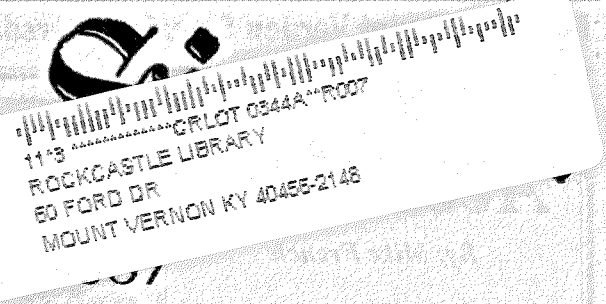


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## New Covid death

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department reports the fifteenth COVID-related death in Rockcastle County. The latest death was a 70 year-old male reported on February 25. Officials report 697 positive cases of COVID-19 in Rockcastle County with an additional 646 probable cases. There are currently 41 active cases and 1,211 people have recovered from the virus.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Brodhead City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

## Local car stolen at knife point

By: Mike French Editor

Brandon Lee Johnson, 24, of Richmond, was arrested Wednesday, February 24 after allegedly stealing a car at knife point.

According to a uniform citation, police received a call from owners of the Roadway Motel in Mount Vernon reporting that Johnson entered the motel, pulled a knife and took a 2002 Toyota Camry.

The citation says the owner of the motel told police Johnson had been knocking on doors at the business and when he was told to leave, Johnson started to leave the business.

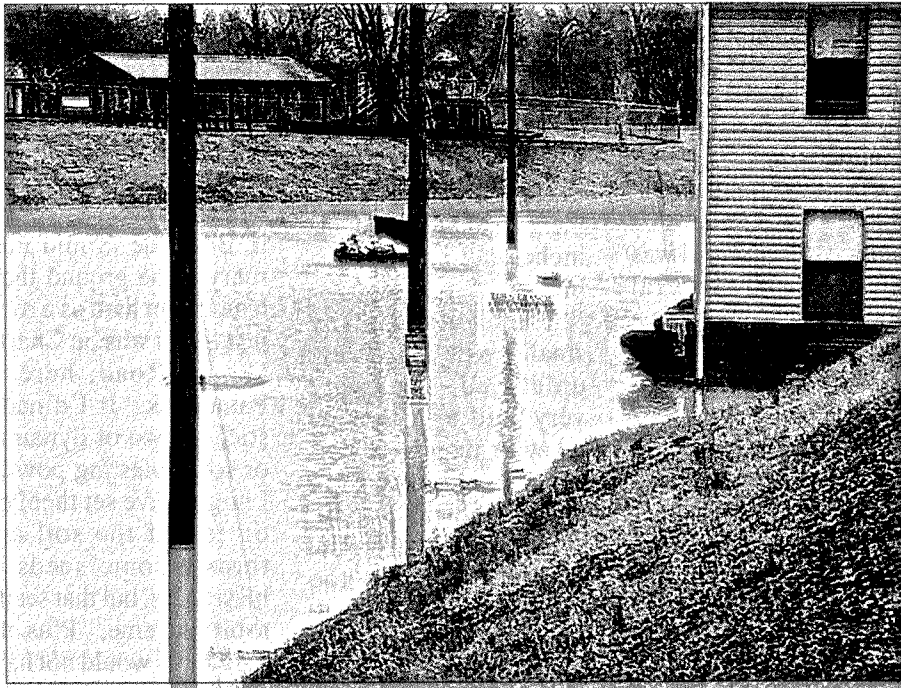
However, the citation says Johnson then returned and told the owner of the motel that he was cold and he was allowed into the lobby to get warm.

The citation says that Johnson then kicked open a door and demanded the keys to the owner's car as he held a knife.

Johnson then drove away in the stolen car and headed south on I-75, the report says.

(See "Knife" on A5)

## Second State of Emergency declared



Damage throughout the county was reported this week after flood waters reached record levels. This high water at Town Branch Apartments in Mount Vernon Monday left only the roof of a car showing and the top of the complex's dumpster.



The water reached the train tracks in Livingston and filled residential yards across the city. Several swift water rescues were performed by first responders.



The Conway area did not escape the flood waters after a reported six inches of rain fell in 48 hours. (See more photos on page A5)

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County has been under two separate State of Emergency declarations in

three weeks.

On February 15, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. declared the county in a state of emer-

gency due to what officials called one of the worst snow and ice storms in decades. On

(See "Storm" on A5)

## Council member files complaint with Attorney General

By: Mike French Editor

The regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council was missing a crucial element Thursday night as former City Administrator Josh Bray was not present due to a complaint to the Attorney General from Councilmember Shelly Raines Lewis, prompting a very lively discussion.

Bray, who was named City Administrator of the Year by the Kentucky League of Cities, recently won his bid for Kentucky

State Representative and plans to continue to provide his services to the citizens of Mount Vernon through contract labor until Lewis's complaint basically froze all progress on the arrangement.

"I haven't done any work for the city in over a month while they work out this issue," said Bray.

In closed session, late in 2020, the city council opted for Bray to continue many of his duties with the City of Mount Vernon on a contractual

basis while he is serving as State Representative. After a complaint filed by Lewis, the attorney general's office found that this move was apparently a violation of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The Attorney General also found the city violated the act by not responding in a timely fashion to the complaint by Councilmember Lewis.

Attorney General Cameron did not find that using Bray on a contractual basis was a violation, but that the method cho-

## Schools to return to four-day week

COVID rules still apply

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board has decided to hold in-person classes four days per week.

According to Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, the board has chosen to expand in-person instruction for elementary, middle and high school beginning Monday, March 15. The new schedule will have students that attend in-person classes in the classroom Monday through Thursday every week for

the remainder of the school year.

Fridays will remain a virtual learning day for all students.

Ballinger says the move will provide the opportunity for school officials to deliver meals, connect with MyRock Online students and bring in struggling students for targeted assistance.

On Tuesday, March 9, all juniors at the high school will be taking the ACT. On that day, the juniors taking the test will

(See "School" on A7)

## At Rockcastle Regional COVID-19 clinic now available in Rockcastle

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is now scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

The first 200 doses of the vaccine, which will be administered on Saturdays, were received last week and administered to those individuals ages 70 and older this past Saturday.

"Our facility is an ideal location to provide regional access to the COVID-19 vaccine," said Rockcastle Regional president and CEO Stephen A. Estes. "Our clinical expertise in handling the most medically

fragile patient population allows us to staff a vaccine clinic that can meet the needs of all types of patients."

After several weeks of communicating with various state agencies responsible for vaccine distribution and working hand-in-hand with our state legislators Senator Jared Carpenter and Representative Josh Bray, Rockcastle Regional became a vaccine distribution center on Thursday, Feb. 25.

A call center already had been established in early February for pa-

(See "Clinic" on A7)

## RCIDA talks about the success of many recent local projects

By: Mike French Editor

Amid rumors circulating that Microfoodery may be selling, officials at the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) told those at this week's regular meeting that the potential sale would include the building only.

"He is not selling the business or the equip-

ment," said RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "While increasing his portfolio, he did list the building but the sale would include a ten-year clause in which he would continue to do business while paying the city and county back all the money he owes."

According to VanHook the county and

(See "RCIDA" on A5)

## Open Meetings Act violation

sen, by closed session instead of a public meeting, was violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Repeating four times that the complaint had nothing to do with Bray personally, Lewis said her concern was Bray holding both "incompatible positions," and that the City of Mount Vernon violated Kentucky Open Meetings laws by deciding to use Bray's services in a closed session. Lewis suggested she had no

choice but to file the complaint because she felt her plea to City Attorney Bobby Amburgey had gone unanswered.

Amburgey and Mayor Mike Bryant each admitted Lewis was correct that the contractual hiring of Bray behind closed doors was indeed a violation of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

"I dropped the ball on that one," said Amburgey.

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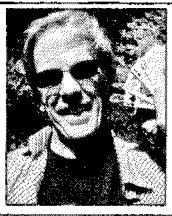
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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



And now they hate the Muppets.

There is so much wrong with society anymore that most of us don't even know where to begin.

We have a government that has no clue how to help Americans without using that situation to foster their own political agenda.

They have lost the knowledge. They don't know how to do it anymore.

"Send a stimulus check to the people? Help the economy and American citizens? Oh, no. What do we do? We have to consider the nasal passages of sheep in Asia. If we are going to send people a stimulus check, we must include funds to help those poor sheep."

They tie things to it that have nothing to do with COVID.

Somehow it is simply beyond them to do one thing. The idea of just helping people without including countless other pet projects and sneaking in billions for their buddies and forcing their little agenda on others is beyond them.

They have forgotten how to govern without including their personal gain in the process.

One bill, with one item on it, is not a sin. The people they represent do not care about all these projects that are stuck into every bill.

If you are going to send a stimulus check, just send it. If you are not, just don't. And yes, it is indeed that simple.

Deal with all this other personal, back door, back room, lobbying deals, quid pro quo stuff one at a time after you have taken care of one issue.

Apparently they have become scared to death of this "don't hurt my little

feelings" crowd that has become so childish that other countries are actually holding their bellies and laughing.

I picture Taliban fighters holding their bellies and rolling in the sand laughing out loud at us as we have groups screaming that the Muppets offend them.

Some actually think the Muppet Show is a scourge on society and elected, grown-up people cower down to them.

There are groups that cry over Disney movies. You can't make this stuff up. They think old Walt Disney, the cleanest movie maker since Gone with the Wind, was a mean old racist. And actual adults buy it.

And we wonder why men with automatic weapons living in caves in Afghanistan think we are a bunch of spoiled, rotten infidel brats.

But, at least, they have learned it's okay to hate us. The last group that tried to kill us all flew planes into our buildings and a few years later we elected them to Congress.

Then again, it is we citizens that may be at fault here.

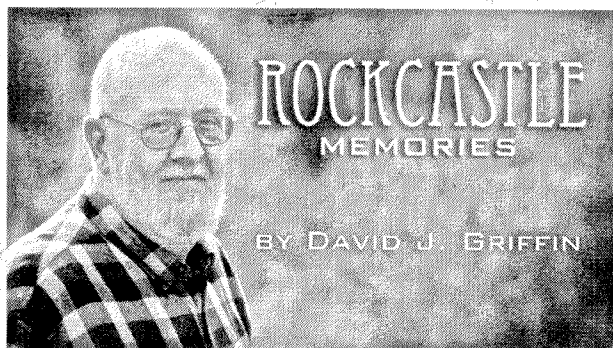
We have officials who swear by all that's holy that they want to "unify" and work "with" all parties and be nonpartisan. Yet they pass bills that not one person in the other party supports. Do they care? Nope! They pass it anyway.

Unify? Work together? Compromise? Right.

Still, we re-elect them. That means, it's our fault.

Maybe one day we can all hold hands and sing some little melody as we walk along a rainbow with butterflies on our shoulders, and everyone will be a winner and no

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By David J. Griffin

When I began my chemistry teaching career, I became interested in collecting vintage medicine bottles. I was assigned by my Principal to clean out the chemistry stock room, and I found several antique specimens.

On weekends, I would look for yard sales that featured old bottles. I was able to locate several bottles that were unique in their design and color. My collection grew rapidly.

Occasionally, I would locate a few bottles as I walked over the wooded forty acres that my wife and I purchased on Furnace Mountain in Powell County. One weekend, we found a spot on the Mountain where a house had been located years ago. Near that home spot, we found a small area where the family had disposed of various bottles.

I began to dig the spot and found several unbroken medicine bottles. I found many small blue, brown, and clear bottles

that were interesting.

One brown bottle had a label etched on the side saying: Herndon & White Druggists - Richmond, KY. Another was labeled Ely's Cream Balm, and it was also brown in color and only about 2 inches tall. One of my favorites was labeled Dr. Jones Liniement, and it is about 5 inches tall and is light blue.

I also found many small bottles that were unlabeled. These are very hard to determine whether they have collectable value because of their unknown source or location of their origin. At any rate, they too seem very interesting to me as I ponder their use by the family who lived there many, many years ago. Is it possible that a member of that family had a remedy that is no longer known or used? Could that cure be used today if the contents of these bottles were determined?

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Dreams and Thoughts of Spring

Dear Journal,

Last night, Stanley and I sat up late watching a movie that he had gotten for me, a two part biography about Judy Garland. It wasn't the movie I had wanted but it was very good anyway. It was our "dinner and a movie night" since we can't go out for either, anymore. I fixed a great big cheese pizza I got at Walmart, adding my own pepperoni, green peppers, mushrooms and black olives. The stove thermostat went out while the pizza was cooking. One burner had already gone out weeks ago. Guess we need to look around for a stove. It was pretty old, anyway. The pizza was so big we decided that we didn't need the salad. For dessert, we each had a small sliver of cheesecake I got at Walmart, as well. The dogs gathered around, I don't know if it was the movie or the food that drew their interest. We will save the second part of the movie for next week. I wonder what I can fix. It may be a bucket of KFC and sides.

