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COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 19 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days. There were an additional 37 probable cases reported.

RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse.

Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. This is the first regular monthly meeting at the new time and date. The public is invited to attend.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held at the First Baptist Church Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 7 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. The church gym is located at 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Nuisance board correction

Anthony Asher is currently a member of the Nuisance Board. Jerri Lynn Smith and Precia Bowling were nominated for the Nuisance Board by council member Lonetta Daugherty during last week's Mount Vernon City Council meeting.



Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, look over the preliminary plans for the US-461 widening project at last week's Chamber Coffee Hour.

Plans for 461 project shown at coffee hour

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce hosted the Coffee Hour last Wednesday beginning at 7:30 a.m. with special guest Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

The event invites all chamber members and other local citizens, interested in learning more about their community. Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum is hoping to have such a coffee hour each month for chamber members and interested citizens at the new Chamber Office and History Garden at Richmond Street and KY-150.

"Each month we hope to have someone that can inform us all about a new project or expansion in the area," said Tatum. "There is a lot going on in our community and it would be nice to keep ev-

eryone informed about our new growth and development."

Tatum hopes to have coffee and a snack at each event. "On the warm and dry mornings, we can have coffee in the History Garden and learn about the newest plan in the community and on cold or rainy days, we can meet inside the new chamber office," she said.

This month, Holbrook was able to bring the drawings under consideration for the US-461 widening project.

Holbrook presented the three options available to the guests in a 10-foot wide GoogleEarth photo of the area with the new proposed construction overlaid onto the photos.

Holbrook said the
(See "Plans" on A5)

Rockcastle Regional reaches 3 million patient count

On February 21, 2023, Rockcastle Regional Hospital met a milestone that few rural hospitals likely have reached – it surpassed 3 million patient encounters.

"That we have served so many for so long is a tribute to Rockcastle Regional's longstanding commitment to this community," said Stephen A. Estes, Rockcastle Regional president and CEO, "as well as to the community's commitment to us."

That mutual bond formed in 1956, the year local community leaders founded Rockcastle County Hospital.

It has continued ever since, through financial obstacles in the earlier years to long periods of growth, to coping with COVID-19 and the challenges it has presented for healthcare throughout the world.

An innovative spirit coupled with bold, forward-thinking leadership has helped Rockcastle Regional achieve a reputation for quality while

maintaining consistent financial stability.

The rise of its nationally known Respiratory Care Center provides an example of such innovation. Decades ago, to meet a growing statewide demand for ventilator care, hospital leaders made the decision to convert the organization's skilled nursing facility to a Respiratory Care Center.

Reward for wire theft information

By: Mike French
Editor

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, a rash of copper wire thefts is causing trouble across the state.

The KTC has doubled a reward offered for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the thieves.

According to a press release, the thieves are stealing the wiring from the interstate highway lighting system. Reports

Since then, one expansion has followed another, including a massive 74,000-square-foot addition in 2018. Now at 143 beds, the ventilator facility treats patients from throughout Kentucky and the eastern half of the U.S. and is the largest freestanding ventilator-dependent facility in the country.

The ventilator unit is a big part of a campus that

has always offered acute care and emergency services, but has grown to include surgery, rehabilitation services, behavioral healthcare, cancer care, and many other specialties.

"We've maintained a growth mindset," Estes said. "While many other

rural hospitals have been in a survival mode, we've been able to seize opportunities that have helped us expand."

That expansion is particularly remarkable given the challenging rural healthcare landscape.

(See "3 million" on A5)

Brown held after preliminary hearing

By: Mike French
Editor

A preliminary hearing was held Monday for Charles Brown, 46, of Mount Vernon, who was arrested on February 12 after he allegedly shot at Byron Bond, also of Mount Vernon.

According to the arrest citation, Brown had fired two shots in the direction of Bond after a disagreement between the two men. The report said police interviewed two neighbors and that the two shots fired were in the direction of their home.

The citation also said that Brown admitted to firing the two shots.

Mount Vernon Police officer Zachary King testified on behalf of the Commonwealth at the preliminary hearing where the court found probable cause to hold Brown on one count of wanton endangerment in the first degree.

Brown's bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property. Officer King will also testify to the grand jury where further proceedings will follow in circuit court at a later date.

Bray introduces Second Amendment Sanctuary Bill

— Many other bills considered

By: Mike French
Editor

It has been a busy legislative session in 2023 with nearly 900 bills up for vote by the end of the session.

There are many bills currently considered that would directly affect Rockcastle County citizens. There are several websites that list the bills up for consideration by the House and the Senate and all citizens are en-

couraged by their representatives to read the bills that affect their lives.

One of the more popular bills of 2023 is being sponsored by past Mount Vernon City Administrator, and now Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray of Mount Vernon, who sponsored HB153. The bill passed the House 79 to 18 and now goes to the full Senate.

The bill follows suit with the Rockcastle

County Fiscal Court, which passed a similar resolution for the county. If HB153 passes the same law will hold throughout the state of Kentucky. The bill is known as the "Second Amendment Sanctuary State Law."

The law forbids city police, the sheriff's department or the Kentucky State Police from enforcing any federal laws that limit firearm accessories or ammunition bans, or any firearm laws that are in conflict with the Sec-

ond Amendment.

"This bill would ensure that no city or state or sheriff's officer can roll up to your house to en-

force an unconstitutional law," said Bray.

According to Bray, the Constitution guarantees citizens with the right to

bear arms and Kentucky police agencies will not enforce any laws that limit ammunition or fire-

(See "Bill" on A5)

Veterans' recognition planned

Plans are underway for the 2023 Vietnam War Veterans Recognition celebration.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 25 with the Rockcastle Memorial Post 5908 holding ceremonies at 2 p.m.

President Donald Trump signed into law the celebration as part of the

Vietnam War Veterans Act of 2017, and the event is celebrated on March 29 each year. However the local celebration is planned for March 25 and will feature the Rockcastle Honor Guard, Donovan Howard performing the National Anthem and Jacqueline Bullock performing

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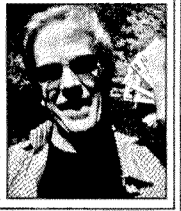
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



For two years, liberals stood on their podium and broadcast to the world what fools Republicans were for even thinking such a terrible thing like China started COVID in a lab in Wuhan.

They made fun of the idea. They laughed at the thought. They called us conspiracy theorists and suggested those who would say such a thing were destructive.

They ridiculed and demeaned and poked fun and recommended we be silenced for our treason.

Well, now that we know Republicans were right and each of those Democrats were either lying or stupid, have you heard an apology or a correction? Me either.

Remember when liberals said conservatives complaining about the dangers of wearing a mask all the time were conspiracy theorists? They ridiculed and demeaned us and suggested we were "misinforming" the public.

Now that the truth is known, have you heard an apology or a correction? Me either.

If masks were so harmless and so wonderful, I wonder why we aren't wearing them now? Strep is everywhere, the flu is everywhere, COVID is still here. Isn't that odd?

Remember when liberals screamed from rooftops that conservatives were conspiracy theorists and "spreading misinformation" when we didn't

trust the vax? Remember how they ridiculed and demeaned us when we didn't like the idea of mandatory vaxes?

Last month, the CDC (that's the Center for Disease Control) showed on their own website that one is MORE likely to die from COVID if they are vaxed than those who are unvaxed.

I'm sure you have seen the countless sudden heart failures and cardio events in those who have been vaxed that are "unexplained."

Have you heard an apology or a correction? Me either.

Do you remember when Republicans said if we shut down the Keystone pipeline, gas prices would rise and liberals talked about how stupid we were? How the two things are not related and we were simply misinformed and too conspiracy-minded to know it? Remember that?

No, I haven't heard an apology or a correction.

Do you remember when liberals said Republicans are haters and racists because we believe in protecting our borders and building a wall? We were called self-centered and demeaned.

We sent a few of those illegal aliens to Martha's Vineyard. How did that go? Did liberals welcome them with open arms?

Now well over

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
A look into the bills passed on the House floor last week



Before leaving Frankfort this past weekend, members of the House welcomed Representative Bi-khim Hsaio, Taiwan's Representative to the United States. As Taiwan's highest-ranking diplomat to the United States, she delivered an incredible message of hope for democracy and reminded us of the importance of our trade relationship. It was a particularly meaningful message in our world today.

We are now halfway through the 2023 Regular Session, and several pieces of House legislation have passed the chamber and are now in the Senate for further consideration. With the deadline to file new bills behind us, I look forward to the opportunity to catch my breath and spend time reviewing the bills that will be up for debate in committee and before the full House of Representatives. In the meantime, I want to remind you that you can keep up with legislative news by watching livestream coverage of House proceedings provided by Kentucky Educational Television, and live and archived footage

of our committee meetings on YouTube @KYLRCCCommitteeMeetings. Another great resource is the House Majority's YouTube page, @KYHouseGOP. This week, I thought I might take some time to focus on some of the bills that passed the House last week.

HB 153: This bill would make Kentucky a Second Amendment sanctuary state and prohibit law enforcement agencies and officers, public agencies, public officials, or employees of a local government from enforcing federal firearm bans. It would also prevent any federal firearm regulations enacted after January 1, 2022, from being enforced with Kentucky tax dollars or taxpayer dollars.

HB 180: This bill would require health benefit plans to cover biomarker and pharmacogenetic screenings for patients who have been diagnosed with cancer as well as other diseases. Genetic information allows for targeted treatment specific to the diagnosis.

HB 125: This measure would require the Department for Aging and Independent Living to work with the Department of Public Health and the Alzheimer's Association to provide up-to-date information on Alzheimer's disease and the risk of cognitive decline in educational materials they distribute to the public.

HJR 39: This resolution directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to review and implement programs to address the benefits cliff in Kentucky.

These recommendations are a result of the 2022 Interim Benefits Cliff Task Force. Some of those include creating a benefits cliff calculator, looking at ways to tier benefits or gradually phase out benefits, and implementing an outreach program to increase awareness of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

As I mentioned, the last day to file bills for the 2023 session has come and gone, so I also wanted to explain a couple of those that were filed last week. A total of 594 bills were filed, but only a fraction will make it through the legislative process to become law.

