

Rockcastle in orange zone

Rockcastle County is still into the "Orange Zone" due to a drop in the COVID-19 incident rate locally. Two new confirmed cases have been reported this week but the incident rate has only risen slightly to 13.7 this week. Officials warn that the virus is still active and unvaccinated residents can still catch COVID-19.

City Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Blast in the Valley

The Blast in the Valley event is planned for Sunday, July 4 beginning at 4 p.m. No event details have been set at this time but watch next week's *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

Longest Day of Play

The Longest Day of Play is scheduled for tonight, Thursday, June 17 at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Door prizes will include bicycles, gift cards and an Apple watch and more. There will be educational booths and activities for all with a free meal, shaved ice and free water. The event is sponsored by Rockcastle Regional, the Rockcastle health community and Rocket Refuel. The public is invited to attend.

911 receives over 40 accident calls last week



Lori Marcum, 39, of Madison County, died after a crash on US 25 Monday evening in Rockcastle County. Police say a car, driven by James Housley, 44, also of Madison County, was headed north when he struck the rear of a garbage truck. Rockcastle Sheriff Shannon Franklin said Housley said he swerved to avoid contact with an oncoming vehicle pulling a trailer and failed to see the garbage truck that had stopped in front of him. Housley refused medical treatment at the scene. Marcum, a passenger in Housley's vehicle, was airlifted to the UK Medical Center where she died during surgery. No other injuries were listed in the report. The Brindle Ridge Fire Department responded to the accident and the Brodhead and Mount Vernon Fire Departments, Rockcastle EMS, Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, PHI Air and Thoroughtruck Towing assisted at the scene.

By: Mike French Editor

The past week in Rockcastle County has been surprisingly busy for most first responders, according to Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin and 911 dispatchers. "It has been an amazing seven days so far and I can't offer enough appreciation to EMS and all the police agencies and fire departments in our

county," said Franklin. "The towing companies, police officers, ambulances and all first responders have worked tirelessly this week."

In fact, the Rockcastle County 911 service received over 40 calls for accidents from June 7 to June 13, according to Franklin. Tuesday, the Sheriff was called away from the monthly fiscal court meeting to one of four separate I-75 crashes

at the same time.

In a county the size of Rockcastle, officials say it can take some time to respond and police ask everyone to understand.

Kim Renner, 911 Director, said the 911 dispatcher takes calls and then calls the appropriate agency. "Sometimes if a deputy is on another call, it may take a little

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Microfoodery to ask for 2-year loan extension

PVA report delivered

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last week, dealing with 25 issues on the agenda and preparing for the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Among the first issues, the court addressed was a two-year extension request for Microfoodery's \$1.455 million loan from the county and the City of Mount Vernon. According to the contract put before the court, the agreement would allow Microfoodery owners to extend the contract's expiration date from June 30 of 2020, to June 30, 2023 "to allow time for project completion, remove previous finance terms and conditions and add December, 2019 Finance Cabinet Terms and Conditions."

The county and the city also each have a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant that was loaned to the company. Owners had promised to complete the project and have at least 50 employees by June of 2021 but had told the Mount Vernon City Council, that they expected to be mostly operational by the holiday season of 2019 and expected much more than

the promised 50 employees.

Neither the city or the county can use the money paid back for the block grant until 50 full time employees work at the plant.

"We can't touch the million dollars until there are 50 employees and we still owe the \$1.455 million," said

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. (The \$1.455 million was borrowed by the county from Citizens Bank, loaned to the Rockcastle

County Industrial Development Authority who then loaned it to Microfoodery).

A controversial issue among some local officials, the new plant had already missed several promised landmarks since the loan was originally granted. This latest extension request also met with some dissension. "We have seen very little out of this deal so far," said Magistrate Mike McGuire. "I haven't seen any return on the five million dollars the county or the city has tied up with this company."

The new contract extension would give Microfoodery owners another two years to meet goals that were promised for 2021, but officials say

(See "Court" on A7)

School board votes to move ahead with new project

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board faced many issues, during last week's regular monthly meeting on June 8th. After the Superintendent's Capstone Presentation and Annual Evaluation (see related story in this issue), members went through several legal steps, including recessing, calling the finance board to order, closing that meeting, reopening the school board meeting

and reading resolutions aloud, to adopt resolutions.

One Resolution gave the City of Mount Vernon an easement to a portion of school board property to locate a new pump station that will be funded through FEMA. Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray was present to explain that the required agreement for the city to use the property had already been made years ago. But as the city began to plan for the new pump station,

that easement could not be located. So, the board "re-agreed" for the city to use the property behind Snack Shack on School Street for the new pump station.

The other resolution allowed the school district to use certain bonds to fund a \$4 million energy savings project.

The board voted unanimously to approve both issues.

Board member Misty Lakes picked up from the previous meeting and continued to inquire

about the district's CDs and interest rates in checking accounts. Finance Director Jenny Sweet said the CDs provide 4.456% interest while the checking account provides much less.

The board also approved the insurance policy on district school buses. The new premium, of \$199,432, is over \$25,000 more than last year's premium but Sweet said such increases are being experienced in all districts this year;

In a "sign of the times"

the board also agreed to purchase cyber insurance which would cover expenses incurred from a cyber breach. Sweet said she highly recommend the district purchase the policy. "Yes, I strongly recommend this insurance. This should absolutely be considered by this board," she said. The premium will be \$9,000 and will provide coverage of many different types of cyber attack as well as cover many different ex-

(See "School" on A7)

Superintendent gets 2-year extension and salary increase

By: Mike French Editor

The five-plus hours of the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board last week focused most of the evening's attention on Superintendent Carrie Ballinger.

As a first-year superintendent, Ballinger was required to complete a Superintendent's Capstone presentation that would provide information about all her ac-

complishments during her first year as leader of the school district.

Ballinger informed those present that though the presentation required her to list her accomplishments, she felt uncomfortable using the word "I" since there would have been no accomplishments without the help of administration, teachers, staff and all other employees. "Some of the things you will see in the presentation may have

been my idea or a goal of mine, but not one of these accomplishments would have gone forward without the help of so many who place our kids first in everything they do."

Ballinger listed accomplishment after accomplishment in the past year under her leadership and the unpredictable difficulties she faced since she took office just weeks before COVID-19 hit the country.

After presenting her

accomplishments, Ballinger began listing goals for the future. "Anyone who knows me at all, is aware that I may

be the most competitive person you know," she said. "That competitiveness is what I plan to use to help take this district to

new, higher levels in every way."

The list of her goals are (See "Extension" on A7)

Hammond explains votes against reappointing school superintendent

Since becoming a member of the Rockcastle County School Board in January of 2021, Larry B. Hammond has expressed several concerns about the finances

and pay scales throughout the school system.

Voting "no" on several financial issues during his six months on the board, Hammond faced a vote to extend Superintendent

Carrie Ballinger's contract by two years, which increased her salary by 3% above the 3% already granted to all school em-

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

July 4th will soon be upon us. A holiday that has always been seen as a celebration of our nation and its founding ideas of freedom and liberty for its citizens.

This year, it might do all of us good to reflect on one group of our citizens who do not have the freedom and liberty guaranteed us under our constitution.

That group, of almost 500, is being held in a Washington, D.C. jail, opened for the purpose of rousing the "insurrectionists" of January 6, 2021, the day that primarily Trump supporters supposedly stormed the U.S. Capitol with the intent of overthrowing our government. While video that I have seen of the events of that day in no way support this allegation, there are 14 hours of video of events of that day which allegedly show criminal actions of the insurrectionists. Of course, this 14 hours of video have never been publicly shown, only referred to as the reason for keeping these 500 U.S. citizens in jail without bail, under harsh conditions and locked down for 23 of 24 hours a day.

Every claim of many deaths of capitol policemen, injuries to the same and extensive damage to the capitol have been disproven. The best information to date out there says that only one death can be attributed to events on Jan. 6th and that is of Ashli Babbitt, a 14 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force who was unarmed and gunned down by a capitol policeman who has not been officially identified but who has reportedly been absolved of any wrong doing by our

justice department. All this without any explanation of the defense for his actions.

It is unconscionable that the majority of these people under lock and key, held without bail, are seemingly being held mainly because they are former President Trump supporters while BLM and Antifa rioters who have looted, burned and killed for months in major cities across our country, have been let go on immediate or no bail. The few times they have been arrested, in most cases, bail has been supplied by an organization backed by our present vice president Kamala Harris.

There is no justification for these people's lives being so cruelly disrupted because the FBI (Federal Bunglers of Investigations) are spending most of their time and resources tracking down everyone they can find in videos posted from that day of the crowd, who, video has shown, were invited into

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There are some things in this world that simply do not add up. They are so out of whack that it is obvious that there is much more to the story than what is "released" to the public. If someone tells you 2+2 equals 5, you know it doesn't add up and that you are being lied to.

But, our society has evolved into one that doesn't question government or institutions anymore. Just whatever they say is okay. "They must know what they are doing."

The fact that it was government that crucified Jesus, slaughtered Jews, attacked Pearl Harbor, accepted slavery as the norm, promoted racism in 2021, and does most everything wrong, doesn't seem to bother anyone. "Oh they are smarter than I am. I will just obey and conform."

