current participants must register with the County Clerk's Office by August 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the County Clerk's Office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's Office through close of business on August 23, 2021. All payments by mail must be RECEIVED by this date (postmarked payments will not be accepted). NO PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN ON August 24, 2021. Some delinquencies although they have been advertised will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). Payment agreements can be set up by contacting the Rockcastle County

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#### "Mask"

(Continued from front) color against white people." Supporters say CTR addresses oppres-

sion in America. Board member Larry Hammond said a community member had asked him about the lessons. Ballinger said no such curriculum exists currently in Kentucky. "We are charged with teaching Kentucky standards as set by the Kentucky Department of Education," said Ballinger. "But currently we do not have CTR in our curriculum."

Ballinger said the KED revises those standards, which Kentucky districts are required to follow, every six years. If a district refuses to follow state standard requirements, that district would lose its funding. "We are obligated to teach KED standards," said Ballinger. "But currently, CRT is not part of those standards."

Among the first actions at the meeting, after reading the Board Team Commitments which are read aloud to begin every meeting, was to move the minutes on the agenda to an area of discussion. The request passed unanimously. (See related story in this issue.)

The board approved 44 cents per mile in reimbursement for travel in personal cars for the district and approved the monthly financial state-

Chairman Angela Mink questions an abnormal amount of HVAC expenses at the end of the last fiscal year that appeared in this statement. "I have never seen that much at one time in maintenance and repairs for heating and cooling," she said.

However, finance director Jenny Sweet explained that due to COVID last year, the HVAC company used was behind on billing and sent several bills at once at the end of the fiscal year.

There was then some discussion of hiring an on-staff maintenance technician. "It may be cheaper for the board to have someone on staff who can service the equipment than to use contractors for every call and every service," said Mink. Sweet, and others agreed to investigate and perform a cost analysis on which is cheaper and bring that data back to the board.

Ballinger also suggested the district hire a new kindergarten teacher on a one-year contract. "Currently there are 76 students enrolled and it would be best for our kindergarten kids if we could maintain a 25 to 1 ratio. I know there was some learning loss during COVID and we should make every attempt to bring our students back with more personal attention," she said.

The board approved the request unanimously.

The board also held the second and final readings of the policy and procedure handbooks as well as the employee and coaches handbooks. All manuals were accepted and passed unanimously.

Marcus Reppert, Director of Pupil Personnel, told the board there are several students currently in homeschooling that are asking to return to the school system

through the virtual classrooms.

The board also discussed several grants the school system has either already obtained or expect to obtain but Mink warned against complacency. "I would like to be cautious about all these grants available right now," she said. "I have never seen so much money being given out and it won't last forever. We can't get in a position where we depend on all this extra funding that won't be here later."

Board member Misty Lakes also discussed funds within the district. "We have to be careful how that is spent too," said Lakes. Lakes also reminded the board of her inquiry about the district's CDs and contingency fund last month. "We need to discuss how to best use all this money,' she said. Lakes had earlier commented that the money should be used rather than saved. "We are not a financial institution. If there is money in CDs or extra funds available somewhere, we should use that to create a better school system," she said. Lakes had also mentioned several other possibilities for the money. Tuesday night, Lakes said she is ready to address the issue. "I would like to discuss all this money at the next meeting if possible. Lakes said she doesn't understand how or why extra funds are stored away in CDs or funds but she would like to "talk about how to use that money for our kids."

Lakes also requested the board discuss an issue involving board member Larry Hammond's eligibility to serve on the board during the August meeting et (\$600 related story.) and on 280

Hammond also presented an idea to the board. "What if we have." a high school student on our board?" he asked. "We do this in Gallatin (County) and it provides a good opportunity to hear from the students at each monthly meeting, and who is more important than that?"

Hammond said the students would run campaigns at the school and be elected by the students and then attend every board meeting to provide the students' voice amid every decision. "I just thought I would throw that out there," said Hammond. Ballinger agreed. "I think that is a great idea," she said. In fact, Ballinger said she already had plans for a student-based group to give input to the board. "This may work very well," she said.

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

#### Full time certified

employees hired Leandra Smith, language arts teacher at RCMS; Callie Asher, Itinerant speech language pathologist; Johnetta Lovell, special education teacher at RCMS; Brooke Bishop, assistant girl's basketball coach at RCMS.

