

Driver's tests to restart in Rockcastle

Beginning Thursday, June 25, anyone residing in Rockcastle County, needing to take a written test for a driver's license permit, CDL license, or reinstatement of a driver's license that has been expired for more than a year, or suspended and are test authorized can call the Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office for an appointment on Thursday, July 2nd, according to Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel.

On that date, a representative of the state department of transportation will be in our county to test eligible Rockcastle citizens.

This is a one day event in an attempt to accommodate as many people as possible.

If you are a Rockcastle citizen and a permit holder, needing to take the actual road test, you will need to go online at Drive.KY.gov and register as the Department for Transportation will be in Rockcastle on Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, July 16 to administer driver testing. (You must wear a mask or you will be turned away, per DOT requirements).

If you have any questions about any licenses, feel free to call, my office at 606 256-2581.



One of the in-person voters to vote Tuesday at the only precinct in the county, sat alone in the third floor precinct at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. The voting process began on June 8th, via absentee votes and ended on Election Day Tuesday, June 23rd. All votes are expected to be tabulated by Tuesday, June 30th when the results of the election will be certified and will be published in next week's Signal.

New budget approved for Mount Vernon

Projects about to restart

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council met once again in council chambers this month for the regular meeting after two months of zoom meetings.

The first order of business was presentation of the monthly financial report for council members to inspect and then the fiscal budget for a second reading approval. "We had expected some changes from the first reading but we still aren't certain about all the af-

fects the COVID-19 Pandemic has had on our finances," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "The budget is unchanged from the first reading and we can easily include amendments to the budget as more information is available."

City Administrator Josh Bray told the council members the budget includes a savings of over \$20,000 in worker's compensation and general liability insurance. Bryant said the budget is "extremely conservative" until the affects of the pandemic have been cal-

culated. The budget for the fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 includes total cash revenues in the General Fund of \$1,757,450, Municipal Aid Fund of \$175,600, LGEA Fund of \$71,900, Water and Sewer Fund of \$4,439,274 and UDAG Fund of \$63,553. Total appropriations from the General Fund

County approves fiscal year budget amid uncertainties about COVID-19

— May need amendments

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County fiscal court held a special called meeting Monday afternoon for the second reading and approval of the 2020-21 fiscal year county budget.

County Treasurer Joseph Clontz said the budget may have to be amended through the year, since the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic may not be calculated yet.

"It may be next year before we know the full effects that the shutdowns and other restrictions had on our budget," said Clontz. "In the meantime, all we can do is plan for the worst and hope for the best and I think we have done that."

In fact, even before the second reading of the budget, there are already 4 budget amendments that have been approved.

The total general fund appropriations budget are estimated at \$3,575,859 and the total road fund budget of \$1,977,728 in expenditures. The total jail fund appropriations are \$1,563,646 while the LGEA fund shows \$282,594. The 911 fund shows total appropriations at \$403,731 and the CSEPP fund at \$537,437.

Total budget appropriations, including the

are estimated at \$1,752,319, Municipal Aid Fund expects \$140,000 in expenditures, LGEA Fund, \$12,000, Water and Sewer Fund, \$4,038,942 and UDAG Fund, \$2,400.

A total of \$662,116 is expected as a budget surplus. The budget passed unanimously.

Members were also informed that all city parks are now open but the splash pad at Lake Linville has been classified as a pool and cannot be opened at this time.

Councilman Clifford Mullins told council members he would be in favor of more of the art work that has been done in the town through the Rockcastle Arts Association. "It is amazing work and I think we should commission them to do more work around town."

Councilmembers also forestry fund and fair-ground funds, are estimated at \$8,358,996 for the next fiscal year.

On the revenue side of the budget, the total general fund revenue is estimated at \$3,575,859 and the road fund revenues at

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Rockcastle loses a living legend

By: Mike French
Editor

If you are in any way involved in the entertainment industry, you already know Rockcastle County lost a living legend when Wallace Logan "Pete" Stamper passed away on Tuesday, June 9.

Since 1952, Stamper has been involved with Renfro Valley and his accomplishments in the entertainment industry nation wide, rival those of any star from Kentucky's history.

Fans knew of his tal-

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Accidents on I-75 continue weekly

By: Mike French
Editor

For many years, I-75 in Rockcastle County has been the site of countless vehicle accidents. So much so that the State of Kentucky embarked on a multimillion dollar I-75 widening project.

However, though the

project is somewhat complete coming from the north end of the county and work has moved to the southern end of the county, I-75 accidents are still a weekly occurrences.

According to Mount Vernon Fire Department

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heard about several projects that have been delayed due to the pandemic but Mayor Bryant and Bray said such projects are expected to restart soon. One of the anticipated projects is the reworking of some of the storm drainage system to prevent the usual flooding after heavy rains.

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Two new cases

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there has been two positive cases of the Coronavirus and one probable case in the past week. No details were released but this brings the total confirmed cases in Rockcastle to 20. One case was reported last week and one on Monday of this week.

Election a success thus far

According to officials, there may be a record numbers of voters who have turned out to vote

during a primary election across the state, since voters were not limited to one day to exercise their right. Due to changes in scheduling, during COVID-19 restrictions, actual numbers were not available at press time.

Hopefully, local election results will be available in time to be published in next week's issue of the Signal.

Officials still planning to hold Relay for Life

— May look different

By: Mike French
Editor

The annual Relay for Life event, originally planned for this weekend, has been moved to September 18 and will be handled differently this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations.

But officials are say they are "committed to putting on this community event that focuses on raising awareness and support for cancer survivors and raising funds to find a cure for this dis-

ease," according to Jana Bray, Community Relations Director of Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Details of the Relay for Life event are still being worked out, but some tentative scheduling is underway.

Officials say on Friday, September 18 there are plans to hold a nontraditional event that will consist of a luminaria area combined with a drive through style survivor ceremony.

A Survivor and

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Notice

Due to the voting procedures and pandemic restrictions, all the different methods of voting this year will not be certified until June 30. Results for in-person voting on Election Day only, are expected to be posted on the courthouse doors Tuesday evening, June 23rd, after those votes are tabulated. However, certified total results will be in next week's issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I didn't have a column last week because, frankly, I was so alarmed by current events in our country that it was hard to wrap my head around what is happening and what the answer is to getting it resolved.

Never in my lifetime have I thought it was possible for a group of people to "take over" a portion of a major city and declare themselves the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone" or CHAZ, which has now been changed to the "Capitol Hill Occupied Protest Zone" (CHOP).

My first thought is where do these people's rights end and mine begin?

They originally blocked off a six block area, which included a police precinct which the police abandoned to them, and the residences and private businesses within that zone had no say as to whether or not they wanted to be a part of CHAZ/CHOP. The city's mayor and the state's governor described the event as a block party/festive occasion and an exercise in Democracy. Of course that Democracy ended for one person in the zone who was murdered Saturday night and the police weren't allowed into the area to investigate.

How ridiculous. The mayor even helped blockage the area when a negotiation changed the original six block area down to three blocks.

The same tactic was tried in Washington, DC Sunday and was quickly squelched but a statue of Andrew Jackson was pulled down during the chaos.

Make no mistake, this is a well-financed well-organized attack on our country, backed by advocates of the New World Order (especially by Nazi George Soros) that would profoundly change our country's direction to the detriment of all its citizens.

Defund the police? Sure, let's do that. I understand social workers have been designated in some cities to

answer some 911 calls usually handled by the police. This is patently ridiculous. Social workers are in a dangerous enough profession already before being put at the mercy of mentally deranged people and law-breakers. I, personally, cannot envision a world without police. A world that we can be sure will immediately fall into anarchy with survival of the fittest (and most ruthless) the order of the day.

You can be assured this present chaos has been meticulously planned since President Trump's election. It is an "if everything else fails" ploy, a last ditch effort to derail his reelection and to "end liberal democracy and challenge Western civilization itself," according to Tucker Carlson of Fox News, an opinion with which I totally concur.

As to the "cancel culture," nothing is immune. It has even got to the point that Black Activist Shaun King is now calling for "all images depicting Jesus as a 'white European' should be torn down because they are a form of white supremacy, including murals and stained glass windows of white Jesus and his European mother and their white friends."

But, this doesn't seem so farfetched since statutes of that racist President Abraham Lincoln and Civil War General Ulysses S. Grant have already been destroyed, along with a statue of President Teddy Roosevelt.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Before I even entered the building my mind instantly traveled back to 1967.

I put my hand on the old time door handle that had the button on top that you have to push down to open the door. Then, the door itself was solid oak wood and must have been very heavy because it took a good push to open. It appeared to have been painted a dozen times and it made a slight squeak as it swung.