HB 319 is aimed at helping bring qualified individuals into Kentucky classrooms by adopting the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact, expanding the Teacher Scholarship Program, and establishing an online statewide job posting system. The mobility compact allows educators who hold a license in any eligible state to be granted an equivalent license in Kentucky. Regarding the Teacher Scholarship Program, HB 319 would eliminate the cap on awards available to individuals, allowing students the ability to receive more money towards their education. It also directs the Kentucky Department of Education to establish an online statewide job posting system for vacancies which streamlines the existing hiring process.

HB 538 would protect students and teachers and provide more authority in maintaining the educa-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Where Does My Time Go?

Dear Journal,

I remember so well when I was just a kid growing up back home, Mom, Grandma and other adults saying that the more they did, the more there was to be done. Now, that I've gotten older, I know just exactly what they were saying. I thought as a child the more you did, the less there would be to do. It stands to reason, right? Eventually, you would get everything to be done over and there would be nothing else left to be done. Wrong. There is always going to be something else lurking around to be done.

My stay in the hospital and rehab really put me behind especially here at home. Then, there are my social clubs and organizations. I was appointed the state chair of the Kentucky State Daughters of the American Revolution American Indian committee. The state conference is coming up shortly and I have to get all of my reports in order and ready to be turned in and given verbally at the conference. There is a two

minute limit to give your report. That is good. I don't know for sure if I could stand up much longer than that. I guess I'll be doing a lot of leaning on the podium.

I'm looking forward to going though. It is always a lot of fun to see the other Daughters and hear all of the news that is going on statewide and nationally. It gives me a chance to get all gussied up and wear formal wear, gloves and everything. These events are good for you every once in a while. Stanley has to wear a suit and tie. Let me tell you, he really likes

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100,000 Americans are dead from those illegal aliens crossing our borders. I haven't heard an apology about that. The families of those 100,000-plus citizens haven't either.

Remember when Conservatives said Hunter Biden's laptop was probably real and liberals attacked us as if we were terrorists?

They called us names, you know them by now, and practically accused us of trying to fix an election.

Imagine that. I've not heard the apology or the corrections.

Remember when Republicans had the unmitigated gall to suggest a President has the right to have classified documents in their possession if they choose?

We were called closed-minded idiots for such a suggestion. Of course, it turns out that Biden has classified documents in practically every drawer in every office he has ever been in.

Apology or correction? No, "this is different."

These issues barely scratch the surface of the number of times that conservatives tried to tell the truth only to meet a brick wall made of Democrats.

The left-wing news media will never admit they ignore news that damages their liberal agenda and only report news that damages the conservative agenda. Even if they know it is an outright lie. That hasn't stopped them yet.

We do not have a national media in America anymore. It no longer exists. We have propaganda machines that spew partisan rhetoric and nothing more.

It is up to us now. We the people have to research our own news. We have to find the truth from other sources besides the national news media.

At least we know where to start now. If CNN or MSNBC or NPR says something, we know the opposite is likely true. That's where we can start searching.

T.J.s

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that. One year he sat by a little old lady probably about eighty who had recently gotten back from a tea tour of the British Isles. She was telling him every detail of her trip...all through dinner. He really liked that, too. A few years ago when I was in better health, I went but Stanley didn't go that year. I know he really hated it. The Cats were playing in the Final Four that night and the Madam Regent had already announced that she didn't want to hear an outburst if the Cats won. You would be surprised at the ladies listening to the game by some means even if they had to hide under the table. I sneaked in a call to Stanley to check on the score. It was all tied up and less than two minutes to play. You would be surprised how fast a middle-aged woman in a ball gown (UK blue) and heels can run headed to the bar downstairs when she needs to. Madam Regent didn't hear a peep out of me for everybody else in the bar. Let me tell you, it broke loose. A few couches got burned that night in Lexington. It was the liveliest state conference I've seen before or since.

Update

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tional process as well as improve the student well-being and safety for students, educators, and school staff. The measure gives schools more guidance and tools to combat disruption in the classroom, as well as giving the student who chronically misbehaves an opportunity to reassess his or her behavior.

HB 594 would outlaw the use of gray machines. The term "gray machine" generally refers to the slot-machine style electronic gambling device that can often be found in convenience stores, restaurants, bars, and backroom gambling parlors. Not only are they not regulated, but winnings are also not taxed, nor do they provide any direct benefit for Kentuckians. This legislation is the next step in addressing the use of these illegal and unregulated gambling machines.

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

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Self-contained Breathing Apparatus Grant Project
Department of Homeland Security/Assistance to Firefighters Grant Project: EMW-2021-FG-11527

Today's Date: February 27, 2023

Solicitor: City of Mount Vernon
PO Box 1465
125 Richmond Street
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Bid Deadline: March 16, 2023 at 2pm with a public bid opening held at City Hall at that time.

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The City of Mount Vernon and Mount Vernon Fire Department are accepting sealed bids for the following:

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Mount Vernon, KY 40456
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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, March 6th: Child Development, Seek and Learn, Lisa's Little People, Tic Toc. Tuesday, March 7th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6456 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Margie Wilcop

Margie Wilcop, 82, of Brodhead, wife of Johnny, joined the Heavenly choir Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Margie was born August 22, 1940, in Berea, to the late Claude and Mondell (Bussell) Dees. She was raised in the Brodhead community, where she lived, laughed, and loved well. She taught music for Rockcastle County Schools for 27 years, gave private voice and piano lessons, and was Director of Music at Brodhead Baptist Church for 40 years. She loved music, ballroom dancing, entertaining, and any chance to celebrate life. She married Johnny Wilcop on April 23, 1961, and from that union came two children, Johnna Dell and Christopher Neal.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of nearly 62 years, Johnny Wilcop; two children, Johnna Dell Ward and husband James S. Ward II of Brodhead, and Christopher Neal Wilcop of London; two grandchildren, Tyler Benton Ward, and James Micah Wilcop Ward; as well as a host of former students, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 26, 2023 at Brodhead Baptist Church with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was at Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jim, Tyler, and Micah Ward, Gary Dees, Happy Chandler, and Jody Chandler. Honorary casketbearers were: Bobby Dees, Brian Bussell, and Keith Bussell.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Lois Faye Mullins

Lois Faye Mullins, 81, of Mascotte, Florida, died in Clermont, Florida on February 20, 2023. She was born in Cruise, Kentucky on August 29, 1941, to Delmer and Datha New, and grew up in Livingston. She was a member of Real Life Christian Church of Clermont, Florida and of First Assembly of God Church of Lexington. She enjoyed spending time with children and going to church.



She is survived by: her daughter, Teresa Johnson (Frank) of Apopka, Florida; son, Paul E. Mullins (Jeannette) of Valley Glen, California; granddaughter, Bridget L. Mullins of Valley Glen, California; sister, Joyce Faulkner of Bushnell, Florida; and brother, Darrell E. New of Fleming Island, Florida. She is preceded in death by: her husband, Paul Mullins; her brother, Donald Wayne New; and her parents, Delmer and Datha New.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Purcell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery.

All arrangements entrusted to Purcell Chapel-Beyers Funeral Home in Bushnell, Florida.

Donald Wayne Jones

Donald Wayne Jones, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 19, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

A complete obituary will be published soon. Cremation was chosen. Arrangements are by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Lonnie Vanzant

Lonnie Ray Vanzant, 74, of Orlando, husband of Teresa Miller Vanzant, died Sunday, February 26, 2023 at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church. Burial will be in Freedom Cemetery. Friends may call at the church after 12 p.m. Thursday.

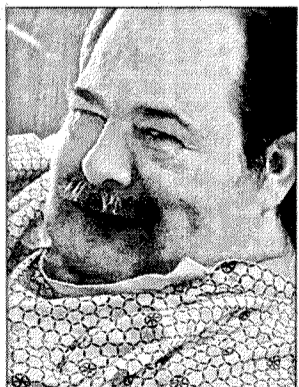
Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

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

Jerry Hayes

Jerry Lynn Hayes, 50, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on February 5, 1973, the son of George Chan and Anna Marie Jones Hayes. He was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church.



He is survived by: his mother, Anna Marie Hayes; and his brothers and sisters, Leo Hayes and wife Debbie, Dinah Moore and husband Eddie, and Phyllis Partin and husband Mack, all of Mt. Vernon, Norine Frith and husband Leon, and Dicie Allen and husband David, both of Brodhead, Jean Proctor of Scaffold Cane, Doug Hayes and wife Lois of Lincoln County, and James Hayes and Henry Hayes, both of Sand Springs. He was preceded in death by: his father, George Chan Hayes; his grandparents, Charlie and Celia Jones Goble, and Pearl Clark Hayes; a brother, Charlie Ray Hayes; and a nephew, Jason Houk.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. James Adkins. Burial was in Maret Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Matthew Allen, C.J. Cameron, Chris Frith, Bobby Hayes, Casey Hayes, Devan Hayes, Jessie Hayes, Doug Houk, and Jordan Moore.

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

Carol Bryant

Carol Lorraine Owens Bryant, 77, died peacefully at Rockcastle Regional Hospital on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 and is now with her Savior. Carol was born November 18, 1945 in Jackson, MI, the daughter of Edgar and Sadie Owens.

Carol came to faith at an early age as the daughter of a Southern Baptist minister. A wonderful singer and gifted pianist, she ministered alongside her husband, Mike as he pastored several churches throughout the years. She had a passion for the Gospel and some of her last words to her children encouraged them to spread the name of Jesus.



Carol worked at the Bank of Mt. Vernon, and later Citizens Bank for a combined 31 years where she greeted everyone with a warm smile and encouraging word. She loved the people of Mt. Vernon and was honored to serve as its First Lady for 12 years while her husband, Mike served as its Mayor. At the time of her death, her home church was Bible Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

She will be deeply missed by her family and countless friends but they have the assurance they will see her in Heaven again one day. In the meantime, we are confident that she will fill her days with praise and worship of the one true King.