Stanley had changed the bed while I fixed the pizza. He announced that we were in need of another mattress and springs soon and we needed to start shopping around. That is added to the list with the stove. The air conditioner went out at the end of the season last year. The list gets longer. That idea goes hand in hand with my spring plans of fixing up our place a little. Today, I planned to get started with some spring housecleaning. I guess I'll start with the piano that has turned out to be a "catch all" for everything you could imagine. Then I'll go from there. I'd like to do some landscaping outside and do a few things

on the inside, but I don't foresee getting much of it done. Old age has crept up on us unexpectedly and both of us are so "stove up" with arthritis we can hardly move and so weak we can hardly get around anymore. I

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Old friend and Letcher County native, Jim Cornett, who has lived in Burnside, Ky for many years, often reminds me, in late January, to not forget to get my peas planted on February 15. This year was no exception to Jim's gentle reminder.

Then, on the scheduled date, he emailed a note admitting that there would be no pea planting in Burnside in mid February. The ground there was frozen hard as a rock, just like it was on Charlie Brown Road, here in Paint Lick. If I'd had a stick or two of dynamite or some blasting powder I might have set them off on top of the soil and thrown some seeds in blast holes, but that seems a bit extreme. Plus the neighbors would not have taken kindly to the noise, cracked window glass, what-nots falling off their shelves to break beyond repair and myriad other damage the blasts might have caused.

Not to mention the trouble I'd be in with the law and Loretta, either one of which would have been at least as bad as the other and both of which, I try to avoid at all costs.

However, I just had a message from Jim who told me that, last Saturday, he had talked his son into helping him get his peas planted as soon as it stopped raining and they were expecting a break in the action pretty soon, so Jim lay down to take a nap. Apparently the rain stopped about the time his head hit the pillow. When he woke up, his son already the pea patch planted. I told him my son loved to eat em but

I'd have to see him planting them to believe it. I'm hoping my brother, Andy, will plant some for me but I'm going to try to not sleep through it. We've still got at least 6 weeks to make a good crop of peas.

On the other hand, my brother, Keith's, father in law, the late Dock Mitchell, would not have frozen ground or even a snow prevent him from planting his peas on Valentine's Day. I have no idea why some folk insist that February 14 is the magic pea planting date and others insist it's the 15th. My mom also subscribed to Valentine's Day. Dad said any time after the ground dry enough to plow in March was a good time.

Anyway, I remember Keith telling me about one time when the ground was frozen hard with a light skiff of snow and Dock called ask him to take him to the farm supply store in Whitesburg, some 25 miles from their homes in Redstar.

Keith wanted to know why Dock was in such a hurry to get to town and Dock simply told him it was Valentine's Day. Keith had already figured out that he was not going after a heart shaped box of candy but figured it wouldn't hurt if he bought one for his wife, Nancy, while he was out. If I know my little brother, he probably told Nancy that was why he was making the trip. That's what I'd have told Loretta.

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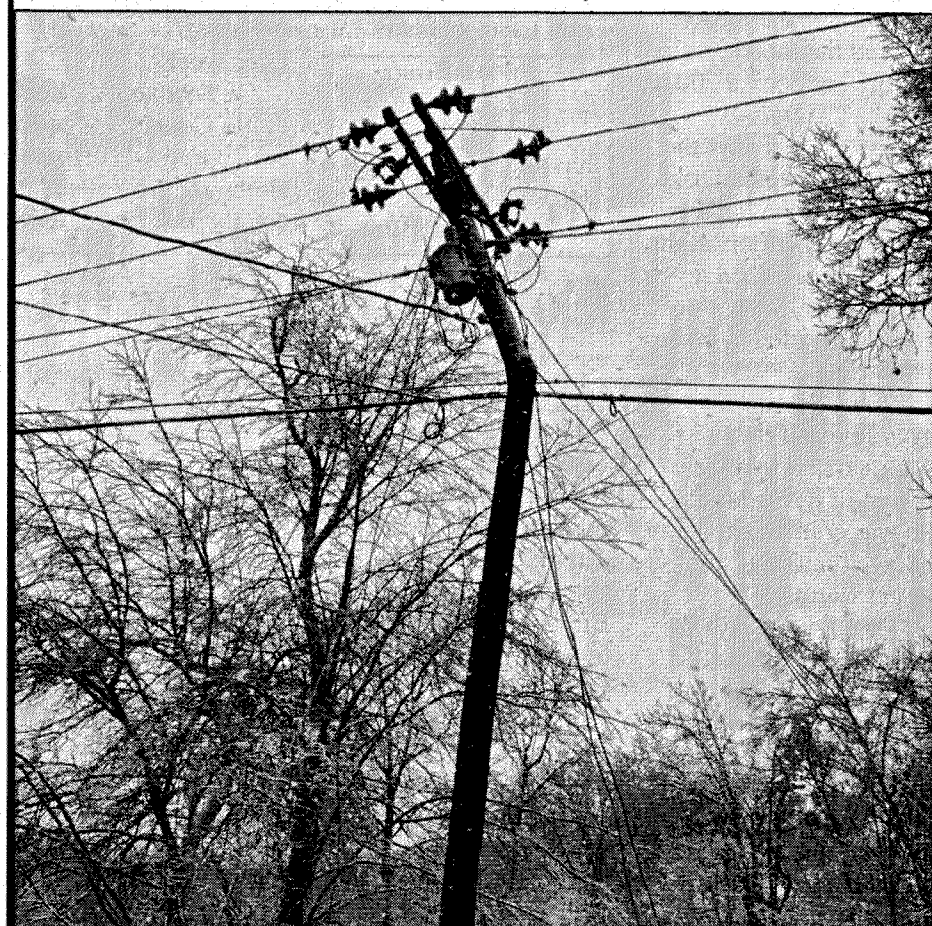
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## “T.J.’s”

had hoped the weakness was just a passing thing but I have resolved myself, in my case anyway, that it is just here to stay. I just don't know what we can do.

The blizzard has passed and I'm looking forward to spring. I had wanted to plant a few things and put down some mulch in the front yard. Both of our houses need to be painted. I want to plant some tomatoes, green peppers and cucumbers in a small garden and of course, the rhubarb. Maybe I still can by using large buckets. We need to put some headstones in our pet cemetery. I'd like to plant

some bulbs here and there and put in a small rose garden. I'm afraid most if not all of those things are just dreams and not reality.

It is getting almost time for our turtles to return. They have babies now. I wonder how much they have grown since last year. We should have plenty of birds, rabbits and squirrels as we have been feeding them this winter. Maybe Stanley's blacksnake froze this winter, but probably there was no such luck. He has kept me from the front porch two years now. He is keeping me from my own property or needs to start paying rent, anyway. That is just some of my thoughts as I look out of

my window on this cold rainy wintery-looking afternoon.

## “Aces”

one will have hurt feelings. But in the mean time, it would sure be nice to get America back.

That country where hard work was rewarded and a hand shake was a contract. That country that based its laws on Christian values and the flag was respected. That country where veterans were bowed to and the Constitution was revered. That country that put its own citizens first and cared for the elderly and raised children to respect and honor their parents.

Personally, I miss America and consider myself lucky to be old enough to have seen it when we were the land of the free, home of the brave and liberty and independence mattered. I'm thankful for a time when we were proud and stood up to evil and were not afraid to recognize right from wrong.

Mostly, I wish our government was back. That body that was supposed to represent all the people and not just the

loudest people. That body that was considered our servants instead of our leaders.

I wish we could remain different from all the other countries and be a free Republic again. Then again, as Kermit says, “It's not easy being green.”

## “Memories”

Old medicine bottles have become even more of an interest to me as I get older. How did my parents and grandparents treat illnesses that I did not understand? I often ponder how Mommie Katie treated her arthritis pain, which I now have. Every time I look at one of the unlabeled bottles I wonder if it contained pills, salve, or some balm that was a miracle cure to the user of long ago. Is the company still in business? Is it now labeled differently or even not made any longer? These are some of the things that I wonder about while I view the bottles sitting on the shelf of an oak cabinet that houses my collection.

I did learn a few facts about medicine bottles. Colored glass is typically

more valuable than clear glass. In fact, a colored glass bottle can easily be worth lots more than the same bottle featuring clear glass.

To find the markings on a bottle, examine it carefully. The side of the bottle may be printed with the product or manufacture's name, and this can be helpful in identifying your find. Also, turn the bottle upside down and look for any markings on the bottom. Many times these are important signatures of bottle manufactures.

My mother-in-law, who was an antique dealer, purchased a Bitters bottle for me one year for Christmas. It has a date of 1860 etched on the side. I had an antique dealer estimate its value, and he suggested that I could get about \$175 for such a find. But I would never sell that bottle.

I also have one bottle that says “Clovers Imperial Mange Medicine” on the side. I have no idea about the date, but a dealer said it was approximately 150 years old. He said, “I would hold on to that bottle.”

Obviously, my antique

bottle collection is closely related to the fact that I was a teacher of sciences. But I often look at my bottles and wonder who owned them, what they were used for, or even how they were handed down to the present date. It is a small collection, but it is mine, and I have found joy in the journey.

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

## “East”

Anyway, Dock was looking for a few bags of potting soil and he had already called to make sure they had it in stock. When they got home, Dock dropped his pea seeds, in neat rows, directly on top of the frozen ground and they covered them with a couple or 3 inches of the potting soil.

I never actually saw the planting but I was there in Mid May when they started coming in. I can tell you that was one of the prettiest pea patches I've ever seen grow.

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### Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

**Monday, March 8th:** Child Development, Lisa's Little People, Tic Toc Preschool. **Tuesday, March 9th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie. **Library is open 9:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.** Curbside service is still available for books and DVDs.

### Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Livingston Fire and Rescue will have a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser at the firehouse Saturday, March 6th from 5 to 8 p.m. Menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert for \$7.00 pickup and \$8.00 dine-in includes drink. Curbside service and limited dine-in seating available. COVID-19 regulations will be in place and followed to ensure safety for all. All donations welcome.

### Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

### VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

### American Legion Post News

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

### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

**Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.** Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only.** Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

**AA Meeting,** 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

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

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

### DAR Meetings

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

### Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

### American Legion Post 71

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

# Kentucky American Water accepting applications for project funding

Kentucky American Water is accepting applications for green project funding through its 2021 Environmental Grant Program. The project offers grants up to \$5,000 for qualifying, innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies throughout the company's service area.

“We are committed to providing clean, safe and reliable water service to our customers, and part of that responsibility includes helping to protect our water sources,” said Bob Money, water quality and environmental compliance manager at Kentucky American Water. “This grant allows us to support the unique and innovative projects within our communities that truly make a difference in our environment.”

Kentucky American Water will award the grants on a competitive basis and select projects based on various criteria including goals, impact, innovation, design and sustainability. The nature of the project's collaboration with other organizations as well as its overall community engagement will also be considered. All applicants are expected to outline specific, measurable goals for projects in their proposals. At the conclusion of the grant project, the lead organization must provide a written report on the project results/impact. Grant recipients will be notified in mid-April.

Established in 2006, Kentucky American Water's Environmental Grant Program has provided more than \$236,000 in funding. For more information and application requirements visit <https://www.amwater.com/kyaw/News-Community/environmental-grant-program>.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,  
Everyone on Paul Street, be on the lookout for crooks breaking into houses. They broke into our vacant house at 55 Paul Street last week. They tore the whole bathroom window out and went in. They had to be awful skinny to get through that window because the window is so small. Then they opened the front door and tore the storm door up. They took my mom's big

organ and our daughter's record player that she had when she was little. They also took some other items. If anyone tries to sell you any of these things, they were stolen. I called the Sheriff and two nice cops came up and checked it out. Alva and Teddy McClure 45 Paul Street Mount Vernon P.S. They stole our plow about two weeks ago. We will be watching for sure. Thank you.

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# Obituaries

## Mary Ida Taylor

Mary Ida Taylor, 75, of Brodhead, died Monday, February 22, 2021 at her home after a long illness. She was born January 23, 1946, in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late George C. and Ora Robinson York. She was a retired farm service agent, worked at Mt. Vernon City Hall for many years, enjoyed bowling, gardening, reading, spending time with her grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: her husband, William Taylor of Brodhead; two sons, Mark Allen (Vicki) McClure and Danny Ray McClure, both of Brodhead; one brother, Albert York of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Viola York Robinson of Brodhead, Joanna York Smith of Crab Orchard, Lucy (Rick) Payne of Brodhead, and Liza Jane York (Chris) Hansel of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and eight step-great grandchildren. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy York, John Henry York, and George Christopher York.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 26, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jake Harding officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Maddix Johnson, Tommy English, Randall Stevens, William Smith, Michael Renner, and David Taylor.

Honorary pallbearers were: Braxton Winkler, Noah Harding, David Harding, Jameson Santo, Ben Elam, and Matthew Taylor.

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

## Carl Dean Hasty

Carl Dean Hasty, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Hospice Center at Markey Cancer Institute in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on October 23, 1940, the son of Cecil Bennett and Mattie Hurd Hasty. He had been a welder and businessman and was of the Baptist faith. He was a US Army Veteran as well as a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Several nieces and cousins survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Mattie Hasty, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Travis Gilbert and Darren Allen. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Eric Adams, Chuck Davis, Noah Faulkner, Matt Ford, Junior Hoskins, and Jack Weaver. Honorary pallbearers were: Tony Davis, Sam Ford, George Laypool, and Bryan Seacott.