My first step on the wood plank floor caused squeaks as well and I noticed all the boards didn't line up exactly. A well worn path showed as faded stain where customers had made their way from the seats by the storefront glass to the old hard barber chair.

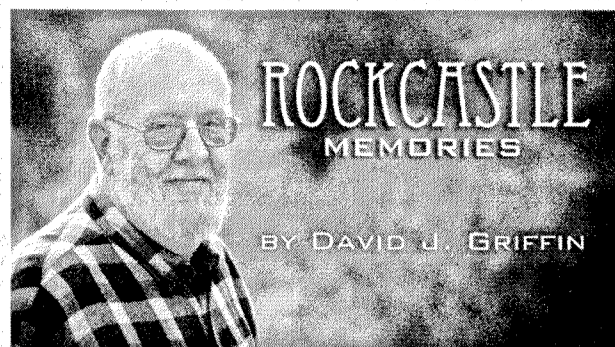
There were a few older fellows sitting in chairs around the walls as I looked closely at the old photos and antique trinkets hanging on the walls. As I looked at each item such as old mole-hair shave brushes and two-sided razors, I listened as those waiting for a trim discussed the flu season, plumbing problems at home and poor old what's-his-name who had been sick recently.

Occasionally, someone would burst into the old barber shop causing

everyone to stop and look up from their newspaper. "Hey, Can I come by about 4 and get a cut?" The barber, calmly working on the white hair of his customer, responded with no sense of urgency. "Sure, Just come on by. I should still be here."

Once my name was called, I sat in the chair with my feet up on the rotating foot stand attached to the chair and the barber wrapped the cape around my neck.

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Pop's Bees

I have been corresponding with Clinton Helton, a close personal friend of our family, who is several years older than I am. We have remained in remote touch since I was a small boy, but have done so more frequently in recent times.

Clinton surprised me a few weeks ago when he relayed a story about my grandfather (Pop). He explained that Pop kept bee

gums (hives) on our small farm in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County. I remember the farm from the time I was six-years-old, and in my memory there were no bee hives on our property. When I inquired of Clinton about the bees, he told the following story.

"About once a year, Gene (Pop) would put a see-thru cover over his head and take in hand a smoker before heading for the bee gums. Once there he would remove the top, where he would see a layer of beautiful honey comb filled with lots of honey as the bees went about plying their trade. With a few puffs of smoke, the bees would scatter, and he would take most of the honey, leaving just enough to feed the bees who lived in the hive. Oh, boy! How tasty this honey was! I would get a nice piece of comb dripping with this heavenly nectar and chew away until only the bee's wax was left, which I reluctantly spit out."

Because I had no knowledge of Pop's bees, I decided to ask my older brother (Al) to see

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Points East

By Ike Adams



By late June in the 1950s and early 60s, the strawberry patch was pretty much picked out but my Mom would ask us boys to if we would run out there and see if we could still find a few for mash up for supper. If there was a single berry left in the field, she didn't want it to go to waste.

Dad usually mowed the field in early July and plowed the plants under. We then we set about digging the young "runners"

out into wide rows so they would make plants for the coming year. He also allowed friends and neighbors to take all the old plants they wanted to set out in their own gardens. Every plant in this year's current strawberry crop will usually produce at least a dozen new plants for the coming year.

We never sold a lot of strawberries on Blair Branch because most of our neighbors already had

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



Just Puttering Around the House

Dear Journal,
Did you ever have one of those days when you

were busy doing close to nothing but all you did was of importance? We slept in a little this morning and we sure needed it. Age is catching up with the both of us.

We got up after getting five little dogs out of the bed. They sleep with us every night and each one has its spot where it sleeps. We sometimes lose two or three in the cover in the winter with all of the layers of cover on us. The smallest one sleeps quite often on top of Stanley's head on his pillow. It is good for the winter, keeping his bald head warm, but not so much for summer. The others sleep on the floor in our room and each one has selected its own spot to sleep. There is a larger dog, a beagle, that gets in

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from July 6 through July 20, 2020. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll, **PLEASE CALL 606-256-4194 TO DISCUSS YOUR ASSESSMENT OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

This is the January 1, 2020 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2020 will be due in the Fall of 2020.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator. Unless otherwise determined by the property valuation administrator, inspections will be conducted remotely. If in-person inspections are available, the tax roll may be inspected between the hours of **8:30 am and 3:30 pm by appointment only to ensure social distancing.**

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, all conferences will be held via videoconference, where available, email, telephone or fax. Documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required; however, you will receive specific instructions on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office about your intention to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

Your appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He or she must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

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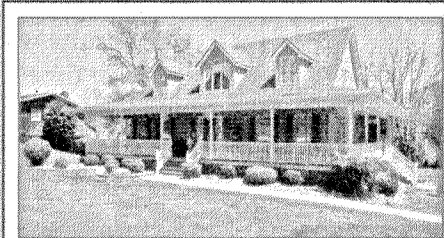
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“ramblings”

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I don't know how this is going to end. Are our Republican senators going to sit quietly by and allow this carnage to continue when there are laws on the books that it is a criminal offense to destroy statues of public figures? Apparently they are because I haven't heard anything said by them against this, except for President Trump.

Of course, the vast majority of the out-of-control protests are taking place in states ruled by Democrats so just think about that when you go to the polls in November.

“Aces”

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He started tying it behind my head four different times but was interrupted each time either by someone coming in or a question from one of those waiting their turn. Each time the barber would

answer the question and give his full attention to each one. Only then, did he get back to tying my cape.

There was clearly no hurry and we were all enjoying our day as he asked me how I wanted it cut. The lack of urgency and calmness in the old barber shop caused my own stress level to drop and I started to forget appointments and plans and schedules.

During the hair cut we talked about God, the government, the flu and kids these days. "There have been over 20 couples married right here in this barber shop," he said. "I even have 80 year old men come in and ask me for marital advice. A barber has to know about a lot of different things," he said with a wink.

When he finished cutting, he put hot shave cream on my neck and used an old fashioned

straight razor to shave the back of my neck. I was wiped down and he thanked me for my business as I left with exactly what I had asked for.

I tell this story because this happened to me this weekend at Jason Medley's Barber Shop in Livingston. It was one of the few times since 1967 that I had a business show such customer appreciation, friendliness, conversation and plain old kindness. Very rarely am I put in mind of how customers were treated or how a business was operated in 1967. Back before cell phones made cashiers act as though I am interrupting their day. Back before I was treated as though the business owner did me a big favor by serving me. Back when I got exactly what I asked for and was appreciated for doing business there.

I had about forgotten such businesses existed. But Jason's shop reminded me of my barber in 1967 when my dad sat me in the seat and told the barber to give me a flat top haircut.

The talk was clean, people were friendly, I and everyone there was treated respectfully and I left with a smile.

We are blessed to have a lot of great barbers and salons in our county. I used this one in this column only because I was there Friday and it took me back to my childhood.

I wish more businesses, political speeches, church services, and common social values took me back to 1967 more often.

Thanks to Jason for the great hair cut. But thanks mostly for treating me like an old friend who had been there a hundred times. That is what a business is supposed to do. Yes, it does still exist.

“Memories”

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if he remembered the hives on our property. To my surprise, Al remembered them being close to Pop's grape arbor. He relayed his remembrance:

"My memories are vague, to say the least! I do remember Pop bringing in the inner workings of a bee hive. I think they were in a wash pan. I remember Pop and Mommie taking maybe butcher knives and stripping the honey and the honeycomb off the inner hives. If I remember correctly, it was somewhat of a happy ritual. I believe it was done either on the screened-in back porch, or in the small kitchen."

Al continued, "I remember Pop had a beekeeper hat with webbing

hanging down from the large brim, all the way down to his shoulders. I also remember a smoker, an apparatus with a billows. That billows may have hung in Pop's smokehouse through the years. When the bee hive was open, in order to retrieve the comb and honey, Pop had to protect himself from the zooming, defending bees, thus the webbing hat and billows smoker."

I asked about the number and location of the bee hives. He replied, "I honestly don't know! I was thinking they may have been located out near where his grape arbor was located. Thinking practically, the hives would have been located near a clover field, or near blooming plants. I do remember the occasion of Pop and Mommie preserving the honey after Pop raided the hives. I believe they used quart jars with removable lids."

I too, remember our family having jars of honey on the table for most of our meals. It was a nice treat, but I never knew there is any family history involved in it.

Learning something new about my family was certainly a pleasant surprise. Frankly, I am stunned that Pop never told me about his beekeeping skills.

My thanks to Clinton and Al for informing me about their memories of Pop and his bees. I wish Pop had continued to keep bees when I was a young boy. I would have loved to share such an interesting hobby with him.

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

“T. J.’s”

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and out of the bed as it suits him during the night.