Not!! We live in a country

that preaches we are a free nation and then supports and promotes businesses and universities who will forbid you as a customer or a student unless you can prove that you have blindly accepted a vaccine that the FDA has not approved.

In this "free country," some workers and students are not even allowed to be there unless they have allowed the government to fill their body with an untested, unproven, unapproved chemical concoction that has absolute zero evidence that it will not cause devastating harm in your old age. Take it anyway!

That does not add up! We have a Governor who picked out one single business and decided that landlords could not collect rent for a year unless the renter just feels like paying it because housing is a "need."

Electric and heat is a "need." I always thought food was a "need." Someone told me water is a "need." Yet, grocery stores, electric companies, water companies were not told that they could not collect what was due them. Only landlords. Pharmacies still charge for medicines. Walmart still charges for clothing, and all their other "made in China" goods. But landlords cannot demand rent payments.

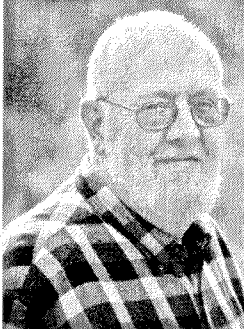
That does not add up! Twitter and the Democrat party are now wanting to file suit and boycott Nigeria because the country banned the use of Twitter.

Now get this! They say the reason for wanting to boycott the entire country is because by banning Twitter, they are not allowing the freedom of "opposing voices that are a crucial part of any free Demo-

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ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN



My Sophomore Year

A few weeks ago, one of my friends asked me which of my four years at Mt. Vernon High School was my favorite. I did not hesitate at all, because I remember that time very well. It was my sophomore year (1960), and my life changed drastically.

In March of that year, I received my driver's license. I took my test in my grandfather's (Pop) 1954 Chevy. It was a standard shift with a six-cylinder engine. He made me practice parallel parking and stopping on a steep grade in order to determine if I could stop and go without rolling backward. I was proud to report to him a score of 100% on my actual test.

1960 was also the year


that Pop got me my first car, a black 1958 Chevy. That vehicle was one of my most favorite cars of all time. It provided me (and many of my friends) with a great deal of freedom. I no longer had to ask permission to use the family automobile. I can remember many nights having a car full of teenagers as we drove around Mt. Vernon listening to rock and roll on my Am car radio.

My dear friend Bud Cox and I spent a great deal of time during that year customizing my new black ride. Believe me, it was a labor of love. I was mighty proud of how my car looked after Bud and I completed that process.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Is It Any Wonder?

Dear Journal,

I've been told at one time or the other that I'm a strong woman or that I have a strong personality. Well, I've never really thought that; I'm just me. I guess I can be strong if the occasion arises and unfortunately, at one time or the other in my life it has arisen. I've had more than my share of very serious sicknesses, prob-

lems, and issues of personal nature at one time or the other. If anyone tries to defy me about something and I am sure I am in the right, well, yes, you are in for a battle of wits. I'll defy the devil himself if a something I believe in has been abused.


I've always believed that I'm a combination of my mom and grandma, the two women that have influenced me from a young age all through my life. Both were very strong in their own right. Both were strong but were always considered southern ladies and reserved. Both fine ladies provided an example to follow.

I was recalling a story about two of my paternal aunts the other day to Stanley as we passed a building that was once a restaurant in London. I have never had a close relationship with my father's family as they live in North Carolina. These two aunts were obviously southern la-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



This is going to be another short column because I simply don't have the energy to make it any longer. However it does feel like news worth breaking and the beans to need to be spilled this week because they represent another life changer for Loretta and me and one that we have been dreading for the last 2 years.

The short end to a

much, much longer story is that we have decided to put me in homebound hospice care. It's probably going to take a at least a week or 2 get the details worked out but my doctor, Shawn Peterson, (M.D., Oncology/Hematology at Baptist Health Care in Lexington) is totally on board with the plan and

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the capitol by capitol policemen who removed barriers positioned originally to keep protestors out.

I have also seen video that shows antifa members, dressing as Trump supporters, infiltrating the groups and causing the majority of the damage done that day.

This should be considered a “hill to die on” for most Americans because it smacks of third world governments.

During these six months since the event, the FBI has not even managed to find out who planted several pipe bombs in the capitol on Jan. 5th or else they know it can't be blamed on Trump supporters and don't want to reveal what they have actually found out.

On another subject, but one dear to my heart, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) will have an emergency meeting on June 18th about discontinuing the COVID vaccine for people under 30.

The CDC acknowledges that over 400 people, under the age of 30, have developed myocarditis-inflammation of the heart that causes permanent heart damage as a result of the vaccine.

Realizing that 400 cases, out of the millions? administered to this age group, is not a very high percentage, it still seems an unnecessary risk since a peer-reviewed study from the *Lancet* shows that the experimental vaccines re-

duce the chances of contracting COVID by 0.8% to 1.2% or pretty much no prevention. And, you might say pretty much unnecessary since the death rate of 0-20 year olds is 0.00001%, according to RIVM (the Dutch CDC).

The sad part is that all service members of the military are reportedly being required to take the vaccination.

And, as a final reminder of the current administrations concern over state audits of the 2020 Presidential election, U.S. Attorney General Garland Merrick has sent a letter to Arizona threatening them with the Department of Justice's oversight of their audit, an audit which is governed strictly under state laws, according to our Constitution.

Why would Democrats not want an audit if President Biden actually received 81 million votes? That would certainly shut up those of us who think there was a lot of hanky panky on election day 2021 and for days thereafter.

There are other outrages happening in our nation, including the federal reserve backed BlackRock corporation, institutional investors and pension funds buying up residential properties across the country, at inflated prices (20-50% above assessed value), which is systematically killing the dreams of young Americans to own their own home.

These properties are then rented out at inflated rates which keeps couples from being able

to save for a home of their own, the backbone of a healthy middle class.

Don't worry dear readers. Between now and next week, I will find a couple more conspiracy theories to enlighten you about.

“Aces”

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cratic society.” I know! How could they possibly be more hypocritical? It is impossible.

Twitter banned the President of the United States because they disagree with his moral values and then blocks and edit any Twitter user who agrees with that President. And then they cry when Nigeria wants to block them. Yes! That is actually happening!

If that adds up, I'm an alien from Neptune!

Governor Andy Beshear told every Kentucky resident during one of his propaganda speeches last March, that if they have to wonder if they are eligible for unemployment insurance payments, then they are eligible. He told everyone that if their hours were cut or they lost their job, “You are eligible! Don't worry...Just file your claim.”

A year later, he started crying that the system is broken and many of those who filed are getting letters from the state of Kentucky saying they owe all that money back to Kentucky.

As if those who collected unemployment just stashed it away somewhere.

That does not add up! Rioters flooded the streets last year with thugs burning businesses down, beating and killing people and destroying cities. Democrats called that a “peaceful protest.”

Democrat officials refused help from the National Guard and many senators praised the riots. Those few who were arrested, were bailed out by and organization formed by the vice president.

Yet protestors entered the Capitol Building in January and those same Senators scream “insurrection” and almost 500 of those involved are STILL in jail with no bail and on lockdown 23 of 24 hours a day for what has been termed a misdemeanor.

That doesn't add up.

Democrats hate the idea of a wall at our border then build a wall around the Capitol and refuse American citizens entry into their Capitol Building.

It doesn't add up.

There is much, much more. Did you know police shot a LOT more un-

armed white men than unarmed black men last year? A LOT more. Why didn't you know that?

There is a lot wrong with America right now and someone had better stand up and reverse our direction or this will not be a free country for our grandchildren.

“Memory”

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That year was also the time that my Uncle Jesse Cummins hired me to deliver groceries from his store on Saturday afternoons. I can't explain how pleased I was to have a regular job that would provide me with gasoline funds for my car as well as spending money to be with my friends.

Uncle Jesse had a 1955 Chevy station wagon for me to use delivering the groceries. Many of the customers would get a ride into town, conduct their business, and then pick up their weekly groceries so I could take them back home. A few of our customers lived a great distance from Mt. Vernon, and it would take me a long time to get them and their groceries home.

Occasionally, Uncle Jesse would allow me to invite a girl to ride with me on these long trips. Needless to say, I absolutely loved this job!

1960 was an exciting time to be a teenager. Chubby Checker had just introduced the Twist to American teenagers, and we gladly joined in the dance.

Cars, friends, and new job that included driving, and, of course, girls—what's not to love for a sixteen-year-old kid?

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“East”

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there's nobody on the planet we trust with our medical issues more than I trust and respect Dr. Petersen.

We had finally come to realize that the extremely expensive cancer medication I've been on for the last 2 years or so, were causing. Anyway, I believe that most of you realize that it's often difficult to squeeze any humor from a dehydrated lemon and they don't get any drier than the one I'm rolling around right now.

I've spent about 10 hours over the last 96 on the front, visiting old friends and the other 10 or so sleeping through the least amount of pain I've had in a single week in decades. There hasn't

been any room for writing but, hopefully, I can start changing that a round some this week, Jeff Brenzel.

