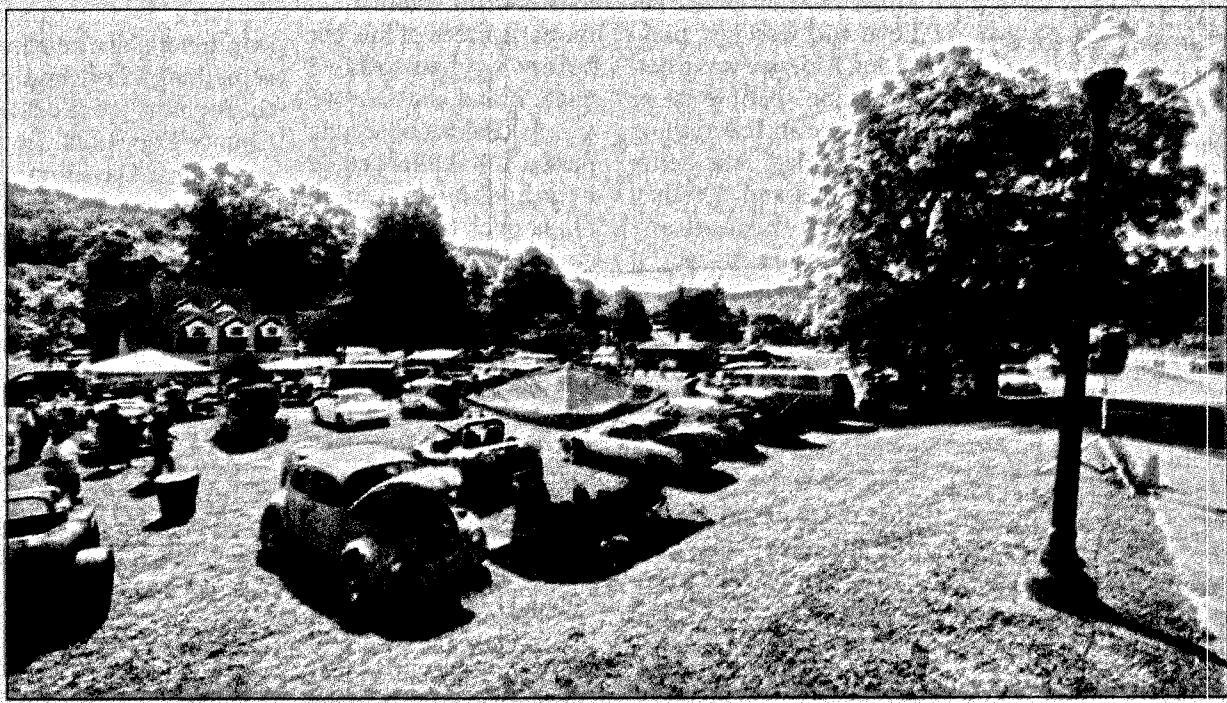


## A valley filled with bugs at VW Car Show

The Volks Valley Rally was held Saturday at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum. The event, sponsored by the Central Kentucky VW Club, led by Justin and Bethany Gilbert of Brodhead, and the Bluegrass VW Club, brought many local VW fans out to see vehicles from the past refurbished to better-than-new condition as well as some original 1968 Bugs. Residents are encouraged to check the Hall of Fame and Museum social media sites for events planned for the summer.



## Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

## School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

## Veterans Park to open

Don't forget the Rockcastle County Veterans Park Grand Opening Ceremonies planned for Wednesday, June 14 at Lake Linville Park at 10 a.m.

## Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting will be held tonight, June 8 at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

## Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, June 16.

The Survivor's Dinner is planned for 5:30 p.m. at RCHS. Ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m.. Survivors are invited to bring a guest.

## Blood Mobile

The KBC Blood Mobile will be at 145 NewComb Street in Mount Vernon on Wednesday, June 14 from 9:30-1:30

## Crisis mode

# Sheriff's office facing critical staff shortages

By: Mike French Editor

If you dial 911, you will get an answer, according to Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. But it may take longer to get help from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office at this time, according to Sheriff Shannon Franklin and Holbrook, since there are currently no full time deputies on duty.

"We are doing what we can do right now but I don't know at the moment what the answer is to this problem," said Holbrook. "It is an ongoing problem throughout the state of Kentucky right now."

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office budget includes five deputies and the Sheriff but officers are difficult to keep, Franklin said.

As of last week the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office had already lost two deputies to higher paying positions with other departments, another more experienced deputy has been off work for sometime with an injury and another deputy is currently in the academy and will not be available for months. The last

deputy is a part-time position. This left only one part-time deputy with the sheriff serving 16,000 county residents. However, the Sheriff is on "light duty" due to medical issues and is limited as to what duties he can perform at the moment.

Working closely with County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, the sheriff and judge/executive have been brainstorming to find solutions to the issue of a shorthanded sheriff's office.

According to Kentucky Department of Justice estimates, police

agencies in Kentucky should maintain 2.5 deputies or officers per 1,000 residents to properly serve their community. This would mean 40 deputies in Rockcastle County.

Several local officials say keeping quality police officers

has always been a difficult task. However the advent of School Resource Officers (SROs) and the modern "defund culture" has greatly magnified the issue.

"A small town sheriff's office, and (See "Staff" on A5)

# School district approves budget

## Employees get 1% raise

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held a special called meeting last Thursday and unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023-24 tentative budget as presented by finance director Jenny Sweet.

Sweet went over countless details of the budget for the board and answered questions from board members as well as presented her views concerning the budget progress.

Sweet said the current general fund budget focuses on growth and stability and currently is estimated at \$31,198,736 with a 14% contingency fund of slightly over \$4.3 million.

Sweet said she and others had hoped that SEEK funding calculations would be based on school enrollment rather than average daily attendance this year but were disappointed to discover the lesser of the two had been allocated by the legislature. Sweet said the ADA allotment was about \$400,000 less than it would have been if based on enrollment.

SEEK funding is at \$4,100 per student based on ADA calculations with 2,439 students. "You must understand our enrollment is up but our ADA is down and we only get SEEK funding based on ADA," said Marcus Reppert, Director of Student Services. Officials said next year's funding is expected to be \$4.200 per student.

Sweet went on to say local property tax dollars are

expected to provide just over \$2.6 million in revenues to the district.

Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink asked if the contingency fund may be used on the new middle (See "Budget" on A5)

## Billy Barrett

# Police searching for local fugitive

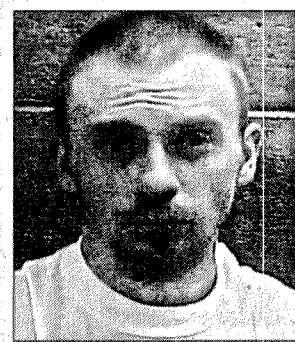
By: Mike French Editor

The Mount Vernon Police Department is asking for assistance from anyone who may know the whereabouts of Billy Barrett, of Mount Vernon.

According to a police report, an MVPD officer attempted to stop Barrett on a suspected charge of driving under the influence last week but, when the officer activated emergency equipment,

Barrett sped away and fled the scene.

During the police (See "Fugitive" on A5)



Billy Barrett

## Museum on its way

# Historical Society ready to move into the future

By: Mike French Editor

In the dark corner of a dusty room filled with cobwebs, lies an old, damp, moldy folder. Inside that folder are records of your great-grandfather and stories about his life and countless accomplishments. Never to be seen again, the story of a family will be gone forever.

If not for a dedicated few, this would be the case in Rockcastle County.

If you are interested in history and your forefathers, you may be able to help future generations to be aware of the rich and textured history of

Rockcastle County, according to Historical Society officials.

Until now, very little support or attention has been given to the Rockcastle County Historical Society except by the few who have continued the task. If not for the few dedicated volunteers who refuse to let the history of the county be lost to a few molded and torn file folders, there would be no Rockcastle County historical society. But some dedicated residents refuse to let the county's history

die.

"Every other county around us has a strong Historical Society and they are very useful to their county's residents and students and farmers and business owners," said Historical Society President Debra J. Brown. "Of all the county's around us, only the Rockcastle County Historical Society is homeless."

Brown is one of the 30 members of the local society who is tired of waiting for help and tired of

watching Rockcastle County history fade into the past. "We are on the move as a society and now that the COVID crisis is past, we are going to build up our society and provide this resource to our children and generations to come through the school system and our residents through our museum," said Brown. "This is a priceless resource at our fingertips and we will not let it fade away. Our history is who we were, who we are, and who we will be. People, especially our youth, need to know about our past."

Brown and a few caring residents have kept

the Rockcastle County Historical Society going through small donations and memberships but no help from outside sources. Brown joined the society in 1983 and now leads the group as President with Amanda McNew as Secretary, Shirley Cummins as Treasurer and Patsy McFalls as historian. Thanks to this group, as well as Dorothea Shoemaker and Juanita Whitt and the help of Cecil Houk, the society has continued even without state or federal, or even local government assistance and has a stock of historical photos, stories (See "Society" on A5)

**"Of all the counties around us, only the Rockcastle County Historical Society is homeless."**  
Debra J. Brown

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# ramblings...

By: perlina m. anderkin

"These are the times that try men's souls..."  
*Thomas Paine*

It seems through history that certain eras are more difficult to live through than others. Right now seems to be the worst time that our country has encountered in many years. I say that, then I remember the Carter years but, while those were disastrous economically, there did not seem to be the petty vindictiveness that it seems to me is being deliberately directed toward a vast portion of our nation's population.

Many of pPresident Biden's, and his regime's, actions seem to be an effort to inflict as much personal pain as possible on the middle class (that element that is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY for a Democracy to survive).

Their latest agenda is aimed at our rural population, you know those who put food on our tables, those who are indispensable to our survival -- indispensable in that the alternative, according to the left, would be for us to eat bugs and plants for nourishment.

As one who could never eat frog legs because everytime I thought of them, an image of a live frog with his bug eyes, staring at me from a lily pad, I could just not manage to get them down.

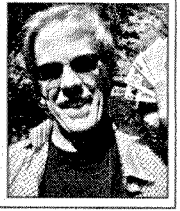
But, according to John "I fly by private jet all over the world because I'm important" Kerry, Biden's Climate Czar, farm crops produce 33% of the pollution we create in America so, ergo, farmers will have to cease food production. Then, there are those nasty flatulent cows that provide our dairy products and delicious steaks, they also have to go. And, besides that, the USDA now wants everyone to register all the gardens that are raised in this country. Do you see a pattern here?

Of course, let us not forget that almost immediately upon Biden's installation, inflation struck and hard. Food costs are currently up 23%, fuel costs up 40%, interest rates have tripled and don't forget our out-of-

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



I guess anyone who reads my weekly column knows I am an old fashioned kind of guy. I believe life was just plain better, America was a better place, people were more free and everything about society was better in the 60s and 70s than they have been at any other time in history. It was the perfect time in history. The perfect storm came in those two decades.

It was the time after people had no electric or running water and very little medical care and no conveniences of life, but before we became completely depended upon all those things to survive. It was a short span when life was no longer so tough that you had to fight to survive each day, but before society became so

lazy that we won't even earn our own way.

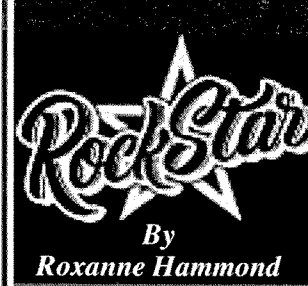
It was after families had nothing more than the basic needs of life, but before we had to have name brand socks or we simply couldn't be seen in public. It was after people began shooting each other over the slightest disagreement, but before people began shooting others (including children) because they were Christians. It was after racism and discrimination against blacks, but before racism and discrimination against whites. We were all equal for a short time.

The 60s and 70s were after Americans were at war with ourselves over government control of citizens, but before Americans started begging government to control them again because they were scared to make their own choices. It was after people worked themselves to death just to survive, but before people slept till noon and then whined about having to work a couple of hours.

People were free to do most anything they wanted to do as long as they didn't harm other people. What we chose to do to ourselves was no one's business. That was the whole idea behind a free country. Only when people started whining that they had to suffer the consequences of their own choices, did America become a place where government had to micro-manage our daily lives.