The next step is to let the dogs out. Then we give the medicine. About half of them are on at least one or more medicines throughout the day. I've had to make a daily medicine chart. Quite a few of them are elderly. One is totally blind, two are deaf, one or two are incontinent of their bladder, and two or three are almost crippled from arthritis. Some have a specialized diet due to allergies and the others are too picky, turning up their noses at what is served. They want variety, too. People wonder why we never go anywhere. Who can we get to take care of this bunch? Then there are the cats, the rabbit, and turtles. There is food left out for the squirrels, birds, wild rabbits and such. They're all wel-

come except that big black snake that has driven me from my own front porch. Everything has to be special and get what it wants.

Now, we can eat our breakfast and take our medicine. This morning I made some homemade cheese puffs and strawberry turnovers. They were delicious and sugar-free, too. We hope to do some laundry today, sort through some clothes, giving some away and boxing up the winter stuff to take to the London house.

While we are over at London, we may look for some rhubarb at Walmart or Kroger. We have already searched locally. I've missed the rhubarb season two years in a row and I'm determined to have some this year. Stanley has bought me the last rhubarb plant in this county that he could find for Mother's Day. I want to make some strawberry/rhubarb preserves and some watermelon rind pickles and watermelon preserves.

Hopefully, we can wash some of the kitchen cabinets today. Stanley said that I'd regret painting them white. I was going for that new "old farmhouse" look. I sure wish I knew someone who knew how to write in that certain style that goes with it. I can't seem to find any stencil that suits me. Stanley says that I'm too hard to suit...have to have everything to match. Women understand.

I've promised to make Stanley a nice meal for Father's Day since we can't go out. We've yet to find a way to eat with a mask over your face. I'm making New York strip steaks, baked potatoes, a salad with bleu cheese crumbles, and a homemade orange jello salad for dessert. I sure hope we get a few bites of it. The dogs stand around begging for a bite and meal-time usually looks like communion at a Catholic Church.

“Points East”

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a patch they'd started from ours. But most folks only needed a couple of short rows with a couple hundred plants.

We grew about two acres with several thousand plants, at one point in time, but scaled it back to about an acre by the time I was out of grade school.

Still, as far as I was concerned, an acre of strawberries was about 99,999 one thousandths of an acre too many. Picking strawberries from daylight until dark, seven days per week, during the 5 weeks they stayed in season was my introduction to summer vacation during my grade school years. I was al-

lowed to eat all I wanted while picking them but that got old really fast. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't founder on strawberries. However, getting sick on them was never considered a valid excuse to stop picking. And the only thing worse than picking strawberries all day long is doing it with a belly ache.

I was 60 years old before I even thought about eating strawberries on purpose. To this day, I suspect that learning to like them in my old age may have been brought on by a stroke. Now I'll buy a quart of fresh strawberries every time we grocery shop. I usually wind up eating them by myself.

We canned at least 100 quarts of strawberries every year which meant there was almost always a hot or leftover strawberry cobbler on the table or in the refrigerator waiting for a late night snack. There was always, 365 days a year, a pint of strawberry jam on the table at every meal. Strawberry jam spread on cornbread tastes a lot better than it sounds. I remember being told that I was not allowed to open a jar of apple butter, peach preserves, or blackberry jam until the open jar of strawberry jam was polished off.

We didn't have a stand-alone freezer (deep freeze) during the 50s and early 60s, but the freezer compartment on our refrigerator was crammed full of sugared strawberries and freezer jam. We would leave just the exact amount of space among the berry containers to fit in a half gallon box of ice cream as though it was a piece of a jig saw puzzle. The frozen berries were usually reserved for times when company was there for the week and staying all night. That happened at least once or twice a month. Mom took great pride in having our kinfolks swear that her shortcake and pie strawberries tasted like they just came out of the garden.

I, personally, would not have given a penny for anything strawberry but company coming usually included at least one meal of chicken and dumplings. As far as I was concerned, chicken and dumplings didn't need any dessert. My late Uncle, Jim Adams, would always ask me, "Are you sure you don't want a bowl of this strawberry cobbler, Ike?" He knew that I didn't care for anything strawberry related.

I would tell him, "No, I don't want any unless you'd be willing to swap that bottle of Peach Nehi for my cobbler".

In fact, I would have swapped anything on the table for a Peach Nehi, which, in my humble opinion was the best soda pop that's ever been invented. A Strawberry Nehi was the worst!

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Rockcastle Library Has Reopened

The Rockcastle Library reopened Tuesday, June 9th.

Their hours will now be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bookmobile Schedule: Monday, June 29th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie. Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

Health Dept. Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd and reopening on Monday, July 6th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

DBCAA Monthly Meeting

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30th at 10 a.m. via teleconference. If you have questions or would like to request call-in information, feel free to contact DBCAA at 606-598-5127.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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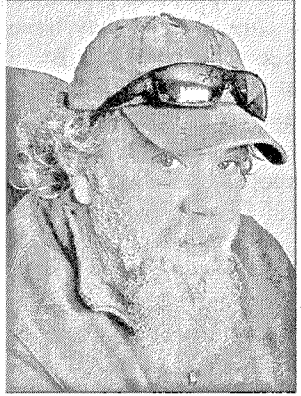


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Obituaries

Barry Lee Kirby

Barry Lee Kirby, 53, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Indianapolis, IN on June 29, 1966,



the son of G.E. and Truda Chasteen Kirby. He worked as an electrician in Indiana until moving to Kentucky about 10 years ago, and was of the Baptist faith. He loved spending time with his family and very much enjoyed watching his great nephews and nieces and spending time with them. He will be truly missed.

He is survived by: his brothers, Gerald (Sharla) Kirby of Livingston, and James Edward (Alice) Kirby of Indiana. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: two sisters, Cheryl Perry and Donna Kirby; two brothers, Donald Dwayne Kirby and Brian Keith Kirby; and grandparents, Ernest and Ethel Kirby, and Armon and Harriett Neely.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, June 20, 2020 in the Chasteen-Cope Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Cemetery Notices

Maple Grove Cemetery

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

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

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

Johnetta Cemetery

Please Note: Please have all flowers on the ground picked up by Saturday, June 20th so that mowing may resume.

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

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

Roberts Cemetery

Donations needed! Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

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

Pittman Cemetery

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

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

Livesay Cemetery

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

Mareburg Cemetery

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

Any donations for the mowing and maintenance of McKinney cemetery should be sent to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Ricky A. Burdette

Ricky A. Burdette, 60, husband of Debbie, of Brodhead, died Monday, June 22, 2020 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born June 16, 1960, a son of Glynn and Jerri (Bullock) Burdette. He married Debbie Kirby on May 15, 1981 and from that union came two children, Derrick and Dustin. He retired after 26 years as a maintenance technician for the Rockcastle County School system, was a charter member of the Copper Creek Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing, hunting, grandchildren, and Ford motors.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Debbie Burdette; two sons, Derrick Allen (Angela) Burdette of Berea and Dustin Vernon (Hannah) Burdette of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Silas Burdette and Aubrey Burdette; one brother, Glynn Shawn (Carrie) Burdette of Mt. Vernon; and two sisters, Sherri (Danny) Jones of Williamsburg and Vicky (Bill) Wright of Richmond.

Services will be at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 24, from 6-9 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 1 p.m. with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

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



Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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A Winner Of One Soul

Let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sins. James 5:20 The law of the Lord is perfect in converting the soul to Jesus Christ, and every soul should be important to all who call upon the name of the Lord. Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that wins souls is wise.

Winning souls for Christ should be the primary goal for the Church and its number one mission, Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

There is no time like the present in converting the lost to Jesus Christ. Say not yea, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you. Lift up your eyes. Look upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35 I think by reading the few verses of the Bible it relays the message, the lost are everywhere, are we doing what we should be doing as a church, in converting the lost to Jesus Christ, the opportunities are endless.

When we are dealing with those that are lost we must pray, meditate, and learn to exercise patience. We must think of our words, before we use them and do our very best to say the right thing at all times, because the first chance we get may be the only chance we get. We need to realize all people are not a like, what works today may not work tomorrow, and what worked for Bill may not work for James.

We need true conviction and we must put ourselves in the shoes of those who we are trying to convert and be willing to go the extra mile at all times much like Zacchaeus did, he climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus. It may seem simple, but he got to see Jesus.

Never appear to one you are talking to, that you have all the answers or that you are a know it all, or I told you so. The apostle Paul writes Galatians 6:1-2 But try and share the load of the one you are discussing the Bible with, try and lift their spirits, remind them of things that are everlasting, and how beautiful Heaven is, and how in this place sickness and dying no longer exist, no more pain, no more tears. Remember the words of Solomon- Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. (When faith is lost, when honor dies, the man is dead.)