I have no real idea where this is going nor how long it's going to take to get there, but hang on, I just heard a whistle blow so my train has left the station.

“T.J.'s”

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dies but could be “hell on wheels”. The older of the two came up to London following the tobacco market with my father one year. He judged and purchased tobacco for a cigarette company at the time and was in London about a month or a little longer. This is when my mom and dad first met. Aunt Mae got a job as a waitress at a local restaurant there in London. Aunt Mae was known to carry a switch blade knife in her bra and wasn't afraid to use it if the necessary occasion arose. The owner learned of her “insurance,” as she made it no secret. It came time for the market to move on up north and auntie had to leave. The restaurant owner only paid every two weeks and it wasn't payday yet. She called a taxi to take her to the restaurant and told Mom that she would be right back. Mom told her that she probably wouldn't get her money but that she could get it for her and send it to her. Auntie headed for the restaurant. As she went in, she told the taxi driver to just keep the car running. She headed to the owner's office who was sitting at his desk. She said, “Ed, I've come for my money.” He indicated that it wasn't payday and couldn't pay her. She then said “I said, I've come for my money”, in her intimidating tone. Ed reached into his desk drawer and started counting out her money to her. She was back outside the taxi in less than five minutes.

Aunt Mae's husband, Doug, had one time stepped out on her and stayed a night or two away from home. He decided to come back home and she was mad. Mom was visiting with them at the time. Auntie was in the kitchen fixing supper when he arrived home. It was a bad time for arrival. Mom watched her chase Doug all the way through the house with a butcher knife. “Doug, I'm going to cut on you,” she warned. He ran out the front screen door and through the yard to his car. She came on out on the porch with butcher knife in hand and the screen door in the other.

She took the door off the hinges on her way out.

Then there was Aunt Quessie, Aunt Mae's younger sister. She found a really good job that paid very well and she wanted to celebrate her success by having a little get together of family and friends. She had bought a new stereo for herself and was very pleased with it. This was back in the 1950's. (That is the era for all of these incidents). This auntie had some hot rock and roll records going and was, I assume, dancing. There was no air conditioning to be had at the time, for residential use, anyway. She had the windows open and was hoping for a breeze. Bobby, her husband, thought the music was too loud and would go over and turn it down at times. Well, she didn't like it and told him to keep his hands off her stereo. He didn't keep his hands off of it. There was one of those open windows by that stereo and she smacked Bobby out of it backward. Fortunately they were on the first floor.

Whatever happened to these aunts one may wonder. They got more subdued with age and were fine Christian ladies who attended church every week and were a fine example of living for anybody to follow. They both died from cancer several years ago.

I was once married to a man named Sam, my first marriage. He liked to beat on me. In eighteen months I had more black eyes than I could count, a fractured left cheekbone and an ankle broken in three places. He once had me backed into a corner in our bedroom, and was going to beat on me. Well, there was a pair of high heel disco shoes sitting there in the corner. I reached down and got them and he is the one with the beating that time. I started and almost forgot to stop. I got his face, head, ribs...just about everywhere with the heel of those shoes. It was the first time I had hit anyone in my life.

After the divorce, I had a boyfriend named Bob, an alcoholic who would get out of line. By now I had decided I wasn't going to be intimidated anymore. I'd tell Bob that I was going to cut his head off even with his shoulders. I once chased him with a butcher knife and he hid in a bedroom locking the door. He soon sobered up and stayed in there for hours. I, too have melted out with age and hope that I'm an example that anyone would be glad to follow. But, is it any wonder?

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 The June meeting of the Rockcastle Garden Club will be Thursday, June 17th at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle River Trading Company and Display Gardens. The store will be open for our meeting. We can wander through the display gardens on the property. There are wondrous sights to be discovered there. The public is welcome to attend any of our meetings. Refreshments will be served. Bring your own chair. Hope to see you there.

DBCCA Board Meeting
 Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, June 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 15356 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The meeting can also be viewed by Zoom and a link will be made available. The public is invited to attend. Daniel Boone CAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Plant Fundraiser Sale
 Kentucky native plant fundraiser sale, Memorial Park on Jefferson Street in Berea, June 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine. Over 200 KY native plants for sale, over 20 species and a selection of milkweeds. All proceeds to benefit nonprofit nature groups. Call 859-985-0309 for more information.

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


Rockcastle Co. Extension Service Classes
June 24: - 5:30 - 8 p.m. Home Canning Workshop. **June 29:** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Freezing/Drying Fresh Produce Workshop. Please call the Extension Office at 606-256-2403 to register.

Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting
 The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, June 22nd at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Jessica Stolberg from Humana. She will discuss the Go365 Program and the Humana Medicare Advantage plan. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

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


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Obituaries

Opal Roberts

Opal Roberts, 95, of Eubank, died Saturday, June 12, 2021 at her residence. She was born November 2, 1925 in Rockcastle County, daughter of the late Lewis W. & Flaura (Hamlin) Renner. She was a homemaker and a loving mother and grandmother.



She is survived by: four children, Phyllis Miracle of Eubank, Troy Lee (Nora) Roberts of Eubank, Timothy Lynn (Connie) Roberts of Kings Mountain, and Anthony Leland (Ruth) Roberts of Eubank; a sister, Beulah Brock of Indianapolis, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by: her parents; her husband, Ernest Lee Roberts, to whom she was married on August 28, 1948 until his passing on November 8, 1997; a daughter, Regina Robinson; two brothers, George and Glen Renner; two sisters, Alta Spoonamore and Evelyn Seals; one grandchild, Gina Ann Robinson; and one great grandchild, Kristy Leann Robinson.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021 at the Chapel of Morris & Hislope Funeral Home with Bro. Letcher Napier, Bro. Ricky Saylor, and Bro. Aaron Hogue officiating.

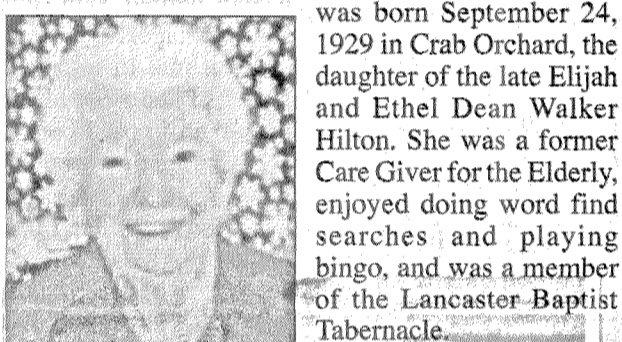
Burial will be in Cuba Cemetery.

Morris & Hislope Funeral Home is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.morrisandhislope.com

Helen Marie Hilton Volz

Helen Marie Hilton Volz, 91, of Richmond, and formerly of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Kenwood Nursing Home in Richmond. She was born September 24, 1929 in Crab Orchard, the daughter of the late Elijah and Ethel Dean Walker Hilton. She was a former Care Giver for the Elderly, enjoyed doing word find searches and playing bingo, and was a member of the Lancaster Baptist Tabernacle.



Survivors are: two sons, Larry and John Volz; one daughter, Barbara Jean Barnett; eight grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by: two sons, Ronnie and Henry; six brothers, Clarence, Delbert, Garfield, Calvin, Junior, and Lloyd Hilton; and one sister, Susie Honeycutt.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday June 12, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jason Wheeler officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Card of Thanks

Dana Ellison

We, the family of Dana Ellison, would like to thank everyone who visited, called, gave monetarily and for the food provided. It was all a wonderful gesture during such a difficult time.

A special Thank You to Mattie and Mervin Byler for being there with Dana during his last minutes and being such an inspiration to our family.

Thanks to Bro. Harry Isaacs for his comforting message and Marvin Owens Home for Funerals for their exceptional services.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Glen, Zach, Brittany, Sarah, Emma, Jace, Oakley, Marvie and Jake

The Superiority of Christ Over the Old Testament

The book of Hebrews shows how the Christian dispensation of time is far better than the old law.

For example, in *Hebrews 10:4* the writer tells us that it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins, meaning that, under the Old Testament, these sacrifices were given only as a sacrifice for sin and never actually removing the sin. In *Hebrews 9:29* Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many, to those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin for salvation.

Christ being a perfect sacrifice provided forgiveness of sin. *Hebrews 12:23* And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that Abel.

There is forgiveness of sins in Christ, God accepted that perfect sacrifice as payment for our sins. *John 3:16* God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. *17* For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Salvation can only be obtained through Jesus Christ.

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Providence
CHURCH of CHRIST

Donald Earl Bradley

Donald Earl Bradley, 67, of Berea, died peacefully June 9, 2021 at his home with his family by his side. He was born June 3, 1954 in Stanford, to Norma Jean Romines and the late George B. Bradley. He had been a concrete worker. He loved watching UK basketball, spending time with his children and grandchildren, and smoking his e-cigarettes.



