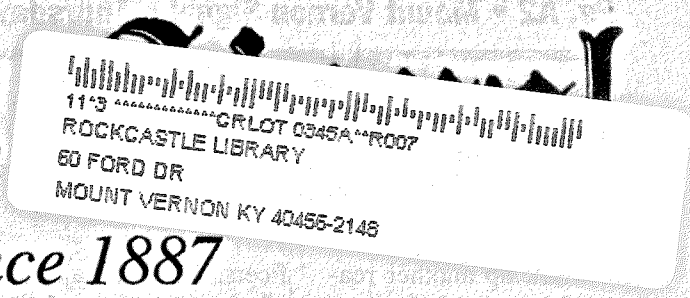


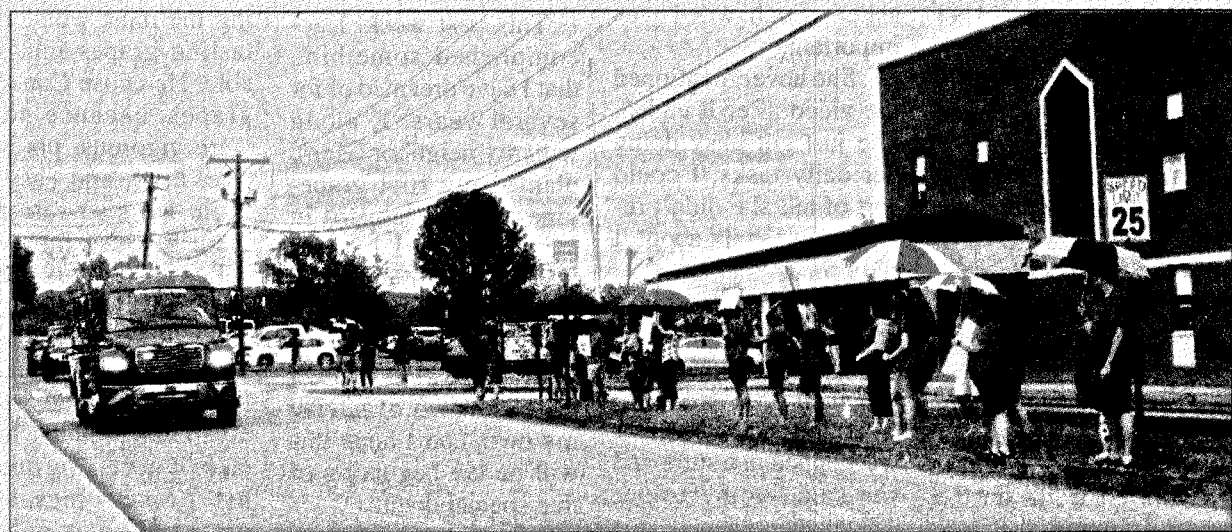
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## Senior Parade



Since traditional graduation ceremonies were not held due to coronavirus regulations, students have celebrated their achievement in different ways this year. One of those ways was a Senior Parade held last Thursday through the streets of Mount Vernon led by the Mount Vernon Fire Department. In the photo above, teachers and staff lined the street at Mount Vernon Elementary School greeting and supporting the seniors. Friends and family members also gathered along the route to honor this year's seniors. Rockcastle Sheriff's Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department personnel also helped in the celebration.



## Election Days are from June 8 through June 22

Only one voting place

By: Mike French Editor

Voting in the 2020 Primary election will be very different than usual, according to election officials.

The May Primary Election was postponed to Tuesday, June 23 due to restrictions placed to slow the spread of the Coronavirus and many of those same restrictions have caused election officials to change the way voters will choose their favorite candidates this year.

Though the official "Election Day" is Tuesday, June 23, officials will not know final results until June 30 because mail in ballots will be accepted even if postmarked as late as June 23.

Rather than a single election day when everyone must go to the polls and vote, this year, voters

may vote a number of ways and may vote any day they wish between Monday, June 8 and Monday, June 22.

Voters may now also opt to vote by mail, a method usually allowed to only special cases who meet several restrictions.

This year, voters may request an absentee ballot by either visiting GoVoteKY.com or by calling to request a ballot at (606) 256-2831.

Officials say voters may receive their ballot in the mail and once filled out, voters have until June 23 to mail that ballot. However, voters must request their ballot on or before June 15 and mail it back to the Clerk's office by June 23.

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said she expects many ballots to arrive by mail at her office after election day. "June

(See "Vote" on A7)

## RCIDA defends loan extension for local plant

Discusses several projects

By: Mike French Editor

RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook addressed a controversial issue concerning the new Microfoodery plant in Mount Vernon during Tuesday morning's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority.

Karl Crase of Microfoodery recently requested a 60-day extension on the CDBG grant loan, due to a slow down in business during the pandemic.

The RCIDA board approved that extension request but the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court unanimously voted not to approve the extension.

The city council of Mt. Vernon took no action since the fiscal court had already voted to refuse the request.

Some members of the fiscal court have continu-

ally expressed concerns about the company over the past year and, when the request for the loan extension came before the court, magistrates voted to refuse the request and

one magistrate noted that the company will now owe late penalties on the past due payment.

However, VanHook said Tuesday that the fiscal court isn't the entity that would act on such a request. "The way it worked, the fiscal court loaned the money to the RCIDA and the RCIDA loaned the money to Microfoodery," he said.

When VanHook presented County Judge Executive with a notice of the extension to be signed by the judge, Holbrook instead took it to the fiscal court. (See "RCIDA" on A7)

### County Clerk Notice

The Rockcastle County Clerk's Motor Vehicle Licensing Department will be closed June 4-8.

The office is overseer of the election process as well and, during this time, will be processing absentee ballots and preparing the in-house polling center.

"We will not be handling any motor vehicle appointments or renewal during this time. We will only be answering questions related to the June 23rd Primary Election during this time," County Clerk Danetta Allen said.

"I apologize for this inconvenience and trust everyone will be understanding and realize that we are doing all we can to complete the daunting task with which we have been assigned during this unprecedented time," Allen added.

## Traffic stop turns into many charges

Meth, heroin found

By: Mike French Editor

What started as a simple traffic stop, turned into over a dozen charges against a Boyle County man on Saturday, May 30.

According to an arrest citation by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Kirk Mays, 26-year-old Clifton Yates-Bryant was spotted driving on Highway 461

with faulty tail lights but when the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, Bryant pulled over as if to stop, then pulled back onto the highway and then pulled over again. The citation says this occurred many times for about a mile until the suspect eventually completely stopped.

The citation says Bryant appeared intoxicated. (See "Meth" on A7)

## Local jailer working to help budget shortfall

By: Mike French Editor

One of the biggest budget shortfalls in the Rockcastle County 2020-21 budget is from operation of the Rockcastle County Detention Center. According to the first draft of the budget, the jail is over \$750,000 in the hole and the fiscal court's general fund will have to supply that funding to keep the jail operating.

Jailer Nathan Carter said Governor Beshear's early parole and release orders during the

Coronavirus restrictions have caused a big part of the deficit as there are only 40 state inmates left at the local facility.

"We had 58 state inmates when all this started," said Carter. "We typically have around 65. But when you are already down to 58 and then the Governor gives early paroles, or releases, that makes a big difference in our revenue."

In fact, the local jail receives \$34.34 daily in state funding for each state inmate housed in the facility. (See "Jail" on A7)

## No new cases

According to Health Department reports, Rockcastle County is holding at 15 total positive reported cases in the county of the Coronavirus COVID-19. All 15 cases have recovered.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the fire station in Brodhead.

## School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. This will be the last meeting with David Pensol as the Superintendent of Schools.

## Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County fiscal court is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse.

## Written tests to resume

First time permit holders, motorcycle reinstatement licenses and CDLs will begin Thursday, June 11. Call 606-256-2581 for appointment.

Minors must be with a custodial parent that is listed on the child's birth certificate and has a valid license or ID that has the correct address. Everyone will need to bring the appropriate documents, certified birth certificates, social security cards and

the no pass, no drive letter from the school. No copies will be accepted.

Reinstatement testers must have already paid the reinstatement fee and present appropriate documents.

CDL applicants must present approval, received from the Department of Transportation.

Further instructions will be given after the application has been processed.

## Message from Mayor Bryant

Now that the city has opened back up to full operation, I want to say how proud I am of our folks in Mount Vernon, Brodhead, Livingston and the rest of Rockcastle County.

During the height of the Coronavirus impact, you were so much help by complying with what you were asked to do for us to get through it. I know we are reopening with caution but it is good to see our economy opening once again.

Many thanks to our front line personnel who stayed in the trenches and fought this battle for the rest of us.

I am hoping and praying for a good rest of 2020.  
Mount Vernon Mayor  
Michael Bryant

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Mark up another reason I am glad I live in a small town, along with most of my children.

I cannot imagine the stress of living day to day, during this time, in Minneapolis, Atlanta, NYC, Washington, DC, etc. and not knowing if me or one of my family members was going to be maimed or killed by a "peaceful" demonstrator.

Yes, it was beyond tragic that a Minneapolis policeman, in my opinion, cold-bloodedly murdered George Floyd while three other policemen looked on and didn't intervene.

Yes, there should have been protests about the Minneapolis Police Department still having this officer on their force after there were 19 complaints lodged against him in his 18 years on the job (or maybe vice versa). Yes, former Democrat presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar, congresswoman from Minnesota, who had the chance to prosecute the officer at any time for any of these complaints, while she was a district attorney, always refused to do so. And, yes, obviously there is a problem, especially in our big cities, about blacks being singled out and mistreated by some of our law enforcement officers.

This isn't right and I have said in this column more than once that had I been born black I would have been on the front line of any march that would help to make sure my children were not treated differently because of the color of their skin.

But, there has to be a line drawn when a protest becomes a rampage that harms law-abiding citizens, destroys private and public property and targets law enforcement of-

ficers, the vast majority of whom are doing their best every day to protect everyone.

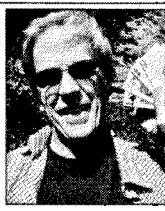
It is shameful that the majority of mayors and governors of the states these rampages are taking place in are not working to control them but are instead allowing them to continue to the detriment of their citizens and business owners in the areas of these protests.

There are some things that I will go to my grave believing, i.e., that President Roosevelt, who wanted our country involved in WWII badly, knew about the "sneak" attack on Pearl Harbor in advance; that there is information out there about President Kennedy's assassination that will never be made known to the general public and, yes, that Jeffrey Epstein did not kill himself (sorry, couldn't resist). And, another is that evil, corrupt George Soros is behind these "spontaneous" protests going on across our country, no doubt paying

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



We found an old VCR tape this week. I, and my better half, watched it together. On the video she was a young girl.