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Revisit history standards, lack of school choice

By Jim Waters

After decades of debate, Jefferson Davis' statue has left the Capitol Rotunda, headed for the national historic site commemorating the slavery-supporting Confederate president's birthplace.

Davis claimed that "African slavery, as it exists in the United States, is a moral, social and a political blessing."

Davis' life and views stand in stark contrast to the values and accomplishments of those famous Kentuckians represented by statues which remain in the Capitol Rotunda, including President Abraham Lincoln, former U.S. Sens. Alben Barkley and Henry Clay as well as Ephraim McDowell, M.D., one of America's earliest medical pioneers whose father helped draft the constitution which accompanied Kentucky's admittance to the Union in 1792.

While most Kentuckians understand that personalities are critical to a well-rounded understanding of history, the commonwealth's new academic standards for public schools drastically diminish the attention given to individual contributions of great Americans and Kentuckians of the past, including most of those represented by the remaining statues.

Such an approach to teaching history increases the likelihood that the significant impact of these heroes on our nation's founding and development will get lost in bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo that only covers depersonalized events and vague concepts rather than specific - often sacrificial - contributions made by individuals.

Ironically, though Lincoln's statue remains in the Capitol, his name and individual life story are absent from the commonwealth's new social studies standards, which are supposed to cover material - including history - our students are expected to know in order to obtain a complete and quality education.

How can you have standards in Kentucky that don't even mention the name of the 16th president, who guided the nation through its most tumultuous history?

Defenders of the new standards claim it's not necessary to mention giant contributors to understand the history they created.

Really? Imagine a governor trying to use such a line of inane reasoning while having Lincoln's statue hauled out of the Capitol. "After all, folks, we can just talk in general

terms; we don't need to get into the contributions made by individuals to freeing the slaves or holding the Union together."

State law prohibits public school students from being questioned on a test about any material not included in the standards.

Since Lincoln and many of America's founders go unmentioned, how can public school students legally be questioned about them on tests?

It was important to remove Davis' statue not just because he generally stood for secession and the Confederacy but because the individual values represented by the subject of that sculpture are antithetical to this nation's founding principle that "all men are created equal."

The remaining sculptures honor not just movements and events but individuals who, like Lincoln, contributed to this nation's development - and the many righteous portions of its history - in sundry and unique ways.

Even if Lincoln might be mentioned in a discussion of the Civil War, that still leaves out many aspects about his individual life - including his birth in central Kentucky, the hardships his family faced, how he was largely self-educated and his perseverance in the face of numerous political failures.

Will such character-building lessons get taught since they're outside the approved standards?

Revisiting the presence of Davis' statue in the Capitol was the right thing to do.

Now, the legislature should reconsider Kentucky's social studies standards and demand that history's individuals be included.

Lawmakers also must reassess the abhorrent lack of school choice available to Kentucky parents, who should be empowered to enroll their children in schools with complete standards, insuring kids learn not only about our nation's mistakes but also its exceptional greatness and the lives of those who helped forge the path to its prominence.

Jim Waters is president and CEO of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions, Kentucky's free-market think tank. Read previous columns at www.bipps.org. He can be reached at jwaters@freedomkentucky.com and @bipps on Twitter.

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“Budget”

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Bray said he and other city officials are looking into possible COVID-19 grants or funding that may be available to the city. “We are looking into any possible funding and we expect COVID funds,” he said. “It is my understanding that we could use such funding as our match for the grant for the water plant project.” Officials say this could speed up the project designed to eliminate the bad taste and odor in the city water system. The highly anticipated project has been delayed due to the pandemic restrictions.

However, Bray and Mayor Bryant agree that the project, once completed, will eliminate the bad taste and odor.

Councilmembers also agreed to extend the city’s audit contract with the Craft and Noble accounting firm for five years. “We can lock in the current pricing and Craft and Noble are very familiar with our city,” said Bray. “We can be comfortable with them.” Mayor Bryant agreed, “They seem to look out for our well-being and they are very professional.” The measure passed unanimously.

The audit bid is for \$30,000 the first year and \$32,500 each year thereafter.

Bray also told councilmembers there has been a letter of request to annex a portion of property at Hayes Market on Highway 461. “If we are going to begin this process, we should also look at annexing the Plastics building since there could be two new businesses locating there very soon,” said Bray.

Councilmembers agreed to begin the long process of annexation starting with surveys.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department report, presented by Chief David Bales, showed 47 runs and 5,000 gallons of water used during the month of May and 183 runs this year thus far. In May, the department responded to four structure fires and 28 vehicle accidents/fires. The report also showed six EMS assists, two rescues, two hazmat calls and two mutual aids given to other departments.

The Mount Vernon Police reports was pre-

sented by Chief Brian Carter. The report showed 412 calls for service in May, which included 32 traffic accidents. There were 19 arrests made, two drug charges, one D.U.I. and 15 warrants served.

Wayne Bullock submitted the All American Club report showing 157 bags of trash removed March through May. The report also said there will be no pick up in June. Also, the State of Kentucky is about to choose the winning club for Commonwealth Week. The local club has won the award the past three years.

The next city council meeting is scheduled for July 16 at 6 p.m. at city hall.

“I-75”

(Continued from front)

Chief David Bales, on Thursday, June 18, the department, along with Rockcastle EMS and the Mount Vernon Police, responded to three separate vehicle accidents, involving 15 cars, within one hour on I-75.

On Friday, June 19 there was another wreck and on Sunday, June 21 a midnight crash happened. Also on that day, another car versus boat accident brought first responders to the interstate.

On Monday, June 22 the departments were called to three more separate accidents on the same highway.

In May alone, the department reports 28 calls involving vehicle accidents or vehicle fires along with six EMS assists. In that time, the department also responded to four structure fires.

“County”

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\$1,977,728. Jail revenue is shown at \$1,563,646 while LGEA shows \$282,594. The 911 fund shows \$403,731 in revenue while the CSEPP fund shows \$537,437.

Total budgeted revenues for the next fiscal year are \$8,358,996, for a balanced budget.

Budget amendments three and four were approved during Monday’s meeting. Amendment three increased the receipts of the general and road funds, the detention center, 911 and CSEPP budgets by \$751,538 to include unbudgeted receipts from 18 areas of government including

FEMA reimbursements and miscellaneous revenues.

Budget Amendment four increased the receipts of the general fund, road, detention center, and 911 funds to \$294,405 to include unbudgeted receipts as well.

In other action Magistrate Doug Prewitt volunteered to serve on the PVA Reviewing Assessment Board. His appointment to the board was unanimous.

The court also agreed to request bids for a new or demo 2020 or 2021 Type 3 ambulance.

The court also approved using Hanson Aggregates for all dense grade purchases and Rock and Dirt, LLC for all other similar needs due to the bids opened last week.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook also provided magistrates with a copy of an encroachment form needed for local construction so that all would be familiar with the regulation. “This is just for informational purposes. This is already our regulation but I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the requirements in the event the subject arises,” Holbrook said.

The regulation states that an encroachment permit must be obtained by the property owner, developer or utility installer, prior to starting construction of a private road or driveway that will intersect a county road or a private or public utility that will cross a county road.

The next regular meeting of the court is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

“Relay”

(Continued from front)

Caregiver Parade will line up at designated staging areas in cars that may be decorated with purple balloons, magnets, banners or other ideas and the community is encouraged to line the parade route, cheering and creating a “Spirit Line.” A projector showing survivor names may also be located along the route.

The event will also include curbside luminaria sales on the night of the Relay and there may be other dates for sales also, Bray said. Luminary bags

will also be displayed along the parade route. “If an individual purchases a bag for a \$5 donation they would also get a bag and glow stick to take home to personalize,” she said. “They could light their bag at their home on the night of the Relay for a ‘front porch luminary’ or ‘Light the Lawn’ (official name pending) event, take pictures and share on social media.”

Plans are currently in progress for providing a drive-through boxed meal for survivors on the night of the Relay but survivors must register in advance.

Bray says all the events currently being planned may be adjusted slightly but officials of the event will be certain to announce all details as they are scheduled.

“We are currently ironing out all the plans but as always this will be an event that is free and open to the public and a family friendly event,” said Bray.

Officials ask that anyone interested in Relay for Life be patient with planners as they work on ideas to best hold the event. “We ask that the community bear with us as we try to figure out the best way to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember the loved ones lost, and fight back against this disease,” Bray said.

The Relay Leadership Team plans to communicate via the hospital’s Facebook page and the Mount Vernon Signal for all updates.

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“Pete”

(Continued from front)

ent, co-workers knew of his dedication, strangers knew of his friendliness, but friends knew of his love for others.

Uncountable musicians and singers in the area attribute at least a portion of their success to Stampler’s eagerness to help a starting musician work their way into the field.

