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Farmers Market Grand Opening *Now open for business*

By: Mike French
 Editor

It is now official. Farmers Market President Brenda Parsons cut the ribbon to open the new Rockcastle County Farmers Market facility

on Richmond Street on Thursday, April, 28. Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles joined many other dignitaries, including Ky. Senator Brandon Storm, Kentucky State Representative

Josh Bray and USDA representatives as well as local officials, for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held at the site of the new community facility.

The new Farmers Market is a multi-use facility and when the Farmers Market is not using the building to sell produce, the building

(See "Farmer" on A7)

Rockcastle County 2022-23 working budget released

— \$16,142,801 budget

By: Mike French
 Editor

There is slightly over \$3 million in the county budget that is not usually there. But how that money will be used, if at all, is still in question.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court called a special meeting last Friday afternoon in order to meet state required budget deadlines.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said the county budget must be approved locally by June 1 and must then be sent for state approval. Upon state approval, the fiscal court has until July 1 to hold the second reading and give final approval to the budget.

The extra funds in this year's budget were placed into a new account called Economic Development Funds and comes from payoff of the Microfoodery plant building and the Chapin plant. Each pay off amount equalled about \$1.8 million for a total of \$3,343,520.

A year ago, neither of the payoffs were expected but, since that time, owners of the Microfoodery plant sold

their building and paid the fiscal court in full for their debt.

In a completely unrelated event, the Chapin Industrial plant also decided to pay off their building in full creating the \$3 million in funds.

In both cases, the county still owes for the bonds that were used for the loans on the two

(See "Court" on A7)



The Rockcastle County Farmers Market grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held last week with special guest Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles along with many dignitaries who attended the event. Pictured above from left are State Representative Josh Bray, State Senator Brandon Storm, Magistrate Mike McGuire, Magistrate Doug Prewitt, Magistrate Shane Thacker, KADF member Brian Lacefield, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, Quarles, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Farmers Market President Brenda Parsons, Farmers Market Representative Holly Robinson, Doug Brock, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Billy McKeehan with McKeehan Construction and RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig. Shown at left, Quarles told those present that the building may be the best Farmers Market he has seen throughout the state.

Livingston City Hall Closed

Livingston City Clerk Amanda Thomas has announced that City Hall will be closed until May 9 while paperwork is being completed.

Livingston meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at City hall. The public is invited to attend.

Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brodhead City Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Blast In the Valley fireworks display funded

By: Mike French
 Editor

There will be a fireworks display at the 2022 July 4th celebration at the Blast in the Valley event. But what else will be available is still in question.

The event has been funded in recent years equally by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the City of Mount Vernon. However, this year the Rockcastle Tourist Commission informed officials there would be a

cost increase to fully fund the event.

After tabling the issue until the City of Mount Vernon made a decision on the subject, the fiscal court has now voted to match the city's plan to not fund the entire event in 2022. Each entity has agreed to pay \$15,100 towards the fireworks display only."

Apparently the two entities agree that the Tourist Commission should fund extra activities above and beyond the

fireworks display. Nearly matching City Council member Jamie Bryant's comments earlier, magistrates agreed that

inflatables, food vendors and games are not intertwined with Independence Day. "The court agreed that fireworks are

associated with July 4th but inflatables really aren't," said Judge/Ex-

(See "Blast" on A7)

Fight videos at schools will not be tolerated

By: Mike French
 Editor

Videos of Rockcastle County students fighting are circulating across the internet.

Trends and fads across

the country often tend to place high school and middle school students in the middle of bad situations. Dangerous and illegal trends, such as eating laundry detergent

or setting oneself on fire have been issues at schools across the nation and as such ideas catch on, more students attempt

(See "Fight A6)

May Primary Candidates

The May Primary election Day will be Tuesday, May 17. However, thanks to the new "Voting Center" system, there will only be four voting locations in Rockcastle County on that day.

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

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.

The four voting locations will be at the

(See "Elect" on A7)

Three indictments here

Indictments were handed down against three individuals by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, April 22nd. Chester Vincent Wroblewski, 61, address unknown, was indicted for the offense of Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration, second offense.

His bail was set at \$20,000 cash/property (c/p). Joseph S. Cameron, 34, of Davis Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of Flagrant Non-Support by failing to provide for minor child/children in the amount of \$10,776.54.

His bail was set at \$10,000 cash to be applied to child support.

Raymond Alby Hullins, Jr., 66, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on ten counts of Possession or Viewing of Matter Portraying a Sexual Performance by a Minor, less than 12 years old and one count of Distribution of Matter Portraying a Sexual Performance by a Minor, less than 12 years old.

His bail was set at \$50,000 c/p.

Mailboxes being damaged in county

By: Mike French
 Editor

Mailboxes across the county are being vandalized.

Sheriff Shannon Franklin says he has received several calls concerning the damage or destruction of mailboxes across the county.

An investigation is currently underway and local citizens have been given notice to keep an eye out for any such activity in the areas where damage has been noticed.

Police say some

mailboxes have been damaged while other have been destroyed. In some cases, the mailbox is filled with trash.

Anyone who has information concerning the activity is urged to contact the Sheriff's office at 256-2032. Your name can be withheld.

The investigation includes law enforcement agencies and the United States Post Office.

Damaging a mailbox or placing trash inside is a federal offense and will be prosecuted as such, Franklin said.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

A Supreme Court draft opinion as to the fate of Roe v Wade, has reportedly been leaked to the press, according to *Politico* which published the news Monday.

According to the story, the draft opinion would end a half century of federal constitutional protection of abortion rights and allow each state to decide whether to restrict or ban abortions.

The decision would rule in favor of Mississippi in the closely watched case over that state's attempt to ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

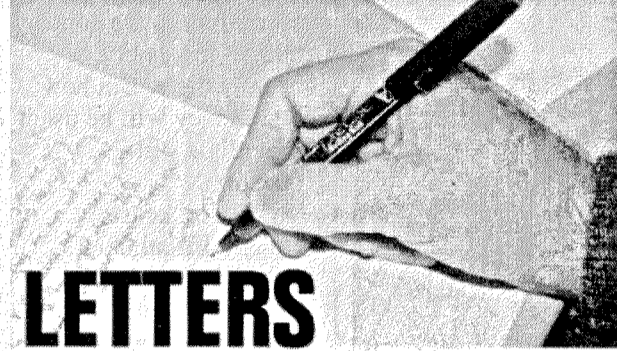
Justice Samuel Alito, reportedly author of the draft opinion, argued that the 1973 abortion rights ruling was an "ill-conceived and deeply flawed decision that invented a right mentioned nowhere in the Constitution." Also Alito opined that "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start."

Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett aligned themselves with Alito, while in a conference held among the justices after hearing oral arguments in Decem-

ber and that line-up remains unchanged as of this week, according to *Politico*.

Three Democrat-appointed judges, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayer and Elena Kagan are working on one or more dissents but how Chief Justice John Roberts will ultimately vote, and whether he will join an already written opinion or draft his own, is unclear.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

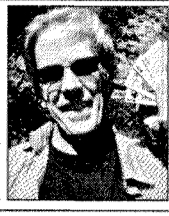
Candidates for May election are qualified...

Dear Editor,

Thankfully Rockcastle County has very well qualified candidates for

Aces Over

By: Mike French



There is a bunch of stuff I really don't like about modern America. I guess Oprah and Whoopie and such are correct and we old white folks will die off soon and America can go as far as it wants, from what the founding fathers had in mind, without opposition.

I truly don't understand why so many people want to abandon everything that used to be so sacred

to people, but such is the way of life.

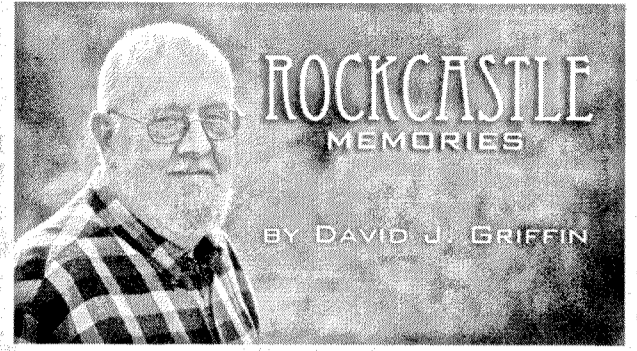
My dad explained to me as a young fellow that human nature tends towards evil and he proved it with the Bible and world history. There isn't any doubt that human societies, left to their own desires, will become more and more evil and less and less moral. It has happened a thousand documented times in world history and it is now happening here.

We started out in a perfect world living pure paradise but our tendency towards evil has never slowed, since the day Adam was created.

Sodom and Gomorrah became so evil that it had to be destroyed, and then the whole darned world became evil and, except for Noah, his family and the lucky animals, the whole world was destroyed.

Now, we humans have blown the best possible chance we had at a free society. America was a

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Drive-In Movies
"What's playing at the drive-in?" It was a question commonly heard among young people in my day. And it was quite relevant and important to me in 1960 when I got my driver's license and my first automobile.

The Valley Drive-In, located in Renfro Valley, was the spot for teenagers when I was young. My friends and I filled our cars and selected a particular row behind the

concession stand so that we could watch our favorite movies as a group. We ate hamburgers, fries, popcorn, and drank Cokes throughout the entire show.

When it was too hot to stay in the car, we sat outside on the grass or on the hood or trunk of our automobiles. Weekends found us congregated in the Renfro Valley section of Rockcastle County. If we had a special date, we

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Going to the Big High School Banquet

Dear Journal, Stanley had gotten notice of his high school banquet was to take place in a few days. It was to celebrate the Class of

1982 and their fortieth year since graduating. He really wasn't excited about it at first. He said that he kept up with almost everybody on Facebook as well as see-

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May's election.

One of the most remarkable to me is Nathan Carter for Jailer. He has implemented advanced methods to help those who have taken missteps and must be jailed for public safety. He is also working to decrease costs. His quality is illustrated by, in his words, "I love my job as Jailer."

Speaking of loving his job, that must be the feeling of our current Sheriff Shannon Franklin. I say this because I recently stopped in his office. That was probably my first time in a sheriff's office since I played in

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Please note: No letters to the editor will be accepted the week of May 12th since the election will be held Tuesday, May 17th.
pma

ELECT TAMMY COX

FOR Magistrate-District 1

Your vote and support greatly appreciated!
#1 on the ballot

Anthony Asher

VOTE ASHER for

Rockcastle County PVA

I am Anthony Asher and I'm running for Property Valuation Administrator in the upcoming election. This is a recent photo of me and my 100 year old father and WWII Veteran, Raymond Asher. I think this photo is a good representation of the old and the new. He was raised during the depression and from this man I have been instilled with a pure conservative farming background based on morals and character. Being fair is the only way that I know how to do business. With that being said, our county is rapidly growing. We have had an influx of new residents over the past few years and our local governments have worked tirelessly over the last decade to attract new industry and it's working. Along with a new school and a new gas pipeline on the horizon, the PVA could play an even more important role than it ever has before. With several years experience in property assessments, a solid conservative raising and a track record of being fair, I feel that I am cut out for the job and would be proud to accept the challenge.

I humbly ask for your vote and influence in the upcoming election in my bid to become your next PVA.

Paid for by Anthony Asher

Letters

(Continued from A2) the "old" courthouse while my dad and mom ran the county clerk's office. I remember calling them the day Lee Harvey Oswald was killed in 1963 as there was no Internet news then.

To continue, Sheriff Franklin replied to my request of stopping potential thieves by surveilling our closed-loop neighborhood at 2:30 a.m. for a full month that he would "station a deputy there to deal with them." The potential thieves stopped completely within two days.

In my opinion, that is a great service whether the sheriff was or was not in his office. (Note: This is important wording to answer words in the county to try to beat the sheriff.)

Other potential office

holders who seem well-qualified are Doug Bishop, candidate for County Judge/Executive, who has stated his plans for the county in the Signal. Also, Anthony Asher for the PVA office and William Leger for district judge.

Good voting wishes to you all.

Claretta Hodges

We're getting snowed...

Dear Editor,

Snowed again? Wake up Rockcastle County residents. Mr. Crase paid his \$1.425 million loan and his late payments off early, so there is an early payoff penalty! So, guess who's paying the difference? You, the Rockcastle County taxpayer!

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court deposited the payoff check! The county is drawing 1/2% interest but paying 2.6%

on payments. So you, the citizens of Rockcastle County, are paying the difference with your tax dollars!

Snowed many, many times!

Concerned Citizen
Gary Mason

Vote Asher for PVA...

Dear Editor,

The primary election will be May 17th. Be sure to vote.

There are two very nice people running for the job of PVA since Ms. Janet Vaughn is retiring.

One of the two people will win her job and I am sure either one would do a good job although neither one of them can possibly replace Ms. Vaughn.

My pick for the office is Anthony Asher. He is much more qualified because of his many years of loaning money for property loans. They all had to be appraised for the bank.

Also, please vote for these other fine men: Sheriff Franklin, Howell Holbrook, Jr., Lee Earl Adams and William Denny.

Bob Lunsford

Error in letter of 4/28...

Dear Editor,

Last week, I submitted a letter stating that land was given to the DAR for a Veterans Park; however, it was given to the American Legion.

I apologize for my mistake.

Sydney Saylor

Wearing a mask in public is not news...

Dear Editor,

In an article on the front page of the April 28, 2022, *Mt. Vernon Signal*, Mike French was reporting on the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting. In this article, he stated that two council members were still wearing masks to the meeting.