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

## Roy Shearer

Roy Shearer, 60 of Berea, died Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his home. He was born in Japan on January 3, 1961, the son of Doan and Suiko Shibano Shearer. He was a retired printer for Hall's Printing and a member of Conway Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna Shearer of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Tyler and Kayla Shearer of Mt. Vernon, and Brandon Shearer of Berea; two grandchildren, Kinley Shearer and Keaton Shearer; three brothers, Lewis Shearer and Dean Shearer, both of Berea, and Don Shearer of California; and two sisters, Carolyn Johnson of Berea and Janet Rader of Mt. Vernon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Shearer and a sister, Elizabeth Bradley.

The family will hold memorial services at a later date.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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## Willard D. Cope

Willard D. Cope, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital in London. He was born in Berea on May 9, 1950, the son of John W. and Della Vanwinkle Cope. He had been a musician and was of the Baptist Faith.

A sister, Melissa Cope of Mt. Vernon survives. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dillard Cope.

The family will hold memorial services in the Chasteen-Cope Cemetery at a later date.

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## Tony Wendell Lane

Tony Wendell Lane, 68, of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford. Tony was born May 17, 1952 in Dillon County, South Carolina to the late Samuel and Josephine (Coward) Lane. He was a Project Manager for Pipe Fitters and was a member of NCCER Pipe Fitters. He was a member of Pine Hill Holiness Church, enjoyed fishing, old cars, car shows, grandkids, and working in his yard and garden.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of seven years, Kathy; his daughter, Dawn (Kenneth) Collins of Brodhead; two step-daughters, Katina (Jack) Dudley of Dillon, SC, and Crystal (Travis) Hunt of Fairmont, NC; 10 grandchildren, Blain Collins, Keith Lane, Jamie Lane, Austin Collins, Jessica Kirby, Brianna Dudley, Wendell Lane, Charlie Jo Lane, Desmond Hunt, and Shane Dudley; two great grandchildren, Chandler Lane, and Makena Collins; and one sister, Tammy (James) Jones of Dillon, SC.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his first wife of 42 years, Betty Sue Lane; two sons, Tony Keith Lane and Tommie Wendell Lane; and siblings, Billy Wayne Lane, Sandra Herring, Gloria Green, Sammy Lane, and Deborah Strickler.

Services will be held at Cooper Funeral Home in Dillon, SC. Visitation will be Friday, March 5, 2021 from 6-9 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. with Kenneth Collins and Richie Hicks officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Dillon, SC.

Casketbearers will be Blaine Collins, Keith Lane, Jamie Lane, Austin Collins, Dwayne Odom, and KC Odom. Honorary casketbearer is Charles Odom.

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

## Loretta Mary Smith

Loretta Mary Anderkin Smith, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was a Madison County native born September 22, 1947, daughter of the late Preston and Pearl Martin Anderkin. Loretta was a woman of faith, lived her life as a homemaker, raising her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting with friends and family, watching UK Basketball, being a member of the Big Blue Nation, taking care of animals and getting a hard day's work completed.

She is survived by: four children, Tim Anderkin, Joshua Smith, Jason Smith (Maggie), and Cassandra Smith; siblings, Frankie Anderkin (Arlene), Patty Roy (Eddie), Wanda Prater (Bill), Frances Cuzick, and Peggy Mason (Bobbie); grandchildren, Robin Madden (William), Logan Smith, Samuel Smith, Grayson Smith, Devona Smith, Jaylen Smith, Sierra Smith, Sidney Smith, and Haley Lamb; great grandchildren, Felicity Fields, William Madden, Michael Madden, and Andrea Madden; and great great grandchild, Alessandra Fields.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Keith Smith; two daughters, Crystal Smith and Famey Hellard; son, Christopher Smith; daughter-in-law, Patty Smith; sisters, Gladys Gill and Dorothy Olskyskv; and step-mother, Gertrude Powell Anderkin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Reppert Funeral Home with Bro. Kenneth Felty officiating. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tim Anderkin, Joshua Smith, Jason Smith, Frankie Anderkin, William Madden, and Michael Madden.

Leave condolences for the family, share a memory, light a memorial candle at [www.reppertfuneralhome.com](http://www.reppertfuneralhome.com)

## Virginia Louise Payne

Virginia Louise (Overbay) Payne, 79, of Somerset, died Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Cumberland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Somerset. Virginia was born June 7, 1941 in Pine Hill, to the late Edgar and Laura (Huff) Overbay. She was of the Church of Christ faith.

Those left to celebrate her life are: one brother, Willard Overbay of Somerset; and two sisters, Nancy Morris and Vivian (Benny) Miller, both of Somerset.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Earl Payne; brothers, Junior Overbay, Kenneth Begley, and Edward Begley; and sisters, Marie Overbay and Dorothy Barnes.

A graveside service was held Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery with Benny Miller officiating.

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

## William (Bill) Dean Poncer

William Dean Poncer (Bill) was born in Cincinnati, OH on February 9, 1955 to Robert L. Poncer and Sally Mae (Mullins) Poncer. He graduated from West



High School in 1973 in Morristown, TN. He worked several jobs throughout the years; as manager to KY Fried Chicken, briefly at Genesco, and then started working at Rexnord/Matthews in Danville. During this, he started helping others with their taxes out of his home around 1977. This eventually grew into a successful business of his own – Poncer's Tax Shoppe. This business continued to grow because of Bill's dedication and personal service. He wanted to see everyone succeed; not just as a business man, but as a personal friend. Bill never met a stranger.

Bill dearly loved and was devoted to his family, always there lending a hand wherever he could. But he was best known as fun-loving and exciting Billy Dean/ Brother/ Dad/ Uncle Bill/ Opa: Whether it was playing 8-Ball pool. Playing tag and shooting nerf guns with many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Playing a spirited and competitive card game of "Oh Heck". Setting off the best and most top-notch fireworks at all the family gatherings. Cooking up his special sauce to submit in the family rib cook off. And so much more.

Bill. Loved. Fun.

He is survived by: his mother, Sally Poncer of Danville; his wife, Carolyn Iverson-Poncer of Lancaster; son, James Poncer (Mariam) of Fairborn OH; brother, John Poncer (Stacie) of Charlotte NC; sisters, Debra Hoover of Winter Park, FL and Mary Brown (Dan) of Richmond.

He was a beloved Opa (grandfather) to Tim Poncer, Christina Minnie, Courtney Fields, Richard Short II, and Kyle Short. Great Opa to Justin Wages, Lily Ann Fields, and Larry Fields III. He was adored by all his nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Robert Poncer; wife, Kimberly Poncer; and son, David Poncer.

A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Stith Funeral Home, Danville. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Stith Funeral Home, Danville.

Please sign the guestbook or send a Hug from Home.

## Lowell (Bo) Baugh Griffin

Lowell (Bo) Baugh Griffin, 86, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army who later worked for EDS, passed away February 21, 2021 at his home in Gaithersburg, MD after a brief illness. Bo lived at the Woods Resort in Hedgesville, WVA for 20 years, until 2020.

Bo was born in Berea, graduated from the University of Kentucky and served active duty for 21 years with assignments overseas in Korea, Germany and Vietnam. His final assignment was on the Army General Staff at the Pentagon where he retired in 1979. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Bo was a member of the Retired Officers Association and the Men's Golf Association at the Woods Resort. He was an avid, competitive golfer who enjoyed many friendships on and off the golf course.

His beloved wife of 48 years, Nancy Lair, preceded him in death in 2004. His daughter Katherine L. Griffin, passed away in 2018. Survivors include his daughters Susan (Lars) Hanan of Chevy Chase, MD and Fran (Nick) Biase of Rockville, MD and grandchildren Peter, Matt and Eric Hanan, Annie and Marta Biase. He is also survived by sister Betty Hoover of Louisville, Ky.

The family will have a private inurnment service honoring Bo at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

## Bobby Faulkner

Friends and family are invited for a remembrance and celebration of life service for Bobby Faulkner on Saturday, March 13th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Livingston Depot, 9174 Main Street, Livingston.

Social distancing and masks are strongly encouraged.

## Card of Thanks

Ima Jean Taylor

Thank you from the Taylor family for your support during the passing of our loved one Ima Jean Taylor. We appreciated the food and prayers.

From the family of Ima Jean Taylor

## First annual RCHS Alumni Banquet rescheduled for April 24th

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to [rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Tentative plans are to have the banquet at Rockcastle Middle School. If not available, plans are in place to rent the Livingston gym.



# “Storm”

(Continued from front)

Monday, March 1, Holbrook declared the county in a state of Emergency due to one of the worst floods in decades.

“I’ve been here all my life and I have never seen the Rockcastle River that high in some places,” said RCIDA member and Livingston resident Jason Medley.

Before some residents finished cleaning up from a severe ice storm that caused power outages and property damage throughout the county, three days of continual rain caused flooding that damaged countless more property.

“We have roads still closed and slips and slides across Rockcastle and there are some homes that are a total loss. We have to get them some kind of assistance,” said Holbrook.

Filing the State of Emergency declaration

puts the county in a position to receive possible federal funding to help those who lost property during natural disasters.

As the rain continued to fall Livingston Fire and Rescue officials say they received several calls for “swift water rescues.” Using their own boat and boats from local citizens, EMS workers traveled Lower River Road several times removing families from flooded homes.

The Livingston Fire and Rescue was assisted by London-Laurel Rescue and the East Bernstadt Fire and Rescue and one of the rescues included a transport to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

The Brodhead Fire Department reported 13 water rescues in two days and helped evacuate two homes on Chestnut Road.

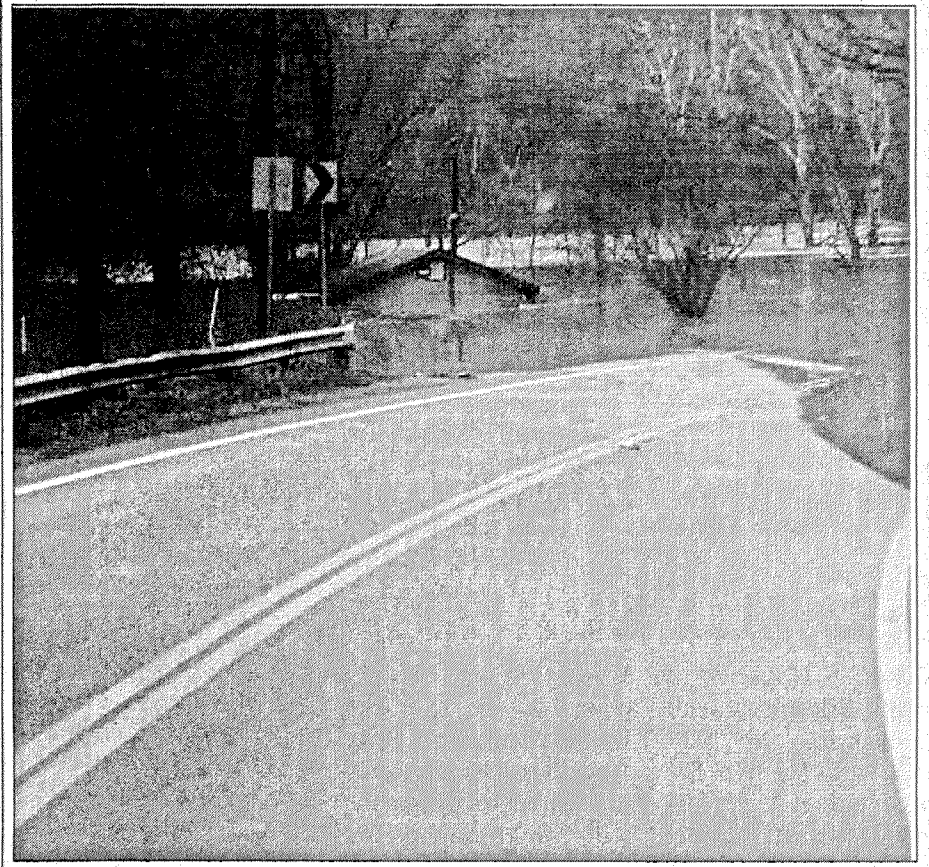
The Mount Vernon Fire Department reports four calls for assisting persons trapped by rising

flood waters and nine calls for public assistance.

Local departments utilized their equipment to pump flooded basements as well as reach 10 stranded motorists who had attempted to drive through high waters.

Holbrook said the second State of Emergency was issued verbally and the official declaration will be submitted to the state after he can assess the damage. “Right now (Tuesday), we still have flood issues and can’t get to some of the homes to assess the damage,” he said. “We have to be able to estimate the damage to the county as well as individual citizens before we submit the declaration.”

