

## I-75 accidents continue at alarming rates

By: Mike French  
Editor  
The Bermuda Triangle

of Interstate Highways. This is the name that has become attached to the four-mile stretch of I 75 through Rockcastle County. Including all accidents, in 2021, the sheriff's department alone worked nearly

— 20 this weekend

Three Mount Vernon Fire Department volunteers work to free Joseph Ellerman, 39, of Greenville, Tennessee in what EMS workers called one of the most difficult extrications in years. The accident on Friday, May 6th took Ellerman's life. There were 19 other accidents on I-75 this past weekend causing highway closures six different times. No other serious injuries were reported. Officials say nearly all the accidents were caused by heavy rains that fell throughout the weekend. This accident is under investigation led by Trooper Tyler Teaney. Officials say the accident was caused when Helleman attempted to stop for an unrelated accident when he slid into another tractor trailer causing a chain reaction.



1,100 accidents. In fact, over 20 accidents occurred on I 75 in Rockcastle County this weekend alone, according to the sheriff's office.

For many years officials and engineers, as well as state workers, have attempted to discover why there are more vehicle crashes on I 75 in Rockcastle County than any other four mile stretch of interstate in the state, and perhaps in the country, according to several local first responders. In fact, this past Friday and Saturday, I 75 in Rockcastle County was closed four different times for vehicle accidents. Other accidents occurred that did not cause closure but greatly slowed traffic.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said after a while it is difficult to keep count of all the crashes on I-75. "During rains, I 75 is the most dangerous highway area that I am aware of and our deputies can't be in that many places at the same time." The Mount Vernon Police, Livingston and Brodhead Police Depart-

ments and the Kentucky State Police, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Livingston Fire and Rescue, local EMS workers and towing companies worked ten wrecks in about 32 hours Friday and Saturday alone.

One of the wrecks, (See "Wrecks" on A10)

### Fiscal court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court was scheduled for Tuesday evening after presstime. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

### School board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was scheduled for Tuesday evening after press time. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

### Mount Vernon meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for next Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Don't forget to **VOTE**

## Citizens come to the aide of police officer

By: Mike French  
Editor  
Local residents rushed to the aid of a police officer in need of help last Friday at Peg's Food Mart on South Wilderness

Road. Kentucky State Police Trooper Corey Jones was approached by Zachary Bush, 29, no known address, who told the officer he believed some females

present were victims of human trafficking and that he too had been smuggled as a child, a citation says.

However, after investigating, Trooper Jones

discovered the females in question were not victims. The clerk at the local business informed the

officer that Bush had been present at the location for nearly four hours

(See "Aide on A10")

## Large supply of meth taken off the streets

By: Mike French  
Editor

After a month-long undercover operation, between the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Narcotics unit, the Kentucky State Police and the ATF

(Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms) Division, a sizable drug arrest took a large supply of drugs off the street of the county last week.

According to Sheriff (See "Meth" on A10)

## Voting Centers

<b>Livingston Fire and Rescue,</b> Main Street, Livingston	<b>Brodhead Elementary School</b> Brodhead	<b>Roundstone Elementary School</b> US 25	<b>Rockcastle County Courthouse</b> Mount Vernon
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### Election Day, Tuesday, May 17

On Election Day, all four voting locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Any voter may vote at any of the four voting locations, regardless of your address or precinct.

(See "Voting" on A10)

## Local observance brings large crowd to courthouse lawn

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County residents nearly filled the courthouse lawn in obser-

vance of the National Day of Prayer last week. First named as a Day of Prayer by Harry S. Truman on July 4, 1942, President

Ronald Reagan later moved the date to the first Thursday of May.

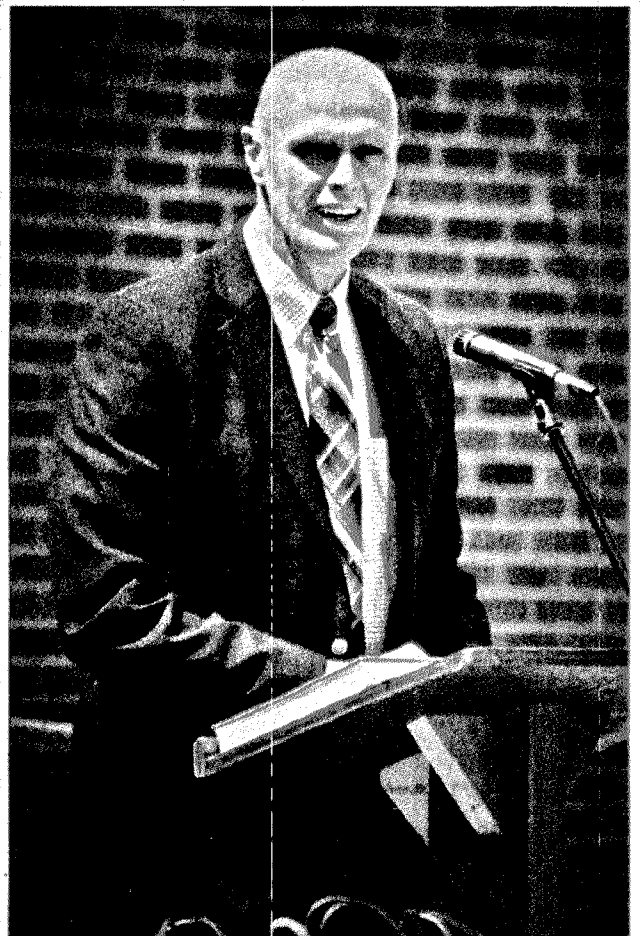
Presented by the Rockcastle Baptist Associa-

tion, and hosted by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club, special singing, preaching and prayer

(See "Prayer" on A10)



A large crowd attended the National Day of Prayer celebration at the Rockcastle County Courthouse last Thursday. Shown at right, Pastor Eddie Nation delivered the message.



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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have to do something this week that I have been dreading ever since I realized that I messed up in last week's column.

I made an error when I stated that New York allows abortions until 28 days after birth - I thought my source was good but, apparently not and I apologize. Contrary to some of my detractors, I try hard not to print anything in this column that I can't back up but, I occasionally mess up.

Anyway, the six conservative judges on the supreme court are paying a price for the leak of a draft opinion which would declare abortion unconstitutional and send it back to the states to decide for themselves what their abortion policy should be.

The home addresses of the five conservative justices who have signed the opinion (and of Chief Justice John Roberts also supposedly a conservative) were made public by the pro-abortion segment and, over the week end, virulent protests were held at the home of Justice Kavanaugh and Alito, the apparent author of the anti-abortion opinion.

This in spite of federal law §1507: Picketing or Parading which says that "Whoever, with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice, or with the intent of influencing any judge, juror, witness or court officer, in the discharge of his duty, pickets or parades in or near a building housing a court of the United States

or in or near a building or residence occupied or used by such judge, juror, witness or court officer, or with such intent uses any sound-truck or similar device or resorts to any other demonstration in or near any such building or residence, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Something tells me that if the tables were turned and it were Conservatives protesting in front of liberal judges Kagan's, Breyer's or Sotomayor's home, the FBI would have drone footage of every protestor; their images disseminated on social media; you'd know their names, addresses, places of employment; indictments would be pending and CNN would be crying insurrection!!

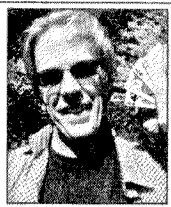
Speaking of insurrection, Chicago Democrat Mayor Lori Lightfoot has asked for a "call to arms" -- words of insurrection. Lightfoot put out a tweet saying, "To my friends in the LGBTQ+ community - the Supreme Court is coming for us next. This moment has to be a call to arms."

But, evidently those in power only fear insurrection by the great unwashed (or Conservatives, Christians, straight white men, etc), thus the hundreds of political prisoners still entombed in jail in Washington, D.C., many for well over a year and the worst charge against them to

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



On Sundays, we cleaned up and loaded up. We filled our 1968 Oldsmobile with dishes that mom had cooked and covered with aluminum foil. The back seat and floor board were covered with bowls of mac and cheese, baked beans, banana pudding and biscuits. There were no seat belts because in those days the government didn't intrude into every step in life.

I would sleep soundly under the rear window where the speakers were as we rode along.

In the small rock building, there was a steeple and inside the steeple was a huge bell with a rope hanging down into the foyer. I would play on the church grounds or visit one of the two oak out-houses while dad and the other men were gathered on the rock steps in front of the church smoking a cigarette. Eventually he would drop it to the ground and crush it out with his military shined shoes and motion for us kids to make our way to the building.

I wanted so bad to ring the big bell to call everyone in, but there was a fellow designated to handle that task. I would have to work my way up to that privilege. I guess that's when I learned you can't have everything you wish for until you earn it.

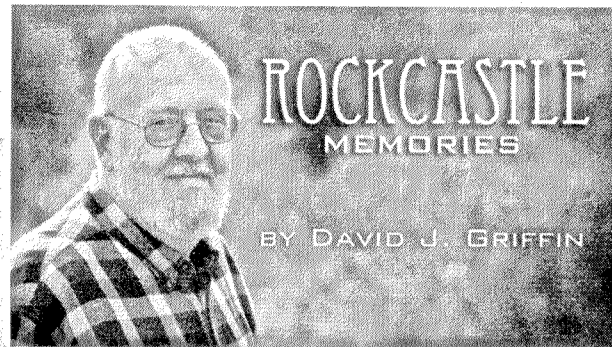
Sitting on the hard, wooden pews I usually ended up with my head in mom's lap reading something or napping again. But it was known beyond all question that making noise of any kind was not accepted. Parents in 1968 never said the words, "He is so strong willed! Ha ha ha!" That kind of lazy parenting didn't happen in those days. Instead if you made noise in church, you were dragged outside where you learned a lesson about life and you never made noise in church again. I guess that's where I learned discipline and respect and that there are rules in life. The preacher told a lot

of stories and read from the Bible and then explained what he had just read to everyone. At the time I didn't understand the "thees" and "thous" and some of the big words, but somehow, I figured out he was talking about that man on the cross and that I had to believe it was the truth...or else. I did. And I still do. I guess that's where I learned what it meant to be a Christian.

We would sing songs out of an old hymnal and one lady always sang louder than everyone else. And, I can say out loud now that she was really, really bad. I used to ask mom why she sang so loud when she couldn't carry a tune in a bucket and mom would just "shush" me with her index finger in front of her lips.

I would watch with wide eyes as people would tell her how good she was and how they enjoyed her singing. The whole time I knew they were either completely

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**Plumbing**  
When I was six-years-old, my parents divorced. As a result, my mother (Bee) and I lived in a small house on the edge of my grandparents' hillside farm in the Pine Grove section of Rockcastle County.

At that time, we had no indoor plumbing and relied on a wonderful well that was located just outside the kitchen door. I think Bee wanted to feel like I was helping her out, so she would have me draw two buckets of well water for our kitchen every day. She used that cool, sweet water for cooking, drinking, and cleaning.

To use the bathroom, Bee and I had to walk a path to our outhouse on the edge of her property. As a boy, I really did not mind the walk, except late at night, or in the dead of winter. That seat was extremely cold to sit on.

Maybe a year later, I was returning home from

school, and as I came up the path to our home, I noticed Floyd Stokes and a plumber at our house. Floyd was known for his exceptional carpentry skills.

I asked Bee, "What is going on?" When she replied that we were going to get indoor plumbing and a new bathroom, I was as thrilled as if it was Christmas Day.

Floyd installed a kitchen sink in Bee's small kitchen. He also built the walls for a new bathroom, housing a sink commode, and a bathtub. I don't think I had ever been that excited. The path became a thing of the past. No more late walks and cold seats.

Now let's move forward 72 years. When my wife and I purchased our new home in Mt. Sterling in 2019, we did not like the bath and shower facility and hoped to make some changes as soon as we could. Last week, we

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## ramblings

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date is reportedly for trespassing.

There were other protests, including that of an anti-abortion group in Madison, Wisconsin, hit with a Molotov cocktail and vandalized, proving that those who are pro-choice don't limit their violence to unborn babies.

Americans have other worries also, including: inflation, war in Europe, border in chaos, Fentanyl crisis because of the border in chaos, baby for-

mula scarcity (and emptier store shelves in general), a tanking stock market, rising gas prices, censored speech, an increase in human trafficking, an exploding mental health crises, rising drug overdoses (a record 100,000 in the U.S. in 2021) and skyrocketing crime rates. A perfect time maybe for the age old political question, are you better off than you were two years ago?

Actually the wording is usually four years ago but the Democrats have wasted no time in bringing Americans' lifestyle

way down during Resident Biden's short time in office.

Some say that a pro-abortion SCOTUS staffer leaked the draft opinion and that may be true. The outlook is so dire for Democrats in the November mid-terms and a distraction was needed with the publication of another Pfizer vaccine report and the release of Dinesh D'Souza's 2000 Mules movie. Many interpretations of some of the content of the Pfizer report state that the efficacy of the vaccine is actually 12% for seven days after which it drops to 1% and not 95% as earlier claimed by Pfizer.

I have not had time to read the report but these parts of it have been reported by Sharyl Attkisson, one of the few reporters I still trust enough to repeat.

Dinesh D'Souza's recently released movie "2000 Mules" is being censored by all of mainstream media, even to Fox News and Newsmax.

I have tried to watch the movie a couple of times but it brings back the same feelings of frustration and sadness I felt on the night of the 2020 election when Trump was ahead in five swing states, by a lot, before counting was stopped. When it was resumed hundreds of thousands of votes had magically appeared for Biden, thus handing him the election.

Elections have consequences, the saying has always been, but the 2020 election's consequences to our country may be more severe than any other in our country's history.

This may be the best time ever to be reminded that "All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke

## Memories

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had a company remove our tub and install a walk-in shower. The new shower walls go all the way to the ceiling, and we can walk safely into our new shower without having to step over the tub to get in.

I find myself almost as excited and happy as I was as a child when getting indoor plumbing.

The walls have two hand rails as well as soap dishes built into the shower walls. It is so nice to be able to safely maneuver around in our new shower. No longer do we have to fear falling in our new bathroom—which I actually did the first month that we lived here.

It may be hard for anyone who is not elderly to understand how much this change could mean to people like us. But I find

myself so relieved and happy to have accomplished this particular home improvement. It may even seem a relatively small change to some. But I can tell you that it is just as satisfying to me as that first real bathroom was when I was so young. I no longer dread trying to get cleaned up. It has now become fun to take a shower!

You can reach me at themmman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

## Aces

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tone deaf or were making fun of her. I never knew which. I guess that's when I learned that sometimes the effort may be just as important as the result.

After the service, the ladies gathered all the dishes and brought them inside while the men smoked some more and us kids got dirtier playing in the nearby graveyard in our church clothes. Men and women had different rolls in those days.

There was always one dish mom told me not to eat because she had been in that lady's house and it was nasty. Just the truth.

There was laughter and crying and jokes and fellowship all day. And of course, looking back, there was a lot of "strutting" and talking about who had given the most money and who had the fanciest car. At the same time, everyone seemed to love everyone else. Even the people that were really not liked that much, they still seemed to have a love for them and would take up for them if needed. I guess that is where I learned the difference between liking someone and loving someone.

We always stayed until the entire church was cleaned up and we made sure everyone was okay before the day ended. I guess that's where I learned responsibility.

When we finally got out of there, we visited grandparents and the entire, extended family was always there. Men played horseshoes and shot .22 rifles, and sat under a huge Oak tree whittling with piles of cedar shavings on their lap. Women were inside talking and we could hear them burst out in laughter from time to time. Us kids climbed trees, played cowboys and Indians, played in barns, played with toy cars and had no worries in life. This is where I learned priorities. God,

family, work, self. In that order.