He is survived by: two daughters, Jennifer and Christopher Bell of Berea, and Stephanie and Steven Mayse of Irvine; two sons, Scott and Courtney Bradley, and Kelsie and Alicia Bradley, both of Berea; a bonus daughter, Judy Klein of Berea; his mother, Norma Jean Romines of Richmond; six grandchildren, Austin Short, Katelynn Hardin, Ryan Bradley, Taylor Bradley, Myles Feltner, and Matthew Feltner; a sister, Connie Gatewood of Indiana; and a very special aunt, Lorene Falin of Mt. Vernon. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by: his father, George Bradley; a sister, Patricia Retherford; a brother, Ronnie Dale Bradley; and grandparents, Bill and Alene Hasty.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. B.J. Bradley and Chad Burdette. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chris Bell, Nate Flannery, Mike Gatewood, Jeff Isaacs, Steven Mayse, Jacob Miller, and Lucas Retherford.

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



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.

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon starting Sunday, June 20th through Friday, June 25th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can register online at fbcmvky.org

Benefit Ride New Hope Baptist

Church will hold a Benefit Motorcycle/ATV Ride on Saturday, June 26th.

The ride will begin at 10 a.m. at the church and will end at 12:30 p.m. when lunch will be served.

Donations will be accepted and all proceeds will go towards the Fellowship Hall at the church.

The church is located on New Hope Tower Road at Orlando.

Father's Day

Being a father is one of the greatest things we can be as a human being, is being a part in giving life to another human being. *Ephesians 6:4* And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The father has a great responsibility in raising that child, in the Lord and the spiritual direction and discipline of the home.

Fathers are not to provoke, which means to annoy, to the point of anger or wrath, their children. Fathers do not anger your children to the point, they lose heart, or are discouraged. I think we know, there will be times, that the child and the parent are not always going to agree. Does this mean that the father is prohibited from enforcing discipline? No. *Hebrews 12:11* Chastisement at the time seems to be a matter not of joy but of grief. All chastisement, both human and Divine gives us a present pain. Though this pain be bitter at the time of reception, it yields forth a fruit that is peaceable, after the conflict is over.

One of the greatest things we can give our children is our time. A young son waited eagerly for his dad to get home from work, and soon as he came through the door the son asks the dad. Dad how much do you make an hour, he said it is none of your business, sit down and be quiet, I have had a hard day, the dad feeling he might have been a little short with his son finally said twenty dollars and hour, the son said dad can I have ten dollars. The dad said no, what do you need with ten dollars, just go up to your room until I tell you to come down. The dad got feeling bad how he had spoken to his son said to himself, maybe he really needed to buy something, so the dad went upstairs, to his young sons room and said hear is ten dollars, and the son reached under his pillow and grabbed another crumpled up ten dollar bill, his dad said in an angry voice you already have ten dollars, what do you need with ten more, the young boy said, dad can I buy an hour of your time.

Hebrews 12:9 Take time to train and to teach, one day the time you have now will be gone forever, and you will never get it back.

Thank you for reading this message, I pray we all learn to count our blessings and number our days. If you would like to contact someone from the church, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew- 859-582-4021 -Bro. Ova Baker- 606-878-8104

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Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

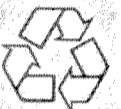
Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

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

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

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



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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 20-CI-00230

21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff
V.
Troy A. Lane, Lisa Lane, Midland Funding, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 23, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FORTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND 36/100 (\$42,941.36) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, June 18, 2021
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:
2090 Disputanta Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Map ID# 068-00-026.08

Being the same property conveyed to Troy A. Lane, single, from 21st Mortgage Corporation, by Deed dated June 26, 2014, and recorded on October 6, 2014, in Deed Book 249, Page 368, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

- The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
 - The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 - The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 - The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
 - Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
 - Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
 - The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 - In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
 - The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
 - All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Amy D. Durham, property on the waters of Roundstone Creek, to James G. Durham. No tax

James G. Durham, property on the waters of Roundstone Creek, to Christopher James Wicker. Tax \$426

Roger Rowe and Roxie Rowe, property on Hwy. 618, to Dennis and Victoria L. Robinson. Tax \$130

Dennis E. Miller and Brienne S. Miller, property in Brodhead, to Michael C. Hansel II. Tax \$232

Carl Michael Mowbray, property on Hammond Fork Road, to Don Dees and Spencer Paddock. Tax \$80

The Daryl Thomas Pike Trust, property in Alberta Winstead Plat, to Timothy and Lisa Ashcraft. Tax \$5

Nancy Sigmon, property in Rockcastle County, to Judy Mitchell. Tax \$60

Kimberly and Kevin Hall, property in Rockcastle County, to Willie and Amber Ashley. Tax \$90

Brenda Rickels, property on Old Brodhead Road, to Charles Roger Rickels. No tax

Charles Roger Rickels, property on Old Brodhead Road, to Sandra Rickels Scott. Tax \$50

Lonnice and Melissa G. Hornsby, property in Rockcastle County, to Drew Hoening. Tax \$100

Raymond L. and Donna J. Dalton, property on Old Chestnut Ridge Rd., to Dustin M. and Samantha Parker. Tax \$180

George W. and Mary B. Allen, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronnie Edward and Deborah Jean Brown. Tax \$49

John Marcus and Hannah Faith Robinson, James and Gail Miller Property, to Todd Wayne and Christi Michelle Clark. Tax \$118

Michael W. and Vickie L. Renner, property on Silver St., to Richard Birney. Tax \$16

Doris Robinson, and

others, property in Rockcastle County, to Mike and Lisa Norris. Tax \$6

Joseph E. Lambert and James H. and Brenda L. Lambert, property on U.S. 25, to Chris Settles. Tax \$67.50

Marriage Licenses

Sabrina Elizabeth Kelley, 32, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and James Michael Mullins, 30, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 6/7/21

Landrea Mae Smith, 23, Crab Orchard, teacher and Cody Everett Brown, 25, Mt. Vernon, surveyor. 6/9/21

Alma Delia Martinez Gonzalez, 52, Mt. Vernon and Filogonio Ramirez Cortez, 54, Mt. Vernon, farm. 6/11/21

District Civil Suits

Donald Ray Fleming v. Elizabeth Simpson, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jennifer Burke, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Connie McClure, complaint.

Michael Kevin Rowe v. Robert Damrell, forcible detainer complaint.

Capital One Bank v. Kathy J. Parsons, complaint.

Progressive Insurance Company v. Maverick Cromer, complaint.

Progressive Insurance Company v. Ayden Nolan, complaint.

Zac Wynn v. Tim Anderkin, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Ricky Hasty, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Carol Johnson, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky v. Jessi Jones, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky v. Johnathan Payne, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky v. Tony Mink, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky v. Frank Woodall, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates v. Donna Pratt, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky v. Adam Brown, complaint.

Enoch Polly v. Rebecca L. Green, forcible detainer complaint.

Roger Isaacs v. Clinton Howard, forcible detainer complaint.

LVNV Funding v. Marlene Holbrook, complaint.

Town Branch Apartments v. Angela Daugherty, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management v. Daniel Falk, complaint. C-00097

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Betsy Baker, complaint.

Land Home Financial Services, Inc. v. Wilfred J. Pichette, complaint.

Tabiths C. Miller v. Jackson C. Harris, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Heather Diane Blaylock v. Dustin Hale, et al, complaint.

Rhiannon Marie Wallin v. Jason Mitchell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Johnna Higgins, complaint.

Autovest LLC v. Nicholas Dale Combs, complaint.

Tidewater Motor Credit v. Gary Cole, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Candice Kidwell, complaint. CI-00126

District Court

June 2, 2021

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Rebecca Lynn Green: public intoxication, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.

Sherry Harding: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Bruce Lee Smith: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, assault fourth degree, sentencing orders entered.

Regina M. Smith: public intoxication, escape, fleeing or evading police, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, theft by unlawful taking, sentencing orders entered.

Christopher Fleming: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine plus costs.

Dominique Nicole Ponce-Myers: speeding, \$32 fine plus costs; no operators license in possession, \$50 fine.

Bahiker Velasquez: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Admir Lufi: improper equipment, \$25 fine plus costs.

Frankfort Update

By: **Josh Bray**
State Representative
Where we stand:
COVID-19 mandates,
emergency orders, and
emergency regulations



Executive, and judicial branches of state government address the mandates, emergency orders, and emergency regulations issued by Governor Beshear.

On Friday, the Governor lifted parts of his statewide mask mandate and finally ended capacity limits for restaurants, bars, and other public venues. Shortly after the Governor's press conference, school districts across the state received notice from the Department of Education that students would no longer have to wear masks or socially distance. I am just as pleased as you to see all of these requirements end since many were unnecessary and arbitrary from the beginning, while others outlived their usefulness.

However, the Governor also issued a new executive order that extends the mask mandate in specific settings. This new order comes just days after the Administrative Review Subcommittee rejected a proposed mandate requiring wearing a face covering in some settings and circumstances. The committee voted to find the proposal deficient, meaning it does not comply with state law we passed earlier this year. While the administration told committee members at Tuesday's meeting that the proposed regulation was aimed at ensuring the state is aligned with federal guidelines, members recognized the order as an extension of the existing mandate and flatly refused to endorse it.