I believe that a person's thoughts inside themselves cannot be touched. No human being on earth has the right to tell another human what

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# The Davidsons

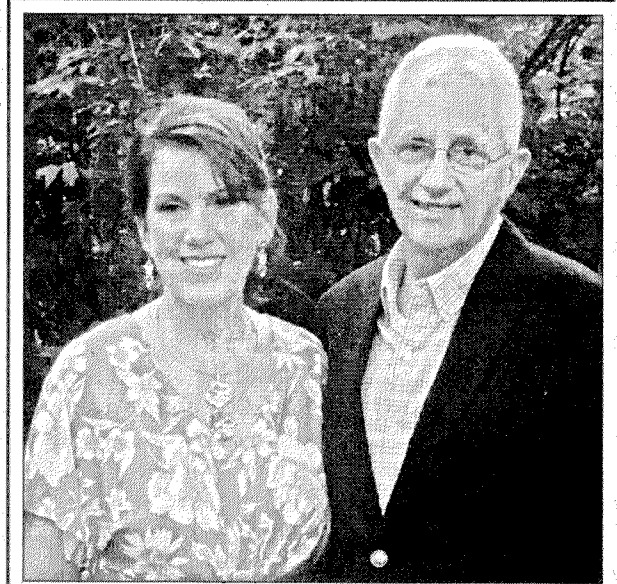
By Roxanne Hammond

In Education there are the three "R's", (w)riting (a)rithmetic and reading, something very familiar to former Rockcastle County Educators, Leon and Janice Davidson. In this Rockstar's couple's case, however, there are now four "R's", retirement, rest, relaxation, and Recovery. For the last twelve years the Davidsons have committed their time, energy, and efforts to a ministry at Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon called Celebrate Recovery. This is a Bible based recovery

program helping to provide fellowship, encouragement, and healing to those who deal daily with life's hurts, hangups, habits and addictions.

Celebrate Recovery is a beautiful community of strugglers that courageously enter this safe and encouraging environment to get honest about their pain and negative thoughts and actions. Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based approach to help bring sustainable recovery.

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Leon and Janice Davidson

# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



It's Graduation Season Again

Dear Journal,

A few days ago Stanley and I went to a graduation ceremony. You couldn't help but to see the excitement on the faces of the students and just feel the electricity in

the air. The families and friends of the students seemed to be overjoyed and proud of the graduates. It was a nice evening and it was a typical graduation. Do they ever really change?

About this season of the year forty five years ago I walked the graduation line and received my diploma over in Laurel County. It was one of the milestones of my life. Several of my family were on hand. My father and aunt had come from North Carolina for the event. Everything went well and as scheduled. We had an exceptionally large graduation class, over four hundred, I think. (There were about seven hundred in the Sophomore class. There would be around three to four hundred drop-

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to say "great job" to Brent Jones for all the hard work you've been doing around Lake Linville, the campground and the park! In my 26 years of living on Lake Linville Road, the grounds have never looked better. Thank you for all you are doing.

Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely  
Kathy Horrar

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**ramblings**

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control southern border, which, besides the millions of unvetted illegals (the majority of which are young men and thousands of those young Chinese men), the Mexican drug cartel Mules are bringing across huge amounts of fentanyl which contributed to over 100,000 drug overdoses in our country last year.

We also, currently, have out of control crime all across our country, primarily in our "blue" big cities with no one being held liable because of George Soros' paid for Progressive District Attorneys. We have the lowest labor participation rate in 65 years and, even the threat of WWII looms over us because of our proxy war being fought with Russia through Ukraine -- the ATM for money laundering for Congress and the rest of Washington-- that has cost our country over \$1 billion so far in taxpayer money.

Our Senator Rand Paul is finally calling for our intervention and financing of this war to end but, though I admire him greatly for his courage in speaking up, isn't likely to happen anytime soon. After all Ukraine's US installed President Zelensky may need to sell a few more of the military weapons we are shipping to his country and are showing up in other countries. Hmmm, should we blame UPS?

But, back to doing away with farm grown produce and meat, a Naturalnews.com reports that Bill Gates' lab grown meat causes cancer in humans via the immortalized cell lines used to manufacture it. The report was for a Feb. 17 piece for the *National Pulse*, citing a *Bloomberg* story about it.

Ireland has evidently bought into the Climate Change scenario entirely since they are planning on destroying the 200,000 cows in their country to help fight pollution but no one seems to be concerned about the biggest tire cemetery in the world in Kuwait. Burning these tires 24/7 sends a black cloud of smoke that looks almost like a nuclear explosion cloud into the atmosphere but, c'mon man, Irish cows are responsible for climate change.

**But, never fear,** New York Mayor Eric Adams has the answer to housing the illegal immigrants that are being so generously sent to New York from Texas and Florida. He has decided that, instead of paying luxury hotels to house them, which they usually proceed to trash, that citizens, with extra bedrooms, can house them in their homes and be rewarded by receiving part of the \$4.3 billion budget that has been set aside for caring for illegals -- not our veterans, mind you, but people who broke the law and entered our country illegally!!

**Christians, please read!!** Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas says that Christians and conservatives are a serious threat to America's viability. Mayorkas has declared that groups like The Heritage Foundation, Christian Broadcasting Network, the National Rifle Assn., Turning Point USA and other right-leaning news and

political groups to be a threat to America, on par with militant neo-Nazis. Even Fox News and the Republican National Committee are considered significant threats.

As a result, the DHS awarded a \$350,000 grant to the University of Dayton project that is compiling a study that lists freedom lovers as far-right radicals and terrorist threats.

In my opinion, this is being done to have an excuse when open season is declared on straight white men and women, Christians and conservatives. The open season has actually already been declared with numerous pundits taking to Twitter to say openly that all white men should be killed because, according to Hanoi Jane, they are the direct cause of our Climate Change.

**And, if you thought** Target, Budweiser and other "Woke" companies would have learned their lesson, they haven't!!

Target, which lost \$15 billion in market cap in the past two weeks over its Pride-Themed clothing for adults and children has donated to a nonprofit (NDN Collective) that calls for shutting down Mount Rushmore because the landmark is a "symbol of white supremacy," demilitarizing the "violent" US military and imposing sanctions on Israel. I know why they are ticked off at Mount Rushmore, all the Presidents carved into the mountain are Republican. See how smart this country used to be??

Oh, and by the way, FBI Director Christopher Wray evidently did not deliver the unclassified form to the House, that he has refused to deliver for several months now and had promised faithfully to deliver this past Monday but didn't. The House Oversight Committee, which is chaired by our own KY. Rep. James Comer, will move Thursday to hold Wray in Contempt of Congress.

The document, according to a whistleblower who is now in hiding afraid for his life, purportedly proves that while VP, Biden took a bribe from a foreign country for favorable treatment by our government.

**As a final thought,** former FBI official Robert Hanssen just died in prison after 21 years in SuperMax, for selling out America for \$1.4 million. Meanwhile, former Vice President Joe Biden was installed in the White House, after selling out America for millions.

*"In the last days, good will be called evil, and evil called good." -Isaiah 5:20*

**T.J.s**

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outs before they would graduate). For some reason LCHS was the second largest high school in the state that year. I remember sitting there waiting to walk the line and watching the other kids go across the stage. As they crossed, their names were announced. I had never seen or even heard of some of these kids. I questioned others on either side of me and they had never heard of or seen them either in three years.

That night was the sad close of my childhood although I didn't realize it. There wasn't one of us sitting there that night that even dreamed that

we were about to wake up to "the real world". There would be work problems, family situations, financial woes, various abuses, divorces and then there was college. Then, along here would be the notice of the untimely death of one of your classmates. We had one classmate who was killed in a car accident about midway through the senior year. Then there was another car accident that claimed the life of another Senior just a few months after graduation. The notices of death come more often now.

The class threw their caps into the air and gave a loud cheer as we watched. Later they took pictures together and wished each other well as they said their goodbyes. It may very well be the very last time in history the whole class will ever be together again...it was in the case of the Senior class of LCHS 1978.

**Aces**

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they have to think or believe in. That is the very definition of freedom. Since then liberals have started their crusade to control what people are allowed to think and believe. They have even picked out certain words that some people are not allowed to speak as if they have even the tiniest right to tell you what you can say. They don't.

We left a time when men and women were proud of who they were and entered a time when people don't even know if they are a man or a woman. In the 60s and 70s mankind developed technology to go to the moon and created and built and grew and expanded and learned. Now people aren't smart enough to figure out that only women have babies.

To be a singer, you needed vocal quality and talent. Today you can beat on a board and talk fast and you are a super star.

We went from federal judges who applied the Constitution and the rule of law to all America, to federal judges who haven't even read the Constitution and brag about that fact.

We went from being dependent on each other and family to being dependent on total strangers that we will never meet on the other end of a rect-angle device.

We went from James Dean, Clint Eastwood and Elvis Presley to abominations that call themselves heroes and wear their mother's underwear in public.

We made role models out of people who stood tall and sacrificed with bravery and patriotism, and now we make Gods out of meth heads (street thugs who wet their pants).

Yes, in my view the 60s and 70s were the best of times. A time that can never be again. A time when God, family and country were the center of our lives and what we didn't have, we didn't need. A time when hard work paid off and slothfulness was not rewarded. A time when criminals were put in jail and victims were made whole. A time when America was free and the best country on earth.

The sick perversion and demented morals that liberals promote now are as far from a God-fearing nation as any can be and every day so-called Republicans like Mitch

McConnell and Mike Pence are giving in to the liberal views and bowing to their evil whims.

America is not a Christian nation anymore thanks to liberal propaganda. Recent polls show that over half of American citizens do not call themselves a Christian anymore. It's no wonder they hate moral values and common decency.

My fellow 60s and 70s fans, we were blessed to see those days and we are the last of those who remember them. All we can do is cherish those memories and wish we hadn't let them go.

**Rock**

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The program and leaders guide participants toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits as each seek to repair their broken relationships. The ministry is based on the Beatitudes found in the gospel of Matthew, chapter five.

Upon asking Janice and Leon why they chose this ministry, they replied that they had lost a family member to a drug overdose. They greatly emphasized that this program works, heals, and restores many back to a life of wholeness and health. They commented, "We love the people and love the program, it is our heart to help people dealing with such life crippling issues." At present date there are 8 celebrate recovery programs in Rockcastle County. Many deal with anxiety, anger, gambling addiction, substance abuse, grief, alcoholism, and drug addiction. The twelve spiritual principles of this program are 1) acceptance, 2) hope, 3) faith, 4) courage, 5) honesty, 6) patience, 7) humility, 8) willingness, 9) brotherly love, 10) integrity, 11) self-discipline, and 12) service. It typically takes six to nine months to complete the study. Many groups gather to share a meal, share testimony from those who have experienced recovery in these issues. There are five stages or steps for recovery, 1) Precontemplation, 2) Contemplation, 3) Preparation, 4) action and 5) maintenance. The four types of recovery are 1) Health, overcoming or managing disease and living in a physical and emotional healthy way of living, 2) Home, a stable and safe place to live, 3) Purpose, meaningful daily activities and 4) Community, relationships that provide support, friendship, love, and hope.

The Davidsons are now retired from a career in education and faithfully give most of their time, money, and encouragement so abundantly to all who ask. Celebrate Recovery is the major lesson in life to those who want help with their struggles, addictions, and unstable lifestyles. Janice and Leon have invested themselves spiritually for the blessing of seeing lives changed now and eternally. They are able to see heartbreak and grief and sadness into a celebration of recovery.

Our community offers many thanks for the lessons well taught, and the eternal hope provided by these 2 Rock Stars in Rockcastle County.

As busy as the Davidsons are they still manage to visit their two

sons and their families. Drew is a professor of theatre at Shorter University in Rome, Georgia. Devin is head of business at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

For any in our community that would like to donate money or volunteer to cook, serve, please call Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon at 606-256-5577. The ad-

dress is 777 Faith Mountain Road, Mt. Vernon.

Psalm 16:11 (ESV) "You make known to me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." As a community let's celebrate the goodness of God and give thanks to servants like Leon and Janice Davidson.

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**Monday, June 12th:** Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Ky. 3245, Brindle Ridge. **Tuesday, June 13th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Wednesday, June 14th:** Sr. Citizens Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

**MVHS Reunion**  
The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Reunion Committee has scheduled the annual reunion for September 9, 2023 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon. The reunion will recognize and celebrate the classes of: 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1968. The committee needs a contact person to assist in contacting your classmates from these five featured classes. Please contact Mae at 859-749-2185 or Glen at 859-582-8745 if you can help in planning for your class reunion. **Invitations for the reunion will be mailed out the last of July and the deadline to return them is August 31.** The fee for tickets is \$20 for each and reservations must be made in advance, due to the increase of food prices for the meals. *We look forward to seeing everyone September 9th.*

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

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

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

**VFW Post 5908**  
Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

**Mt. Vernon Lions Club**  
The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

**American Legion Post News**  
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

**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.

**Rockcastle UNITE Coalition**  
The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities Please join us each month.

