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## High winds sweep through county



Shown above, a fallen tree and broken utility lines on Williams Street in Mt. Vernon caused the road to be closed for cleanup after high winds swept through the county last Friday. Shown at right, a portion of the roofing on the Rockcastle Regional Hospital was blown off the structure. Crews were still working at press time to repair the damage. Patients were moved immediately after the damage and will be returned to their rooms once the area is safe.



By: Mike French  
 Editor

According to many local officials, Rockcastle County was among many counties hit hard by last week's high winds. "Calls were pretty constant as trees were down blocking roadways and utilities were out across the county most of Friday night and our 911 lines were out for several hours," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Fires and vehicle accidents were reported continually and reports of damage to homes and businesses are still coming in to our office days later."

In fact, over 14,000 homes in Kentucky were without power, after more than 60 utility poles were broken from high winds, according to a Jackson Energy press release.

Governor Andy Beshear declared Kentucky in a State of Emergency before the storm began, and closed all state offices Friday morning. According to the Governor's office there were four fatalities in the state due to the storm.

Locally, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook officially declared a State of Emergency in Rockcastle County Saturday, freeing up possible federal funds to assist utility companies with local repairs.

Three local fire departments were also listed as Respite Centers in the event someone without electricity or water needed a place to stay over night. However, Holbrook said no local residents asked for

(See "Storm" on A5)

## State of Emergency declared

According to Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., a State of Emergency was declared in Rockcastle County Saturday due to the damage from high winds this weekend. Holbrook said the declaration opens the county to potential federal emergency funds to help with storm damage repairs.

## Two new trucks coming

# Fiscal Court holds special called meeting

By: Mike French  
 Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Thursday, March 2.

The agenda called for discussion of county-owned property in Livingston (see related stories) and the purchase of two new county utility trucks.

With the changes in laws concerning such purchases recently, the Judge/Executive must acquire three bids from 11 state-approved dealerships. The court voted to give Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook the authority to request the bids and accept the best of the three. "I can't say we will take the lowest bid

because it depends on what each bid includes. But we will take the best over all bid," said Holbrook. The county plans to purchase two Chevy 3500 trucks.

The court also voted to include payroll for Regina Goff into the Standing Order of

monthly payments. Goff will be taking over many of the duties of Treasurer Joseph Clontz who passed away recently. The standing order is a list of bills the court has the authority to pay without individual court approval, since they are due prior to the regular

monthly meeting each month.

With the passing of Clontz, the court was also required to appoint a new County Treasurer. The appointment expires in July but Court Clerk Vickie Miller was named to the position. "She is very familiar with the process and has worked beside Joe (Clontz) for many meetings," said Holbrook. "She is very capable and trusted." Miller has been involved in every fiscal court meeting for many years and serves in several capacities throughout county government. The vote was unanimous.

(See "Court" on A5)

## Grand Jury returns eight indictments

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned eight indictments on 10 defendants on Friday, February 24th. Those indicted and their offenses were:

Rodney Wayne Owens, 46, of Mount Vernon, Stephanie Nicole Miller, 41, of Mount Vernon, and Brittney Marie Morgan, 33, of Livingston, (AKA Brittney Marie Morris) were named in a joint indictment with a total of eight counts against them.

Owens was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, and promoting contraband,

while Miller was charged with criminal conspiracy to trafficking a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, being a persistent felon and promoting contraband and Morgan was charged with criminal conspiracy to trafficking a controlled substance and being a persistent felon offender.

Each defendant is held on a \$25,000 cash or property bond.

Rebecca Lynn Green, 43, of Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, was indicted for possession of a

(See "Indict" on A5)

## Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m. clocks spring forward

It is once again time to spring forward. All clocks should be set forward one hour on Sunday, March 12th at 2 a.m.

A bill passed the Senate last year that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent, thereby ending the clock change twice per year. If the bill passes both chambers, the tradition of changing clocks would end in November of 2023.