In my opinion, this information had nothing to do with the pertinent information being reported about the meeting.

At this point in the pandemic (which is not officially over yet), it is the choice of each individual as to whether or not they wear a mask, whether it is for their own safety or the safety of others. Personally, I believe if a council member wears a mask, they are being a responsible citizen and it need not be reported in the newspaper which council members are still wearing masks.

We are still required to wear them in a doctor's office whether we are exhibiting symptoms or not.

Sincerely,
Becky Griffin

Memories

(Continued from A2)

might select a spot far away from the concession stand that would provide

a little more privacy.

Shockingly enough, at least to me, the state of Kentucky now has only seven remaining drive-in theaters that are open for business. That small number is mind blowing to me because watching movies from your automobile was the one of the greatest forms of entertainment that we had as teenagers in the 1950s and 1960s.

Drive-in theaters apparently reached their peak in Kentucky during the early 1950s. At that time, almost all of the 120 counties had at least one. Over the years, most of them began to dwindle. One of the primary reasons for their continuing demise is related to the fact that movies have switched to digital formats, and the small theaters cannot afford to make the expensive transition to digital equipment.

Just to keep you current, here is the list of the remaining drive-in theaters located in Kentucky: Calvert Drive-In (Calvert City), Franklin Drive-In (Franklin), Skyline Drive-In (Greensburg), Sauerback Family Drive-In (LaGrange), Judy Drive-In (Mt. Sterling), Bourbon Drive-In (Paris), and 27 Twin Drive-In (Somerset).

The demise of outdoor theaters has occurred over the past 68 years. I was there at the beginning, and it looks likely that I will see the end of an era during my lifetime. The very idea of sitting outdoors watching a good movie, with your arm around a special girl, sipping an ice-cold Coke still sounds very appealing to me. It certainly makes more sense than attempting to watch a movie on a five-inch iPhone screen. Count me as an old fogey if you'd like, but I just cannot call that progress.

I am so glad that the Judy Drive-In Theater, here in Mt. Sterling, has remained a vital source of entertainment for Montgomery County. The movie selection is great, and the concession stand is awesome. Although it has been a few years since I last visited a drive-in, I think my wife and I may do so again soon—while it is still possible.

You can reach me at themnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

T.J.S

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ing this one or that one around town. I was the one excited about it. Over our years together, Stanley had been to all of

my class gatherings from reunions to picnics and birthday parties. Any good excuse to get together will do.

Usually every August we have a picnic, the year most of us turned sixty we had a big birthday party and we've have a reunion every five years since 1978. We are a close-knit bunch, I guess, and really enjoy getting together when we can. We always have a good turnout. The last reunion we had, there were over two hundred and fifty or more. I think that we had a graduating class of around four hundred and fifty or more, so about half turned out for the reunion. That is the case at about every event we have.

I was anxious to see what kind of an event they put on for class gatherings here. Stanley said that the meal was \$20.00 each which was definitely reasonable. Over at Laurel County High School, they have \$50.00 per person or \$75.00 per couple catered buffets for the reunions or thereabouts as the norm. Not quite so much for the birthday party and the picnics, which are just potluck. I think it was a nice touch to have had the banquet at the old high school. In all our years, the Laurel County alumni have never had an event at our old school. It is always at the London Community Center, the London Country Club, the Party Barn or such.

We headed out for the banquet. I was in suspense as what to expect. Stanley had already told me that there probably would be no alcohol to be served. At the LCHS events most usually bring their own variety of alcohol and they carry it in huge coolers. The sight would rival any bar or restaurant in any town. There are a few who bring some "good old

mountain dew" smuggled in carefully in Mason quart jars...it gets the party started in a hurry. Our class loves their music, too. There is always a DJ playing the best music from the 1970's, especially disco. One year we had a disco ball and one of those Saturday Night Fever dance floors at the London Community Center. You would be surprised at the moves made on the dance floor by these senior citizens. Of course the next day they may have been laid up in bed with Ben-Gay and heating pads. I'll have to admit I was disappointed that there was no DJ and music at the RCHS event. My better dancing days are behind me, anyway.

I didn't know there would be other classes on hand, too. LCHS just has our class. What the other classes do is their own business. AS a nice surprise, it turned out I knew several people who were there. I will have to say I had a wonderful time and Stanley did, too. Stanley got to spend most of the evening with a good friend, Iain Edgewater (Donald Jones) and his sister, Alexandra Scarborough (Heather Jones). He was a great encouragement to me. I have a book in mind and he has encouraged me to get it started ... finally. What can I say? It was a good gathering. I can't wait until the next one.

Next year will be our forty-fifth year reunion at LCHS. Over the years we have lost several classmates, probably thirty to forty I guess. That is always a saddening figure in any class. Carole, one of our class that has been our anchor for planning these events has succumb to cancer two or three years ago. I just don't know what we'll do now. She has a big pair of shoes to fill. Some of us will try to fill them as best we can, though.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, May 9th: Calloway, Red Hill and Livingston.
Tuesday, 10th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

Rockcastle Garden Club Meeting
The Rockcastle Garden Club will meet Monday, May 9th at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. The program will be on "Other Pollinators." Refreshments will be served. The public is always welcome.

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.

Richard Martin

3rd District Magistrate

A new vision for Rockcastle County

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 Mareburg 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.

Paid for by Richard Martin Sincerely, Richard Martin

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Does your insurance fit the way it used to?



As you and your family grow, your insurance needs change too. That's why it's a good idea to schedule an insurance review with your local Kentucky Farm Bureau agent, and make sure you have the appropriate coverage.

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Obituaries

Robert Chesnut

Robert Glenn Chesnut, 54, of Orlando, died Friday, April 29, 2022 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on September 8, 1967, the son of Floyd and Gladys "Pat" Wynn Chesnut. He had been an operator for the Rockcastle County Road Department. He loved fishing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 36 years, Tressa Hines Chesnut; his daughters, Felicia Chesnut Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Susan Chesnut of Fairview; a brother, Gilbert "Spud" Chesnut of Orlando; and a sister, Marilyn Bobbie Chesnut of Crab Orchard. Also surviving are three nieces, three nephews, and several great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Floyd and a daughter, Angela Rachelle.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jack Carpenter and Robert Miller. Burial was in the Wynn Cemetery.

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



Audrey Woodall

Audrey Mae Woodall, 91, of Muscle Shoals, AL, died Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Cottage of the Shoals Nursing Home in Tusculumbia, AL. She was born in Livingston on October 18, 1930, the daughter of Jim and Linda Miller Mahaffey. She was a retired nurse's aide and loved to read and spend time with her family.

She is survived by: her son, Robert "Bobby" Woodall and wife Brenda; and a daughter-in-law, Colletta Woodall. 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Clayton Woodall; a son, William "Jimmy" Woodall; two daughters, Mary "Katie" Williams and Barbara Singleton; and two grandsons, David "Sam" Hurley and Ryan Woodall.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Phillip Doan. Burial was in Snuffer Cemetery in East Bernstadt.

Pallbearers were: Jessie Cobb, Jamison Goate, Matthew Hurley, Tony Hurley, Ricky Williams, Garrett Webb, and Logan Webb.

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



James W. Cummins

James William Cummins, 77, of El Paso, Texas, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, passed away Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2022.

James was born in Pine Hill on October 16, 1944 to James H. and Dorothy Hood Cummins. He was the oldest of seven children, and a skilled carpenter who loved fishing with his family.

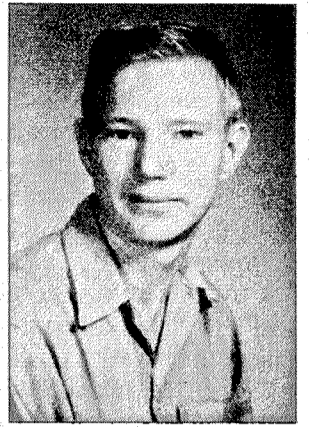
He honorably served our country in the U.S.

Army and spoke fondly of the countries he was able to visit as a soldier. His favorite places were Germany and Italy.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 52 years, Evangelina Cummins; three children, James H. Cummins, Lee Roy Sanderson and Elizabeth Sanderson, in whom he instilled his hard work ethic; four grandchildren: William, Michael, Holly and Dorothy Sanderson; seven great grandchildren and one sister, Priscilla (Patsy) McFalls.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Robert, Larry and Anthony Cummins and two sisters, Brenda Cummins and Barbara Grimes.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home in El Paso, Texas on Thursday, April 14, 2022. Cremation was chosen and interment will follow at Fort Bliss, Texas at a later date.



Raymond Verlon Hasty

Raymond Verlon Hasty, 88, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on January 12, 1934, a son of the late Ambrose and Nora (Sowder) Hasty. He and Ruth Stevens were united in holy matrimony on June 25, 1955, and of that union came three children, Ricky, Vickie, and Rodney. He was of the Christian faith, and often spent his free time building and playing musical instruments and hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 66 years, Ruth (Stevens) Hasty, of Mt. Vernon; three children, Ricky Hasty of Mt. Vernon, Vickie Thomas of Berea, and Rodney Hasty of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Natasha Hensley, Ashley Thomas, Reanna Pelfrey, Amber Legg, and Isaiah Thomas; four great grandchildren, Taelor Cummins, Kaughner Hensley, and Ben and Brody Thomas; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Clarence, Tully, Joe, Boyd, William, Charlie, and Louella Hasty, Bessie McClure, Dolly Cameron, and Eva Doan.

Services were held Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Pat Coffey officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Nick Thomas, Daniel Legg, Ed Pelfrey, Kevin Hensley, and Jeff Hamblin.

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



Troy Russell Kirby, Jr.

Troy Russell Kirby, Jr., 56, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Saint Joseph Hospital in London. He was born March 13, 1966 in Hamilton, OH, the son of the late Troy and Eula Gabbard Kirby. He was a stone worker, a U.S. Army Veteran, enjoyed computers, art, tattooing, and believed in the Norse Viking Forefathers.

Survivors are: one brother, Ronald Kirby of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Connie Blevins of Mt. Vernon; and one nephew, Justin Crawford.

The family has chosen cremation and services will be at a later date. Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home.

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

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.

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.

Johnetta Cemetery

There will be a Work Day at Johnetta Cemetery on Saturday, May 7th, beginning at 9 a.m.

Memorial Day services will be held Friday, May 29th.

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.

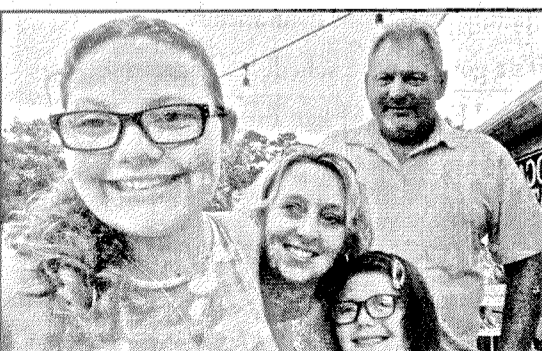
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Elect 

Carlos McClure

Constable District 2



I would be proud to follow in the footsteps of my father, Delno McClure, who served as Constable for over 20 years.

Your vote and support are greatly appreciated!

Paid for by Carlos McClure

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2 acres (more or less) to build a church

Please contact Bro. Ryan Roberts at 606-308-4858 or Bro. Mike Cameron at 606-682-3318


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

Elect

Joseph (Joe) Edwards

3rd District Constable

#1 on the ballot

As a candidate for 3rd District Constable, I have lived in District 3 four years.

The husband of former Wanda Carroll, stepfather of Anthony and Barry Carroll, Kim Fields, all of Quail community.

3rd District consists of West Brodhead, Brown and Bullock precincts. I have experience as a former constable. I am a Navy Veteran.

If elected, I will be available to serve the citizens of District #3 and Rockcastle Co. in whatever needs my authority allows.

I will stand for what is right to serve the citizens of District #3 and Rockcastle County. Your vote matters!

I would appreciate your support on May 17, 2022.

Paid for by Joseph Edwards

Advertisement for Bids

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 serves the public interest, and to waive any and all informalities.

ramblings

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According to WKYT, if the court's decision goes through, Kentucky's trigger law would take effect. Former Governor Matt Bevin signed the law in 2019. It's designed to ban all abortions if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade.

And, speaking of challengers, advocates of both sides of the issue are already demonstrating in front of an empty Supreme Court building in DC.

Ironically, the pro Roe v Wade group chanting "my body, my choice" has been telling us for more than a year to 'shut up and get the experimental vaccine!' So, hypocrisy at its finest?

Resident Biden issued a statement Tuesday saying, "a woman's right to choose is fundamental. Roe has been the law of the land for almost 50 years and basic fairness, and the stability of law demand that it not be overturned." The Biden administration had urged the Supreme Court to uphold Roe v Wade and to invalidate the Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks. Biden has said he would seek to codify Roe v Wade and that his administration was "deeply committed" to protecting access to reproductive health care.

Biden was also a long-time supporter of the Hyde Amendment - which bars federal funding from being used to pay for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is in jeopardy but reversed his opinion while running for President in 2020.

Politico pointed out in their article that the final opinion has not been released and votes and language can change before opinions are formally released. The opinion in this case is not expected to be released until late June.