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

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

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only:** Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.** 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

# Obituaries

## Dorothy Chasteen

Dorothy Frances Chasteen, 92, of Copper Creek, died Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Garrard County on July



16, 1930, the daughter of Ida Mae Pingleton. She had been a life-long farmer and was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

She is survived by: her daughters, Brenda Hamilton of Berea, Laverne (Dale) Winstead of Mt. Vernon, and Judy (David) Parrott of Richmond; her grandchildren,

Sam (Dana) Hamilton, Dr. Michael (Teresa) Hamilton, and Scott Winstead, all of Mt. Vernon, Teresa (Adam) Brumfield of Lexington, and Craig (Alicia) Parrott of Solona Beach, CA; and her great grandchildren, Roy Scott Winstead, Tristan Winstead, August Winstead, Conner Winstead, Samantha Hamilton, J.D. Hamilton, Garrett Hamilton, Colin Hamilton, and Van Brumfield.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Oscar "Toad" Chasteen; three brothers, Elmer Lee, John, Jr., and Paul Chasteen; a sister, Bertha Ellen Chasteen; a grandson, Jeff Winstead; a great grandson, Samuel Hamilton; and a son-in-law, James Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ralph Chasteen and Dennis Wilder. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

The pallbearers were her great grandsons, Van Brumfield, Colin Hamilton, Garrett Hamilton, J.D. Hamilton, Conner Winstead, Roy Scott Winstead, and Tristan Winstead.

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

## Patricia Carolyn Pruitt

Patricia Carolyn Singleton Pruitt died Wednesday, May 31, 2023 in Corbin. Patricia was a 1965 Brodhead High School graduate and a lifelong member of Providence Church of Christ in Brodhead. She was a member of the Singleton family of West Street in Brodhead. Many people her age will remember spending lots of fun days at the West Street house with the Singleton siblings. Patricia retired from the State of Kentucky, where she worked as a Food Stamp and Medicaid case worker. She spent her time after retirement helping take care of her grandchildren and running the roads in her car, which she loved to do. She was a loving mother and grandmother and would do anything for her children and grandchildren.



She is preceded in death by: her parents, Mary Elizabeth Craig Singleton McWhorter and Herman Allen Singleton and her stepfather, John Ed McWhorter; three brothers, Gervis Craig Singleton, Ronnie Herman Singleton, and Bobby Ray Singleton; one sister, Brenda Karen Singleton McMullin; two brothers-in-law, Paul Croley and Jimmy Parsons; one nephew, Daniel Craig Croley; and one great nephew, Christopher Singleton.

She is survived by: her daughter, Mickie Pruitt Gibbs and son-in-law, Eric Gibbs of Corbin; her son, Freddie Ray Pruitt, Jr and daughter-in-law, Lisa Pruitt of Owensboro; four grandchildren, Bailee Elizabeth Gibbs, Barrett Paul Gibbs, Preston Cole Pruitt, and Carter Peyton Pruitt; two sisters, Anna Evelyn Singleton Croley of Dayton, OH and Janice Sue Singleton Parsons of Lexington; two sisters-in-law, Carol Cruise Singleton of Louisville and Carol Wells Singleton of London; and one brother-in-law, Dwaine McMullin, of Eubank. She is also survived by: 11 nieces and nephews; 14 great nieces and great nephews; one great great niece, and one great great nephew; and special friend and caregiver, Betty Brimm.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Providence Church of Christ in Brodhead. Burial was at Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead. Services were conducted by Patrick and Chris Craig.

Pallbearers were: Craig Singleton, Allen Singleton, Michael (Scotty) Moore, Adam Singleton, Blaine Croley, and Jack Singleton.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations be made to The Dementia Society of America at [www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org) or Providence Church of Christ, 109 Providence Cemetery Rd, Brodhead KY 40409.

Arrangements handled by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. June Taylor would like to express our gratitude to everyone who supported us during the difficult time of her illness and passing.

The many offers of condolences, especially the sharing of memories, will never be forgotten.

We would also like to thank the staff at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Hospice Care Plus, and Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for their care, support, and services. We appreciate and will always be grateful to Mom's special caregivers, Phyllis Lambkin, Sharon Eversole and Dianne Moore.

Once Again, Our Deepest Thanks

## Wanda Burton

Wanda Burton, 87, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the Danville Centre for Health and Rehabilitation in Danville with family by her side.



She was born December 20, 1935 to the late Jim and Rebecca York Burdette. On December 22, 1951, she was united in holy matrimony to her loving husband Harris Burton and from that union came two children, Stan and Kenny. Mr. and Mrs. Burton had enjoyed 65 years together before Harris passed away in August of 2017. She was

a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend to many. She worked at Dresser in Berea for many years, loved cooking, writing poetry, and attending church. Wanda was of the Baptist faith and attended services at Central Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Stan (Sherrie) Burton of Ohio and Kenny (Brenda) Burton of Lancaster; her grandchildren, Penny (Doug) Nichols of Huntsville, AL, Erik (Kim) Burton of Universal City, TX, and Travis (Lindsay) Burton of Lancaster; several great grandchildren including Trey, Raylyn, and Adrian; her brother, Amos (Pearl) Burdette of Mt. Vernon; her sister-in-law, Mattie (Danny) Petrey of Somerset; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides Harris and her parents, she was preceded in death by: six brothers, Ullis, Walter, L.C., Arvil, Owen, and Tommy Burdette; and two sisters, Margie Cummins and Ada Coffey.

Visitation and funeral took place Friday, June 2, 2023 at Central Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon with Bro. Mark Eaton officiating. Burial took place at Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers included: Derrick Burdette, Grant Burdette, Jamie Burdette, Travis Burton, Nathan Eaton, and Jon Nothstein.

## Dan Epperson, Jr.

Dan Epperson, Jr., 91, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead.

He was born August 23, 1931, in Barbourville, a son of the late Dan Epperson, Sr. and Sudie Messer Epperson. Dan was an entrepreneur having owned and operated his own store for many years. He was of the Baptist faith and found great joy in carpentry and auto mechanics. Dan proudly served his country in the US Armed Forces. On September 30, 1995, he was united in holy matrimony to Ruby Saylor, and they enjoyed 27 years together.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Ruby Epperson of Brodhead; his daughter, Sue Papyk (Nick) of Sevierville, TN; sons, Gerald Epperson of Barbourville, and Charles Epperson of Pineville; his stepchildren, Ted Saylor (Mary Ann) of Mt. Vernon, and Jeffrey Saylor of Killeen, TX; five grandchildren; his seven great grandchildren; his brother, Henry Epperson (Betty) of Barbourville; his sister, Bertha Warren (James) of Shelbyville; special friend, Harold Harper; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Grandville, Charley and David; sisters, Florence Brown, Ella Joan Barker and Daffney Epperson; grandson, Jeremy Epperson; and special friend, Richard Carrillo.

Pallbearers were: Ted Saylor, Jeffery Saylor, Michael Robinson, Ricky Marshall, Charles Bunch and Ronnie Thompson. Services were held Monday, June 5, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Tony Smith officiating. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery with military honors by Rockcastle Honor Guards.

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

## Harold Leon Dillingham

Harold Leon Dillingham, 66, of Brodhead, died Saturday, May 13, 2023, at his residence. He was born September 26, 1956, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late J.W. and Irene Reynolds Dillingham. He attended Providence Church of Christ and found great joy in gardening and shooting blackbirds.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Reaney Griffin (Travis) of Crap Orchard and Rick Smith (Jessica) of Brodhead; his grandchildren, Kaylee, Deara, Zoie, Donte and Cameron Griffin, and Nate and Josh Smith; his brothers, Lonnie Dillingham of Mt. Vernon, and Danny Dillingham (Linda) of Eubank; his sister, Doris Correll of Somerset; nephews, Salton Dillingham (Sarah), Timmy Dillingham, and Jeff Dillingham; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

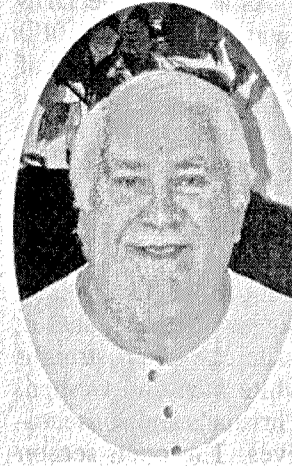
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Dennis Dillingham and Darrell "Devon" Dillingham and nephew, Farran Dillingham.

Cremation was chosen. A memorial service will be scheduled later.

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## Delmas "Dale" Brummett

Delmas "Dale" Harold Brummett, 82, of Brodhead, died after a short illness. Preceded in death by his wife Eula "Blair" Brummett, who he married June 15, 1963.



From this union came two daughters, Rhonda (Jimmy) Brummett of Brodhead, and Kim (Bobby) Wynn of Mt. Vernon; six grandkids, Brittney, Brandon, Megan, Bryan, David and Derek; and 12 great grandkids. His special baby "Tootie", who he said was a lot of company. Survived by: a sister, Mary Edith Coffey of Cincinnati, OH; two sisters-in-law, Janice Hall of Kite and Phyllis Blair of Michigan; and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was a confectioner (Candy Maker) and was well known for his incredible candies.

Preceded in death by: his parents, Nathan and Sallie Ann "Bishop" Brummett; seven brothers, Denver, Francis, Dempsey, Shelby, Bernard, Donald and Bobby; three sisters, Myrtle Helton, Edna Middleton, and Geneva Delaney; and son-in-law, Randall Reynolds.

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

## Byron Cole

Byron Douglas Cole, 49, of Livingston, died Saturday, May 27, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Berea on November 30, 1973, the son of Eddie and Mary Elizabeth Mize Cole. He was a self-employed painter and construction worker and a member of Calloway Holiness Church. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and collecting models.

He is survived by his step-sister, Michelle (Al) Newcomb of Livingston, as well as several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by: his mother and father, Eddie and Mary Elizabeth Cole; step-mother, Charlene Cole; maternal grandparents, Herman and Laura Mize; and paternal grandparents, Bill and Gertrude Cole.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Calloway Holiness Church by Bros. Phillip Doan and Jason Medley. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Edward Ray Abney

Edward Ray Abney, 87, of Somerset, died Sunday, May 28, 2023 at Somerwoods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was born in Rockcastle County on March 31, 1936, the son of Lewis Olive and Minnie Jennings Abney. He was a retired millwright for Tecumseh Industries.

He is survived by his children, Kenny Dean Abney and Beverly Jean Abney, both of Somerset, and Sheila Darlene Keith of Bronson. Also surviving are two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Minnie Abney.

The family of Mr. Abney chose private burial services in Johnetta Cemetery.

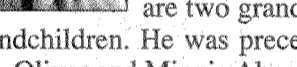
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"Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets. So love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't, and believe that everything happens for a reason. If you get the chance, take it. Nobody said it would be easy. They just promised it would be worth it."

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## Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations

### Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

### Rockcastle County Solid Waste

\$100.00 Per Mile

### Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

### Keep The Rock Clean!

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

## “Fugitive”

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chase, the report says Barrett crashed into a police cruiser causing damage to one side.

After the collision, Barrett continued to flee police refusing to stop for several miles.

The car chase ended on Bowling Ridge Road after Barrett apparently crashed and jumped out of the vehicle and fled. A foot chase ensued but Barrett was able to escape officers and he is still at large.

Police ask anyone who may know the whereabouts of Barrett to call 606-256-2121 or dial 911.

Police say callers may remain anonymous.

Barrett is wanted on charges including fleeing and evading police in a motor vehicle, fleeing and evading police on foot, three counts of wanton endangerment, criminal mischief, speeding 26 mph over the speed limit, reckless driving and driving on DUI suspended license.

## “Budget”

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School project. “We recently discovered that the bids for the new middle school were more than we expected them to be,” she said. “Can we use contingency funds if needed to help with that difference?” Sweet explained the allowable uses for the fund but eventually said the fund can be used for such projects.

School officials expect to have details and recommendations concerning the proposed middle school project during the regular meeting this month, according to Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger.

Sweet said the Fund 2 (grants) is estimated at about \$4.9 million and that the district will save about \$300,000 in attrition as staff retires over the budget period.

Sweet said she is excited about the budget and proud of the district for working to focus on the students above all. “Over \$10 million of our budget goes directly to student instruction. It goes to what happens in the classroom. That is something to be proud of,” she said.

The board also heard several requests for new positions and a long discussion over sporting coaches pay scale and stipends or benefits ensued. The board approved the new requested positions and approved the salary schedule with the option to adjust the coaches salaries at a later date when board members have more information.

Ballinger also recommended a cost of living increase for all district employees of 1%. The 1% increase in payroll will cost the school district \$161,443, according to Ballinger.

According to reports, last week the Laurel County School Board approved a 3.5% raise for certified employees and a \$2 raise per hour for classified employees in a split vote. The Madison County School Board approved a 3% raise for certified staff and a \$2 per hour raise for classified staff.

However, Ballinger said considerations had to be made concerning the current budget and the loss in expected SEEK funding. “If we look at

what we have done since the 21/22 budget to current, that is a 6% raise,” she said. “I think we can be proud of that. But as much as I wish I could recommend more, considering the loss of \$400,000 in SEEK funds, this is the responsible thing to do at this time. I wish we could do more.”

The 1% raise for all employees passed unanimously.

The board also approved the purchase of four new school buses and agreed to sell surplus property in a public auction. The auction will include four older buses and a long list of equipment and items.