The video included her mother always close by, always watching and ever present when someone needed her.

I got to see the whole family at a much younger age than when I met them and in her eyes I saw the most amazing mixture of joy, peace and sorrow as she watched her mother and hung on every word she spoke.

It wasn't long ago that we buried Edith on the mountainside that she called home and, being just after Memorial Day, we had decorated it just the other day.

Dora was quiet through most of the video as we sat watching the lively party for her one-year-old. But her expressions said more than words would have anyway.

We watched to the end and it was easy to see she was proud of her son. Still, her mother was on

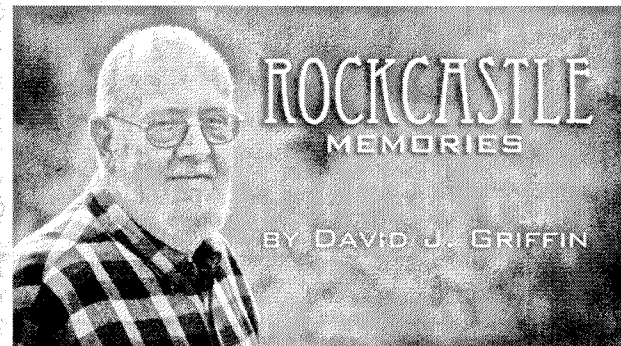
her mind too. She listened intently to each word her mother spoke as if it were an answer to a question she had just asked. Each word was important.

She never mentioned the video after it ended. She just got busy doing her daily tasks. I could sort of tell she didn't really want to talk about it right then.

So, the subject changed and that same afternoon we went for a ride in the country.

So later the same day, we stopped at a store and she said "your mother

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### Mountain Man Vineyards?

This past week, I accomplished something that I have dreamed of for several years. I, along with my neighbor (Ken), planted my first grapevine in my backyard in Mt. Sterling. I learned about growing grapes from my grandfather (Pop) in the early 1950's. Ever since that time, I have dreamed of having my own, and I hope this will be the beginning of that special dream.

When I was a boy, my grandfather had a long

line of trellises that were filled with vines producing the most wonderful tasting grapes imaginable. He chose Concord grapes because they were vigorous, productive, tasty, and easy to train. He also selected them because they excelled in making fresh juice, jelly, and were delicious to eat raw. Pop's were the best grapes I have ever tasted. One of my most regrettable mistakes is not taking one of his grape vines and propagating it on my own land.

While growing up, I accompanied Pop as he walked among his vineyard selecting the ripest and best grapes to eat straight from the vines. He and I spent many hours collecting small buckets of the fruit and then sitting under a shade tree devouring our bounty. You should have seen us spitting seeds as we consumed the awesome grapes. I doubt that there is another soul on earth who loved fresh grapes as much as he did.

My grandmother (Mommie Katie) also had a hand in the production of Pop's yearly grape harvest. When the grapes were just at the peak of their season, Pop filled buckets of the fruit

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



I may have jumped the gun in regards to the Letcher County Schools history project reported in last week's column. At least I have not yet heard from anybody about following up on it. This would not be the first time I've had my wires crossed and I don't expect it will be the last. I will keep you posted if anything else materializes.

In the meantime, speaking of schools, most of them should be on

summer vacation by now. On the other hand, I recently spoke with a grandmother who is way beyond ready for her 5 grand children to get back to school and stay there until they have graduated, gone to prison or moved several states away.

She has been "caring" for the siblings, aged 8 through 14, including a set of twins, since early

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**T.J.'s Journal**  
By: Tonya J. Cook



### Nothing New Under the Sun

Dear Journal,

A wise man, King Solomon, once said that there is nothing new under the sun and I've been around long enough to know that for myself after hearing the national news this morning. He also said that all is vanity, and when you come right down to it, it is for the most part.

A few days ago

Stanley and most everyone were talking about a man named George Floyd. Since I've all but stopped listening to the national news, I had to ask who he was and what he had done. Why have I stopped listening to the news you may wonder. Well it seems to be controlled by the left wing radicals that feel it is their sworn duty to explain the news according to their opinion, putting their spin on it, of course, because the American people are so stupid that they can't be given the plain facts for themselves and make an informed decision. Why aren't there any news people like good old Walter Chronkite, Huntley and Brinkley, even Barbara Walters anymore? They just told the facts and let "foolish" Americans decide for themselves.

On the CBS Morning News, which Stanley had turned on, they were telling about the aftermath of the, I dare say,

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bray is a "true Republican..."

Dear Republican Friends,  
I told you two years ago that you would be making a big mistake by voting for a person named Brenda who was backed by a union.

You did and you voted out an elephant - Shell - and voted in an Ant.

Now I am asking you to vote in a "True Republican," Josh Bray. Mr. Brenda never did anything for the Republican Party until the union got him to run against the House leader, a good leader named Shell.

Also, Mr. Brenda helped elect Beshear as governor, and then got on Beshear's transition team and one of the first things Democrat Beshear did was to open up two more slaughter houses to kill little babies.

Brenda has done nothing for the Republican party -- vote him out!

Mr. Bray comes from a very good family. His grandmother just passed away at age 95. She was married to her husband Don Bray for 73 years. He was a Deacon at Bible Baptist Church for many years and a long time Republican.

Thank you for your time and vote,

Bob Lunsford

## About the primary election..

Dear Editor,  
Late last week, as Chair of the Rockcastle Republican Party, I participated in a call hosted by the Republican Party of Kentucky with Secretary of State Michael Adams. I expressed the concerns that many of you have shared with me about the voting procedures being used in the June 23rd primary.

As you know, it is an especially important election for our community as we elect who will be representing us in Frankfort in the House and serving us on the court bench.

Adams emphasized there are no plans to do voting this way in November. I feel good that we can trust our local county clerk to do all she can to protect our ballots and that voting will be back to normal in November.

If I learn anything else, I'll be sure to let you know.

Thank you,

Doris Cromer

Rockcastle Republican Party Chair

## "ramblings"

(Cont. from A2)

his professional agitators and also for the loads of bricks that are just "magically" appearing in many areas in which the protests are being held.

President Trump has announced that Antifa has been designated a terrorist organization but there is a question if, under our Constitution, this designation is lawful. But, they are definitely a domestic terrorist organization and should be treated as such.

It appears to me that everything the Democrats have tried since January of 2017 to overthrow our duly elected President has come to naught, even to the most recent Coronavirus event which destroyed the best economy in the world. So, I, personally, believe, these riots are being encouraged by those who do not want this country to recover economically mainly so that the November election will be influenced against President Trump's re-election.

It is interesting that "celebrities" in our country are raising bail money for arrested protestors, including several of Joe Biden's staffers, but evidently nothing for the black-owned businesses that have been lost to vandalism.

I was sad to see that actor Steve Carell was one of those drumming up support for this effort. He was one of the few actors that I would still have paid money to see at the movies but he's now on my boycott list, the length of which pretty much assures that I won't be seeing any more movies before I die.

But one good thing about these protests is that the masks and social distancing provisions of dealing with the

Coronavirus will surely go by the wayside now since thousands of protestors are on our streets together, most without masks, which makes our feeble efforts to protect ourselves against the spread of this disease irrelevant.

We need to pray for our country more than ever now. There is a dark movement afoot to destroy it and that movement is being aided by some of the most influential people in the world.

If President Trump does not take the lead on quelling these violent protests, Heaven help us.

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

March when Covid 19 closed down the schools. I'm not going to list the kids' genders because she doesn't really want folks to know who she is. She said that she doesn't believe she has broken any laws, so far, but that could change at any minute.

She also said that she was not terribly scared of catching the disease because she doubted that it could be much worse than what she was already going through.

"All you hear on the news these days is how brave medical workers, law enforcement and other essential workers are. If you want to talk about bravery, you ought to talk about teachers. There doesn't even need to be a pandemic going on for me to appreciate what they have to put up with under the even the best of circumstances."

To hear my friend tell it, two of her grand kids are perfectly capable of breaking an anvil into small pieces, getting past her computer's parental controls in less than thirty seconds, giving her dog a nervous breakdown and making her cat leave home. The dog used to bark and wag all over anytime someone came to the door.

Now he only whines and runs as far back as he can get to hide behind a suitcase under her bed.

They have, she said, destroyed her ice maker twice and she can't find anyone willing to fix it now, two doors are off the hinges, most of her towels are tie-died pink because someone threw red panties into the washer with them, both her baking sheets are warped because someone left the oven on TWICE! Nobody has ever confessed that they had anything to do with these mishaps and every one of them has adamantly blamed one or more of their siblings. Not one of them has gone unaccused even though they've all had alibis supported by other siblings.

They have attempted to fix flat bicycle tires, an electric mixer that one of them dropped and a cracked front window pane, that no one can explain, with bright orange duct tape. Even though it's only May, one of the kids told her he was using the tape to decorate for Halloween and the other 4 tried to convince her that made sense.

Now, she says, she has given her son and daughter-in-law 10 days notice to find child care and to find it anywhere other than her house because she is locking up the place until school starts back. She has made arrangements to spend the summer with a cousin who lives in a summer house on an island near Charleston South Carolina. The kids and grand kids are welcome to visit but they will have to rent their own accommodations.

Frankly, I know a thing or two about grandmas myself. I'm married to one. They simply need to take a break now and then. If this one is anything like Loretta, her "summer" will only be a nice little, late spring, 10-day trip to the low country where she will spend most of her time telling her cousin how sweet her grand kids are. The more she talks about them, the more she'll miss them.

Hopefully, her son will have the window pane replaced and the doors repaired, her daughter-in-law will have bought her a new mixer and the cat will have come home by the time she gets back to Kentucky before the end of June. She'd already said her cousin loves the little dog more than she does so she might just wind up letting him stay down there.

## "Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

likes baskets I know. But what kind of snacks or goodies does she like?"

I told her and she began to pile the basket she had bought full of goodies and trinkets. Soon, one or two of everything mom likes was in the new basket.

Being a little tight this month I said something like, "Honey, I try to keep mom in about any snacks she wants. We don't have to spend this much unless you just want to."

I like getting stuff for mom and I enjoy getting her groceries and taking care of any need she may have. I consider it an honor to do so.

But the truth is, I don't usually just get her stuff for no reason at all. I'm not that sentimental and I am a little bit tight. "We don't have to get this stuff honey."

Dora looked at me quietly for a moment without a word. Then, after a moment she said very gently, "this morning I had to watch my mom on a video. Do you want to get this for your mom, or not?"