Carol is survived by: her husband of 57 years, Michael W. Bryant; her children, Melissa Anne Stewart and husband Jon of Nicholasville, Michael W. Bryant, II and wife Rhonda of Corbin, Marla Jo Hart and husband Todd of Lexington, and Matthew Jason Bryant and wife Holly of Mt. Vernon; and 12 grandchildren, Jon Hunter Stewart and wife Katherine, Carol Anne Stewart, Michael W. "Trey" Bryant, III and wife Kamryn, William Andrew Bryant, Reid Elizabeth Bryant, Hunter Todd Hart, Mackenzie Ray Hart, Gable Grey Hart, Matthew Grant Bryant, Garrett Jackson Bryant, Lincoln Wyatt Bryant, and Sawyer Quinn Bryant. Also surviving are: two sisters, Marie Drummond and Anne Baxter and husband Marvin; and many other beloved nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Cohen.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Bible Baptist Church by Bro. Travis Gilbert. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Garrett Jackson Bryant, Matthew Grant Bryant, Michael W. "Trey" Bryant, III, William Andrew Bryant, Gable Grey Hart, Hunter Todd Hart, Mackenzie Ray Hart, and Jon Hunter Stewart. Honorary pallbearers were: Lincoln Wyatt Bryant and Sawyer Quinn Bryant.

Donations are requested to Bible Baptist Church, 100 Higher Ground Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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

Beverly Clemmons

Beverly Clemmons, 63, of Brodhead, died at Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center on Sunday, February 26, 2023. She was born on July 7th, 1959, daughter of the late Floyd Clemmons and late Kathleen (Creech) Hall and step father Cecil Hall. She was a of the Holiness faith and enjoyed working puzzles, knitting and painting.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Paula Deborde (Charles) of Brodhead, and Jacob Rose (Tiffany) of Lexington; four grandchildren; Bailee Hammons (Jaxton), Dalton Deborde, Harley Rose and Logan Rose; two brothers, Greg Hall of Ohio, and Scott Hall of Berea; and two sisters, Pamela Cox of Brodhead, and Patricia Thacker (Wendell).

She was preceded in death by: her parents and one son, Jason Rose; three brothers, Danny Clemmons, Donnie Clemmons and Dale Clemmons; and two sisters, Robin Spaulding and Tammy Hall.

Services will be held at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals starting with visitation on Friday, March 3, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. with memorial service at 8 p.m. with Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

"Bo" Carl Griffin

"Bo" Carl Griffin, 66, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 20, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Orlando on May 27, 1956, the son of Charlie and Lena Faye Alcorn Griffin. He had been a farmer and was of the Holiness Faith. He loved gardening, his flowers, and to fellowship with people.



He is survived by: his wife, Virginia Bostic Griffin; his step-sons, Billy Bostic and Joseph Bostic, both of Mt. Vernon; a granddaughter, Abby Bostic of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Harold Griffin and Jean Richards, and Darrell Griffin and Maretta Burke, both of Mt. Vernon; nieces and nephews, Brenda Kidwell, Carolyn Barron, Charlie Griffin, Chris Griffin, and Lena Bostic; and great nephews, Everett Griffin, James Houk, Thomas Jones, Garred Hellard, Carl Sandlin, and Mitchell Jones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Bostic, and a niece, Jackie Sandlin.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 24, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Miller. Burial was in Griffin Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joseph Bostic, Charlie Griffin, Chris Griffin, Everett Griffen, Garred Hellard, James Houk, Mitchell Jones, and Shawn Jones. Billy Bostic was an honorary pallbearer.

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Bro. Virgil Bustle

Bro. Virgil Bustle, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 24, 2023 at his home. He was born October 12, 1928 in Laurel County, the son of the late Luther Walker and Zeldia Nicely Bustle. He was a retired minister, an Army Veteran of the Korean War, enjoyed coon hunting and was a member of the Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church.



Survivors are: four daughters, Darlene Matekovich, Phyllis Richardson, and Donna Bullock, all of Mt. Vernon, and Joyce Bustle of Lexington; one brother, Robert Bustle of Orlando; one sister, Sally Gray of Hamilton, OH; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and 10 great great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Bessie Sowder Bustle; three brothers, Luther Bustle, Jr., John Bustle, and Lawrence Bustle; and three sisters, Shirley McQueen, Sylvia Bustle, and Lelamae Bustel.

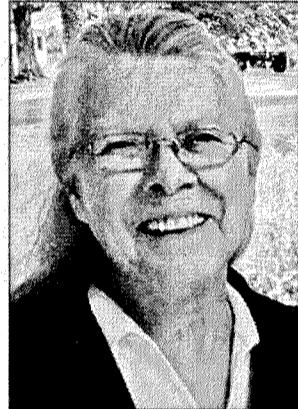
Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church, with Bro. Troy Roberts and Bro. Jack Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow at Ball Cemetery in Laurel County. Friends may visit at the Church from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and the arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are: Clif Matekovich, Michael Spoonamore, Phillip Spoonamore, Donnie Cromer, David Richardson, and Robert Mullins.

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

Alene Bullock

Alene Bullock, 77, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 26, 2023 at her home. She was born September 30, 1945 in Sand Springs, the daughter of the late Walter and Elizabeth Stephens Vance. She was a homemaker, enjoyed sewing, cooking, flower gardening, bird watching, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of the First Church of Jesus Christ.



Survivors are: two sons, Rick Bullock and (Brenda), and Chris Bullock and (Crystal), all of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and family.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by: her husband, Marshall Bullock; two brothers, Carl, and Keith Vance; and three sisters, Mary Rose, Anna Mae Kirby, and Ruby Ramsey.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Benny Miller officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Benny Vance, Scott Vance, Brandon Bullock, Drew Bullock, Roy Scarborough, and Johnny Northern.

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

Dean Singleton

Mrs. Carl Dean Singleton, 82, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Keith Singleton, died Friday, February 24, 2023 at her home.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Maretburg Cemetery.

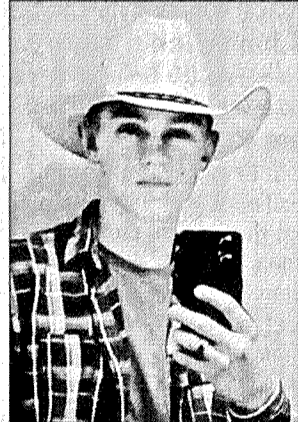
A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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Robert "Treyton" Logan Jones

Robert "Treyton" Logan Jones, 15, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington.

He was born February 7, 2008 in Richmond, son of Robert "Nic" and Emily (Griffin) Jones. He was a student at Rockcastle High School, was a member of ROTC, and liked dirt bikes and guitars. He was a member of Valley Baptist Church.



He is survived by: his parents; brothers, Hayden and Easton (T.H.E. Jones Boys); grandparents, James and Darlene Jones, Myron Griffin and Norma Jean Renner, and Kristie Dungan and Ernie Morgan; great grandparents, Blaine and Mary Lou Griffin, Judy Dungan, Linda Dungan, and Richard Maxey; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by: Peggy and Robert Stanton, Jack Dungan, Margaret and Robert Jones, Dessie and Buck Tankersley, and Joan Maxey.

A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2023, at the Chapel of Morris & Hislope Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Draper officiating. Burial will be in Wilmot Chapel Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. on Copper Creek Road.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. Thursday, March 2nd at Morris & Hislope Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are: Tristen Dortch, Jesse Dortch, Cameron Bullock, Timothy Bullock, Kenneth Smith, and Robert Reynolds. Honorary pallbearers are Hayden and Easton (T.H.E. Jones Boys).

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

Condolences may be made at: www.morrisandhislope.com

Card of Thanks

The family of Hallie Powell Alexander would like to thank everyone who made the passing of our mother easier. We would like to thank Bro. Lee Abney, Bro. Jeff Buchanan, and Bro. Kyle Rader for their comforting words. Gary Hall, his sons, for the beautiful songs that were sung. The pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, Fairview Baptist Church, the ladies of the church for the fine meal after the funeral, Reppert Funeral Home and staff for their professional and courteous service. If you called, sent up prayers, text, gave/ or sent cards or brought food to the family, thank you. During this time we saw how much our mother was loved. We will definitely miss her.

Her children—Gerald Alexander and Jewell Davidson

"Bills"

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arms accessories, if the bill passes.

Bills under consideration at this time range greatly but many tend to focus on recent social issues such as gender-related subjects.

The following is a quick reference to many of the bills that may affect Rockcastle County residents. Readers are urged to look up and read any bills of interest in full detail.

HB525 - Places a 6% tax on gross profits from gambling machines in local businesses.

HB551 - Adds a 14.25% tax on online betting profits.

HB594 - Would ban skill games which offer cash payouts. It is not clear how this would affect casinos offering games of chance with a cash payout.

HB1 - Drops the Kentucky Income Tax from 4.5% to 4% and has been signed into law.

HB17 - Would require the state of Kentucky to fund all day kindergarten. Partial day is currently funded but the bill would fund all day.

HB173 - Requires parental consent for matters subject to culture differences (masks, obscene materials, therapy requirements, etc.) A teacher must inform parents if a student requests a change in gender pronouns or expresses a desire for a change related to gender.

SB174 - Asks should public funds follow a student to private school and places the issue on the ballot.

HB538 - Allows teachers to remove a student from a class if disruptive.

SB5 - Creates a process by which the school system may receive and respond to parental complaints.

SB9 - Increases penalties for hazing.

SB150 - Allows teachers to call a student by their proper pronoun regardless of the student's own gender preference.

HB30 - Prohibits a transgender student from using a restroom or locker room different from their birth gender.

HB120 - Prohibits minor children from gender alterations to their body.

SB115 - Bans men dressed as women performing in front of students (drag shows).

HB118 - drops the age of carry conceal permits to 18 years old.

HB138 - allows citizen's right to carry concealed in more public spaces. Reduces "gun-free zones."

SB168 - Requires law enforcement to destroy, rather than sell, confiscated firearms reducing revenues to local forces.

HB58 - Allows physicians to refuse to perform acts against their conscience.

HB348 - Bans cannabis and THC products specifically.

SB47 - Legalizes medical marijuana.

HB300 - Increases criminal charges to those who have an illegal abortion.

HB569 - Adds exceptions to HB300 for rape, incest or a fetus that will not survive.

SB118 - Would place on the ballot whether or not the Constitution guarantees a right to an abortion.

HB21 - Would provide a driver's license or personal I.D. process to homeless individuals.

HB146 - Increases unemployment insurance from 12 weeks to 16 weeks.

Many other bills are under consideration.

"Reward"

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Inspector General at 502-330-7506, or at the Traffic Operations Center at 877-FOR-KYTC.

All motorists are urged to report dark intersections to the local law enforcement agency.

KTC Director Maryellen Mynear said the wire stolen only represents a fraction of the cost to taxpayers since an entire junction must be replaced even if a small amount of wire is stolen.

Anyone with information about the thefts is urged to call the KTC with the information.