For 68 years, Stampler stood on the stage of Renfro Valley causing laughter from every seat in the house.

His career included the biggest of names as part of the first ever nationally televised Country Music show, *Red Foley’s Ozark Jubilee*, and his travels with the *Dolly Parton Show*. Stampler appeared with Porter Waggoner and countless others and even performed on the stage of the Grand Old Opry with the biggest country music stars in the world.

Of Stampler’s immeasurable accomplishments in the music industry, he seemed most pleased with the Stephen Foster

Award handed to him in 2008.

The Korean War veteran, who helped jump start the career of more musicians than anyone could count, said he loved his work as a DJ on WRVK.

Stampler even wrote a book about Renfro Valley, *It All Happened at Renfro Valley*, that has sold worldwide.

As a comedian, a musician, a songwriter, a music historian and a broadcaster, Stampler was well known throughout the country and though he was from Dawson Springs, he called Renfro Valley his home.

Editor’s note:

Moments before my first performance at Renfro Valley, standing backstage in 1989, scared, nervous and worried, Pete, whom I had met two hours earlier, put his arm around my neck and said something to me I never forgot, “I’ve heard you sing once and I already know one thing for sure Mike. they are gonna love you.” I said “How do you know Pete?” He said, “Because I already do.”

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Deadline for July 2nd paper is Friday, June 26th



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Cancelled for 2020

Jackson Energy Cooperative Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Member Appreciation Events.

This difficult decision was based on Jackson Energy’s continued commitment to do our part in following the CDC’s guidelines and the Governor’s recommendations to protect employees, members and communities.

Jackson Energy remains steadfast in our mission to provide safe and reliable service to our members.

KDA announces new produce safety rules for Kentucky growers

Under legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly earlier this year, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will begin implementing new produce safety rules across the Commonwealth.

"I wish to thank members of the General Assembly for passing House Bill 420, which allows the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) to serve as the primary agency for these rules instead of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington," said Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles. "The new law eliminates the need for federal inspection of our produce farms and places inspectional oversight under KDA field representatives who work in cooperation with the University of Kentucky (UK) and the Kentucky Food Safety Branch. In short, producers will be working with Kentuckians who know them and know Kentucky agriculture."

Congress passed the Food Safety Modernization Act, a law that tasked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with implementing new food safety protocols aimed at increasing food safety across the nation. States are able to enter into a cooperative agreement with the federal government to implement the rule.

"There are certain activities the states can do better than the federal government, and I think this is a perfect example of how states can step up to plate," Commissioner Quarles said. "We are committed to fulfilling the intent of the law and working with our producers in a collaborative way."

The new rules require fruit and vegetable growers averaging \$25,000 or above in annual sales during the previous three years (adjusted for inflation) to complete a farm survey with the KDA and a seven-hour Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training course.

With in-person produce safety training in Kentucky delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, free virtual training hosted by the KDA and UK will be offered online in June and July. Four day-long grower training courses will be offered via the Zoom online platform from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT on June 9 and 16, and July 16 and 30. The deadline to register online is one month before each course, or Saturday, May 9 for the June 9 course.

To register for a course, contact the UK's Food Systems Innovation Center at (859) 257-1546. Each course is limited to the first 20 registrants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Those registering must have a computer with a microphone and speaker, internet access, and valid email identification, and be present through all seven hours of instruction.

Previous completion of the Kentucky Produce Best Practices Training (PBPT) cannot be used as a substitute for the PSA grower training, however the PSA training can be used in lieu of the PBPT training for farmers' market sampling certificates.

For more information, contact KDA Produce Safety Program Manager Mark Reed at Mark.Reed@ky.gov or Ryan Burnette in KDA's Office of Agricultural Marketing at Ryan.Burnette@ky.gov.

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Request for Bids

Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc./ Rockcastle County Fiscal Court requests bids for a new or demo 2020 or 2021 Type III ambulance. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service prior to bid opening.

Bids can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P. O. Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please mark envelopes "Ambulance Sealed Bid". Bids are to be received no later than 3 pm on July 14, 2020. Bids will be opened at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Meeting on July 14, 2020 at 4 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. / Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest vendor or the bid that meets the specifications of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service /Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, Inc. / Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Questions regarding the bid package should be addressed to EMS Interim Director Dana Carter at (606)256-3575.

Bid Specifications

- (1) New or Demo 2020 or 2021 Type III Ambulance
- (2) Ford E350 cutaway with gas engine and ambulance conversion
- (3) Fully certified ambulance meeting all Federal and State of Kentucky regulations.
- (4) Full LED light package including loading and scene lights
- (5) Approx. 146" x 90" body with 68" interior head room with CPR seat
- (6) Drop chains
- (7) Inverter
- (8) Graphics and lettering package

Sealed bids should be delivered to Questions regarding the bid specs should be addressed to EMS Interim Director Dana Carter at (606)256-3575.

Rockcastle County 2020/2021 Budget

Summary Analysis of Appropriations

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021
Fund Type: Governmental Fund: All Funds Dept: All Departments

Major Code	Name	Budget	% Fund	% Total
General Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,263,302.29	35.33%	15.11%
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	223,032.00	6.24%	2.67%
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	126,112.00	3.53%	1.51%
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	25,400.00	0.71%	0.30%
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	101,700.00	2.84%	1.22%
7700	LEASES	630,614.90	17.64%	7.54%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	73,365.00	2.05%	0.88%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	843,035.09	23.58%	10.09%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	262,297.94	7.34%	3.14%
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	27,000.00	0.76%	0.32%
Total General		3,575,859.22		42.78%
Road Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,000.00	0.91%	0.22%
6100	ROADS	1,219,450.00	61.66%	14.59%
7700	LEASES	159,593.76	8.07%	1.91%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	28,614.00	1.45%	0.34%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	247,161.24	12.50%	2.96%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	291,909.00	14.76%	3.49%
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	13,000.00	0.66%	0.16%
Total Road		1,977,728.00		23.66%
Jail Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,092,264.42	69.85%	13.07%
7700	LEASES	96,075.00	6.14%	1.15%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	49,608.00	3.17%	0.59%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	325,699.48	20.83%	3.90%
Total Jail		1,563,646.90		18.71%
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund				
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	43,361.00	15.34%	0.52%
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	62,600.00	22.15%	0.75%
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	81,058.00	28.68%	0.97%
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	1,000.00	0.35%	0.01%
6100	ROADS	35,600.00	12.60%	0.43%
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS			
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	1,525.00	0.54%	0.02%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	57,450.00	20.33%	0.69%
Total L.G.E.A.		282,594.00		3.38%
Forestry Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,555.00	92.91%	0.03%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES			
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	195.00	7.09%	0.00%
Total Forestry		2,750.00		0.03%
Fairgrounds				
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	15,250.00	100.00%	0.18%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
Total Fairgrounds		15,250.00		0.18%
911 Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	291,650.00	72.24%	3.49%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	50.00	0.01%	0.00%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS			
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	112,031.00	27.75%	1.34%
Total 911 Fund		403,731.00		4.83%
CSEPP Fund				
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	408,325.00	75.98%	4.88%
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	4,000.00	0.74%	0.05%
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	109,200.00	20.32%	1.31%
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	15,912.00	2.96%	0.19%
Total CSEPP		537,437.00		6.43%

Name	Budget	% Total
GENERAL FUND	3,575,859.22	42.78%
ROAD FUND	1,977,728.00	23.66%
JAIL FUND	1,563,646.90	18.71%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND	282,594.00	3.38%
FORESTRY FUND	2,750.00	0.03%
FAIRGROUNDS	15,250.00	0.18%
911 FUND	403,731.00	4.83%
CSEPP FUND	537,437.00	6.43%
Total Budgeted Appropriations		8,358,996.12 100.00%

Summary Analysis of Revenues

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021
Fund Type: Governmental Fund: All Funds Dept: All Departments

Major Code	Name	Budget	% Fund	% Total
General Fund				
4100	TAXES	3,534,025.00	98.83%	42.28%
4200	IN LIEU TAX PAYMENTS	43,850.00	1.23%	0.52%
4300	EXCESS FEES	83,420.12	2.33%	1.00%
4400	LICENSE AND PERMITS	18,770.00	0.52%	0.22%
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	197,663.00	5.53%	2.36%
4600	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	26,500.00	0.74%	0.32%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	64,408.00	1.80%	0.77%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	48,750.00	1.36%	0.58%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	(441,526.90)	-12.35%	-5.28%
Total General		3,575,859.22		42.78%
Road Fund				
4200	IN LIEU TAX PAYMENTS	25,750.00	1.30%	0.31%
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	1,441,528.00	72.89%	17.25%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	10,000.00	0.51%	0.12%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	450.00	0.02%	0.01%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	500,000.00	25.28%	5.98%
Total Road		1,977,728.00		23.66%
Jail Fund				
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	741,970.00	47.45%	8.88%
4600	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	21,000.00	1.34%	0.25%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	44,500.00	2.85%	0.53%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	100.00	0.01%	0.00%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	756,076.90	48.35%	9.05%
Total Jail		1,563,646.90		18.71%
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund				
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	191,200.00	67.66%	2.29%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	3,500.00	1.24%	0.04%
4800	INTEREST EARNED	25.00	0.01%	0.00%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	87,869.00	31.09%	1.05%
Total L.G.E.A.		282,594.00		3.38%
Forestry Fund				
4100	TAXES	1,500.00	54.55%	0.02%
4800	INTEREST EARNED			
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	1,250.00	45.45%	0.01%
Total Forestry		2,750.00		0.03%

Kentucky has highest rate of food insecurity among older adults

As part of Older Americans Month, Feeding Kentucky announced the release of Hunger Among Adults Age 50-59 in 2018 and The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2018, two studies about food insecurity among older adults and seniors in the United States published by Feeding America®. The reports shed light on the extent to which food insecurity – or having limited access to enough nutritious food to live a healthy lifestyle – affects our neighbors age 50 and older.