Mink also mentioned that enrollment at the Brodhead Elementary School is climbing quickly and the board will have to address that issue soon.

The meeting was then adjourned.

## “Staff”

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most small town police departments, cannot pay what school districts can pay their SROs,” said Franklin. “We can’t expect school districts to settle for anything less than the best they can get to protect the children and would hope they pay their SROs as much as they can afford. The problem is, school districts can typically afford a lot more than a small sheriff’s office.”

Holbrook agreed. “SROs work 8 to 4 and then go home and are off during the summers and all holidays. Plus the pay is much better. We can’t blame anyone for taking those positions,” said Holbrook. “But where do those SROs come from? They come from our police departments and sheriff’s offices.”

During the COVID pandemic, the legislature passed an unfunded mandate requiring all Kentucky schools to hire one SRO per school campus. In order to find that many officers, in a time when police officers are difficult to locate, school districts offered more pay and benefits than most police agencies can. In fact many districts created their own police force within the school system.

According to local police chiefs and the sheriff’s office, most officers who leave their job as an officer or a deputy, take a position as an SRO. “There are 120 counties in Kentucky, each with many school campuses,” said Franklin. “They are taking certified officers from almost every department and no one can blame them. This is no one’s fault. Everyone is doing what they should do. But the county has a limited tax base to draw from and can only do so much.”

As for the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Office, a Sheriff on light duty and one part-time deputy cannot properly cover a county of 16,000 residents, according to local officials.

Rowe is working daily with Holbrook and Franklin to find a solution to the problem. “The KSP and the Mount Vernon Police Department have been wonderful about helping us and answering calls that the sheriff’s office can’t get to,” said Holbrook. “But there are only so many of them, too, and they have to keep their area cov-

ered.”

According to officials, the KSP is also short staffed and have lost many troopers to SRO positions across the state.

Locally, in the small county of Rockcastle, according to some magistrates, there are times that no one is on duty at the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s Office and the office is closed.

However, Franklin is actively seeking deputies. “It is difficult, to say the least, to find someone willing to work, for what we can afford, who is already certified,” said Franklin. “If we have to hire uncertified deputies then they have to be sent to the academy and we still don’t have a deputy on duty now.”

There is also the problem of paying to put a new deputy through certification and then they leave the department once certified, according to Holbrook.

Rowe, Holbrook and Franklin are working together to find a solution. “The biggest benefit we have is that we all work together here,” said Franklin. “We understand the fiscal court’s financial restraints and they understand our difficulties in keeping officers. Instead of laying blame, we are working together to try and come up with ideas to help the problem,” said Franklin.

Franklin said he is also battling the anti-police culture that has developed over the past few years as well as the new SRO positions across the state. “Finding people who want to be a cop in the modern culture has been a true difficulty, and then keeping them is even harder,” he said.

Franklin is interviewing potential deputies every week and officials hope to find a solution to the ongoing problem and also keeping deputies once the positions are filled. In fact, Franklin hired a second part-time deputy this week for a total of two.

Uncertified officers must be sent to the academy for 20 weeks for training so Franklin said hiring an officer today may not help the local problem for months. But Franklin says he is looking to hire any qualified applicant at this time. “If you are 21 or older and can pass a background check, anyone interested should call our office for an application at 606-256-2032. We are interviewing uncertified recruits right now,” he said.

As of this week, there are currently two part-time deputies and the sheriff himself, according to Franklin. “A deputy can only be in one place at a time but we will never back down and we will keep searching until we find deputies who care for our community and have a servant’s heart,” he said.

## “Society”

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and other items stored in the R-Tech garage building.

But now there is finally a chance for the society to expand into a full and publicly visible society with a museum, office, a phone number, and so much more. “Thanks to the Lambert Brothers, we can finally have a home,” said Brown.

The attorneys donated a building on Church Street, which is the second oldest building in the county, to the society, ac-

ording to Brown. The group of volunteers now hope to use the site as a museum and an office space helping residents understand the history of Rockcastle County.

Of course, such an endeavor takes cash. So Brown and others are actively seeking help from the City of Mount Vernon, the fiscal court and any residents, businesses or officials who may be interested in volunteering time or effort or funds to the society.

“One of our biggest goals is to work with the school system,” said Brown. “Now that the KDE has established that Kentucky History must be part of public school curriculum, we can work through the school system to provide this resource to our students.”

Brown has appeared before the Mount Vernon City Council and the fiscal court asking for help and both entities expressed their interest in supporting the organization. “They have both said they will help. I have asked both entities to put \$10,000 aside every year in their budget for the Historical Society and to help with any donations they can,” Brown said. “We are a 501c3 organization and the city and county have said they support and believe in our effort. But to be frank, there hasn’t been any money donated from either of them yet. We are thankful for their support and confidence but it takes money to pay the bills and keep things running.”

Brown said contractors have estimated a

cost of about \$80,000 to bring the donated building up to a usable space and then it will take a certain amount to operate each year. “We need to get this up and running,” said Brown. “We can be a wonderful resource for the residents of Rockcastle County and with a little work this museum can provide a connection with our wonderful history for years to come.”

An active membership and Associate membership are \$25 per year with student membership set at \$5. A lifetime membership is available for a one time \$1,000 donation.

Brown is working on potential grant possibilities and is visiting other historical societies to help plan and design the Rockcastle version. But the immediate need includes more members and financial support from the city and county governments or anyone willing to donate or participate. “The truth is, we have been saving and storing and filing and researching historic data and collecting and preserving Rockcastle

County history for over 40 years and have never asked for anything. We have received no help from the city or the county,” said Brown. “It is time that Rockcastle County join the other counties in Kentucky and have a home for our Historical Society where people can appreciate our wonderful history.”

Anyone interested in helping or joining the society or donating items that may be displayed in the museum, may call Brown at 859-582-3624.

The society currently holds monthly meetings in the R-Tech space on the third Friday of each month at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in the history of Rockcastle County is encouraged to attend.

“History in Rockcastle County is extraordinary. Most residents have no idea how rich and fascinating the history of our county has been,” said Brown. “We need to get the word out to everyone that Rockcastle County has been through a lot and the story of our history needs to be told. It is time for our public entities to step up.”

## Notice

The City of Mt. Vernon is accepting sealed bids for asphalt and repaving city roads.

Please submit to:

City of Mt. Vernon

PO Box 1465 • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

by July 7, 2023

The city reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

# TREE TRIMMING SAFETY

### Trimming and removal of trees can be dangerous work

Consider these common dangers before attempting a tree trimming project on your own:

**ELECTROCUTION:** You can be seriously injured or killed if you come into contact with an electric line. If there’s a chance power lines might be involved at all, always call your electric utility first and its experts will come out and advise you.

**FALLING:** Pruning branches or trimming out dead or overgrown limbs sometimes requires getting into the tree. Always make sure you are using appropriate safety harnesses and ropes. Before climbing, inspect the tree to make sure no power lines run through or near the tree.

**BEING STRUCK:** Cutting large limbs and trees can be tricky. Improper cutting can cause the tree to fall where you hadn’t planned. Always have two escape routes planned in case the tree starts going the wrong way. Never turn your back to a falling tree, and always wear a hard hat when trimming and cutting.

**OVERESTIMATING:** You can be seriously injured or killed if you overestimate your abilities.



## JACKSON ENERGY

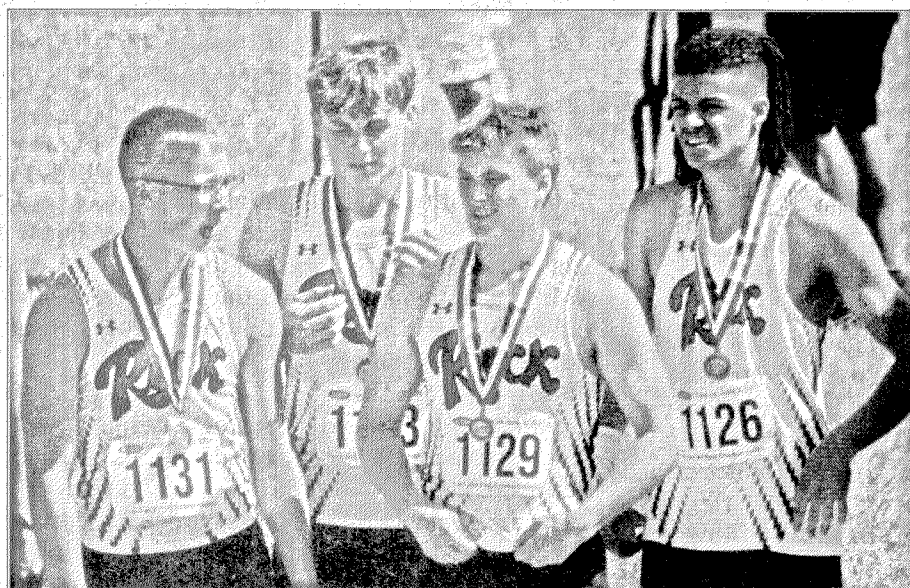
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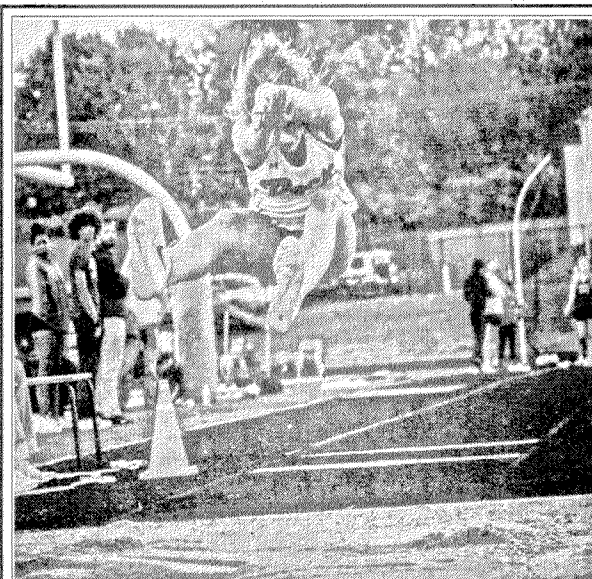
# SPORTS

## State Runners-Up

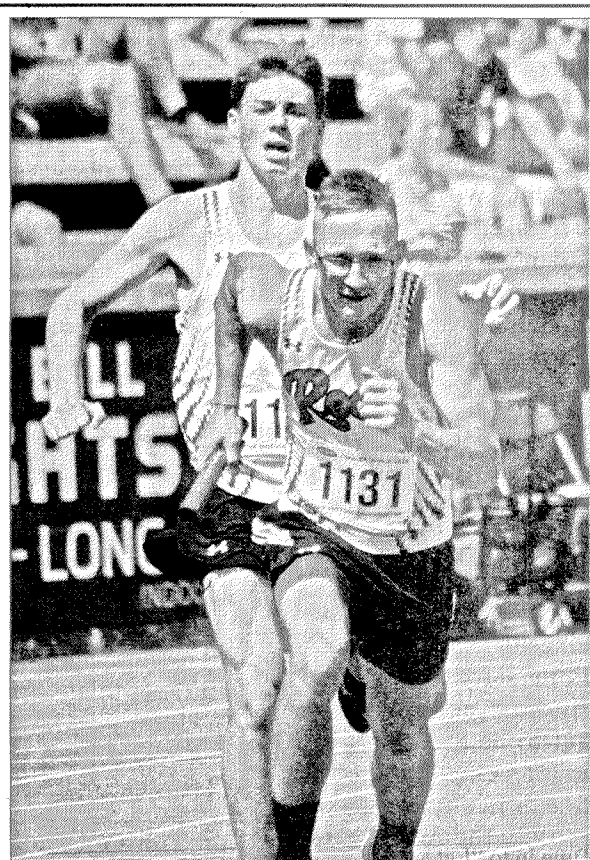
The RCHS 4x200m relay team finished in second place at the Class 2A State Championships last Friday. Team members are shown at right, from left: Carter Powell, Trent Wilson, Christian Larkey and Jaidan Burton. The team ran a time of 1:31.56. The relay team set up new school record with their time in the Region Tournament the previous week.