Yes.

Mom loved the stuff and I'm sure that as I write this she is snacking away.

I know she liked the goodies and I know she appreciated it and I know it made her happy that we had been thinking of her. I love the idea that she is snacking away watching TV right now -- yes, FOX News.

But honestly, I think it is me that got the biggest blessing from that good deed.

For more years than I will mention here, mom stopped at the store and got a "surprise" for her only son. And I am betting it felt pretty good to her to know she made me happy. Uncountable are the times she sacrificed so that I would have something that I really didn't need but just wanted.

Edith did the same for Dora. Mothers do it everyday. And every night. When it is convenient, and when it is not.

If you live a long life and things go as they are supposed to go in the big scheme of things, someday, you too will watch your mother on video.

Here's a little reminder that life is short and there is no dedication like a mother's dedication.

Remember her.

I love you mom.

## "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

and had her work her magic in the kitchen. Each year she canned large quantities of grape juice and jelly. Their cellar was filled with quarts of the juice and pints of jelly. Oh, the joy of opening one of those small containers of jelly to accompany her home-made biscuits for breakfast!

The production of grapes is both simple and mystifying! Yes, it is simple to keep vines alive -- that is, Kentucky has the right climate for grapes to thrive. But it is challenging to grow the fruit of suf-

ficient quality to produce good juice, jelly, and especially wine. Even though Pop was a simple farmer, his grapes were the best in the neighborhood.

When we think of growing grapes, we dream of green or purple table grapes (the kind you eat fresh), jams and jellies, or perhaps a good wine grape, just in case you want to make your own Cabernet.

Pop's grape vines were in the direct sun, near his apple orchard. His trellises were tall enough that he could walk under in order for him to prune the vines each season. The technique for growing grapes that is the most productive is good pruning practices. Pop was very talented in selecting which vines needed to be pruned in order for him to achieve the maximum harvest. I loved spending time with him as he sculpted his particular vineyard. I learned so much just from watching him in his labor of love.

So, I have successfully planted my first grape vine. It may be a small beginning, but it is a thrilling project for me. How does Mountain Man Vineyards sound? In my humble opinion, I think it sounds perfect.

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

## "T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

the murder of an American citizen in broad open daylight on an American street corner with several people standing only feet away begging for this man's life. It was apparent that he was being killed. I saw for the first time yesterday the unedited video of this "murder". What a sight. Merciless! This man was George Floyd, a black man that was probably racially profiled (my opinion).  
The aftermath... ac-

ording to the CBS report, there had been rioting and or looting in every state in the United States and several foreign countries standing in solidarity with America and it's black population. Several of these riots turned deadly. Last night Washington DC was ablaze. It was reminiscent of the War of 1812. You could just make out the Washington Memorial monument. (Photo on Facebook) President Donald Trump was taken to a bunker at the White House (I'm sure that some will find that funny).

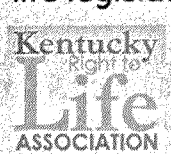
It took me back to my youth. I heard almost every evening on CBS about the social unrest, the discrimination of blacks in the South, especially, and their untimely deaths at the hands of those who hated them for their race. Then came the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. Then shortly came the assassination of Bobby Kennedy who was by the way, a civil rights activist. The country was still reeling from President John Kennedy being assassinated. There was a lot of rioting, mostly about the Vietnam War, and President Lyndon Banes Johnson. ("Hey, hey, LBJ! How many boys did you kill today?") Then, there was the war in Israel between the Israelis and Palestinians. There were protests and riots about everything you could imagine. Just to break the monotony, there was the occasional Gemini or Apollo rocket launch to the moon and those Beatles are destroying the morals of the country. I guess you could say I've seen a lot of civil unrest, rioting, and assassinations in my days. I guess King Sol was right, there is nothing new under the sun for those of us who have been around a while. By the way, there was a rocket launch during all of this. Don't blame them for leaving.



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# Obituaries

## Johnie Ray Gillson

Johnie Ray Gillson, 61, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 23, 2020, at his residence. He was born July 24, 1958 in Glendale, CA, to the late Warren Ray and Edna Louise (Dornan) Gillson. He had been a truck driver, enjoyed cars, motorcycles, boats, and fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Monica (Brian) Conter of Oxnard, CA, Michael Gillson of Terra Haute, IN, and Wendy Karapet of Somis, CA; five grandchildren, Haydyn Karapet, Elis Medlin, Gracie, Gillson, Ryan Karapet, and Madison Conter; one brother, Chris Alan (Cindie) Gillson of Graham, WA; one sister, Cindy Louise (Gordon) Arbathnot of Berea; two nephews, Steven Gillson and Devin Arbuthnot; two nieces, Renee Gillson Phillips and Amanda Arbuthnot; great nephew, Desmond Gillson; and great niece, Abbi Gillson.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation rites were performed.

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

## Jo Anne Riney

Jo Anne Riney, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 23, 2020 at UK Hospital in Lexington. She was born May 19, 1929 in Anderson, IN, the daughter of the late Tom and Alva Harrison. She was a retired nurse, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: one son, Gary Riney of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Cheryl Sull of Lakewood, CO, and Patricia Ann (Dave) Lawrence of Rocky Mount, NC; three grandchildren, Scotty, Chris, and Michelle; two great grandchildren, Savannah and Anthony; one great great grandchild, Keyarah; and Patricia Ann's daughter-in-law, Sandy. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Glenn Riney.

In accordance with current state mandates and in order to maintain social distancing, a private visitation and funeral with a total of 35 family and friends attended the service with Bro. Luther Allen officiating.

Pallbearers were: Derrick Singleton, Buddy Mullins, Dale Winstead, Ross McClure, Jerry Burke and Keith Smith.

Arrangements by the Cox Funeral Home.

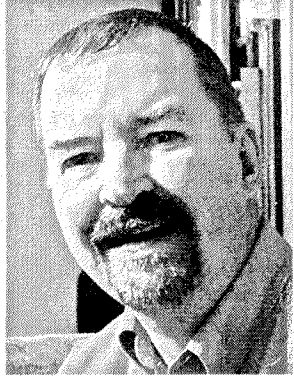
View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com).

## James (Jimmy) Howard

James (Jimmy) Darrell Howard, 65, of Mt. Vernon, passed away suddenly from lung cancer on May 26, 2020 in Nashville, TN surrounded by family. He was born December 8, 1954 to Christine (Renner) and Raymond Howard.

He attended Church on the Rock in Berea and will be remembered as a generous man who enjoyed UK Wildcat games and eating out. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and the United States Army.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Steven (Nicole) Howard; two brothers, John (Sandy) Tyler and Tom (Jo) Tyler; one sister, Doris (Tommy) Adams; three grandchildren, Wade Howard, Austin Howard and Jenna Howard and a special friend, Mary Hendrickson as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Private services will be held in Nashville, TN.



## Irelene Neeley

Irelene Neeley, 80, Mt. Vernon, died peacefully Friday, March 20, 2020 at her home. She was a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and was expecting her first great great grandchild at the time of her death. She was born in Ohio to the late Delbert and Elva Saylor Northern. She was a member of Big Hill Holiness Church.

She is survived by: her husband of over 60 years, Willard Sylvester Neeley of Mt. Vernon; six children, Lanita Sue (Joe) Denny of Paint Lick, Willard Darryl (Jennifer) Neeley of Brodhead, Eva Malinda Neeley (Bruce Waddles) of Mt. Vernon, Marilyn Elaine (David) Gastineau of Mt. Vernon, Kristie Karen (James) Thacker of Mt. Vernon, and Anthony Dana "Tony" (Becky) Neeley of Mt. Vernon; 14 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and four siblings, Paul Northern of Mt. Vernon, Betty Baldwin of Campbellsville, Ray Northern of Mt. Vernon, and Dan Northern of Hinton, WV.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her great grandparents, Willy and Ada Alexander Saylor and William Franklin and Mary Eliza Baker Northern and two brothers, Jack and Charles Northern; and Reacie Isaacs.

In light of the current health and safety risks involved, the services were private. Bro. Steve Isaacs and Bro. Larry Day officiated the services and she was buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Jerry Wayne Husband, Joseph Husband, James Robert Blair, Jeremy Neeley, A.J. Jones, Johnathan Portwood, Josh Neeley and Jacob Neeley.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Billy Ray McLemore

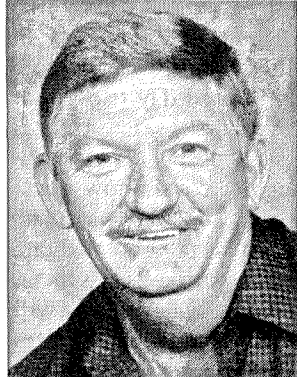
Billy Ray McLemore, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 22, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Somerset on September 30, 1957, the son of Gillium and Hepsia Burdine McLemore. He worked in factories most of his life as a mechanic and operated "Bill's This and That". He loved his family, working in his garage, and mowing the lawn. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: his wife of 42 years, Teresa Boreing McLemore; a son, Jeffrey (Brittney) McLemore of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Jennifer (Donald) McLemore of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Jack (Lydia) McLemore; and six grandchildren, Jesse Rodefer, Kylee Rodefer, Blaine McLemore, Jaden Minton, Katelynn Minton, and Brantley McLemore, all of Mt. Vernon. A host of nieces, nephews, and friends also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Raymond Offutt and Jim Miller. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lance Baldwin, Phil Boreing, Steve Griffin, Phillip McLemore, Donald Newcomb, and Jesse Rodefer.

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



## Thomas Franklin Bullen

Thomas Franklin Bullen, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on November 16, 1957, the son of Robert Franklin and Betty Jo Winstead Bullen. He had been a parts inspector at various factories, was an avid lover of old cars, and was a US Army Veteran.

He is survived by: his wife of 19 years, Shirley VanWinkle Bullen; two stepsons, Jason (Pam) Bowman, and David Barnes, both of Mt. Vernon; two step-grandchildren, Kendra Barnes and Isaiah Barnes; two brothers, James Bryant Bullen of Mt. Vernon, and Charles Ray (Sandy) Bullen of Brodhead; and a niece, Madelyn Rose Bullen of Brodhead. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Franklin Bullen, Jr., and a brother, Bobby Bullen.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 30, 2020 in Johnetta Cemetery by Bro. Richard West.