The time change was originally proposed by Benjamin Franklin who said the country was "wasting candle materials by staying up after dark."

The idea became law in 1918.

President Richard Nixon ended the time change in 1974 but the following year, the time change process was reinstated, according to Bloomberg reports.

If the bill passes both chambers, November will be the final clock change in America. Unless DST is reinstated once again.



## Blood drive

A blood drive will be held at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital on Friday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The KBC Bloodmobile will be at 145 Newcomb Street in Mount Vernon.

## RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority was scheduled for Wednesday, March 8. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

## Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

The public is invited to attend.

## Workshop meeting

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Work session is scheduled for Monday, March 13 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

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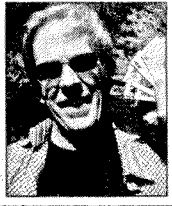
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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



In my opinion, Rockcastle County handled the recent storm damage pretty well. I love the fact that some of our elected officials were right out there in the middle of it all, helping clean up the storm damage.

Even our Judge/Executive is one of those that never directs an emergency from the comfort of an office chair. Everytime it snows he is in the snow truck at 3 a.m. helping get the roads cleared up. And this week after the storms hit, he was seen on the roadside with a chainsaw and shovel like everyone else.

Having that kind of politician is a rare thing anymore and I am certainly glad we still have them. Some of our magistrates and council members are the same way. It is quite the benefit in my opinion.

I have said all my life that I wish we had just one President, or even just one of his advisors, who has had to hold off paying their electric bill until Friday when they get paid. I wish just one person who makes the decisions about how all the rest of us are supposed to live and what we are supposed to think, would have some clue what our life is actually like. To have some idea what the average American goes through would be a huge benefit for a President in my view.

Congressmen we currently have certainly do not have any idea what life is like in middle America. Joe Biden has not the foggiest idea what decisions we have to make every day. He has no clue what life is like for someone who lives check to check.

Even if someone sat down and explained it to him in minute detail, he still couldn't possibly understand unless he has had to live it just once. Unfortunately, I don't think anyone has ever even attempted to explain it to him. He has surrounded himself with left wing nut jobs who are men dressed in a girdle so that he can say he appoints women to his cabinet. Those gender-whining lefties have no clue what life is like for the average American. They are anything but average.

This is an attitude that separates people by leadership. A true leader will not ask those under them to do anything they don't do themselves.

I see something on social media every day about a particular local fast food restaurant being terrible. And rightly so. But it is because their owners/leaders don't care and won't work at it. It's not the girl's fault at the drive through window. She is doing what she was told to do and she does not have the author-

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Even in the pouring down rain, we greet visitors to our area. During the recent storms, we had several families seek shelter from the storms and visited the KY Music Hall of Fame & Visitor Center. Whether it is a road sign, KY Tourism Travel Guide, magazine ad, radio, social media, or other means, we try to get the word out on the good

# Tourism News

By: Jessica Blankenship

things in our county. One thing many don't realize is that Renfro Valley is a private entity, but is a valuable asset to the community. Recent sold out shows help bring visitors to fill up hotel rooms and restaurants. In turn, we utilize tax dollars in planning large events for the community.

Mt. Vernon Rockcastle Tourism oversees the operations of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, John Lair House, Aunt Polly Cabin, and Bittersweet Cabin Village. The Visitor Center is located inside the Hall of Fame. We have 2 full time staff, several part time staff, and a Board of Directors that volunteer their time to handle tourism activities.



2023 is gearing up to be a busy year. We will be hosting the Kentucky Blues Festival, Kentucky Food Truck Championship, Central KY Volkswagen Show,

Renfro Valley Dual Sport Motorcycle Ride, Woodsongs Songfarmer Weekend, and much more. We are also hosting several tour bus groups and school groups throughout the year. If you have a large group visiting, encourage them to stop by and we can give them a reduced rate.

As we update our website, as well as print material, I encourage you to let us know how we can improve our community. Also, be sure to share our social media posts to showcase what we have to offer. Finally, we do have facility rentals available at the Hall of Fame, amphitheater, and fields for your event. Just contact us at kentuckymusicalloffame@gmail.com or call 256-9814 for details.