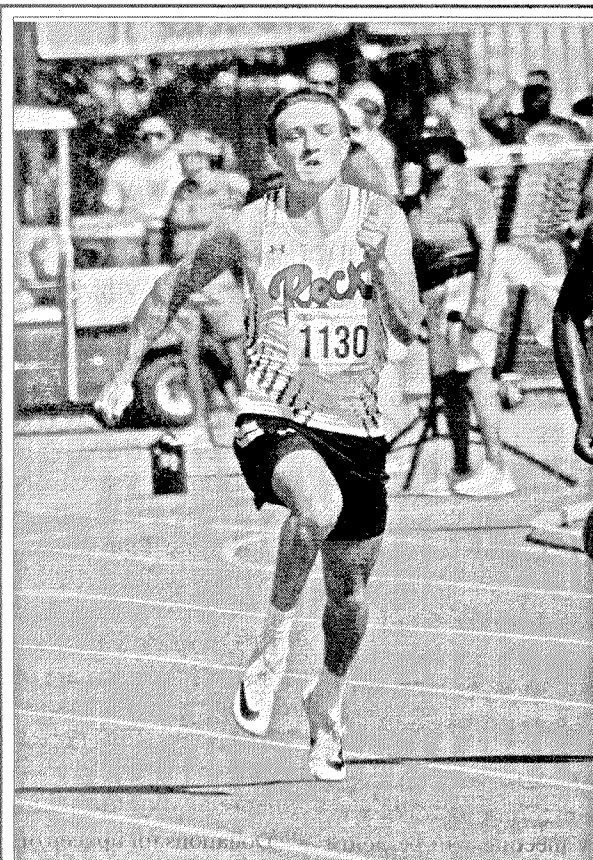
Christian Larkey finished fifth in the Class 2A State Championship in 200 meters with a new RCHS record of 22.4



Eighth grader Maliyah Swinney finished fifth in the Class 2A State Championships Triple Jump with a jump of 34-4.25. Swinney also took 10th in the state in Long Jump with a jump of 15-10.5.



Trent Wilson passes the baton to teammate Carter Powell during the 4x200m relay. The team finished second in the state with a time of 1:31.56. Powell also finished 18th in the state in the 400 meters with a time of 53.46.



Caleb Moore competed in the 100m dash and finished 11th in the state with a time of 11.42. He also competed in the 200m and finished 17th with a time of 23.42.

The 4x100 relay team finished ninth in the Class 2A State Championships with a time of 44.1 and a new RCHS record. Members of the team are shown at right, from left: Jaidan Burton, Ethan Tyree, Isaiah Jackson and Christian Larkey.



Lexi Dotson, at left, finished 18th in the 800 meters in the Class 2A State Championships last week with a time of 2:38.62.

Emma Watson at left, finished 10th in the Class 2A State Championships in the 400 meters with a time of 1:02.46. Watson also placed 19th in the state in the 200 meters with a time of 22.58.

*Track photos by Kierra Larkey*

### Suicide Warning Signs for Adults

Be a Lifeline

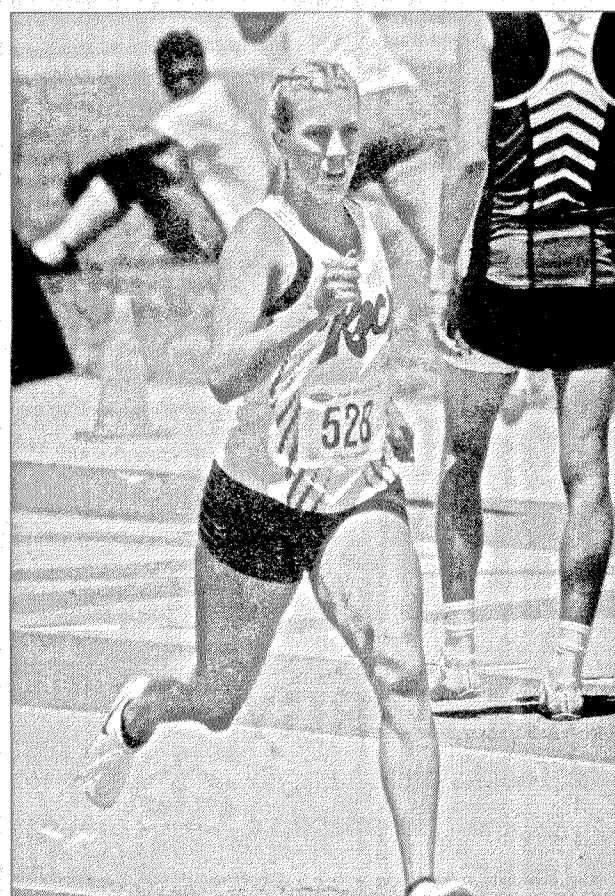
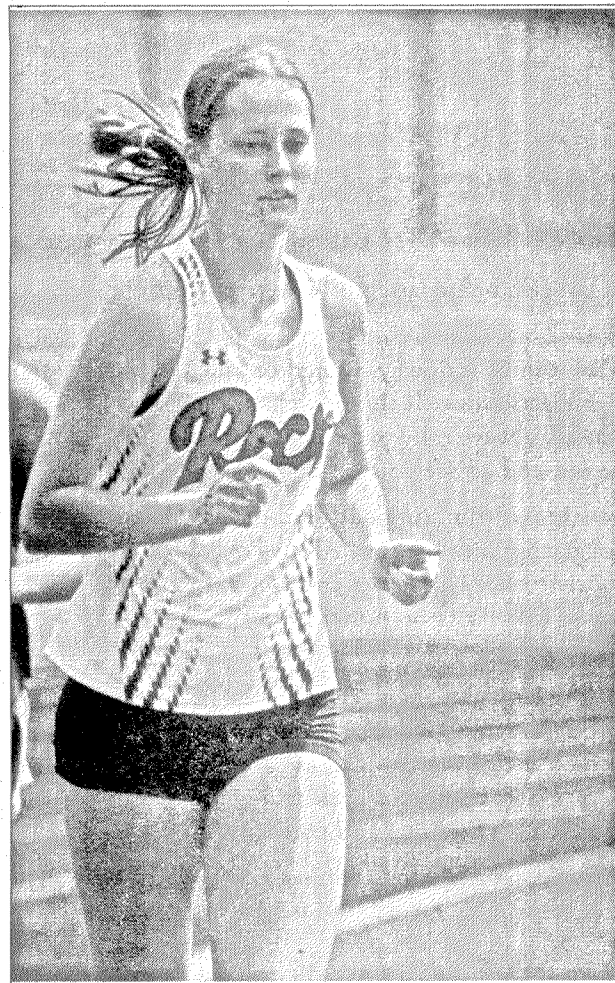


Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- Displaying extreme mood swings.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org), or reach out to a mental health professional.

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# Cemetery Notices

## Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep and mowing for the cemetery may be sent and payable to Johnetta Cemetery, 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447. Each donation is very much appreciated. See our Facebook page: Johnetta Cemetery.

## 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. Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

## McKinney Cemetery

You may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

## Livesay Cemetery

We are in desperate need of donations. Our funds ran out at the end of the last mowing season. If we don't receive donations, each family will be responsible for their own family plots. Please send donations to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

## Maretburg Cemetery

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

## Briarfield Cemetery

Donations can also be mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

## Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery meeting will be held Saturday, May 27th at noon

at the cemetery.

Donations for upkeep of the cemetery will be taken at the meeting or may be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make all checks payable to Maret Cemetery.

## Roberts Cemetery

Donations for the mowing and upkeep of Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) can be sent to and made payable to: Tammy Chapman, 220 E. 24th St., Covington, KY 41014 or at Community Trust Bank, Mt. Vernon. Please put Roberts Cemetery in memo line. Thank you to Nancy Meadows for taking care of cemetery in the past.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## Maple Grove Cemetery

We are asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone that would like to help may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove account.

You may call Joey Hampton 859-749-4660 or Darla Reams 606-308-1988 or Penny Cameron 606-758-4489 for more information or to make a donation.

## Piney Grove (Hansel) Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Piney Grove (Hansel) Cemetery to Cecil (Corky) and Teresa Childress, 117 Jamson Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

## Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Sand Hill Cemetery to Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Rd., Livingston, KY 40445. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

## High Dry Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of High Dry Cemetery can be

sent to High Dry Cemetery Fund, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make checks payable to HDCF.

## Saylor Family

Donations for upkeep of the Saylor Cemetery can be sent to: Saylor Cemetery Fund, c/o Susan Daugherty, 5237 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 or to Patty Isaacs, 104 Arrowhead Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403.

Please make checks payable to: Saylor Cemetery Fund.

## Piney Grove Cemetery

Mowing of cemetery will resume June 9, 2023. All decorations on ground need to be removed by 9 a.m. June 9, 2023.

Donations for mowing and upkeep can still be made to Piney Grove Cemetery, 16 Silver St., Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

## Negro Creek Cemetery

Please remove all ground flowers and ground decor at Negro Creek Cemetery on Hwy. 3245 by 10 a.m. on June 15th so that mowing may resume.

## Cove Branch/McNew Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the mowing and upkeep of Cove Branch/McNew Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help can send donations to Cove Branch/McNew Cemetery, c/o Brenda Smith, 897 Osborne Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409. All donations by check or money order are appreciated.


# Church News

## Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV

## Vacation Bible School

Everyone invited to Vacation Bible School at Freedom Baptist Church June 11 through 15, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All kids welcome.



**OPERATION UNITE**

Drug Tip Hotline  
**1-866-424-4382**

Toll-free Treatment Help Line  
**1-866-90-UNITE**



Officers of Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR placed wreaths at the Elmwood and Newcomb Cemeteries honoring servicemen. Pictured above are from left: Natalie Taylor, Debbie Brown, Amanda McNew, Kathy Bobo, Karen Adams, Edwina Anglin, and Sharon Lovell. Pictured below: Natalie Taylor, Amanda McNew, Sharon Lovell, Debbie Brown, Kathy Bobo, Edwina Anglin, and Karen Adams.



## Suicide Warning Signs for Youth

Be a Lifeline



It's time to take action if you notice these signs in family or friends:

1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:

- Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
- Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
- Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
- Recent increased agitation or irritability.

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## Are We Going To Take The Backbone Out of the Church?

Backbone: The spine; firmness; moral courage. There are certain straws in the wind that should cause alarm.

Present trends. This is not true of the whole church, but is true of many. Sin is winked at; worldliness is not rebuked; lukewarmness is prevalent. Sunday morning Christians are becoming the fad of the day; gospel meetings are only weak gestures; lots of work but very little church work, hardly any soul winning. I'm so busy with life I have very little time to save the lost. Efforts are being made to change our style of preaching, remodel the gospel, and modernize the church.

What has brought on these dangerous tendencies? Maybe, success. It is easy to outgrow our plea. Maybe less opposition. We once had to fight hard, and hardships strengthened us. Now it is much easier. Little indoctrination: consequently, the church is being filled with people who know not the Restoration Movement. (2Tim.4:16) At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Influence of religious neighbors. Their compromising attitudes toward doctrine and morality may have rubbed off on us. Once we were hard and undiplomatic; now we have become soft and apologetic. Once we had mostly doctrinal preaching; now doctrine is seldom mentioned. Once we had nearly all negative preaching; now we have nearly all positive preaching. Once our services were orderly and heart-felt and now they are disorderly and cold.

Scriptures on firmness. (Jude 3) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Truth is fixed, and unchangeable. The truth in these passages is everlasting and cannot be altered to fit a changing world: (Eph.4:4-6) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Quite a few efforts are being made to humanize the church. For instance, don't preach a negative gospel. But God did eight of the ten commandments are negative. (Exo. 20) Paul told Timothy. (2Tim.4:2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (WE CANNOT STAND FOR SOMETHING WITHOUT STANDING AGAINST SOMETHING).

We need to learn from the past, when truth is changed to fit the world, apostasy is just around the corner. We need to remember the restoration cry, "Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent". What has happened can happen! Apostasy can happen again.


Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel, Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. The church worships every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. We offer free Bible correspondence. The church is located in Mt Vernon Kentucky.

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## • Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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## Southern and Eastern Kentucky residents encouraged to take the Kentucky Broadband Speed Test

The Center for Rural Development, in collaboration with the Kentucky Office of Broadband Development, is encouraging residents in its 45-county primary service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to take the Kentucky Broadband Speed Test.

Data collected from the speed test will be used

to determine broadband access in your community and create a map that will assist Kentucky communities in their efforts to secure grants and other support to improve broadband services.

The Kentucky Broadband Speed Test is accessible from one of three websites: The Center for Rural Development

website at [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com) or by visiting this direct link: <https://centertech.com/broadband/>, the SOAR website at <https://soarky.org/> or the Kentucky Office of Broadband Development at <https://broadband.ky.gov>.

The speed test is free, anonymous, and can be completed in about one minute. If you took the test earlier, please consider taking it again. The latest effort is meant to build on the data collected from the previous testing cycle. New data will make it possible to establish baselines and allow comparisons to the earlier test results.

To take the speed test, participants must connect their device to their home Wi-Fi service and disconnect from any virtual private network (VPN) which may be used for school or work. For the most accurate results, participants should make sure no one else in the home is using the internet to stream video or play games while running the test.

Those who do not have Wi-Fi access at home may submit the address of a home without service by visiting a location, such as a library or a restaurant, that offers free Wi-Fi.

"We need everyone in our 45-county primary service area, and the entire state, to take the speed test to give us an accurate picture of which areas have adequate internet access and which areas are lacking," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. "It is extremely important that we have a solid understanding of our internet capabilities in all of our counties, but especially in Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

The Kentucky Broadband Speed Test is a crowd-sourcing project that will gather data from Kentuckians needed to expand home internet access for distance learning,

telework, and telehealth.