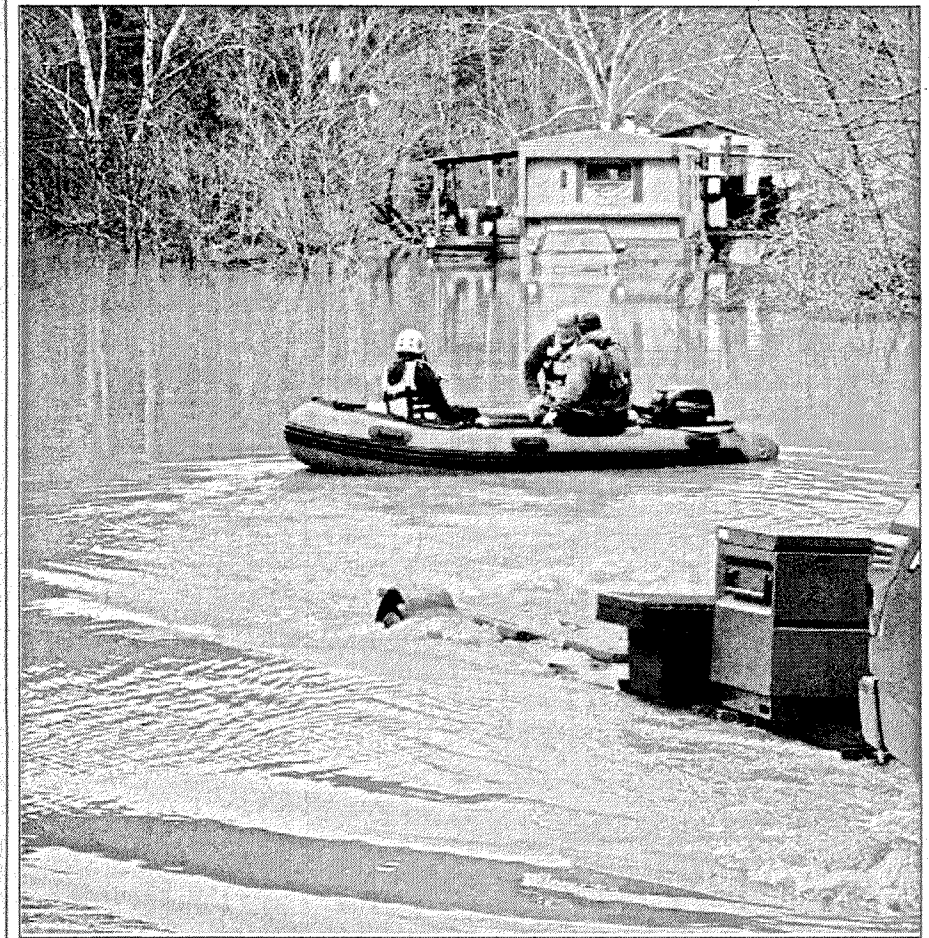
Estimates indicate about six inches of rain fell in Rockcastle County in 48 hours and crews for the county, and each city within Rockcastle are currently out attempting to clear blocked roadways and assess damage.



US 25 was closed south of Livingston after rising water blocked the roadway.



Water across the county rose to record levels according to officials after six inches of rain fell in 48 hours. This photo shows water inside a truck parked behind the Board of Education Building in Mount Vernon.



Livingston Volunteer Fire Department along with East Bernstadt Fire-Rescue and London-Laurel County Rescue performed a swift water rescue Monday.

# “RCIDA”

(Continued from front)

RCIDA own the equipment that is used in the business. “That is our equipment. We have all the liens in place and he will continue to make those payments as scheduled even if the building did sell.”

Chairman Corey Craig and VanHook agreed the possible sale would not affect the city or the county negatively. “Either way is a good thing,” said Craig. “No matter who owns the building itself, we have that asset and that tax revenue. It would be a win/win for everyone.”

In other action, Craig discussed the retirement of Pam Taylor who has served RCIDA as administrative assistant for about 16 years. Craig said the bank where he is CEO (Citizens Bank) will no longer be able to absorb the administrative costs once she has retired.

The board also discussed the Arnold Property in Livingston and VanHook said he is working with potential grants and potential businesses that may locate on the property.

Last month the City of Livingston gave co-ownership of the property to the RCIDA. “Whatever we do with the property will continue the vision Livingston has had of rental cabins or horse riding or something along those lines,” said VanHook.

The board also agreed to VanHook’s request to purchase the steel package for the Farmers Market building. “There has been a price increase and if we go ahead and buy the steel package ourselves, we can lock in the current price and save about \$6,000 on the project,” he said.

VanHook would then amend the contract from

the original \$360,000 to remove the cost of the steel package.

VanHook also told the board the county has received \$325,000 from the insurance claim against the Plastic Factory.

RCIDA had filed a claim for the difference between the \$2.925 million sale price to Eagle Manufacturing and the \$2.6 million sale price to the new Chapin Industries.

The board ask Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook to discuss with the fiscal court placing that money in the Farmers Market account to use for such cost savings that may come up, such as the steel package, during construction.

Craig said he feels the county has been blessed over the past few years. “We have many blessings to be thankful for,” he said. “The Farmers Market is going to be so nice for the entire community and I can’t wait to see the many uses people will get from it,” he said.

Holbrook informed the board there has been no further information from the Census Bureau and that he will report any numbers as they are reported.

# “Council”

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“It was an honest mistake and since it dealt with personnel, at the time I was under the impression we were doing it the right way.”

Mayor Bryant agreed. “This was done in good faith and there was no intent to hide anything,” said the Mayor. “We simply thought we were following proper procedure but we have learned a lot from this experience.”

Both officials were referring to the statute that requires a city council form of government to deal with personnel matters and property negotiations as well as the hiring, firing and discipli-

pline of employees, behind closed doors. However, the statute also requires that a motion or vote may not be taken in closed session. The council must reopen the meeting to the public and then make the motions that result from the closed session discussion.

In this instance, the catch came when Lewis realized that Bray would not be an employee of the city but would be a contractor for the city which requires a public forum. “There is something about having to bid out this kind of thing and a lot of people don’t know how this would work,” said Lewis. “A lot of citizens contacted me about how Josh’s duties would overlap and how does this work. Then the more I looked into it, the more I was sure this should have been done in public instead of closed session. Then I sent Bobby (Amburgey) an email and didn’t get a response and then the January meeting was suddenly cancelled and I thought it was going to pass a statute of limitations or something. That’s when I filed the complaint.”

A disagreement ensued between Amburgey and Lewis concerning whose turn it was to speak as well as the apparent intent of some who had suggested the move was made on purpose and intentionally hidden from the public. “I have seen these (social media) posts dragging Josh’s name through the mud and accusing him of double dipping and it is disgusting,” said Amburgey. The City Attorney continued to list many unmatched accomplishments of Bray for the good of the city and said, “I sure don’t see any posts on that page talking about all those (accomplishments.)”

An audience member continued to speak out during the meeting causing Mayor Bryant to remind guests that “The purpose of a public meeting is to give the public the opportunity

to see and to hear,” he said. “In the past we have been relaxed on that issue because we like to hear input.” However, the mayor said order “must be maintained.”

Twice Lewis was asked if she would be in favor of using Bray as a contractor “if the proper contract was drawn” and if the decision was made at a public meeting. Lewis did not answer the question either of those times. Later, Councilman Clifford Mullins asked Lewis a third time. “Would you be okay with using Josh if the proper contracts were signed and it was done at a public meeting, yes, or no?” he asked. After listing a plethora of qualifications and exceptions Lewis eventually said she would accept that decision if the contract met all the requirements she had listed.

Amburgey offered his apology for not responding to Lewis’ complaint as soon as required but explained that “it came two days before Christmas, bad weather slowed things down, COVID was going on and it was just bad timing. I admit I didn’t really look at it as a complaint from the public since it came from inside the council. I just thought we would deal with it in the January meeting and the issue would be taken care of.” However, the January meeting was cancelled and Lewis was left wondering if her complaint was being ignored, she indicated.

“I just felt that it was a violation,” said Lewis. “I didn’t think it should have been handled that way and when there was no response to my questions, I filed a complaint. It’s that simple.”

However, according to officials, Bray is deeply involved in several projects and grant applications on behalf of the city and councilmembers, as well as Mayor Bryant, say

he is a much needed source for the city. “I will say, in my opinion, there has never been a councilmember, a mayor, a department head or an employee that was a quicker study than Josh Bray,” said Mayor Bryant. “With the information in Josh’s head right now and his deep involvement in so many projects and grants and plans, there is not a single person on earth who could replace Josh Bray right now. His expertise is invaluable to this city at this time. I just came from a meeting that could potentially bring us an \$8 million project and the very first question asked by those present was, ‘where’s Josh?’ No one could fill his shoes at this time.”

Several council members continued to offer accolades to Bray and express their desire to have him involved with city business.

“We are well aware that there are some duties he cannot take on while he is State Representative,” said Mayor Bryant. “He can’t be the ABC Administrator and he can’t oversee department heads and several other tasks. But when it comes to dealing with finances, grants, projects and other city business, he is not replaceable right now.”

For nearly two hours the situation was discussed and, eventually, Councilmember Clifford Mullins forwarded a motion for the city to accept Bray’s involvement on a volunteer basis until a contract that is suitable to everyone is signed.

Police Chief Brian Carter has been named as the Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator and the council voted unanimously to accept Bray’s work on a volunteer basis until a contract is drafted and signed.

Amburgey said he will begin work on the contract

immediately and the details will include paying Bray by the hour for work he does for the city. Amburgey said he may have the contract ready for a reading before the scheduled March meeting and if so, the Mayor may call a special meeting to discuss details of that contract.

Amburgey also said that everything that was discussed in the closed session meeting, which Lewis objected to, has now been discussed in the open last week.

Amburgey also said the city is not facing fines or lawsuits for violating the Open Meetings Act since there was no injured party involved.

Lewis then produced a Kentucky Municipal Statutory Law book and suggested all members may want to obtain a copy.

The council then heard department reports and discussed the extreme efforts of all first responders during the recent winter storms. Council member Jamie Bryant read the Fireman’s Prayer aloud.

The meeting was then adjourned.

# “Knife”

(Continued from front)

The Kentucky State Police then began a pursuit and caught Johnson in Laurel County where he was arrested without incident.

Johnson was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with robbery in the first degree, speeding, reckless driving, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, and fleeing or evading police.

Johnson remains at the detention center on a \$20,000 cash or property bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10.



# SPORTS

## Rockets now 6-5 on season

The Rockcastle County Rockets played three games this past week, with two more being cancelled due to COVID issues.

Rockcastle dropped two of the three games, bringing their record to 6-5 on the season, with a big district matchup coming up Wednesday night against the Pulaski County Maroons in a doubleheader with the girls' team.

Rockcastle traveled to Southwestern last Monday night and came up short, 73-56. Southwestern, 8-8 on the season, outscored the Rockets 22-6 in the first quarter, with only juniors Reese Coguer and Jake Sanders finding the basket and Matthew Chasteen hitting two free throws.

Rockcastle would improve their scoring in the second quarter to 14 points, but gave up another 22 points to the

Warriors to end the half down 44-20. Juniors Daniel Mullins and Drew Hopkins each hit two and one three respectively, with Mullins adding another basket, and Chasteen hitting a bucket and Coguer hitting a free throw.

The Rockets outscored the Warriors 20-12 in the third quarter with Mullins and Hopkins leading the scoring drive for Rockcastle with 9 each and Coguer adding a bucket. Southwestern and Rockcastle would score evenly in the fourth quarter, 17-16 respectively, but it was too little too late for the Rockets with a final score 73-56.

Leading the scoring for Rockcastle was Daniel Mullins with 26, followed by Drew Hopkins with 16, Reese Coguer with 6, and Matthew Chasteen and Jake Sanders each contributing 4 points.

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Senior Casey Coleman puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' 64-58 loss to North Laurel last Friday.

## Lady Rockets win three of last five

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets went 3-2 this past week, playing back to back games against top contenders in three different regions. Their first win of the series came against district rival Somerset, with the Lady Rockets pulling out a 61-54 win.

The Lady Rockets traveled to Somerset last Tuesday for their only district matchup this year during the regular season. The now 9-5 Lady Rockets came out strong in the first quarter, with Lindsey Jones, Keelee King and Aliyah Lopez each hitting a three, ending the quarter with a 19-10 lead. A four point second quarter, while giving up twelve to the Lady Briar Jumpers, saw Rockcastle's lead dwindle to only one point at the half, 23-22.

The 7-9 Lady Jumpers continued their comeback run in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Rockets 18-15 and ending it with their first lead of the game 40-38. Even scoring contributions in the fourth, by several Lady Rockets including three players again each hitting a three, Jones, King and Talynne Shearer helped Rockcastle outscore Somerset 23-14 in the fourth to come away with the 61-54 win. This win helped the Lady

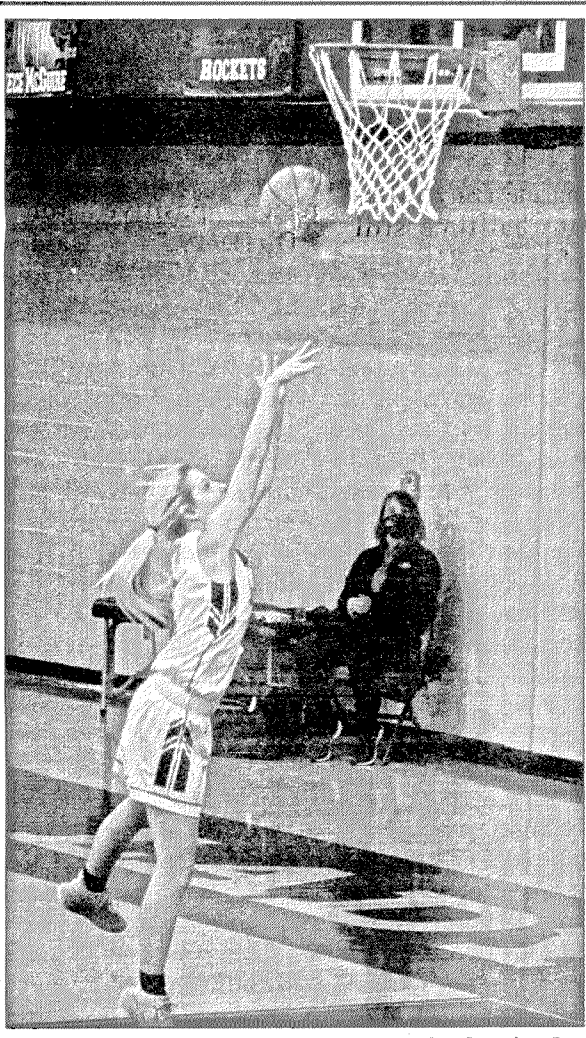
Rockets improve their district record to 2-0, with a big district matchup this Wednesday night against Pulaski County.