I drove by that old rock church not long ago. It is still standing and I walked around the grounds remembering a time that will never be repeated. I thought of all those who have gone on now, including mom and dad. I thought about a thousand things that happened there and could almost hear the laughter of us kids and the words of

that old preacher. I remember the pitch of that old bell and the splinters and wasp nests in the old outhouses. I miss it all.

Yesterday, even just hours ago, are gone forever. Life is short. Very short. My kids will never know days just like that. The people and the times are gone. Thank God I was there. I saw it all. It was real. Dear 1968, thank you for the memories.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, May 16th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245 and Bryant Ridge. Tuesday, 17th: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

**Southern KY AHEC School Camp**  
Southern KY AHEC will host a Health Careers High School Camp June 13-16 at Rockcastle County High School. Go to <http://1soahhec.org/summer-health-schoolars/> or call Sherry Spragens at 606-256-0950 for more information.

**Kentucky Public Retirees Meeting**  
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Friday, May 20th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be House District 71 State Representative Josh Bray. Nominations for new chapter officers for the next year will take place during the meeting. Nominations for new chapter officers for the next year will take place during the meeting. For more information, call 606-260-0490.

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

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

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

**VFW Post 5908**  
Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

**American Legion Post News**  
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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

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

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

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

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

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

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

**Saturday-Narcotics Anonymous-Brodhead:** 3 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, KY, contact: 606-392-1577.

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

**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.

Hello to the voters of Rockcastle County's 3rd district. My name is Richard Dickie Martin. I am a life long resident of the 3rd district, growing up in Willailla and having lived in Mureburg for the past 25 years. My wife Merita and I have been married 31 years and have two children, Drew and Allie.

On May 17th you, the people, will have an opportunity to elect a magistrate to represent you on the fiscal court. If I am elected, I can promise you that I will work as hard as I can to ensure that you, the people, will have a voice when it comes to important decisions. Such as better roads, right of ways, and more parks and recreation facilities for everyone. Working together we can move Rockcastle County forward.

Your vote on May 17th, would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Richard Martin

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Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. is accepting sealed bids pertaining to the purchase of two base model vehicles for the Community Services Block Grant. A new 2022 model, four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, 5 passenger sport utility vehicle is needed. Special order vehicles cannot be accepted; vehicles must be in current inventory. Bids will be received at Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. at 1535 Shamrock Road, Manchester, KY 40962 until COB May 16, 2022. Bids will be opened and read at 10:00 A.M. local time on May 17, 2022.

Specifications and related information may be obtained by contacting Ashley Sandlin at 606-598-5127. Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids to accept the bid, not the lowest, if such action best services the public interest, and to waive any and all informalities.

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# Obituaries

## Bobby Dale Cromer

Bobby Dale Cromer, 65, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Spiro May 8, 1956, a son of the late Freddie Lando and Elsie Bea (McFerron) Cromer. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, flowers, and trimming bushes.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his brother, Glenn Denver (June) Cromer of Brodhead; and one sister, Etta (Steve) Chaney of Mt. Vernon; as well as several nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Rosie Mink and Clara Edith Alcorn.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew officiating. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.



## Michael Jay Sowder

Michael Jay Sowder, 70, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at his residence. He was born December 3, 1951, in Kankakee, IL to the late EJ and Gladys (Bishop) Sowder. He was a member of Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, and he enjoyed going to flea markets and auctions, woodworking, and restoring and fixing old things that others discarded, and collecting brass, and wood drill/brace and bit. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and a Kentucky Colonel.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 41 years, Judy Ann Sowder; one son, Jay (Debra) Sowder of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Ayla (Mike) Woodson of AR, Sierra Sowder of Middlesboro, and Shelby Chesnut of Mt. Vernon; two great grandchildren, Garrett David Sowder, and Evelyn Ryan Sowder; one brother, Tom Sowder of Eubank; and two sisters, Phyllis Curtis of PA, and Sally (James) Leek of Waynesburg.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one son, David Michael Sowder; one brother, Tim Sowder; and two sisters, Rebecca Countryman, and Sandra Ison.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ron Roberts officiating. Burial was at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

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

## John Lear

John Clarence Lear, 21, of Sand Springs, died Thursday, May 5, 2022. He was born in Somerset on September 24, 2000, the son of Michael and Connie Fletcher Lear. He had been a customer service representative at Buc-ee's.

He is survived by: his father, Michael Lear of Mt. Vernon; his mother, Connie Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; maternal grandfather, Jimmy Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, James-Michael Lear and Lukas Lear, both of Mt. Vernon; and four sisters, Lestlie Leary, Beulah-Jean Lear, Glendda Lear, and Jetta Lear, all of Mt. Vernon. He was preceded in death by three grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 9, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. James Hardin. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Lloyd Higgins, Lukas Lear, James Lear, Matthew Leonard, Andrew Ponder, Austin Roundtree, and Alex Vincent.

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



## Linda Proctor

Linda Proctor, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 7, 2022 in Somerset after a long illness. She was born August 3, 1951 in Berea, the daughter of the late Byron and Glenna Carter Baker. She was a retired operations manager for R-Tec, enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Christopher Lewis and (Anthony) of Liberty Township, OH, and Jason Bradley Proctor of Berea; one brother, Jim Baker and (Crystal) of Somerset; one sister, Pam Lunsford of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Gina Nicole Harding and (Jake), Tiffany Jade Lewis, Kalinda Cheyenne Morgan, Jazmanie Reyes, and Aurora Reyes; and five great grandchildren, Rachel, Noah, Hannah, and David Harding, and Braden Kendrick. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by: her husband; Brad Proctor and by two daughters; Regina Morgan, and Melonie Reyes.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Travis Gilbert officiating. Burial was in Riddle Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Noah Harding, Jaz Reyes, Zach Baker, Butch Lunsford, Ben Powell, Nick Doan, Matthew Lunsford, and Jesse Coffey. Honorary pallbearers: David Harding, Braden Kendrick, and Earl Bullock.

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

## James Earl Gray

James Earl Gray, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, May 5, 2022, at his residence. He was born August 28, 1954, in Mt. Vernon, to the late Tyree and Maggie Gray. He was of the Baptist faith and spent his time repairing watches.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his three children, Daniel Gray of Mt. Vernon, Jessica Gray, and Maggie (Jay) Smith of Brodhead; nine grandchildren: Candice Kidwell; two great-grandchildren: Willow Kidwell and Lexi Bradley; and one sister, Dee (Joe) Howard of Mt. Vernon; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: siblings, Eugene, Tyree, Jr., Charles Lewis, and Edward Franklin Gray, Mildred Bales, Lorretta Tolle, Katherine Robinson, and Edna Marcum.

A graveside service was held Monday, May 9, 2022, at Piney Grove Cemetery.

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

## Jesse E. Allen

Jesse E. Allen, 87, of Huber Heights, OH, died May 3, 2022. He was born February 28, 1935 in Livingston, to the late Isaac and Lillie Allen. Jesse was a baker at Bluebird Bakery for 40 years. Jesse was a baker at Bluebird Bakery for 40 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his first wife, Freeda Allen; son, Doyle Allen; grandson, James Michael Allen; brother, Johnny Allen; and sister, Novella Spencer.

Jesse is survived by: his children, Unavee Allen (Darla) and Jesse Allen (Terrie); wife, Rose Allen; grandchildren, Isaac Henson, Tom Allen and Aaron Allen; great grandchildren, Kylie, Kaylie, Kenzie, Kyle, Alexia, Natalie, Makenzie, Gabriella, Lauren, Alexandria and Jenna; brother, Arlie Allen; sisters-in-law, Jean Henson and Lola Shelton; and many other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Newcomer North Chapel, 4104 Needmore Road, Dayton, OH. Burial to follow at Willow View Cemetery.

To share a memory of Jesse or leave a special message for his family, please visit [www.NewcomerDayton.com](http://www.NewcomerDayton.com)

## Lorene Falin

Lorene Hasty Falin, 75, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Henry Lee Falin and mother of Kimberly Renner, died Friday, May 6, 2022 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

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

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



## Cemetery Notices

### Maple Grove Cemetery

We are asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of Maple Grove Cemetery. Anyone that would like to help may go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove account. Donations may also be sent to Penny Cameron at 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409

We will be at the cemetery Friday through Sunday, May 27-30. We are asking anyone with a family member buried in the cemetery, please help us keep it up. If everyone would give a little, it wouldn't hurt anyone.

You may call 606-758-4489 for more information or to make a donation. We would like to thank everyone that has given and the ones that will give. Please don't let us down. Every dime given goes for the upkeep of the cemetery.

### McKinney Cemetery

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, May 29, beginning at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. There will be an election of three committee officers. A potluck dinner will also be held at noon. Bring a covered dish and lawn chair and join us.

Donations can be made for the upkeep of McKinney Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. Checks or money orders, payable to McKinney Cemetery please. No cash will be accepted.

If you are not able to attend the Annual Meeting, you may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Roberts Cemetery

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.

### 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.

### Briarfield Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Briarfield Cemetery. Donations can be mailed to: Briarfield Cemetery, c/o Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 or to Briarfield Cemetery, c/o Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 90 McK Farm Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Donations will also be collected on Memorial Weekend at the cemetery.

Thanks for all your support.

### Sand Hill Cemetery

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

All donations are greatly appreciated.

### Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery meeting will be held Saturday, May 28th at noon at the cemetery.

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

Please make all checks payable to Maret Cemetery.

### Johnetta Cemetery

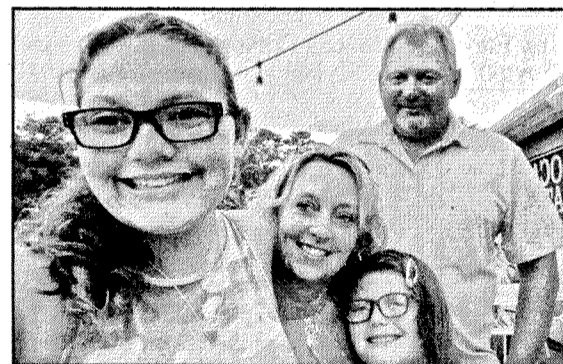
Memorial Day Service at Johnetta Cemetery will be held Sunday, May 29th.

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please send donations to Nelce Drew, 5599 Climax Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460

Elect

**Carlos McClure**

Constable District 2



My family and I would appreciate your vote and support for 2nd District Constable.

I have previously worked for Rockcastle Road Department for 26 years and Jailor for four years.

I would love the opportunity to serve as your constable and work with law enforcement and the community just like my Dad, Delno McClure, did.

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# Students graduate from Cumberlands

University of the Cumberlands held commencement ceremonies recently to celebrate its newest graduates. Participants in this year's commencement ceremonies included graduates from 49 states and territories and the countries of Canada, India, Brazil, Spain, New Zealand, and Italy, among others. A total of 2,068 graduates received their degrees from Cumberlands that weekend.

The following local students graduated this spring:

Tara Carter of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Arts Education in Special Education P-12.

Mary Callahan of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Arts in Teaching.

Cali Pensol of Brodhead, who completed their Master of Arts in Teaching.

Bradley McNew of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Arts in Teaching.

Jessica McFerron of Mt. Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

Sarah Bullock of Somerset, who completed their Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration.

Sonya Morgan of Brodhead, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Human Services.

Rebekah Wolf of Mt. Vernon (40456), who completed their Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Pepper Jernigan of Brodhead, who completed their Associate Degree in Nursing.

Jarrod Amyx of Mount

Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Christian Ministries, and Christian Studies.

Matthew Bryant of Mount Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Haley Bullock of Mount Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Communication Arts.

William Daugherty of Mount Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Fitness and Sport Management.

Kimberley Wheat of Mt. Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Exercise & Sport Science.

Cumberlands President Larry Cockrum opened the ceremonies offering heartfelt congratulations to the graduates as well as some advice and encouragement.

"Don't stress out over things you can't control. Even when things feel unsettled, we are all capable of a new and positive beginning," he said. "Sometimes, the worst things in life that happen to you can be the best things that happen to you - if you don't let the worst get the best of you. Have character. You will be remembered more for your kindness than for your accomplishments. And believe in yourself, no matter what happens."

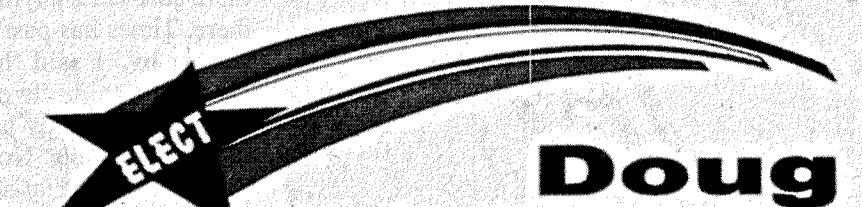
Like in all areas of academia, academic excellence is prized among the graduating participants. A total of 236 students graduated this year while earning esteemed academic honors. Undergraduates named Cum Laude are those who have earned a cumulative

GPA (grade point average) of 3.70 - 3.84; those named Magna Cum Laude earned a cumulative GPA of 3.85 - 3.94; and those named Summa Cum Laude earned a cumulative GPA of 3.95 - 4.0.

In addition to academics, the university also places a high value on community service amongst the student body. As announced during commencement ceremonies, undergraduate students in the Class of 2022 performed 46,674 hours of community service. That equals 5,834 eight-hour work days and 1,166 forty-hour work weeks. With volunteer work valued at \$25.43 per hour by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the total contribution from Cumberlands undergraduates in the Class of 2022 is \$1,186,919.82. Students who contributed 200 or more hours of community service during their undergraduate careers are designated as Hutton Scholars by the university. Of the students whose degrees were conferred in spring 2022, there were 69 Hutton Scholars.

Since reintroducing ROTC campus, a portion of Commencement weekend is used to honor graduating students who have committed to military service. During a special ceremony held on Friday, five Cumberlands ROTC cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants (2L), including Myles Betts of Fort Walton, FL; Christopher James of Chatsworth, GA; Emily O'Connor of Oregonia, OH; Philip Nelson of Raymond Beach, FL; and Raymond Salas of Newcomb, TN.

University of the Cumberlands is one of the largest and most affordable private universities in Kentucky. Located in Williamsburg, Kentucky, Cumberlands is an institution of regional distinction offering quality undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and online degree programs. Learn more at [ucumberlands.edu](http://ucumberlands.edu).



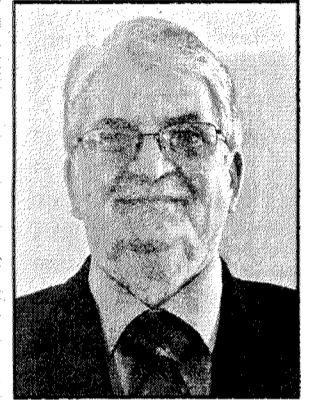
# Doug BISHOP

## JUDGE - EXEC.

To All Rockcastle County Voters  
My name is Doug Bishop,  
candidate for Rockcastle County Judge Executive.

During the last several weeks, my family and I have been working throughout the county trying to reach as many of you as possible during this Primary Election season.

We thank you for your kindness and allowing us to discuss with you what concerns you most about our county.



### Here are the most talked about concerns:

- Number 1 "by far" drug problems and its effect on our families in Rockcastle County.
- Rockcastle County has very little activities for young people and families within our county which makes our kids more vulnerable to drug addiction.
- Rockcastle is not keeping pace with counties around us such as "shopping centers, higher paying jobs, and conveniences".
- Trash and litter on our roadsides.
- Roads have gotten in bad condition, some areas have a long wait for snow removal.
- Too many people still have to drive out of county to make good wages.
- Fear for safety and theft in many areas of our county.

### I have a plan:

I feel we must invest more in your youth!