The Hunger Among Adults Age 50-59 in 2018 report shows that for the second year in a row, Kentucky has the highest rate in the nation of food insecurity among older adults. Kentucky's rate of food insecurity among adults age 50-59 was 17.3 percent in 2018, the most recent year for which data is available. According to The State of Senior Hunger in America in 2018, 6.9 percent of Kentucky seniors age 60 and older were food insecure in 2018. In the Louisville metro area, 10.3 percent of seniors were food insecure in 2018.

"After a lifetime of working and raising families, it is unacceptable that 5.3 million seniors face hunger and that many more may be vulnerable due to this pandemic," said

Feeding America CEO Claire Babineaux-Fontenot. "As a nationwide network of 200 food banks, Feeding America is making significant investments in our senior hunger strategy to understand the barriers seniors face and support programs that increase access to nutritious food for seniors throughout the country."

Other key findings include: The current national rate of food insecurity among seniors (7.3 percent) remains substantially above the rate in 2007 (6.3 percent). If the current rate of senior food insecurity does not change, more than 8 million seniors in the United States could be food insecure by 2050.

Food insecurity does not impact all seniors equally. Black and Hispanic seniors experience food insecurity at higher rates than White and non-Hispanic seniors, respectively. Seniors with disabilities have food insecurity rates over twice as high as seniors without disabilities. Seniors who live with grandchildren are more likely to be food insecure than seniors who do not.

Adults age 50-59 who are unemployed or report a disability as the reason they are out of labor force are significantly more likely to experience food insecurity compared to older adults who are em-

ployed or retired.

"Even before COVID-19 struck, too many older adults and senior citizens in Kentucky were facing hunger after decades of hard work," said Feeding Kentucky Executive Director Tamara Sandberg. "It is especially troubling to see so many Kentuckians aged 50-59 who are struggling to put on the table instead of saving for their retirement years – a situation that we know has been exacerbated by the pandemic."

The Lift A Life Novak Family Foundation recently awarded Feeding Kentucky a \$35,000.00 grant to address the increased need for food assistance among senior citizens during the pandemic. Funds will be used to support collaborative efforts across the commonwealth to deliver emergency food boxes to senior citizens' homes.

"The current pandemic reveals that we must do more to creatively combat the troubling food insecurity that exists among our growing senior population," said Ashley Butler Novak, Executive Director of the Lift A Life Novak Family Foundation. "We are honored to partner with feeding Kentucky and their critical partners to bring much needed food directly to the homes of our senior citizens."

The studies were con-

ducted by researchers Dr. James P. Ziliak, Director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. Craig Gundersen and is the source for national-, state- and metro-level informa-

tion about food insecurity among seniors age 60 and older. The full reports can be found here.

Join the conversation about senior hunger on social media using #SolveSeniorHunger.

Blood center offers chance to win \$500

Kentucky Blood Center wants to infuse donors' summer with a little cash, so the nonprofit is giving away two \$500 gift cards each week for a total of \$16,000 awarded through September 18.

All donors who register to donate at a KBC donor center or mobile blood drive each week will be entered to win one of two \$500 gift cards. The promotion starts May 30. Donors will be entered into the week's drawing each time they give during the summer. In addition, each registered donor will receive a great patriotic "Be a Hero" shirt (while supplies last).

The event will be held in the gym at First Baptist Church, 340 West Main St., Mount Vernon.

Blood donors must be at least 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental per-

mission slip, found at kybloodcenter.org.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, KBC is requiring appointments for all donor centers and mobile drives to ensure social distancing. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

On the day of donation, donors can complete their health history questions on a tablet, computer or smartphone prior to coming to the blood drive by using QuickPass.



Caylee Cash killed her first turkey this year while hunting with her dad, Curtis. It weighed 21 pounds, had 1 inch spurs, and a 10 inch beard.



Clay Cash killed this turkey during the youth hunting season this year. It weighed 23.2 pounds, had 1 1/4 inch spurs, and a 10 1/4 inch beard.



Paige Cash killed this turkey opening day of season. It weighed 22.6 pounds, had 1 1/4 inch spurs, and a 10 1/2 inch beard.

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Fairgrounds			
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES		
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	10,500.00	68.85%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	4,250.00	0.06%
	Total Fairgrounds	15,250.00	0.18%
911 Fund			
4100	TAXES	120,000.00	29.72%
	Total 911 Fund	120,000.00	1.44%
911 Fund			
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	160,000.00	39.63%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
4800	INTEREST EARNED	150.00	0.04%
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	123,581.00	30.61%
	Total 911 Fund	403,731.00	4.83%
CSEPP Fund			
4500	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	512,437.00	95.35%
4700	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
4900	SURPLUS, BORROWING AND TRANSFERS	25,000.00	4.65%
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Submitted

Date

5-28-2020

Signed

Harold Walbridge
County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification

Date

6-18-2020

Signed

Robert O. Brown
State Local Finance Officer

This budget ordinance was duly adopted by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky, on this the 22 day of June, 2020.

Signed

Harold Walbridge
County Judge/Executive

Attest

Viki Miller
Fiscal Court County Clerk

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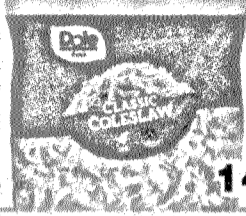
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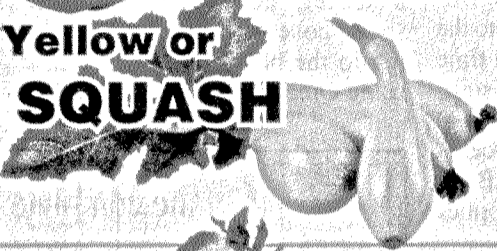
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LB

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2/\$5 Assorted Varieties LAYS POTATO CHIPS 9.5-10 oz bag

Assorted Varieties DORITOS 9 3/4 oz bag 2/\$6

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lb



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lb



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lb



10 lb box PORK RIBLETS

\$9.90



Assorted Varieties Family Size Little Debbie Sunbelt GRANOLA BARS



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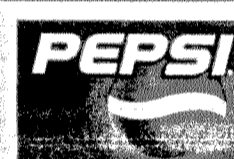
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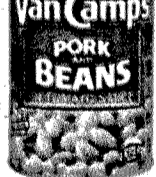
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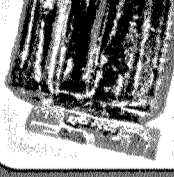
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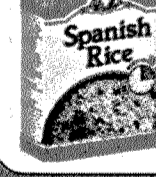
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Great American Outdoors Act will protect Kentucky's natural treasures

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) praised Senate passage of the Great American Outdoors Act last week. This bipartisan legislation, cosponsored by Senator McConnell, will improve Kentucky's national parks, wildlife refuges, forests and other public lands by investing in preservation and maintenance. The legislation will also secure permanent funding for the missions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The bipartisan bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Across the Commonwealth, outdoor recreation supports 120,000 jobs and drives nearly \$13 billion dollars in consumer spending. The Great American Outdoors Act will safeguard Kentucky's public lands, provide generations of Americans access to outdoor recreation, and sustain jobs and prosperity in the process. Additionally, the Great American Outdoors Act builds on Senator McConnell's advocacy for LWCF funding to conserve some of the Bluegrass' precious wilderness and historical sites.

"America's great outdoors are a breathtaking treasure, setting us apart from the rest of the world. Visiting public lands is an experience passed down through the generations. Now, it's our turn to preserve these natural wonders for the future," said Senator McConnell. "Across Kentucky, this bipartisan legislation can help drive tourism, support local communities, and secure these pastimes for years to come."