I never could figure out how the SCOTUS issued their original Roe v Wade ruling since I couldn't find anywhere in the Constitution, which I have read several times in the last few years, where a baby can be killed, now even up to 28 days after birth in New York. I keep getting hung up on the section where the Constitution guarantees LIFE, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to citizens of the United States.

One leftist pundit opined on Twitter that the threat of this action should guarantee the expansion of SCOTUS, a goal long sought by the Democrats (as long as there's a Democrat majority senate, of course).

If the Supreme Court actually does overturn Roe v Wade, it would go a long way in restoring my confidence in them. My faith in their integrity plummeted when they refused to hear arguments concerning the very likely theft of the 2020 election, because of "standing" whatever that means.

Google reports that in 2020, the number of registered voters in this country was 168.31 million. If you apply that figure to the votes credited to Biden (81 million) and Trump (74 million) for a total of 155 million, that works out to 92% of registered voters across the country participating in the 2020 election. Not impossible, of course, but hardly believable since a

big election turnout is usually considered to be in the 50% range, a figure rarely achieved.

But, be not dismayed. The government has added a new division to the Homeland Security Department which will fight "disinformation" which translates to any information not approved by the left, regardless of freedom of speech being the first guarantee in our Bill of Rights.

Our world is getting murkier and murkier and, I fear, we will soon not recognize the country we grew up in.

Perhaps it's time that we all heed the advice of Dr. Seuss

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those that matter don't mind and those that mind don't matter."

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great experiment and what a wonderful idea it was. Our founding fathers were wonderful people but their hopes outweighed their logic. They should have known where mankind would go.

Perlina said it best in her column last week with a quote she had heard. It perfectly describes human kind and completely describes the entire American experiment as long as Democrats exist.

First we overlook evil. Then we permit evil. Then we legalize evil. Then we promote evil. Then we celebrate evil. And finally, we persecute those who still call it evil. No truer statement, whomever it was by, has ever been spoken.

In my short lifetime, I have seen society move into accepting and promoting ideas that would have brought prison time for anyone who spoke such words 50 years ago. Not just on one subject but on hundreds. Every area of our society has become immeasurably more evil than it was in 1960. Just like it has since the beginning of time.

I heard my grandpa speak of such things and, exactly like our youth today, I thought he was just an old man, stuck in his ways and refusing to get modern. I would even argue with him. "There's nothing wrong with what I am doing Grandpa. There is nothing in the Bible that strictly forbids this," I would argue. And I was right. Just like youth has done for millennias, I took what I knew was "old fashioned" and changed it to fit my lifestyle.

After all, the Bible doesn't say "Thou shalt not refuse to post the Ten Commandments in school buildings." So, let's take them out. No where does it say "Thou shalt not suck the brains out of babies as they are

being born," so let's do it.

But, all that is stuff that God would expect anyone to know. He did, after all, provide common sense.

Andy Beshear probably never even thought about whether it was right or wrong to shut down churches and leave strip clubs and liquor stores open during the Pandemic lockdown. Evil choices just come natural to Democrats. They don't remove statues of heroes and promote killing children and remove nativity scenes and force workers to support lazy people, to be evil. It is just the natural progression of things for them. Overtaxing the people and wasting their hard earned money on stupid programs and giving it to people too lazy to earn their own and too stupid to stop buying drugs, isn't their effort to be evil. It is just the way they think things ought to be.

Having people be responsible for their own actions and choices never enters the mind of those who don't know right from wrong. Forcing those who make the right choices to support people who make stupid choices makes them think they are doing something good for someone. They don't see the bad they are doing to everyone else. It's probably not their fault.

One of the biggest moral lessons in life has always been to repay your debt and keep your promises. This idea is the bedrock of capitalism, democracy and common ethics. To be a decent human being, you do those two things. Keep your promises and pay your debts-- Logic 101.

What do Democrats do? They want to cancel debt for all those who are too useless to keep their word and honor their promise to pay back their college loan debt. Instead of rewarding those who paid it back by working three jobs and keeping their promise, we make them work overtime and tax them to help payoff the debt of those too lazy to earn their own way.

Democrats now are creating a board "the Misinformation Governance Board" to censor anyone who would dare disagree with these moves towards evil. We have reached a point now where Democrats really don't believe you have a right to even disagree with their immoral values.

But, this is the way of life. The way of the world. We have always leaned towards evil and 2022 America is no exception.

In my opinion, as long as there is a Democrat party, evil will always have a voice..

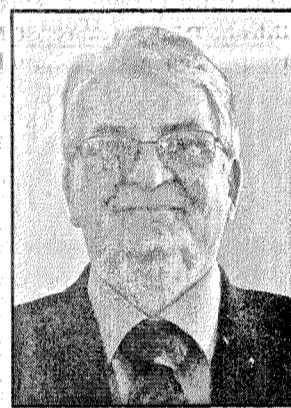
ELECT
Doug BISHOP
JUDGE - EXEC.

Rockcastle Countians, these are the most important questions of this election year!!

- What has our current county judge accomplished in the last 3 1/2 years?
- ARE you better off now than four years ago?
- ARE you concerned with all the roadside trash in the last three years?
- Do you want better maintenance on our roads?
- Do you realize losing 4.51% of our population and 9.37% of our students since 2010, IS NOT MOVING FORWARD?
- Do you realize "according to our judicial judges," nearly all their criminal cases involve "drugs?"
- Do you realize we established a Parks and Recreation board and selected members to serve approximately six years ago?
- Do you realize a nice Parks and Recreation facility can be a tool to provide families with good clean health activities and be a tool to help them stay off drugs?
- Do you realize 10% of your occupational tax was designated for parks and recreation for our families?
- Do you realize investing in our youth can save lives and MILLIONS of dollars in lost wages, hospital and rehab bills plus cut down the cost of operating our jail?

Are you ready to elect someone who will be a LEADER and get things done?

Elect someone who sees the hurting families and the needs of our citizens!



There is a great challenge ahead!
We must tackle these problems and see that we are making progress in saving our children from addiction and fleeing from our county because they see other places have greater opportunity.

Please let's stop kidding ourselves! This is not progress!!

As I travel across our county, citizens are telling us that we are NOT moving forward and there is nothing here for their children.

It's Time for Change!!

I will move forward to bring more opportunities for our families!!

ELECT
Doug BISHOP
JUDGE - EXEC.

Your vote and support are greatly appreciated

Paid for by Doug Bishop

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Closing Day - May 20th

RCIDA moving ahead with many local projects

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning to discuss the many recent changes to economic developments throughout the county and the region.

Happy about the new US 461 widening project, the natural gas line that is now on its way to Rockcastle County, the new Farmers Market building, the Chapin Company's growth and expansion, Exela Technologies' growth and new job creation, the TIFF District development, and many other plans for growth, Chairman Corey Craig gave words of encouragement to the board members.

"We have to forever keep in mind that the decisions we make in this little room every month

will have profound effects on our children, grandchildren and their children," he said. "We must balance and evaluate every decision and keep our focus generationally. We must have vision beyond the now and consider the long distant future of our area with our every decision."

Executive Director Jeff VanHook echoed Craig's sentiment. "What this board does is vital to Rockcastle County. Occupational Tax is really the only true revenue producer for the county," he said. "When you consider the tax bill and realize how much the library gets compared to the county, when the county has so much more to deal with, including the detention center and roads and so much more, we have to try to develop more jobs to properly provide for the citizens of

the county."

VanHook said Exela Technologies is still searching for applicants locally but may have to expand into wider areas. "There are 200 to 400 jobs sitting there ready right now but Exela is having trouble getting applicants," said VanHook. "We need to get the word out that good paying jobs are here in Rockcastle right now."

After discussion of the recently opened Farmers Market, and the gas line project that was recently funded, the board discussed the effects of those projects.

"We all get the sense that this gas line is a big deal and will have a great affect on our county," said Craig. "But I really don't believe we have the slightest idea how transformational it will be. I believe the gas line will bring opportunities that we haven't even thought

of yet and things that we never dreamed would be possible."

VanHook said the first of the gas line project funding is expected to be in place by August and within the next 18 to 22 months, natural gas will be available at the Industrial Park. He also said natural gas is expected to reach the homes in Rockcastle within three years. "Three years from now, we believe people in Crab Orchard, Brodhead, Renfro Valley and Mount Vernon will be able to turn on the gas furnace in their home," he said.

The board also approved their budget and the financial report. Craig said the budget will now begin to show the internet expense at the new Farmers Market building. Craig said the board and VanHook are still finalizing details of how the new building will be rented or leased and how such paperwork will be processed. "We will create a fully transparent system and have all of that organized very soon," he said.

Craig brought up the process involved with getting the natural gas line to Rockcastle County saying it would be disappointing to let that process be forgotten through the years.

"When Lake Linville was built, there were dozens or very personal, in-

tricate stories involved. Hurdles that were overcome and tremendous obstacles that were taken on head on," he said. "Stories about real people who sacrificed

and went above and beyond the call of duty are down to just word-of-mouth stories that are getting lost with time. It would be a shame to let

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"Fight"

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such activities.

Apparently the latest fad involves fights at schools and Rockcastle County schools have not been immune from the recent posts.

According to Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert, a social media account is currently circulating throughout social media platforms that shows video of recorded fights among students at local schools.

However, many of the fights shown on the page are not Rockcastle County students, Reppert said, though the site falsely suggests they are.

Still some of the fights are apparently Rockcastle County students at local schools and at local parks.

Reppert said the videos that do involve local students have each been addressed by school officials and law enforcement when necessary.

"Many of the videos were taken at city parks where students were gathered without supervi-

sion," said Reppert. "Someone took video of the fights and posted them to social media."

Officials have not determined who is responsible for the posts at press time but an investigation is underway.

The site is currently under investigation and officials at all local schools want to inform parents and students that **fighting among student is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.**

According to Reppert, anyone found to be participating, promoting or supporting such activity will be dealt with in the harshest action available to school officials and law enforcement. "This will not be allowed," he said. "We have already dealt with the fights that are actually our students and we will be watching to make sure this illegal activity has ceased. Anyone involved in this kind of activity will face consequences."

Anyone with information about anyone posting or promoting such activity is urged to report that information to teachers and/or administrators.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for *Wreaths and Gifts*, the newest Mount Vernon Business, last week. The shop offers many flowers and gifts of all shapes and sizes. Pictured from left are Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush, Ashley Reynolds of Community Trust Bank, Keith Pierce of Community Trust Bank, Lynn Tatum of Vitalize Mount Vernon, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Lisa Kirby, owner, Ashley McHargue, daughter of Kirby and Police Chief Brian Carter. The business is located at 70 Williams Street, across from the city park, in Mount Vernon.

INSPECTION PERIOD

FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 2, through May 16, 2022. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2022 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2022 will be due about September 15, 2022.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Although COVID-19 restrictions are easing ROCKCASTLE County will continue to offer taxpayer conferencer remotely. Conferences may be held via videoconference, where available, or by telephone, or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA via email or fax. Additionally, our office will be open for in person conferences this year as well. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at janet.vaughn@ky.gov and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at 205 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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

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

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

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

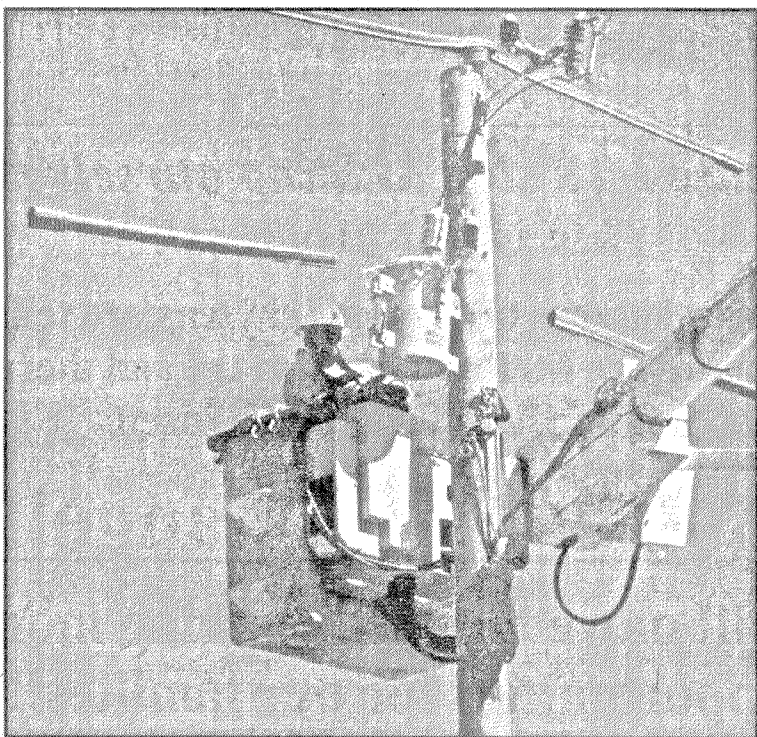
The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

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

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

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“Farmer”

(Continued from front) can be leased or rented to any group or organization.

The building has received accolades from state visitors since the day it was completed and this day was no different.

Quarles called the facility extraordinary and offered his congratulations to the leadership for creating what he called a "phenomenal Farmers Market building."

Quarles says there are 115 counties with a Farmers Market and 174 Farmers Market facilities throughout the state. Of those, the state agriculture department has funded 72 of them.

The Commissioner said the Rockcastle County Farmers Market is the only one to utilize space for the a full time tenant since the Soil Conservation office will be located there. He also reiterated his satisfaction with the project overall saying this is the "best farmers market" building his department has funded to date.