Six Lady Rockets scored against Somerset, with four being in double digits, led by freshman Talynne Shearer with 13. Following closely was Lindsey Jones and Keelee King each with 12, Casey Coleman added 11, Hallie Brown got 8 and Aliyah Lopez 5. Rockcastle was led in rebounds by senior Casey Coleman with 9.

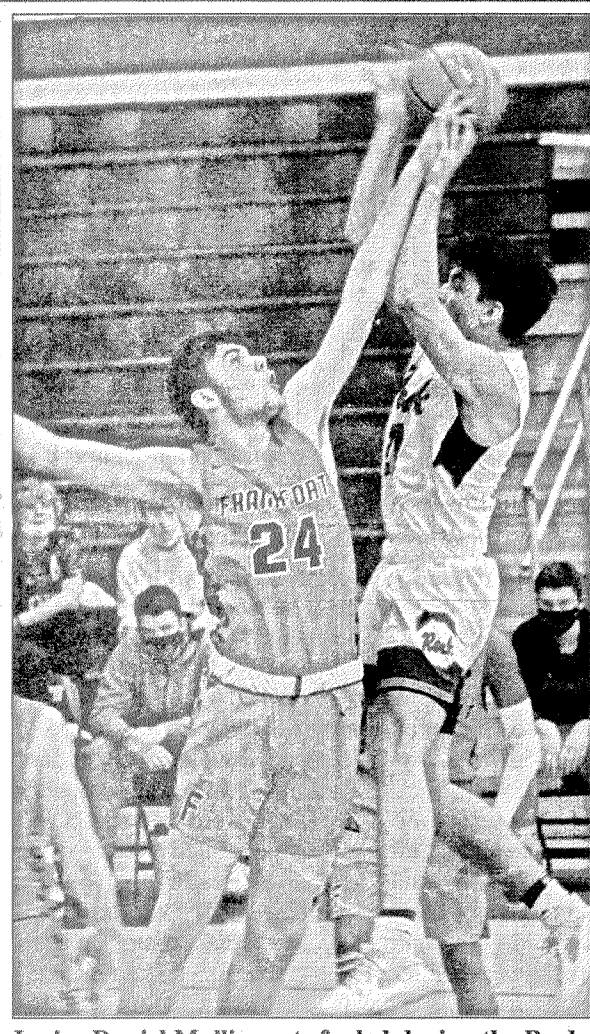
Last Thursday, the Lady Rockets hosted the 12-4 Spencer County Lady Bears, who rank second in the 8th Region, and got an impressive 52-41 win. Rockcastle held Spencer County to only three points in the first quarter, leading 10-3, with Casey Coleman contributing six of the Lady Rockets ten points.

Rockcastle didn't let up any in the second quarter, scoring 17 to the Lady Bears 9, ending the half up ten, 27-17. The third quarter saw even scoring by both the Lady Rockets and Spencer County, with Rockcastle edging their opponent out 15-14 points. Keelee King hit two threes in the third to help the Lady

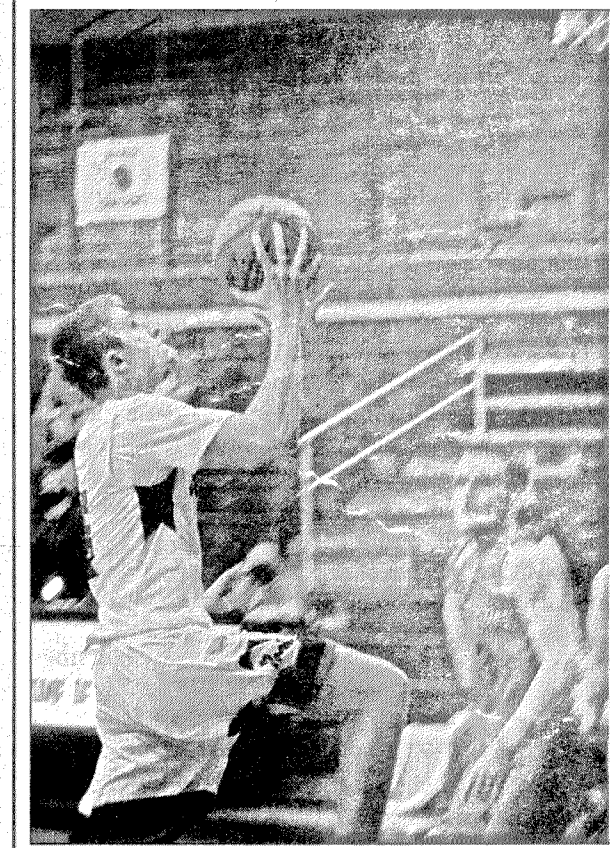
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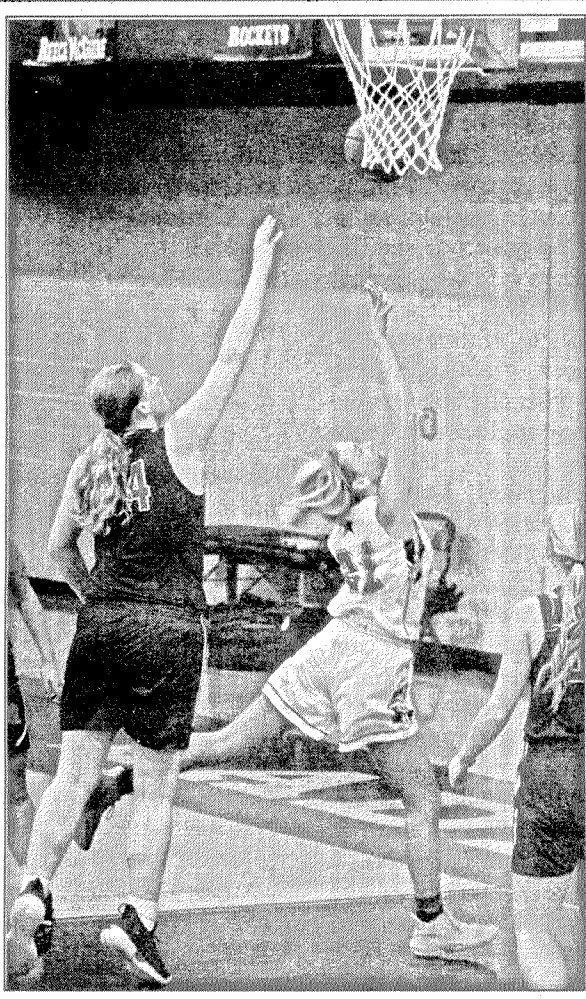
Senior Jordan Harper gets an easy basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to North Laurel.



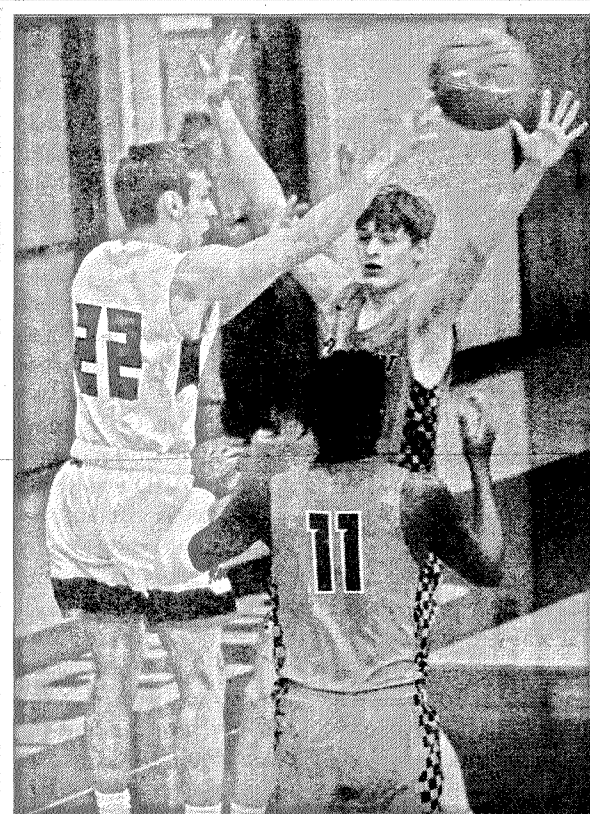
Junior Daniel Mullins gets fouled during the Rockets' loss to Frankfort. Mullins led his team with 19 points.



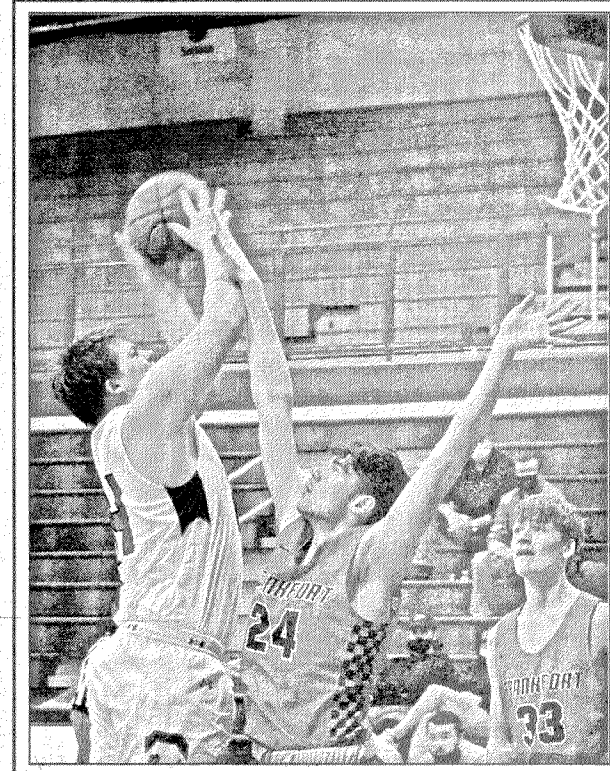
Junior Drew Hopkins goes up for two of his 11 points in the Rockets' 66-56 loss to Frankfort Saturday.



Sophomore Hallie Brown goes for two in the Lady Rockets' 64-58 loss to North Laurel last Friday. Brown had seven blocks against the Jaguars in the first half alone.



Junior Reese Coguer makes a pass in the Rockets' 66-56 loss to Frankfort Saturday. Coguer had five points and added nine rebounds for the Rockets.

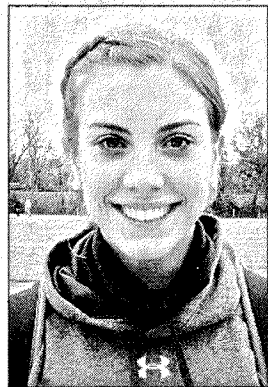


Junior Jake Sanders works hard for a shot in the Rockets' loss to Frankfort Saturday. Sanders scored 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for the Rockets.

**Next Week**  
**Rocket and**  
**Lady Rocket**  
**seniors honored**



At the Louisville Indoor Games held at the brand new Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center on Saturday, RCHS sophomore Emma Watson displayed amazing versatility with four outstanding performances over four different sessions at the meet which featured an extremely talented field of competitors. In only her second race ever in the 800-meter run, Emma shattered her all-time personal best by approximately 8 seconds, with a 37th place finish overall out of 70 competitors with a great time of 2:40.2. She followed that in the next session with a 21st place finish out of 69 competitors in the 400-meter dash with an exceptional time of 1:05.24. In her third session, she placed 40th out of 72 competitors in the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.71 seconds, one of her fastest times ever. In her final session, she blazed her way to a 32nd place finish out of 81 competitors in the 200-meter dash with a new personal best indoor time of 28.79 seconds.



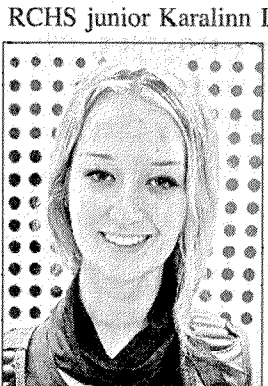
Against an extremely talented field of competitors, RCHS senior Jessalyn Burton had an outstanding performance in the shot put competition with an exceptional 10th place finish out of 25 competitors with a great new season's best throw of 28'7".



RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson had two outstanding performances. In the 800-meter run, Lexi placed 6th with an awesome new personal best of 2:20.89. She shattered her previous best of 2:24.16 ran in middle school. In the next session's one mile run, Lexi placed 13th with another amazing time of 5:21.17, an all-time personal best in the event. The one mile is about 9.3 meters farther than the 1600-meter run in which she has a personal best of 5:17.72.