Senator McConnell continued, "The Great American Outdoors Act will support Kentucky's outdoor sporting and fishing traditions. And it will allow for critical maintenance and upkeep so these Kentucky lands continue to stand the test of time. As Senate Majority Leader, it was my honor to bring this legislation to the floor and deliver results for families and workers throughout Kentucky."

Senator McConnell has heard from a number of Kentucky leaders regarding the Great American Outdoors Act and the impact this legislation will have on the Commonwealth's natural treasures:

Mammoth Cave National Park

"With increased tourism being the best path for economic growth in Edmonson County, and Mammoth Cave National Park being such a large part of our county's history, we wanted to voice our strong support of the Great American Outdoors Act," said Edmonson County Judge-Executive Wil Cannon. "Restoring and maintaining Mammoth Cave National Park will have a direct positive impact to the continued growth of our county and the surrounding areas. I would like to thank Senator McConnell for his leadership on this Act."

Daniel Boone National Forest

"Senator McConnell has once again come through for Kentucky. His leadership of the Great American Outdoors Act will help make critical infrastructure upgrades throughout the Daniel Boone National Forest and specifically here at the London district office," said Laurel County Judge-Executive David Westerfield. "Senator McConnell understands the importance of this national treasure to our region and our state. He listens to what we need and makes it a priority."

"Senator McConnell has long championed

Kentucky's great outdoors, and we are grateful for his leadership to preserve the Redbird district and other natural treasures for the future," said Clay County Judge-Executive Johnny Johnson. "With everything else going on in the world, I'm proud our Senate Majority Leader kept Kentucky jobs supported by the Daniel Boone National Forest as a top priority. Senator McConnell is constantly delivering for families and workers in Clay County."

"Visitors come from all around to visit McCreary County, supporting our local workers and community. We're thankful Senator McConnell has once again put Kentucky families first," said Jimmie Greene II, McCreary County Judge-Executive. "His leadership position in the Senate continues to be a great asset for Kentucky jobs, tourism and outdoor recreation."

Cumberland Gap National Historic Park

"Since the early American explorers first laid their eyes on the West, the Cumberland Gap has been a land of opportunity and adventure. Senator McConnell, through the Great American Outdoors Act, has secured that heritage for future generations to appreciate," said Bell County Judge-Executive Albey Brock. "Tourism helps drive Bell County's economy. By putting a strong emphasis on maintenance and upkeep, Senator McConnell is helping support local workers and communities. We are thankful Senator McConnell has once again used his leadership position to benefit Kentucky families."

Land Between the Lakes

"The Land Between the Lakes is extremely important to Lyon County and Western Kentucky," said Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White. "Over the years the need for better roads and maintenance has increased while the money available to do this work has decreased. Thank you Senator McConnell for the Great American Outdoors Act! This money will make a big difference in making Land Between the Lakes the destination it should be."

"I would like to thank Leader McConnell for his commitment to the entire state but particularly his leadership and commitment to Western Kentucky," said Trigg County Judge-Executive Hollis Alexander. "The Great American Outdoors Act demonstrates his proven dedication to this area and our workers. Senator McConnell is a true leader for the State of Kentucky and the entire United States of America and we appreciate his commitment to the people of Kentucky."

Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument and Museum

"Pulaski County is so grateful for Senator McConnell's leadership in passing the Great American Outdoors Act," said Pulaski County Judge-Executive Steve Kelley. "The Act will help support Mill Springs Battlefield and Museum as part of the National Park Service to emphasize its historic importance for future generations. Pulaski County continues to benefit tremendously as a result of Leader McConnell's determination and perseverance."

Camp Nelson

"We are very excited that Senator McConnell has led the way to provide funding for such an important historical site as Camp Nelson National Monument (CNNM)," said Jessamine County Judge-Executive David West. "CNNM will serve as a beacon of freedom and will continue to grow as an attraction and an asset for Kentucky."

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge & Green River National Wildlife Refuge

"Western Kentucky's hunters, fishers, and boaters have a strong ally in Senator McConnell. He is tirelessly fighting to protect our jobs, our public lands and our treasured pastimes," said Marshall County Judge-Executive

Kevin Neal. "We are grateful to have a national leader like Senator McConnell looking out for the Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge and all who enjoy it. Many people talk about supporting Kentucky, but Senator McConnell delivers time and again."

"Thank you to Senator McConnell for helping make the Great American

Outdoors Act a reality," said Henderson County Judge-Executive Brad Schneider. "His leadership was crucial to putting this valuable funding in place. It will protect and improve national parks and public lands all across this country, including Henderson County, where Senator McConnell spearheaded the establishment of the

Green River National Wildlife Refuge."

"We appreciate the Senate's effort to protect Kentucky's wild places like Clarks River and Green River National Wildlife Refuges," said Michael Johnson, refuge manager for both Kentucky refuges. "With critical funding from

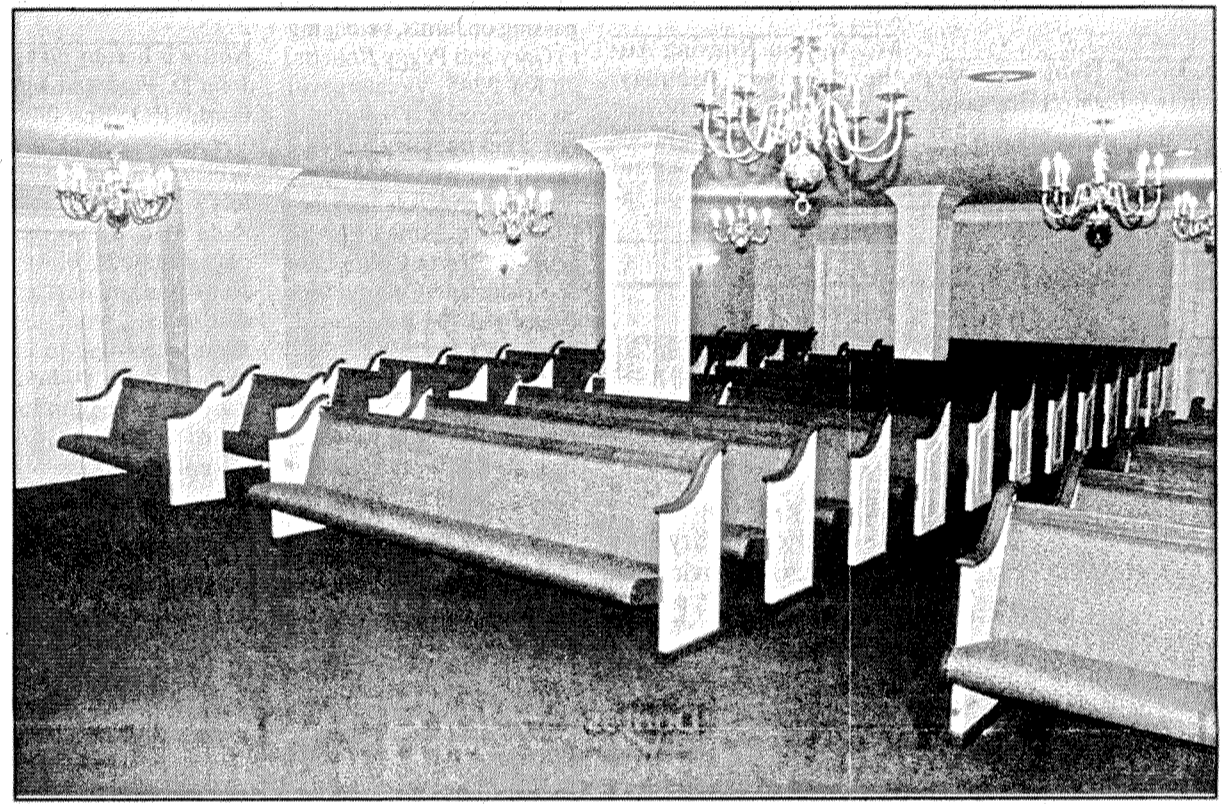
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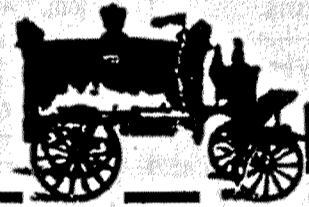
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June 1-June 26, 2020

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Application Availability:

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For More Information:

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

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

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

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Frankfort Update

**By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
Unemployment Insurance
Crisis Must Be
Dealt With**

Most of the time, helping the people of our community navigate state government is one of my favorite parts of being a legislator. While the Kentucky Constitution does not grant legislators any direct authority over an executive branch program, I am often able to help cut the red tape and get a constituent to the right person or program. Not everyone gets what they want, but at least we are able to get an answer.