"Vet"

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America the Beautiful.

Lazy Pig Bar-B-Que will also provide free bar-b-que for all who attend and there will be a full 21-gun salute honoring the veterans.

Everyone is invited to join the celebration at the Post 5908 as Sallie's Creations will have special creations for sale designed specifically for the event.

For more information about the event, call Michael Parsons at 606-308-3568.

"Plans"

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widening project from McDonald's to KY-150 had been designed for over a year and those present could view those drawings as well. However, officials with the State Of Kentucky have apparently decided to wait to begin that project until the design phase from McDonald's to the I-75 exits 62 were complete as well.

Holbrook said officials would prefer to begin both projects at the same time rather than separate them into two projects.

One of the options includes a new access road-way behind potential new development below Wendy's. This option includes a widened highway and would use some of the development space near I-75 for an access road.

Another option includes two roundabouts and much more directional travel on the five-lane highway. The final option simply widens the existing highway using some of the parking spaces already available at Wendy's and KFC among others. Holbrook said the state is currently considering the options and expects to make a decision soon. In fact, officials told Holbrook they hope to begin construction on the project either this fall or in the spring of 2024.

Tatum said she will inform the public of the next planned "Coffee Hour" and she hopes everyone will find it as interesting as she does. "I learned a lot at the first Coffee Hour," she said. "I am already looking forward to the next one."

"3 million"

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A 2022 report from the American Hospital Association (AHA) reported 136 rural hospital closures from 2010 to 2021, and a record 19 closures in 2020 alone.

The AHA notes that rural hospitals face many pressures that are not as pronounced among other hospitals, including low reimbursement, staffing shortages, low patient volume, and regulatory barriers. Recently, expenses for labor, drugs, supplies, and equipment have also increased dramatically, ultimately causing difficulties in maintaining access to care for people in rural communities.

"While many hospitals and health systems are facing unprecedented challenges, those faced in rural America are unique," said AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack. "One ongoing barrier to rural healthcare access is physician recruitment, but Rockcastle Regional has met this challenge head on by building a pipeline of pre-med and medical students as well as residents. The result? Those who seek care at Rockcastle will likely be treated by one of nine physicians who are Rockcastle natives. All were educated in Rockcastle County Schools, and many began working at Rockcastle Regional straight out of medical school. In addition, 10 mid-level profes-

sionals (Physician Assistants or Advance Practice Registered Nurses) who are Rockcastle natives also practice at Rockcastle Regional.

"We've learned that successful physician staff recruitment is a long-term proposition," Estes said. "You have to look ten years ahead, build those critical relationships, and stay the course."

"We're proud to have endured to the point that we count patient encounters by the millions," he said, "but we never forget that we're only as good as how we treat that next patient, every time."

The Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) honored Rockcastle Regional achievement in February. "The KHA staff and I are excited to congratulate Rockcastle Regional Hospital for reaching this incredible milestone," said Nancy Galvagni, president and CEO of KHA. "This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the hospital staff and demonstrates their commitment to providing quality health care to the community. We look forward to working with the team in Mount Vernon for many years to come as they continue providing compassionate, quality care for the region."

Several fire departments, including the Mount Vernon Fire Department, across the state of Kentucky have been awarded a grant through the Kentucky Fire Commission. The grant comes in the form of a vital piece of life saving equipment called a defibrillator.

The equipment will be carried on the new fire vehicle recently purchased by the department along with countless other life saving devices and equipment.

Officials at the department say the defibrillator is a very expensive piece of equipment that many rural departments could not afford. However, through the grant, many departments will now have the device on board during emergency calls. "This is a wonderful program that will no doubt save lives of Kentuckians," said Chief David Bales.

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Defibrillator awarded through state grant

By: Mike French
Editor

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), Cutleaf Teasel (Dipsacus laciniatus) Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans), Common teasel (Dipsacus fullonum), Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum), Marehail (Conyza canadensis), Amur Honeysuckle (Lonicera maackii), Multiflora Rose (Rose multiflora) Japanese knotweed, (Polygonum cuspidatum), Spotted Knapweed (Centaurea stoebe) and Kudzu (Pueraria montana).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
Civil Branch**

**Madison Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 22-CI-00090**

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as trustee for the Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-26B, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates 2006-26CB
Plaintiff

V.

Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, and Personal Representatives, and Creditors of Perry V. Jones; Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, Inheritance Tax Division; unknown occupant, if any; Capital One Bank (USA) n.a. f/k/a Capital One Bank
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action February 7, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND 94/100 (\$73,670.94) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 10, 2023
Beginning at the Hour of 10:30 a.m.**

Beginning at a rock along the Mullins Station road, corner to Robert Baker; thence along the Mullins Station Road in a southerly direction 120 feet to an iron stake; thence an easterly direction 286 feet to a dogwood tree at the branch; thence in a northerly direction 120 feet with the meanders of the branch to the line of Robert Baker; thence with the line of Robert Baker, westerly to the point of beginning.
Property Address: 135 Halcomb East Rd, Orlando, KY 40460
Parcel Number: 060-00-003.04

Being the same property conveyed to Perry V. Jones and Katherine S. Jones, husband and wife, from Roger L. Wallin and his wife, Carmen (FRYE) Wallin, by deed dated 06/12/1989, recorded 06/13/1989, Deed Book 137, Page 138, Document 320024, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records, and being known as 135 Halcomb East Rd, Orlando, KY 40460. Katherine S. Jones died on December 31, 2016. Thus, vesting the property to Perry V. Jones. Perry V. Jones died on November 22, 2019. Tax Map, No. 096-00-003

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

1. The real property shall be sold as a whole.
2. The property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those governments of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



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SATURDAY MARCH 11TH
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@5:30 \$5/TICKET

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2023-00030 a request for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than March 1, 2023 with a request for the new amount to be effective on July 1, 2023. The amount as of February 14, 2023 is 4.61% and calculations herein are based on that amount. The proposed increase is an addition of 3.80% for a cumulative proposed amount of 8.41%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$3,746,023. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; Sales for Resale: 18,720; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$1.42 (3.80%); Commercial: \$7.33 (3.80%); Industrial: \$163.43 (3.80%); Other Public Authority: \$26.51 (3.80%); Sales for Resale \$305.88 (3.80%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$1.85 (3.80%); Private Fire Service: \$3.02 (3.80%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$2.31 (3.80%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined 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 website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. 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 the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2023 to be effective on March 31, 2023. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0275 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0255 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0010, or -3.64%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; and Sales for Resale: 18,720. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.04; Commercial: -\$0.34; Industrial: -\$9.71; Other Public Authority: -\$1.21; and Sales for Resale: -\$18.72. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined 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 website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. 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 the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

ORDINANCE 2023-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL MANUAL OF ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Whereas, it is the intent of the City of Mount Vernon to maintain a current and up to date personnel policy manual, and;

Whereas, from time-to-time circumstances and issues coming before the City warrant a review of current policies and past decisions, and;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Mount Vernon to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its employees through the practice of equitable and reasonable policies, as well as job descriptions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the City of Mount Vernon that the Comprehensive Personnel Manual (Ordinance 2012-2) be amended as follows:

Section 1: Section 3.3: Hours of Work

A. Scheduling shall be as follows:

Safety Personnel:

-Eight Ten hour shifts unless otherwise scheduled by the department head.

Administrative Personnel:

-Eight hour shift (8:00 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 4:00 p.m.)

Unless otherwise scheduled by the department head.

Public Works Personnel:

-Work schedule shall begin at 8:00 7:30 a.m., and conclude at 5:00 4:00 p.m., except wastewater treatment plant employees, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Unless otherwise scheduled by the department head.

Section 2: Section 5.1: Initial Employment Period (Introductory)

A. All personnel initially appointed, rehired, transferred or promoted to an established position shall be on introductory status for six (6) three (3) months. The introductory period may be extended by the mayor at his/her discretion or upon the recommendation of the department head.

Section 3: Section 5.4: Disciplinary Action

A. The policy of the city is to be patient, fair and consistent in the administration of the organization and its employees. When problems arise, emphasis is on improvement and/or correction rather than punishment. However, willful, continued, or inexcusable breaches of employment rules must be dealt with firmly under a uniform policy which applies to all employees.

B. An employee or employees may be disciplined for, but not limited to, the following when substantiated with or by bona fide proof:

1. Incompetency,
2. Inefficiency,
3. Dishonesty.
 - a. Deliberately making or using falsified records, materials requisitions, etc.,
 - b. Lying,
 - c. Personal use of city's property,
 - d. Theft of property,
 - e. Deliberate waste; and/or
 - f. Supplying false information on an Employment Application Form.
4. Improper conduct,
5. Neglect of duty:
 - a. Repeated failure to be at work station at starting time,
 - b. Leaving assigned work area without permission,
 - c. Failure to attend scheduled meeting,
 - d. Refusal to accept reasonable work assignment,
 - e. Stopping work before specified time,
 - f. Deliberate interruption of work,
 - g. Loitering, loafing or sleeping on job; and/or
 - h. Unsatisfactory work and/or attitude.
6. Failure to keep time cards accurately or completing another employee's time card,
7. Fighting or horseplay on city's premises at any time,
8. Attempting bodily injury to another person,
9. Failure to observe safety rules,
10. Abusive or obscene language,
11. Discourtesy to the public or fellow employees,
12. Conviction of a felony crime, arrest for DUI, or indictment of a felony
13. Untidy attire, torn uniforms and other failures to maintain a clean, neat appearance,
14. Off-duty activities that discredit the individual or organization or cause inefficiency in performing assigned duties,
15. Reporting to work under the influence of intoxicants or illegal drugs,
16. Use of any intoxicants or illegal drugs while on duty,
17. Gambling while on duty,
18. Improperly discussing or disclosing confidential information,
19. An accumulation of minor infractions,
20. Failure to follow any other rule, regulation, operating procedure or job requirement not specifically mentioned above,
21. Frequent or excessive absenteeism,
22. Failure to provide notice to the City Clerk or department head by 8:00 A.M. of absence due to sickness,
23. Refusal to report to work when called, unless a bonafide emergency exists in immediate family,
24. Making personal phone calls in violation of Section 5.13 C.