Quarles encouraged all farmers to join the Kentucky Proud Program, which offers assistance in many areas of farming and is a free organization.

Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Chairman Corey Craig also spoke to the crowd of nearly 100 explaining the difficulties that were overcome during construction of the new building. In fact, the building was started and completed under COVID restrictions and mandates, yet it has been described by USDA officials as the flagship of farmers markets across the state. Craig told the crowd that RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook has been the leader that brought all the teams together to make the building possible. "Jeff has been the orchestra leader of this project. He has created a beautiful song by getting all the musicians to work together."

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant also spoke to those present saying "the teamwork it took to bring this project together is a story that will live in the history of Mount Vernon for years to come."

Bray also spoke saying he was proud to have the facility in Mount Vernon. Bray said Quarles is a close friend to rural Kentucky and fights everyday to help the people of the state. "He is always there for us when we come to him with anything," said Bray. "Ryan will find a way to help and I can't say enough for his work and Senator Brandon Storm's work to help us through everything we ask for here in Rockcastle County."

Also speaking before the crowd was the organizer and facilitator of the project, Jeff VanHook. The director presented a long list of those who helped throughout the project and offered his appreciation to everyone involved. "More importantly the momentum that we have right now is amazing and if we keep working together, I mean the fiscal court, RCIDA, City of Mount Vernon, the ag department, Frankfort and so many others, there is no stopping our forward progress."

VanHook went on to list the many who participated in making the building a possibility. "The success of this project did not happen by accident. It took patience and collected collaboration between numerous individuals, public officials, contractors and organizations working together for the best interest of the community," he said.

After the meeting, inside the new facility, the crowd moved outside into the parking lot, where the building's security system can play music throughout the property, to cut the ribbon. Dignitaries lined up in front of the building and Parsons cut the ribbon, signifying completion of the project.

The building is now available for rent or lease at about \$25 per hour or \$150 per day.

The Soil Conservation office is located inside the building full time and everyone is invited to attend the next farmers market event at the new structure. Dates and times will be announced.

“Blast”

(Continued from front) ecutive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

But there are some expenses that must be met. "There has to be portapotties and security and parking and things like that. But the Tourist Commission can have whatever they want to have and we will take care of the fireworks display," said Holbrook.

In fact, Holbrook said there are several thousand dollars left in the fund after the last event and that money can be used toward this year's event.

"There is enough money left in the account for some of those necessities and then, if the Tourist Commission wants, they can pay for other attractions," said Holbrook.

Holbrook also said the Tourist Commission is considering renting spaces for food trucks to attend the event. "This would be a way for tourism to make a little money to help pay for extra things," he said.

Officials say they will keep the community informed as the Tourist Commission works out details and plans are finalized.

"Regardless of how it ends up, it is a great time for everyone and a real celebration that many people look forward to," said Holbrook. "The goal is to provide a fun, safe environment for everyone while celebrating the independence of this great country."

“Court”

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properties so a huge part of the extra funds are owed to lenders. However, according to Holbrook, there are extensive fees and penalties for early payoff of each

loan. So, Holbrook and the court, along with County Treasurer Joe Clontz, are investigating the expense involved. "Does it cost more to just make payments and continue to pay interest, or does it cost more to pay the loans off and pay the penalties," Holbrook asked. "This is what we have to find out. Which ever is the less expensive way, is likely the way we will go."

But there is still a lot to consider about how to best utilize the funds available, according to Holbrook.

Currently the county pays 2.6% interest on the loans and only draws about 0.5% on the bank accounts, Holbrook said. So the interest equals only 2% over the term of the loans.

"We have to look at this closely. Would we come out ahead to use this money for a project within the county and just keep paying the loans over time, or to keep the money in the account and draw interest until we can pay the loans with no penalty, or to just bite the bullet and pay off the debts? These are questions we have to consider," he said.

There are also other options that Holbrook said the fiscal court and Clontz are investigating at this time.

The total revenues shown in the 2022-2023 working budget is \$16,142,801.

General fund appropriations are estimated at \$4,533,426 while the Road Fund appropriations are estimated at \$1,971,271. The Jail Fund appropriations are listed at \$1,650,748.

The budget also shows the American Rescue Act funding at \$3,251,812 but the fiscal court must wait for further instructions about how that money may be used. "We are very restricted on how we can use those funds and we have to wait for government guidance before we can make decisions about how to best

utilize those funds," said Holbrook.

The budget can still be altered before the first reading, planned for the May 10 regular monthly meeting. Action of the second reading and approval is expected at the June 14 regular monthly meeting.

“Elect”

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Livingston Fire Department, Brodhead Elementary School, Roundstone Elementary School and Rockcastle County Courthouse.

County Attorney
Jeremy Rowe, (R)

County Judge/Executive
Howell H. Holbrook, Jr. (R)

Doug Bishop (R)

Sheriff
L. Dale Miller (R)

Shannon Franklin (R)

Jailer
Nathan Carter (R)
Micah Owens (R)

PVA
Kathy Robinson (R)
Anthony Asher (R)

County Clerk
Danetta Ford Allen (R)

County Coroner
Dawn R. Carpenter (R)

Doug Hughes (R)

28th District Court Judge, 2nd division
John Adams

Eddy Montgomery

28th District Commonwealth Attorney
David Dalton

28th District Court Judge 1st Division
B.J. Hardy

William Leger

Dylan Gorski

28th District Court Judge 2nd Division
Katherine Slone

Jerald Bryan LeMaster

28th Circuit Judge 1st Division
Theresa Whittaker

2nd Division
John Adams

Eddy Montgomery

28th Circuit Judge Family Court
3rd Division

Marcus Vanover

Kentucky State Representative
71st District
Josh Bray (R)
Magistrate 1st District
Lee Earl Adams (R)
Michael Pingleton (R)
Robert Kirby (R)
Tammy Cox (R)
2nd District
William Sherman Denny (R)

Christopher Thomas Ayers (R)
3rd District
Doug Prewitt (R)
Debbie Mason (R)
Richard "Dickie" Martin (R)

4th District
Wendell Shane Thacker (R)

Brandon Hellard (R)
Ronald Chasteen (R)

5th District
Michael P. McGuire (R)
James Bryan King (R)

Constable Candidates 1st District
Rodney G. Adams (R)
Jason William Smith (R)

2nd District
Steve Griffin (R)
Carlos McClure (R)

3rd District -
Rick Brummett (R)
Joseph "Joe" Edwards (R)

Kevin Begley (R)

4th District
Donnie Cope (R)
James Smith (R)

Matthew Stockwell (R)
Jesse Coffey (R)

5th District
Eddie Gabbard (R)
Fred Nathaniel Hampton III (R)

Brian Wynn (R)
Roger Dale Alcorn (R)

United States Representative 5th District
Rich Van Dam (R)

Brandon Russell Monhollen (R)
Harold "Hal" Rogers (R)

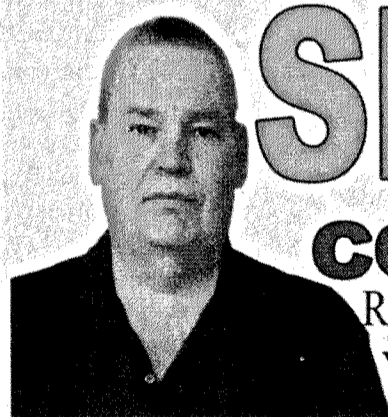
Gerardo Serrano (R)

United States Senator
John Schiess
Tami L. Stanfield

Arnold Blankenship
Valarir Fredrick Paul Hamilton
Rand Paul

Democratic Primary United States Senator
Joshua Wesley Blanton

VOTE James



SMITH

for
CONSTABLE

Rockcastle County 4th District

Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

To the Voters of Rockcastle County District 4, which is comprised of the voting precincts Climax, Roundstone and Conway. I would like to take this opportunity to quickly introduce myself to you.

My name is James Smith, and I am running as a Republican for the position of Constable in the 4th District. I am 56 years old and happily married for 35 years to my wonderful wife Teresa. I am a 1985 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, and I have lived in the same location in the 4th district for forty years, so I know the 4th District well, including the issues we all face day to day. My wife and I are self-employed, and have owned and operated D & S Computers AKA Design & Service in Mt. Vernon for the last thirty one years.

I am seeking the office of Constable to make a positive contribution to my community in a way I feel can be most effective. For those of you who don't know me personally, I hope to meet you, and change that. However I know I will never be able to visit everyone in the district personally in the short window of time before the primary election, especially during these times of Covid-19. I also encourage anyone with questions or concerns to come see me at Design & Service, or call / text me at 859-779-2945 anytime. So if I don't get to see you personally, I apologize beforehand, and reach out to ask for your vote.

As a candidate I will make you only one promise. If you elect me to do this job, I will do my very best to fulfill the duties of 4th District Constable in a respectable way you can always be proud of.

Please help me and our district, by voting "SMITH". Even if I don't have your vote, whatever the reason, please go to the poll and cast a vote for your candidate.

Thank You, and God Bless.
James Henry Smith
4999 Wildie Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
859-779-2945

#3 On The Ballot

Paid for by candidate

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

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



SPORTS

Rocket baseball wins two of four

Rocket baseball split two games with Somerset this past week with a 12-2 win on Tuesday and a 3-0 loss on the road Thursday.

On Tuesday, Somerset scored two in the top of the first and the Rockets answered with two of their own in the bottom. Rockcastle scored six in the third inning and added three in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Rockcastle had 17 hits in the win including five doubles and a homerun by Noah Fain.

Ethan Fain went two for four with an RBI and run scored. Silas Shaffer was three for four with a double and an RBI. Noah Fain was two for three with a homerun, two RBI and a run scored. Cam Prewitt was three for three with two doubles, three runs scored and an RBI. Dalton Gibbs was three for three with a double, three RBI and two runs scored. Carson King was two for three with a double, three RBI and a run scored. Landon Dillingham was one for two with a run scored. Cade Prewitt was one for three with a run scored. Robert Reams and Ben Brown each scored a run.

Silas Shaffer got the win going five innings giving up two runs on four hits while striking out five.

Rockcastle traveled to Somerset Thursday and the Briarjumper held the Rockets to only three hits on the night.

Ethan Fain picked up two hits for the Rockets

while Silas Shaffer got the other hit.

Fain was on the mound for the Rockets going five innings giving up three runs (one earned), five hits, one walk while striking out eight. Dalton Gibbs pitched the final inning striking out all three batters he faced.

Rockcastle traveled to Southwestern Saturday and came away with a 6-4 win for the 17th victory of the season.

Southwestern was ahead 3-0 after three before the Rockets tied the game with three of their own in the fourth inning. Rockcastle added one in the fifth and two in the sixth for a 6-3 lead before the Warriors added one in the seventh but it wasn't enough.

Cam Prewitt and Cade Prewitt each had three hits for the Rockets while Dalton Gibbs added two. Cade Prewitt also had two RBI for the Rockets.

It was a team effort on the mound for the Rockets. Skyler Durham got the start going two innings giving up only one hit, no runs, two walks and struck out three. Caleb Bullock threw two innings giving up three runs (one earned), three hits, two walks and had two strikeouts. Carson King went two innings giving up one hit, one walk and had one strikeout. Dalton Gibbs went one inning giving up one run on two hits and one strikeout.

Rockcastle was scheduled to host Danville Tuesday night while traveling to Bell County Thursday night.



Makinlee Goff is greeted at home plate by teammates after her three-run homerun in the second inning of the Rockets' 18-3 defeat of Madison Southern Monday night.

Rocket softball defeats GRC, East Jessamine and Southern

After back-to-back losses to Somerset last week, Rocket softball got back on track with victories over George Rogers Clark and East Jessamine.

Last Friday, Rockcastle traveled to George Rogers Clark and came away with a 7-3 victory. Rockcastle took an early 2-0 lead after the first inning before adding two more in the third and three in the fifth.

Laney Bryant was hot at the plate going four for four with an RBI and a run scored. Ella Bussell and Lexie Brock each were three for four with Bussell scoring two runs and Brock scoring one. Kylee Fletcher and

Makayla Coffey each had two RBI for the Rockets.

Katie Denham picked up the win going seven innings giving up three runs on 11 hits and walking one.

Rockcastle took the measure of East Jessamine Saturday with a 7-3 win. Rockcastle scored four runs in the first inning and added two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Haley Pingleton led the Rockets going three for four with two RBI. Laney Bryant was one for three with a walk and two runs scored. Addison McClure had an RBI, walk and run scored. Ella Bussell was one for four

with a run scored and RBI. Kylee Flecher had a run scored, walk and RBI. Lexie Brock was one for four. Adisynne Lovell drew two walks and scored a run. Makinlee Goff was one for one with an RBI. Makayla Coffey was one for two. Kailee Collins had a run scored.

Abby Burdette got the win going seven innings giving up three runs on eight hits, gave up two walks and had one strikeout.

In their second game on Saturday, Rockcastle lost a tough one 4-2 to Frederick Douglass.

Rockcastle was up 2-1 after three innings before Frederick Douglass

took the lead in the fourth and never looked back.

Laney Bryant and Addison McClure were the lone Rockets with two hits. Ella Bussell, Kylee Fletcher, Haley Pingleton and Makayla Coffey each had one. Bussell had the only RBI on the ay for the Rockets.

Katie Denham took the loss going six innings giving up four runs (one earned) and five hits with only one walk and two strikeouts.