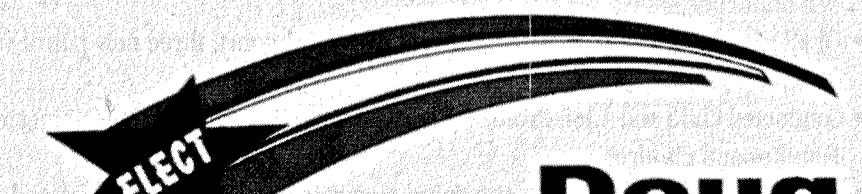
- It's time we utilize the Parks and Rec Board
- It's time we use a portion of the "Occupational Tax" monies to develop a park and recreational facility within our county for our families and children.
- It's time we realize an investment in our youth today will pay dividends in the future.
- We must realize a nice parks and rec facility in our county can help people of all ages have a healthier lifestyle and provide a safe place for families to gather.

It will enhance Rockcastle County's image and keep a lot of our children from having to travel outside of our county for events.

It's time we fixed our roads and cleaned up our trash problems.

**It's Time To Upgrade our Image**  
**It's Time For Change...**  
**We Can Make a Dfference**  
**We Must Protect Our Children**

*This May 17th, please*




# Doug BISHOP

## JUDGE - EXEC.

Your vote and support are greatly appreciated

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for  
**CONSTABLE**  
Rockcastle County 4th District  
Your vote will be greatly appreciated.



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Vote!  
**Mike Pingleton**  
District 1  
Rockcastle Co.  
**MAGISTRATE**  
Your Vote & Support  
will be Appreciated!

## Elect Mike Pingleton District 1 Magistrate

My name is Mike Pingleton.  
Some of you may know me mowings yards all around.  
Some see me driving a school bus.  
**Now, I'm asking for your vote for Magistrate in District 1**  
I've lived in District 1 my whole life.  
I'm ready to listen and work for the people of District 1.  
We need to help our kids and the whole community.  
The people that know me know that I work everyday.

**Your vote and support will not be forgotten and will be appreciated**

Paid for by Mike Pingleton





# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Vote Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Dear Editor,  
As a mother, we all think our children shine the brightest and we pray they will always be the light for those around them. I am proud to say I'm the mother of four wonderful children, Nadine, Howell, Jr., Marlene, and Charlene. When one of your kids is in the public eye, it seems inevitable they will face adversity. Sometimes things are said or happen that bring tears to a mother's eyes. But, putting it in Howell Jr's words, that's just how it is.

I'm often reminded it takes good times and bad times to build character. None of us face anything that someone before us haven't also faced. When we are tested and tried, what counts is how we react and what we learn from the experience.

Some people have a reputation, my son has true character. Howell Jr has led by example, not just in his role in the Fiscal Court, but also in his home and community.

I'm proud of his dedication to Rockcastle County. He has a heart to serve and a willingness to work hard for our county. This shines through as you can always count on him showing up to help with many different projects including the Rockcastle River Sweep

there just isn't anything there. Times has past the county by.' I said 'how son?' He said, 'everywhere I travel they have parks and recs, Not a piece of land that's an acre or two here and there spread throughout the county. We have very little industry, bad tasting water and nothing to do for our youth.' Sadly, I couldn't argue with his point of view.

After extensive conversations with candidate Doug Bishop for County Judge/Exec, I am confident he is the right candidate to move Rockcastle forward with investing in Parks and Rec's and our youth. So I am asking you to help keep our kids at home by Voting for Candidate Doug Bishop for County Judge Exec.

*Jerry Saylor*

## Vote Bishop

Dear Editor,  
We are guilty of taking elections for granted and our county's election is quickly approaching. I feel as if I would not be doing what I should if I didn't take a moment to speak about one of the candidates, my uncle, Doug Bishop. Doug is no stranger to public service. He served in the U.S. Army, as a magistrate for many years and as our judge executive. Those that know Doug on a personal level, know that he is a man of character and family morals. He is also a Christian and loves the Lord with all his heart.

During his last term as judge executive, he worked with other county officials and residents to attempt to bring something more to this county for the families with young children through his work with the Parks and Recreation committee. This is something that is missing in this county. With the rising cost of

gas, traveling outside the county to allow our kids to participate in activities, is going to become harder and harder.

I believe Doug will work to bring this back to the front of the issues affecting our county. He is retired from the postal service and could spend his retirement quietly working on his farm but he has a love for the residents of our county and wants to work hard to bring much needed change and growth to our county. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

*Jennifer Bishop White*

## Vote Holbrook, Jr.

Dear Editor,  
Here are a few simple words that can have a tremendous impact upon government at any level: honesty, integrity, ability and knowledge. If you think they are just words, watch what happens when they are missing from local government.

Next Tuesday we have the opportunity to re-elect an official who wears these attributes daily: Howell Holbrook, Jr., as our County Judge-Executive. If you don't personally know Howell, take my honor-bound word that he fits this description. I know because he worked alongside me for years when I served in that capacity. Thus far I have been the longest serving Judge Executive in Rockcastle history - part of six terms, and I know the real thing from Fool's Gold. I hope you do too.

*Buzz Carloftis*

## Vote Bishop

Dear Editor,  
I would like to thank all the voters of the 1st district for the opportunity to serve as your magistrate for the past two terms. I will always be grateful for your support for myself and my family.

My main reason for running for office was to help our county grow and to promote a parks and rec system for the young people of our county.

Six years ago we established a Parks and Recreation Board when Judge Bishop was in office. We have done nothing with this board for the past 3-1/2 years. The county judge by law, sets the agenda for the court for all the topics to be discussed and voted on.

Vote Doug Bishop for judge and thank you for all your support.

*Shannon Bishop*

## Southern KY AHEC School Camp

Southern KY AHEC will host a Health Careers High School Camp June 13-16 at Rockcastle County High School. Go to <http://1soahec.org/summer-health-scholars/> or call Sherry Spragens at 606-256-0950 for more information.

# Mamaw's Kitchen

*By Regina Poynter Hoskins*

**CHEWY BROWN SUGAR COOKIES**  
14 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
1 and 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar, divided  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 large egg  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
Adjust two oven racks to upper and lower middle positions and preheat the oven to 350°. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Stir butter, 1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar, and salt in a large bowl until combined. Stir in egg and vanilla until combined. Add flour, baking powder, and baking soda to bowl and stir until combined. Scoop 1/4-cup sized balls of dough onto rimmed baking sheets (7 to 8 per pan). Add remaining 1/4-cup brown sugar to now empty (unwashed) bowl. Roll each dough ball into sugar, return to pan, and press to about 1 inch thick. Bake until tops have puffed and cracked, and edges are golden, 9 to 11 minutes, rotating pans from top to bottom and front to back halfway through baking. Let cool on pans for 5 minutes, then transfer to wire rack to cool.

**PEPPERMINT THUMBPRINT COOKIES**  
2/3 cup butter, softened  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
Garnish: finely crushed peppermint candies  
Blend butter, sugar, and salt with an electric mixer on low speed. Mix in egg and vanilla. Beat in as much of the flour as possible; stir in remaining flour. Cover; chill for one hour. Shape dough into one-inch balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly golden around edges. Remove from oven; make a thumbprint in each cookie with thumb. Cool.

**FILLING:**  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract  
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
2 teaspoons to 3 teaspoons milk  
Blend butter and extract. Gradually add powdered sugar and milk to a piping consistency. Pipe filling into centers; sprinkle with crushed candy.

**Elect**  
**Rick Brummett**  
**3rd District Constable**  
*Retired Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff*  
**18 Years Experience**  
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**ELECT**  
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**Vote!**  
**MIKE PINGLETON**  
**Magistrate/District 1 Rockcastle Co.**

I've been in District 1 of Rockcastle my whole life growing up on my parent's (Carl and Phyllis Pingleton) farm learning to work every day. I will be here for the people of District 1 to listen and work for them every day.

**Your vote and support will be appreciated**

Paid for by Mike Pingleton

**Re-Elect SHANNON FRANKLIN**  
**Rockcastle County Sheriff**

Political campaign ads are often like New Year's Resolutions...you hear the same ones over and over. I'm proud to say your Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, through the efforts of every employee, has made good our commitment to serve the citizens of Rockcastle County.

In addition to the other duties of the Sheriff's office we have:

- Responded to more than 4,000 calls for service in 2021\*
- Accurately, and honestly, collected and disbursed more than \$10 million in tax revenue and franchise fees (approved by state auditors)
- Hired a detective for undercover drug and criminal investigations, who is currently working with a federal drug task force.
- Implemented and maintained a new courthouse/court security program that includes metal detectors and surveillance cameras.
- Worked or assisted with completion of over 500 vehicle accidents.\*
- Transported 63 emergency involuntary mental health patients (at an average of 5-6 hours per patient).\*
- Obtained, through grants and the help of the fiscal court, three new patrol vehicles.
- Conducted Child and Adult Protective Services investigations with the Cabinet for Families and Children.
- And, remained under budget, returning money to the fiscal court at the end of the year.

**I am asking for your Vote and Support to continue to protect and serve the citizens of Rockcastle County and preserve the integrity of the office of Sheriff**

*With Faith, Prayer and Work, we will continue to build a legacy for future generations.*

Paid for by Shannon Franklin \*Data provided by Rockcastle County 911

**Keep HOWELL HOLBROOK Jr.**  
**ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

Paid for by Howell Holbrook



# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## Five Facts About the United States Drought Monitor

This is likely no surprise to you, but drought persists across the western U.S. and is intensifying in some areas. No geographic area is immune to the potential of drought at any given time. The U.S. Drought Monitor provides a weekly drought assessment, and it plays an important role in USDA programs that help farmers and ranchers recover from drought.

**Fact #1** - Numerous agencies use the Drought Monitor to inform drought-related decisions.

The map identifies areas of drought and labels them by intensity on a weekly basis. It categorizes the entire country as being in one of six levels of drought. The first two, None and Abnormally Dry (D0), are not considered to be drought. The next four describe increasing levels of drought: Moderate (D1), Severe (D2), Extreme (D3) and Exceptional (D4).

While many entities consult the Drought Monitor for drought information, drought declarations are made by federal, state and local agencies that may or may not use the Drought Monitor to inform their decisions. Some of the ways USDA uses it to determine a producer's eligibility for certain drought assistance programs, like the Livestock Forage Disaster Program and Emergency Haying or Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres and to "fast-track" Secretarial drought disaster designations.

**Fact #2** - U.S. Drought Monitor is made with

more than precipitation data.

When you think about drought, you probably think about water, or the lack of it. Precipitation plays a major role in the creation of the Drought Monitor, but the map's author considers numerous indicators, including drought impacts and local insight from over 450 expert observers around the country. Authors use several dozen indicators to assess drought, including precipitation, streamflow, reservoir levels, temperature and evaporative demand, soil moisture and vegetation health. Because the drought monitor depicts both short and long-term drought conditions, the authors must look at data for multiple timeframes. The final map produced each week represents a summary of the story being told by all the pieces of data. To help tell that story, authors don't just look at data. They converse over the course of the map-making week with experts across the country and draw information about drought impacts from media reports and private citizens.

**Fact #3** - A real person, using real data, updates the map.

Each week's map author, not a computer, processes and analyzes data to update the drought monitor. The map authors are trained climatologists or meteorologists from the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (the academic partner and website host of the Drought Monitor), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and USDA. The author's job is to do what a computer can't - use their expertise to recon-

cile the sometimes-conflicting stories told by each stream of data into a single assessment.

**Fact #4** - The Drought Monitor provides a current snapshot, not a forecast.

The Drought Monitor is a "snapshot" of conditions observed during the most recent week and builds off the previous week's map. The map is released on Thursdays and depicts conditions based on data for the week that ended the preceding Tuesday. Rain that falls on the Wednesday just before the USDM's release won't be reflected until the next map is published. This provides a consistent, week-to-week product and gives the author a window to assess the data and come up with a final map.

**Fact #5** - Your input can be part of the drought-monitoring process.

State climatologists and other trained observers in the drought monitoring network relay on-the-ground information from numerous sources to the US Drought monitor author each week. That can include information that you contribute.

The Drought Monitor serves as a trigger for multiple forms of federal disaster relief for agricultural producers, and sometimes producers contact the author to suggest that drought conditions in their area are worse than what the latest drought monitor shows. When the author gets a call like that, it prompts them to look closely at all available data for that area, to see whether measurements of precipitation, temperature, soil moisture and other indicators corroborate producer-submitted reports. This is the process that authors follow whether they receive one report or one hundred reports, although reports from more points may

help state officials and others know where to look for impacts.

There are multiple ways to contribute your observations:

1. Talk to your state climatologist - Find the current list at the American Association of State Climatologists website.
2. Email - Emails sent to droughtmonitor@unl.edu inform the USDM authors.
3. Become a CoCoRaHS observer - Submit drought reports along with daily precipitation observations to the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network.
4. Submit Condition

Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) - go.unl.edu/CMOR.

For more information, read our Ask the Expert blog with a NDMC climatologist or visit farmers.gov/protection-recovery.

Committee Meeting Date: May 4th 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center

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Vote Micah Owens Rockcastle County Jailer

I am Micah Owens and I am running for Jailer of Rockcastle County. I have had the privilege of serving under two separate administrations, giving me a unique understanding of the major and minor issues facing the jail. I am a straight shooter who doesn't believe in telling the people half-truths or in sugar coating the facts. I am also a firm believer in being proactive. Instead of waiting for something to become a problem, I would much rather head it off at the pass.

**My plans for the Jail are:**

- Thorough background checks of employees (to ensure they can legally work at the jail)
- Run the kitchen with qualified jail staff (to ensure there are trained deputies covering a possible escape point)
- Incorporate a hands-on training program at no cost to the county (instead of deputies getting only a computer-based training. I will not just train the deputies the bare minimum of 24 hours that the Department of Corrections requires, but ensure they are trained and proficient)
- Hold all Deputies and Inmates accountable for their actions equally
- Seek out and apply for State and Federal grants (to help reduce the financial burden the jail places on the county)
- Have the administration paid on salary instead of hourly (so they can fill in as needed thereby reducing the overtime budget greatly)
- Implement Operation Clean the Rock, a work release program that will have inmates clean up trash on the side of roadways, cemeteries, playgrounds and towns.
- To place an article in the paper weekly on what is going on in the jail (number of county inmates, number of state inmates, number of inmates in classes, etc.)

These are just a few of the plans I have laid out to make our jail safer, more secure and less of a financial burden for the county. Most of the issues facing our jail are merely management issues or lack of management issues. With your help, we can bring accountability and integrity back to the jail. I humbly ask for your VOTE on Election Day.

Vote Micah Owens for Rockcastle County Jailer **Bringing Accountability and Integrity Back**

Paid for by Micah Owens

Keep HOWELL HOLBROOK, Jr. ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Over \$1 million in blacktop work while in office

Eliminated debt on two properties, freeing funds for Parks and Recreation plans in the near future.

Helped facilitate \$20 million US-461 widening project

Helped facilitate \$20 million natural gas line for Rockcastle

We are on the move! Let's keep moving forward together

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# SPORTS

## Rocket baseball defeats Knott County Central

Rocket baseball traveled to Knott County Central last Saturday and came away with a 15-0 victory.

Ethan Fain and Silas Shaffer combined to throw a no-hitter.

Fain went two innings giving up no hits, three walks and had

three strikeouts. Shaffer pitched one inning giving up no hits, two walks and striking out three.

Lexington Catholic and Danville got the best of the Rockets this past week to bring their record to 18-9 on the season.

## Rocket softball defeats Lincoln; lose two others

Lincoln County came to town last Tuesday and the Lady Rockets defeated the Patriots 11-1 on senior night.

Katie Denham earned the win going five innings allowing two hits and one run, striking out two and walking none.