Of course, all of this comes as the seven elected members of the Kentucky Supreme Court met Thursday to consider the Governor's challenge to legislation we passed this session. These measures, HB 1, HJR 77, SB 1, and SB 2 better define emergency powers and are aimed at preventing future governors from

using a crisis as an opportunity to unilaterally lead our state with little meaningful oversight. After all, as George Orwell famously wrote in 1984, "We know that no one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it."

Briefly, SB 1 and SB 2 limit executive orders and emergency regulations issued during a state of emergency to 30 days, unless extended by the legislature. They also require the consent of the state's Attorney General before state law can be suspended. HB 1 is specific to this pandemic and provided a common sense approach to reopening our state, addressing unemployment issues, and ensuring our most vulnerable children and adults were able to see their families. These measures provide this and future governors with the authority necessary to lead our state through a state of emergency, but they balance that power with the need for equally balanced branches of government. We proved this with the passage of HJR 77, which ratified eight of the COVID-19 executive orders and a handful of emergency regulations in March.

Kentuckians have waited months - HB 1, SB 1, and SB 2 passed in January - for these measures to take effect. While much of the administration's pandemic policies are now history, the bills are still extremely relevant because they set a precedent for future emergencies. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of this legisla-

tion, future generations will be better prepared for the next once-in-a-century pandemic. If they rule against it, Kentucky could once again fall prey to mandates put forth with little or no consideration of their effectiveness or ultimate impact.

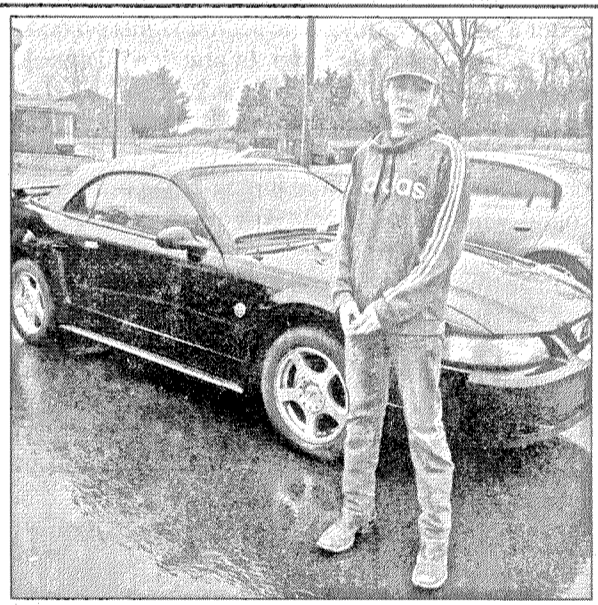
For more than a year Kentuckians have heard that "we are all in this together." Yet, the fact is that the administration's response has divided our state into the unemployed and employed, the in-person and virtual, and the open for business and shuttered permanently. Kentuckians struggle with exacerbated mental health and addiction issues, our Medicaid program grows exponentially, and we begin to discover how great an impact this past year has had on our most vulnerable. We definitely have our work cut out for us, but we can do this if we remember the motto that has actually seen us through centuries of adversity - "United We Stand, Divided We Fall."

In the meantime, I hope you will not hesitate to reach out to me to share your thoughts on this or any issues coming before us in Frankfort. If you would like more information about bills or legislative actions, you can visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov. I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov.



Parrett honored at Pine Hill...

On Sunday, June 6th, Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church held a celebration in honor of Teresa Parrett. Teresa has been the pianist at Pine Hill for 50 years. Our church is very thankful for Teresa's endless work and dedication. She was presented with a plaque by pastor, Clyde Miller to mark this momentous occasion.



Happy 17th Birthday Joshua! Love Mom, Nanny and Sandy



Justin Mink and Faith Harris were awarded the Abby Marie Langford Scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship which is awarded annually to keep Abby's memory alive and serves to encourage RCHS seniors that higher education is attainable and something to be proud of. Through donations from all schools in Rockcastle County and parents and the sale of t-shirts \$8,000 has been awarded in scholarships. Justin and Faith are shown with Abby's mom, Sharon Langford.

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Auction

The Miller Family's

156 Acres m/l by the Boundary

Bidding Ends: Thursday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Bid Online: www.fordbrothersinc.com

Sand Springs section of Rockcastle County

Directions: From the intersection of Hwy 25 & 1249 in Mt. Vernon, take Hwy 1249/Sand Springs Rd. 2.3 miles. Turn on Marler Hollow Rd. Go 3/10 mile to old county road leading to property. Auction signs are posted.

The Miller family has owned this property for many years and are planning for other interest, therefore they have authorized our company to sell this property at absolute auction.

The property consists of 156 acres m/l by the boundary. It is accessed by an old county road off of Marler Hollow Rd. According to the PVA office, it joins Price Branch Rd. also. The seller has not used that as an entrance and without survey can not be warranted.

If you want recreation, hunting or investment property, you will want to check this out. This would be a hunter or ATV enthusiast dream property. It has young timber making it ideal for long term investment. The property does have a creek and springs.

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

Terms: 20% down due within 48 hours of close of bidding, with balance in 30 days with deed.

Auctioneer/Broker/Seller Disclaimer: The information contained herein is believed to be correct to the best of the auctioneer's knowledge. The information is being provided for the bidder's convenience and it is the bidder's responsibility to determine the information contained herein is accurate and complete. The property is selling in its 'as-is' condition with no warranties expressed or implied.

Danny Ford: Auctioneer

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SPORTS

Archers compete on world stage

RCHS students Kyle Coffey, Alyssa Martin and T.J. Ramsey competed with the best NASP shooters at the World Open, World 3D, and World Bullseye Championships at Myrtle Beach this past weekend.

Coffey placed first in Open 3D with a 287, which qualified him for the Championship 3D Tournament.

Ramsey shot a 272 in Open 3D and was fifth place with 286 in Bullseye Open which qualified him to shoot in the World Championship Bullseye.

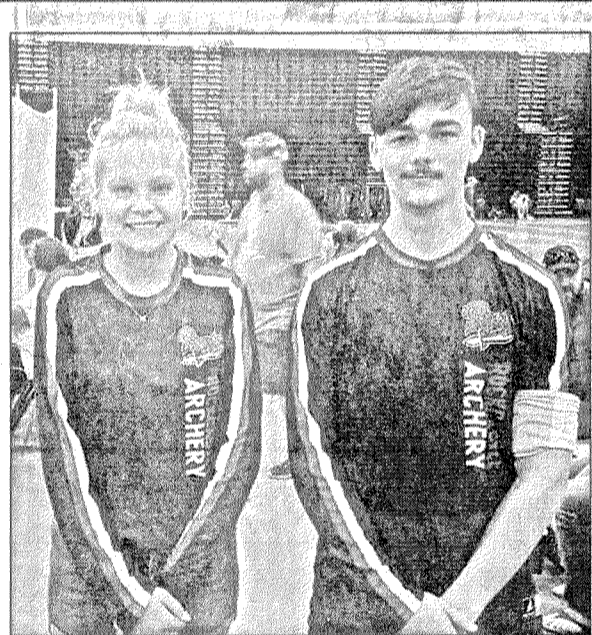
Martin shot a 265 at the Bullseye Open.

In the 2021 World NASP Championship Bullseye, Coffey shot a 287 and Ramsey shot a 276. Coffey shot a 289 in the 2021 World NASP ISO 3D Tournament.

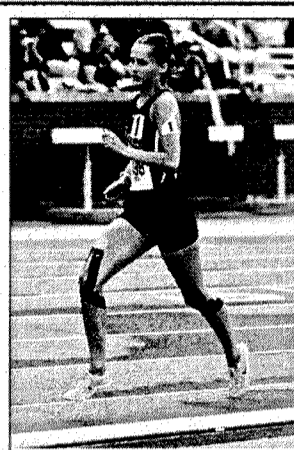
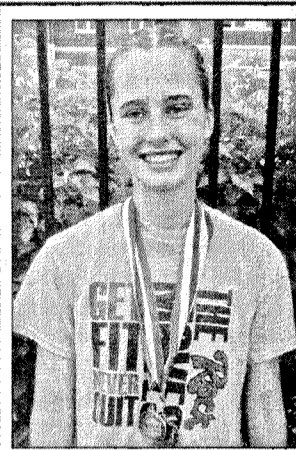
These archers have put in a lot of time and dedication.



Kyle Coffey and T.J. Ramsey with the medals they earned for 1st and 5th places.



Alyssa Martin and T.J. Ramsey after shooting in the Open Bullseye Tournament.