#### Full time classified employees hired

Batty Payne, school based mental health advocate; Matthew Smith and Tim McIntosh, volunteer girl's basketball coaches at RCMS; Matthew Tomlinson and James Hamilton, volunteer football coach at RCMS; Burley Burkhart, assistant football coach at RCMS, Brett Noble, vehicle maintenance.

Resignations

Lesley Buckner, language arts teacher at RCHS: Brad McNew, head baseball coach at a fore they know it." RCHS; Derrick Bussell, Principal at BES; Brittany Adams, instructional assistant at RCMS; Wendy King, director of special education at central office: Brent Jones, custodian at RCHS; Caitlin Callahan, GEAR UP college and career pone at any age." navigator at RCHS; Kimberly Ramsey, instructional assistant at BES; Morgan Taylor, assistant volleyball coach at RCHS.

#### Retirements

Sheryl Bullock, instructional assistant at Mattingly, instructional supervisor at the central office.

#### Certified

Substitutes hired Machal, Cora Cassandra Weekerly, David Speicher, Bill Sowder, Mikhael Shaffer, Corrie Neely, Cliff Mullins, Pamela Miller, Logan Miller and Kagan Miller, Brad McNew, Chase McGuire, Andrew Laswell, Kathryne Jaggers, - Melissa Feldman, Gary Fain, Sydney Draper, Josh Dollins, Donna Campbell, Cameron Brown, Ruth Blanton, Jourdan Blanton, Deanna Barnes, all TC-4 substitute teachers.

#### Classified Substitutes hired

Jacob Cook, substitute custodian and lawn care; Brandon S. Reynolds, substitute custodian.

#### Contract modifications

Marcus Reppert, director of student services, extended days reduced to 60 per employee's request.

est. The meeting was then adjourned. CHAN SHELL

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend.

#### "Drug"

#### (Continued from front)

Pay close attention to who their friends are and get to know their friend's parents. Parents have to stay involved in their child's daily life and pay attention to them. Nothing replaces spending time with your child."

Rush also said academics are almost always affected when illegal drugs enter a student's life. "Keep an eye on your child academically," he said. "If their grades suddenly start to fall, if their attitude begins to change abruptly or their mood changes or they have mood swings, you better start looking for a problem. Their life may depend on it."

Franklin says he believes the best way to approach the problem locally and nationally is education. "Education and prevention are the best ways. Stop it before it happens because it can take over someone's life so quickly," he said.

Franklin also said he strongly supports programs that help before and after there is a problem. "The celebrate recovery programs and the D.A.R.E. Program and some clinics and rehabs facilities are very helpful. In the world we live in today, everyone should support those groups. They should get involved and ask how

they can help. They are helping others but they could be helping their own family member be-

Franklin said the key to avoid the problem is communication..."We have to talk about it," he said. "Get it out in the open. Parents, talk to your children, younger adults, talk to your grandparents. This can hit any-

According to the CDC, by the time you are finished reading this article, two Kentuckians may have died from a drug overdose.

"I want everyone to know, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Depart-MVES; Jennifer ment is all in when it come to fighting this," said Franklin. "If there is any way my office can help, we would be happy to. To all the organizations and groups out there that fight drug abuse, we will help any way we can."

The Brodhead and Livingston police departments have also pledged to place special focus and constant atention to the use of illegal drugs in Rockcastle County. "We may never put a complete stop to this problem," said Franklin. "But working together. every department, every parent, every teacher and every young person, we can save a lot of lives."

#### "County"

(Continued from front) morial to be located on the Rockcastle County courthouse lawn.

Brown said there are 53 local Revolutionary War soldiers from Rockcastle County but that the federal DAR has only approved 48. She said she is not allowed to show the rendering of the monument in public until it is revealed. The court approved the request.

A representative of the Livingston Homecoming Committee also asked the court for \$1,500 for this year's event. The court has historically given \$1,000 but the representative said because there is a new administration in Livingston, donations are lower this year. The court approved the \$1,500 request.