# T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Are we in Kansas Yet? Dear Journal,

This past Friday was March 3rd. It was the anniversary of a severe tornado event about eight to ten years ago. As I looked for the exact year on Google, I found that March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th are popular dates for tornadoes in Kentucky. What we had here in Rockcastle County on the 3rd wasn't classified as a tornado, just very strong winds. There was a lot of damage done but we were spared. There was only about three or four limbs that had been blown from our maple trees in the front yard.

Those limbs were dead and needed to go, anyway. You could say that it was a blessing. We didn't even have to call the tree trimmers. Other people had quite a bit of damage, especially with blown down trees and roofing problems. We had been told days ahead of high winds in the area on Friday. Just the knowledge of such doesn't really help a whole lot. You don't know exactly what to try to protect. You can't protect everything you have unless you put it down in a hole.

In my case, I started to pray Friday morning concerning the weather that we were facing later in the day. I prayed for our well-being, our house and other properties that we own, our animals and our friends and families. Then, I decided that was a little selfish, and I included all people and things in the wind's path.

I'm sure others did the same or we could have had a real disaster on our hands.

The day wore on and afternoon came. In mid-afternoon the wind began to pick up a little. I thought that this may not be so bad after all. Almost at dark the wind began to pick up even more. From where I sat I saw the trees all around us swaying in the wind. Now I saw the potential for a really bad disaster. As the last rays of sun faded beyond the hills the wind just got stronger and lasted until well past dark. I began to hear, mostly on Facebook, reports of damage all through the county. I was sure glad that Stanley had already walked our dogs. By this time, I was almost ready to look for munchkins, old witches flying on broom sticks, Toto and the Emerald City. Stanley, we may be getting pretty close to Kansas.

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# Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm  
State Senator  
Week 5

During the General Assembly's fifth week of the 30-day legislative session, March came in like a lion, with over 30 bills clearing the Senate chamber. However, the legislative forecast is not calling for March to go out like a lamb, as plenty of work remains in Frankfort before the final day of session on March 30.

The following bills gained the Senate's approval and can now be considered by the state House of Representatives:

Senate Bill 4 strengthens electric grid reliability in the commonwealth and ensures Kentucky residents are not faced with the dangerous and often deadly consequences of power outages. If enacted, it would prohibit the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) from retiring an electric coal-fired generator unless the utility can demonstrate that taking the fossil fueled Electric generator offline will:

- Not harm the reliability or the resilience of the electric grid;
- Not negatively impact the affordability of customers' electricity utility rates; and Ensure safety.

The bill will require PSC to submit an annual report by December 1 to the Legislative Research Commission on retiring electric generating units. Since the measure carries an emergency designation, it would go into effect immediately upon filing with the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office.

Senate Bill 90 improves safety and care for addiction patients by establishing access to transportation services at chemical dependency treatment service centers. The bill's provisions require any licensed chemical dependency treatment service program to provide transportation or access to transportation services to residents who wish to voluntarily leave the treatment program in cases where the resident's family, guardian, or emergency contact does not agree to transport them. It also prohibits facilities and law enforcement officers from taking the resident to any location other than public transportation locations, places to meet the ride-sharing service driver such as Uber or Lyft, or the resident's home. Before admitting a resident to a treatment center, a facility must determine if the resident has any outstanding arrest warrants.

Senate Bill 120 results from a collaborative effort between interested stakeholders providing a statutory framework for homeowner associations to better function and self-govern while implementing consumer protections and transparency for homeowner association members. The bill ensures homeowner associations set fees at appropriate levels to meet maintenance obligations, provides financial openness and financial audit provisions, and enforces fee collection in compliance with deed restrictions. The bill would also require a new homeowner association to file a declaration with the local county clerk's office and provide bylaws along with organizing documents showing how the association will be organized that identify members of the board of directors and outline the board's day-to-day functions.