Monday night, Madison Southern came to town and the Rockets greeted them with an 18-3 schlacking.

Southern scored one in

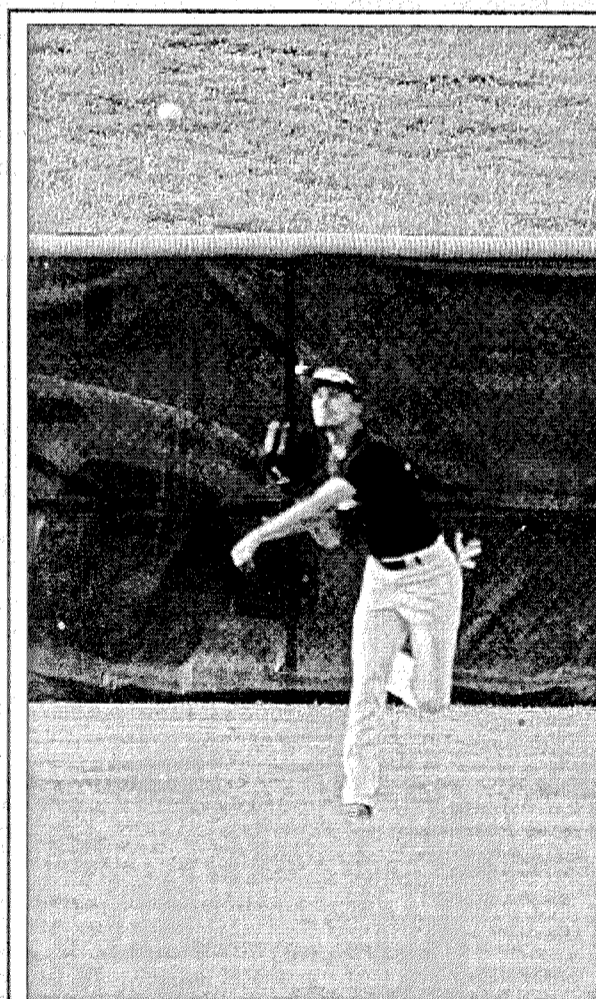
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Kaliee Collins rounds third during Rocket softball's 18-3 win over Madison Southern Monday night.



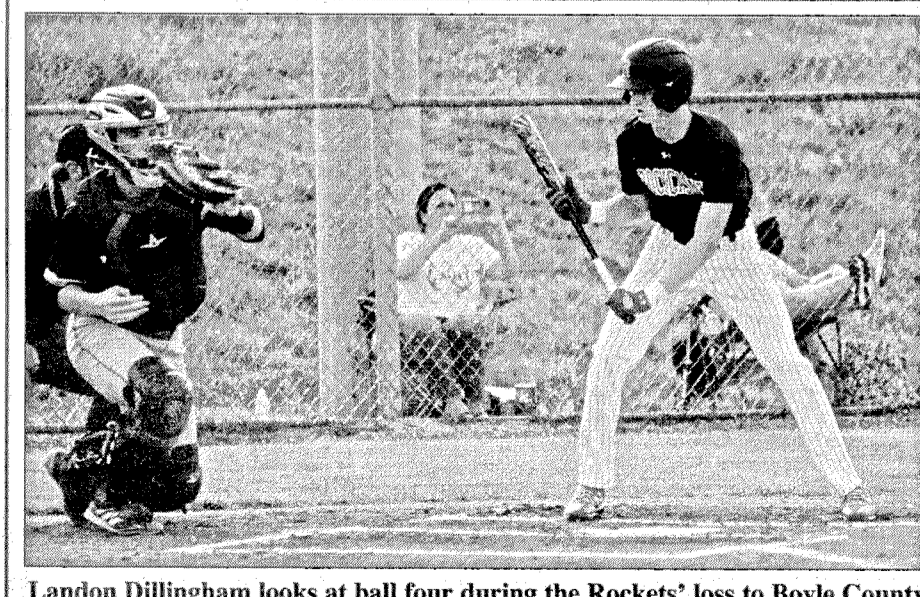
Kylee Fletcher throws the ball in from left field during Monday night's win.



Left fielder Caleb Bullock in action during the Rockets' loss to Boyle County Monday night.



Cade Prewitt goes for a hit during the Rockets' loss to Boyle County Monday night.



Landon Dillingham looks at ball four during the Rockets' loss to Boyle County Monday night. Rockcastle picked up wins over Somerset and Southwestern this past week.



The Rockcastle JROTC Color Guard had the honor of presenting our Nation's flag at the Lexington Legends baseball game on Friday, April 29th. This was the second time the program was invited. Presenting the United States flag was Cadet First Lieutenant Ethan Cromer. Presenting the state flag was Cadet Corporal Brayden Spoonamore. Presenting the United States Army flag was Cadet Sergeant Caleb Saylor. The riflemen were Cadet Sergeant Cerrina Henson and Cadet Corporal Landen McFerron. In addition to the Color Guard, 39 other Cadets were in attendance and got to enjoy the game.

RCIDA

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that happen to this 30-year-effort to have natural gas in Rockcastle County.

Craig suggested a document be created telling the story of natural gas from its first discussion to its approval here. "We need to somehow document step by step how this came to be," he said. "The process was filled with very interesting stories, coincidences,

blessings, sacrifices and details that will be forgotten if we don't find a way to tell this elaborate, complicated story."

Board member Dale Whitaker agreed. "There has been talk of a college here for many years and this gas line is big enough that a college or a branch of UK or our own college is a possibility now," he said. "We can start thinking about such lofty goals now and we don't want our grandchildren to forget how it became possible."

Craig asked the board to consider the suggestion. "It would really be a shame if 100 years from now people, sitting in these seats, have no idea what was done to make this happen and how we got to this pivotal point in Rockcastle County. The *Signal* has done a wonderful job covering this entire process. Knowledge is power and the *Signal* has kept everyone informed every step of the way. But rather than thumb through dozens of issues putting together pieces, and locating documents and meeting minutes, we need it all together in one place. It is an amazing story that should be told."

Ideas were discussed and such documentation may begin soon.

The next regular monthly meeting of the RCIDA is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Softball

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the top of the first but Rockcastle came back with two in the bottom to take the lead.

In the bottom of the second, Rockcastle tacked on 10 more to take a 12-1 lead. Lexie Brock and Adisynne Lovell each drew walks and Makayla Coffey singled to load the bases. Addison McClure and Haley Pingleton each drew RBI walks. Ella Bussell singled to score Coffey. Kylee Fletcher singled to score McClure and Kaliee Collins, running for Pingleton. Haven King walked to load the bases and Lovell singled to score Bussell and Fletcher. Makinlee Goff, pitch hitting for Coffey, hit a three-run homer to finish the scoring for the Rockets.

Southern added two runs in the third before Rockcastle added six in the bottom of the third to end the game by run rule.

Laney Bryant, Ella Bussell and Makayla Coffey each had two hits for the Rockets. Makinlee Goff and Kylee Fletcher each had three RBI.

Abby Burdette picked up the win for the Rockets going three innings giving up three runs on five hits, walked one and struck out one.

The Rockets were set

to host Lincoln County Tuesday night and travel to Lexington Catholic Thursday. Saturday, the Rockets will be taking part in the Tim Short Classic at Perry County Central.

*Signal
deadline is
4 pm Monday*



Fourth graders, Makenna McNally and Melody Garrison, wanted to invite other Unite Club members to help save the planet. These young ladies decided to host a school grounds clean-up. They began by speaking with their school administrators and Mrs. Barron, our Unite leader. They hung a poster and a bulletin board and began to recruit others to help.



On Friday, April 22, 2022, Roundstone Elementary students did a campus wide cleanup. The event was organized by two fourth grade students, Makenna McNally and Melody Garrison. Sixteen students from the fourth and fifth grade glasses signed up to participate. They plan to make the event a biannual event.

CARPENTER FOR CORONER



• What are the duties of a Coroner? •

The Coroner's job includes determining the cause and manner of death. This requires skill and investigation since no two deaths are the same.

I feel the determination of the cause of death is important because it is part of closure for the family members and loved ones of the deceased.

What are the requirements for a Coroner in the state of Kentucky?

The individual must be at least 24 years of age and reside in the states of Kentucky for the past 2 years and 1 year in the county or district in which he/she is a candidate.

How does one become trained to become a Coroner?

The Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training Coroner's Program provides training for coroner's and deputy coroners in the state of Kentucky, a 40-hour initial training and an update of 18-hours of training each year thereafter. The training includes topics such as investigation, information gathering, crime scene investigation, medical/legal death investigation, history gathering, photography, and mass fatality response. Some of the other subjects include death-scene investigation, autopsy reviews, stress and wellness, the use of force, and search and seizure.

In my years as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, I was trained in forensic photography, information gathering, and evidence preservation. As a firefighter I have many hours of training in crime scene preservation as well as investigation of fire scenes.

What are some traits a Coroner should possess?

Some of the traits of a Coroner include, being observant, compassionate, patient, organized, empathetic, and have good communication skills.

I feel I possess these traits. I have over 30 years as a Registered Nurse, 10 of those as a Nurse Practitioner. I have a deep passion to be compassionate and empathetic to others. I feel that is a requirement to be a successful nurse. I also have excellent communication skills and use those daily in my practice as a Nurse Practitioner and as an Associate Professor at the University of the Cumberlands, College of Nursing. I must be observant in order to care for patients and be empathetic to what they are going through during times of sickness and loss. This requires a thorough history and sometimes investigative skills in order to diagnose and treat patients.

Why do I want to be your next Coroner?

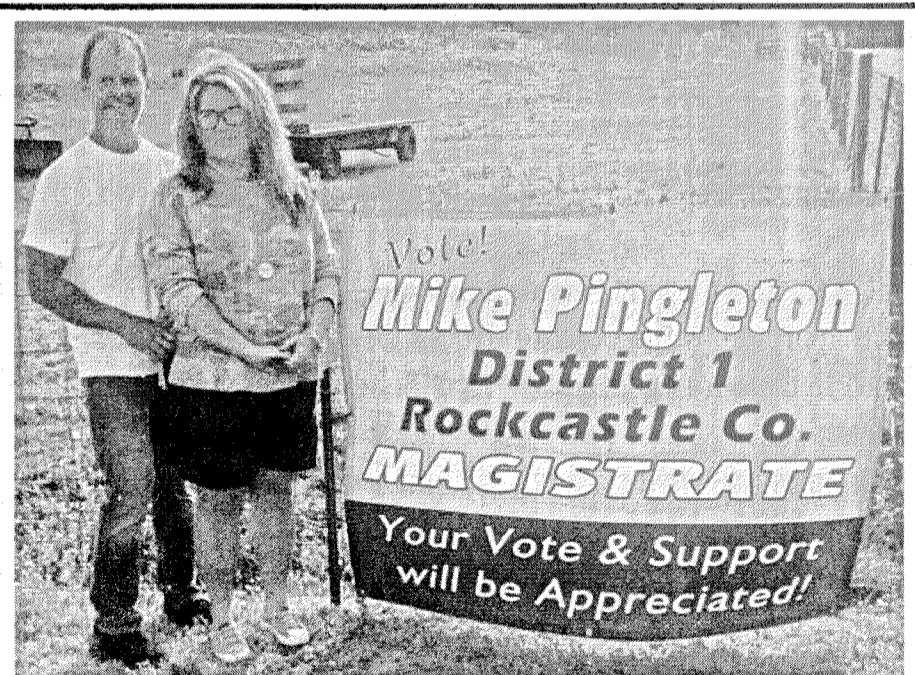
I feel that I can bring the knowledge that I have gained during my time as a nurse, fire fighter, and first responder. I feel that I can make a difference and help to provide closure, be compassionate, and show empathy to the family and those left behind. I have many years of experiences responding to emergency scenes as an air medical flight nurse and as a firefighter. I am accustomed to responding to all kinds of incidents, at all hours of the day or night, including fires, wrecks, rescues, EMS assists, shootings, etc., and responding in a timely manner. I have a good working relationship with all emergency services in Rockcastle County including fire, EMS, and law enforcement. With the culmination of my experience, training, compassion, and empathy I feel that I am the most qualified candidate to be your Rockcastle County Coroner.

Please join with me in making history by electing the first female coroner in Rockcastle County. Thank you for your vote and support!

paid for by Dawn Carpenter, Candidate for Coroner



Missing Blue Tick Beagle
Our little Bluetick Beagle Clemantine is missing from the Old Brodhead Road area...if you have any information about her please call (606)392-9143. She is greatly missed.



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



RCHS JROTC Cadets visited the Perryville Battlefield Historic Site on Thursday, April 21st. The Cadets received a battlefield tour learning about Civil War history and the importance this battle played for Kentucky. Despite the rainy weather, the Cadets enjoyed an educational success envisioning the battle as they walked the route of a Confederate attack on a Union Brigade.

Keep HOWELL HOLBROOK Jr.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Paid for by Howell Holbrook

RE-ELECT NATHAN CARTER JAILER

When I began serving as Rockcastle County Jailer in 2019, I knew that I had a lot of work ahead of me.