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Sheriff's Department, reported that property settlements this year totalled collections of \$4,222,000. He also said deliquent taxes were about \$141,000 this year, which is notably higher than previous years. This is the most I have ever seen in deliquents," he said. McNew said he was tasked with collecting \$4,632,000 this year. which is nearly \$150,000 more than last year, with the difference coming in homestead properties and other categories. The court

approved the report. Magistrates also approved \$20,800 to the Sheriff's department to pay for the security at the courthouse door that was required during the state COVID mandates. The court had already paid \$7,400 of the salary and benefits and the \$20,800 completed the payment.

The court approved a \$136,587 payment for the county's worker's comp insurance and a \$173,962 liability insurance premium. Typically those payments are made in about three installments, but since the county will save 1% with full payment now, magistrates voted to pay both premiums in full. "This is cutting the general fund pretty close," said Holbrook. "But it does save the county that 1%."

County Treasurer Joe Clontz said the county is in better financial condition this year than last year at the same time and that funds are expected soon that may bring the general fund back to a more normal condition. Magistrates approved the payment but waited until the final transfers were made at the end of the meeting, to return to the issue.

Holbrook said the court needed to make sure enough funds were remaining in the general fund, after required transect fers, before deciding to make full payments. But, since Clontz seemed confident, the court agreed to

make the full payment. "This is up to the court," said Clontz. "The general fund will be a little thin but we are looking pretty good right now." The total (1%) savings is a little over \$3,000.

In other action, the county accepted a 2006 Ford shuttle bus donated to the Solid Waste Department from R-TEC.

Clontz then gave the monthly financial reports for each fund and made requests for transfers. Clontz requested \$675,000 be transfered from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transferred from the general fund \$137,000 to the Jail fund, \$31,000 to the 911 fund and \$193,000 to the road fund. "This should get all of our end of the year balances where they are supposed to be," he said. The court approved the transfers.

Having no further business, the court adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. August 10 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to at-

#### "License"

#### (Continued from front)

newed at the local office and renewals can be done six months in advance. For example, if yur license expires in December of this year, you can renew it now.

York-Hansel says the state is due to pick up her equipment on Monday, July 26th.

After that, Rockcastle Countians will have to go to the Gateway Center in Somerset for renewals or, if there are no changes to your license, you can renew your license online going dlrenewal.ky.gov. N. AZIWZ

The clerk's offfice is a open from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m. p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### **Notice**

Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc., (a non-profit/NON-TAXING entity) will per KRS 65A have available the most recent financial disclosure statements and budget.

These may be viewed at the business office during normal business office hours Mon-Fri 8am-4pm at

> 285 Richmond Street Mt. Vernon, KY

## Delinquent Tax List ———

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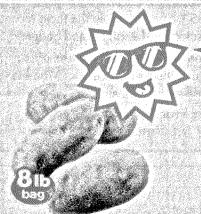
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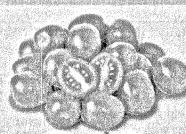


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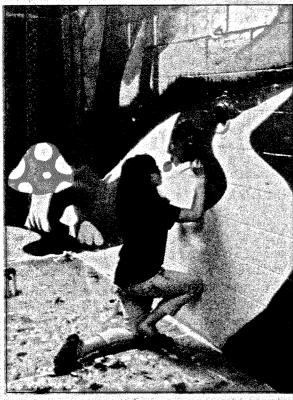


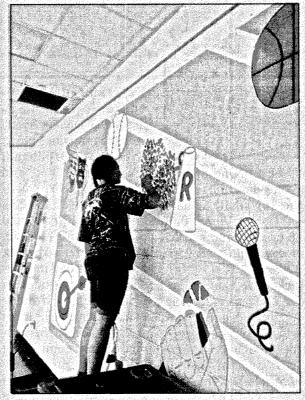
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The Rockcaslte County Middle School cafeteria and Calming Room look a lot different these days thanks to the efforts of Arts and Humanities Bravo students Chelsey Braham, Shannen Eckert, and Gracie Peavie. The students painted murals in both locations under the direction of Arts and Humanities teacher Cassandra Smith. The project was sponsored by RCMS Student Services Center and completed during extended student services in June.

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cal parties for the next

County Republican Party

held its annual reorgani-

zation meeting in late

June at the Rockcastle

County Middle School to

elect precinct and county

Republican Party leaders.

The group elected cap-

tains, co-captains, and

youth captains for

Rockcastle's various pre-

cincts. The leaders of

those precincts then se-

lected the county officers

who will lead the local

party over the next four

continue to serve as the

Chair of the Rockcastle

County Republican Party.