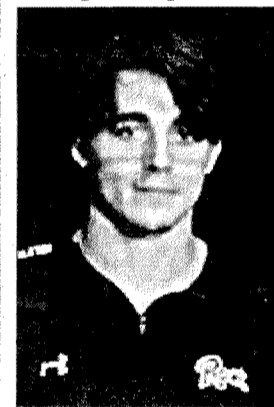


Earns all-state honors in 800 and 1600

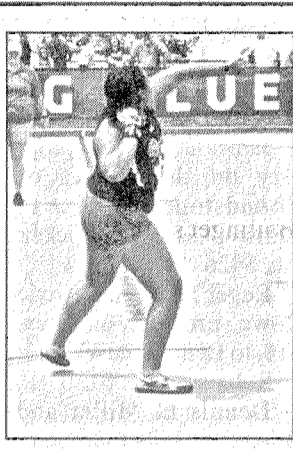
RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson had two outstanding all-state level performances at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championships at the University of Kentucky on Friday. Lexi came into the meet with the top times in the state in Class 2A in both the 1600 and 800-meter runs and won regional titles in both events at the regional championships recently. In the 1600, Lexi ran a great race, placing 4th overall with an all-time personal best at state of 5:16.46. Her 5:06 regional time would have won state by three seconds. Following a weather delay, Lexi got off to a great start in the 800-meter run. Another fast-paced finish placed her 3rd overall in an impressive 2:19.96, also an all-time personal best at state. Her regional winning time of 2:16 would have been good enough for the state title win by around one second. Lexi earned all-state honors in both events for her outstanding performances during both the regular season, as well as region and state. She has had an historic freshman season for the Lady Rockets and will certainly grow stronger and faster with each year that passes. She will continue to be a state title contender in both events for the next three seasons and will also be going after some all-time state records in her events.

RCHS senior Nik Chasteen had two outstanding performances at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championships at the University of Kentucky on Friday.

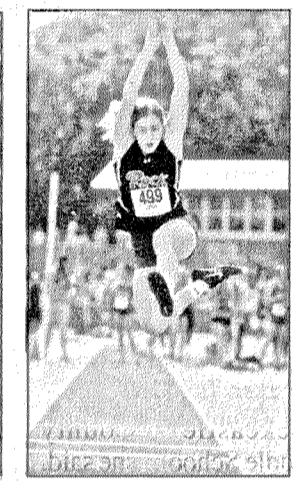
Nik qualified in the 100 and 200-meter dashes after finishing as regional runner-up in the 200 and 4th in the 100 at the regional championships recently. In the 100, Nik ran an awesome race, placing 17th overall with an exceptional time of 11.43, just missing his all-time personal best by three hundredths of a second. In the 200, Nik ran another amazing race and placed 13th overall with a fast time of 23.22 seconds. Nik finished his career as the all-time RCCHS record holder in the 200-meter dash, having ran the top two times in school history, 22.82 and 22.93 seconds. His 100-meter time of 11.40 seconds also puts him near the top of the all-time list.



RCCHS sophomore Emma Watson had three outstanding performances at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championships at the University of Kentucky on Friday. Emma qualified in the 100, 200, and 400-meter dashes after finishing as regional runner-up in each event at the regional championships recently. Her impressive sprint range was on display as she was one of only three sprinters in Class 2A to run in all three sprint events. In the 100-meter dash, Emma sprinted her way to a 17th place finish overall in an exceptionally fast field of runners with an awesome all-time personal best of 13.17 seconds, which was also her best in a state championship meet. After a weather delay, she ran the 400-meter dash in which she scored an impressive 8th place finish overall with a fast time of 1:01.05, only six tenths of a second away from a top five finish. Not long after in the 200-meter dash, she blazed her way to an 11th place finish with an amazing time of 27.05 seconds, an all-time personal best in state competition and just missing her career all-time personal best by only four hundredths of a second. Her time was only fifty-one hundredths of a second away from a top five finish. Emma has really started to put together some great practices this season, as well as improving her sprinting mechanics tremendously. She should be a contender for state titles in all three events for the next two seasons.



RCCHS senior Jessalyn Burton had two outstanding performances at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championships at the University of Kentucky on Friday. Jessalyn qualified in both shot put and discus after her exceptional performances at the regional championships recently. In discus, Jessalyn just missed the finals with an awesome throw of 88'8" and an 11th place finish overall. She only missed the finals by 9". In shot put, she had another amazing performance, placing 13th overall with an awesome throw of 30'0.25". She was only 1'1.75" away from making the finals in the event. Jessalyn has been a consistent state qualifier since she began her track and field career several years ago. She finished her career as one of the all-time best throwers ever to compete for the Lady Rockets.



RCCHS junior Allie Martin had two outstanding performances at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championships at the University of Kentucky on Friday. Allie qualified in long jump, triple jump, and the 400-meter dash, although she decided to not participate in the 400 so she could concentrate on her jumping events. She has been consistently jumping 17' to 18' in practice in long jump. She had a jump around that distance in the preliminary round that was called a foul since she just went over the edge of the board. She had to play it safe on her final jump, resulting in a leap of 15'6.75" and a 13th place finish. Had she hit the board, her best effort could have placed her in the top five. After a weather delay, Allie set her sights on making the finals of triple jump. In practice this week, she made the transition from the 24' takeoff board to the 32' board which takes much more time than she's been able to work on it. Nevertheless, she came through on her final jump of the preliminary round with a finals qualifying mark of 32'8". In the finals, she just missed her all-time personal best with an awesome jump of 33'10.75" which placed her 7th overall and in scoring position. Next season, Allie will continue to work on her jumping events, as well as the sprint events. She will be a state title contender in each of her events with her continued hard work and improvements.

Beat the heat with these tips

With the summer season and its higher temperatures preparing to settle in across the region, keeping cool could mean increased energy use, leading to increased energy bills. Following a few simple tips can make all the difference when it comes to lowering energy consumption and better managing energy costs.

Check out LG&E and KU's tips for beating the heat below.

1. Tune it up: Have a certified professional give your AC a tune-up to make sure it's in tiptop shape and ready to perform in the extended high temperatures. Remember to change your filter each month or according to the manufacturer's instructions. Date your filter or set a reminder to help keep track of when it's time for a new one.
2. Keep it clear: Remove plants, dirt and grass clippings surrounding the outdoor unit of an air conditioner for uninterrupted air circulation. Periodically spray the outdoor coil with a garden hose to keep it free from debris. Inside, remember to keep registers clear and unblocked by furniture to allow cool air to easily circulate throughout the home.
3. Seal it up: Keep the cool air you're paying for in and the warm air out by sealing up any leaks or gaps around doors and windows. Sealing up ductwork also helps more efficiently cool the home.
4. Set a program: Consider the schedules of those in the household and adjust programmable thermostats accordingly. Setting the thermostat to the highest comfortable setting during the day will help manage cooling expenses. Raising your thermostat setting by one degree can save as much as 4-7 percent on the cooling portion of your energy bill.
5. Pull the shade: Closing curtains, drapes and blinds on sun-facing windows helps block rays that naturally increase indoor temperatures.

DANIEL BOONE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, INC.

Board of Directors - Low Income Representative
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. (DBCAA) is soliciting nominations from Rockcastle County Low Income population for representation on the Low Income Sector of the DBCAA Board of Directors.

Nominations will be accepted until close of business on June 30, 2021. Contact Mike Buckles at (606) 598-5127 for a nomination sheet. All nominations will be placed on a ballot sheet at an ELECTION that is to be held in Rockcastle County at the DBCAA office located at 105 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Thursday, July 15, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The winning nominee in this election will serve on the DBCAA Board until the term expires.

All nominations must be mailed to Roger Schott, Chairman of the Board at the following address:

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Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.
1535 Shamrock Road
Manchester, KY 40962

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All nomination forms must be mailed to:

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“Extension”

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notable and those present in the room seemed to agree with her plans. "My first priority is going to be a curriculum map for our district," she said. This map would keep all schools in a similar position throughout the year so that transferring students would not be behind. "Any student that moved to a different school should never fall behind," she said. "They should pick up right where they left off at their last school."

Ballinger's entire district plan centers around the idea that "students matter"

Other priorities on her list include a trauma plan, expanding mental health services, creating and holding community forums that allow the community, including parents, the chance to express their concerns, hopes and goals for their children. Ballinger's priority list also includes a Superintendent's Advisory Board for next year. The first group would be comprised mostly of students who would give her feedback about the job she is doing. "What better way to serve the students than to hear directly from them what they need and want and hope for?" she asked. "After all, it is the students who we are here to serve and students matter."

Ballinger also said she plans to focus on the budget and fiscal responsibility but one of her highest goals had been mentioned the night before at a special called meeting. "It is time for a new Rockcastle County Middle School," she said. "This is something that needs to be done now and not postponed any longer."

Ballinger ended the presentation saying she hopes for a long future in the county. "This is my passion," she said. "This is what I do and what I care about and I want to be here forever."

Dr. Fred Carter, of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, served as Ballinger's coach during her Capstone project. "This is Kentucky," said Carter. "We have showhorses and workhorses and I can tell you that Ms. Ballinger is a workhorse."

Carter explained that 125 of the current 175 Kentucky school superintendents, have four or less years of experience "This is not an easy job and it is a lonely position," he said. "But from this presentation, I don't think Ms. Ballinger will have any trouble being around for a long time."

Going around the room, most department heads and board members took turns vocalizing accolades towards Ballinger. Board member Misty Lakes said she could see Ballinger's heart in her actions. Board member Larry Hammond said Ballinger was one of the "best teachers" he had ever known.

Working out well, the presentation was due the same night that the school board was scheduled to review Ballinger's contract and salary. After a very long recess in closed session, the board returned from discussing Ballinger's review, contract and salary schedule.