Below are some of the things I wanted to accomplish in my first term:

1. Work with local law enforcement to begin searching and clearing the jail of all contraband.
2. Allow church services to return to Rockcastle County Detention Center.
3. Start working closely with the Department of Corrections to implement new programs for inmates.
4. Begin requiring training for all deputies and staff.
5. Look for new innovative ways to ensure safety for all staff and inmates.
6. Find new ways for families to better communicate with their incarcerated loved ones.
7. Allow Rockcastle Adult Education to return to teach the GED program.
8. Implement Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous to allow inmates the ability to break the chains of addiction.
9. Start looking at vendor contracts to safeguard that taxpayer funds were being used properly to provide the best services to our inmates and staff.
10. Work with community shareholders to arrange employment for recently released inmates.



After only six months in office:

Searches: I have implemented required weekly cell searches to make sure contraband is not in the facility. I have also implemented the use of X-Ray machines to keep contraband from entering the facility.

Church: Church services have returned to Rockcastle County Detention Center and they are here to stay.

Moral Reconciliation Therapy: Rockcastle County Detention Center was approved by the Department of Corrections to conduct Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). MRT is a cognitive behavioral approach used to disrupt negative patterns of behavior, behavior that often leads to crime and addiction. If these types of behavior are not recognized and addressed, individuals are likely to re-offend.

Training: The Department of Corrections requires that each staff member participate in 24 hours of training each year. This training is monitored by the Department of Corrections and all staff are up-to-date on training.

Safety: Controlling inmate movement is critical to the safety of staff and other inmates. I have implemented new programs such as video visitation to limit inmate movement and increase safety for inmates and staff.

Communication: I have implemented video visitation and chirping. Video visitation allows family members to visit with their loved ones from the comfort of their own home. Chirping permits family members to send messages back and forth with their loved ones as well.

Adult Education: GED classes are now being held weekly. Education is essential for offenders to get employment upon release.

NA and AA: I implemented NA and AA courses to allow inmates to get to the root of their addiction issues.

Contracts: Vendor contracts are constantly being renegotiated to make sure taxpayer funds are used in the most efficient manner.

Employment: I have worked with community stakeholders to arrange employment for inmates upon release. Inmates can obtain a job application and contact information upon release to gain employment.

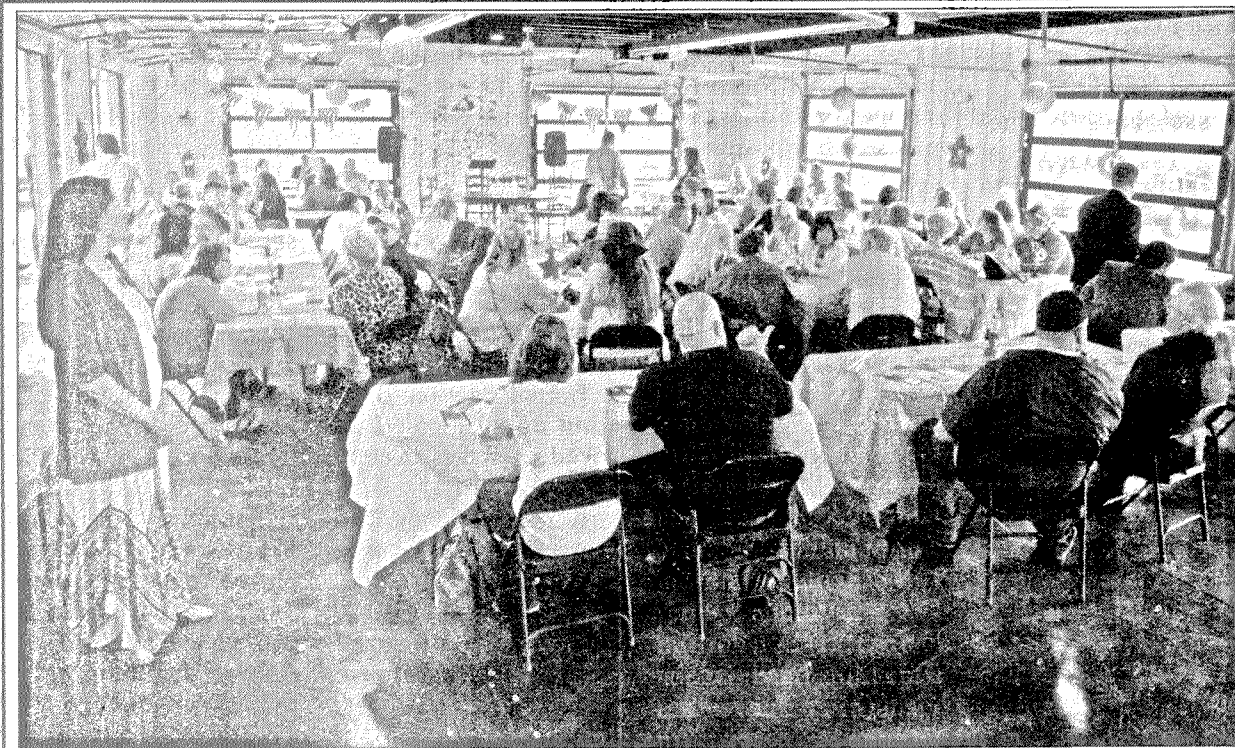
I, Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter, have worked at the Rockcastle County Detention Center for nearly 14 years. I have proudly served the people of Rockcastle County and Jailer for the past four years. I have a proven record of success and I want to continue successfully serving the citizens of Rockcastle County.

I humbly ask for your VOTE on May 17, 2022

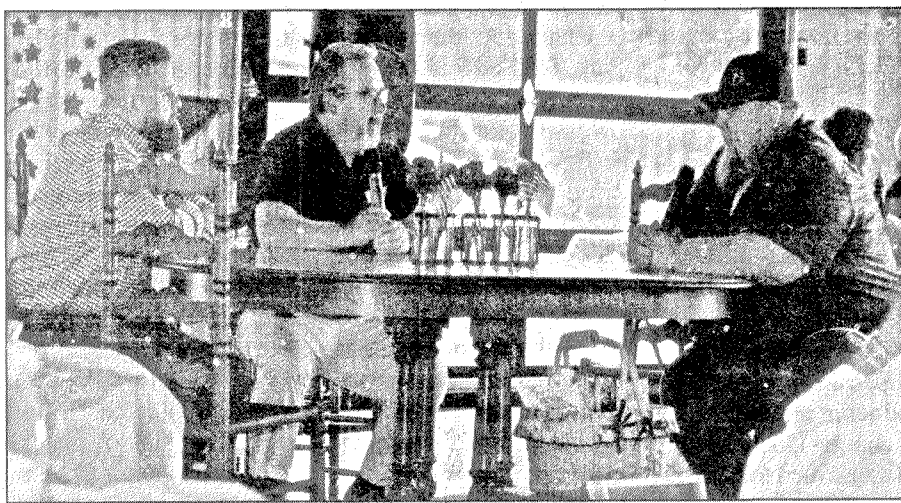
Paid for by Nathan Carter

Lincoln Day Banquet

Republican Party holds forum for local candidates at Farmers Market



A large crowd (above) showed up for the Lincoln Day Banquet hosted by the Rockcastle County Republican Party Saturday at the new Farmers Market building on Richmond Street. Shown at right, moderator Judge Jeff Burdette asked questions of Jailer Nathan Carter and his opponent in the May Primary election, Micah Owens.



By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Republican Party hosted their Lincoln Dinner Saturday evening at the new Farmers Market building, providing any candidate with a chance to tell voters where they stand on issues. Some candidates did not attend. The May Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 17 but voters may

also vote May 12 through 14 (Thursday through Saturday) in Rockcastle County.

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen told the large crowd at the near-capacity event, that Rockcastle County will be a "Voting Center" layout instead of the usual "voting precinct" layout this year. "This means that all precincts will be available at all four voting centers,"

she said. Voters may use any voting center they wish, regardless of their address, and still vote for the candidates of their own district. "No one has to go to a specific place to vote," she said. "You can go anywhere that has a voting machine and if you are a registered voter and have your ID, you can vote."

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray and Senator Brandon Storm addressed the crowd speaking of the recent passage of the state budget and the many bills passed during the recent legislative session. "We were able to get away from the tax and spend policies of previous years and were able to get \$1.2 million for the local school district along with another \$280,000 next year, \$20 million for the gas line tap, the US 461 project approval, a \$14 million RCMS project approval and still kept a billion dollars in unappropriated revenues," said Bray. "This allowed us to provide a 1/2% reduction in income tax rates."

Bray also spoke of the so-called abortion bill, which is immensely popular among pro-life advocates. "You can no longer have an abortion by mail," said Bray. "You would think this is common sense stuff but we had to spend countless hours listening to Democrats drone on about how terrible and awful we are for trying to save the life of a baby. The bill also bans abortion in Kentucky after 15 weeks." This comment brought applause from the packed house.

Bray continued to bring applause and cheers saying "We also believe girls are girls and boys are boys and that boys should not play in girls' sports," he said. "We are proud of this bill and we are proud to be a part of the most pro-life legislation in Kentucky history," he said.

Bray said Senator

Storm played a huge role in all the legislation he had discussed. "He is a fighter and is always there, Senator Storm is a massive benefit to Rockcastle County."

Storm also addressed the crowd saying he too is proud of the pro-life legislation as well as the many projects approved for the county. He also

returned accolades to Bray. "You all have no idea how hard Josh worked and ran and argued and met and fought to get this RCMS project passed," said Storm. "I saw him actually running through the halls to get these things done and he didn't quit. It passed on the last night. Josh did that for this county. It was amazing to watch."

County Attorney Jeremy Rowe hosted the Lincoln Dinner event, with the help of many local entities and individuals. Rowe served as the Master of Ceremonies and introduced retired Chief Justice Jeffrey Burdette as the moderator for discussion from each candidate present. In each race, the candidates for that office sat at a kitchen table and answered questions from Burdette one at a time. "The candidates will answer the questions and then the next candidate will answer similar questions. Since many family decisions are made around the kitchen table, we thought it would be fitting to have the candidates sit at the kitchen table also," said Rowe.

The style of the forum was slightly different than a typical candidate debate. There was no debating back and forth. Only one candidate at a time was addressed until all the questions were answered and then the next candidate was addressed with the same or

similar questions. Completely untypical of such political forums, there were no interruptions throughout the evening.

The first to sit at the kitchen table was Gerardo Serrano, a candidate for the fifth congressional district of Kentucky against incumbent Representative Hal Rogers.

Serrano said Rogers voted to provide \$500 million to Planned Parenthood and fought against the Second Amendment. "You can fool the people but you can't mock God," said Serrano. Congressman Rogers was not present at the event.

Next at the table were Rockcastle County PVA candidates Anthony Asher and Kathy Robinson.

Asher said he hopes to make all PVA records online for all to see at any time. He spoke of his 28 years in banking and said he knows "how to assess property properly. It is just something I know," he said.

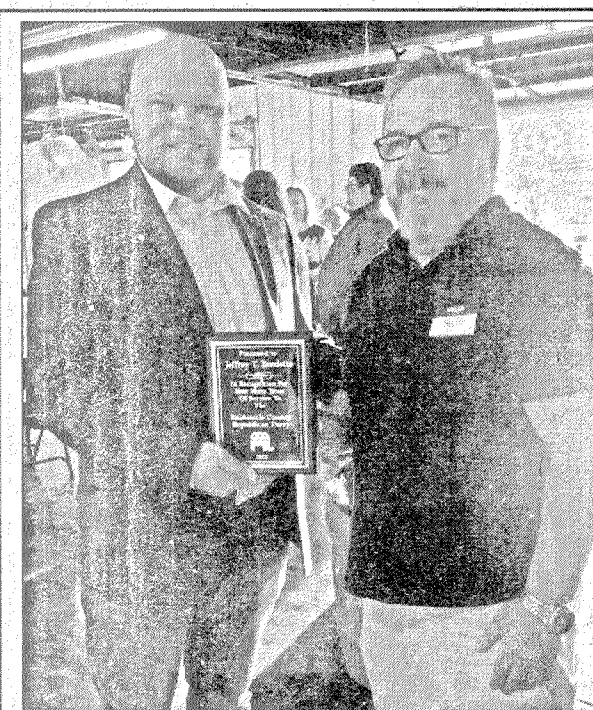
Robinson then addressed the questions and discussed her 36 years with the county attorney's office. She said her goal is to upgrade records. She said her law office experience makes her the best candidate.

Candidates for Rockcastle County Judge/Executive incumbent Howell Holbrook Jr., and former judge/executive

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Rockcastle Republican Party Vice-Chair Grant Burdette presents a plaque to retiring PVA Janet Vaughn for her many years of service to the party.



Rockcastle Republican Party Vice-Chair Grant Burdette presents a plaque to retired Chief Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette for his many years of service to the party.