Kentucky is partnering with the Minnesota-based company Breaking Point Solutions to obtain actionable data. The data will be an important tool as communities plan for broadband expansion

projects. Statistically valid data obtained during the speed test can be used for future funding applications and short- and long-term planning for improved internet access across the state.

For more information

or questions about the Kentucky Broadband Speed Test, please call The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or email Scott Surber, Broadband Technology Liaison, at [ssurber@centertech.com](mailto:ssurber@centertech.com).

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### CAULIFLOWER AND CHEESE CASSEROLE

6 cups small cauliflower florets  
3 tablespoons butter, divided  
1 onion, chopped  
1/3 cup flour  
2 and 1/2 cups milk  
1 package (8 ounce) shredded triple cheddar cheese  
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese, divided  
1/2 cup breadcrumbs  
Heat oven to 350°. Cook cauliflower in boiling water in large saucepan 4 minutes; drain well. Melt 2 of the tablespoons butter in large saucepan on medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 3 min. or until crisp-tender. Stir in flour; cook and stir 1 minute. Whisk in milk; cook 5 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Add 1 and 1/2 cups cheddar cheese and 3 tablespoons Parmesan; stir until cheddar is melted. Add cauliflower; stir evenly to coat cauliflower. Spoon into 2 and 1/2 quart casserole sprayed with cooking spray. Melt remaining butter. Stir in breadcrumbs and remaining Parmesan cheese, sprinkle over cauliflower mixture. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through, topping with remaining cheddar for the last 5 minutes.

### CORN ZUCCHINI PARMESAN SKILLET

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 small onion, diced  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
5 medium zucchinis, diced  
1 can (15 ounce) corn kernels, drained  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1/2 a small lemon  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons freshly grated parmesan  
Add olive oil to a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook until soft, about 3 to 4 minutes. Stir in garlic and Italian seasoning and cook until fragrant; about 1 minute. Add zucchini and corn to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until zucchini is tender; about 3 to 4 minutes. Squeeze lemon juice over the vegetables and season with salt and pepper. When ready to serve, sprinkle with fresh grated Parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh chopped parsley.

### HONEY-CARROTS

1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots  
2 tablespoons honey  
2 teaspoons cider vinegar  
1 and 1/2 teaspoons olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Toss together all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover and microwave on HIGH 6 to 7 minutes or desired doneness.

## Robinson named to Dean's List

Hayden Robinson of Mount Vernon was named to the Spring 2023 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. This accomplishment is a sign of Hayden's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 1,820 undergraduate students have qualified for the Spring College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 GPA for the semester. To view the complete list of Dean's List recipients, visit <https://provost.uky.edu/deans-list>.

## Reunions

### Thacker Brooks Family Reunion

Saturday, June 17, 2023 noon till ??? Roundstone Baptist Church. To the Thacker and Brooks family and friends, we are once again asking for your help in spreading the word to all family members as to the date and location of the Thacker and Brooks family reunion. Please bring a covered dish. Also, if you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any other relatives, we will gladly provide them a copy of this and future reunions. Jesse Thacker 606-308-4308.

Brenda Chappell 606-256-5275. Email: [jwthacker10@gmail.com](mailto:jwthacker10@gmail.com)

### Willis/Bussell Reunion

The Willis/Bussell Reunion will be held June 10th at Woodstock School n Rt. 39, Eubank from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring a covered dish.

### Harrison Reunion

The Harrison Reunion will be June 10th beginning at 1 p.m. to ? at the Woodstock Community Center on Hwy. 39. Family and friends invited. Bring a covered dish.

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### Are you an expectant parent or parent of a newborn?

#### Do you have questions about having

- ...a healthy pregnancy?
  - "Are the feelings I'm having typical?"
  - "How is my baby developing each month?"
  - "What should I know before delivery?"
- ...a healthy baby?
  - "How do I know what my baby needs?"
  - "How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
  - "What should I expect as my child grows?"
- ...a healthy toddler?
  - "When should my child begin walking and talking?"
  - "How important is a child's rate in a child's development?"
  - "What is appropriate discipline?"
- ...a healthy family?
  - "How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"
  - "How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"
  - "How do I balance everyone's needs?"

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions and would like more information, contact your local health department to learn more about HANDS.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, June 8, 2023

## Rockcastle Regional receives Quality Award for 13th time

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has received the Kentucky Hospital Association's Quality Award for the thirteenth time in the last 19 years the award was presented.

Rockcastle Regional earned the award because of its efforts to promote and support the emotional and physical well-being of its employees in the post-pandemic era.

Workplaces play a significant role in our lives by affecting both physical and mental well-being. The COVID-19 pandemic brought this to the forefront, as every healthcare employer felt the impact of employee burnout.

When employees' workplace well-being isn't supported, burnout occurs at an exponential rate. Health worker burnout, in turn, has a myriad of negative consequences for not only the worker, but the patient, the healthcare system, and the community.

"In the post-COVID-19 era, we experienced a tremendous barrage of negative consequences resulting from employee burnout," said Carmen Poynter, Rockcastle Regional human resources

director. "From workforce shortages, to reduced morale, to retention struggles — there wasn't an area of the organization not impacted by the overall decrease in employee well-being."

"The organization began with a goal to make the focus of 2022 on employee well-being," said Rockcastle Regional president and CEO, Stephen A. Estes. "The purpose of this focus was to identify areas of employee burnout and develop new ways to support employees' well-being to prevent burnout from occurring in the first place."

The program was based on the Eight Dimensions of Wellness: Environmental, Emotional, Financial, Social, Spiritual, Occupational, Physical, and Intellectual. When evaluating both existing and new programs, each resource was aimed at improving a specific dimension of employee wellness.

Rockcastle Regional had an already existing robust employee assistance program that consisted of support programs like an on-site child development center, an employee financial assis-

tance program, and on-site behavioral health and counseling services, to name a few. The program aimed at furthering many of these existing programs, as well as launching new services, such as the employee recovery room and providing learning opportunities for employees to access resources and education on their overall well-being.

"We are honored to be recognized, yet again, with this prestigious award," said Estes. "This year's award is a testament to our commitment to providing an outstanding workplace for our employees, with a focus on their physical, social, and emotional well-being. When our employees are thriving and have a positive work environment, they are better able to provide the absolute best care to our patients."

The award is presented to honor hospital leadership and innovation in quality, safety and commitment in patient care. It is also meant as a way to inspire other healthcare organizations to use the winning hospitals' programs as examples of how to improve their own quality and patient safety efforts.

Before this year, Rockcastle Regional won the KHA Quality Award in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015,

2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022. There was no award presented in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To learn more about the KHA Quality Award, visit <https://www.kyha.com/kha-quality-award>.



From left, Jana Bray, Community Relations Director, and Carrie Mullins, Legal Risk Manager, accept the Quality Award from Nancy Galvagni, KHA President and Chief Executive Officer.

## Jordan Smith is WTVQ-TV's weekend meteorologist

Jordan Smith is exactly where he wants to be; exactly where he always knew he would be—helping people prepare for the day, no matter if it's stormy or bright.

Since last December, the Rockcastle County native and Somerset Community College (SCC) alumnus has been part of the ABC 36 Storm Team for WTVQ-TV in Lexington. As the weekend meteorologist for the station, you can watch Smith on Saturdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. During the week, he has "Weather on The Go!" segments and occasionally fills in for other Storm Team members T.G. Shuck and Dillon Gaudet.

Before joining the WTVQ team, Smith served from February through August 2022 as an intern doing weather for Fox News in New York City.

Smith says he's wanted to be a "weatherman" since he was a child.

"I know this is going to sound crazy, but at like four or five years old, I've been fascinated with the weather," he said.

But he says his "defining moment" came on March 2, 2012, when a deadly tornado outbreak occurred in several Kentucky counties.

"I was 13 years old, a sixth grader, and I was watching the local meteorologists on TV, one of them being T.G. Shuck," he said. "I knew that his mannerisms, his tone, the way he was carrying himself was different than it had ever been before. He knew that these tornadoes were tearing apart people's lives—figuratively and literally."

"I knew from that day forward that I wanted to be able to go into broadcast meteorology because I wanted to be able to try to protect people from severe weather..." However, Smith says that being a meteorologist is more than just focusing on "disastrous weather," but also involves letting people know how weather affects their everyday lives.

"Whether you realize it or not, we need to know: 'Do we need a jacket?' Do we need to wear rain boots?' and so, I just knew from that moment that I wanted to have a say in helping people plan out their day," he said.

Smith says that he commuted to SCC from his Rockcastle County home and "I ended up having several friends from high school that I graduated with that went to Somerset, so we always met for lunch and had study sessions together. I formed new friendships at SCC as well."

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As the chief meteorologist at the station, (See "WTVQ" on B3)

ing to cover that and tell their story, so I feel like those psychology classes really helped me."

"I went to Mayfield, Kentucky last December (just after the one-year anniversary a deadly tornado) and talked to several people who had just lost everything they had. A lot of the things I learned in those classes went into that."

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## Hefty fines may be imposed for illegal burning here

By: Mike French  
Editor

According to local fire department officials, there has been a sharp rise in complaints concerning illegal burning throughout the county and officials are taking steps to put a stop to such illegal burning practices.

Burning statutes are precise about what can and cannot be burned in Kentucky but many residents may not know all the details and could unknowingly be breaking the law, according to local firefighters.

Part of Kentucky laws provide for a potential \$25,000 fine for burning illegal materials, burning at the wrong time of year or burning in an illegal location.

In a state where the previous generation burned most everything they no longer needed, fire department officials say it is difficult to teach the new generation that such items can no longer be burned. "Trash that families have now is not the same trash that their grandparents had," said Mount Vernon Fire Chief Adam Bales. "Trash anymore is filled with synthetics, plastics, chemicals and much more. These chemicals produce toxic gases when burned that can be very harmful to people and animals and

can get into our water and food supply." In fact, several officials agree that certain items can cause potentially deadly fumes.

In an effort to help curb illegal burning, members of all Rockcastle County fire departments are circulating information detailing Kentucky burning statutes and regulations.

Bales said fire departments in Kentucky do not have the authority to write citations or impose fines but members of local departments are working closely with police departments and the sheriff's office to help slow illegal burns and inform citizens about the laws concerning illegal burning. "Police officers can write citations for illegal burning and the Kentucky Division of Air Quality can impose hefty fines," said Bales.

Items that may not be burned include animal bedding, hay, grass clippings, barns, trailers, buildings, construction debris, household garbage, fence posts, all wood building materials, insulation, carpeting, tires, furniture, used oil and more.

Fires that are allowed must not be within 50 feet of any structure, streams or creeks, sinkholes or utilities including overhead lines.

Bales says citizens

should consider donating clothes, shoes, books, appliances, furniture and more to charity.

According to a flyer circulated by several local departments, it is still acceptable to burn plant beds, tree limbs and natural growth. Citizens may also build campfires as long as they use only cured, seasoned wood. Citizens may also have bonfires or cooking fires but only natural woods may be burned in such instances, according to the flyer.

Fire department officials say there has been an increase in reports concerning illegal burning activity and officials are beginning to contact police and other agencies when such burns are found to be against Kentucky law.

Anyone who wishes to report a suspected illegal burn should call the Kentucky Division of Air Quality at 502-564-3999, 502-782-6502 or 502-782-6592.

On a different note, all local fire departments are currently recruiting new volunteer firefighters. Officials at each department are actively seeking more volunteers.

The Brodhead Fire Department promotion campaign to find volunteers says, "Too old? We don't think so! Not enough time? We only ask for what you can do! Don't want to fight fires or perform rescues? Just want to help out? We need you too!"

All county fire departments provide free training which can be used for college credits. All equipment is also provided to each volunteer free.

Anyone interested in helping their local fire department should contact the department closest to you.

## Talent Show to be at Hall of Fame

Sometimes the unheard musician who has only played on their backporch sounds as good as some who play and sing for a living. One of the best ways to hear up and coming singers and musicians as they begin their career is at a talent show. Many famous stars began their career in

a local talent show.

Now, Rockcastle County residents have a chance to either perform in a local talent show or just enjoy listening to those who will show their talent on stage.

A Midsummer Night Talent Show is planned at

(See "Talent" on B3)



Jordan Smith is WTVQ-TV's weekend meteorologist.

# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

Danny R. McClure and Jennie McClure and Connie M. McClure, real property located in Rockcastle County, to John Edward Bauer, III and Cynthia Bauer. Tax 34.50

Larry Lee Cope, real property located on waters of Clear Creek, to Commonwealth of Kentucky. No tax

John Franklin King and Rachel M. King, real property located on waters of Clear Creek, to Commonwealth of Kentucky. No tax

Christian Sell and Jordan Crabtree, real property located in Lear Crest Subdivision, to Judy Mitchell. Tax 14.50

Shoen Parsley and Karla Fletcher, real property located in Orlando Subdivision, to Brandy Burton-Tarantino and James A. Tarantino. Tax 235.00

John Henry and Edith Cope, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Kentucky Property Ventures, LLC. Tax 105.00

John Henry and Edith Cope, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Golden Investments, LLC. Tax 105.00

Brianna Collins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ervin L. Craig, Sr. Tax 80.00

Andrea Harmon and Adrea Harmon, real property located on Hwy. 328, to Robert Lane Bustle and Emily Lynn Reynolds. Tax 19.00

Fred and Racheal Hampton, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bandy Properties, LLC. Tax 15.00

Albert B. and Judith A. Hickey, real property located on Lake Linville Rd., to Meredith Harris. Tax 60.00

## Circuit Civil Suits

Gerogeann Abney vs. Jessie Norton, complaint. Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michael H. McKinney, complaint.

Bradley Croch, et al. vs. Christina Gadd, complaint.

Johnny Lee Bullock vs. Caroline Jean Bullock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jonathan P. Foster, complaint.

Charles Hurd vs. Melody Hurd, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Della McCarter, complaint.

Guy Strausbaugh vs. Jacob Slusher, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al vs. Christina L. Lewis, complaint.

Krista Gene Allen vs. Jason Paul Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carson Acey vs. Dennis J. Strum, complaint.

Yubicela C. Carreno vs. Shana D. Stacey, complaint.

Craig Alan Cromer vs. Samantha D. Vanzant, complaint.

Discover Bank vs. Raymond A. Hullings, Jr. complaint.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC vs. Aaron Tibbets,

complaint.

Robert Shane Harris vs. Ursula Ann Harris, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ella Rae Bradley vs. Phil Raymond Bradley, II, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Hailey Foley, complaint.

Discover Bank vs. Larry Stewart, et al, complaint.

Doniel Neshay Helton vs. Sherika Jade T'Keya Helton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Robert J. Prichard, complaint.

## Marriage Licenses

Michelle Paige Thomas, 21, Mount Vernon, unemployed, to Gary Joshua Reed, 22, Mount Vernon, machine operator. 5-22-23

Michaela Dawn Barron, 24, Mount Vernon, teacher, to Peyton James Bowman, 22, Mount Vernon, retail manager. 5-24-23

Lisa Holt Lakes, 57, Crab Orchard, Inspector, to Anthony Wayne Archer, 52, Crab Orchard, Welder. 5-26-23

Stefanie Marie Cope, 36, Mount Vernon, Nursing Assistant, to Aaron James Thomas, 38, Mount Vernon, Public Safety Officer. 5-30-23

Melinda Kaye Hillard, 43, Mount Vernon, Hotel Manager, to Matthew John Stockwell, 40, Mount Vernon, Two Truck Driver. 6-1-23

Aliyah Larae Lopez, 20, Brodhead, bank teller, to Andrew Blake Phillips, 20, Brodhead, farm laborer. 6-2-23

Alyssa Renee Lucas, 25, Brodhead, CSR, to Jacob Dylan Lawrence, 32, Brodhead, Army Depot. 6-2-23

Alexandra Nicole Asher, 22, Mount Vernon, EMT, to Nicholas Dale Owens, 23, Mount Vernon, EMR. 6-2-23

## District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management vs. Robin L. Kendrick, complaint.

James Edward Jones vs. Chris Trump, forcible detainer complaint.

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Austin Krug, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jody Hayes, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. James Dennison, complaint.

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical vs. Millard Rose, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Aaron D. Tibbets, complaint.

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical vs. Millard Rose, complaint.

Livingston Manor Apartments vs. Angela Borden, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Rhonda Yaden, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Brian Damrell, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Latoya Lamb, complaint.

Eagle Financial Ser-

vices, Inc. vs. Christie Smith, et al, complaint.

TD Bank USA vs. Karen Belcher, complaint.

Absolute Resolutions Investments, LLC vs. Charles Price, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Michael Davidson, complaint.

Chris Ramsey vs. James Causey, forcible detainer complaint.

Robert Phillips vs. Heather Payne, forcible detainer complaint.

Billy Barron, et al vs. Angela Rose, forcible detainer complaint.

## District Court

5-1-23

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone Candie Dailey: Wanton Endangerment, 1st Degree, 365 days, serve 90, balance probation 24 months on condition no contact with victims and no violation of law. Criminal mischief, 3rd degree, 90 days to run concurrent, court costs and restitution if requested.

Ronald Hunter: Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess, 90 days probate 24 months on bond, no violation of law; illegal possession of legend drug, 90 days probate 24 months on condition no violation of law plus court costs.

Eva Mae James: criminal trespass, 1st degree, 30 days to serve w/ credit for days served, merge court costs.

Tonya Kay Lunsford: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st, 10 days to serve with credit for any days served, merge court costs.

Jalon Stewart: wanton endangerment, 2nd degree, criminal mischief, 3rd degree, 365 days, serve 90, balance probate 24 months on condition no violation of law, no contact with victim/property, court costs.

Jason Boyd Stewart: criminal mischief, 3rd degree, 90 days to serve, concurrent; assault, 4th degree, 365 days, serve 90 days, balance probate 24 months on condition no contact with victims, no violation of law plus court costs.

Jackie R. Bishop: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Adolfo Guzman Santiago: speeding, no operators license, improper use of left lane, defendant failed to appear (fta), suspend license.

Scott Harper: careless driving, \$100 fine plus court costs.

Christina Kay Hicks: no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt and other charges, bench warrant issued (bw) for failure to appear (fta), suspend license.

Lloyd R. Higgins: speeding, no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Korie Krebs: criminal trespass, 2nd degree, bw issued for fta.

Delbert Leger: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, 90 days to serve, concurrent, merge court costs; operating on suspended/revoked license, 90 days to serve, concurrent.

Jami Nicole Morgan: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Austin Renner: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus court costs;

failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 90 days probate 12 months on condition no violation of law.

Aaron Matthew Smith: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, 1st, \$200 fine, \$425 SF, plus court costs, license suspended up to six months.

Matthew Travis Underwood: no/expired Kentucky registration plates, and other charges, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Willie Vanwinkle: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Khalil Washington: speeding, careless driving, improper passing, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Drew Anderson Bragg: speeding, fta, suspend license.

James Travis Foster: speeding, fta, suspend license.

LeAnthony Freeman: speeding, fta, suspend license.

Lori Jo Milby: speeding, fta, suspend license.

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone Deewonda Asher: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve six days or pay in full.

Rose O. Barnett: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve five days or pay in full.

Derrick Bishop: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full.

James N. Bowling: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full

Randy Garrison Bowling: speeding and other charges, fta, suspend license.

Robert G. Brown: speeding, no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Melinda Rae Bullock: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full.

Demetrius Lamar

Ellington: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days in lieu of fines/costs of pay in full.

William Evans: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve three days or pay in full.

Mathew Gentry: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus court costs.

Kimberly Kavanaugh Goodloe: speeding, fta, suspend license.

Ryan Alan Hartman: harassment, no injury, bw issued for fta.

James F. Hasty: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve 10 days or pay in full.

Stephanie Hines: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Cory Michael Holbrook: speeding, \$52 fine; reckless driving, \$100 fine; driving too fast for traffic conditions, \$100 fine plus court costs.

Jeffery Tyler Howard: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$100 fine plus court costs.

Daejamaye Huguely: speeding, fta, suspend license.

Jerry Lee Lawson: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve 19 days or pay in full.

Ronnie W. Lewis: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full.

James Miller: fines due, no operators license, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Joseph Miller: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full.

James Shawn Mink: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve six days or pay in full.

Donovan W. Mullins: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve two days or pay in full.

Steven Pitman: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve five days or pay in full.

Brittany Nichole Pittman: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve four days or pay in full.

Dana Marie Reynolds: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve two days or pay in full.

Michael L. Sims: fleeing or evading police, 90 days probate 24 months condition no violation of law; criminal coercion, 90 days probate 24 months on condition no violation of law plus no contact with victim, runs consecutive.

Leigha Kaylene Smith: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bw issued for fta, suspend license.

Danny Sowder: fines due, bw issued for fta, serve six days or pay in full.

**KING'S EYE CARE**

Dr. Sarah King  
Dr. Kevin Skidmore  
Dr. Ashley Lane  
Dr. Gary King  
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ABSOLUTE LIVE **Auction** of Christian Appalachian Project's

## Vehicles & Equipment

Friday, June 9th at 10:30 a.m.

310 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Directions: Just off of Hwy 25 North (toward Berea), past Renfro Valley. Watch for auction signs.

The following vehicles will be available:

- 2015 Chevy Silverado 2500 4x4 w/ 152,529 miles ~ 2015 Chevy Silverado 2500 2x4w/ 167,798 miles ~ 2013 Ford Transit Connect van w/ 102,643 miles~ 2013 Ford Taurus w/ 149,326 miles ~ 2013 Ford Taurus w/ 87,509 miles ~ 2013 Ford Taurus w/ 136,817 miles ~ 2013 Chevy Silverado 1500, extended cab 4x4 w/ 200,000 miles ~ 2011 Chevy Silverado 2500 4x4 w/ 166,694 miles ~ 2011 Chevy Silverado 2500 4x4 w/ 165,285 miles ~ 2010 Dodge Caravan w/ 122,687 miles ~ 2008 Chevy Silverado 1500 2wd w/ 98,619 miles ~ 2008 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD 2wd w/ 151,327 miles ~ 2007 GMC Sierra 1500 2wd w/ 130,750 miles ~ 2002 Chevy bus w/ 122,947 miles ~

Other items include:

- 2001 Trakker dump trailer ~ (2) 2007 53' Vanguard trailers ~ 2005 53' Vanguard trailer ~ 2008 Homesteader trailer ~ generators and more.

Buyer's Premium: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine final sale price.

Terms: Payment in full day of sale in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard with a 3% processing fee. (\$3 minimum). Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material.

AUCTIONEER: SAM FORD

[www.fordbrothersinc.com](http://www.fordbrothersinc.com)  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
606-256-1545 • 800-455-5454

# MVES Academic List

**Kindergarten**  
**K. Asher**  
 Mackenzie Begley, Hunter Bray, Layla Crawford, Connor Cromer, Jaycee Dillingham, Kenley Fletcher, Kinsley Hall, Abel Lamb, Logan Martin, Charlee Scroggins, Shasta Trett.

**Collins**  
 Willis Brown, Nirvana Clines, Tristan Cornelius, Jaiden Cotton, Elijah Deborde, Shaylynn Dooley, Harvey Anna Gregory, Myla Hunter, Zaxtyn Mills, Samuel Moore, Emmersyn Parker, Ella Powell, Merit Rohrer, Max Wallin, Emmarie Williams, Ben Winchester, Zion Winkler, Braylin Yates.

**Hunt**  
 Kadence Anderson, Carson Carter, Dylan Carter, Kymber Johnson, Haleigh Lewis, Ella Lunsford, Greylon McClure, Myla Medley, Kamrynn Miller, Rylee Miller, Temperance Patterson, Gunnar Reynolds, Eveleigh Smith.

**Phillips**  
 Waylon Barnett, Aivyn Barron, Xavier Bennett, Harper Chaffin, Isaiah Cochran, Myla French, Lennon Hines, Skylar Jackson, Kaydee May, Randall Reynolds, Abby Ridner, Ava Tillery.

**Rigsby**  
 Laura Abney, Isla Bray, Elisabeth Gadd, Katie Howson, Axton Isaacs, Camden King, Hunter McDaniel, Chase Mullins, Maelynn Powell, Julianne Rhodus, Elijah Sparks.

**Fifth Grade**  
**Bowman**  
 Beau Adams, Avynn Baker, Brittany Carpenter, Alex Childress, James Cowie, Abigail Maxie, Maddox Ramsey, Toni Ray, Mattilynn Stanley, Eli York.

**Bryant**  
 Willow Carpenter, Corwan Clark, Easton Coffey, Faith Dooley, Rhet McNew, Maddox Medley, Emalyn Owens, Quentin Owens, Brayden Parker, Wesley Sheene.

**Hasty**  
 Kamryn Carpenter, Paisley Kirby, Jeremy Luke, Brevin Marlow, Emmalynn Mink, Lincoln Navarre, Ava Parker, Ryder Parker, Liam Rader, Jocelyn Reynolds, Rylee Rogers, Tyler Shafer, Trinity Shear, Landon Tucker, Addison Wearren.

**Isaacs**  
 Emilee Albright, Harper Blair, Jaxon Burkhardt, Christopher Cook, Sophie DeBorde, Kenley Doan, Ariana Dominguez, Hunter Gehret, Peyton Hensley, Makynee Lakes, Riley McFerron, Cambree McHargue, Branson Nicely, Joseph Riggs, Emmett Rigsby, Riley Robinson, Oliver Smith, Shandelle Stevens, Adelynn Wilson.