Senate Bill 144 would amend the statute related to the Kentucky Battlefield Preservation fund. It would require a private nonprofit organization seeking grant funding from the Kentucky Battlefield Trust fund to provide matching funds from any non-state, a dollar-for-dollar basis for Civil War sites, and \$1 for every \$3 from the account of Revolutionary War sites. The bill also prevents grants from the fund from exceeding 50 percent of the land, or permanent protective interests appraised value therein without the state historic preservation officer's approval.

Senate Bill 169 would lower costs and expedite capital project completion for Kentucky school districts by authorizing local boards of education to engage in public-private partnerships (P3s). Our cities and counties are already authorized to en-

gage in P3s under current law. The measure amends the P3s delivery method of awarding contracts for capital construction projects related to the Kentucky Local Government Public-Private Partnership Board by:

1. Adding "local school district" to the definition of a "local government;" and
2. Adding provisions saying the local board of education is authorized to enter into P3s on behalf of a local school district.

Senate Bill 229 would strengthen communication between agencies regarding suspected child abuse cases. It requires an agency that is the reporting source also to notify local law enforcement, the Kentucky State Police, the commonwealth's attorney, or the county attorney when receiving suspected abuse or neglect of a child within their agency. Supervisors must cooperate with investigations of reports. The bill would also allow the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services to determine whether an announced or unannounced visit is necessary after receiving an allegation of child abuse or neglect. Finally, it establishes a class A misdemeanor for anyone who knowingly causes intimidation, retaliation, or obstruction of an investigation of child abuse and neglect.

Watch live legislative activity at [KET.org/leg](http://KET.org/leg)

islature. You can also track the status of other legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181.

## Aces

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ity to order more supplies.

I would guess that 99% of the reason for success in business is that the person most invested and with the most to gain from that business, outworks everyone else and puts in more hours and more sweat than the hourly workers. Because someone is so dedicated and vested, they carefully make every decision after logical, realistic thought.

Hence, if a President or Governor could do such a thing, they would actually make decisions that benefit the people more than their own special interests. Their state and their country would be their business. Everyone that worked under them would benefit as they themselves benefit. But under this rich-boy, "daddy gave me" lifestyle that our Governor and our President have lived, their decisions benefit them and we the people just don't matter.

The truth is hard to face especially for those who want to believe every-

thing is okay. But the truth is our Governor can cry and blubber all he wants and our President can read off any teleprompter in America, but they couldn't care less if you lost someone to COVID. Their concern is, will they be called the "leader who lost so many to COVID." They don't care that gas prices are high. They just don't want to be the one in charge when it goes up. Blame the last guy.

If it affected them personally, it would be different. But they don't buy gas themselves. They have staff do that for them.

I guess I am just happy that at least our local people are hands-on and actually care. I am proud of our community.

I am blessed to see a lot behind closed doors when the general public isn't there and I can say that from my point of view, we are a blessed county.

All we have to do is vote for the same kind of people for Washington and Frankfort and get the rest of the world to follow along. Good luck with that.

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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
Monday, March 13th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston.  
Tuesday, March 14th: Maple Grove and Climax.

**Hot Rods Sign-Ups**  
Hot Rods T-Ball sign-ups will be held April 1st and 8th at VFW Post at Lake Linville. \$40 plus tax. Parent shirts available at sign-ups. \$14. \$1 per x extra.

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

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

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

**VFW Post 5908**  
Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

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

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

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

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

**Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA**  
**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.  
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.  
**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only:** Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.  
**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.  
**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.  
**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.** 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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# Obituaries

## Dean Singleton

Mrs. Carl Dean Singleton, 82, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, February 24, 2023 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on February 19, 1941, the daughter of Carl Monroe and Minnie Arnold Bradley. She was a retired secretary for the Rockcastle County School System and a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.