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

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Marie Hines, Brodhead, disabled and Jeffrey Robert Phelps, Brodhead, disabled. 4/21/22

Kelsey Makayla Carlton, 19, Mt. Vernon, Attendant Care aide and Ethan Jeffrey Thompson, 22, Mt. Vernon, electrical technician. 4/22/22

Lauren Samantha Bailey, 26, Hyden, student and James Robert Blair, 30, Mt. Vernon, construction. 4/22/22

Janet P. Pelfrey, 72, Louisa, retired and James Paul Kelly, 77, Louisa, retired. 4/26/22

Kaitlyn Michele Hollin, 21, Eubank, unemployed and Tommy Wayne Hurst, Jr. 24, Eubank, burial vaults. 4/29/22

Annie Lynn Sams, 53, Mt. Vernon, warehouse and Mark Dennis Zoeller, 57, Mt. Vernon, body work. 5/2/22

Deeds Recorded

Michael Haymes and Rita and Richard Rehberg, property in Proctor Place Rd., to Michael Hayme. No tax

Carole Ann Taylor, property in Rockcastle County, to Jordan and Breanna Burton. No tax

George and Barbara Dooley, property in Rockcastle County, to Rodney Payne. Tax \$25

William A. Payne, property in McCall Knob Subdv, to Tim and Vicki Renee Bullock. Tax \$28

Garry and Sherri Hansel, property on Sand Springs Rd., to Penny Leann Deskins. Tax \$105

Tabatha and James Gray, Larry Dale Mink and DaisyAnn and Amber Mink, property in Cedar Hgts. Subdv., to Tabatha Gray and Larry Dale Mink. No tax

Patricia Carpenter, property adjacent to Barnett Road, to Kris Cromer. Tax \$3

Kenneth Michael and Vickie Miller, Dianna Sue Baker, Roger Miller, Donna Jean Richards and Darrell and Linda Miller, property in Rockcastle County, to Darrell and Linda Miller. Tax \$6

Garry and Sherri Hansel, property in Carter Heights Subdv., to Penny Leann Deskins. No tax

Woods and Waters with M&S LLP, property on Lear Lane, to Faye Perkins. Tax \$40

Kristin Miracle, John Baker and Melissa and Brandon McIntosh, property on Copper Creek Road, to Kristin Nicole Miracle. No tax

Expansion Investments LLV, property in Rockcastle County, to Logan R. and Kila A. Cable. Tax \$100

Jesse and Amanda Isaacs, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Angela Debord and Kevin Brandon Isaacs. Tax \$21

Rhonda Kay Reed, property in Rockcastle

County, to Rachael Lynn Callahan. Tax \$140

Cecil and Judy King, property on Maple St., to Christopher S. and Tina Traugott. Tax \$100

Jesse and Rachel Wright, property in Houston Point Estates, to Karosta L. LKay and Dakota J. Miller. Tax \$180

Wanda L. King, property in Rockcastle County, to Jessica King. No tax

Benny Ray Burchett, property on Crab Orchard Rad, to Larry D. and Rita J. Burchett. Tax \$21

Betty and John H. Kemper, Howard Douglas Poynter, Frances and Robert Gabbard, John Douglas Poynter, Brandy Lamb, Joann Croucher and Kevin and Debbie Poynter, property in Boone's Gap, to Kevin and Debbie Poynter. No tax

District Court

April 25, 2022

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Ariel Dawn Baker: possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle (two charges), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Kyle Andrew Barton: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Chomae Bradley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and five more charges, bw issued for fta.

Trevor Lawrence Brown: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.

Anthony Calder: public intoxication controlled substance and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Deana N. Childress: fines/fees due (\$668), bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or payment in full.

Donald W. Crouch: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and 16 other charges, bw issued for fta.

Anthony Peter Dattilo: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security and terroristic threatening, 10 days in jail/costs waived (each charge).

Ebony Beatrice Lynn Ellison: speeding, \$5 fine plus costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Charles A. Green: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg. Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Brian Grimes: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt and failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine/each charge/suspended;

failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Lee Bra Hammond: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Gabriel Jimenez: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Anthony Adams Jones: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Darrell Lawson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Patricia Mahoney: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Samuel David Mathis: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, time served/costs waived.

Corwin D. Maye: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Tamara Alene Milby: speeding and failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

James Miller: contempt of court \$100 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt

and failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine (each charge)/suspended; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine.

Jason R. Puckett: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Melissa M. Raines: speeding, \$34 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Gladys Ramirez: failure to wear seat belt, \$25 fine plus costs; no operators/moped license, \$50 fine.

Speeding: Christopher Scott Romine, \$48 fine plus costs; Steven Thomas Stout, \$44 fine plus costs.

Anthony Dattilo: disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and menacing, 30 days in jail/each count/concurrent/costs waived; criminal trespassing (20 counts), \$50 fine/suspended/on each/costs waived.

Ryan Rose: public intoxication controlled substance, \$100 fine plus costs.

Hubert Dale Stewart: no/expired registration plates - receipt (two charges), improper registration plate and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security (two charges), bw issued for fta.

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'm the only candidate that will say to your face,
"I'll put money back in YOUR pocket!"
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

Prayer/Faith Walk

Christ's Discipleship Ministries will host a Prayer/Faith Walk at the Depot in Livingston on Main St. on Friday, May 6th beginning at 6 p.m. If you feel the need to intercede for this county, state and nation, we need you to join us.

Everyone is welcome. Pastors, if you want to see a great change in your congregation, bring your flock and come help tear down denominational hinderances.

For any questions, call Jeff Cromer 606-308-1314 or Randy Thompson 606-308-5451.

The Church

We find in (Matthew 16:16-19) Jesus promised he would build his Church, it would be an institution like none other, that had ever been built, it would have the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Christ, we find, would be the head of this church. (Ephesians 5:23) For as the husband is the head of the wife, even so Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body. The Church we read about in the Bible we find gets all its authority from Christ and the apostles, there are no opinions or guesses, but truth as it came from heaven. (2-Timothy 3:16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. God's truth is what the church is to be governed by, they will never get outdated, those truths the apostles taught are still just as true and needed today for the church and a guide in our lives, in worshipping the Lord. Truth does not change. The church's mission in the beginning was to preach the word, so men everywhere could be saved. Most religious bodies today have become a social thing, they are interested in entertainment, money making, it has become more of a social gathering of the community, than a gathering of those to worship the Lord. That kind of Church is not what God sent his Son to suffer and die for on the cross.

The church is a glorious institution: (Ephesians 5:27) That he might present to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. The word glorious, (means to be held in honor, full of splendor). This describes the church that Jesus built. God's word outshines the ideas and opinions of men, just like the sun outshines the moon. Folks, there is no comparison, we need to search the scriptures daily to see if the institution we are a part of is that glorious institution, that Jesus said he would build. The way we can know this, is to go back to the book we call the Bible. Because when we speak where the Bible speaks and we are silent where the Bible is silent, and we call Bible things by Bible names, and we do Bible things, in Bible ways. When we find a church that follows these patterns, we have found that glorious institution the Lord said he would build.

The church's mission is to seek and save the lost. (Mark 16:15-16) Jesus said. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be condemned.

Thank you for reading this article, if you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can call me or e-mail me at the listing below. We also offer videos on our website and free Bible correspondence courses. (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

The Purpose of the First and Second Coming of Christ

People try to foretell the second coming of Christ, and some have went so far as to put a date on when it would happen. Study of the scripture reveals that no one knows, except our heavenly Father. *Matthew 24:36* But of that day and hour no man knows, no, not the Angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Let's start by looking at the purpose of the first coming of Christ. I want to start by pointing out that the judgement is talked about in the scriptures as they point toward the second coming of Christ. Now our faith should be strengthened, knowing that the first coming of Christ was prophesied and it happened exactly that way. Also, when we read of the second coming of Christ, we can rest assured that it will also happen.

The purpose of the first coming of Christ. In *Luke 4:18-19*, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Christ came to teach and to practice these things. He had compassion on all of humanity and it showed. He healed their infirmities, the lame, the blind, and he even fed the hungry. He had compassion on their physical needs.

In helping people, Christ had the purpose of reaching them spiritually. In *John 3:5*, You know that Christ appeared to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. In *1 John 3:8*, The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the Devil's work. Sin and death are works of the Devil. *Romans 5:18* says, Therefore, as by the offence of one judgement came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the gift came upon all men unto justification of life. *Romans 6:23* reminds us that for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The purpose of the Second Coming of Christ is that He can receive those that belong to Him. He will deliver a righteous judgement at His Second Coming. In *Peter 3:9* we are told that the Lord is long suffering to us not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. *VS 10* But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. The point is, we don't know when Christ will return, but we do know He is coming back some future day. We just need to be ready so that we don't have to fear that day but, instead, we can long for the appearance of our Savior.

Everyone Welcome

Robby Cable - 606-305-8452

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

Beautification Day on Main is May 10th

If you would like to be a member of the Main Street beautification team, please join us on Tuesday, May 10th to plant flowers on Main Street.

This year, Owens Landscaping will supply

a variety of colorful annuals to be planted in the flowerpots and flower beds in the History Garden. Planting hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and members of the Garden Club will be available to assist.

Plants will be delivered to the History Garden, so anyone that would like to participate, should start here for plants and information. Please bring your gardening gloves and garden tools for container

gardening.

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your participation, please contact Lynn Tatum at 308-4646 or Nancy Mullins with the Garden Club at 308-1733.

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.

Parker Seal Reunion

The Parker Seal Reunion will be held May 10th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dinner Bell Restaurant in Berea.

For more info, call Loretta at 859-893-4124.

Thacker/Brooks

Family Reunion

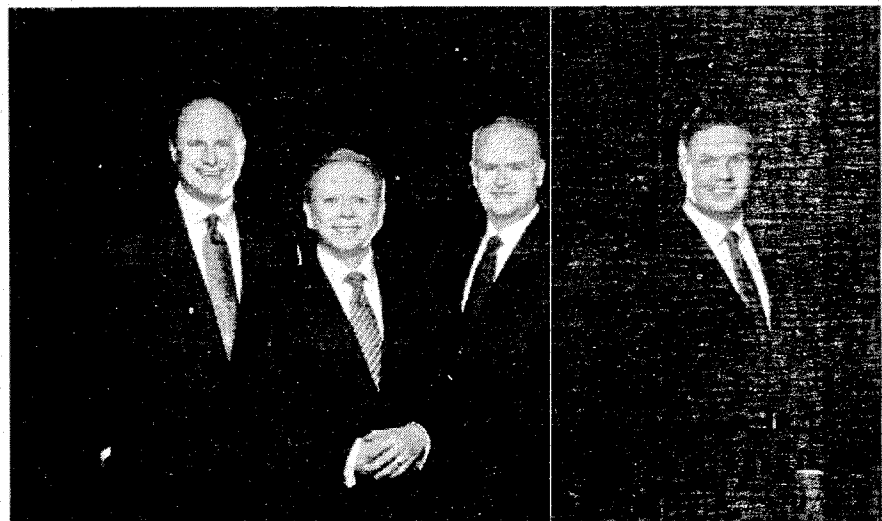
The Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 11, 2022 from noon till ??? at Roundstone Baptist Church.

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.

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6:00PM

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DIRECTIONS — 100 HIGHER GROUND LANE,
MOUNT VERNON, KY 40456

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TRAVIS@BIBLEBAPTIST.ORG

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.



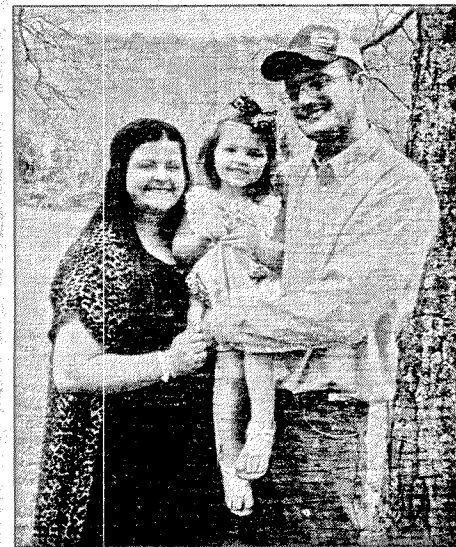
Paid for by James Bryan King

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



Indoor Yardsale!!

May 7th, 2022 9-4pm



Livingston Gymnasium
& The Depot!!

9174 Main Street Livingston KY.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
The Humanity in Healthcare Act: Protecting Women and the Unborn

The 2022 Regular Session was one of Kentucky's most successful sessions in modern history. We passed crucial pieces of legislation aimed at improving the quality of life for Kentuckians, but one of the most important pieces of legislation we passed was HB 3, better known as the Humanity in Healthcare Act. I am most proud of this measure because it signals a shift from treating abortion as a transac-



tion to recognizing it as a serious medical procedure.

This measure is an omnibus bill, which means it combines several different pieces of legislation into one bill. The bill addresses the abortion-inducing drug, judicial bypass and parental consent, dignified disposal of fetal remains, and a change in current change from a 20-week ban to a 15-week ban.

One of the ways it will do that is through the regulations placed on the abortion-inducing drug. Currently, this drug is readily available to order online with little to no oversight. The FDA no longer regulates the online sale of these drugs, so anyone with a credit

card and internet access can receive it on their doorstep in a matter of days, essentially rendering every restroom across the state an abortion clinic. Without oversight, there is no one holding these companies accountable, and women of all ages can order the drug without a physician's consent. Under the terms of HB 3, the online sales of abortion-inducing drugs must involve a physician registered with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The Humanity in Healthcare Act also requires medical providers to perform an in-person medical examination and establishes guidelines for what the examination includes. Physicians must also schedule a follow-up appointment and show reasonable efforts were made to provide follow-up care if the patient does not return. The bill also requires a physician to notify the patient of all of her options as well as any possible side effects of taking the abortion-inducing drug.

One of the most heart-breaking aspects of access to the drug online is how accessible it is to minors. The bill states that attempts must be made to contact the minor's parents. We included this provision not only because they are under the age of consent, but also because the state has a moral obligation to ensure the young woman is not being forced into having an abortion. The legislation also raises the standard to acquire judicial bypass, an existing process that allows a physician to bypass parental consent with court-approval. The court must consider the minor's age, stability, credibility, demeanor, ability to assess responsibility for life-impacting consequences, the reason for needing an abortion, and the possibility of influence and pressure, as well as confirm that the pregnancy is not a result of abuse by

the parent or guardian.