She was first elected to

the post in 2016. Grant

Burdette was elected as

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## Frankfort Update Military and **Veterans** issues receive attention

By: Josh Bray State Representative Perched just across the Kentucky River from the Capitol is a 150-year old building that celebrates our commonwealth's rich military history. The legislature approved \$8,000 to construct the building that houses the Kentucky Military History Museum during the

1850 Regular Session after an earlier arsenal was lost to fire. Because the arsenal was used for the manufacture, maintenance, and storage of volatile weapons and substances, the legislature wisely stipulated the building be located away from the building that served as the center of state government at that time. That allocation was certainly not the first legislative measure aimed at strengthening our military presence, as over the past few years we have worked hard to ensure our state is military friendly and welcoming to those who

serve our nation. During the 2021 Regular Session, we passed several measures with this intent, and I thought I might share a few with you in this week's update.

Protections for Military Families - HB 109 ensures that deployed service members who have custody of their children do not lose permanent custody due to their deployment. Known as the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act, HB 109 allows custodial responsibility to be temporarily granted to a non-custodial parent during the deployment.

Preventing the "Patriot Penalty" - HB 196 prohibits automobile insurance companies from implementing a "Patriot Penalty," by using a lapse in coverage due to deployment as cause to raise rates.

Kentucky Operator's License Requirement Exemption for Armed Forces Families - HB 277 provides an exemption to the Kentucky operator's license requirement for a member of the Armed Forces, their spouse, or dependent child. Under the provisions of this bill, Kentucky will recognize a valid driver's license issued by the state of their permanent residence.

Streamlining Services for Kentucky Veterans -HB 398 is a reorganization for the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs aimed at streamlining services for Ken-

tucky veterans. Construction Contracts - SB 99 exempts facilities at Bluegrass Station from the requirement to have construction contracts

executed under the supervision of a licensed architect or professional engineer. The bill would relate only to facilities measuring 20,000 feet or less and used in the furtherance of security or defense contracts, grants, or agreements with the United States' federal government located on property owned by the Commonwealth.

Kentucky Emergency Response Commission -SB 133 requires the executive director of the Department of Military Affairs serve as vice-chair of the Kentucky Emergency Response Commission.

Department of Military Affairs Reorganization -SB 147 redistributes powers and responsibilities from the Facilities Division of the Department of Military Affairs to the department's adjutant general.

National Guard Leadership - SB 161 reflects updated job titles for Air National Guard leadership and permits National Guard leadership to be employees of the Commonwealth.

Before I conclude, I would like to share that the Kentucky Military History Museum is open to the public. It is operated by the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Department for Military Affairs, but my office can help make arrangements for your visit. If you are interested, please let me know. I can be reached here at home anytime, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information visit the LRC website at

www.legislature.ky.gov.

Burdette will serve on the Over the summer, republicans across Ken-Kentucky Republican tucky have been meeting Party's State Central in their respective coun-Committee

Jordyn Pennington was elected as Secretary and Maggie Franklin as Youth Chair. Paige Benge was elected to continue as

Rockcastle Republicans elect leadership

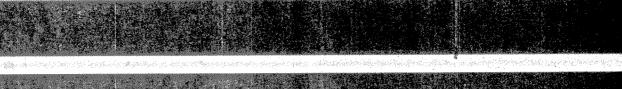
the party's Treasurer. No office was contested with each officer being elected unanimously.

"We've had a great team serving our local party and I am grateful for everyone who has served. Our new officers

and precinct leaders are ready to get to work to help promote the conservative principles that are important to Rockcastle County and that are so desperately needed in Kentucky and in our country." Cromer said.



The Rockcastle County Republican Party held its annual reorganization meeting in late June to elect precinct and county Republican Party leaders. Pictured from left are: Doris Cromer, Chair of the Rockcastle County Republican Party; Grant Burdette, Vice-Chair; Jordyn Pennington, Secretary; and Maggie Franklin, Youth Chair. Not pictured: Paige Benge, Treasurer





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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Mark Arnold, located at 494 Ford Hollow Road, Livingston, which includes 33 acres. Violators will be prosecuted. 25x3

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on property belonging to Tudor James and Rosie Lee Perkins on both sides of Mahaffey Hollow Road.