At the Louisville Indoor Games held at the brand new Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center on Saturday, against an extremely talented field of competitors, RCHS senior Valerie Kendrick won the shot put competition with an amazing new school record throw of 36'3.75". She bettered her previous RCHS record by nearly 4".



RCHS junior Allie Martin put her incredible versatility in the sprints and jumps on display with four outstanding performances over three different sessions at the meet which featured an extremely talented field of competitors. In the long jump competition, Allie had an exceptional season's best leap of 16'1.25" and placed 9th overall out of 31 competitors. She followed that in her next session with an 18th place finish out of 69 competitors in the 400-meter dash with an awesome season's best time of 1:04.49. During the session in which she ran the 400, she also competed for only the second time in triple jump, finishing with a new all-time personal best of 30'7.75" while placing 10th overall out of 20 competitors. In her third session, she sprinted her way to 30th place out of 72 competitors in the 60-meter dash with one of her fastest times ever, 8.51 seconds.

RCHS junior Karalinn Loudermilk had two outstanding performances in the jumping events. In the triple jump competition, Karalinn had an exceptional season's best jump of 27'0.5" and placed 13th overall out of 20 competitors. She followed that in her next session with an exceptional 10th place finish out of 20 competitors in high jump, equalling her season's best of 4'4".

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## “Rockets”

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Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer led in rebounds for the Rockets with 14, followed by 10 for Sanders and 9 for Coguer. Hopkins had 5 rebounds, Mullins 3, DeLeon 2 and McGuire 1.

Rockcastle will play district rival Pulaski County at home Wednesday night after the girls' game, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

## “Lady Rock”

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Rockets extend their lead to 42-26. Spencer County outscored the Rock in the fourth quarter 15-10, but the Lady Rockets held on for the 52-41 win.

Sophomore Keelee King led the Rockets in scoring against the Lady Bears with 18, followed by Casey Coleman with 14, Aliyah Lopez got 7, Lindsey Jones scored 6, Hallie Brown 4 and Talynne Shearer 3.

On Friday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the best team in the 13th region, the 16-4 North Laurel Lady Jaguars. Senior Lindsey Jones came out smoking hot in the first quarter, hitting three of her five three point attempts on the night and with five points by King, gave the Lady Rockets the early 14-10 lead. Coleman and Shearer each added a bucket to give Rockcastle the 18-12 first quarter lead.

Two quick threes by Shearer to start the second quarter put Rockcastle up 24-16. With a couple of baskets by North Laurel and several exchanges of possession without a score for either team, the Lady Rockets finally found the basket with a jumper by King after a loose ball save and assist by Coleman, making the score 26-21. King hit two threes at the end of the quarter to give the Lady Rockets a 12 point lead going into the locker room at the half, up 34-26. Sophomore Hallie Brown had an impressive seven blocked shots for Rockcastle in the first half.

Rockcastle and the Lady Jaguars traded early baskets to begin the third quarter with King and Shearer adding threes, Hallie Brown with a bucket and Coleman hitting two free throws to keep the lead at 12 for the Lady Rockets, 46-34. North Laurel called a timeout though and came out of it into a full court press and a 10-1 run to end the third quarter cutting Rockcastle's lead to two, 49-47.

The fourth quarter saw the Lady Jags take the lead at the 4:17 mark for the first time since it was 5-2 early in the first, putting them up 59-56. Rockcastle would only score two more points to end the game with a tough loss to a very good North Laurel team, 64-58.

Three Lady Rockets scored in double figures, with Keelee King leading the way with 16, followed closely by Lindsey Jones with 15 and Talynne Shearer with 10. Casey Coleman added 8, Hallie Brown 6, Jordan Harper 2 and Aliyah Lopez scoed 1 point.

Rockcastle traveled to Central Hardin on Saturday to take on the Bardstown Lady Tigers. Bardstown, 17-3, is ranked third in Region 5 behind Elizabethtown and Bethlehem. The

Lady Rockets suffered their second loss of the week, with a 63-42 final score.

Rockcastle only scored seven points in the first quarter, but gave up 20. They gave up another 20 points in the second quarter to go into halftime down 40-21. Rockcastle stayed closer in scoring the third quarter, 12-9, but went into the fourth down 52-30. Rockcastle would outscore Bardstown 12-11 in the fourth but would leave with a twenty one point loss, 63-42.

Eight players scored for Rockcastle, with Keelee King leading the scoring for the Lady Rockets with 12, the only Lady Rocket in double digits. Lindsey Jones scored 9 poinra, Hallie Brown 6, Talynne Shearer 5, Casey Coleman 4, amd Aliyah Lopez, Jordan Harper and Addy McClure each contributed 2 points.

The Lady Rockets finished the week with a win against the 2-10 East Jessamine Jaguars, although it was a very rough start for Rockcastle when East Jessamine went on a 10-0 run to start the game Casey Coleman broke the Jaguars scoring streak with a bucket, and then scored the next two baskets for Rockcastle, including a three, to cut the Jaguar lead to six, 13-7. Jones and King each scored, ending the first quarter for the Lady Rockets down four, 16-12.

The second quarter saw even scoring for both teams with nine points for each team. Sophomore Hallie Brown contributed six of those nine points, sending the Lady Rockets into halftime still down four, 25-21.

It took almost three minutes into the third quarter before the Lady Rockets saw their first lead of the night after Keelee King was fouled on a three point shot and hit all three free throws to give the Lady Rockets a one point, 29-28 lead. Seniors Jordan Harper and Coleman, along with King, each had a big third quarter, contributing five points each to help Rockcastle extend their lead 40-35.

Harper came out and hit the first bucket for Rockcastle with an assist from King, to start the fourth quarter. The Lady Rockets never looked back, finding the 49-39 win after an ugly first half.

Casey Coleman and Keelee King led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 14 each, followed by Jordan Harper with 8, Hallie Brown 6, Lindsey Jones 5 and Talynne Shearer 2.

The Lady Rockets will host rival Pulaski County in a rare Wednesday night battle beginning at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 8:00 p.m.

## “Clinic”

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tients to pre-register for the vaccine and be placed on the wait list.

“The state offers clear guidance which determines who is able to get the vaccine first,” said Rockcastle Regional inpatient pharmacy director, Melissa Fain. “It is a four-phased approach that prioritizes those individuals who are older, are employed in the essential industries, and those who have health conditions that place them at a higher-risk of complica-

tions due to COVID-19. We are using this guidance to work our way through our waitlist of pre-registered patients.”

Fain advises that if you have called and placed on the waitlist, please be patient as they are working through the wait list using this four-phased approach. Currently, the state has authorized vaccine centers to vaccinate those in phases 1A, 1B, and 1C.

If you have not already done so and would like to pre-register for the vaccine, please call 606-256-7767.

“Becoming a COVID-19 vaccination distribution center has been a top priority for us,” Fain said. “Many of our citizens in Rockcastle and surrounding counties were going to experience tremendous barriers to getting the vaccine if they had to travel to larger cities, like Lexington, to find a vaccine clinic. Our biggest fear was that many would simply forego the vaccine if it meant traveling several hours away from home to get it. We are delighted to be able to provide this valuable resource to our community.”

## “School”

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be the only students in attendance on the high school campus.

Elementary and middle school students, whose last name start with M through Z, will be in person on the A/B schedule on that day.

“For the past several weeks we have seen a decline in the number of students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19,” said Ballinger. “On March 5, all staff will have had the opportunity to obtain both rounds of the Moderna Vaccine.”

Ballinger and the board ask that parents play a part in keeping COVID numbers low. “Please keep your children home if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, and/or loss of taste and smell.”

Masks will continue to be mandatory at every school and will be worn by all students staff and faculty.

One of the many sanitation steps taken by the school system includes a new filtration system at every school which pumps fresh air into the school and filters all inside air through a system that captures contaminants, including the COVID virus.

Ballinger warns that if safety protocol are not followed, it may be necessary for the school system to return to virtual learning. “If our positive cases and quarantines begin to rise to a point that it becomes unsafe, we will move individual campuses or the entire school system back to virtual learning,” she said.

If a parent wishes to move their child from MyRock to in-person classes, or from in-person to MyRock, they should contact their child's principal by March 12. Ballinger says no changes can be made after that date.

“This past year has been incredibly challenging for everyone and we genuinely appreciate the cooperation and patience of our RCS family in balancing the health and safety of our students, staff and entire community,” said Ballinger.

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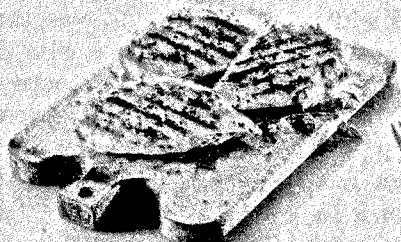
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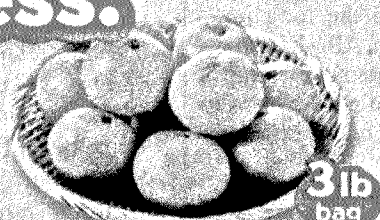
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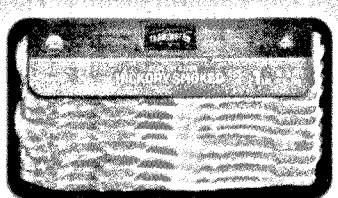
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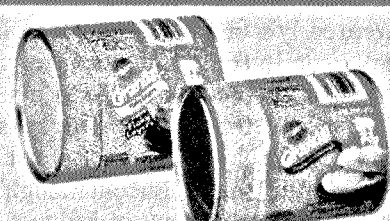
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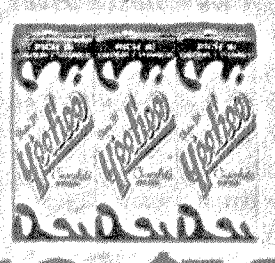
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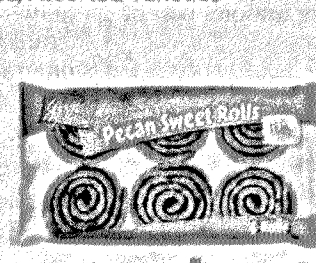
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## Josh Bray announces regional vaccine site at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital

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State Representative Josh Bray of Mt. Vernon is pleased to announce

that Rockcastle Regional Hospital has been named as a regional COVID-19 vaccine site. Regional vaccine distribution sites

represent one part of Kentucky's strategy for ensuring that everyone who is currently eligible for a vaccine is able to get

one as quickly as possible.

"I am very proud that Rockcastle Regional has been named as a vaccina-

tion site," Bray said. "I worked for a nearly a month with Transportation Secretary Jim Gray and hospital administration and I believe that work, coupled with the fact that our hospital did so well with their COVID-19 vaccine distribution back in January, helped with getting this site here in Rockcastle County."

Phase 1C of COVID-19 vaccine distribution began today. For more details about who falls into this and any other phases, please visit [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov).

"The timing of this announcement came two days after I filed House Bill 590," added Bray. "This bill would have re-

quired that any given vaccine be distributed to a qualified and enrolled vaccine site that has storage capability, reporting ability, and a sufficient number of preregistered and schedule patients who meet current vaccine phase criteria during a state of emergency involving an infectious disease that requires vaccine distribution."

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is a not-for-profit community healthcare system that operates an emergency department, outpatient services, a 26-bed acute care hospital, a 143-bed long-term care ventilator program, and three rural health clinics.

## Nicole Garneau selected to the Appalachian Teaching Artist Fellow

Nicole Garneau of Disputanta is one of five artists recently selected by Partners for Education at Berea College for the Appalachian Teaching Artist Fellowship (ATAF), which will provide professional development for artists from rural areas by pairing them with professional teaching artists through residencies in Kentucky Promise Zone schools.

Fellows will gain mentorship and practicum experiences with the teaching partnerships, attend local workshops that offer training in inclusive and equitable instructional design for arts integration, receive technical assistance with portfolio development, and learn best practices for successful school and community arts partnerships in the region.

"The fellowship is important because regional artists are vital to the expansion of arts education programming in our Appalachian service area - which is a critical need," Natalie Gabbard, project director for arts and humanities at Partners for Education, said. "We believe that the training, mentorship and practicum experiences the fellowship offers will have long-term and far-reaching impact on

improving arts opportunities in our region."

Garneau, working in collaboration with Clear Creek Creative, is a performing artist, writer, and media maker who has worked with students of all ages in poetry, video, and theatre.

"As a teaching artist, I am intensely curious about the possibilities of

collaboration with students and teachers in Appalachia," Garneau said. "The land, people and history of Appalachia offer endless creative stimulation."

This project is made possible by a National Endowment for the Arts grant awarded June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2022.

Partners for Educa-

tion at Berea College uses a place-based, student-focused approach to improve educational outcomes in Appalachian Kentucky. By braiding services and aligning federal, state, and private funding streams, Partners for Education works to ensure all Appalachian students succeed.

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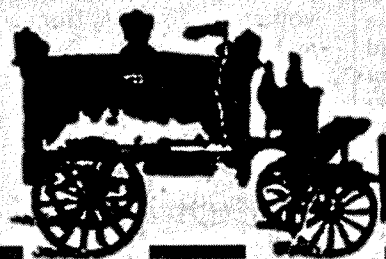
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### Spaghetti supper

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### Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. The meeting is expected to also be broadcast live on Facebook.