One of the biggest changes made with passage of the bill was the addition of a ban on abortion after 15-weeks of pregnancy. It amends the existing 20-week statutory ban and mirrors that passed in Mississippi and currently being considered by the United States Supreme Court. I am hopeful the court will vote in favor of the Mississippi Law.

HB 3 also addresses how fetal remains are treated. The bill would require that parents receive notice of their right to take responsibility or relinquish their child's remains within 24 hours of the procedure. Under the bill, babies' remains cannot be treated as pathological waste, disposed of as medical waste, or sold.

Of course this issue has been controversial, as

this issue is one of the most hot button topics in our modern world. It came as no surprise when pro-abortion forces filed a lawsuit challenging the measure shortly after it passed. While I am disappointed that a U.S. District Court Judge placed a temporary stay on the law, I am hopeful this is just part of the process and the courts will allow

for the law to carry out, so women and their children will be protected.

As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Josh.Bray@irc.ky.gov. If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website www.legislature.ky.gov.

ELECT

JESSE COFFEY

ROCKCASTLE
 4TH DISTRICT CONSTABLE

Phone / 606-416-4753

Vote!

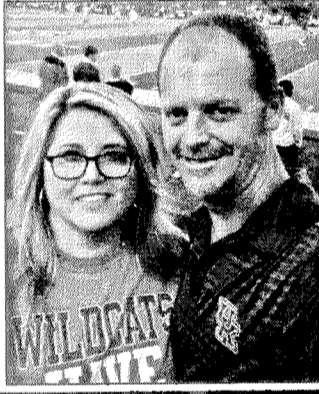
MIKE PINGLETON

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

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, TO'S, 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 rate class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
General Service	1,677	113,728	18.9	0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,604	529,806	40.5	3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	7,942			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,777			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.lge-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.lge-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. 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.

Elect

Rick Brummett

3rd District Constable

My name is Rick Brummett. I am a candidate for 3rd district constable consisting of Brown, Bullock and West Brodhead.

Most people know me from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department where I have been employed for the past 18 years. I am still employed with the county.

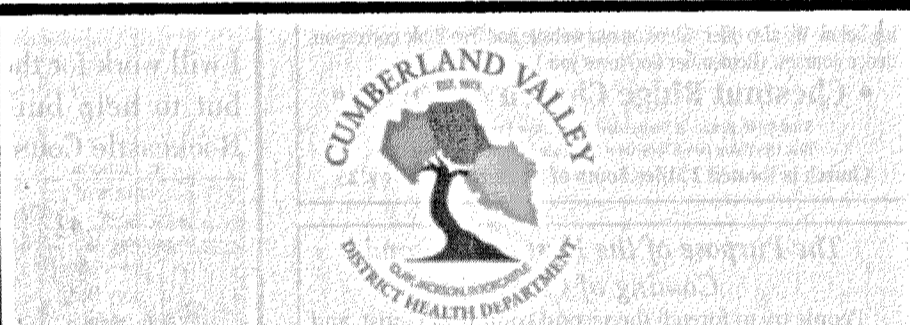
I live at Poplar Grove Road, Brodhead and am married to Carol Childress. My father-in-law and mother-in-law are Ruby and Denton Childress.

I feel with my law enforcement background I would be available to the people of the third district when not doing my regular job. You will have access to my cell phone number and can call me. I will come and do everything in my power to help you with your problem. I feel if you are going to ask a person to vote for you then you need to be available if they need you, my phone number is 606-386-9515, call me if you have any questions that I might be able to help you with.

I would appreciate your vote in the May primary

#3 on the ballot

Paid for by Rick Brummett



Home Health Opportunity

REGISTERED NURSES

We are looking for registered nurses (Local Health Nurse II-Home Health) that want to become part of our work family. We are a non-profit health department based home health agency that operates on an **8-4:30 Monday through Thursday and 8-2 Friday** schedule.

Position offers twelve paid holidays a year, flexible scheduling, company vehicle and benefits including health insurance and state retirement. We are a family-oriented home health agency, and we work with our employees to adjust their schedules to allow for family events and appointments whenever possible.

Starting pay is \$24.50 per hour and is negotiable with experience. Hourly rate for visits made outside of normal work hours is \$36.75+. Don't want full time, we offer many contract position opportunities that pay \$40 to \$120 per visit.

If you are interested or would like more details, please contact the home health administrative office at 606-598-5564 or you can submit questions via email to glennat.hensley@ky.gov. We are looking to hire for our Clay (606-598-3942), Jackson (606-287-8424), and Rockcastle (606-256-4916) offices. We provide orientation and continued support to all our employees and would love to have you join our team.

Job Description: Conducts comprehensive initial nursing assessments; determines program eligibility, needed services and payer source. Assists in developing an individualized plan of care in consultation with the client's physician and other appropriate agency personnel. Completes review of medications; assesses pain management and need for health care equipment/technology. Provides intermittent skilled nursing services, as ordered by the physician. Obtains specimens as ordered. Identifies health risks and implements risk reduction strategies for self and others according to agency policy. Conducts or participates in team meetings/case conferences to evaluate client's response to care; alters the care plan; and makes referrals to other community agencies. Develops/conducts educational counseling/teaching activities for the individual clients and families. Provides thorough documentation and submits appropriate reports, as required.

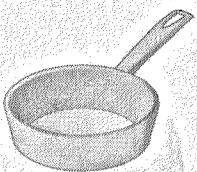
Apply at <https://KOG.CHFS.KY.GOV/HOME>. Create a citizen's account and search ALL APPS and locate LHDCOS (search and apply) Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Qualified applicants/employees are subject to a pre-screening, selection for interview, and/or demonstration of skills testing. Employment may be contingent upon a successful drug screening and background check.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

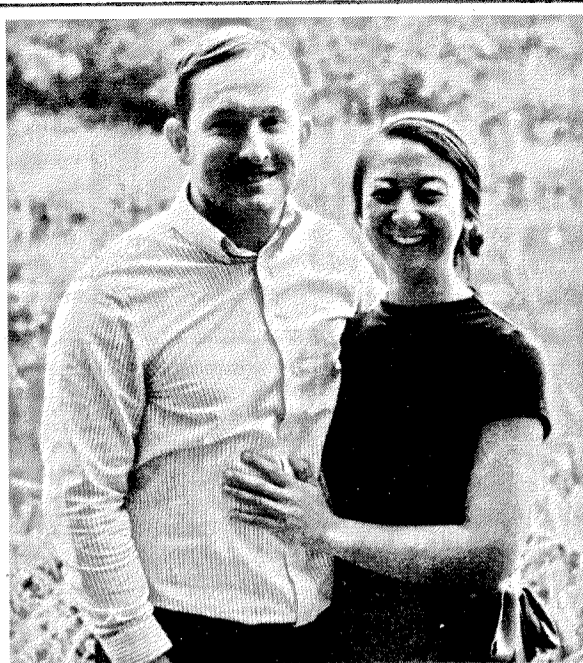
By Regina Poynter Hoskins



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

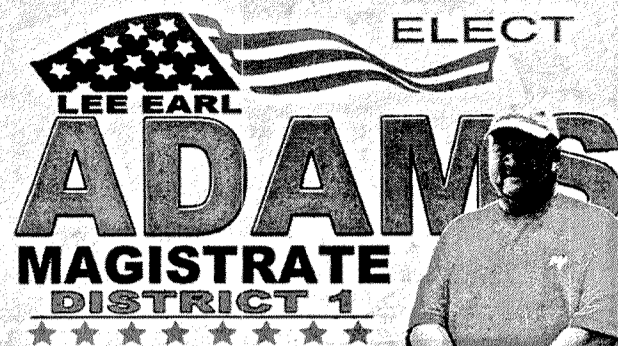
CAULIFLOWER PIZZA BITES
 1 head cauliflower, chopped
 1 large egg
 1/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan
 1 teaspoon dried basil
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
 Salt, to taste
 Preheat oven to 425°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat; set aside. To make the cauliflower crust, add cauliflower to the bowl of a food processor and pulse until finely ground, yielding 2 to 3 cups. Transfer to a microwave-safe bowl. Cover loosely and place into microwave for 4 to 5 minutes, or until softened; let cool. Using a clean dish towel or cheese cloth, drain cauliflower completely, removing as much water as possible. Transfer cauliflower to a large bowl. Stir in egg, mozzarella, Parmesan, basil, oregano, garlic powder and onion powder; season with salt, to taste. Using an ice cream scoop, spread cauliflower mixture into a circle for each pizza and place onto the prepared baking sheet. Spray tops lightly with nonstick spray; bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden. Top each cauliflower round with marinara, mozzarella and pepperoni minis. Place into oven and cook until the cheese has melted, about 3 or 4 minutes. Serve immediately, sprinkled with basil, if desired.



Stier - Jones

Clyde and Melissa Jones of Crab Orchard, and Fred and Patty Stier of Waukesha, WI would like to announce the engagement and wedding of their son and daughter, Johnny Jones to Melody Stier. The wedding is to be at the home of Melody's parents in Waukesha, WI on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. Melody works as a Dr. of Physical Therapy in Bowling Green and Glasgow with KORT. Johnny is co-owner with Lynx Labeling in Glasgow. The couple will reside in Smiths Grove, Ky. after a honeymoon to the western states.



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Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2020 Sheriff Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter was published by Auditor of Public Accounts on May 5, 2022 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, shown below.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
 Sheriff of Rockcastle County



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 The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
 The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff
 Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2020 Taxes for the period May 16, 2020 through April 15, 2021 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, for the period May 16, 2020 through April 15, 2021.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period May 16, 2020 through April 15, 2021 of the Rockcastle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 8, 2022, on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:

2020-001 The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements
 Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
 Mike Harmon
 Auditor of Public Accounts

February 8, 2022

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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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 Joyce Sullivan has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Mary L. Nicely, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held June 1, 2022 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 13x1

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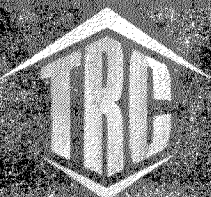


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Doug Bishop were next at the table.

Holbrook told the crowd he plans to keep moving forward if re-elected. "This building we are in right now is the perfect example of how we can all work together as we have in the past 3-1/2 years. I have a great rapport with the fiscal

court and I believe we still have work to do."

Bishop then said he had begun many projects as a former judge/executive that he would like the chance to complete. "I'd love to pick back up on all those projects and find ways to benefit our children," he said.

Candidate for reelection as Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin took a seat next to talk about his record

and express his goals as sheriff for another term. "I want to create a force that can provide 24/7 service for Rockcastle County," he said. Franklin said he hopes everyone votes and "no matter how this turns out, I have been blessed to serve in Rockcastle County and I enjoy working with everyone." Franklin's opponent, L. Dale Miller, was not present.

Jailer Nathan Carter then sat at the table with challenger Micah Owens.

Carter discussed his MRT Program and his ability to work closely with the fiscal court. "My goal is to get the jail back to paying its own bills," he said. "Before COVID it did. But I want to get it back there and be able to keep our center full of state inmates." (State inmates are the largest source of income for the detention center). Carter said he works well with the inmates and local officials.

Owens said he has worked under Carter and sees "several things that we can greatly improve upon." Owens discussed building better relationships between guards and prisoners and hopes to "provide more professionalism."

Coroner candidates Dawn Carpenter and Doug Hughes then sat at the table.

Carpenter said she has 30+ years of experience in the nursing field and believes this to be a strength.

Hughes said his experience working in the funeral home business makes him extremely suitable for the job of Coroner.

First District Magisterial candidate Tammy Cox said she has a small business background and expressed her desire to focus attention on keeping graduating seniors in Rockcastle County. Other candidates for the seat were not present.

Third District Magistrate candidate Richard "Dickie" Martin agreed the county should keep moving forward and said he has some ideas for the district.

Magistrate Mike McGuire, running for reelection in the first district, told the crowd that he is a servant of the people and is not afraid to speak up and disagree when it is the right thing to do. Challenger James King was not present.

Three candidates for District Judge in Division 1 sat at the table. Assistant County Attorney William Leger, B.J. Hacker and Dylan Gorski took turns making their

plea for support.

Gorski, who has been present at many city council and commission meetings throughout the past several months, said his personal experience in law makes him the best choice. "I know what works. I have seen the system get it wrong and I have seen when we get it right," he said. Gorski said he will deal with each case specifically.

B.J. Hacker said he is the most experienced candidate after working for David Tapp for many years. Hacker listed the battle with drug abuse and child abuse as his top priorities.

Leger said other than judge/executive, there are no judges in the state from Rockcastle County and he is the only candidate from the county. Leger also gave a passionate speech concern-

ing the judicial system's apparent concern about the rights of the criminal more than the victim. "I know what it is like to be a victim and we need to worry as much about the victim as we do the poor drug addict," he said.

District Judge Katie Slone sat with Jerald LeMaster, her challenger, in the district 2 race.

Slone said she feels confident that she has acted in the best interests of the profession and

hopes to focus even more on the youth of her district. LeMaster said he would work on the administration and his work ethic is his best trait.

Other candidates did not attend the Republican event.

The Republican Club then presented appreciation awards to the retiring PVA Janet Vaughn and Burdette for their outstanding work with the organization over many years.

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