C. When an employee commits any violation of Section 5.4(B) or fails to follow any rule, regulation, operating procedure or job requirement, one of the following measures shall apply, depending upon the circumstances involved and the severity of the offense:

1. Verbal warning (counseling):
 - a. In the case of a minor infraction, the immediate supervisor or department head and/or mayor shall may administer a verbal counseling without rancor (ill will) and explain the actions necessary to correct the problem as soon as possible after the offense.
 - b. The date of the counseling, along with a description of the occurrence which prompted the counseling, actions necessary to correct the problem, and any comments the employee may have made, shall may be noted and placed in the employee's departmental personnel folder by the person giving the counseling. A copy of the counseling shall be placed in the employee's file in the city clerk's office.

Section 4: Section 5.10: Lunch Break

- A. Police personnel are entitled to a thirty (30) minute break during their work schedule. These employees are paid during this time. It should be noted that while on a lunch break they are subject to calls. Every effort is made to allow them a lunch break without interruption.
- B. Administrative and Public Works Department personnel are entitled to a one-hour thirty-minute lunch break. These employees are not paid for this break.

Section 5: Section 6.10: Time Off To Vote

A. All employees entitled to vote in any election shall be given up to four eight hours off on Election Day to vote, with pay. The time off to vote at the presidential-general election shall be eight hours with four hours being with pay. The city may specify the hours during which each employee may be allowed time off to vote (KRS 118.035).

Section 6: Section 6.15 Expense Reimbursement

- A. No employee of the city shall receive or be allowed any lump-sum expense allowance or contingent fund for personal or official expenses (KRS 64.710).
- B. Any employee of the city incurring expenses for approved travel shall be reimbursed as follows:
 1. Transportation - For all reasonable necessary public transportation by reasonably economical means, the actual cost of fares, not to exceed costs of accommodations that are less than first class if available. For the use of privately owned vehicles advantageous to the purposes of the city, mileage at the state rate.
 2. Lodging - Reimbursement shall be made on an actual expense basis for the cost of lodging with a receipt required on all expenses claimed.
 3. Meals - Reimbursement shall be made on an actual expense basis by receipt not to exceed eight (\$8.00) fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per meal. Employees away from the work station on authorized travel shall be entitled to expenses for three meals if they leave prior to their normal starting time and return one hour after their normal work schedule ends.

Section 7: Section 6.2: Vacation

A. All full-time employees shall be entitled to vacation leave at the following rates:

Years of Service completed	Annual Vacation Days
1st year (Completed) (Post Introductory)	40 Hours (3 1/3 hours per month)
2nd 1st thru 10th year (completed)	80 Hours (6 2/3 hours per month)
10th Year and up (completed)	120 Hours (10 hours per month)

Section 8: ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Class Title: Tax Administrator

1011

Characteristics of the Class: Under limited supervision, performs clerical and administrative tasks in the process of collecting municipal levied taxes. Also, performs additional duties as may be assigned.

Essential Job Functions: Responsible for the collection of the occupational and net profits tax of the city. The tasks may involve, but are not limited to: forwarding of applications for new businesses; providing employers with appropriate information for withholding, paying said taxes and filing of reports; quarterly billing, collecting and accounting for the occupational tax; annual billing, collecting and accounting for the net profits tax; the employee is required to maintain records and files on businesses, employers, etc., for the purpose of administering the requirements of the various tax ordinances; reading correspondence to make decisions and recommendations as necessary; preparation of financial reports; assist with any investigations related to non-payment; follow-up on all accounts having questions, etc.; assists with annual budget data as required. Certain records are confidential and the individual in this position is required to maintain that status within the limits of law. Also, processes the city's property taxes and privilege license, including but not limited to: issuing, collecting, billing and maintaining records for each. May be assigned additional duties as required by the mayor.

Job Related Physical Activity Requirements: This position is sedentary work which requires the employee to exert up to 25 pounds of force from time to time. Physical activity involved with this position may include reaching, standing, walking, talking, hearing, carrying, stooping, kneeling, and repetitive motions. Visual acuity is required to prepare and analyze data figures, perform accounting functions, use a computer terminal and read. This position will subject the employee to indoor environmental conditions more than 98% of the time.

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Extensive knowledge of office terminology and operating procedures; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to maintain complex records; ability to prepare financial reports; clerical aptitude; tact and courtesy; good physical condition.

Acceptable Experience and Training: Previous responsible experience in clerical work involving contact with the general public. Completion of high school; college degree preferred with emphasis in business administration.

Section 9: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Class Title: School Resource Officer

2007

Characteristics of the Class: Primarily works within the school system to ensure a safe learning environment for students. Performs general duty police work as assigned. Officers are responsible for the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, direction of traffic, and the general enforcement of laws and ordinances. The work involves an element of personal danger. During times that school is not in session or the school system does not need their services, officers may be required to work as a Police Officer (2005). Also, performs additional duties as may be assigned.

Essential Job Functions: Patrol tasks require independent judgment in determining when there is reasonable suspicion to detain, when probable cause exists to search and arrest, and when force may be used; effects arrests; prepares investigative and other reports; operates a vehicle in emergency situations involving high speeds; communicates effectively; lifting, carrying and dragging heavy objects; climbing and pulling oneself over obstacles; jumping down from elevated surfaces; jumping over obstacles; crawling in confined areas; balancing and using body force to gain entrance through barriers; use of firearms; gathers information in criminal investigations; performs searches; demonstrates communication skills; endures verbal and mental abuse when confronted.

Job Related Physical Activity Requirements: This position requires the employee to exert up to 75 pounds of force occasionally, and less force frequently. Physical activity related to this position may include climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, standing, walking, pushing, lifting, grasping, talking, hearing, and repetitive motions. Visual acuity is required. Employee is subject to indoor and outdoor environmental conditions. An employee in this position could "reasonably anticipate" contacting blood and other potentially infectious materials.

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Specific knowledge and training to work with youth in a school setting. Must be able to work with school administration Knowledge of modern approved principles, practices, and procedures of police work; knowledge of State laws and City ordinances; knowledge of the geography of the City and the location of important buildings; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; ability to deal courteously with the general public; ability to react calmly in emergency conditions; courage, integrity, emotional stability; physical strength and agility.

Acceptable Experience and Training: Must have an active SRO certification and complete forty (40) hours of annual in-service training. Completion of a standard high school curriculum; be certified pursuant to the requirements of KRS 15.380 to 15.402. Possess a valid Kentucky driver's license.

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Section 10: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Class Title: Administrative Assistant (part-time)

5003

Characteristics of the Class: To carry out basic duties to that would assist the chief in the administration of the department. Such as maintaining records, accurate inventories, entering and maintaining training hours, janitorial duties, as well as any other duties as assigned by the chief.

Essential Job Functions: Assist the chief with general administrative duties. Such as maintaining records, filing of paperwork, developing and maintain accurate inventory of all department assets. Familiarization with billing and cost recovery processes as well as processes for fulfilling records requests. Could also be responsible for entering and maintaining training records and maintaining cleanliness and organization of the fire station and his or her general workspace. Other duties may be assigned by the chief as needed.

Job Related Physical Activity Requirements: Must be physically able to lift and carry at least 60 pounds. May be exposed to noisy, dirty, stressful, and physically and/or mentally draining activities. May be exposed to environments that are dangerous, busy, and noisy.

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Knowledge of the policies and procedures of the City of Mount Vernon and the fire department, operation, maintenance and uses of modern firefighting apparatus and equipment, approved procedures and policies for hazardous or toxic materials storage, transport, handling, and clean-up principles, practices, methods and techniques of modern fire suppression and emergency medical services, and the geography of the city and surrounding area. Must be able to work under stress, use good judgement in emergency situations, operate specialized emergency communications equipment, safely operate department vehicles, apparatus, and other emergency equipment, prepare clear and concise reports, and provide professional leadership and direction for the fire department. Must be proficient in modern fire ground operations, fire attack methods, and rescue procedures. Also, must be proficient in pumper operations, aerial operations, the use of self-contained breathing apparatus, hydraulic rescue tools, stabilization equipment, and all other fire or rescue equipment.

Must be proficient in computer usage, electronic reporting, form making, Microsoft Office, Kentucky Fire Commission's online training-based system, and any other record keeping, as well as digital record keeping or clerical based duties.

Acceptable Experience and Training: Must be at least a level one certified firefighter as reported by the Kentucky State Fire Commission. Must qualify for and be a member of this department for the duration of their time in this position.

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Section 11: FIRE DEPARTMENT

Class Title: General Maintenance Worker (part-time)

5004

Characteristics of the Class: To perform or to cause to be performed basic maintenance of equipment and apparatus. To keep up-to-date and accurate records of maintenance performed. To perform janitorial duties to ensure clean equipment, apparatus, a clean station, and workspace. To perform any other duties as assigned by the chief.

Essential Job Functions: To conduct basic routine maintenance on all department owned apparatus, equipment, and facilities. To assist with developing a regular maintenance schedule for apparatus and equipment. To assist with scheduling equipment repairs and maintenance. To ensure all apparatus and equipment checks are completed regularly. Shall maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all maintenance performed. To assist with annual hydrant inspections. To operate the cascade system and fill station to ensure all breathing air cylinders remain full. To perform any other duties as assigned by the chief.

Job Related Physical Activity Requirements: Must be physically able to lift and carry at least 60 pounds. May be exposed to noisy, dirty, stressful, and physically and/or mentally draining activities. May be exposed to environments that are dangerous, busy, and noisy.

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Knowledge of the policies and procedures of the City of Mount Vernon and the fire department, operation, maintenance and uses of modern firefighting apparatus and equipment, approved procedures and policies for hazardous or toxic materials storage, transport, handling, and clean-up principles, practices, methods and techniques of modern fire suppression and emergency medical services, and the geography of the city and surrounding area. Must be able to work under stress, use good judgement in emergency situations, operate specialized emergency communications equipment, safely operate department vehicles, apparatus, and other emergency equipment, prepare clear and concise reports, and provide professional leadership and direction for the fire department. Must be proficient in modern fire ground operations, fire attack methods, and rescue procedures. Also, must be proficient in pumper operations, aerial operations, the use of self-contained breathing apparatus, hydraulic rescue tools, stabilization equipment, and all other fire or rescue equipment.

Must have knowledge and experience in apparatus, equipment, small engine power equipment, and facilities maintenance and repair. As well as digital and hard copy, paper record keeping.

Acceptable Experience and Training: Must be at least a level one certified firefighter as reported by the Kentucky State Fire Commission. Must qualify for and be a member of this department for the duration of their time in this position.