According to Chairman Angela Mink, the board agreed, by a major-

ity, to extend Ballinger's contract two more years and to provide a 3% pay increase above the 3% that was already awarded in May to all district employees. "I think this takes you up to \$112 thousand," said Mink. (meaning \$112,000 annually.)

The motion to extend the contract and include the additional 3% passed 4 to 1 with only Larry Hammond voting against both motions

Ballinger said she is pleased with the extension. "It is honestly an honor to be part of the Rockcastle County School system," she said. "This is a 24 hour, seven days a week job and I love every moment of it. I am truly honored to be a part of educating, feeding and supporting each and every student of Rockcastle County."

“Votes”

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ployees, during May's monthly meeting. While all other members voted in favor of the extension and the additional raise, Hammond voted "no" on both motions.

"There are some things that need to change in this school district," said Hammond.

Hammond explained his "no" votes in a detailed letter, read in open session at a called meeting Wednesday night of the board of education, which suggests that Ballinger, and some board members as well as past Superintendent David Pensol, engaged in "questionable actions." The letter also asserts complicity in mismanaged salary structures by some other department heads and also states reasons why Hammond feels Ballinger's contract should not have been renewed.

"Her (Ballinger) efforts to correct financial improprieties that continued for four years and five months are questionable to say the least," said Hammond. As past Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools, Hammond's letter says that some board meeting minutes were "found to have been altered" and that "financial actions (of the board) do not support trust and honesty."

Hammond stated his disgruntlement with the salary schedule had been discussed with Ballinger, Pensol and the board attorney. "The payment of district staff was also a portion of my conversation, during the discussion of salaries, and the need for significant increases for all staff due to minimal increases for many years, while district staff received the nine days of additional pay," he said.

Hammond also suggested some of his questions about salaries were not presented to the auditor.

Hammond continued with several points that triggered his statement saying "I could not in good conscience vote to re-employ and appoint Carrie Ballinger as Superintendent for a two-year term...at a starting salary no lower than \$112,000."

While Hammond voted against the reappointment, all other school board members voted in favor of the contract extension and the additional pay raise. Each member of the board and most department heads each vocalized countless accolades towards Ballinger and her accom-

plishments in her first year as Superintendent.

There is currently a letter on file, at the board of education, from Mike Harmon, Auditor of Public Accounts, requesting information about district salary schedules from 2015 to 2021 and a request for a copy of board minutes documenting the presentation and approval of salary schedules for the same period.

The letter also requests a report of all vendor payments made to Cedar Rapids, LLC during the same period.

The question of whether Hammond can serve as both a member of the local board of education and interim superintendent of the Gallatin County Board of Education, is currently before the state's attorney general for an opinion.

Though Ballinger said the accusations are false, she could not comment in detail on the letter from Hammond at this time.

“Court”

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the owners of the plant are promising to meet all the requirements in another two years. "Their track record on keeping their word has sure not been too good so far," said McGuire.

However, Magistrate Shannon Bishop pointed out that the county is practically obligated to meet any request if it means the CDBG funds would be freed up. According to the agreement, once the company has 50 full time employees, the county can begin to use the money repaid on the loan for other community development projects. But until there are 50 employees at Microfoodery, no part of the \$1 million can be used for any other purpose. "If they pull this contract with us, we can't use that million dollars to help others as it is paid back," said Bishop.

Though the vote to extend the contract passed, McGuire voted "no."

According to Rockcastle County Treasurer Joe Clontz, the company is a month behind on payments and was "forgiven" for two months payments during the COVID pandemic, placing the scheduled return three months behind for the county.

Roy Reynolds, director of the Rockcastle County Conservation District, also addressed the court. Reynolds introduced new workers with the district to the court and offered the county use of a dump trailer as long as the county will participate in a dead animal pick up program across the county.

Reynolds explained the benefits to farmers who lose an animal on the farm and the dangers to the environment and the community to leave the deceased animal on the ground. Reynold said the program would help avoid a black vulture problem in the county.

Magistrates agreed the program would be helpful to the community and to farmers. Officials say the county would offer the dead animal removal program for a nominal fee. There will be more information about the program as details are arranged.

The court also reviewed the most recent Property Valuation Administrator's summary

The report shows nearly \$300 million in residential lots, land and improvements and \$106 million in farm land. The commercial and industrial PVA report indicates \$88 million leaving total real estate valued at \$493,337,236.

In Rockcastle County the total number of residential properties are 7,559 and 2,851 farms with 411 commercial properties.

In other action, the court also approved Douglas Hughes as as special deputy coroner.

The court also agreed to set the speed limit at 15 mph on the gravel portion of Old Rocky Road and Gold Dust Road and the speed limit on Poplar Grove Road at 35 miles per hour.

Judge Howell Holbrook jr., told the court that about 32 families had called to request the FEMA funding for repairs to their property from the recent flood.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz requested the court transfer \$200,000 from the Occupational Tax fund to the general fund. He also requested to move from the general fund \$15,000 to the 911 fund, \$35,000 to the jail fund, \$10,000 to the fair-ground fund and \$125,000 to the road fund. The requests were approved unanimously.

Having no further business, the court adjourned.

“Crash”

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time for them to get away and be able to respond to a new call," said Renner. "But sometimes we may have to call another county to help when there is a lot of activity at the same time."

Officials say a week like this one can cause first responders to be nearly overwhelmed with calls but when possible, help from neighboring counties or the Kentucky State Police is often utilized.

Among the standard I-75 crashes, each time rain falls, this week alone there have been tractor trailer fires, a nine-car pile-up, a four car crash, a 150 gallon fuel spill, a stolen car, residential fires and many other emergency calls in that seven days. Many of those calls came while first responders were on another call.

"It has been an extremely busy week in our county and local crews have been involved in entrapments, rescue, clean-ups and traffic control on an almost constant basis," said Franklin.

Franklin said speed and pooling water may be the cause of the extremely high number of accidents in Rockcastle County on I-75. "We have an abnormal amount of accidents in our county," said Franklin. "The section of interstate through Rockcastle County is called the Bermuda Triangle of highways throughout the state for a reason."

Among the many calls this week, a stolen vehicle was recovered by the local sheriff's office and an arson investigator was called to a residential fire on Burnt Ridge Lane in Brodhead on Monday.

Under the unusual circumstances in the county, some officials advise motorists to greatly increase safety

measures on I-75 during rain. "Especially if it is raining, motorists should take extreme care on I-75 in Rockcastle County," said Franklin.

“School”

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penses involved up to \$2 million. The motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger explained that three positions listed in the personnel report are not new positions though they had not appeared in the salary schedule before.

Ballinger explained that each position is replacing someone who has resigned or retired but the replacement will either have some added duties or the position will have different requirements to qualify for the job. Therefore, the name of the position will be changed though they are filling positions already in the budget.

One of those positions will replace the retiring Jennifer Mattingly who was serving as the Director of Student Activities.

The board also discussed a new "trauma plan" in detail which will meet requirements of the School Safety and Resiliency Act and provide several services for students in Rockcastle County schools. Watch future issues of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for more information and details concerning the Trauma Plan.

The board also agreed to table a vote to terminate school board attorney Theresa Combs. A motion by Chairman An-

gela Mink to table the issue passed unanimously.

The board also accepted the employee handbook and the coaches handbook.

The Superintendent's Personnel Action report is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired

Sarah Hasty, Academic Interventionist at BES; Stephanie Hurst, Academic Interventionist at RES; Katie Thacker, Academic Interventionist at MVES.

Resignations

Marie Dowell, RCMS Custodian; Lisa Hayes, instructional assistant at BES; Virginia Johnson, assistant cheerleading coach at RCHS; Dustin Reynolds, assistant boys basketball coach; Melissa Renner, archery head coach; Nick Williams, head boys golf coach.

Retirements

James (Ken) Mattingly, teacher at RCMS; Darrell Allen, vehicle maintenance manager; Jack Weaver, bus driver; Kathy Weaver, Bus Monitor.

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Substitutes

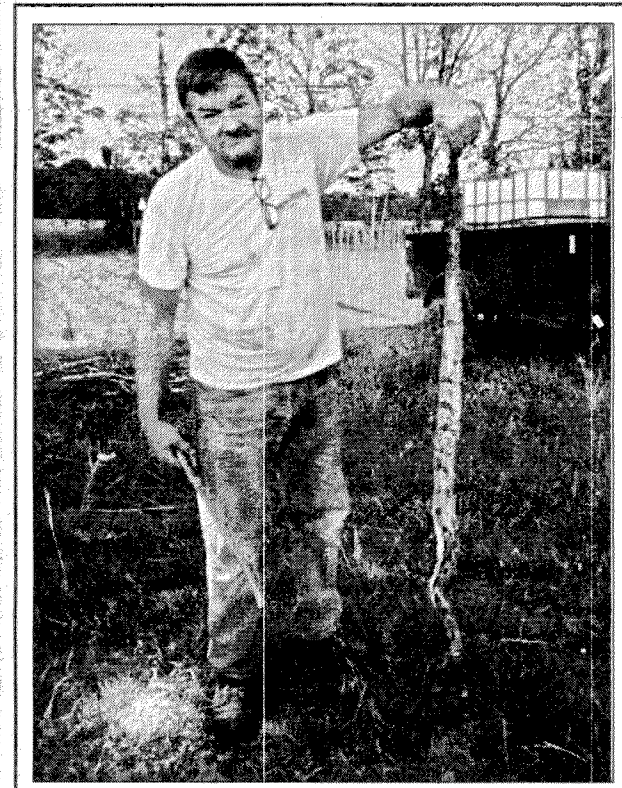
Rylee Deleon, Substitute Custodian of Lawn Care.