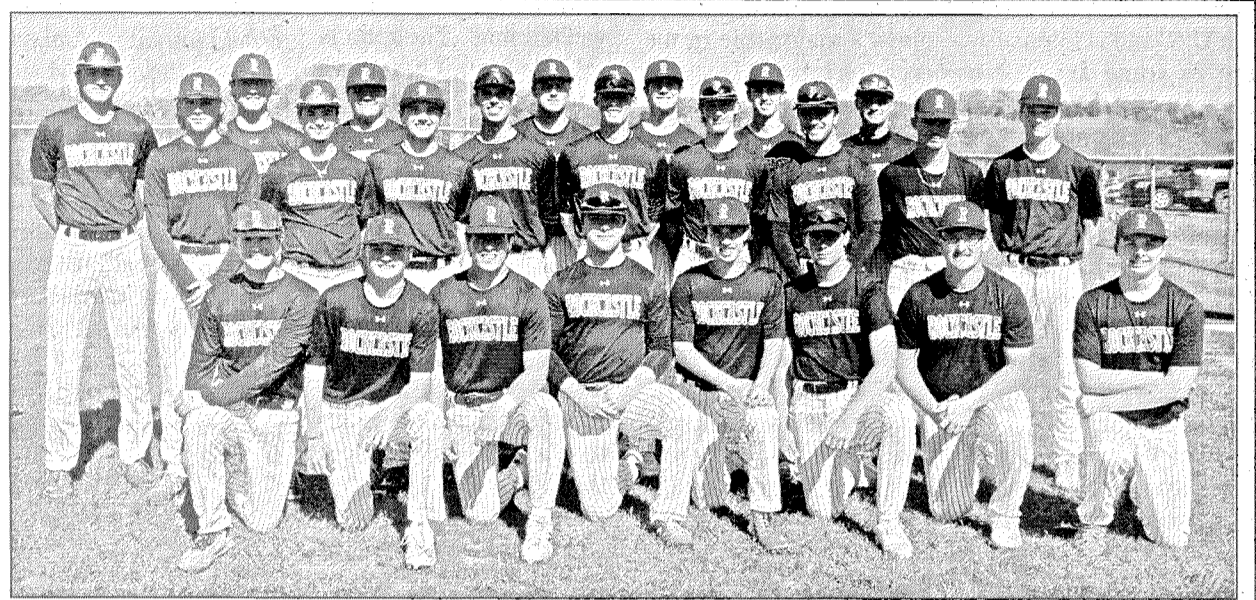
The Rockets traveled to Lexington Catholic on Thursday and lost a

tough one 12-0.

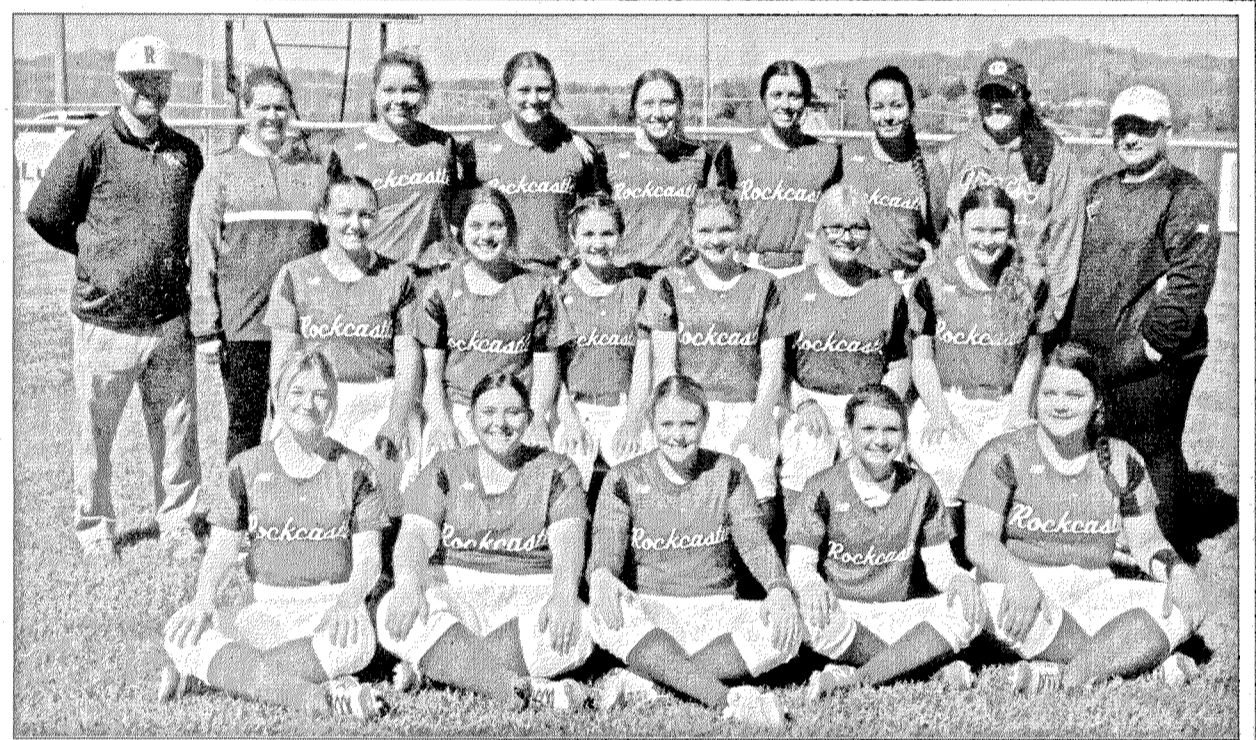
Monday night, the Rockets lost a heart-breaker 10-9 to Garrard.

Trailing 9-0 after five innings, the Lady Rockets scored six in the sixth and three in the seventh to tie the game at nine.

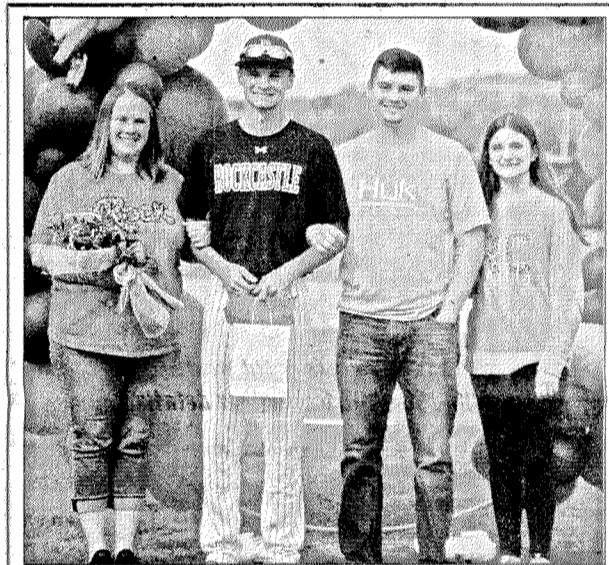
Garrard County hit a walk off double with two outs in the bottom of the seventh for the win.



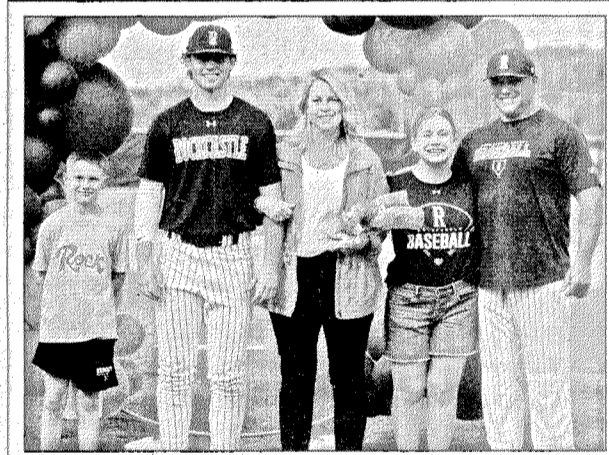
Members of the RCHS baseball team are shown above, front row from left: Noah Phillips, Parker Kidwell, Cam Prewitt, Noah Fain, Dalton Gibbs, Cade Prewitt, Andrew Powell and Josh Smith. Middle row from left: Joe Elam, Lance Coffey, Landen Reppert, Carson King, Carson Carrera, Robert Reams, Ethan Fain, Kaleb Alexander and Skyler Slagle. Back row from left: Skyler Durham, Silas Shaffer, Emmerick Goff, Kaden Kidwell, Ben Brown, Landen Dillingham and Caleb Bullock.



Members of the RCHS softball team are shown above, front row from left: Kierra Larkey, Katie Denham, Haley Pingleton, Addison McClure and Ella Bussell. Middle row from left: Kailee Collins, Adisynne Lovell, Abby Burdette, Makayla Coffey, Makyla Hester and Kylee Fletcher. Back row from left: head coach Tim McIntosh, coach Ainsley Vanwinkle, Makinlee Goff, Haven King, Laney Bryan, Lexie Brock, Madison York, coach Kristin Holcomb and coach Crystal Hester. The Rockets are 10-11 on the season and are looking to finish their season strong going into tourney action.



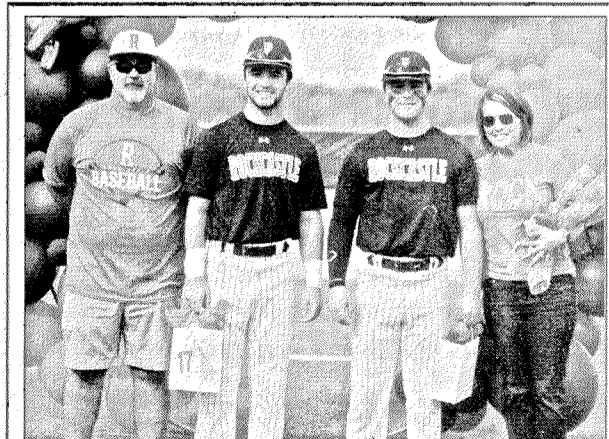
RCHS Baseball honored their seniors and family members before last week's home game with Boyle County. Shown above is senior Caleb Bullock with his mom, Carrie Bullock, brother Cameron and sister Chloe.



Senior Silas Shaffer with his parents, Mikhael and Callie Shaffer, sister Celia and brother Corey.



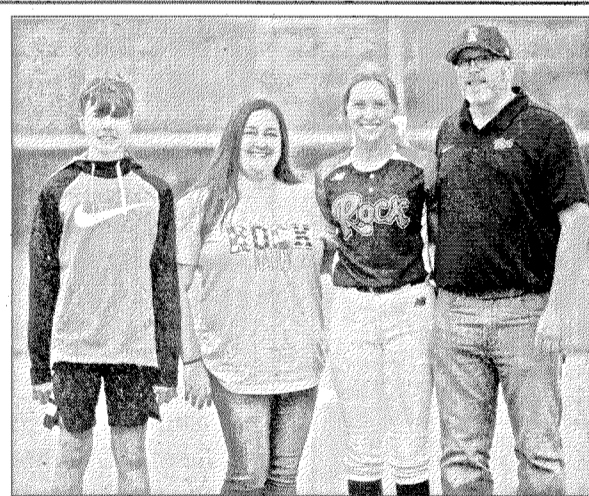
Senior Landon Dillingham and his parents, Jason and Tasha and sister, Averi.



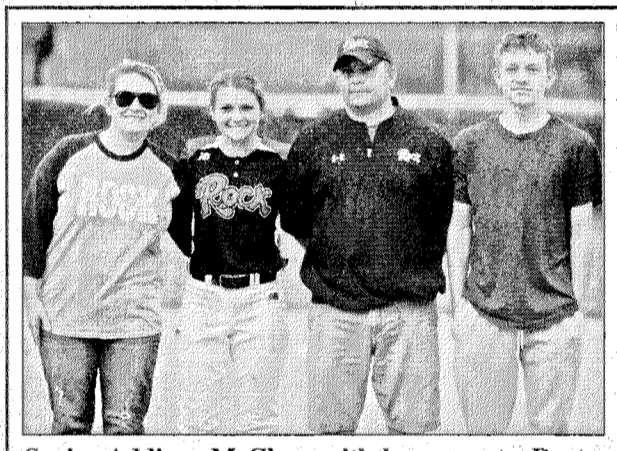
Seniors Ethan and Noah Fain and his parents, David and Melissa Fain.



RCHS Softball honored their seniors and family members before last week's home game with Lincoln County. Shown above is senior Emma Hackworth and her mother, Audrey and brothers, Adam and B.J.



Senior Laney Bryant and her parents, Mike and Steffany Bryant and brother, Nolan.



Senior Addison McClure with her parents, Dusty McClure and Crystal Clark and brother, Maddox.

## Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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

### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

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

- Brodhead** (behind City Hall )
- Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongo** (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax** (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.



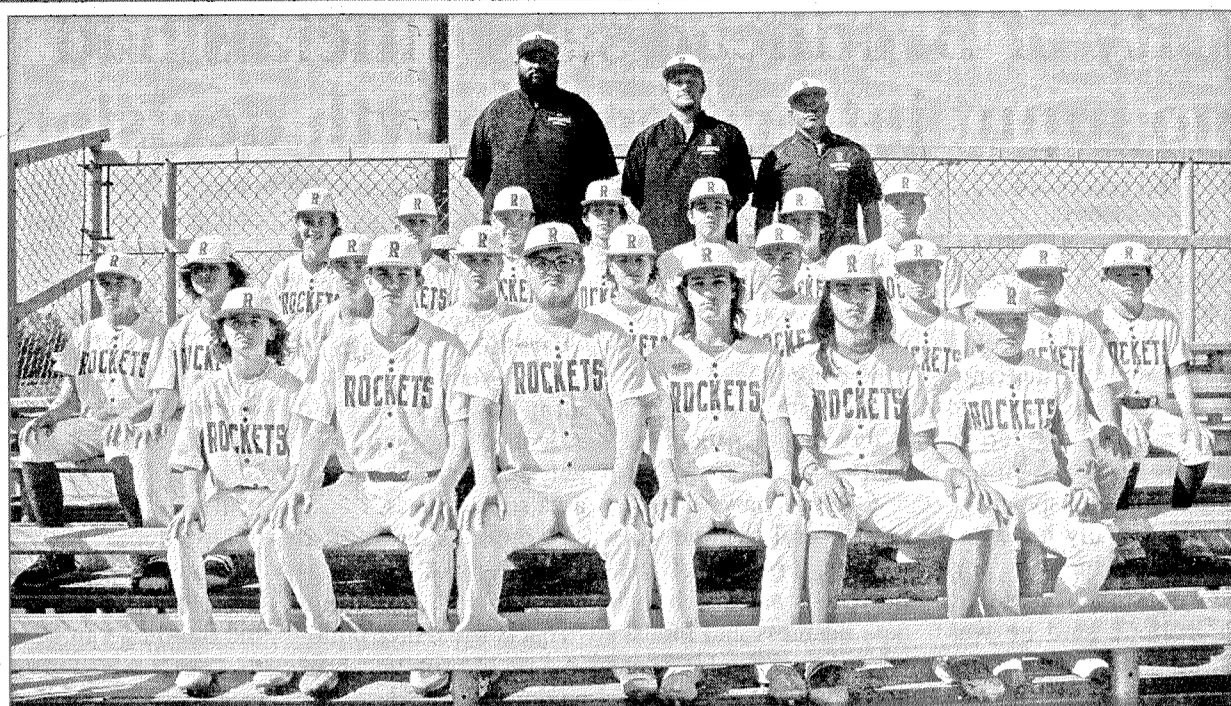
## Public Notice

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) will be accepting bids via a Reverse Online Auction on 5/19/2022 1:00:00 PM CDT, for the purchase of road salt for the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court local government road department.