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Recently, members of the RCHS Band were selected to perform as part of the 2023 EKU High School Honors Band Program sponsored by EKU Bands. The student musicians spent two days of intensive rehearsal with other band members from across the state. Under the direction of both Brad Rogers, Retired Director of Bands at Oldham County and Dr. Timothy Wiggins, Director of Bands at EKU, the students performed in concert at the EKU Center for the Arts on Saturday evening, February 25. RCHS band members pictured on the back row include Greg Daugherty, Director, Robert Rhodus, Haylee Miller, Hannah Atkinson, Nikolas DeBorde, Sierra Payne, Daniel Krebs, Julissa Alcorn and Kory Thompkins. Pictured in the front row are Gracie Burdette and Susanne Mullins.



The Roundstone Eagles UNITE Club hosted the Snack Packs of Love Food Drive recently. The entire school collected 947 food items that will go to the RES Family Resource Center for students who receive a Snack Pack. The winning class was Mrs. Ainsley VanWinkle's 2nd grade class who will have a party. The RES Family Resource Center would like to thank all those who donated for the project.

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Section 12:		Lake Linville Tourism	
Class Title:	Lake Linville Seasonal	6001	
Characteristics of the Class: Under the direction of the Lake Linville Manager, will be responsible for the operation of Lake Linville marina/boat dock, campground, bait shop, picnic area/park. Will be responsible for overseeing Lake Linville and surrounding city properties in regards to tourism. Also, performs additional duties as may be assigned.			
Essential Job Functions: Operates the Lake Linville marina/boat dock, camp ground, bait shop, and picnic area/park. This includes handling money, doing inventory, using a computer, scheduling events, handling merchandise, cleaning, filing, handling live bait, performing basic camp ground maintenance, mowing, etc.			
Job Related Physical Activity Requirements: This position requires the employee to exert up to 75 pounds of force from time to time. Physical activity involved with this position may include reaching, standing, walking, talking, hearing, carrying, stooping, kneeling, and repetitive motions. Visual acuity is required to prepare and analyze data figures, perform accounting functions, use a computer terminal and read. This position will subject the employee to indoor and outdoor environmental conditions.			
Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: General knowledge of office terminology and operating procedures; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to maintain simple records; ability to communicate clearly and effectively over the telephone with the general public; clerical aptitude; tact and courtesy; general maintenance knowledge, general knowledge of outdoor power equipment, basic boat knowledge, good physical condition.			
Acceptable Experience and Training: Completion of a standard high school education or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the special knowledge, skills, and abilities.			
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Section 13:		Mt. Vernon PAY PLAN	
Assignment of Classifications to Pay Grades			
Class Code	Class Title	Minimum	Maximum
Administrative Department			
1001	City Clerk (officer)	19.50	32.36 38.83
1002	Utility Clerk	6.82-19.50	26.73 32.36
1003	Receptionist Tax Administrator	13.28	19.88 23.86
1012	City Administrator (officer)	16.82 28.80	32.36 48.80
1015	Project Administrator	16.01 13.28	24.36 23.86
1016	Custodian	8.85 12.00	13.42 16.00
Police Department			
2001	Police Chief (officer)	28.80	Wage-Negotiable 44.80
2002	Assistant Police Chief	19.50	32.35 38.82
2003	Lieutenant	18.56	28.01 30.00
2004	Sergeant	17.67	23.19 30.00
2005	Police Officer (certified)	13.14 15.00	20.42 26.00
2006	Police Officer (Recruit)	9.77 13.00	12.82 16.00
2007	School Resource Officer	15.00	30.00
Sewer Division			
4011	Wastewater Superintendent	18.56	30.00 36.00
4012	Assistant Chief Plant Operator	16.82	22.07 34.00
4013	Sewer Plant Operator	15.24	20.63 24.75
4014	Semi-skilled Laborer	13.14	18.41 22.09
4015	General Laborer	11.33	14.87 17.84
Water Division			
4021	Water Superintendent	19.50	32.36 38.00
4022	Assistant Chief Plant Operator	18.56	24.36 29.32
4023	Water Plant Operator	16.82	31.16 37.40
4026	General Laborer	11.33	14.87 17.84
Maintenance Division			
4031	Equipment Operator	16.82	23.57 28.28
4032	Semi-skilled Laborer	16.82	23.57 28.28
4033	General Laborer	11.33	14.87 17.84
Fire Department			
5001	Fire Chief (officer)	14.51	20.10 24.12
5002	Assistant Fire Chief	9.77 11.00	13.41 16.09
5003	Administrative Assistant	10.00	14.00
5004	General Maintenance	10.00	14.00
Lake Linville Tourism			
6001	Lake Linville Manager	9.00 13.00	14.87 23.86
6002	Lake Linville Seasonal	10.00	13.00

Mt. Vernon Work Force Authorized Positions		
CLASS CODE	CLASS TITLE	POSITIONS
Administrative Department		
1001	City Clerk (officer)	1
1002	Utility Clerk	1
1003	Receptionist	1
1012	City Administrator (officer)	1
1015	Project Administrator	1
1016	Custodian	2
Police Department		
2001	Police Chief (officer)	1
2002	Assistant Police Chief	1
2003	Lieutenant	1
2004	Sergeant	1
2005	Police Officer	5
2006	Police Officer (Recruit)	as needed
2007	School Resource Officer	5
Sewer Division		
4011	Wastewater Superintendent	1
4012	Assistant Chief Sewer Plant Operator	0 1
4013	Sewer Plant Operator	1
4014	Semi-skilled Laborer	1
4015	General Laborer	0
Water Division		
4021	Water Superintendent	1
4022	Assistant Chief Water Plant Operator	0 1
4023	Water Plant Operator	3
4026	General Laborer	0 1
Maintenance Division		
4031	Equipment Operator	2
4032	Semi-skilled Laborer	2
4033	General Laborer	2
Fire Department		
5001	Fire Chief (officer)	1
5002	Assistant Fire Chief	1
5003	Administrative Assistant	1
5004	General Maintenance	1
Lake Linville Tourism		
6001	Lake Linville Manager	1
6002	Lake Linville Seasonal	as needed

SECTION 14: SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and the various parts thereof are hereby declared to be severable. Should any section of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 15: EFFECTIVE DATE AND CONFLICT

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the applicable provisions of Kentucky law. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Adopted this 11th day of February, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Date of first reading: January 31, 2023

Date of second reading: February 16, 2023

Date of Publication: 3-2-23

SPORTS

Rockets defeat Somerset; lose to Pulaski in finals

Third time was charm for the Rockcastle Rockets as they defeated Somerset 57-46 in the first round of the 47th District Tournament last Tuesday.

The win came after Somerset had defeated the Rockets twice in regular season, 59-56 and 67-61.

The score is not indicative of the game as it was back and forth until the Rockets pulled away the last 2:00 of the game.

The Rockets came through at the end with their free throws to seal the win. For the game, the Rockets hit 20-26 free throws for 77%.

Freshman Walker Craig led his team with 24 points hitting four of seven from three point land, eight of nine free throws and pulling down six rebounds. Jace Rogers scored eight points, hitting four of five free throws and had four rebounds. Connor Hunt and Trent Wilson each added seven while Hunt had 11 rebounds. Broedy Dunaway scored six, Kaden Kidwell added three and Maddox Parsons scored two.

In the championship game, Rockcastle took one on the chin losing to Pulaski County 71-51.

It was a tale of two halves. Rockcastle jumped out to a 15-7 lead forcing Pulaski to call timeout and slow the train.

Rockcastle was ahead 18-17 at the end of the first quarter behind eight points by Broedy Dunaway and two three pointers by Walker Craig.

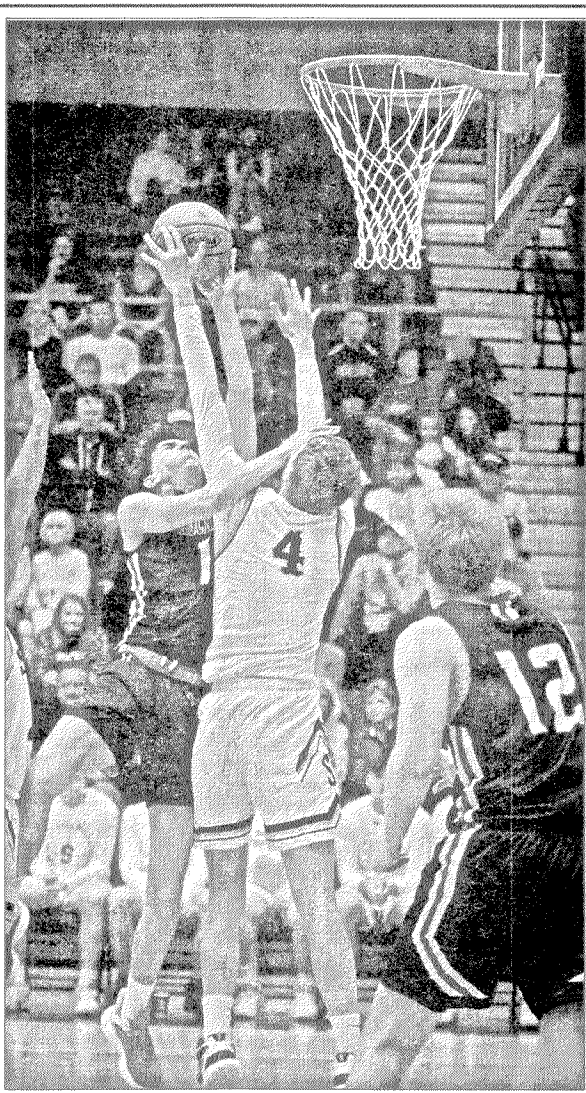
The Rockets were behind only two at halftime, 35-33.

The third quarter spelled doom for the Rockets as Pulaski County outscored Rockcastle 21-6.