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on property on waters of Crooked Creek owned by Buddy Mullins. Violators will be prosecuted. 20f5

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

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

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

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

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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Notice is hereby given that Billy Howard, 448 Green Fish Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Joe Howard, deceased, on the 19th day of July, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Billy Howard or Hon. Bobby Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 25x3

Notice is hereby given that Susan Hicken, 6544 Pickney Road, Rye, CO 81069, Cheryl Pence, 8209 Zorn Road, Rye, CO 81069 and Brandon McBee, 10739 Arnold Lane, Rye, CO 81069 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Mina Marlene McBee, deceased, on the 19th day of July, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Susan Hicken, Cheryl Pence and Brandon McBee or Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 25x3

#### Yard Sale

Two Family Moving Sale: Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to? at 1901 White Rock Road. Bedding, love seat, chest of drawers, old sewing machine, pictures, home decor, stove, tables, comforters, curtains, men's and women's clothing, silverware, silver and brass items. Too much to mention.

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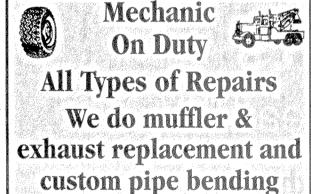
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#### Berea College's Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program completes small business Champions Program

Berea College Undergraduate students within the Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program have completed the Champions Program that recognizes travel and tourism businesses recovering and reopening from the pandemic along U.S. Bicycles Routes 21 this summer. The Champions Program aligns with the marking of USBR 21 with the Department of Transportation and Friends of the Boone Trace.

This year's EPG project focuses on communities found along U.S. Bicycles Routes 21 especially those recovering and reopening following the impact of the pandemic. The excellent news about COVID is that adventure tourists are increasing and traveling to less congested areas after the economic downturn and social isolation. However, small businesses have struggled, especially in rural areas. The Champions Program intends to recognize and highlight the small companies that have survived and are returning and reopening their operations. "We have seen that traveler and adventure tourists are viewing business pages or posting photos or reviews online, and we wanted to honor the small business as "Champions" that are returning," says Dr. Peter H Hackbert, Director of EPG.

Four years ago, EPG student research provided the framework of Kentucky's newest bike Route 21, which runs from Cleveland, Ohio, to Atlanta, Georgia. As a result, EPG collaborated with Friends of Boone Trace, Inc. to meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards in 2018. Using this information, The Friends of Boone Trace, Inc. applied for and received the designation of Kentucky's newest national bike route. USBR 21 features the original route opened by Daniel Boone in 1775 — the first road ever into the land west of the Appalachian Mountains, which began the 'westward movement' of our country. The 265-mile route connects the Ohio River in Mason County, Kentucky, through the heart of the Bluegrass Region, to the edge of the Cumberland Gap in Tennessee. The addition of this route places Kentucky as 5th in the nation for the number of "biker friendly" miles recognized by AASHTO.

The Champions Program focuses on the business community along USBR 21, including adventure and recreation groups, business owners, chamber of commerce, trail town councils, and elected officials and county government. Dr. Hackbert says, "We desire to activate owners in towns along the route. Because businesspeople are, by nature, busy, the students are reviewing online digital platforms to identify and list the recovering and reopening the small businesses. In addition, the Champions Program intends to publish those recognized firms in their local newspapers, to honor their courage and resilience during this difficult time.

#### Berea College and the Entrepreneurship for the Public Good Program in its research to support the travel and tourism sector recognizes these businesses that are recovering from the pandemic in Rockcastle County.

#### Lodging

Days Inn by Wyndham Renfro Valley Mount Vernon - Kastle Inn Motel
Baymont by Wyndham Mount Vernon Renfro Valley - OYO Hotel
Rodeway Inn - Rockcastle Riverside Campground - Quality Inn

#### Restaurants

Marcella's Farm to Fork - Limestone Grille - Back Porch Smokehouse

Los Cazadores - El Dorado Mexican Restaurant - John Boy's Pizzeria and More

RTEC Trolley Cafe - KFC - Arby's - Wendy's - The Grind Coffee Shop and Bakery

Pizza Hut - Taco Bell - Little Caesars - McDonald's - Snack Shack

#### Food, Groceries

IGA - Hilltop Produce - Save A Lot - B J's Market - Dollar General - Candy Land

#### Retail, General

Rockcastle River Trading Company - Rockcastle Outdoor Company

#### Entertainment

Just Kik-N-It Ranch - Renfro Valley Entertainment Center Kentucky Music Hall of Fame - Red Hill Horse Camp BitterSweet Cabin Village Museum & Gift Shop