Pallbearers were: David Barnes, Jason Bowman, Joe Bullen, Jr. Bullen, Larry Dale Bullen, and Eddie Wilson.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

## Virginia "Jen" Coffey

Virginia "Jen" (Isaacs) Coffey, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 29, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born March 13, 1945 in Waneta, to the late Powell and Goldie (Morris) Isaacs. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, enjoyed reading, sewing, and her flowers.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Donald Coffey; two children, Margaret Montgomery and Rebecca England of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Joshua England, and Tasheena Miller; two great grandchildren, Tenay Miller, and Aniah Miller; one brother, Lloyd Isaacs of London; and two sisters, Margaret Brewer and Vadna Judd.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Vivian Bohnow.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 1, 2020 at Oak Hill Cemetery with Bro. Jim Miller officiating.

Arrangements are through Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

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

## Barbara Alice Slone

Barbara Alice Slone, 42, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, May 24, 2020 at her home. She was born in Lexington on April 9, 1978 and had been an employee of

Baxter's Medical Supply Company. A non-denominational Christian, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, as well as reading her Bible, listening to music, and crafting.

She is survived by: her children, Christopher Terry, Rachael L. Ponder, and Amber Nicole Ponder, all of North Carolina; her grandchildren, Arianna and Jasper; her parents, James and Marcella Whitaker of Mt. Vernon; brothers, R.J., JimBob, David, Casey, and Michael; sisters, Jenny and Rachel; and her father, Ronnie Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Brian Ponder; grandparents, Bert and Alice Wren, and Kenneth and Pauline Smith; and a brother, Mark.

In accordance with Ms. Slone's wishes, the family chose cremation with no services.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

## Luther Earl Carte

Luther Earl Carte, 67 of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 15, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Cincinnati, OH on August 5, 1952, the son of Earl Elijah and Galilee McClanahan Carte. He had been an assemblyman for the Trane Company.

Funeral services will be conducted at a later date at Good Shepherd Mortuary in South Charleston, WV. Please visit [www.goodshepherdmortuary.com](http://www.goodshepherdmortuary.com) for more information.

## Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr.

Kenneth Earl Sowder, Jr., 66, of Richmond, husband of Kathy Sowder, died Friday, May 29, 2020 at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial with military honors was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

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

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

## Benjamin Broughton

Benjamin "Ben" Broughton, lifelong resident of Columbus, IN, departed peacefully May 14, 2020 to be with his Savior. He was born June 6, 1938 in Lincoln County, the son of Cecil and Clara Broughton.

He is survived by: his wife, Carolyn of 61 years; and his children, Betty (Jan) Finke and Lonnie Broughton of Columbus. Ben was blessed with five grandchildren, Jennifer (Richard) Benton of Greenwood, Joshua Broughton of Edinburg, Michelle Finke of Indianapolis, Amy Finke of Columbus, OH, and Jacob (Kelly) Broughton of Columbus. Ben has one great granddaughter whom he adored, Emmalynn Benton of Greenwood.

He is also survived by: sister, Helen (CJ) Petry; brothers, Kenneth Broughton, Noah (Barb) Broughton, and Charles (Betty) Broughton; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by brothers and sister-in-laws, Bob (Marie) Broughton, Lowell Broughton, Bill (Ruby) Broughton and Joyce Broughton.

He took pride in his working career at Cosco before retiring. Ben attended Heritage Baptist Church where he enjoyed serving his Savior and would help take part anywhere he was needed.

Due to the pandemic, a private graveside service was held at Flatrock Baptist Cemetery with his brother Rev. Noah Broughton officiating and the Rev. Jeff Jones assisting.

In lieu of flower, donations may be made to Heritage Baptist Church building fund.



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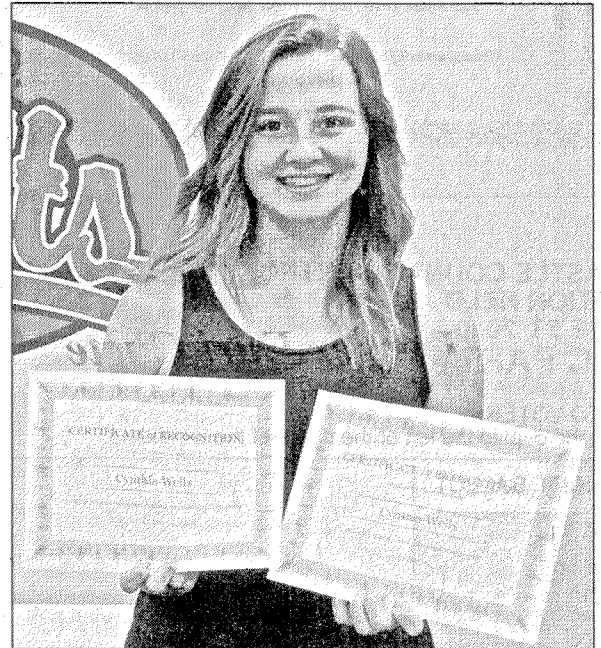
# Rockcastle County Community Scholarship Awards



**Mary Alice Forbes Davis Scholarship:**  
Savannah Sweet



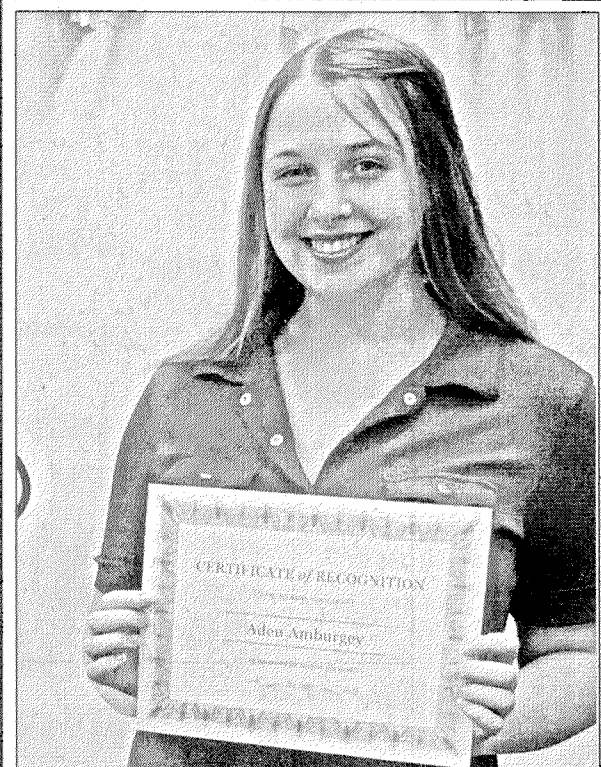
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Heaven Pearson



**Gatliff Craig Scholarship:**  
Cynthia Wells



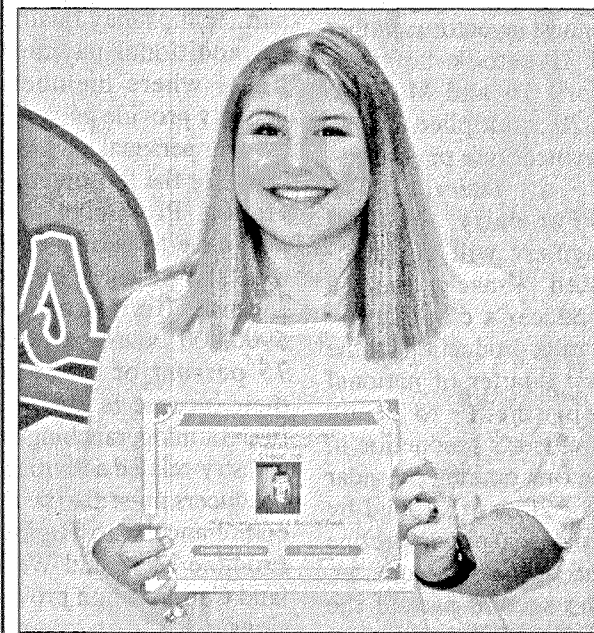
**Community Scholarship:**  
Callie Lewis



**Wayne Stewart Scholarship  
Sponsored by Citizens Bank:**  
Aden Amburgey



**Community Scholarship  
Sponsored by Community Trust Bank:**  
Holly Miller



**Abby Langford Scholarship:**  
Emilee Thomas



**Wayne Stewart Scholarship  
Sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital:**  
Ashlyn Brock



**Abby Langford Scholarship:**  
Logan Bowman

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PRIMARY ELECTION HELD  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020  
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:**  
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**This is a sample of the ballot that will appear in all precincts for the Republican Party in the upcoming June 23, 2020 Primary Election**

**The middle column for the Constable race will appear in the Conway, Roundstone and Climax precincts only**



# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

*USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program*  
**Farmers and Ranchers to Receive Direct Support for Losses Related to COVID-19**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which will provide up to \$16 billion in direct payments to deliver relief to America's farmers and ranchers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to this direct support to farmers and ranchers, USDA's Families Food Box program is partnering with regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat and deliver boxes to Americans in need.

"America's farming community is facing an unprecedented situation as our nation tackles the coronavirus. President Trump has authorized USDA to ensure our patriotic farmers, ranchers, and producers are supported and we are moving quickly to open applications to get payments out the door and into the pockets of farmers," said Secretary Perdue. "These payments will help keep farmers afloat while market demand returns as our nation reopens and recovers. America's farmers are resilient and will get through this challenge just like they always do with faith, hard work, and determina-

tion." Beginning May 26, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), will be accepting applications from agricultural producers who have suffered losses.

**Background:** CFAP provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

Farmers and ranchers will receive direct support, drawn from two possible funding sources. The first source of funding is \$9.5 billion in appropriated funding provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act to compensate farmers for losses due to price declines that occurred between mid-January 2020, and mid-April 2020 and provides support for specialty crops for product that had been shipped from the farm between the same time period but subsequently spoiled due to loss of marketing channels. The second funding source uses the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to compensate producers for \$6.5 billion in losses due to ongoing market disruptions.

**Non-Specialty Crops and Wool**

Non-specialty crops eligible for CFAP payments include malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat. Wool is also eli-

gible. Producers will be paid based on inventory subject to price risk held as of January 15, 2020. A payment will be made based 50 percent of a producer's 2019 total production or the 2019 inventory as of January 15, 2020, whichever is smaller, multiplied by the commodity's applicable payment rates.

**Livestock**  
 Livestock eligible for CFAP include cattle, lambs, yearlings and hogs. The total payment will be calculated using the sum of the producer's number of livestock sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020, multiplied by the payment rates per head, and the highest inventory number of livestock between April 16 and May 14, 2020, multiplied by the payment rate per head.