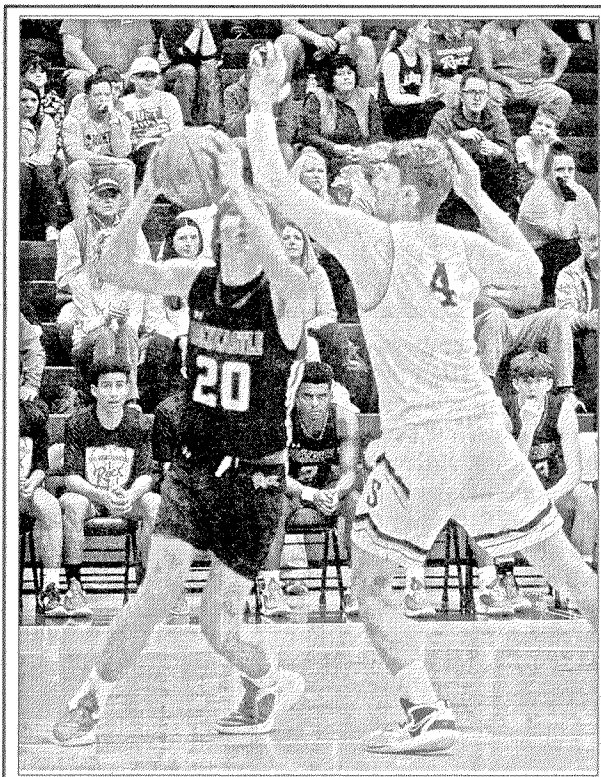
Rockcastle scored 12 points to Pulaski's 15 in the fourth for the 71-51 loss.

Craig and Dunaway each scored 16 points for the Rockets. Connor Hunt had eight points. Jace Rogers scored five. Maddox Parsons added four and Trent Wilson scored two.

With the win over Somerset, the Rockets now take part in the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln County High School. They are scheduled to face West Jessamine Wednesday night, March 1st. Game time is set for 8:15.



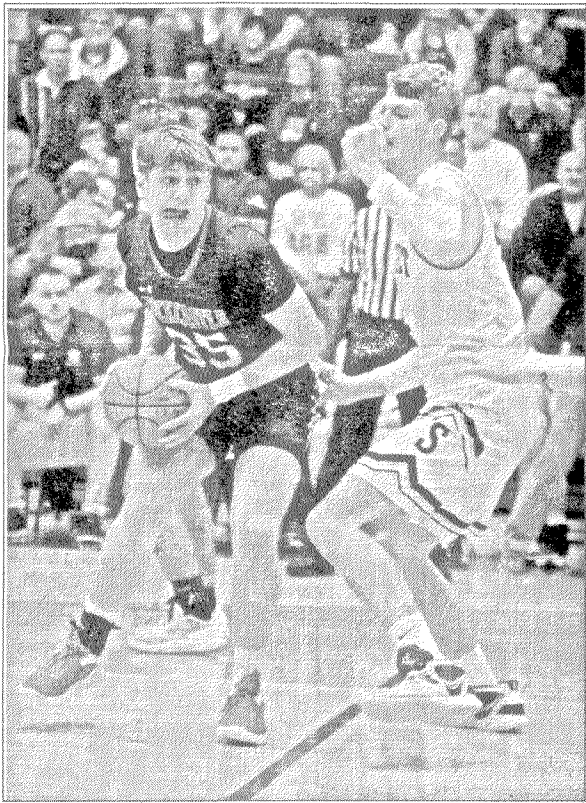
Walker Craig goes hard to the basket and gets fouled during the Rockets' win over Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament. Craig led his team with 24 points and was named Player of the Game.



Connor Hunt works under the basket during the Rockets' win over Somerset last week.



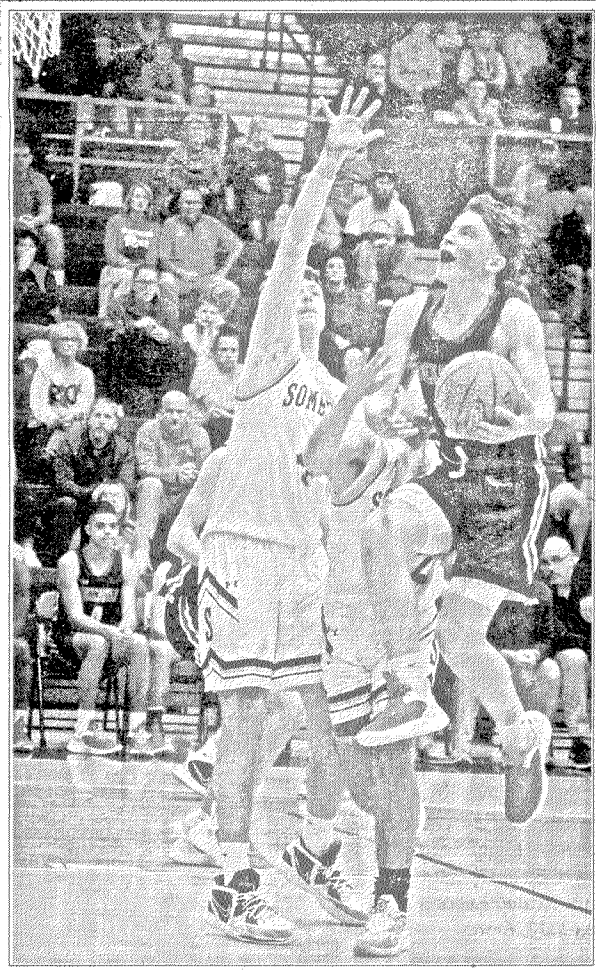
Trent Wilson applies the defense during the Rockets' win over Somerset last week.



Broedy Dunaway works in the paint during the Rockets' win over Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament.



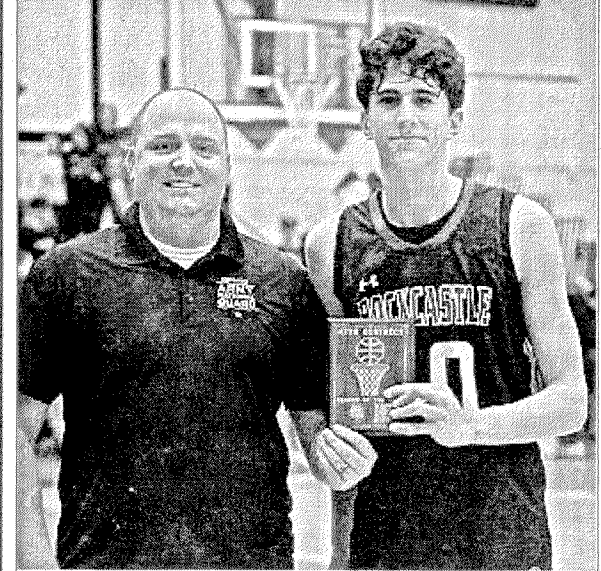
Skyler Durham and Walker Craig were named to the 47th District All-Season Team.



Jace Rogers goes up for two of his eight points in the Rockets' win over Somerset last week.



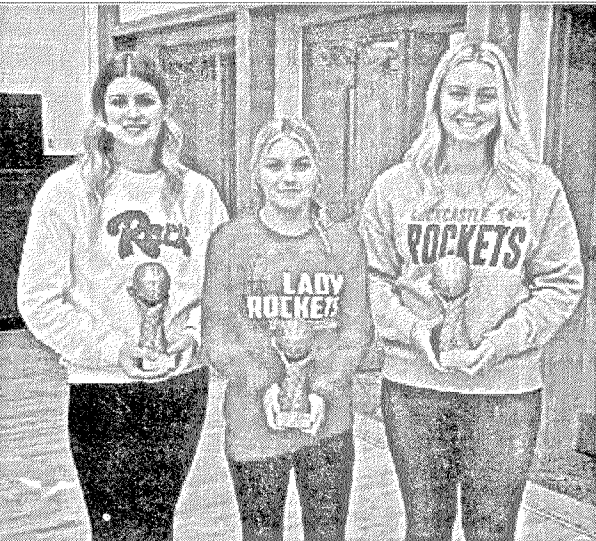
Kaden Kidwell stops a driving Briar Jumper during the Rockets' win over Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament.



Walker Craig was presented a plaque for being named the Player of the Game after the Rockets defeated Somerset in the first round of the 47th District Tournament. The Rockets now face West Jessamine Wednesday night at 8:15 in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln Co. High School.

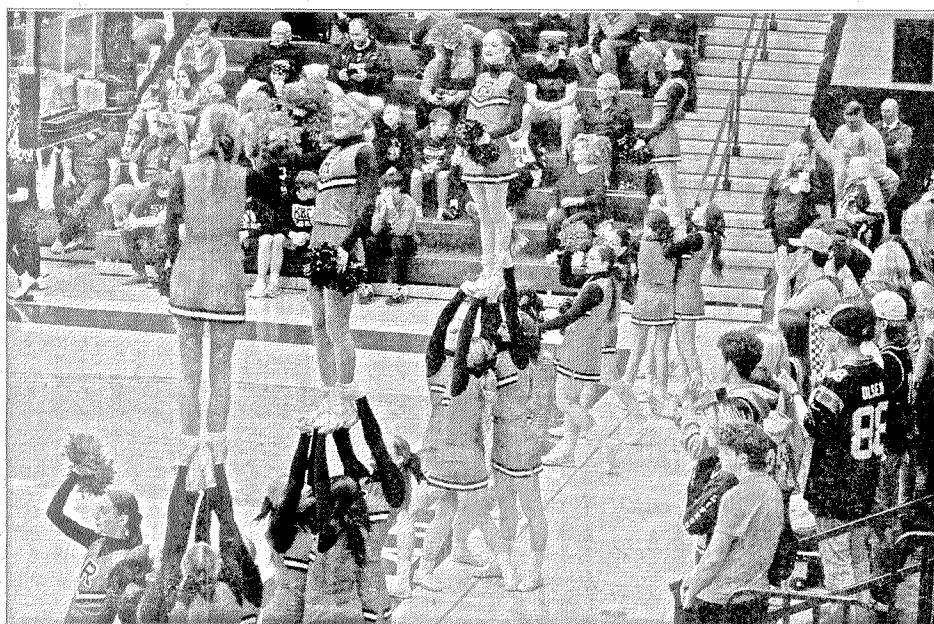


Maddox Parsons puts on the defense in the Rockets' win over Somerset last week.



At left: Talyne Shearer, Karlee Smith and Keelee King were named to the 47th District All-Season Team at the conclusion of the 47th District Tournament.

At right: RCHS Cheerleaders supported the Rockets and Lady Rockets during the 47th District Tournament this past week at Pulaski County High School.