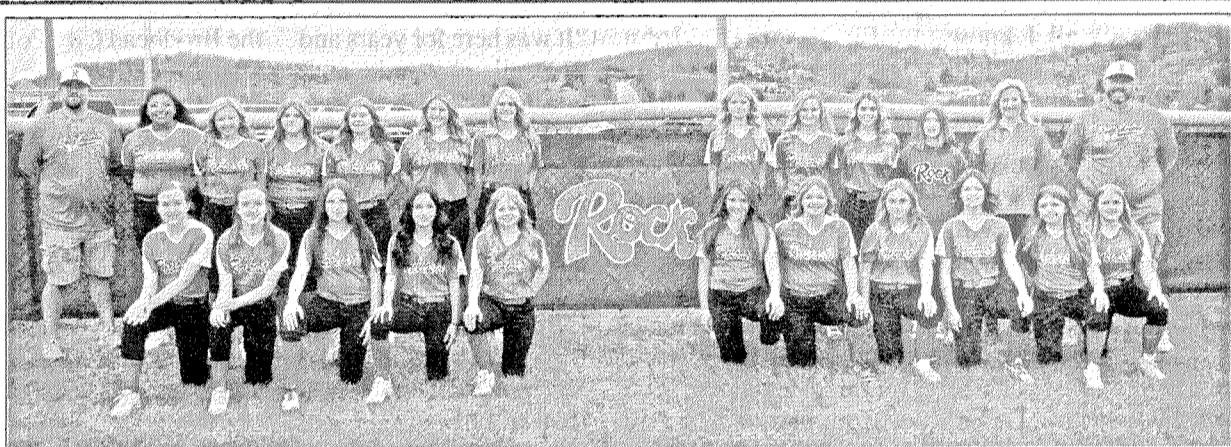
For bid participation/registration and specifications contact Orbis Online at 210-831-6070 or log onto www.orbisonline.com or contact, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the local government agency or Scott Martin with KACo at 800-264-5226. The local government agency reserves the right to reject/accept any and all bids.

Bids will be accepted online only.

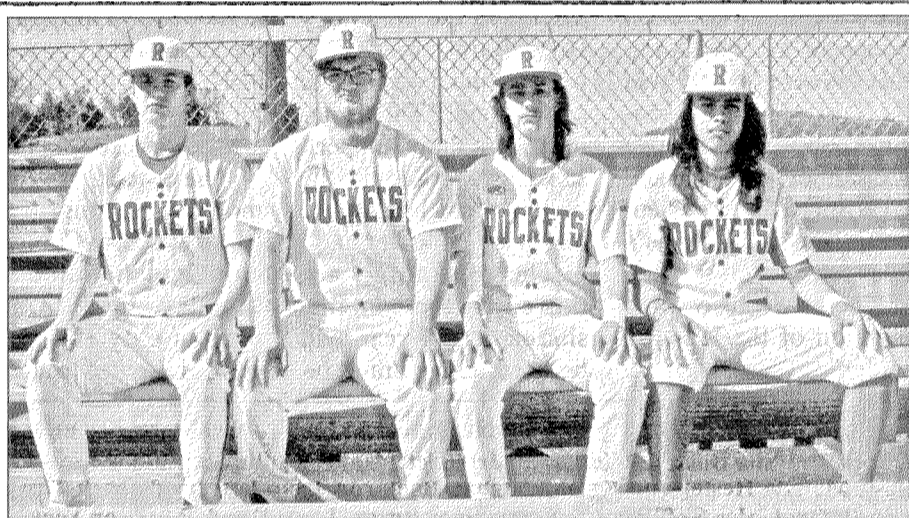




Members of the RCMS baseball team are shown above, front row from left: Gavin Isaacs, Maddox Parsons, Braedon Campbell, Ethan Weaver, Isaiah Phelps and Leland Hughes. Second row from left: Nick Reppert, Cal Rader, Bailey Taylor, Brayden Thacker, Ethan Phillips, Connor Ford, Clay Cash, Mason Payne and Jack Childress. Third row from left: Blake Mullins, Sawyer Yates, Hunter Pingleton, Caden Lovell, Cameron Smith, Zeke Fain and Colton Cash. Back row from left: head coach Tyler Holman, assistant coaches Brent Lovell and Kyle Childress. Not shown: assistant coach David Fain.



Members of the RCMS softball team are shown above, front row from left: Ally Brummett, Emma Brummett, Brailyn Todd, Sadie Osborne, Sadie Payne, Haley Hopkins, Adeline Bussell, Clara Shaffer, Olivia Weaver, Kinley Shearer and Kelsey Maupin. Back row from left: coach Jeff Todd, Mahala Miller, Tatum Bishop, Caillee Mullins, Kaylee Halcomb, Lauren Hensley, Kiley Dunaway, Macy Spivey, Ella McKinney, Sydney Holcomb, Bailey Adams, coach Brooke Bishop and head coach Adam Hensley.



RCMS baseball honored their eighth graders Monday night before their home game with Southern Middle. Eighth graders honored are shown above, from left: Maddox Parsons, Braedon Campbell, Ethan Weaver and Isaiah Phelps.

• Re-Elect •

# William Denny

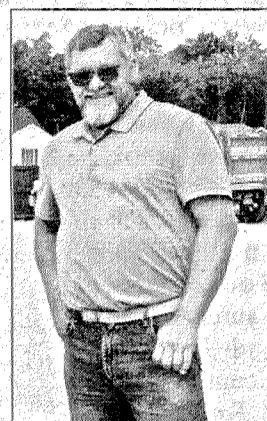
2nd District Magistrate

To the residents of the 2nd District:

I'm William Denny, your current Magistrate.

I am seeking re-election and kindly ask for your vote.

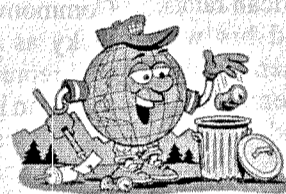
I thank each of you for all the kind words of encouragement and support these past few months and over the years.



Thank You, William Denny

Paid for by William Denny

## Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



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

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

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

**Keep The Rock Clean!**

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

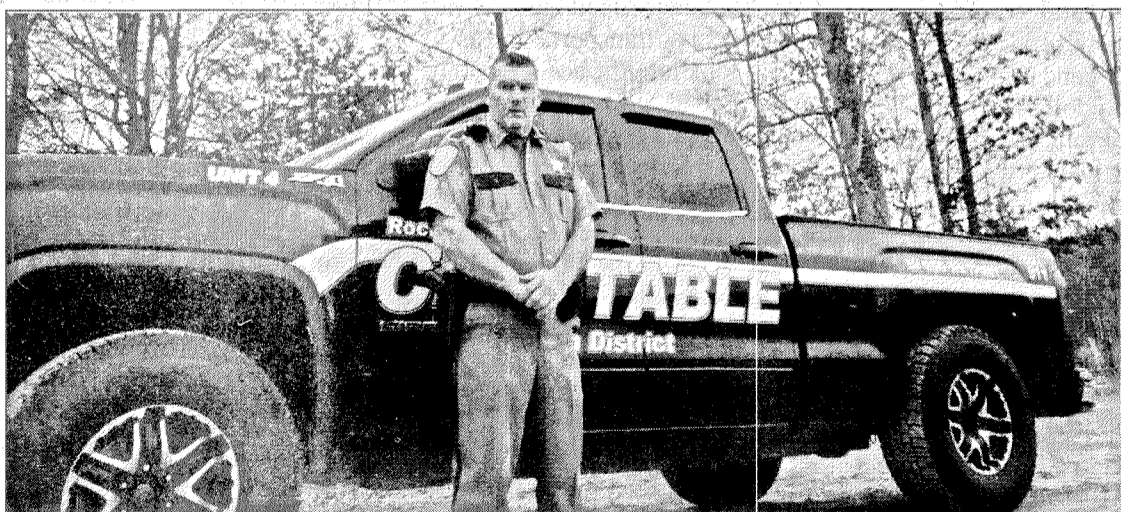
Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

# L. Dale Miller

## Sheriff Rockcastle County

### IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE

- Will serve and protect all residents of Rockcastle County
- Will work with State Police and City Police, day and night
- Will work with Fire Depts. and EMS on all calls day and night
- Will serve warrants and summons
- Will respond to all calls in the quickest time possible.
- Will have two Deputies on duty at all times. (Two officers per shift, every shift)
- I'll make sure my units are matching and everyone will be the same and presentable to the public which I serve.



*Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated*

Paid for by L. Dale Miller



# Brandon Storm

## Kentucky State Senator for Rockcastle County

By: Mike French  
Editor

Due to redistricting after the 2020 Census, Senator Jared Carpenter was replaced as the Senator representing Rockcastle County by Senator Brandon Storm. The Laurel County native took over the 21st district, which includes Rockcastle, Laurel, Casey and Lincoln Counties.



Recently, Storm attended several events in Rockcastle County and has now been named as GOPAC Emerging Leader, along with 24 other legislators. The distinguished honor is granted only to those who demonstrate promise in positively impacting their state and are rising in the Republican ranks.

Storm and his wife Jaelyn and their children twin daughters, Carley and Anna, and son, Wes, reside in London. He is an EKU Criminal Justice graduate and received his

Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Mississippi College of Law in 2003. Storm has owned his own private law practice since. He has also served as President of the Laurel County Bar Association.

The recent honor provides Storm with a one-year initiative which educates the next generation of Republican legislators and prepares them to run for higher office.

"I am extremely honored to have been invited to attend this prestigious event of emerging leaders from across the nation," said Storm. "As the only Kentucky legislator, I am honored to represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky as my senate district representative."

Storm is the only Kentucky legislator to receive the honor and one of only 25 to be accepted as part of the program.

### "Wrecks"

(Continued from front) which closed the interstate for over an hour Friday, involved three tractor-trailers and included an extensive extrication. Several accidents required ambulance transports and one fatality was reported.

Some EMS workers have said when rain is predicted, local rescue workers must avoid any plans away from the office until the rain is expected to end. "If it is raining, we know what is coming," said Franklin. What's coming is I 75 car and truck crashes.

Franklin says the name "Bermuda Triangle of Highways" has become a more common phrase at sheriff's conventions across the state when discussing I 75 in this county.

"Honestly our department, EMS, KSP, local fire departments, police departments, emergency rooms, hospitals, helicopters, ambulances and towing companies are on the interstate during rains and are all tied up for hours at a time," said Franklin. "There are insurance rates, medical supplies and traffic issues. It is just a bad situation. I would estimate the total cost of emergency services over this weekend to be near a million dollars."

Franklin also pointed out other possibilities that could occur.

"Imagine what would happen if we had a critical incident with mass injuries during one of these hours long traffic jams," he said. "Ambulances unable to get to hospitals and first responders stuck on I-75. It is just a matter of time. Statistics and probabilities will catch up to us. One of these times a wreck will include a tanker with toxic materials."

For many years local, law enforcement and EMS units have been aware of the problem, which drastically multiplies during rain, and have joined forces in attempts to discover why.

In fact, some of the studies and plans helped

result in the two-year I 75 widening project.

Unfortunately, now that the project is complete inside the county and two extra lanes were added, along with concrete barriers, warning strips and smoother surfaces, the number of accidents has not diminished and is on track to match or surpass annual averages, according to local first responders.

Officials say the new exit ramps help tremendously with getting on and off the interstate in the county and less accidents seem to occur near the new ramps, but not on the actual four-mile stretch between exits.

"There has to be a logical reason for this," said Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray. "I am working closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet trying to discover the reason why there are so many accidents in that specific area."

In the meantime, Bray has acquired funding for a study to build an access road between Exit 59 and Exit 62 that would both create more industrial development access and provide traffic relief during such accidents.

"The widening projects has made getting on and off I 75 much safer but I have asked the department of transportation to look into the accidents around the 62 and 59 mile markers," said Bray. "For some reason, there is a four-mile stretch where we see the increase in accidents. Especially when it is raining."

Until officials have discovered why the area is among the most dangerous locations in the country, efforts are underway to make the jobs easier and less time consuming for officials involved daily.

The sheriff's department recently acquired a high-tech accident reconstruction system, designed to make the job of reconstruction more accurate, more dependable and much quicker. The computer guided system can eliminate most human error and can accurately reconstruct vehicle accidents in minute de-

# City of Brodhead says officials had no input into recent growth decisions

By: Mike French  
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission had some questions during Monday night's regular monthly meeting. When the agenda reached Commissioner comments, Commissioner Brian Bullock spoke up. "I don't really have any comments but I have a few questions," he said.

Bullock said he was slightly confused about the progress of the upcoming natural gas line. "I understand from reading the *Mount Vernon Signal* that Brodhead is getting a natural gas line," he said. "That is really great, but what I read in the paper is all I know about it. No one has told the City of Brodhead anything about it and I don't know of any discussion about when and where and how and who with anyone elected in the City of Brodhead."

Commissioner Jerry Adams agreed. "The RCIDA (Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority) hasn't contacted anyone in Brodhead that I know about," he said. "I think we should have had a little input or at least been allowed to ask some questions. That would have been nice."

Emergency Management Director Bryan Bussell said he wishes that Brodhead was better represented on the RCIDA board. "They (the RCIDA board) have had some turnover recently but there still isn't repre-

sentation on the board from Brodhead that I know of," he said.

Bullock said he agrees the area should be better represented. "Sometimes it feels like the west end of the county gets left out of these conversations," he said.

Officials have said the new natural gas line will be transformational for the county and will bring new business and industry to Rockcastle. "I'm not complaining. I'm sure a gas line is great. But every business we have here is occupied or recently purchased. We are doing good down here and really don't have any vacancies," said Bullock.

Fire Chief John Dyehouse said there is a lot to consider. "You know having a natural gas line in our city can be a game changer," he said. "If there was ever a reason to call before you dig, you better from now on. The cost of breaking a natural gas line is very, very expensive."

Commissioners asked each other questions concerning the size of the line that is expected to run from Lincoln County as well as questions concerning logistics. "Are they running to each house or are we doing that? Where exactly will the line be? I sense a franchise coming, has anyone heard about that?" asked Adams. No one present could answer Adams's questions.

There was also some mention of the KY 461 widening project from

exit 62 to US 150 as well. Commissioners agreed this project may be a benefit to the City of Mount Vernon. "I'd say that area near the interstate in Mount Vernon is now a lot more desirable," said Adams. "They can probably start developing that area soon I guess."

Commissioners also said they like the Farmers Market building. "That is a real nice building in Mount Vernon," said Bullock. Commissioners said that the Farmers Market was held in Brodhead for many years. City Clerk Becky Bussell said the Farmers Market was a staple event for the City of Brodhead. "It was here for years and then all of a sudden, it wasn't."

The commissioners then moved on to the problem of utility poles down throughout the area. Mayor Walter Cash asked about several utility poles being down in the city. "I have called KU over and over and they still haven't showed up and I started trying in 2019 before COVID," said Bussell. "I will keep calling but that is all we can do."

The commission also discussed the Kentucky Hoop Barn construction project underway at the sewer plant. "This is going to be a show stopper," said Cash. "It is quite the building and is going to look very good."

The building, approved by the commission earlier this year, will be used as a storage fa-

cility for city equipment and many other uses and is nearing completion.

The commissioners discussed the recent rising costs of materials such as gravel and expressed concern about keeping the project under budget. However, currently, commissioners agree the structure will be a strong addition to the city storage abilities and the building can be very useful.

City Clerk Rebecca Bussell pointed out the recent electric bill was slightly less than usual. "It is a little better this month. We will keep an eye on it," she said.

No representative of the Brodhead City Police Department was present for the meeting but Mayor Cash told commissions that the department is doing well. "They have made several arrests and, of course, they (the criminals) beat our police officer back to Brodhead," he said. "But they are doing well and watching our city closely."

Dyehouse reported he hopes to have the Fire Department Fish Fry in June. The May event was cancelled due to supply chain problems. "We hope we have the fish for the June event," he said.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

tail.

Funded through grants from Walmart, Sam's Club, Walmart Distribution Center and EcoTech, the system arrived this week. Deputy Sam Brock completed a six-week training course to operate the system properly and has received his technical drone license and certification. The department is seeking funding for the drone system that can accompany the reconstruction system.