**Dairy**  
 For dairy, the total payment will be calculated based on a producer's certification of milk production for the first quarter of national adjustment to each producer's production in the first quarter, calendar year 2020 multiplied by a national price decline during the same quarter. The second part of the payment is based a

**Specialty Crops**  
 For eligible specialty crops, the total payment will be based on the volume of production sold between January 15 and April 15, 2020; the volume of production shipped, but unpaid; and the number of acres for which harvested production did not leave the

farm or mature product destroyed or not harvested during that same time period, and which have not and will not be sold. Specialty crops include, but are not limited to, almonds, beans, broccoli, sweet corn, lemons, iceberg lettuce, spinach, squash, strawberries and tomatoes. A full list of eligible crops can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Additional crops may be deemed eligible at a later date.

**Eligibility**  
 There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies or limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits where members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

**Applying for Assistance**  
 Producers can apply for assistance beginning on May 26, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Producers of all eligible commodities will apply through their local FSA office. Documentation to support the


producer's application and certification may be requested. FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed. Applications will be accepted through August 28, 2020.

**Payment Structure**  
 To ensure the availability of funding throughout the application period, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date as funds remain available.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery

staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.


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## KHEAA Outreach turns to social media during pandemic

With schools closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, outreach counselors for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority have turned to social media to get information to students, parents and counselors.

KHEAA Outreach has scheduled free Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sessions through the end of June to replace the in-person presentations the counselors normally conduct.

"These sessions are a good way for Kentuckians to safely get the college and financial aid information they need while schools are closed," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Students and parents should take advantage of this great opportunity to get the information they need while remaining healthy at home."

The schedule for the June includes:

- June 4: Soft Skills/Mock Job Interview (Instagram)
- June 9: Getting In (Facebook)
- June 10 Staying Healthy in College (Twitter)
- June 11: KHEAA

Open Q&A (Instagram)  
 All sessions begin at 3 p.m. EDT, 2 p.m. CDT.

Contact information for KHEAA's outreach staff can be found on www.kheaa.com under the counselors tab. Click on outreach presentations and outreach counselors for more details.

A state agency, KHEAA also publishes a monthly online education-related newsletter for parents and others. Anyone wanting to be notified when the latest "Your KHEAA College Connection" newsletter is published can email publications@kheaa.com to be put on the distribution list.

KHEAA administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. KEES and other state financial aid programs are funded by the Kentucky Lottery.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY**  
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**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

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## “RCIDA”

(Continued from front) cal court for their approval. However, the court refused to approve the extension.

VanHook said the facility and the owners are a big addition to the county and should be highly appreciated as a contributor to the community.

“There is over \$400,000 in payroll there at the Microfoodery plant and that is nothing to take lightly, nor is the Crase family,” he said. “That family has been a huge part of our community for over 40 years and have contributed to our economic growth and development over the entire relationship. We can’t shortcut the investments and the roots they have in our community. This is not an overnight relationship and we have to look at the long term interests of our community.”

VanHook continued to say he understands communication problems but the county and the city should work with the company owners in every way possible. “That entire area developed after that family invested there. Sometimes in long term relationships there are struggles and conflicts but we need to reflect and dig deep and think about the opportunities afforded our community through this family. We have to try to do what is right for the greater good.”

VanHook continued “The company is on par, there are no delinquencies, no defaults and in every partnership there are give and takes. As we move forward, my role is to try to strengthen, develop and grow our community and I thank you all for the opportunity. I hope this is what you all want me to be doing.”

Chairman Corey Craig echoed many of VanHook’s sentiments adding, “We are back on track now and the next payment was due on June 1 and everything worked out just fine,” said Craig. “I don’t know how the payments worked out with the county but I know we approved the request and are continuing to try our best to be a good partner with everyone involved.”

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he expects Vanhook to help explain the situation to the fiscal court during this month’s regular fiscal court meeting. “It may be exciting,” said Holbrook. “I think it all worked out okay. I think Jeff will be able to explain to the fiscal court how that all worked out.”

In other action, Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray a guest at the meeting, announced that a video produced by the Rockcastle Arts Association is still “in the running” to be chosen as the winning video in a television contest. Once again the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their regular monthly meeting via teleconference Tuesday morning.

After approving the financial statement and the budget report, which showed a shortfall of \$4,990 for the month, members of the board discussed several local projects related to economic development.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley reported the new Marathon station locating in Livingston is

planning to open for business in early July.

The much anticipated Farmer’s Market/multi-use facility, planned on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, has been on hold after the State Historic Preservation Society became involved in the project.

VanHook said some nearby buildings are older structures so the new construction had to be approved by that office.

However, approvals from the Historic Society typically takes longer than other approvals, according to VanHook, and this project is no exception. “We are going to go ahead and offer the project out for bid next week,” he said. “The Farmer’s Market building is not interfering with any of those older structures. So once we receive that approval, we will be ahead of the game and ready to move.”

VanHook also reported meeting with three separate entities about leasing a vacant building in the industrial park. “The Plastics building’s prospects are very positive and we hope to know something soon.”

The contest, by HGTV, offered to remodel a Main Street area, if the town is chosen, on a television show. “The video the local Arts Council made had over 60,000 views already and they were blown away by it,” said Bray. “I think we stand a chance.”

Craig also mentioned the recent hopes to eventually have a gas pipeline through the county. “Jeff (VanHook) is working hard on that project,” said Craig. “It would be transformational for our community if that happens.”

The RCIDA board is considering returning to in-person sessions for the July regular meeting. Details will be announced at a later date.

## “Meth”

(Continued from front) cated and gave consent for the deputy to search the vehicle admitting officers would find methamphetamine and needles inside the vehicle.

Officers found the described items along with a backpack containing more needles and a handgun.

Bryant was arrested and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center but, once at the facility, a deputy jailer discovered a brown substance suspected to be heroin in Bryant’s pants pocket.

Bryant was charged with trafficking a controlled substance (meth), trafficking a controlled substance (heroin), possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, promoting contraband, tampering with evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia and several traffic charges, including no proof of insurance.

Bryant’s bond was not yet known at press time.

## “Vote”

(Continued from front) 27 is the hard cutoff day,” said Allen. “After June 27, we will not count any ballots we receive even if they are postmarked on June 23.”

So, Allen says voters should use the self-addressed, postage paid envelope to return their ballot as soon as possible

to be certain their ballot is received in time to be counted.

Or, the voter may also receive the ballot in the mail and then return the ballot in person at the Rockcastle County Clerk’s office.

For those who like to go to the polls in person but want to vote before June 23, you too have a way to vote during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Voters may also drop their ballot in the voter drop box just inside the courthouse’s US 25 entrance.

Voters may vote in person between June 8 and June 22 by going to the third floor conference room at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, the only polling location. Voter’s regular precincts will not be open.

Voting will be done on a paper ballot and the voter will feed the ballot into the scanner to record the vote. Election officials will be available to help with the process.

Officials suggest that all voters who plan to vote in person, call ahead and make an appointment so that election workers can better keep possible lines moving and the voter’s wait will not be extended.

## “Jail”

(Continued from front)

Rockcastle County, so 58 state inmates provides well over \$700,000 per year not including the money each inmate would spend in the commissary.

“We had to let nine go for early parole and we lost 18 inmates total,” said Carter.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz was forced to create a budget with these numbers in mind in order to meet state timelines for budget submittal.

However, officials say, the situation may not be as drastic as it appears.

“We have to send the budget to the state and these are the numbers we have right now,” Clontz said earlier. “But we really won’t know all the actual figures until later in the year or possibly next year.”

Basically, though Clontz is hoping for a positive turn in the figures, he created the budget to show the total shortfall. “We have to budget for the worst case and hope for the best,” he said. And Carter is already working on reducing that \$750,000+ shortfall.

“I am talking with other jails right now to

see if we can get some state inmates transferred to our facility once the restrictions are lifted,” said Carter. “Right now we can’t do anything about it until the restrictions are lifted. But hopefully we can get some state inmates back in here once this is over.”

There is the option of “farming out” inmates which is a term used about sending local inmates to other facilities and paying other jails to house Rockcastle inmates. Some suggested that may cost less than the \$750,000 shortfall.

However, Judge/Ex-

ecutive Howell Holbrook says that option would not work for the Rockcastle Detention Center for several reasons.

First, Holbrook said, the county would not only have to pay the jail for housing the inmate but also be responsible for the inmate’s medical expenses and transportation, and other expenses.

Also, if the number of inmates increase in the local jail, once restrictions are lifted, the shortfall would be much less than budgeted.

Holbrook said there would also still be the

expense of maintaining the local building. “It (farming out inmates) really wouldn’t help us any,” he said.

Carter remains hopeful that restrictions will lift soon, inmates will increase back to normal levels and the jail will have much less of a shortfall. “I am very hopeful that if we get our inmate numbers back up, we should be okay again. I am working closely with Joe and the Judge to find every way we can to minimize the deficit. We cut all we could find and now we have to bring the revenue back.”

## Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative  
2020 graduates: We celebrate with you

To the graduates of 2020, I want to extend my congratulations and God’s blessings on your future endeavors. Whether you are graduating from high school or college, you have worked and prepared your whole life for the day you get to hear your name called, walk across a stage, and receive your diploma. Senior year is a special milestone. For high school graduates, it means moments like senior prom, senior night, and saying goodbye to classmates you have known as long as you can remember. For college graduates, it is a realization that years of work have paid off, and now a time to continue your path into the workforce. There is not much like the excitement and anticipation of starting your dream career, something you have studied and prepared for in classrooms and internships.



Over the past few years, you learned a lot about subjects like math, language arts, social studies, and science. Without a doubt, these lessons are important and prepare you to navigate the post-graduate world. However, even more importantly, you have also learned a lot about the person you aspire to be. Hopefully, you have learned that your character and integrity are far more important than your popularity. Perhaps you understand that how you make someone feel about themselves is far more important than any words you can say. I pray that you also know that you are worthy and capable of great things. What will define you? Who will you be in our world? How will you contribute to your communities, state, and nation?

I am not talking about what are you going to do for a living, because our society and economy have a place for all career paths. After all, plumbers need cardiologists just like cardiologists need plumbers. I am asking specifically about what type of person you are going to become.

Because of COVID-19, you have not enjoyed the traditional graduation experience. It is okay to feel cheated because your graduation ceremonies plans were changed. Do not let this disappointment define you. Some have tried to put your experience into perspective by reminding us that previous generations of graduates faced even more troubling times – including wars. It is true, your experience is certainly less deadly, but it does not diminish the fact that you worked hard with the understanding that you would be able to celebrate. Some may feel a sense of disappointment due to the circumstances, but do not let this disappointment define you. Our communities have rallied around you to show you how important you are to us, and how important this time is for you. With technology that you have available to you, you have been able to keep in contact and share this time with family and friends. This same technology will allow you and your friends to keep this bond moving forward, even though your paths may go in different directions from here.