#### Gasoline

Minit Mart - US 461 Foodmart - BP

For the past ten years, EPG students researched the Commonwealth's small rural communities that connect trails and towns to strengthen local economies through adventure tourism. Their research helps communities develop tourist destinations and combines water-based, cycling, hiking, mountain biking, ATV, caving, rocking climbing, equestrian riders, and endurance trail runners as users to trail systems. The summer work guides travelers to trails, food, lodging, campground, retail stores, museums, authentic art and crafts, heritage assets, entertainment, and other services.

Funding for the USBR 21 Wayfinding Signage Project was provided by a \$85,000 grant from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. "By providing easily found signage directions, bicycling tourists are guided to the most interesting places to experience safe, scenic riding along Kentucky's historic byways. This approach will attract more visitors to explore Kentucky's towns and engage in other outdoor adventures, while touring," says Dr. Fox. "We anticipate this designation will bring in more cyclists to the Commonwealth and impact on the economy of the Appalachian Region."

John M. Fox, MD, President, Friends of Boone Trace, Inc. said, "This bicycle route is a modification of the auto tour using alternate roads to make it safer and more pleasant, passing many historical points of interest along the way." The USBR 21 route covers 10 Kentucky counties, three certified Kentucky Trail Towns, and numerous towns.

# **Kentucky Select wins national tournament**

Kentucky Select 18u took part in the Youth Softball National Tournament in Elizabethtown July 9-15th. There were teams from 10 different states, Select went 4-1 in pool play only to get the #5 seed heading into bracket play. Select went on to beat Sportcity Heatwave IL 9-1, Liberty Belles LA 2-0 moving to the final four where they would play the number one seed and undefeated Ohio Sting Black 18u. Select played a perfect game around Madison McIntosh throwing a no hitter. Madison had eight strikeouts and no walks with some great defense behind her. Select won 6-0. Select played Rock River Stix WI in the National Championship Game and with some clutch hitting and some great defensive plays won the championship, 2-1.



Local players of Kentucky Select are from left: Laney Bryant, Madison McIntosh, Madison Yates, Haven King and Ella Bussell.



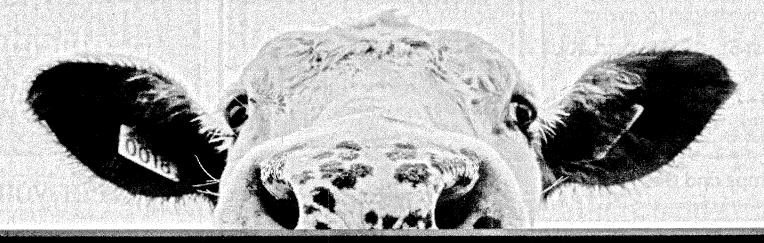
Kentucky Select team members are front from left: Allison Coffey, Madison Yates (aka Honeybee), Laney Bryant, Emma Story and Darcey Burton. Back row from left: Coach Mike Bryant, Kenzi Forbis, Grace Pittman, Coach Larry Story, Morgan Menser, Haven King, Ella Bussell, Madison McIntosh and Coach Tim McIntosh.

#### **Accepting Resumes**

The City of Brodhead will be accepting resumes for a part-time clerk position. Must have high school diploma. Pay based on experience. Resumes will be accepted through July 28, 2021 before 3:00 p.m.

Mail to

Brodhead City Hall • PO Box 556 • Brodhead, KY 40409 or hand deliver to 7 West Main St., Brodhead, KY The city reserves the right to reject any or all resumes.



## 4-H Fair Exhibits

Little World's Fair - Brodhead, KY

## Dairy Show - July 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Entries will be made from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

#### Beef Show - July 31st at 10:00 a.m.

Animals must on the grounds and registered by 9:30 a.m.

#### Fair Exhibits:

- Drop-off August 2nd between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Pick-up August 5th between 12 4 p.m.

Call 256-2403 for more information



Exhibits open to all youth ages 9 - 18

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