She is survived by: a brother, Don Bradley and wife Dianna of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Verla Irene Lawrence and husband Robert of Indianapolis, IN.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Singleton; and her son, Steve Singleton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dennis Wilder. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

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

## Larry Wayne Hayes

Larry Wayne Hayes, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, March 1, 2023. He was born June 25, 1962, in Mt. Vernon, a son of the late Eyvind and Alma Ruth Kirby Hayes. He attended the First Church of Jesus Christ, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Ashley Lynn Hayes, and Rachal Renee Hayes, both of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Brenda Hayes, Regina Goforth, and Janis Loudermilk (Johnny), all of Mt. Vernon; and one brother, Ivan Jeff Hayes (Morrissa) of Mt. Vernon.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Otis Hayes and Gary Lee Hayes; and two sisters, Mary Owens and Lois Cummins.

Graveside services were held Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Tom Stevens Cemetery with Bro. Wendell Martin officiating.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Dennis Alan Haring

Dennis Alan Haring, 68, of Ft. Thomas, died unexpectedly on Saturday, June 14, 2023 at his residence. He was a retired truck driver with McIntosh Postal and was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nannie Haring and brother, Billy Wayne Cromer.



Dennis is survived by: his sisters, Bobbie (Victor) Camm, Hope (Byron) Moore, Betty (the late Thomas) Butcher and Annette (Thomas) Townsley; and uncles, George (Bee) Robinson and Gilbert (Joyce) Robinson.

Visitation was held Tuesday, January 24 at Dobbaling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Bellevue. A graveside service was held Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at Briarfield Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 332, Prospect Street, Bellevue, Kentucky 41073.

Online condolences can be given at [dnefuneral.com](http://dnefuneral.com)

## Rockcastle County awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive funds for Phase 40 in the amount of \$6,784.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Feeding the Flock Ministries, Grateful Breads, and Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Leslie Faulkner at Daniel Boone Community Agency, Inc. at (606) 256-5315. The deadline for application to be received within 10 days of advertisement.

## Lonnie Vanzant

Lonnie Ray Vanzant, 74, of Orlando, died Sunday, February 26, 2023 at his home, surrounded by his loving wife of 39 years, Teresa and his loved ones following a long illness. He was born in Rockcastle County on November 8, 1948, the son of Hubert and Mandy Vanwinkle Vanzant. He was a retired welder for Tecumseh Industries, a member of Freedom Baptist Church, and a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He loved being with his family and friends, as well as camping, traveling with his wife, and telling corny jokes. He will be deeply missed.



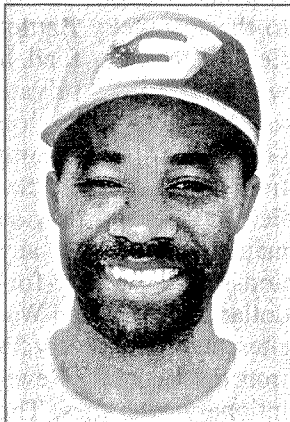
He is survived by: his wife, Teresa Faye Miller Vanzant; his brothers, Henry (Mary Ann) Vanzant, and Roger Vanzant, both of Orlando; a brother-in-law, James (Dee Ann) Miller of San Antonio, TX; a sister-in-law, Pennie (Mike) House of Nicholasville; nephews, Austin (Lizette) Miller of San Antonio, TX, and Jason (Jeanette) Vanzant of Mt. Vernon; a niece, Vanessa (Kevin) Thorpe of Olympia; two aunts, Doris (Randy) Durham, and Alma Vanzant, both of Mt. Vernon; and "special family friends", Sandy (Harold) Whitaker, and Helen (Terry) Abney, both of Mt. Vernon, and Scott "Little Brother" (Jennifer) Payne of Brodhead. A host of other family members and friends also survive. In addition to his parents, Hubert and Mandy Vanzant, he was preceded in death by: a sister, Wanda Faye Vanzant; a nephew, Jeff Vanzant; and his father and mother-in-law, Denver and Glenna Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Freedom Baptist Church by Bros. Barry Hurst and Mark Poynter. Burial with military honors followed in Freedom Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Chuck Bullock, Austin Miller, Scott Payne, Thomas Wagner, Ben Whitaker, and Matt Whitaker. Honorary pallbearers were: Mike House, James Miller, Jerry Reynolds, and Harold Whitaker. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Donations are requested to Freedom Baptist Church-Children in Action Class.