Of course, not only have your graduation plans been hijacked, but our entire world is also staring down a crisis of historic proportions. A crisis that impacts our health, our financial well-being, and our sense of community. There are those who seek to divide us, to pit us against each other. I want you to understand that neither COVID nor any other challenge has a chance when we stand together. You can disagree, but you cannot let our differences define you.

Instead, choose to be defined by the resilience

of your generation because life is about being steadfast enough to make a plan, and flexible enough to break it. Your class may have been denied a big in-person graduation, but you found a way to celebrate through parades and video ceremonies. Be defined by the investment your communities have made in you by planting yard signs, posters, and streamers to cheer you on. Choose to define who you are by what you want this world to be.

How you define yourself is crucial because the two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. I believe your generation is meant for greatness and look forward to seeing what the future holds in store. As your representative, I am here to support and help you on your path.

On a different note, I want to give a brief update on a project that many have asked about. Earlier this year I worked with state transportation officials to locate funding to repair the storm drain system in Brodhead, a project to help alleviate some of the flooding issues there. As state revenues decreased with COVID, many projects across our state have been put on hold. However, the funding for the Brodhead project was already in place, and materials were ordered. Those materials are now on the lot at the District 8 Transportation Cabinet in Somerset, ready for installation. State transportation officials will be coordinating with Brodhead officials to begin the installation work soon.

I still want to hear from you regarding concerns or support on different issues. I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 or here at home. You can also contact me via email at [TravisBrenda@LRCKY.GOV](mailto:TravisBrenda@LRCKY.GOV).

### OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY PRIMARY ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 NONPARTISAN

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote for the candidate of your choice, completely fill the oval to the left of the name of the candidate.

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28th Judicial Circuit  
1st Division  
(Unexpired term)  
(Vote for one)

- Teresa WHITAKER
- A. C. DONAHUE
- Jerry J. COX
- Walter F. MAGUIRE
- Daryl K. DAY


This is a sample of the ballot that will appear in all precincts for nonpartisan voters in the upcoming June 23, 2020 Primary Election



# Save a lot


Food Stores

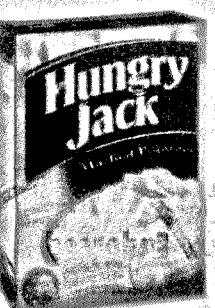
## Fresh Produce Items

Bi-Color Sweet Corn  5/\$2.50


Jumbo Sweet Vidalia Onions	.89 lb.	Tomatoes	\$1.49 lb.
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Southern Peaches  .99 lb.

Crystal Geyser Spring Water  \$4.19 ea. 16 oz. 35 pk.

Hungry Jack Instant Potatoes  \$1.69 15 oz.

Ice Cream \$5.49 One gallon variety flavor

Manwich  15 oz.	\$4.99	Hampton Peanuts	.99 1 lb. bag
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Tomato Ketchup	.99 24 oz.	Bottle Mustard	\$1.39 20 oz.
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## GREAT SAVINGS

Fritos or Cheetos  2/\$6 7 oz.


Westcott Vegetable Oil \$1.99 48 oz.


Grissoms Mill Hot Dog or Hamburger Buns  \$1.19 8 pk.


Red Gold Tomato Juice  \$1.89 46 oz.

Zesta Crackers  \$2.19 16 oz.

Cumberland Gap Water \$3.99 24 pk.

Coke Products  5/\$11 16 oz. • 6 pack

Little Debbie Big Packs  2/\$6 Oatmeal Creme Pies Fudge Rounds

4/\$9 PEPSI 3/\$11  16 oz. 6 pk. bottles 12 Packs

Freezer Pops	\$2.00 24 pk.	Styrofoam Cooler	\$2.99 28 qt.
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Kurtz Mayonnaise	\$2.49 30 oz.	Hugs Drinks	Asst. Flavors .50 16 oz. ea.
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, June 4, 2020

## Local teachers honored at Campbellsville Univ.

By Scarlett Birge, student news writer, and Joan C. McKinney, director, Office of University Communications

Campbellsville University's 34th annual Excellence in Teaching Award Program Ceremony was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, 217 teachers received the Excellence in Teaching Award from 76 districts and/or private schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Twenty-two of the teachers have Campbellsville College or University degrees and nine teachers are National Certified Teachers.

Dr. Donna Hedgepath, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "The Excellence in Teaching program is one of our most meaningful tributes to Kentucky teachers."

"Teachers deserve recognition for pouring themselves into the lives of our P-12 students. Teachers not only serve students in the classroom, but they make profound impacts in their students' personal lives and on their future."

"I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize the best of the best in education!"

Hedgepath, herself a teacher and university professor for several years, would have been present for the ceremony, along with Dr. Lisa Allen, dean of the School of Education.

Allen said, "During this time of pandemic, teachers have had to be creative and flexible problem solvers in delivering relevant, timely instruction to their students."

"The teachers who are EIT recipients this year have and will continue to find innovative ways to lead, to teach and to help students succeed regardless of the learning challenges presented by COVID 19."

"I am sorry that this year, we are unable to have our usual celebration to honor them. I am proud of these teachers who continue to shape the future for all of us regardless of circumstances."

A total of 4,163 Kentucky teachers have been honored since the program began in 1987

with assistance from Earl Aaron and the Ward, Cundiff and Aaron Memorial Fund. The purpose of the program is to recognize the quality teaching and learning taking place in the school systems throughout Kentucky.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is in partnership with Lexington's CBS-affiliate, WKYT-TV.

The teachers are selected by their school districts in each grade level (preschool/elementary, middle and high school).

The 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award recipients include the following with their superintendent listed first:

Rockcastle County Schools – David Pensol, superintendent; Cynthia Rogers, Roundstone Elementary School; Carri Burdette, Rockcastle County Middle School; and Holly Robinson, Rockcastle County High School.

Rogers, of Somerset, is a library media specialist at Roundstone Elementary where she has worked since 2004. She formerly worked at Brodhead Elementary from 1997 until 2004 as a kindergarten and 1st grade teacher and was a field associate for the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University from 1996 until 1997.

From Eastern Kentucky University, she received her bachelor of science degree in 1996, her master of arts degree in 2002, and her Rank I in 2006. She is a 1990 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

She is the daughter of Leahina Wolfe, of Mt. Vernon, and the late R.R. Wolfe Jr. She is married to Travis Rogers, and they have two children, Lea Ellen and Jace Rogers.

Burdette, of Mt. Vernon, teaches arts, humanities and choir for 6-8th grades at Rockcastle County Middle School.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Music Education at Campbellsville University in 2014. She earned her Master of Arts in Music Education from Boston University in 2017. She is a 2009 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

She is the daughter of Carolyn Collins-Hunt and Hal Hunt of Mt. Vernon. She is married to Shawn Burdette.

Robinson, of Mt. Vernon, teaches world history at Rockcastle County High School where she has taught since 2009.

From Eastern Kentucky University, she earned her Bachelor's de-

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Senior Noah Brock displayed his Rocket spirit during the 2020 Senior Parade held last Thursday through the streets of Mount Vernon. Rain did not hamper the great turnout from seniors along with friends and family members.

## Rockcastle County at 60.3% in Census

By: Mike French Editor

"Many people have no idea what an affect filling out their Census can have on our community," said Corey Craig, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Industrial Developments Authority. "Such a simple thing can make a huge difference for our entire community."

Once the potential dollar amounts were calculated, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook agreed. "The potential effect from filling out the 2020 Census can be enormous for our community," he said.

### Drivers license

Beginning June 1, the Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office began issuing renewal driver's licenses/Identification Cards by appointment only from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Anyone may schedule an appointment by calling the office at (606) 256-2581. Guidelines restrict that only one person be admitted at a time.

You must wear some type of facial covering (mask, bandana, scarf) to enter the building. And you will receive special instructions on what to bring into the building with you on the date of your appointment.

Please do not be late. Permit testing and road testing will be addressed at a later date.

For questions, contact the above phone number.

Currently, Rockcastle stands at 60.3% of residents participating in the 2020 Census. Though that is better than some previous years, local officials strongly hope for more.

In the 2010 Census, only 57% of Rockcastle Countians filled out the census form.

When broken down by city, Mount Vernon leads with 56.2% participation, Brodhead stands at 48.5% and Livingston is at 21.9%.

But it is the potential

grant dollars that concern local officials.

Census officials estimate each person filling out the census will make about \$2,000 difference in available funding for each of the next ten years.

"In other words," said Craig, "one person who doesn't fill out their census costs their community, their neighbors, their family and friends \$20,000 in potential grants for our community (over the next ten year period)."

In fact, since the estimated local population is around 17,000, and only 60% have filled out the census, that means about 7,000 residents have not filled out their census.

Since each person calculates at \$2,000 per year, that is over \$140 Million in funding that Rockcastle County will not be illegible for in the next 10 years.

"We strongly urge everyone to fill out their Census," said Holbrook. "It can make a big difference in our county."

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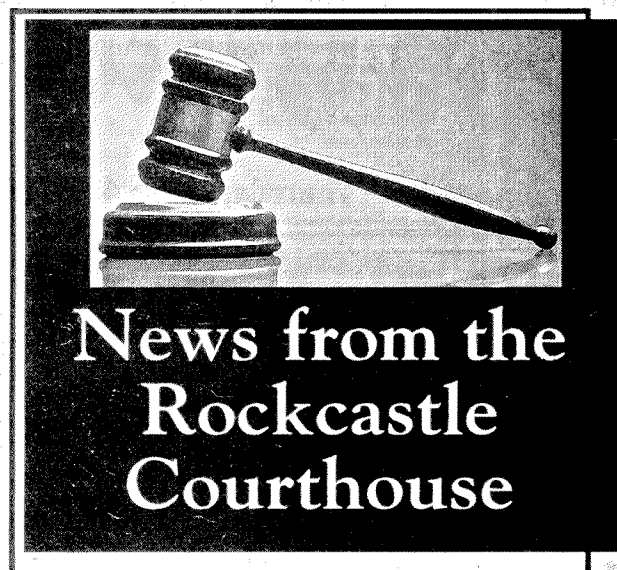
At left: New Circuit Judge Jerry Cox sworn in by retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Dan Venters March 11, 2020.

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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### District Court

#### District Court News

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Ronald L. Durham; fleeing or evading police, 30 days in jail; disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail/concurrent/costs merged.

Sam Martin; public intoxication, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs merged.