### School board

The Rockcastle County School Board regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend.



## Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray  
State Representative

As we begin March, it is hard to believe that this will be our last full week of this year's session. Last Wednesday was the last day lawmakers could file new legislation and though this is considered a short session, nearly 900 bills have been filed for consideration in both the House and the Senate. As you can imagine, nowhere near that number will be passed into law but we are focused on what our state needs today, and how we can best prepare for tomorrow. I appreciate the opportunity to highlight some of the legislation that passed through the House during the last week of February.

The House worked in a bipartisan manner to unanimously pass a measure to address the skyrocketing cost of insulin. HB 95 would mandate prescription insulin costs no more than \$30 per thirty day supply, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to meet the person's insulin needs. HB 95 would apply to private and public healthcare plans. Thirteen other states have already passed similar measures.

HB 44 also passed unanimously and would allocate funding for full-time and volunteer firefighters experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or a post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) to receive proper care from a licensed mental health professional. This program would be funded through the fire commission just as law enforcement coverage is provided through the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund. The bill would also allow firefighters to undergo crisis intervention training, which teaches law enforcement and firefighters how to effectively respond to persons suffering from a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

The House affirmed its commitment to protecting the innocent unborn with the passage of HB 91, legislation that would allow Kentuckians to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment clarifying that the Kentucky Constitution does not guarantee a right to abortion, nor public funding of abortions. The measure states that nothing in the Kentucky Constitu-

tion be interpreted to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion. If the bill becomes law, Kentucky voters will have the opportunity to approve the constitutional change in the 2022 General Election.

We also continue to work to make this one of the most pro-jobs states in the nation. This week we approved HB 413, which provides temporary unemployment insurance tax relief to businesses struggling under the COVID-19 public health emergency. HB 413 states that benefits related to a state of emergency or disaster declaration be paid from the pooled account rather than an employer's reserve account. The bill also waives the surcharge assessment for 2021 or 2022, allowing employers some relief and preserving jobs. Many employers face an increase in their unemployment insurance contributions at a time when their businesses are struggling. The last thing we want to do is force employers to choose between letting staff go and paying their tax bill. In addition, we approved HB 278, which would conform Kentucky law to federal law to allow deductions paid with proceeds from loans made under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). It will help struggling small businesses and the self-employed by offering tax relief on state tax filings for entities who received federal PPP loans. This legislation would conform Kentucky law to existing federal statutes created by The Heroes Act.

If we want jobs, we have to have a skilled and educated workforce, which makes the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) Program even more important. This scholarship program was the focus of two pieces of legislation passed by the House this week. HB 25 would eliminate a barrier to higher education for convicted felons who have served their time. Current law states that KEES-recipients who commit a felony are disqualified from using the KEES monies they earned in high school. I also joined my colleagues in approving HB 338, which seeks to allow scholarships earned by Kentucky students through the KEES program to be used to pursue a career in the trade industries. Trades like welding are critical to Kentucky's well-being and are in high demand.

HB 206 is a win for Kentucky children and the men and women who serve us in the National Guard. This bill would raise the amount of available qualifying members of the Guard that would be eligible for up to \$7,000 of adoption costs of a special-needs child and up to \$5,000 for the adoption costs of any other child. The Kentucky National Guard Adoption Assistance Program was created in 2012 and allows active members of the Kentucky Air and Army National Guard to be reimbursed for a portion of the costs incurred during the adoption process. If enacted into law, it would match the amount allotted for state employees.

The right to vote in a free, honest, and fair election is the most basic civil right. It is one of the most important rights on which the American people depend. Citizens must have confidence in our electoral process, free from fraud and interference. This Commonwealth deserves to know that every vote that is cast is a valid one. That is why I was proud to support HCR 47. This resolution is important to establish election integrity and a security task force to review and study the current elections process in the state of Kentucky.

We also approved an elections reform bill, HB 574. If passed by the Senate and approved by the Governor, this measure would bring permanent changes for both voters and elections officials. Voters would enjoy three days of early in-person voting, the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before an election with no excuse required for Saturday voting. The state would also transition toward paper ballots in every precinct and election. HB 574 also permits counties to use vote centers — where any voter may go regardless of their home precinct — to offer more convenient and efficient voting.

HB 574 also increases state election officials' ability to remove nonresident voters from the voter rolls. The online voter portal utilized during the 2020 elections would continue so that absentee balloting is fully transparent to both voters and election officials. You may remember that the portal provided an opportunity to "track" an individual absentee ballot to ensure it was received. In addition, HB 574 contains some election security language. It expressly prohibits ballot harvesting and establishes a penalty for it and continues the signature cure process that allows absentee voters whose signatures have changed over time to prove identity and have their ballots counted. In addition, registered voters who are not registered as Democrats or Republicans to serve as poll workers — providing a larger pool of volunteers to draw from and engaging more people in the election process.

All of these measures that were passed in the House this week now move on to the Senate. As always, if you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Twitter @brayforky.

## Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter  
State Senator

Severe winter weather forced the Kentucky General Assembly to pause Regular Session activity during the week of February 15. My colleagues and I returned to Frankfort on Monday to resume legislative work on your behalf.

I hope that you and your family remained safe during the period of heavy ice and snowstorms. We really cannot say enough about the men and women who work to keep the roads clear and the lights on. Stories across the Commonwealth included county personnel helping other counties, emergency efforts to get necessities to people who were without, and so much more. During crises, the general good in people shows through, and the storm is braved together. Thank you to all involved in helping restore normalcy.

Upon legislators returning to Frankfort, the House and Senate got back to work on legislative business with robust committee meeting agendas and policy discussions on the floor, each passing several bills out of their respective chambers this week.

Bills that are deemed as "priority" seek to address the state's most immediate challenges or focus on areas of the law that are of importance to Kentuckians. Several priority measures relate to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Commonwealth. Some seek to apply practical solutions to unemployment insurance issues and the economy, while others promote stronger legislative oversight to improve government transparency, among other topics.

Several priority bills continued through the legislative

process this week including:

Senate Bill 4 is a bipartisan measure that legislation would create procedures and requirements for the issuance of both search warrants and arrest warrants that authorize entry without notice, commonly known as no-knock warrants. They would be allowed for instances where someone was believed to be in immediate danger, such as kidnapping cases. The no-knock warrants would also be allowed when sought in connection to cases involving certain violent crimes, terrorism or weapons of mass destruction.

SB 4 serves to make potentially dangerous circumstances safer for both law enforcement and the public while also strengthening the public trust in agencies.

Senate Bill 10 also made passage in the Senate. I feel that this measure can lead to meaningful dialogue and create a conducive environment for considering solutions for challenges facing communities across the Commonwealth. If passed, SB 10 would establish a Commission on Race & Access to Opportunity within the legislative branch to conduct studies and research where disparities may exist across sectors of educational equity, healthcare, economic opportunity, criminal justice, and more. The Commission established would have the authority to hold monthly meetings, seek comment and testimony from various individuals and organizations, and provide research to recommend data-driven policy initiatives.

Other bills passing in the Senate included:

Senate Bill 52 closes existing loopholes in state statutes that prevent the punishment of some law enforcement who commit sexual assault. It clarifies that a peace officer who sexually assaults

a subject held in custody is guilty of applicable class D felony in which they engaged.

Senate Bill 55 prohibits copayments or cost-sharing from being paid by any medical assistance recipients. It prohibits deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance requirements for Medicaid telehealth services and copayments charged in the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP). SB 55 applies to Medicaid Services or any Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracted by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Senate Bill 65 nullifies administrative regulations that were found deficient during the 2020 legislative interim and prohibits their reenactment for a designated period if identical to or substantially the same. One limitation the legislature found flawed last year would have provided SNAP benefits to parents of children who have chosen to be absent in the child's life.

Senate Bill 67 allows for alcohol purchase to go as long as it is associated with a take-away or "to-go" food order. All existing laws and regulations on alcohol would apply to alcohol sales, such as recognition of "dry territory" laws and license requirements.

Senate Bill 93 provides authority to appoint board members to the State Board of Agriculture to the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture. I am proud to be a sponsor of SB 93 this session and was pleased to see its passage out of the Senate this week.

Senate Bill 115 seeks to build on the Read to Achieve (RTA) program's tremendous success by increasing access to its successful model to more students.

Senate Bill 141 establishes guidelines for distributing funds remaining in the Kentucky coal workers' pneumoconiosis fund. It would provide for the distribution of funds claimed by coal companies to pay wages, amounts owed to counties, cities, school systems or school districts, and more. Finally, it provides excess funds to go to unpaid workers and the Kentucky coal employers' self-insurance guarantee fund.

We are now past the halfway point of the 2021 Regular Session, with much work left to do. I will continue to provide weekly legislative updates in the weeks ahead.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or email me Jared.Carpenter@LRC.ky.gov. You can also review the legislatures work online at www.legislature.ky.gov.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### SALISBURY STEAK MEATBALLS IN CROCK POT

2 t. olive oil, divided  
1/2 cup minced onions  
1 pound ground beef lean  
1/3 cup seasoned breadcrumbs  
1 large egg, beaten  
2 T. tomato paste, divided  
kosher salt  
pinch black pepper  
1 T. all-purpose flour  
1 t. red wine vinegar  
2 t. Worcestershire sauce, to taste  
1 and 1/4 cups beef broth, divided  
1 onion thinly sliced, optional

Heat a large skillet on medium-high. Add 1 teaspoon oil and onions. Cook until golden brown, about 4 to 5 minutes. In a large bowl, combine sautéed onions, ground beef, breadcrumbs, egg, 1 tablespoon tomato paste, 1/4 cup of the beef broth, and salt and black pepper. Gently shape into 20 small meatballs. Sauté meatballs in a skillet, transfer to slow cooker. In a small bowl, blend flour and 1 cup broth until smooth. Mix in remaining onions, remaining 1 tablespoon tomato paste, vinegar, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over meatballs. If desired spread sliced onion over meatballs. Cover and cook low 6 to 8 hours.

**SALISBURY STEAK BAKE**  
1 package condensed French onion soup mix  
1 1/2 lb. ground beef  
1/2 cup dried breadcrumbs  
1 egg  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 bag (1-pound) frozen hash browns, thawed  
1 onion, roughly chopped  
1/4 cup ketchup  
1/4 cup water  
1 T. Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 t. yellow mustard  
1 T. all-purpose flour  
1 T. butter, softened  
2 T. heavy cream  
Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside. In a bowl, mix half of the soup mix with the

beef, breadcrumbs, egg, and salt. Shape into 6 oval patties. Brown patties on both sides in a skillet over medium-high heat. Set patties aside. Pour off and discard any excess fat. In the same pan, mix the remaining soup mix with the ketchup, mustard, water, and Worcestershire sauce. Add the butter and whisk until melted and smooth. Reduce the heat to low and whisk in the heavy cream. Spread the hash browns over the bottom of the baking dish. Top with the chopped onion. Arrange the browned meat patties over the potatoes. Pour sauce over the patties. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until the potatoes are golden and the sauce is bubbly. Serve immediately.

### Peace In Not Knowing Can Only Come Through a Relationship With God

When it pertains to this life, there is a lot we don't know. It would certainly be scary if we did know some things. Christians understand that God is in control and we put our hope and trust in that basic principle.

Uncertainty can be frightening but when we know that God is in control, it lifts that burden of worry and anxiety.

It is our nature to worry about that which we don't know. Let's look at what God has to say about the topic.  
*Matthew 6:25-34* "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothes you-you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

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### How Should We Remember Christ?

When we become a Christian, you do not continue your life as before. Paul tells us, 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new. Old habits and old traditions need to be shed at baptism. Christians will live a life of holiness and service. Works of obedience are required. Jesus said in Luke 6:46 Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say? And again in John 14:15 If ye love me keep my commandments. We can see just by these few verses, that our life must change if we are really a new creature in Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister, questions, rather than Godly edifying which is in the faith. What does fable mean? It means a fictitious, story or statement. It means imaginary or false. There are several definitions to the word fable, and all are opposed to the truth. We can say then a fable is a lie.

What does the Bible say about lies? In John 8:44 It says the devil is a liar and the father of lies. The book of Proverbs tells us lying lips are abomination to the Lord. Revelation 21:8 All liars shall have their part in the lake of fire.

We have to be very careful about the practices of men that are observed by many religious bodies today that have been invented by men. The prophet Jeremiah lived about 600 hundred years before Christ. There is a passage in Jeremiah 10:2-4 Thus saith the Lord, learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of Heaven, for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs and traditions of men are vain, they are empty in the sight of our Lord, and it doesn't matter how we might enjoy, some innovation, if God's word doesn't authorize it, or command it, we must stay away from practicing it. Whether it be instrumental music, individual communion cups, women preachers, folk songs all came about by men and not God. Matthew 15:9 But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

We need to take a little time and examine what we believe and to see if it is really from the Bible, or if it is a doctrine of man. (He has no right to criticize, who has no heart to help.)