The Rockcastle Rockets competed in the 2023 Eagle Shootout Youth Basketball Tournament last weekend going 4-0 winning the 6th grade division of the tournament. Picture above are front row from left: Carson Neeley, Parker Cash, Dalton Bullen, and Beckham Smith. Back row from left: Colson Shepherd, Albert Joshua Martin, Wyatt Craig, Gage Childress, Zayden Riddle, Zaydon Scalf, Madden Leger and Sawyer Cash.

"Ye Are The Light of the World"

Matt.5:14-16
 IT IS THE DUTY OF CHRISTIANS TO SHINE, because they are the lights. (Phil.2:15) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; "It is the duty of a light to shine".
 WHAT KIND OF LIGHT ARE YOU? Candlelight – not a steady light, but flickers, gives off an odor; but the Bible teaches that a Christian should be a sweet savor. (2Cor.2:15) For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: Kerosene lamp-to keep oil in it, the wick trimmed and the globe clean. ARE YOU JUST A KEROSENE LAMP WITH A SMOKY GLOBE? Gasoline lamp-have to keep the mantles on, gasoline in it, keep it pumped up. Do you shine only when the preacher is present to keep you pumped up? Incandescent light- a good light which shines in all kinds of weather provided it makes contact. MAN MUST MAKE CONTACT WITH CHRIST TO MAKE LIGHT.

HOW TO SHINE? (Matt.5:16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Do not put your light under a bushel. (Matt.5:15) Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. There are bushels of temper, neglect, worldliness, etc. Sacrificially. A light cost, because something being consumed. Jesus was the light of the world, but it cost. John was a light, but it was costly. (John 5:35) He was a burning and shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. Under all circumstances. Paul was a light in jail (Acts 16:32) And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. Before kings. (Acts 26:28) Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian. He was a light in Rome. (Acts 28;30,31) And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

The way to become a light for Jesus Christ is when we obey his gospel plan of salvation. By hearing the word of God. (Rom.10:17) Believing. (John 8:24) Repenting. (Lk.13:3) Confessing. (Matt.10:32) Baptism. (Mk.16:16)
 Thank you so much for taking the time to read this article I pray you search the scriptures to see if these things are so and if they are, I pray that you would consider them, and if you find them to be from the Bible, I pray you add them to your life. We have videos to watch articles to read on our You Tube web site Chestnut Ridge CHURCH OF CHRIST. Whether you agree or disagree we want to know what you think. Your suggestion is important to us. We have free Bible correspondence courses if you would like to contact me my number is 606-224-1480 or you can email me at ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Reminds Producers of Continuous Certification Option for Perennial Forage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers with perennial forage crops of an option to report their acreage once, without having to report that acreage in subsequent years, as long as there are no applicable changes on the farm. Interested producers can select the continuous certification option after USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) certifies their acreage report.

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses, including perennial crops like mixed forage, birdsfoot trefoil, chicory/radicchio, kochia (prostrata), lespedeza, perennial peanuts and perennial grass varieties. To access many USDA programs, producers must file an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage.

The perennial crop continuous certification process requires a producer to initially complete an acreage report certifying the perennial crop acreage. The producer may select the continuous certification option any time after the crop is certified. Once the continuous certification option is selected, the certified acreage will roll forward annually and does not require additional action on the producer's part in subsequent years unless the acreage report changes.

Once a producer selects continuous certification, then continuous certification is applicable to all fields on the farm for the specific crop, crop type and intended use. If continuous certification is selected by any producers sharing in the crop, then the continuous certification is applicable to fields in which the producer has a share for the specific crop, crop type and intended use.

Producers can opt out of continuous certification at

any time. The continuous certification will terminate automatically if a change in the farming operation occurs.

How to File a Report
 To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety;
- Intended use of the crop;
- Number of acres of the crop;
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop;
- Planting date(s);
- Planting pattern, when applicable;
- Producer shares;
- Irrigation practice(s);
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable;
- Other information as required.

More Information
 Producers can contact their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification or to make an appointment. Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

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- 14) Musical miscellany
- 15) Previous to, previously
- 16) Ocean Spray drink starter
- 17) It can be huge in a poll
- 20) Asks for, as advice
- 21) Broke off, as relations
- 22) Omit
- 25) Flow slowly
- 26) "What did I tell you!"
- 29) April 13, e.g.
- 31) Try, as a sweater or loafer
- 35) Large dispenser of hot beverages
- 36) Entree items
- 38) Whale type
- 39) They use the Internet
- 43) Floating on the Pacific
- 44) Digital communication
- 45) Grappler's milieu
- 46) Gave courage to
- 49) Get ready, casually
- 50) "port in a storm"
- 51) Soul singer Redding
- 53) High-school math, briefly
- 55) Stinging insects
- 58) Time being
- 62) About 22 months, for an elephant
- 65) Drake or ram
- 66) Church leader
- 67) Guzzler's sound
- 68) Moved on foot
- 69) Word to a marksman
- 70) Catch a glimpse of

DOWN

- 1) Outscores
- 2) Away from the salty spray
- 3) Currency in Roma, once
- 4) Canal features
- 5) Intra-office computer system
- 6) Terrestrial amphibian
- 7) Extinct ostrichlike birds
- 8) Encourages
- 9) Actor Keanu
- 10) Venomous arachnid
- 11) "Fifteen Miles on the ___ Canal"
- 12) Pretoria cash
- 13) Little soldier?
- 18) Type of pie
- 19) Part of a banana
- 23) "The same as previously mentioned"
- 24) '60s greeting
- 26) Large African nation
- 27) Gnawed to a fare-thee-well
- 28) Go inside
- 30) Crush grapes, in a way
- 32) ___ donna
- 33) Arctic or Indian
- 34) Very unpleasant, as weather
- 37) At the head of the class
- 40) Frolicked
- 41) Docking spot
- 42) Skiing type
- 47) Erupter of 1971
- 48) Scale user
- 52) Fence opening
- 54) Deep, narrow pass
- 55) Take, as oral arguments
- 56) Capital of Norway
- 57) Carbonated drink
- 59) Guitarist Lofgren
- 60) Successful accomplishment
- 61) Experiencing jitters
- 62) Clock standard, briefly
- 63) Flanders on a cartoon
- 64) Be too nosy

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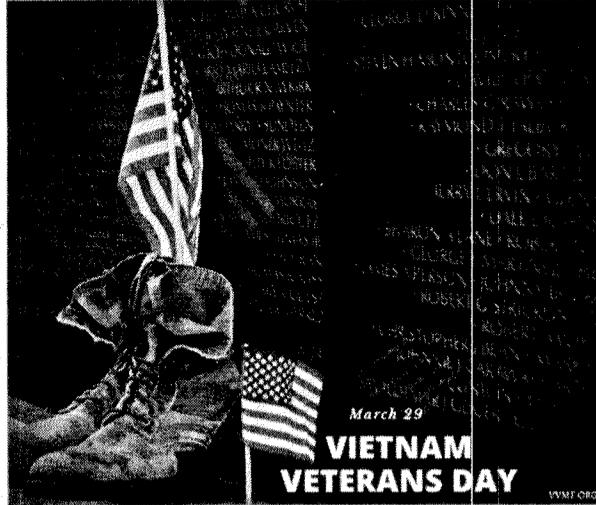
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" (Matthew 5:6)
 Many people in Rockcastle County are hungry and some even desperate for more of God. Some have been crying out for years for God to move powerfully in our community to bring awakening and revival. Many people in churches and communities, individually have been longing for God to stretch out His hand and bless our county. This is not about denominations, ministries and certainly not to promote any individual. We simply want to lift the name of Jesus, worship and pray together in unity. If you are hungry for more, or you are desperate for breakthrough in your family or health please come and meet with Jesus.

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God was offering forgiveness of sins to those willing to obey.

God also invites the Destitute as we are told in Isa 55:1-3 "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. And you who have no money, come buy and eat. Yes, come-buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good and let your soul delight itself in abundance. 3 Incline your ear and come to me. Hear and your soul shall live. And I will make an everlasting covenant with you in the sure mercies of David.

The invitation was offered to those willing to hear that which will truly satisfy the soul.

Jesus invites the weary and the heavy laden.
 Matt 11:28-30.

Come to me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. 29 Take me yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and lowly in heart. and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Jesus offers spiritual rest for those willing to become his disciples.

We can also read that the Holy Spirit invites the thirsty.

Rev 22:17 And the spirit and the bride say come and let him who hears say Come. And let him who thirsts come whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

This invitation is to all who desire the water of life.

We see examples of human invitations as prophesied in:

Isa 2:3-3 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the later days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3 Many people shall come and say, come and let us go up to the mountain of the lord. He will teach us his way and we shall walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

As foreseen by Isiah, many would invite their friends to learn about God. We see this practiced by example from Andrew who invited Peter to meet Jesus - John 1:40-42 By Phillip who invited Nathaniel to meet Jesus in John 1:43-46 By the Samaritan woman who invited her neighbors seen in John 4:28-30. Also by Matthew who gave a feast to introduce Jesus - Luke 5:27-29 And finally by Cornelius who invited his family and friends to hear Peter Acts 10:24-33

There is power in invitation

We have seen it work when God and Jesus extend their invitation, and souls were saved. The disciples extended invitations and won souls to Christ. Most people today have been saved by receiving an invitation.

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- "How is my baby developing each month?"
- "What should I know before delivery?"

...a healthy baby?

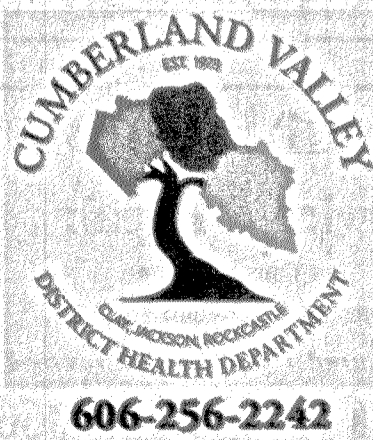
- "How do I know what my baby needs?"
- "How do I help my baby feel secure and loved?"
- "What should I expect as my child grows?"

...a healthy toddler?

- "When should my child begin walking and talking?"
- "How important is a dad's role in a child's development?"
- "What is appropriate discipline?"

...a healthy family?

- "How do I manage the stress of having more than one child to care for?"
- "How do I discipline my older children without making them feel like I love the new baby more?"
- "How do I balance everyone's needs?"



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