### District Civil Suits

Lycoming Auto Trust v. Harold Spears, \$3,423 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Terri Jones, \$1,346 plus claimed due.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. David Richardson, \$1,787 plus claimed due. C-00072

### Circuit Civil Suits

Candice Chumley v. Progressive Insurance Company, complaint.

Vernice Scarlett Hargis v. Michael Lee Hargis, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Larry West v. Lorrie West, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Stephanie Mills, complaint. CI-00097

### Deeds Recorded

Carolyn Sue and Gordon Mink, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Sandra Himes. Tax \$2

Everett Owens, property on the waters of Calloway Branch, to Brenda Satler and Byron Bond. No tax

David and Jayne Abney, and others, property located in Rockcastle County, to John Michael and Lindsey Haas Turner. Tax \$123

Nancy Jane H. Cromer and Gary Cromer, property in Marethburg, to Sophia Michelle Cromer Atkin. No tax

Devin and Jenna George, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy and Jessica Baker. Tax \$50

### Marriage Licenses

Crystal A. Davidson, 46, Livingston, receptionist and Robert Clayton Singleton, 43, Livingston, Trane. 5/22/20

# Supreme Court provides updates on courts expanded services

*services remain safe*

On May 15, the Supreme Court announced the court system's re-opening plan, which provides guidance on how the Judicial Branch will gradually expand court services starting June 1. As a follow-up to the initial order, the Supreme Court released six orders today that offer further direction to the courts and the public about court operations on June 1.

"As the Judicial Branch carefully expands court services, we want to proceed with the utmost care," Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said. "I appreciate the patience of the legal community, the public, and court officials and personnel as we work to ensure that greater access to the courts and public safety go hand in hand."

The six orders entered today are described below.

#### Health and Safety Requirements for the Expansion of Operations

Administrative Order 2020-43, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-39, dated May 15, 2020. This order updates the Health and Safety Requirements for the Expansion of Operations. It is effective June 1, 2020, and the highlights are below:

- Clarifies that remote proceedings should be scheduled through the judge's office.

- Clarifies that individuals who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID, are in quaran-

time, or have been diagnosed with COVID must be allowed to participate remotely.

- Expands entrance to court facilities to individuals seeking orders under KRS 222.430 et seq. (Casey's law) and involuntary commitments under KRS Chapter 202A and KRS Chapter 645; individuals attending judicial sales; attorneys or parties to a case who need access to a physical case file and have scheduled an appointment with the local Office of Circuit Court Clerk; and, after June 15, 2020, other individuals who need access to a physical case file and have scheduled an appointment with the local Office of Circuit Court Clerk.

- Allows for resumption of limited driver's licenses services as of June 1, 2020, as provided in Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Order 2020-215.

- Encourages collaboration between clerks and judges to ensure there is sufficient staffing to cover in-person dockets.

- Clarifies that facial coverings are required for attorneys and that facial coverings must be worn in any location where court proceedings are being held.

- Clarifies the process for submitting local protocols.

- Provides an email address where concerns regarding application or implementation of the Order may be submitted.

#### Expansion of Court Proceedings

Administrative Order 2020-44, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-40, dated May 19, 2020. This order updates the Expansion of Court Proceedings, which previously only addressed the postponement of jury trials and grand juries. The order is effective June 1, 2020, and the highlights are below:

- Adds new sections for Civil Matters, Family Matters, and Criminal Matters, with specific guidance on evictions, judicial sales, child support, show cause dockets, and bench warrants.

- Clarifies that eviction proceedings that are not subject to state or federal moratoriums and are not related to non-payment of rent for residential properties may be filed as of June 1, with the required Verification of Compliance form.

- Allows judicial sales to proceed as of June 1, subject to the health and safety requirements in Administrative Order 2020-43.

- Gives priority in child support matters to cases that are determining paternity; cases establishing initial child support obligations; cases that are being reopened; and cases in which the obligee's only financial support is income from employment or unemployment benefits, maintenance support, non-public benefits, or child support. All other child support cases are continued until after October 1, 2020.

- Suspends all show cause dockets for payment of fines and court costs until November 1,

2020.

- Clarifies that judges should continue to issue summonses in lieu of bench warrants, unless the judge has good cause to believe a defendant will not appear voluntarily upon a summons or notice to appear.

#### Emergency Release Schedule Order

Administrative Order 2020-45, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-27, dated April 23, 2020. This order revises the Emergency Release Schedule for Pretrial Defendants and Emergency Pretrial Drug Testing Standards. It has been extended until further order of the court and the highlights are below:

- Deletes the failure to appear and contempt provisions that were in the previous order.
- Permits pretrial drug testing providers to resume urine drug testing, subject to the Healthy at Work requirements for similar businesses.

Custody and Parenting Time Order, Flexible Staffing Guidelines for Court Clerks Order, Special Emergency Directed

#### Leave Order

The only change to these three orders is that the effective dates have been extended until further order of the court. There are no other substantive changes.

- Amended Parenting Time Order: Administrative Order 2020-46, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-32, dated May 5, 2020.

- Amended Flexible Staffing Order: Administrative Order 2020-47, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-23, dated April 14, 2020.

- Amended Special Directed Emergency Leave Order: Administrative Order 2020-48, dated May 29, 2020, replaces in its entirety Administrative Order 2020-24, dated April 14, 2020.

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**The following items may be recycled:**

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

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

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

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

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# Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Landscaping with Fruits and Nuts

While it is a fact some folks don't want to deal with fallen fruit and nuts in the yard, nor colorful bird poop after they steal some of the smaller fruits and then 'nature calls', we are writing for the rest of you all who have a yard and wouldn't mind doing double duty by having both shade and fruit or hedges and fruit. And, who knows, a few of the no-fruit people might change their minds if they read along.

For larger yard trees, typically it's maples and Bradford pears we see on every city block, in practically every yard. (Did you know both produce a lot of pollen? And the maple trees that don't produce seeds are worse for the allergy sufferer.) Large trees to consider instead might include oaks, ginkgo, fruiting pears, black walnuts, white walnuts, hickories, pecans, American beech.

A pecan, chestnut, walnut, fruiting pear, plum, persimmon, or mulberry tree could just as easily provide shade, plus edible nuts and fruits for people and wildlife. Full sized apple trees on seedling or Antonovka rootstocks make a 30 foot tree someday which might produce ten or more bushels of apples per year ten or twenty-five years from now. (And, with careful selection, rather than grabbing a tree at the big box store, you can even find varieties of apples that will hold their fruits for several weeks after they are ripe, or even all winter for a few—unless a great big windstorm comes along, in which case all promises are off about hanging onto their fruit.) Some apples can be as pretty as flowering crab apples.

If you don't have room for a shade tree, then you might replace a redbud or white dogwood with a kousa dogwood or cornelian cherry dogwood that have edible fruit and pretty blooms. Maybe a pawpaw tree or a cherry or a peach. Or dwarf or semi-dwarf apples and pears. Maybe serviceberries.

Here's an idea: Bud-9 and M-27 and G-41 dwarf roots produce apple trees no more than 6 to 8 feet tall. Since these little guys need staking, consider an espalier, or how about a hedgerow or cordon with a couple posts and wires to support the trees and plant them three feet apart like you would boxwoods or viburnum shrubs? You could have a thick hedge....loaded with lovely fruit you can pick with no ladder. Wouldn't look bad either—a cordon acting as a hedge with lots of apples for eating and cooking.

Hedges and screens could also be created with jujube trees, currant or gooseberry bushes. A bed of blueberries...especially ones with red or yellow

limbs that show in winter, with pink and white blooms in spring, and blue berries in June and July...would look nice.

**Borders.** Instead of phlox or candytuft or monkey grass, how about a dwarf blueberry or a creeping raspberry or some strawberries? The forsythia bush might be replaced with a honeyberry bush. A burning bush might be replaced with a dwarf cherry bush.

Most have seen contorted filberts, called Harry Lauder's Walking Stick? Well, since hazelnuts need a second variety to cross pollinate, why not find a spot for a couple more hazelnuts, and your contorted one will have one more added attraction. Nuts!

Arbors and fences could be covered with grapes, kiwi, passion flower vines, hops, or magnolia vines.

You might not have to give up your fall color with nuts and fruits either. Some apples have red or orange fall color, hickory trees have golden yellow, and some grapes have red leaves in the fall.

For everyone, a couple blueberries or gooseberries worked into the flower bed will not even draw attention to your fruiting ambitions. Add in sun chokes (Jerusalem artichokes which look like sunflowers) and they will fit right in with black-eyed-susans and echinacea.

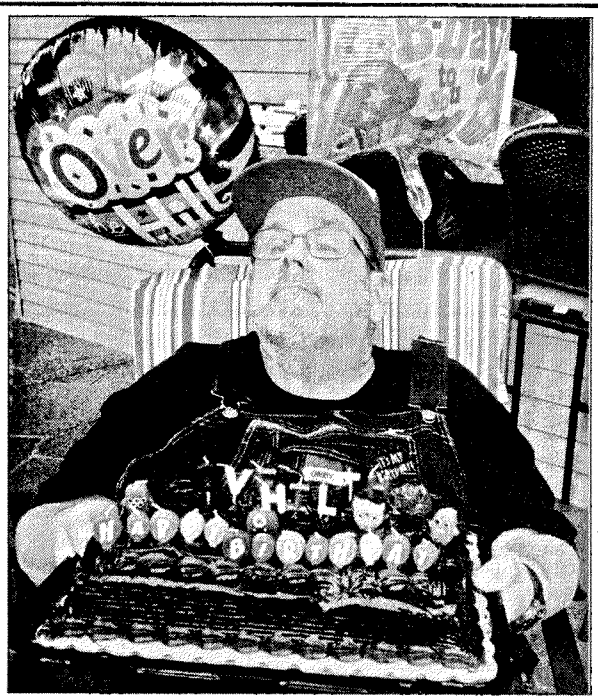
Other edible cuties would include asparagus, service berry bushes, or a raised bed filled with strawberry plants. Strawberries would look good most anywhere you would have a raised flower bed or a terraced wall with flowers just beyond it.

Then, let's don't forget you already probably grow some edibles....for you can eat daylily, hosta, nasturtiums and a whole bunch of things you probably never even considered.

Oak trees drop nuts and sweet gum and sycamore drops stickyballs, so why not some pears or chestnuts? And a full sized apple tree can be limbed up like a maple, with fruits way up high and you can walk and mow under it's limbs. Should you have trouble finding a full sized apple—you can plant a dwarf one really deep so the graft union will be buried and the top part of the tree would put out roots just below the surface and become a full sized tree. Look for a graft union just above the roots—for budded trees have the new variety a foot or more above the root and you don't want to be planting your apple tree that deep.