**Williams**  
 Noah Bullock, Brittlee Caldwell, Justin Caldwell, Alexander Coffey, Skylar Cummins, Korie Davidson, Ally Deborde, Zachary Doan, Matthew Johnson, Andrew McCoy, Harper Miller, Kenzlee Mullins, Ethan Woods.

**Second Grade**  
**Anderson**  
 Cooper Burkhardt, Lyla Bustle, Kohler Carpenter, Connor Cochran, Skylar Ennis, Alessa Hiatt, Charles Johnson, Gunnar Lakes, Haven Ledford, Dexton May, Zakkariah McFerron, Allie Mullins, Krina Patel, Charlee Patterson, Roy G. Smith, Emma Valentine, Savannah Woodard.

**J. Asher**  
 Connor Barnett, Ashton Carrera, Abriela Dominguez, Taylor Hale, Kinley Hunt, Corte Jones, Cace McClure, Brayleigh Mills, Bonnie Price, Ransome Ray, Abigail Rowe, Aubrey Smith, Collin Smith.

**Burton**  
 Saydee Barnes, Jace Brifford, Bentley Brown, Piper Durham, Cooper Ford, Weston French, Penny Howard, Mason

Lunsford, Isabelle McGuire, Gavin Neeley, Henry Rader, Destiny Reynolds, Knox Sexton-Lear, Jaxson Smith, Christina Sparkman, Abby Warner.

**McKinney**  
 Leighton Barron, Olivia Brown, Loukas Bubulici, Tucker Hasty, Everly King, Dawson Martin, Matty Northern, Avery Renner, Addison Rice, Aspen Taylor, Kristen Walker, Elly Watson.

**Third Grade**  
**Alexander**  
 Avery Dobbs, Alyana Johnson, McKinzie McFerron, Arianna Sizemore, Hannah Taylor.

**Honor Roll**  
 Liliyann Green, Jaycee Rhodus.

**Bradley**  
**Principal's List**  
 Parker Anglin, Josie Cruz, Aaron Eckert, Kiley Larkey, Lynlee Shepherd.

**Honor Roll**  
 Emma Anglin, Cooper Brown, Grayson Carvalho, Aiden Dooley, Payton McClure, Gunner Mize, Jase Napier.

**McClure**  
**Principal's List**  
 Raleigh Begley, Tucker Bowman, Lillith Cornelius, Cadence McFerron, Trinity Tanner.

**Honor Roll**  
 Scott Anger, Kylex Durbin.

**Rose**  
**Principal's List**  
 Brylee Dollins, Hannah Hale, Kinley Harris, Liam Middleton, Adasynn Payne, Hunter Payne, Kaitlyn Powell, Adrienne Winchester.

**Honor Roll**  
 Jayden Asher, Izak Bullock, Tilly Cope, Ethan Powell, Saniyah Robinson, LaShay Wentzel.

**White**  
**Principal's List**  
 Daimen French, Adilynn Rowe, Christian Smith, Shooter Strunk, Grayson Vance.

**Honor Roll**  
 Jasey Bowles, Aubree Kerr, Christian Smith, Teagan Watts.

**Fourth Grade**  
**Martin**  
**Principal's List**  
 Alex Bray, Jasse Bugg, Carson Burdine, Wyatt Carter, Elizabeth Cotton, Brody Deborde, Nevaeh Hale, Kennedy Hall, Marcas Jones-Njie, Colten Lear, DJ Martin, James Mink, Aleena Napier, Rylan Neeley, Jamison Santo, Chloe Stewart, Chase Wallin, Elayna Wearren, Paisley Wheeler.

**Honor Roll**  
 Mason Fletcher, Charlotte Marlow, Draven Mullins, Ryan Rudie.

**Reams**  
**Principal's List**  
 Parker Bach, Isaiah Barnes, Vaya Barnett, Kaden Camel, Madison Carter, Hanna Cornelius, Annabella Deatherage, Lorelai Edwards, Ella Ford, Avery Graham, Leighland Moore, Ava Phillips, AJ Poole, Tristian Potter, Rachael Powell, Jordyn Rhodus, Abigail Rush, Logan Scalf, Chris Sprinkles, Airibella Taylor.

**Fifth Grade**  
**Albright**  
**Principal's List**  
 Gus Akin, Trapper Bray, Lincoln Bryant, Sawyer Bryant, Daejah Coates, Gavin Lovett, Gracie Parker, Hanna Parsons, Spencer Woods.

**Honor Roll**  
 Aniya Barnett, Carlie Davidson, Jake Durbin, Colten Johnson, Caeli McFerron, Addison Smith, Christian Willis.

**Cameron**  
**Principal's List**  
 Sadie Adams, Casen Burdette, Kynlee Calico, Brycen Dollins, Kerri Jo Fox, Christian Ginter, Desmond Martin, Chase Prewitt, Molly Willis, Aubree Winkler.

**Honor Roll**  
 Lillie Bowman, Landon Carvalho, Daniel Jackson, Bella McClure, Colt McClure, Haylee Miller.

**Coguer**  
**Principal's List**  
 Jayden Caldwell, Tucker Carpenter, Parker Cash, Ryli Harris, Brylee Hiatt, Kennedy Hopkins, Bryce Hunt, Titus McGuire, Jacob Renner, Jasper Reynolds, Mia Scalf, Brylee Silcox, Beckham Smith.

**Honor Roll**  
 Lilyanna sher, Jace Hembree, Hailey Kirby, Makenna Stanley.

**Lovell**  
**Principal's List**  
 Jaylen Hager, Sophia Johnson, Henry Joyner, Logan Rogers.

**Honor Roll**  
 Chloe Barron, Jayla Coleman, Taylin Hembree, Wesley Maupin, Jonathan McClure, Bryson Miller, Ayden Nolan, Lauren Overbay, Hunter Patterson, Kooper Sexton-Lear, Matthew VanWinkle, Chloe Wren, Brooklyn York.

**Mason**  
**Principal's List**  
 Layla Armstrong, Carabella Mink, Lacey Mize, Chloe Mullins, Abigail I. Northern, Abigail M. Northern.

**Honor Roll**  
 Kaylea Abrams, Tabitha Bowman, Parker Burdette, Kadan Jackson, Camden Richards-Powell, Theo Riggs, Dawsynn Santo.

**"WTVQ"**  
 (Continued from B1)  
 Shuck says his "goal" is to "help Jordan grow his craft and be the best meteorologist he can be as he gains experience...I have no doubt he's going to be an outstanding broadcast meteorologist in the future as he is already well on his way."

Smith calls Shuck "the best chief I could ever imagine," and notes how he promotes teamwork.  
 "Every single severe weather event we've had, it's been straight team coverage," he says. "Me, T.G. and Dillon, we all do everything. We're very team oriented. If anybody needs help covering anybody's shifts, everybody pitches in to help. We have a fantastic team."

**"Talent"**  
 (Continued from B1)  
 The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame's outdoor amphitheater on July 21 at 6 p.m.

The show is open to individuals or groups and all participants must complete the Google Form registration by 6-30-23. Participants who are part of a group need only submit one Google Form. The acts will be judged by a panel of judges.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the free performances under the stars.  
 The Best Overall Performance will receive \$1,000 while the Best Solo-15 and under, Best Solo-16 and over, Best Group-15 and under and Best Group-16 and over will each receive \$100.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association along with the Hall of Fame.

## PUBLIC NOTICE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The second reading and adoption of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held at the date, time and location listed below.

Date: 06/16/2023  
 Time: 04:00 pm  
 Location: Rockcastle County Courthouse - Conference Room

### BUDGET SUMMARY AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer, on the dates listed below:

Approval by the Fiscal Court: 05/19/2023  
 Approved by State Local Finance Officer 05/31/2023

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund	
5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,444,833.65
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	257,506.50
5200 GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	144,225.00
5300 SOCIAL SERVICES	28,400.00
5400 RECREATION AND CULTURE	108,700.00
7700 LEASES	200,044.96
8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	65,496.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	1,470,014.35
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	450,558.94
9500 DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	12,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,181,779.40</b>
Road Fund	
5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,000.00
6100 ROADS	1,457,623.00
7700 LEASES	83,449.94
8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	36,814.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	341,153.00
9500 DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	11,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,948,039.94</b>
Jail Fund	
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,184,065.26
7700 LEASES	90,775.00
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	35,312.32
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	423,838.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,733,990.58</b>
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	
5000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT	43,984.32
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	107,148.00
5200 GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	106,062.00
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund	
5300 SOCIAL SERVICES	1,000.00
6100 ROADS	38,100.00
8000 CAPITAL PROJECTS	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	1,500.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	4,120.68
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	76,585.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>378,500.00</b>
Forestry Fund	
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,555.00
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	72.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,627.00</b>
Fairgrounds	
5400 RECREATION AND CULTURE	22,900.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,900.00</b>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	
7700 LEASES	317,608.76
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	2,736,778.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,054,487.59</b>
FARMER'S MARKET	
5300 SOCIAL SERVICES	7,800.00
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	54.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	4,646.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>
911 Fund	
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	344,100.00
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	50.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	156,981.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>501,131.00</b>
COUNTY CLERK STORAGE FEE	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	27,330.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,430.00</b>
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	232,668.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>232,768.15</b>
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS	
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	100.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	3,267,448.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,267,548.02</b>
CSEPP Fund	
5100 PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	453,381.00
9100 GENERAL SERVICES	4,000.00
9200 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	102,776.50
9400 FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	27,279.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>587,437.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Appropriations</b>	<b>15,951,131.68</b>

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
 All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the Rockcastle County proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

# Classifieds

## CLASSIFIED RATES

• Local Rates - \$5 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word  
 • Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch  
**Deadline for Classifieds is 4 p.m. Monday**

## For Rent

**Chism Drive Thru Storage.** 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

**Mt. Vernon Housing Authority** open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

**Accepting Applications** For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

**For Rent**  
**Maple Street Storage**  
 of Brodhead  
**606-308-2491**

## Property For Sale

**30 Acre Stand of Timber.** Sawmill nearby. Call 606-594-8990. 33xntf

## Posted

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge, Mt. Vernon. 5x24

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on land belonging to James Tudor, both sides of Mahafee Hollow Rd. 8x16

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621

South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJI Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

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

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tfn

## Miscellaneous For Sale

**Cresthaven Cemetery Plots.** Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

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## Notices

**Notice is hereby given that** Nicole Lake, 660 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, Anita Smith, 165 Woodland Place, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Sierra Smith, 165 Woodland Place, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Co-Administratrixes of the estate of Irene Lake, deceased, on the 10th day of May 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Nicole Lake, Sierra Smith and Anita Smith or to Hon. Jerome S. Fish, PO Box 1850, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before November 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 17x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Ricky Dean Leger, 307 Wildwood Drive, Richmond, KY 40475 and Vincent Keith Leger, 3008 Queenborough St., Apt. 1, Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Loretta Leger, deceased, on the 5th day of June 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Ricky Dean Leger and Vincent Keith Leger, on or before December 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 17x3

## Yard Sales

**Estate Sale:** for Wayne and Stacy Berry, 123 Adams St., Berea. Furniture, kitchen-ware, books, tools, hardware, decorative items. Friday - Sunday, June 9th - 11th, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**2 Day Liquidation Sale:** Tom and Virginia Darst, 1725 Old Brodhead Road (Hwy. 1326), Mt. Vernon. Friday, June 9th 8 a.m. to noon and Saturday, June 10th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Various items such as Precious Moments figurines, Fritz & Floyd, antique hand tools, Hull Pottery, Fenton, Longaberger, Franciscan Glassware, silverware, assorted throws, Brick & Brack, VHS movies, CDs, clothing size 8 to 12, Christmas decor, Christmas tree, kitchen accessories, stuffed animals, Ms. Beasley doll, yard decor, curtains, assorted light fixtures, various plant containers, propane gas logs, antique chair, Don Ensor prints, luggage (various pieces) high quality.

**Big Yard Sale:** 192 Old Smokey Rd., Brodhead, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, rain or shine. Bought out-of-state estate sale. tools, lawn mowers, bicycles, furniture, lots of household items.

**Multi-Family Yard Sale** - Friday, June 9th starting at 8:00 am until late (at least 5pm) at Crossroads Assembly of God Church (right off of Hwy. 150) in Brodhead, KY. Tons of women's clothing (size S-2XL), Men's Clothing (Size M-2XL), Girl's Clothing (Up to Size 7/8), Boys Clothing (Up to Size 10/12). Select Clothing will be included in a \$5 bag sale! Shoes (hundreds of pairs) for the entire family, Name Brand Purses, toys, Tupperware, movies, housewares, books, bed frame, and MUCH more. Priced to sell!!

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