Officials say they will be looking into the abnormal amount of accidents in the area and looking for solutions for the issues.

"There has to be a reason this is happening and we will not stop until we figure it out," said Bray.

### "Prayer"

(Continued from front) filled the event, which was led by Brother Randy McPheron, Director of Missions of the Baptist Association.

Lunch, provided by the Kiwanis Club, was blessed by Brother Bruce Ross, Pastor of First Christian Church in Mount Vernon. Luther Allen, Chaplain at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, led those present in *America the Beautiful* and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, followed by special singing by Troy Baxter, a member of Fair Haven Quartet.

A special presentation followed, honoring the family of Brother Wayne Harding who led the observance for many years before passing away earlier this year.

Brother Eddie Nation, pastor of First Baptist Church, of Centre, Alabama, provided a powerful message to the responsive crowd. Nation asked the crowd if they

had checked their spare tire that morning before they left home. Then he pointed out that Americans often treat God similar to a spare tire. "We just trust that it is there if we need it but we never think much about it until we have a flat," he said. "Then all of a sudden that spare tire becomes very important to us doesn't it?"

Nation continued to point out the current state of America. "This is not a Godly nation anymore that we are living in today," he said. "The change that this nation needs won't come from the White House. It will come from our house. We have to bring God into our own house first," he said.

The closing prayer was delivered by Brother Travis Gilbert, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.

Countless local officials were present at the event and drinks were provided by James Miller and Teresa VanZant in memory of their parents Denver and Glenn Miller. Fruit was provided by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and the ice, chairs and tables were provided by current Jailer Nathan Carter.

### "Meth"

(Continued from front) Shannon Franklin, the investigation culminated last Thursday, May 5, when officers arrested James Porter, Jr., of Louisville, who was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine. The arrest took place on I 75 where police stopped Porter, who was a passenger in a car that had been stopped by the Kentucky State Police Interdiction Team.

Franklin said police confiscated a pound of

methamphetamine and an ounce of marijuana along with \$2,200 in cash. Meth is typically sold by the gram (\$50 to \$100 per gram). There is 453 grams in a pound.

The unnamed driver was also taken into custody but no information concerning the driver was available at press time.

Porter was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$15,000. His hearing is scheduled for noon Wednesday, May 18.

### "Aide"

(Continued from front) and had made "strange comments," including telling the clerk that he was here son.

Trooper Jones approached Bush to attempt to provide assistance and offer help. But when the officer identified himself, Bush reportedly claimed

Jones was not an actual officer but was simply "dressed up like one," according to the arrest citation.

The trooper then attempted to call EMS and explained to Bush that he was calling for help for him.

During the attempted call for help, Bush tackled the officer into a drink display in the store and struck the officer in the face with his fist.

Local citizens rushed to assist the officer who was able to regain control and take Bush to the floor, the citation says.

According to the citation, Bush continued to resist the officer while being handcuffed but was finally subdued and placed in the cruiser. Bush was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Bush has been charged with menacing, disorderly conduct, assault of a police officer and resisting arrest.

The bond is not known at press time.

### "Voting"

(Continued from front)

#### Early Voting

Voters may vote from May 12 through 14 (Thursday through Saturday) at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. **Thursday, May 12, you may vote from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** **Friday, May 13, you may vote from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.** **Saturday, May 14 you may vote from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

#### Yard Sale

3 family. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to ? at 100 High St., Bride of Christ Church, behind Rockcastle Hospital. Furniture, home decor, clothes, toys and much more.





Members of the 8th grade volleyball team are shown above, front row from left: Brillie Bussell, Hannah King, Emma Noel and Addy King. Back row from left: coach Michaela Barron, Taylor King, Aisha Njie, Addy White, Jocelyn Reynolds and head coach Casey Todd.



Members of the 7th grade volleyball team are shown above, front row from left: Arrahlyn Richards, Trinity Abney, Callie Thacker and Kenzie Owens. Back row from left: coach Michaela Barron, Abby Hopkins, Kinsley Smith, Carleigh Philbeck, Crystal Ordonez, Tessa Begley, Chloe Wilson and head coach Casey Todd.



Members of the 6th grade volleyball team are shown above, front row from left: Amber McClure, Makena Weaver, Caylee Cash and Abby Todd. Back row from left: coach Michaela Barron, Leighton McKinney, Madelynn Parsons, Jaycee McIntosh, Katie Valle, Kaiya Njie and head coach Casey Todd.

Volleyball team photos by  
Michaela Barron Photography

Re-Elect  
**Steve Griffin**

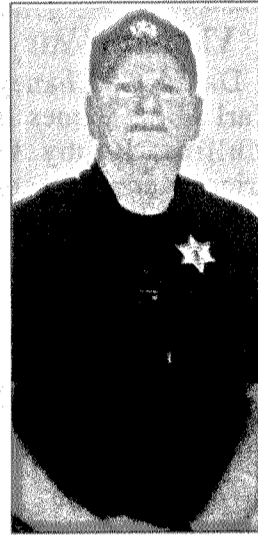
Rockcastle County Constable  
**District 2**

**#1 on the ballot**

To the Citizens of Rockcastle Co. and the Voters of the Second District:

I am asking for your continued support and vote in the upcoming May Primary Election. I have truly enjoyed serving as your Second District Constable for the last three years.

I have been in Emergency Services for a number of years now serving as an active member with the Fire & Rescue service for 24 years, and currently holding the rank of Captain with Mt. Vernon Fire Department. Also, working for our local ambulance service as an EMT for the last 21 years. Helping people in their time of need and helping to protect their life and property is a passion of mine.



Being a lifelong citizen of Rockcastle County myself, I see and hear the needs of our great county. As I have always said, if someone needs me, contact me. I will do the best I can to help. I cannot promise everything, we all know one person cannot do everything. And if I said I could, I would be lying.

During my service as your Constable, I have assisted other agencies in our county on numerous calls and situations, as well as several personal calls that I have responded to solely. From comforting a child, suspicious activity complaints, shots fired calls, to being in a pursuit involving a kidnapping that ended in another county, and many other calls.

I feel it is my responsibility to put myself in harm's way in order to try and save someone's life. We are all human, we all make mistakes. I feel that just because someone makes a mistake, they still deserve respect. That is what I strive to do.

Constables are Peace Officers. Elected by the people, for the people. This is why after being elected last election, I made it a point to join the Kentucky Constable Association and attend their Constable Training Academy, as well as attending Kentucky State Police Training Classes to prepare myself and obtain the knowledge and requirements to better service the County and its citizens.

Constables are not paid a salary, all expenditures are paid from our own pockets. This is something I am willing to do to help our citizens. Again, I am asking for your support and vote. It will be greatly appreciated.

**A Vote for Steve Griffin  
is a Vote for the People**

**#1 on the Ballot**

Paid for by Steve Griffin

# CARPENTER FOR CORONER

## What Are My Qualifications?

1. I have been a REGISTERED NURSE FOR 30+ YEARS.
2. I have been a FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER for the past 10 years.
3. I am and have always been FAMILY ORIENTED.
4. I always try to BE COMPASSIONATE AND SHOW EMPATHY FOR ANYONE THAT IS HURTING AND/OR SUFFERING LOSS
5. I am NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY FUNERAL HOME. This means that when a Coroner call is answered, the FAMILY MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE THE PRESSURE of having to choose a funeral home that the Coroner owns or is associated.

**It is not required that a Coroner be a Funeral Director or be associated with a funeral home**

6. I am a lifelong Republican and have strong conservative views.

§ If elected, I would be the first female Coroner in Rockcastle County

§ I would also be the first Coroner not affiliated with a funeral home in any manner since at least 1955.

§ If elected, I also promise that each and every call for the Coroner's office will be answered in the most efficient manner possible



**I am asking for your vote on Election Day**

**I would greatly appreciate your  
vote and consideration  
to be your next Coroner**

Paid for by Dawn Carpenter, Candidate for Coroner



# Memorial Day event

By: Mike French  
Editor

Once again the David M. Smith American Legion Post 71, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mount Vernon Lions Club and the Rockcastle County Chapter of the DAR, are sponsoring the annual Rockcastle County Memorial Day ceremony.

This year's event will be held on the courthouse lawn on Monday, May 30 beginning at 10 a.m. and the public is encouraged to attend to show support for local veterans.

Don Gabbard will give the welcome to those present while B.J. Thomas will provide the opening prayer and Larry Baker will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem.

Kathy Bobo will host the POW/KIA table ceremony and speaker Wayne Allen will also address the crowd.

The Honor Roll for WWI vets will be read by Bill Stewart, WWII vets will be led by Rick and Kathy Bobo, Korean War vets by Don Gabbard and Vietnam War vets by Richard Payne.

Karen Adams will perform the Laying of the Wreath and Jack Lewis will perform on bagpipes with David Harris playing Taps. The Honor Guard will present a 21-gun Salute and Thomas will provide the Closing Prayer before Gabbard officially closes the ceremony.

The theme of this year's event is a quote from President Ronald Reagan. "We are forever indebted to those who

have given their lives that we might be free."

Honorees are:

## WWI

Henry Baker, Author Blanton, Sam Bradley, Vesse G., Brown, Hyatt Crawford, Benton Flynn, Rex H. Griffin, Chester Howard, Ernest McClure, Orville L. Mink, Elijah Mullins, Grover Carlisle Price, Russel Price, Ervin Price, Elmer Renner, Joseph E. Schindler, Allen M. Smith, Nath Swinney, Finley Ward and William H. White.

## WWII

Arnold Adams, Clifford Adams, Kelly Allen, John T. Argenbright, William M. Bales, Jr., George Ball, Johnny L. Ball, John B. Barnett, Julius P. Barnett, Raymond E. Bullock, Frank Calhoun, William C. Chaney, Eddie Childress, George W. Clark, Walter I. Coldiron, James D. Cook, Carl Cottrell, James S. Cox, Clarence Creech, William M. Cromer, Billy N. Cummins, Clyde A. DeBorde, Elzi L. Dillingham, Clarence Durham, Maynard Farris Jr., Clyde S. Gillium, Alvia D. Hamilton, Louis H. Hansel, Curtis Hasty, Ray Hasty, Benjamin Hannon, Howard Harper, Douglas Harris, William Harris, John E. Hibbard, Elmer E. Hickey, Pete L. Jarber, Roy Jones, Everett Kidwell, John R. King, Marvin L. Kirby, Joe A. Lunsford, Andy Mason, Gus McFeron, Ervin F. McKinney, Joe W. Mink, Frank Moberly, Earl V. Moore, Oscar Moore, Robert L. Moore, Kenneth E. Noe, Shelby C. Norton, John W. O'Mara,

David E. Owens, James B. Owens, William J.C. Powell, Emory Ramsey, Brunner Renner, Orrin Rice, Howard Robinson, Virgil J. Robinson, Warren Robinson, Edward Rowe, Alfred Smith, Allen M. Smith, Davis Edward Smith, Douglas E. Smith, Freddie Smith, Sydney Stewart, Pearl Taylor, Clarence Thacker, Jim Vaughn, Lawrence Wagner, Benjamin Watkins, Lester Wheat, Earl Whittaker and Marvin Woodall.

## Korean War

Bennie C. Atkinson, Edward Jones, Jr., Robert G. Mason, James Southard and Medal of Honor winner David M. Smith.

## Vietnam War

David C. Chaney, Carl Mink, James E. Mullins, Bobby W. Price, Kenneth Todd and Gary Lee Taylor.

Re-Elect

# Doug PREWITT

## Magistrate - District 3

#1 on the ballot

I have lived and worked a lifetime in Rockcastle Co. I am very conservative

By working together we (the Rockcastle Fiscal Court) have made great achievements such as:

1. Sale of the Microfoodery property
2. Sale of the Plastics Factory building
3. Blacktopping of roads, replacing of culverts and tiles all over the 3rd district.

I will continue to work hard for you, the people of Rockcastle County.

Let's keep working together

Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Paid for by Doug Prewitt

# VOTE James Bryan KING

## 5th District Magistrate

I will work for the community not only to improve roads but to help build a better future for District 5 and Rockcastle County as a whole.



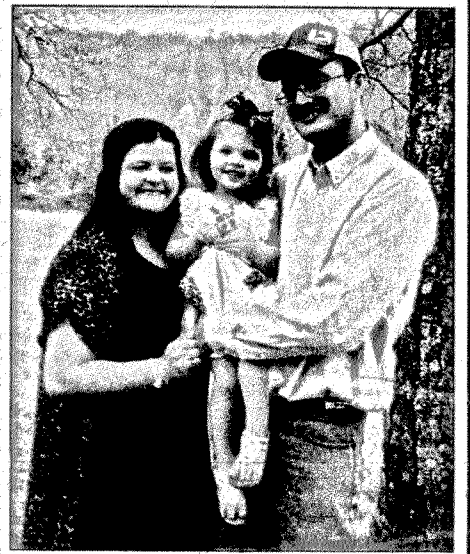
Paid for by James Bryan King

I will not be a candidate to only ask for your vote every four years but I will be a magistrate you see out working on a daily basis when elected.

Your vote and support on May 17th will be greatly appreciated.

**Vote #1 on the Ballot**

**James Bryan King**



# Keep HOWELL HOLBROOK Jr.

## ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

*"Leading with transparency and integrity, Howell Holbrook is a real Republican that is moving our county forward, not backward."*

**Tested, Tried, and True • Vote Holbrook on May 17, 2022**

### Saved Rockcastle County Taxpayer Money

- Resolved debt incurred from Eagle Manufacturing/Douglas Thornburg endeavor
- Resolved all financial obligations associated with the Microfoodery Project
- Resolved building code violations surrounding the Horse Arena Building at Brodhead
- Restarted the Rocket Docket Program
- Adopted a drug free workplace policy, saving on insurance cost
- Maintain County roads while operating within the boundaries of State Statutes
- Created job descriptions and standardized pay scale for all Fiscal Court employees

### Secured Grant Funding of more than \$700,000

- New Ambulance (grant funds along with Ambulance Board)
- Communication Equipment for First Responders (CSEPP Program)
- Decontamination Facility in Hospital
- Two new police cruisers (grant funding and Fiscal Court)
- Rockcastle County's first Household Hazard Waste Disposal Program
- Recycling Equipment

### Secured Discretionary Funding of around \$700,000

- Resurfacing county roads (Must be State approved)
- State records indicate this is first time Rockcastle County has been awarded this funding

### Received Flex Funding over \$800,000

- Resurfacing paved county roads

### Invested in our future and safety

- Chapin International purchased property formerly Mt. Vernon Plastics - created 100 jobs
- Local business Exela recently announced plans to add 200-400 jobs
- Farmers Market Facility - Many County/City leaders and other Organizations worked together to complete this project
- Worked with the Soil Conservation District to start a dead farm animal removal program, this helps our local farmers and the environment

- Started the \$100 per mile litter pick up program
- Financially support county sports organizations
- Support upkeep and administrative costs for Livingston School and Gym facility
- Invested in a new HVAC System for Livingston School/Gymnasium
- Invested in new equipment for Rockcastle County Road Department
- Renovated Brodhead Fairground Property (Siding, paint, roof, fence, and scoreboard)
- Partnered with First Responders, CAP, Rockcastle County School System, and many volunteers to provide shelter and warming centers during inclement weather emergencies

### Moving Forward - the future is bright

- Received \$220,000 Discretionary Funds
  - Earmarked to fund removal of a road hazard (hump) on Freedom School Road
- Continue to seek out grant funding
- Continue to work with RCIDA, State and City Leaders to promote industrial growth in Rockcastle County
- Continue to work with and support First Responders to keep our community safe
- HWY 461 project
  - State Representative, Josh Bray and State Senator, Brandon Storm worked diligently to secure State Funding - \$20 million
- Gas Line Project
  - \$20 million secured by Representative Bray and Senator Storm
  - \$500,000 ARC Grant secured by the RCIDA
- ARPA Funds allotted to Rockcastle County in 2 parts totaling over \$3.2 million
  - First portion received over \$1.6 million spending plans are pending US Treasury final guidelines - expected in the next 3-4 months
  - Fiscal Court will review several spending options once guidelines are finalized
  - Our goal is to use this once in a lifetime money to fund a facility/program that would benefit all citizens for years to come -

**Stay tuned...**



# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, May 12, 2022

## Main Street Beautification



Lynn Tatum (left) Director of Vitalize Mount Vernon, was joined by workers from across the community including the two volunteers from Community Trust Bank shown above. Flowers and plants donated by Owens Greenhouse were provided to the volunteers who carefully placed the plants in the vases along both sides of Main Street and in the History Garden on the corner of Richmond Street and Main Street. The groups worked throughout the day helping to make Mount Vernon a more beautiful place for all who pass through.