Not every nut, not every apple or peach, just like not every maple, will make a perfect lawn tree. But, there are good ones if you search them out. They may be old varieties your grandparents grew, and hard to find. Yellow and red delicious aren't much to look at in the front yard. But, a Liberty or King David apple just might work. I know a well planned yard with fruits and nuts can work, for I've done it more than once over the years. My hope is it will also work for some of my readers.

The author is a landscaper.  
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## Rockcastle County

**Recovery Meetings Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies.**

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

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

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**OVERNIGHT SLAW**  
1 large head cabbage, chopped

1 large onion, chopped  
1 and 1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon celery seeds  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup white vinegar  
3/4 cup canola oil  
Layer cabbage and onion in large bowl. Sprinkle sugar over it. Do not stir. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over slaw. Do not stir. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Stir before serving. Will keep in refrigerator up to two weeks.

**SEVEN (OR EIGHT) LAYER SALAD**

1 medium head lettuce, shredded  
1 sweet onion, chopped  
1 cup celery, chopped (optional)  
1 package (about 16 ounce) frozen green peas, thawed and drained  
5 hard-boiled eggs, chopped  
8 strips bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled  
1 and 1/2 cups Miracle Whip® or mayonnaise, spread evenly over bacon layer  
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded  
Layer ingredients in order given in a 9 x 13 glass dish. Do no toss. Refrigerate several hours or overnight before serving. Can mix may with a

little milk and some sugar if desired.

**FRESH PICKLED CUCUMBER SALAD**

7 cups unpeeled pickling cucumbers sliced thin  
1 cup sliced onions  
1 cup sliced bell peppers  
1 tablespoon salt  
1 cup white vinegar  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon mustard seed  
Mix cucumbers, onions, bell peppers, and salt; set aside. Put vinegar, sugar, celery seed, and mustard seed in a pot and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and let cool for one hour. Pour mixture over cucumbers. Put in jars (with lids) and store in refrigerator.

**DILL CUCUMBER SALAD**

2 pounds cucumber  
2 green onions, sliced  
4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon raw honey  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/2 tablespoons salt  
2 teaspoons dried dill or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill  
Peel and slice cucumber thinly. In a large bowl mix cucumber and green onion. In a small jar mix vinegar, honey, garlic, salt, and dill. Pour vinegar mixture over cucumber, toss to coat. Adjust taste with more salt and black pepper if needed and serve immediately.

# Cemetery Notices

## Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob white Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

## Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johnetta Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon.

## Roberts Cemetery

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Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery, c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

## Pittman Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for maintenance of the Pittman Cemetery, located on East Fork Skaggs Creek Road, Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Please send donations to: Betty Mullins, 46 Lilac Circle, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Telephone: 859-893-8881.

## Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

## Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

## McKinney Cemetery

Our Annual Meeting for Memorial Day Weekend will be postponed this year, due to COVID 19. The date for the meeting will be announced as soon as we can safely do so.

Any donations for the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery should be sent to: McKinney Cemetery,

P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

## Phelps Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Phelps Cemetery may be sent to Phelps Cemetery, c/o Randy Renner at 605 Steep Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Comments can be addressed to Randy Renner at 606-392-9763 or randyrenner76@gmail.com

All donations are greatly appreciated.

## Briarfield Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Briarfield Cemetery can be mailed to: Timothy Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 or Kenny Reams, Briarfield Cemetery, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729.

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Thank you for helping with upkeep of the cemetery.

## Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for upkeep and mowing of Sand Hill Cemetery at Sand Hill Baptist Church to: Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

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## Maret Cemetery

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## Freedom Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Freedom Cemetery may be mailed to Ronnie McKinney, 335 McK Farm Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. All donations are greatly appreciated.

## Three Links Phillips Cemetery

Please send all donations for the mowing and upkeep of Three Links Phillips Cemetery to: Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

## High Dry Cemetery

Please make donations for the upkeep of the High Dry Cemetery to: High Dry Cemetery, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

## Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244.

## Who Is A Christian?

Is a man an American citizen just because he claims to be? Or is a man General in the United States simply because he says so? Should a man who claims to be a doctor be accepted as such purely on the basis of his claim? These are foolish questions and I think we all realize this as soon as we read the questions.

The idea of using standards to be able to define who people really are is something we do all the time, we know a medical doctor, has many years in the field of medicine, a General has many years in the military before he ever makes the rank of a General.

But when we ask the question, who is a Christian? it seems there are so many variations among the doctrines of men that are accepted in the name of religion, we have gotten to the point in religion today whoever says he is a Christian, must be a Christian.

The world in religion in general may accept this idea, but our Lord does not. Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Simply calling upon Jesus Christ as Lord does not make one a Christian. Jesus also asked Luke 6:46 and why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

I really believe the Bible and it alone, determines whether one is truly a Christian. One may do many good deeds he may read his Bible, and these are things that Christians should do. But this is not what determines whether one is a Christian. Three things are taught in the New Testament in helping determine in what makes one a Christian.

A Christian is one who believes something not just anything, but one who believes in the divinity of Christ. Jesus stated clearly in John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. One must believe something and that is Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Anyone who does not believe this truly is not a Christian.

A Christian is one who does something not just anything but one who does the will of God. That which one does in becoming a Christian must be believed and obeyed we find in Romans 1:16-17 Where the apostle writes, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 6:17 tells us—But God be thanked ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. What form is that, it is one when one dies to sin is buried in water and raised a new creature in Jesus Christ Romans 6:3-4.

A Christian is one who abides in a relationship with God, not just any relationship, but one that is directed by the word of God. John 14:6 I am the way the truth and life and no man cometh unto the Father except by me. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature. Then the Bible tells us we must be faithful all unto death and we will receive a crown of life. Revelations 2:10

Thank you for reading this message I pray God blesses you with things you need, and we all give God the glory. This article is submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Ova Baker at 606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew at 859-582-4021.

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**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on property owned by Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Violators will be prosecuted. 17x14 eow

**Posted:** No trespassing for any reason w/o written permission on property located at 191 Old Dixie Highway. Wendell McCown. 17x4

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

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

**No Trespassing of any kind**, and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

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**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.

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

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

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

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**Notice is hereby given** that Marisa Albright, 207 Byrda Way, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix w/ no will of the estate of Jennifer Bishop on the 11th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Marisa Albright on or before November 11, 2020. 17x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Debra Bullock, 188 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Elijah Lunsford on the 18th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debra Bullock or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O., Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Nov. 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. 17x3

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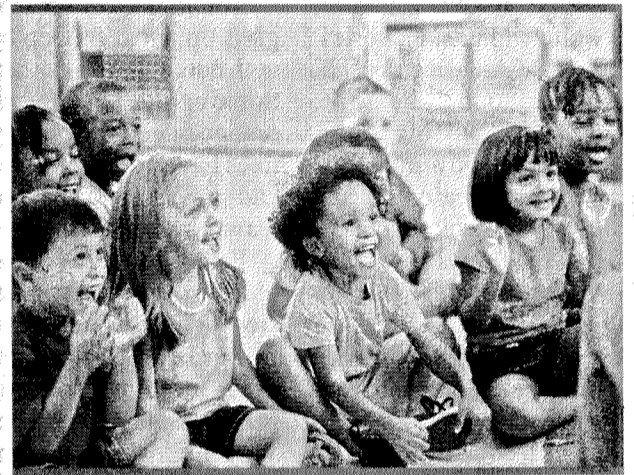
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### Rockcastle Library Information

The Rockcastle Library is hoping to reopen Monday, June 8th, pending receiving guidelines from the state. If not open by the 8th, the library will be open on the 15th. Curbside services are still available for books and DVDs.

### First RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to [rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

### Applications being taken for LIHEAP

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Community Action Agencies across Kentucky are now taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy. Eligibility requirements have been expanded to allow more Kentuckians to qualify. No disconnection notice is required. For more information and to apply, call your local office at 606-256-5315.

### Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

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

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

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe,** Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.

**Saturday - Celebrate Recovery:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

### DAR Meetings

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

### Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

### Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

### American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

## Community Yard Sale

Hunter Ridge Subdivision  
Cedar Rapids Rd.  
Friday & Saturday, June 5th/6th  
9 to 1  
Rain or Shine

## Berea College Dean's List announced

More than 730 Berea College students were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List. A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits\*, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

\*For the Spring 2020 term, the number of credits was reduced to three in light of the campus closure due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Local students were: Michael Allen, Cameron Brown, Rebekah Renner and Madison Stewart, all of Mt. Vernon.

## Hasty named to Dean's List

The academic honors' Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgpath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Kali Hasty, of Mt. Vernon, has been named to the Campbellsville University's Dean's List for Spring 2020.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours.

## Cumberlands Dean't List

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

Local students who made this semester's Dean's List include: Jayna Albright of Brodhead, Abigail Fletcher of Mt. Vernon, Lucas Jones of Brodhead and Deliah Pyles of Mount Vernon.

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

## Isaac Stratton named to Spring President's List

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

Congratulations to Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley, on making the President's List for Spring 2020.

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

## Thank You

Angie Woods would also like to thank Danetta Allen and Our Lady of Mount Vernon for their contributions to the senior care packages given out last week. Apologies for missing them on the first thank you.

## "Teachers"

(Cont. from B1)

gree in History Teaching in 2009 and her Master of Arts in History in 2012.

She is the daughter of Annie Branwen, of Berea, and Joseph Chiantaretto, of Plummer, Idaho. She is married to James Robinson, and they have five children: Jon Chiantaretto and Amethyst Chiantaretto and Connor, Ellie and Ryder Robinson.

The 2020 Excellence in Teaching Committee included: Dr. Lisa Allen, dean of the Campbellsville University School of Education; Elizabeth Franklin, secretary to the dean, School of Education; Lisa Kirtley, data specialist; Natasha Nall, graduate secretary for the School of Education; Dominic Sanfilippo, early childhood program secretary, and Alice Steele, clinic support specialist.

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## New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant,  
*Mount Vernon Signal's*  
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## COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Applications will be available for Rockcastle County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

### Application Period:

June 1-June 26, 2020

No applications will be accepted after June 26, 2020.

### Application Availability:

Rockcastle Co. Conservation District or Rockcastle Co. Extension Service Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### For More Information:

Contact Sandy Whitaker at 606-256-2525 ext. 3 or by email at [sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net). Garrard Coffey at 606-312-0220 or by email at [garrard.coffey@uky.edu](mailto:garrard.coffey@uky.edu).

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