Contract


Modifications

Jenni Ellis, Reduced to 240-day contract; Traci Rowe, reduced to 240-day contract. (Both reductions were at employee request.)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.



Rattler
Dale Brock is shown with a rattlesnake he killed on his family farm recently in the Copper Creek area. The poisonous reptile was reported to have 15 rattles and a button. Brock said he believes the snake was headed for the creek due to hot weather. Officials advise residents to keep a close watch for venomous snakes while walking in rocky or wooded area. Rattlesnakes are part of the family of pit vipers and apparently prefer to live in shaded spaces under discarded materials.



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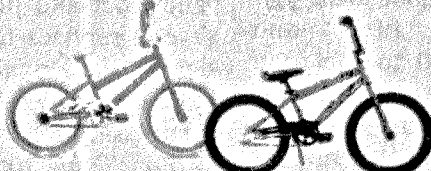


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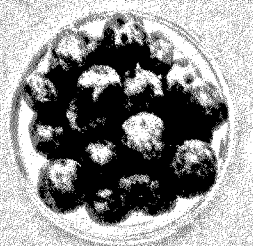


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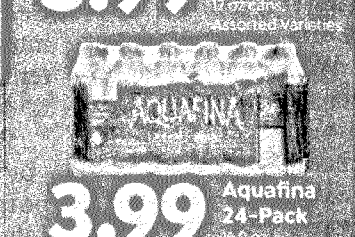


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Debra Brown receives DAR State Conservation Award

This year's recipient of the KSDAR Outstanding Work in Conservation Award is Rockcastle Chapter's Debra Brown. She was honored for her conservation work on "Suzanne's Prayer Garden," named in honor of her late daughter.

According to Mrs. Brown, the vision of this garden began in 2010 while she was sitting in church listening to the sermon about fruits of the spirit. She began sketching out a rough draft of her garden on the church bulletin. She contacted the KY Christian Camp about the design, and it was approved almost immediately. Unknowingly to her, the garden was to be a shade and moon garden.

A garden project of

this type takes studying the four different times of day for the sun coverage and shade and what types of plants would thrive in this environment. Tons of rock were collected, and truckloads of good dirt were hauled to the site. With the help of 75 volunteers the first year, the garden had its beginning.

A key element to the design was a large water fountain resembling early water vessels used in biblical times, surrounded by a circle of rock with 20 liriope plants. Next came 7 individual planting areas with rock containing each one. The walkways resemble sun rays. This was a circle within a circle and finally overall garden was squared.

Out from the circle

with another circle, a feature with biblical symbolism was placed in each corner. The first was a large water feature representing the living water which washes our sins away. The second was a huge cross that Jesus was crucified for our sins; the third was a huge rock that was engraved with Jesus is the Rock, and the final feature was a statue of Jesus with children to show the faith of the innocent.

Over the years, over a thousand plants have been planted in the garden. Plants were donated or financed by anonymous donors. Thousands of dollars have been donated to purchase water pumps, plants, mulch, benches, and small fine gravel for pathways.

The garden has become a place where adults and youth come to meditate, pray, and even use the site for weddings. The garden was built in memory of a former camper, Suzanne Brown, who passed away early in her life. It is in her memory that a group of hardworking youth and adults continue to be involved in this tranquil and peaceful setting.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the 124th KSDAR State Conference was held virtually this year and the State Conservation Chair, Carla Hawkins was unable to present the award in person. Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams presented Mrs. Brown her award at an in-person award ceremony

here in the county.

If you know of someone who qualifies for this award, please contact

Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.



Debra Brown (left) is this year's recipient of the KSDAR Outstanding Work in Conservation Award. Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams presented the award.

Online renewal option for driver's licenses announced

Gov. Andy Beshear announced this week that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has launched a service to drive Kentucky into a new era of driver licensing online renewal of drivers and motorcycle licenses.

This is a dramatic step forward for customer convenience the ability to go online to renew your driving credential and save yourself a trip to a licensing office if you don't otherwise require in-person service, Gov. Beshear said. Modernizing state services puts Kentuckians in the driv-

ers seat to choose how they want to be served and make a Better Kentucky.

Online license renewal is among the new modern conveniences and options available to Kentuckians as a result of the phased transfer of licensing services to KYTC regional offices from local Offices of the Circuit Court Clerks. All counties are required to have made the transition by June 30, 2022, and 20 already have done so.

Were taking driver licensing to a new level in Kentucky, KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said.

Greater efficiency, greater security and more choices.

KYTC's new driver licensing service is being administered through a network of Driver Licensing Regional Offices located around the state. Eighteen offices are now operating, and more offices are planned to open.

The online renewal option is for holders of standard-issue or REAL ID licenses whose credentials will expire within six months or have been expired for less than a year and want to maintain the same card version as their current license. The applicants name and address must be the same as what is listed on their current credential.

Online renewal is available at <https://dlrenewal.ky.gov>

The online renewal option does not apply to:
• Kentuckians requesting a license replacement (lost/stolen cards).

• Kentuckians upgrading from standard-issue license to a REAL ID.

• Kentuckians upgrading from four-year to eight-year expiration.

• Those needing a license with changed name or address.

• Commercial drivers licenses (CDL).

Applications for a replacement license or a license that reflects a change of name or address must be made in person. That can be done at any Driver Licensing Regional Office, or Office of Circuit Court

Clerk in the customers county of residence, provided the clerk has not yet transferred licensing services. A list of counties that have transferred services to regional offices is available at drive.ky.gov/pages/circuit-clerks.aspx.

Initial application for a REAL ID must be made in person and can only be done at a KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office due to document verification requirements. Kentucky REAL ID cardholders may renew their REAL

ID online when they are due to renew.

Regional Offices currently are operating in Bowling Green, Burlington, Catlettsburg, Columbia, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Jackson, Lexington, Louisville/Bowman Field, Louisville/Dixie Highway, Louisville/Hurstbourne, Madisonville, Morehead, Owensboro, Paducah, Prestonsburg, Richmond and Somerset. The Louisville/Bowman Field office is open by appointment only.

Deputy completes special training

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Deputy Sam Brock has completed a seven-week course on accident reconstruction. Sheriff Shannon Franklin says the training was needed locally.

"Rockcastle County is notorious for I-75 vehicle accidents and, in order to better serve the people of our county and provide more detailed information for insurance claims, we are all proud that Deputy Brock has completed the training.

But that isn't the only benefit, according to Franklin. "The most important benefit to his training will be our ability to provide better closure for families who may have lost a loved one in a vehicle accident. It helps a family to know exactly what happened."

Thanks to efforts of Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, the department is also expecting some crucial equipment related to the training.

"It takes some very specialized equipment to properly reconstruct an accident," said Franklin. "Often, the area and the vehicles involved are so damaged that special equipment is needed to help reconstruct an accident. Thanks to Jeremy and Josh, we believe we will be able to have some of that equipment."

Franklin says his department is constantly making efforts to improve service to the citizens of

Rockcastle County and he believes this training will be another part of that department growth.

"We appreciate Deputy Brock's efforts," said Franklin

Brodhead holds regular meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Brodhead City Commission held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening at City Hall. Items discussed on the short agenda included a replacement dump truck for the water and sewer department.

After discussing the issue at the last meeting, Emergency Management Coordinator Brian Bussell said he found state surplus dump trucks available. "There are several of them of different years and they are all \$14,000," said Bussell. "You just go in and pick out the one you like best and it is \$14,000." Bussell said the surplus trucks include dump trucks up to 2011 models.

The commission members voted unanimously to approve the purchase and some members, along with water department workers, will go pick out a truck within weeks. "This way we don't have to go look and then hold another meeting to approve the purchase" said Commissioner Brian Bullock.

Commissioners also agreed to seek bids on a

new canopy at the Brodhead City Park.

In other action, Bullock said the Brodhead Fire Department has been extremely busy but the recent bass fishing tournament fundraiser went even better than expected. "We need to thank our sponsors and all who helped make the bass tournament a major success," said Bullock. The Brodhead Fire Department is continuing to attempt to raise funds since their biggest fundraiser was cancelled last year due to COVID-19.

Bussell also discussed options concerning repairing the city park after recent flooding saying that FEMA officials may prefer to replace the dirt paths with concrete or blacktop walkways. "They are getting tired of having to repair the dirt walking paths," he said.

Commissioners also discussed plans to repair several potholes in the city limits.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

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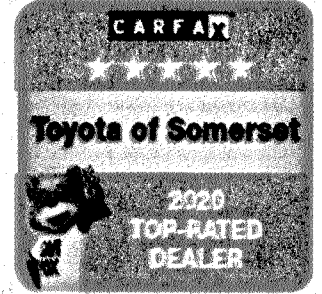
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