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

## James Brown

James Edward Brown, 61, of Richmond, died Monday, February 20, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. He was born in Franklin, TN on March 21, 1961, the son of Loycie and Mary Frances Hayes Brown. He had been a farmer.



He is survived by: his children, Keshia Bain of Murfreesboro, TN, and Lillie Brown of Ripley, TN; his grandchildren, Ke'Myah Swader and Dreaiah Frasier; siblings, Willie A. Hayes, Sammie E. Brown, Mary Ann Hardeon, Dorothy Petway, and Mae Francis Hardison; and other well respected family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Edward L. Brown; and sisters, Betty Jo Pope, and Mary L. Perkins.

A visitation was held Saturday, March 4, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with cremation following.

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

## Walter Lee Gilbert

Walter Lee Gilbert, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 27, 2023 at his home. He was born April 29, 1958 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Dewey and Maggie Jones Gilbert. He was farmer and logger, enjoyed animals, and was of the Baptist faith.

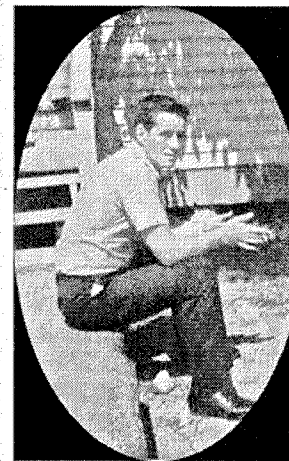


Survivors are: his wife, Vicki Fields Gilbert of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Ryan Gilbert and (Mackenzie) of Livingston, and Josh Gilbert and (Stephanie) of Livingston; two daughters, Vanessa Preston Dalton and (Ray) of Victoria, Australia, and Allison Preston and (Steve) of Lexington; two brothers, Elmer Gilbert and (Linda) of London and Jackie Gilbert and (Betty) of Livingston; one sister, Carrie Ruth Stallworth of Livingston; four grandchildren, Zane and Ezra Gilbert, and Brianna and Layla Preston. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: one daughter, Tiffany Gilbert; and two brothers, Mitch and Lee.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Gilbert Family Cemetery with Bro. Ronald Powell officiating. Pallbearers were: Josh Gilbert, Ryan Gilbert, Justin Gilbert, Grant Gilbert, Wade Gilbert, Clayton Powell, Travis Powell, and Brandon Gross. Arrangements by the Cox Funeral Home. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## Novice Wayne Gentry

Novice Wayne Gentry, 82, of Brodhead, died Friday, March 3, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 16, 1940, in Ottawa, to the late Estill and Mary Watson Gentry. He was a member of Bethel Church of Christ, and enjoyed fishing, farming, hunting, and grandkids. Novice married Bonnie McKinney on December 22, 1962, and from that union came one son, Nickalos.



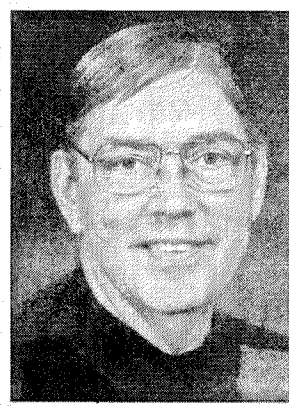
Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 60 years, Bonnie Gentry; one son, Nickalos Gentry (Tanisha); grandchildren, Katelyn Allen (Luke), Lindsey Gribbins (Joseph), and Joseph Berry; great grandchildren, Celia, Drake, Sadie, Layla, and Olivia; one sister, Donna Cable of Mt. Vernon; as well as nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Carlos Gentry.

Services were held Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Brother Steve Burdine officiating. Burial was in Providence Church of Christ Cemetery.