Dear Rockcastle County Citizens,

I've never been one to brag on my family or tell them they've done a good job. But here I am writing to tell you a little bit about my son. Some of you know him as the one who worked on your camper, or the guy you go to church with, or you recognize him as the current County Judge Executive. To me, he's Hal June, a chip off the old block. We farmed together his whole life, he learned how to solve problems, and how to work hard to earn a living.

I am old now and mostly just watch him work. I see him working hard to live up to the idea of hard work, being fair with people, and always do the right thing and things will always turn out right.

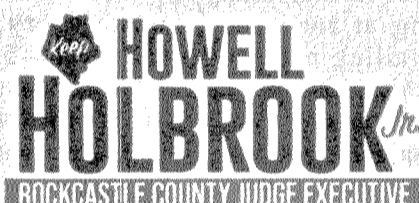
He is the kind of person who won't just ask others to clean snow- and ice-covered roads but gets right in the middle of it and works with the road crew. You might have seen him down at the Fairgrounds working to help unload trash for folks during the free trash drop off day.

I am just saying my son doesn't shy away from hard work. You can trust him to do right by everyone and operate the county with honesty. He's a family man who works hard for his family and yours.

Son, you're doing a good job!

I am asking you to vote to keep Howell Holbrook Jr. for Rockcastle County Judge Executive.

Thank you for your support,  
Howell Holbrook, Sr.  
(THE OLD BLOCK)



**VOTE HOLBROOK ON MAY 17, 2022**

Paid for by Howell Holbrook, Sr.

## Livingston office closed till May 16

The Livingston City Commission has voted to keep City Hall closed for another week while City Clerk Amanda Thomas completes required paperwork for the

state of Kentucky. The work requires access to forms and files that have the office in disarray and therefore unavailable for Livingston residents until the process

is complete. Thomas said she appreciates the patience and understanding of everyone involved. The office is expected to reopen on Monday, May 16.

*Elect*

# KATHY ROBINSON

# PVA

*I humbly ask for your vote to become the next Property Valuation Administrator*

**Life-long conservative Republican**

**Committed to the principle of low property taxes**

**Fair and impartial**

**I will work to update the property records and maps**



**36 years of experience working in the Rockcastle County Attorney's office**

**Endorsed by the current PVA, Janet Vaughn**

**It would be an honor to serve YOU!**

PAID FOR BY KATHY ROBINSON





Mrs. Sierra's third grade class at Brodhead Elementary School has been studying story elements of fiction books. In order to show what they have learned about story elements they created a setting diorama for one of their favorite books.

# Wanda Coffey

## Administrative Executive of Rockcastle County

By: Mike French  
Editor

If you visit the office of the Rockcastle County Judge/Executive, there is a chance you won't need to talk with the judge directly at all. Most who visit the office are taken care of by the smiling lady you will find when you first walk in the door before they reach Howell Holbrook Jr's office.

Judge/Executive Holbrook spends a lot of time out in the county looking at roads and guardrailing and mud slides and dealing with countless county issues that require his presence. So, back at the office, Wanda Coffey is holding down the fort.

Coffey is the Administrative Executive that guests will see before reaching Holbrook's of-

ffice."

"Wanda and Vickie (Miller Fiscal Court Clerk and Tax Administrator) are invaluable to this office," said Holbrook. "They make it possible for the judge/executive to be able to do the job. I feel confident in their abilities, each time I have to go to a site in the county to deal with an issue, that they will take care of things at the office until I get back."

Coffey handles a lot of issues every day and, with nearly 50 citizens per week coming to the judge/executive's office, it is often you will find her dealing with two or more people at the same time. "You have to be able to multi task and I take my job seriously," said Coffey. "I love every minute of it and

Howell is so good at what he does that the office runs smoothly."

Holbrook's office deals with citizens who have questions or needs but the majority of Coffey's duties, includes anything that the 87 county employees may need.

"The biggest majority of questions I get concern Planning and Zoning and Permits," said the 49 year-old administrator. "But Rockcastle County doesn't have planning and zoning and you don't need a local permit to build. You just have to get state approvals that are required and meet Kentucky Revised Statutes. But I am familiar with those as well."

Much of Coffey's time

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### Rockcastle Voting Centers

Livingston Fire and Rescue, Main St., Livingston	Brodhead Elementary Brodhead	Roundstone Elementary US 25	Rockcastle Courthouse Mount Vernon
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### Election Day, Tuesday, May 17

On Election Day, all four voting locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Any voter may vote at any of the four voting locations, regardless of your address or precinct.

★ ★ ★ **ELECT**

**TAMMY COX**

**FOR Magistrate-District 1**

Dear friends, I am running for *Magistrate District 1* in Rockcastle County and am humbly asking for your vote and support in the May 17th Primary!

- Have lived on Rose Hill Baptist Church Road over 42 years and during that time raised two children, Cody and Tara, and have four grandchildren.

- I feel I have the qualifications to do the job!! I owned & operated Cox Florist 15 years and retired in 2020 from Daniel Boone Community Action/Ashlee's House after nearly 15 years serving the families of Rockcastle County. I'm proudly a Kentucky Colonel

- Have been a Kiwanian for 32 years volunteering to enrich the lives of our community and youth.

- Helped to organize & coach the 1st RCHS Track & Field Team back in 1989-1992. I am a Substitute Teacher and understand the many needs there are in our educational system.

- Served as a Commissioner on the KCCVS/Serve Kentucky State Board for over 10 years and currently serve on the "Kentucky Highlands Housing Board" and have a good understanding of our current housing issues.

I hope that you will consider voting for me in the May 17th Primary.

**I will work hard & do my best to serve District 1 and Rockcastle County if elected.**

• Vote #1 on the ballot •

Paid for by Tammy Cox



### ELECT

# DOUG HUGHES

## FOR CORONER



### EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS

- Current Deputy Coroner
- Dual Licensed Funeral Director
- Former Instructional Assistant
- Former Football Coach
- Family Oriented

"I have served this community for over 12 years through the school system and coaching sports.

Now I am asking you to trust me with your loved ones when families are most vulnerable."

**Vote HUGHES on  
May 17th**

Paid for by Doug Hughes

We are all in this together!

# Debbie Mason

## Candidate for District 3 Magistrate

**We are all in this together!!!  
The time for empty words is over!  
The time for action is now!  
If you want lower taxes,  
and more money in your check,  
then elect Debbie Mason!**



## Debbie Mason is running for District 3 Magistrate

I will vote and do everything I can to get folks running water!  
Find me on FB and Duck Duck Go (me and Gary Mason)  
I would deeply appreciate your vote!

**Lowering taxes should be everyone's top priority, so you, the taxpayer, will have more in your paycheck!**

**May 17th is the date you will decide if you get lower taxes and fire hydrants or keep the same ole, same ole!!**

Taxpayers need 16 foot wide blacktopped roads, mowing right-of-ways, culverts need replaced all over District 3!

**If you want change for the better, vote  
Debbie Mason  
District 3 Magistrate**

My number is 606-308-4197

paid for by Debbie Mason



# Church News

## Faith-Filled Healing Weekend

Grace Fellowship Church invites everyone to attend a Faith-Filled Healing Weekend with Audrey Mack on Saturday, May 14th at 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 15th at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Audrey is a graduate of Rhema Bible Training Center and Victory World Mission Center and has been in the ministry since 1987. She was healed of bone cancer in 1999 and has a burning desire to bring the message of faith, grace and healing to this generation.

Her joy is to connect people with God's heart, teaching them to walk with the Holy Spirit so that with His help they may become fruitful and fulfill their God-given destiny.

Make plans to join us for these special services.

The church is located at 911 TLC Lane in London,

For more information, contact the church office at 606-864-4635 or visit the website at [www.graceforyou.com](http://www.graceforyou.com)

## Special Singing

Buffalo Baptist Church will have a Special Singing Sunday evening, May 15, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m. Gift of Grace will be the featured singers.

The church is located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Road).

Pastor Bro. Bill Mink and congregation invite everyone to come out and worship with us and enjoy some good gospel music.

# Yards to Paradise

*By Max Phelps  
Grow A Garden! (It's family friendly, helps with rising food prices, plus tastes better.)*

There are plenty of reasons to raise some produce and fruit at home. Besides the escape from the phone or the tv, gardening offers an opportunity for some exercise, but at a peaceful pace. It's good family activity, particularly if you have children. Gardening is good for the environment—just one of many benefits is that the trip from some far place is eliminated if you can raise some at home. There is pride in producing things for the table. And fresh really is better. And there is security in having the ability to put a meal together should there be an emergency, (a bad storm, a curfew, quarantines).

Home produced groceries have more benefits. You know if chemicals are used, it's surprising to learn the things that can be sprayed on food and it still be labeled "organic". A judicious use of fertilizers and other aids in making a crop are under your control.

One objection for some is lack of space. I've gardened using hundreds of square feet plowed using a tractor, but I've also used raised beds, re-used nursery pots and so forth. Even many apartment dwellers can have a tomato plant, some pansies or a window box of salad fixings.

Another objection is time. Another may be that food is cheap at the supermarket. This might be partly true, and you may think of more reasons or excuses not to plant things you can eat. It takes time to shop at the store...all the more if there's an accident and you're stuck for an hour. Inflation is causing a price increase in most everything, including in the produce aisle. Then, there's things like recalls and trucker strikes—if those lettuce trucks

don't arrive from Mexico or California, where do you get lettuce? (I have some growing in a planting flat that marigolds came in last year.)

Universally, people agree home grown tomatoes taste better than those in the stores. It doesn't stop there. Carrots, strawberries, beans and a lot of other things are better from the garden. Fresh also retains more of the vitamins.

Think about the possibilities of growing varieties not common at the market. Exotics can raise the fun level in home gardening.

Anyone that has a maple tree in the yard could have had an apple tree; anyone that has a Bradford pear could have had a Bartlett or Shin Li instead. There are so many possible varieties—certainly some can be organically grown—many more than the choices at the supermarket. I have several dwarf apple trees in 5 or 10 gallon nursery containers that have a crop of fruit set this year. (Let's hope the bushy tailed rats don't eat them before they're ripe and I get them).

Gardens are pretty simple. Some books and stories get all detailed, but mostly they just puts words together to sell a book for fill space between ads. I hope my article is more useful than filling space.

Fruiting bushes, edible landscaping, food forests—there are many names for gardening practices and how to do

it. Gardening has been going on for thousands of years. Surely if our ancestors could do it, people today can do it. And the abundance of information on the internet is easier than

buying a book on gardening. I simply suggest getting started—and if you make goof-ups, learn from them.

Happy gardening!  
The author is a landscaper.  
Phone 606 416 3911 and [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)

## God's Promise Will Not Be Broken!

A lot of promises that people make will be broken. People often sign a promissory note at the bank agreeing to repay a loan, plus interest, but for some reason or another they fail to keep that promise. Men and women make promises when they exchange wedding vows that are often broken. We know it hurts when we're on the wrong end of that broken promise, don't we? God has made promises that we can rest assure that won't be broken.

In *Titus 1:2* it reads, In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. God can and will give us eternal life through his Son Jesus Christ. We must understand what he requires of us to have that life. One thing for certain that we must have, is perseverance. We are going to go through some difficult times in this life. There will be obstacles and discouragements along the way. The key is we must never take our eyes off the goal of eternal life.

The Old and New Testament are full of examples of God's promises being fulfilled. Think about Noah. God told him he was going to destroy the earth with a flood and that he needed to build the ark to save himself and his family. Noah didn't question what God had told him, he got busy building and preaching. The building of the ark took 120 years and during that time many laughed and made fun of him. Noah kept building and kept preaching. When the rain came, his perseverance paid off. He and his family were saved and all those who made a mockery of Noah perished.

When we see examples of God keeping his word like this and others, we are reminded that he keeps his promises. *2 Corinthians 1:20* says, For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes, therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. God's promises are fulfilled in Christ, we can count on that. In *John 14:3* it reads, And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.


Everyone Welcome

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109 Providence Cemetery Rd. • Brodhead

Providence  
CHURCH of CHRIST

Come Worship With Us! Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30  
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 • Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00




**ELECT**

**LEE EARL ADAMS**

• Magistrate District 1 •

My name is Lee Earl Adams. I am a candidate for Magistrate District 1.

My qualifications for magistrate include serving four years as First District Magistrate and 12 years on Rockcastle Road Department.



During my previous tenure we:

- ★ Secured funding for Brodhead Depot Park and upgrades to Lake Linville Park
- ★ Assisted county fire departments with truck purchases and payments
- ★ Obtained a federal grant for modern Emergency Operation Center and local "911" service

**As a lifelong resident of District 1, I look forward to serving you.**

**I humbly ask for your vote and support.**

Paid for by Lee Earl Adams

## Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

Many religious questions arise everyday in Bible studies with different folks about different questions; why we can't understand the Bible alike. (Ephesians 3:4) Whereby when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ. The key word here is (read).

Consider a puzzle, every piece has a place that fits just right. Now you can take scissors and glue and just about make any piece fit. I think we all know that is not what the inventor of the puzzle intended.

Why is it we know a puzzle must be put together right, or it won't look like the picture on the box. A baseball game is played by the same rules in every major league baseball stadium three strikes and you're out.

The Bible, the greatest book on earth, can be understood by man, whom God created from the dust of the earth and now most people believe, that God has given us a book, the Bible, that cannot be understood. We are warned (Revelation 22:18-19) Not to change Gods words by adding to or taking away.

Apostle Paul writes in (Romans 12:16) To be of the same mind toward one another. Try to love each other the same, show the same care and attitude toward one another, especially when it comes to one's soul.

The Apostle Paul writes once again (Philippians 2:2) Be like minded, be of one accord and of one mind. When we study the scriptures, we are to try and see them alike and we are to teach the same things, just like the apostles taught. Paul writes (Philippians 3:16) Be of the same mind and walk by the same rule. This can be troublesome, unless we accept the Bible as a rule of faith.

Paul's plea to the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:10) I beseech, you brethren, that ye speak the same thing, that there be no division among you, that ye perfectly joined together, in the same mind and in the same judgment. Same means alike, uniform. Why is this so hard to understand? It looks like, if we cared more about what God says, than what men say, we could understand the Bible alike, because it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see this. It just takes someone who loves the truth. When will we take the time to read for ourselves, the word of God?

One of the most dramatic prayers in the life of Christ is in (John 17:20-21) Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. That they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. (This is a prayer for unity from our Lord). Jesus wanted us to be one. Would Jesus pray for something that is impossible? I don't think so. And I believe most people feel the same way. Let us study and pray to be one in Christ. Thank you for reading this article. We have free Bible correspondence courses and videos on our website. We would love to hear from you. (Remember God loves you).

## • Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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

## Upcoming Reunions

### Bond Reunion

Descendants of Nathan and Ibbie Bond are invited to a Family Reunion July 31st, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Main Shelter House, Springwood Park in Richmond, Indiana.

Bring a well-filled basket. For more info, call Nonetta Tunell, 765-935-5568.

### Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion

The Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, 2022 from noon till ??? at Roundstone Baptist Church.

All descendants please bring a covered dish and join us.

Also, if you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any relatives, we will gladly provide them a copy of this and future reunions.

For more information, call Jesse Thacker at 606-308-4308; Brenda Chappell at 606-256-5275 or E-Mail: [jwthacker10@gmail.com](mailto:jwthacker10@gmail.com).

# ELECT Doug BISHOP JUDGE - EXEC.

## Rockcastle Voters

Election time is here. Who we elect as our leaders really does matter.

Look at Washington, D.C. Look at the price of food, gas, houses, and everything we use. Inflation is hurting our families and our economy. It all started with one person. Look how this changed in the past 1 1/2 years.

### As for our county

One person can make a difference, especially when that person is the County Judge Executive.

This office sets the agenda for our county.

If you elect me as your next County Judge,

I will address the most important and challenging issues this county is facing.

Our young people are facing tremendous challenges. Many of our families are hurting. I realize the family is the backbone of any society.

Drugs are destroying our families and 20% of our county is in poverty.

It's time we invested in our youth program.

The youth will soon be deciding the direction of our county and nation.

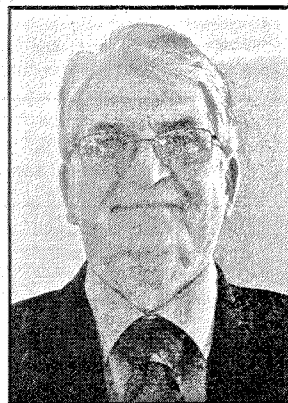
We are at a critical time in our history.

Join us as we stand with you and families of Rockcastle.

### Vote For

# Doug Bishop County Judge/Executive

Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated



Paid for by Doug Bishop



## Transportation Cabinet begins mowing

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 8 advises motorists that roadside mowing season is underway, which runs from April to October. State and contract crews will complete three mowing cycles, including litter removal on interstates, parkways and other primary routes throughout the state.

KYTC officials ask Kentuckians to do their part by keeping the state right of way clear of temporary signs and other obstacles that can obstruct the path of mowers and pose a hazard for mowing crews and motorists.

Kentucky law and Transportation Cabinet policy prohibit the placement of non-official signs of any type for campaigns, yard sales or other advertising on state highway right of way, utility poles, fences and guardrails or on road

signs. Depending on size and construction, illegally placed signs are a distraction and can be a safety issue for motorists when blocking the view of oncoming vehicles. Illegally-placed signs also can disrupt or endanger right-of-way operations such as mowing, ditch cleaning and litter removal, and can pose a direct safety hazard to motorists who run off the roadway particularly when installed with large wooden or metal stakes.

Campaign signs and other signs placed on state right of way that restrict sight distance or interfere with mowing and maintenance operations will be removed by KYTC crews. Signs that are removed will be held at the state highway garage in each county of KYTC District 8 and kept for two weeks. Unclaimed signs will be discarded.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet asks that motorists use extra caution when traveling through these work zones.

Traffic information for the District 8 counties is also available at [www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8](http://www.facebook.com/KYTCDistrict8) or by following us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict8](http://www.twitter.com/KYTCDistrict8).

## “Coffey”

(Cont. from B2)

is spent creating purchase orders for needs at the 911 Center, the Road Department and the courthouse itself. “Anything the county has to purchase has to come through me and I have to get a purchase order and keep a record of every dollar spent in the county,” she said. “I get the paperwork ready for the fiscal court to approve or deny.”

Coffey and Holbrook

work closely together to prepare for each fiscal court meeting and have the proper paperwork needed to present to the magistrates.

The position is a technical one since Coffey has to be familiar with the software throughout the county and be extremely familiar with every ordinance and restriction on the books.

“I get a lot of requests for road repairs and a lot of questions about graveyards and entrances to those,” she said. “I have to keep track of every ordinance the fiscal court passes and make sure everything is done accord-

ing to county ordinances.”

Coffey also plays a big part in grant writing. “I enjoy that part of my job too,” she said. “We get \$80,000 per year to work on culverts and bridges and we used it all this year,” she said. “Each item is a specific job and more paperwork to keep track of it all.”

Anyone who goes to or calls the Judge/Executive office will meet Wanda Coffey first and there is a good chance she can take care of your needs.

“Wanda and Vickie are two keys to success for this county,” said

Holbrook. “They care about their county and they love people.”

The next time you call or visit the judge/executive’s office, you will meet Mount Vernon native Wanda Coffey and she will likely present you with a smile. And there is a reason for that smile. “It may sound cliché but I love Rockcastle County, I love Howell and the magistrates and I love my job.”

(See an upcoming issue of the Mount Vernon Signal featuring the duties of Fiscal Court Clerk and Tax Administrator Vickie Miller).

## Community Volunteer Opportunities

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christianapp.org  
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606.256.3035, Option 1

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that in an April 29, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) Cost Recovery Component (“DSMRC”) charges proposed to become effective on and after May 29, 2022.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00055	\$ 0.00062
AES	\$ 0.00323	\$ 0.00363
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00079

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each affected electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
General Service	1,677			0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate	113,728	18.9	NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,804			3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	679,421			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,792	529,806	40.5	255.70
Fluctuating Load	No customers on this rate			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	7,297			0.88

\* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU’s website at [www.ku.com/our-company/regulatory](http://www.ku.com/our-company/regulatory).

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU’s website at [www.ku.com](http://www.ku.com). A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission’s Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to [psc.info@ky.gov](mailto:psc.info@ky.gov). All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00123.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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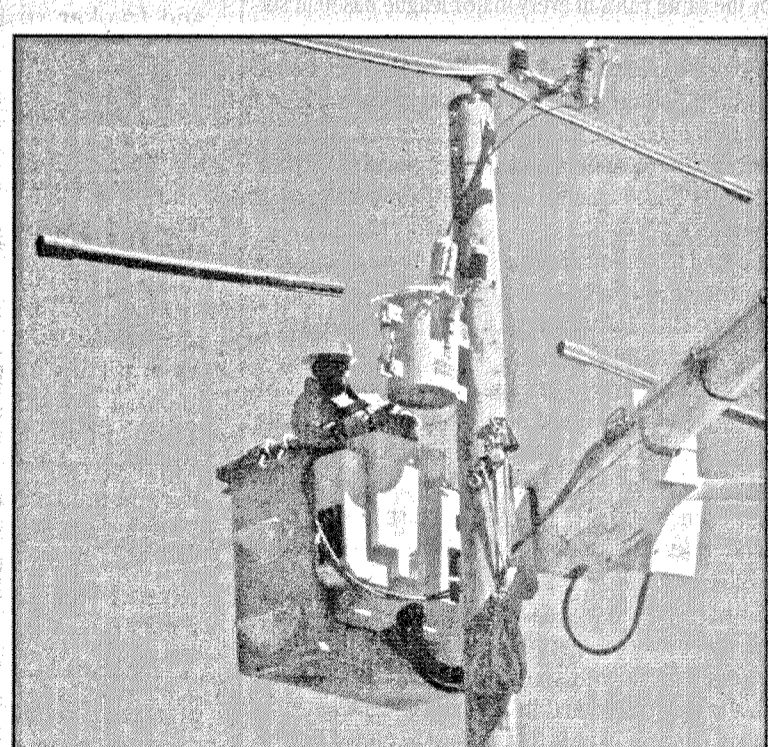
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Renfro Valley, Ky.  
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bill Davis  
bhop@gmail.com

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

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

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

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:  
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Marcus Reppert  
Phillip Permenter  
Eric Bullock  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794  
223 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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

Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
Ralph Baker, Pastor  
Brodhead Christian

237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Tracy Valentine, Preacher  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.  
Terry Orcutt, Pastor  
Brush Creek

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

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

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Jason Medley, Pastor  
606-308-4543

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
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Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott  
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Fairground Hill  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
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**Clear Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.

**Climax Christian Church**  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.

**Community Worship Church of God**  
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard  
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor  
Worship Service  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

**Conway Missionary Baptist**  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service and  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Meetings:  
Sunday 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
606-355-7595

**CrossPoint Church of God**  
211 Industrial Park Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
Sunday 2 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Matt Griggs  
859-582-2553

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

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

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.  
Vaughn Raser, Pastor  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvemom@kyn.twcbc.com

**First Christian Church**  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Bro. Josh Haines,  
Youth/Family Minister  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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

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

**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

**Higher Praise Ministries**  
4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Chris Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777

**Lighthouse Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Josh Hasty  
606-392-3809  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

**Livingston Christian Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Arthur Hunt, Minister  
Livingston Pentecostal  
Holiness Church  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jim Miller, Pastor  
606-256-1709

**Living Word Community Church**  
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Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor  
606-308-4312

**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor  
Maple Grove Baptist  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
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Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
**Mareburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions 6 pm  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**  
606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
New Heights Church  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightskyt.net  
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
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ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action  
Pastor: Bro. Chad Burdette

**New Hope Baptist**  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Philip "Worm" Johnson Pastor

**Northside Baptist**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
Kenny Allen, Pastor  
Sunday  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.

**Ottawa Baptist Church**  
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
Pastor: Bro. John McPheron  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship  
Training 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Service 7 p.m.  
758-8453  
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**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
525 Williams St  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.

**Philadelphia United Baptist**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.

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Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
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145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor  
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church of Christ  
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Robby Cable, Evangelist

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
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**Red Hill-Union Baptist**  
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Livingston, KY  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bill Hammond, Pastor  
606-392-1826  
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**Roundstone Baptist Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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

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

**Scaffold Cane Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin  
Skaggs Creek Baptist  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
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**Tabernacle of Love**  
244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
606-256-05894  
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
Pastor: Eugene Webb  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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**United Gospel of Christ**  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

**Valley Baptist Church**  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December, 1908  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Jeff Draper, Pastor  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Bro. Gary Pettijohn, Pastor

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## Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing on property belonging to Charlotte Holcomb, 935 DormanCreek Road, Brodhead or Barbara Teal, 923 Dorman Creek Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 14x3

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincaide Ridge Road. 5x18

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 52x28

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 33x52

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that Debora Gilliam, 2619 Ocosta Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Gillis Gilliam, deceased, on the 20th day of April 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debora Gilliam or to the Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. 12x3

Notice is hereby given that Martha Morgan, 312 Hwy. 1505, Brodhead, Ky. has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Laura Howard on the 10th day of May, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Martha Morgan or to Hon. B. Travis Newman, 2420 Frankfort Ave., Suite 300, Louisville, Ky. 40206 on or before November 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. 14x3

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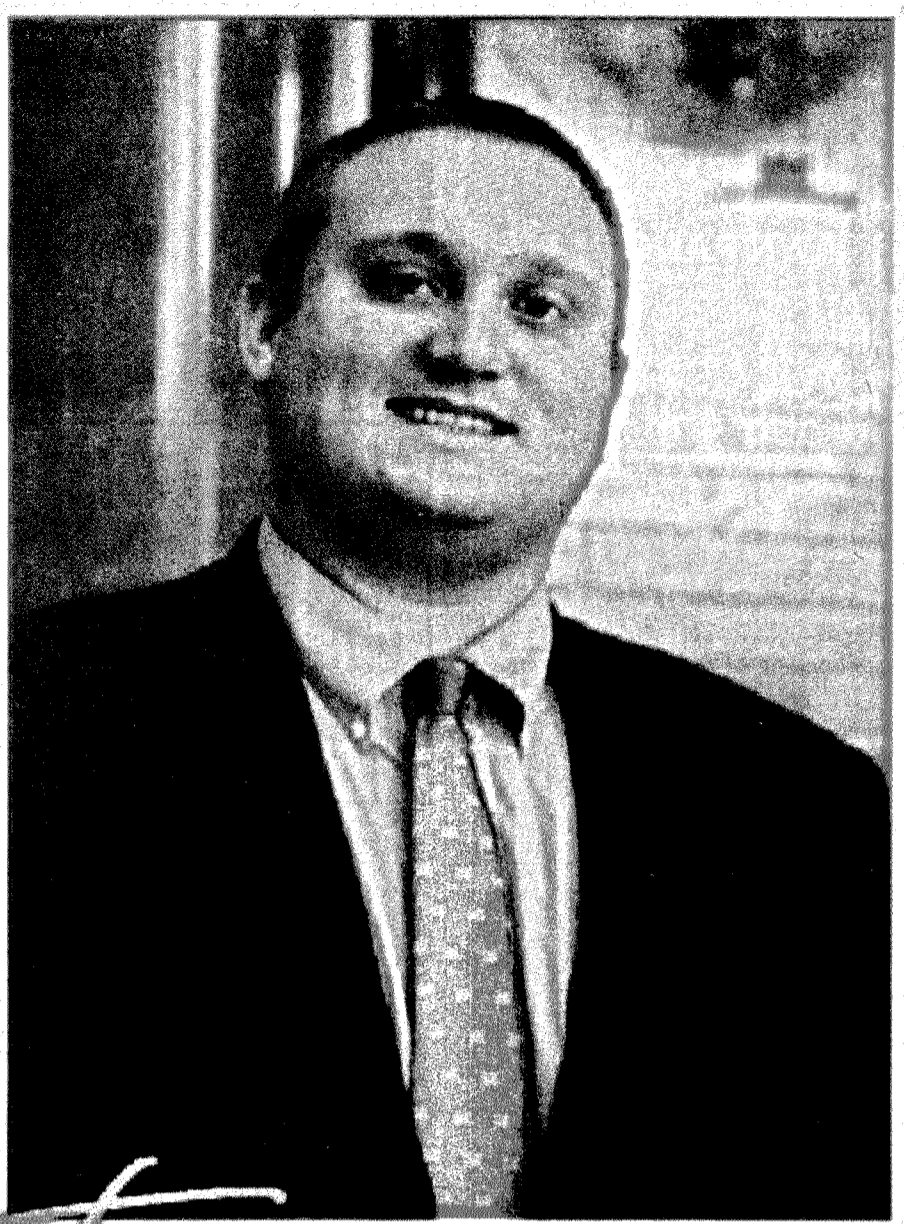
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  - Juvenile court, prosecuting juvenile offenses and advocating for appropriate interventions for youths in crisis;
  - Guardianships, assisting individuals with mental health or other special needs;
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  - Open Records;
  - County Civil matters, and
  - Hundreds of trials, both criminal and guardianship.
- Staff Attorney and Judicial Clerkships, reviewing evidence and drafting judicial opinions.

**EDUCATION:**

- Juris Doctorate from the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, where I also served as Editor-In-Chief of the University of Louisville Law Review
- Bachelor of Arts from the Western Kentucky University Mahurin Honors College
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- This community, and its people, are my home and serving as District Judge will allow me to offer my integrity, impartiality, experience and knowledge of the law to address matters that greatly impact them.
- I am a member of the Naomi Church of the Nazarene in Naomi and currently attend New Hope Baptist Church in Nancy

**FAMILY ORIENTED:**

- I am married to my high school sweetheart, local attorney and Pulaski native, Molly Merrick Hardy. We reside in Somerset with our daughter.
- I am the son of Sandra (and the late David) Bourne, of Naomi and Billy Bob (and Linda) Hardy of Somerset. I am the grandson of Cloa (and the late Freddie) Hardy of Bronston and Christeen (and the late Otha) Tarter of Naomi. I am the son-in-law of Paul and Joy Merrick of Somerset.



*I have always desired a life of public service. Ensuring justice and fairness for all in this community through servant leadership is what has always motivated my work as an attorney, both as a law clerk and as Assistant Pulaski County Attorney, and it is what will continue to guide me if I am granted the great privilege of filling the District Judge's seat. My experiences within the law have granted me the unique privilege of handling cases in nearly all aspects of District Court. My experience, my heart, and my work ethic will serve the 28th District well as your next District Judge for Division 1. I humbly ask for your vote and support.*