However, over the past three months, constituent services has weighed heavily on my heart. I have received hundreds of phone calls, emails, messages, and texts from constituents needing help with unemployment insurance (UI). They are not alone as more than 50,000 Kentuckians have been waiting as long as three months for some kind of communication about their claims. To put it into perspective, that's equal to the population of Franklin County, where our capital city is located. Many tell me that I am the only real person they have talked to, and they are frustrated and feel forgotten. This is a widespread problem affecting people in every corner of the state.

I have an obligation to call into question why our unemployment insurance program is failing the very people it exists to serve. I understand that the system in place when the state

shut down in March was designed to help the historically few people who were unemployed. We must do everything in our power to ensure that our unemployment insurance program is working for those that now need the assistance, some for the first times in their lives. We know that changes can be made quickly, just look at how successful the testing clinics have been as they have offered drive through testing in regions throughout the state.

Like you, I was raised to not criticize unless it was constructive, so I want to be clear that help has been offered multiple times. Most recently, more than a hundred staffers that work for the legislature volunteered to help with claims. These people are more than capable. Some work with constituents every day and all understand how important resolving this problem is.

This past week, people gathered at the Capitol to protest the fact that they still had not received unemployment benefits. The day of the protest an unpublicized, quickly planned pop up office was opened onsite to help process UI claims. When word of this got out, people began arriving to get in a line that eventually stretched around the back of the Capitol and into a residential neighborhood. Many were helped in as little as 10 minutes, most after waiting months. Some were turned away when the office closed at the end of the day. The next day, people began arriving at 3 a.m. and the line grew even longer. This continued through the end of the week, with people traveling to Frankfort from across the state, driving as much as three and four hours. Many were forced to bring their

children, and stood for hours. I am thankful that some of my colleagues were in Frankfort and able to hand out waters, and grateful to the local restaurants and individuals that provided free pizza and drinks, feeding people who would otherwise have waited without food.

By opening this pop up office, the administration demonstrated that they could do the right thing, and this needs to continue. They have the power and ability to resolve problems. Late last week, the Governor told reporters that he is considering opening additional regional offices similar to the Frankfort pop up, and that more information will be coming out in the next few days. I hope they do, and I also believe they can improve on how those pop ups operate. Until then, we will continue to work on these claims, trying to find a way to help people get the money they deserve to pay for things they need.

If you or someone you know are waiting for unemployment benefits, please continue reaching out to me, and I will do my best to get you in touch with someone who can help. Please email your name, address, phone number, and general details (case number if you have one) to the email address below. Even though we are not in session at this time, I still want to hear from you regarding concerns about unemployment or other issues. I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 or here at home. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@LRCKYGOV.

Treasures (Cont. from B1)

the Land and Water Conservation Fund, these refuges continue to grow, enhancing habitat for wildlife and furthering the enduring tradition of outdoor recreation, such as hunting and fishing, which is important to so many Kentuckians."

Statewide
"From the Cumberland Gap to the Green River, Kentucky's wild landscapes are integral to our identity, our economy and our well-being. Amidst all the challenges we face, the Great American Outdoors Act is a once-in-a-generation investment in conservation, one Kentucky and the rest of the country needs right now," said David Phemister, State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Kentucky. "By fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund and investing in the care of our national parks and public lands, this act will create jobs, rebuild local economies and increase access to the outdoors for all. As the

majority leader and a champion for Kentucky's outdoors, Senator McConnell was absolutely essential to this success. I thank Senator McConnell for guiding the Great American Outdoors Act to passage and urge the House of Representatives to quickly follow suit."

"Members of the Glenview Garden Club of Louisville, the Lexington Garden Club and the Paducah Garden Club wish to thank Leader McConnell for his leadership in supporting the Great American Outdoors Act," said Jana Dowds, Glenview Garden Club of Louisville Vice Chair. "This landmark legislation will finally fund the back log of maintenance for our parks and restore our natural resources through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As Kentuckians we thank Leader McConnell for hearing our voice to protect and maintain our public lands, beautiful parks and wildlife refuges in Kentucky, serving as a much needed place for recreation and boosting our economy. The GCA clubs of

Kentucky are thrilled with the final passage of the Great American Outdoors Act thanks to the ongoing support and strong leadership of Leader McConnell."

"Whether you enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking, or any other form of outdoor recreation, the Great American Outdoors Act will expand safe access to our public lands for generations to come," said Ducks Unlimited Kentucky state chair Jeff Adams. "By addressing the vast maintenance backlog and fully funding the LWCF, this bill is a game-changer for both conservationists and recreation enthusiasts alike. We thank Majority Leader McConnell for prioritizing this important bipartisan legislation that will provide a tremendous boost for our outdoor economy across the nation and back home in Kentucky."

Yards to Paradise

**By Max Phelps
Let's Grow a Fig Tree**

Typically we think of figs as being grown in the Mediterranean area or the Middle East, and they certainly are grown there in abundance. But, you might be surprised to learn you can grow some varieties of figs as trees down to 10 degrees Fahrenheit, and as bushes that come back from the roots down to -5 or zone 6b. Moving plants indoors or covering them thoroughly can get hardy ones through the winter even in zone 5. Let's consider growing some of these tropical looking plants that bear such delicious fruits—fruits you never see in the supermarkets unless they are dried.

Figs like plenty of heat and sun, so you will be able to harvest a lot more figs if you give them that. Full sun, against the south side of the house, and protected a bit from winds helps, but I know a lady who is able to harvest a few before frost gets them in a shade garden in Berea, KY. I've picked from one I assume to be 'Chicago Hardy' near Lake Cumberland that is tall as the house and has leaves big as elephant ears. And in the Carolinas or Tennessee, growing some figs should be on your to-do list for sure. And most maritime locations can grow figs, they even tolerate some salt-water mists off the ocean.

How about the why and how of fig raising?

The why is easy, they are sweet, and what child doesn't like sweet? Most grownups will like them too. And they ripen an early crop June through August, depending on cultivar and location; then a larger late crop on current year's wood. Even if the plant freezes and sprouts back from the roots, there is usually some late fruits to be found on fig bushes. Figs have lots of fiber, but still taste good, plus have natural lactobacillus. You should be pleased if your child raids the fig tree like it's a bag of candy—they're healthful.

How would you go about obtaining and growing a fig tree? Sometimes you can find a few at a 'big box' store, and definitely you can find them for sale from online or mailorder nurseries.

Most are self fertile, so you don't have to plant two or more kinds—unless you want more, of course.

I've failed to have figs make it through winter in zone 6 in small containers outdoors. The most success seems to come from taking small plants into an indoor unheated room during winter, then moving to a bigger container each year for two or three seasons. Then plant the larger plant in the ground in a warm sunny location, where it will then grow for many years. Sometimes dying back to the ground, sometimes not. (And, if 'global warming' is indeed a real trend, the likelihood of success with figs will only increase as the winters become a little milder.)

A couple websites that offer fig plants for sale are ediblelandscaping.com and raintreenursery.com and you can find more

info with a simple search. Another is ourfigs.com.

For marginal growing areas, try the hardier varieties. Here are some hardy ones: "Chicago Hardy", "Celeste", "Brown Turkey", "Negronne", "Olympia", "Malta Black". For permanent container growing, try "Petite Negri". There are hobbyists in California, Texas and Maryland with collections of 100 varieties or more. Like so many other fruits not natively grown in the United States, there is much to be discovered and experienced. I encourage you to acquire at least one fig plant, and find out about this delicious fruit you may not be acquainted with.

If your only exposure to figs are "fig newton" bars, you're missing out on one of the world's great fruit treats!

The author is a landscaper. To contact: rockcastles.net

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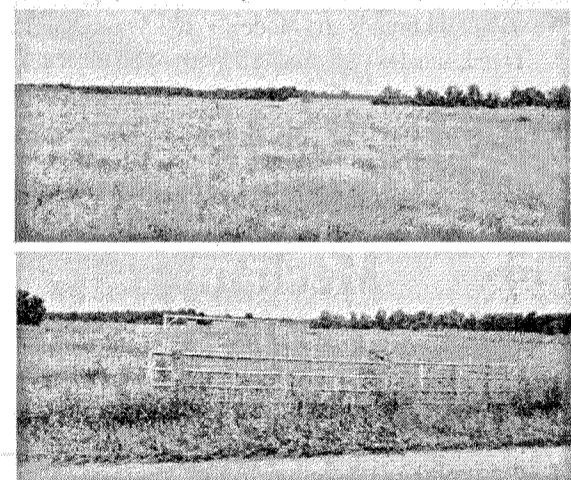
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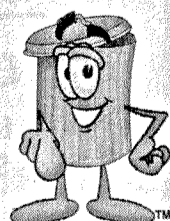
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