Thank you for reading this article, I pray that God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember him daily in prayer. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church you can reach us at these numbers. Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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*Wednesday 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Bill Davis**  
bhop@gmail.com

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Berea, KY  
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*Sunday Night 6 p.m.*  
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Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
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marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.*  
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606-758-8721  
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*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
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Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
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758-8216  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday evening 7 p.m.*  
**Terry Orcutt, Pastor**  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.*  
**Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor**

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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
**Bill Hall, Pastor**  
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*Sunday School 11 a.m.*  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
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*Thursday Nights 7 p.m.*  
*3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.*

**Community Worship Church of God**  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.*  
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116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.*  
**Bobby Turner, Pastor**  
606-758-4007

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

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

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

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**  
Copper Creek Rd., Brodhead  
*Sunday 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Thursday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter**

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church**  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Thursday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Robert Miller, Pastor**

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday Services*  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Choir 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Services*  
*Creative Ministry 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.*  
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*Mission Friends 6 p.m.*  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
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340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
**Dennis Wilder, Pastor**  
**Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth**  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*

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Orlando, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
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*Wednesday 7:30 p.m.*  
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Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday School 10:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Bro. Barry Hurst**  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wed. Evening 7 p.m.*

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*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.*

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*Sunday 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*

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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.*

**Livingston Christian Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
**Arthur Hunt, Minister**

**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
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*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*

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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 5 p.m.*

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www.newheightsky.net  
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*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
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**Kenny Allen, Pastor**

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**Wednesday**  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
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*Holy Days 5 p.m.*  
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**Tom Darst, Maintenance**  
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834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Gordon Mink, Pastor**  
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**Pine Hill Holiness**  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.*  
**Thursday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.**

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**Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor**  
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*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*  
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*Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.*  
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Berea, Ky. 40403  
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*Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
**Wildie Christian**  
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606-256-4494  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.*  
*Family Fellowship 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 6 p.m.*  
**Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

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## Posted

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on Woodall's property, 16 Cupps Chapel Rd., Brodhead. Anyone caught will be prosecuted. 5x3

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJI Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

**Posted:** No trespassing of any kind on land belonging

to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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

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

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

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25ftn

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**Estate Sale:** Saturday, March 6th 9 to 4 and Sunday, March 7th, 12 to 5. 41 Eddie Dr., Hunters Ridge Subdivision. Tools and more tools, furniture, household goods, small appliances. Bring your trucks! CASH ONLY!

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*Classified Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday*

## Notices

**Notice is hereby given that Darrell Dewayne Sizemore, 3498 Bowling Ridge Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409** has been appointed administrator (with will annexed) of the estate of Wilma Wilson on the 25th day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Darrell Dewayne Sizemore or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 5x3

**Notice is hereby given that Barbara Ballinger, 161 Buffalo Hollow Rd., Berea, KY 40403** has been appointed administratrix (no will) of the estate of Jerry Ballinger on the 1st day of March, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Barbara Ballinger on or before September 1, 2021. 5x3

**Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Dodd, 620 Turfrider Court, Walton, KY 41094,** has been appointed executrix of the estate of Clara Proctor on the 23rd day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Elizabeth Dodd or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or

before August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 5x3

**Notice is given that Julie Hazelwood, 9099 Main St., PO Box 83, Livingston, KY 40445** has filed her final settlement as administratrix of the estate of Katherine Mae Robinson, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Julie Hazelwood on or before March 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. **Notice is hereby given that Danny Ray Price, 170 Woodlake Drive, Newnan, GA 30265** has been appointed Executor of the estate of Norma Floyd on the 10th day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Danny Ray Price or to Marilyn Douglas, 118 Cherokee Trl, Stanford, KY 40484 on or before August 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**Notice is hereby given that Ronnie Spoonamore, Jr., 2053 White Rock Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456** has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Glenna Spoonamore on the 23rd day of February, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Ronnie Spoonamore, Jr. or to Hon. Jeremy Rowe, Rowe Law Offices, PLC, 205 Richmond St., PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. 4x3

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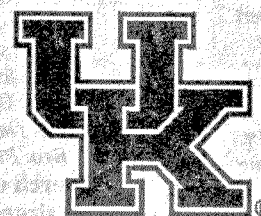
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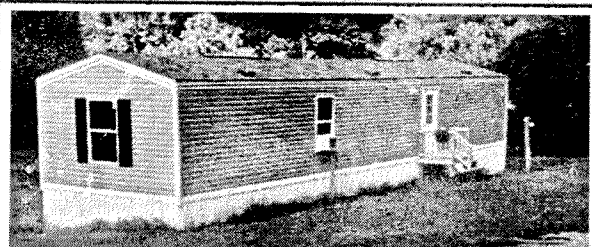
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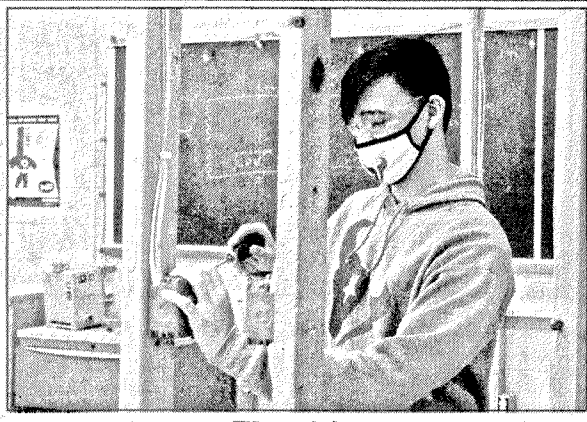
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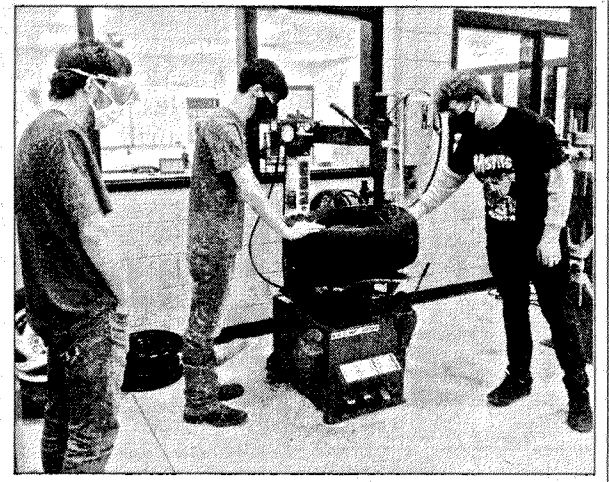
## RATC celebrates February as National CTE month



Welding Technology



Electricity



Automotive Technology

Rockcastle Area Technology Center celebrates February as National CTE month. Rockcastle ATC has a long history of providing career and technical education to the youth of Rockcastle County. For just over four

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Science, and Welding Technology.

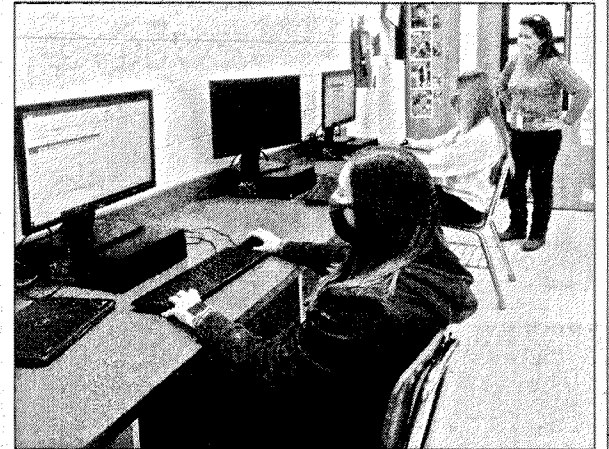
Our programs are taught by experts in their related fields and trades. 9th-12th grade students receive training in related career pathways along with 21st century skills all

employers are looking for. Furthermore, each program offers opportunities to participate in career and technical student organizations including: FBLA, HOSA, and SkillsUSA.

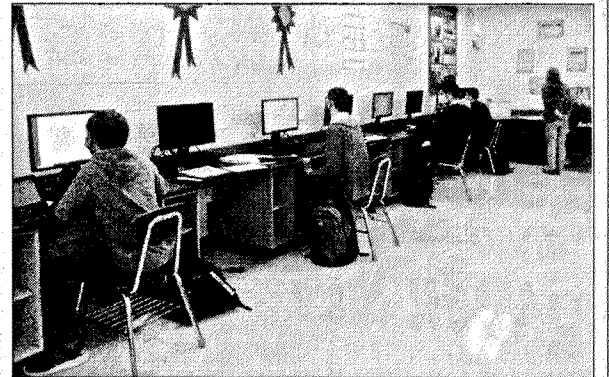
All of our programs include career pathways leading to either an industry certification or end of program assessment with articulated credit.

Additionally, we offer free dual credit opportunities with Somerset Community College at the 11th and 12th grade levels. Our instructors are Lance Baldwin- Automotive, Ashley Mullins and Vicky Castle -Business Technology, Jeff Draper- Electricity, Rhonda Childress - Health Science, and Curtis Burton - Welding. Support staff include Sherman Cook-principal, Diane Smith-administrative assistant, Dean McClure- custodian, and Kay Abney-instructional assistant.

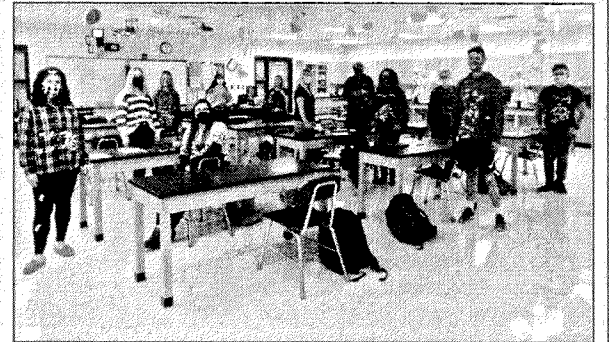
Our Rockcastle ATC team forms many lifelong relationships with our students, and we are proud of our legacy of providing skilled labor to our numerous business partners in Rockcastle County and as well as throughout the country.



Business Technology - Castle



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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



### Deeds Recorded

David and Judy Broughton and Coy D. and Laura Broughton, property located in Rockcastle County, to Teresa Stevens. Tax \$29.

Darrell and Wanda Ellison, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jamie and Brent Shepherd. Tax \$65.

Wanda and Joseph Edwards, property located in Rockcastle County, to Anthony D. and Amanda S. Carroll. No tax.

Frankie Wayne and Mary Helen Durham, property located in Rockcastle County, to Donna Joyce Abney. No tax.

Aubrey J. Taylor et al., property located in Rockcastle County, to Stanley and Teri Diana Payne. Tax \$229.

Roy R. and Melva Boggs Pearce, property located in Rockcastle County, to Roger and Lynnett Renner. Tax \$50.

Aaron Webb, property located in Mount Vernon Park Subdivision, to Ralph and Lyla Powell. No tax.

Stephen and Kimberly Holcomb, property located in Rockcastle County, to Kelci and Robert C. Kirby. No tax.

Gail Kirby, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jordan Taylor. Tax \$98.

Richard Vern Headrick, property located in Rockcastle County, to Stacey Clements. Tax \$129.

William Terrill Chandler Jr., property located in Rockcastle County to Melissa Feldman. Tax \$7.

Debra Lawrence and Kevin Poynter, property located in Rockcastle County, to Richard L. and Virginia L. Chestnut. Tax \$94.

John Lake, property located in Cedar Heights Subdivision, to Marvin and Glenna Whitaker. Tax \$95.

Michael D. and Linda S. Adams, property located in Rockcastle County, to Timothy and Angie Lynch. No tax.

Michael D. and Linda S. Adams, property located in Rockcastle County, to Timothy and Angie Lynch. Tax \$105.

Darrell and Cloia G. Collins, property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald and Samantha Schaeffer. Tax \$175.

Paul and Clarice R. Kirby, property located in Rockcastle County, to Mark Boswell. Tax \$35.

Lonnie and Norma McGuire, property located in Rockcastle County, to Joe Mink. Tax

\$35. Joseph E. Lambert, property located in Rockcastle County, to John Lambert. No tax.

1841 KY Maplegrove Partners LLC., property located in Rockcastle County, to Leamon Clark. No tax.

Tammy and Rickey Wilbur Harrison et al., property located in Rockcastle County, to Tina Peele. Tax \$60.

Juan and Amy Nicely, property located in Castle Ridge Subdivision, to Joshua and Shanlee Childress. Tax \$184.

### District Civil Suits

Synchrony Bank v. William Robinson, monies claimed due

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC. v. Christina McGuire, monies claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Daniel Falk, monies claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Kevin Ross, monies claimed due.

Second Round Sub, LLC v. Jessica F. Fox, monies claimed due.

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., v. Michael S. Davidson, monies claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Harold Adkins, monies claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Harold Atkins, monies claimed due. 21-C-00024

### Circuit Civil Suits

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Ins Co v. Amy C. Harold.

Rebecca Lynn Harding v. John Wayne Harding, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Park Community Credit Union v. Donna Campbell, monies claimed due.

Heights Finance Corporation P&L v. Jason Earl Robinson, monies claimed due.

Michael Gage Brock v. Lauren Carter, et al., complaint.

Douglas S. French v. Allison P. French, petition for dissolution of marriage.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Darlene F Brown, monies claimed due.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC, v. Robert Renner, monies claimed due.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC, v. Kathy E. Monaghan, monies claimed due. 21-CI-00046

## Hot Rods T-Ball Ages 3, 4, and 5+

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•April 10th 10am till 2pm

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

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

### The following items may be recycled:

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

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

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

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

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



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