## Donald Wayne Stidham

Donald Wayne Stidham, 82, of Franklin, IN, died Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born November 6, 1940 in Benham, Kentucky to Hence and Marie (Smith) Stidham. He married Alice B. (Baker) Stidham on June 14, 1976 in Wise, Virginia, she survives.



He was a 1959 graduate of Leslie County High School in Hyden, received his Master's Degree from Cumberland College (now known as University of the Cumberland's) in Williamsburg, and attended Union College in Barbourville and IUPUI in Indianapolis, IN.

Donald had taught sixth grade, fifth and later four grade at Northwood Elementary School in Franklin, IN for 30 years and had been the basketball coach for several years. He also, along with his wife Alice, owned and operated H&R Block in Franklin, IN for 53 years.

He was a member of Amity Baptist Church where he had served as deacon, trustee, and was an avid University of Kentucky basketball and football fan. He enjoyed watching Jeopardy, and traveling. He, along with his wife Alice, visited 47 of the United States of America.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice B. (Baker) Stidham of Franklin, IN; his children, Greg Stidham (Lisa) of Greenwood, IN, James Morgan (Brenda) of Mt. Vernon, and Brenda Stidham Cohen (Andrew) of Denver, CO; four grandchildren, Raymond Morgan, Tyler Morgan (Kierstan), Lyndsey Stidham, and Jacob Stidham (Macy); five great grandchildren, Eli Morgan, Noah Morgan, Avery Morgan, Asa Stidham and Amara Stidham; a brother, Robert Fugate (Janie) of Arizona; sisters, Rose Nell Wilson (Charles) of Williamstown, and Ciddie Rice (Wallace) of Wooten.

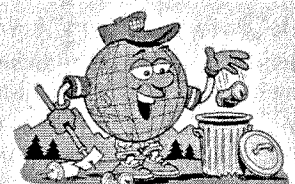
He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Brunner Stidham, Warren Stidham, Quenton Stidham, Clayton Stidham and Franklin Stidham.

Friends may call Friday, March 10th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center 300 South U.S. 31 (Morton Street) in Franklin, IN. Pastor Doug Brown will conduct a service on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center and will be live-streamed at [www.swartzmortuary.com](http://www.swartzmortuary.com). A graveside service will follow on Saturday at Blair Cemetery 133 Little Creek Road in Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 with Pastor Ova Baker conducting.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Johnson County 3827 North Graham Road Franklin, IN 46131 or at [www.hsjc.org](http://www.hsjc.org).

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.swartzmortuary.com](http://www.swartzmortuary.com). Information 317-738-0202.

## Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



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

### Rockcastle County Solid Waste

**\$100.00 Per Mile**

### Roadside Litter Clean-Up

### Program!

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

### Keep The Rock Clean!

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

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

## “Storm”

(Continued from front) such assistance. “We had the places prepared in the event someone needed it and we appreciate the help from the fire department volunteers in preparing such locations,” he said.

Though utility service for most homes has been restored, some homes in the county were still without power at press time.

Along with countless damage to homes across the county, the roof of one section of Rockcastle Regional Hospital was blown off the structure and into the parking lot. Emergency crews instantly began evacuating any patient that may have been affected by the damage to an area of the hospital that was untouched by damage. “Our people leapt into action and as always, patient safety was our immediate goal,” said Public Relations Director Jana Bray. “We were able to move all the affected patients to safety with no injuries reported.”

Crews also immediately began cleaning up the damage and repairing the roof. Bray said patients will be returned to their rooms after all repairs and clean up is complete.

The high winds began Friday afternoon and by nightfall, members of all local fire departments were on the streets and roads throughout the county cleaning debris that had blown into the roadway. The Mount Vernon Fire Department reports a tree falling that caused the closure of Williams Street and a roof blown off a garage into the family vehicle on McFerron Street. Many other calls concerning downed trees and broken utility lines were responded to by the department Friday evening and into Saturday.

First responders in-deputies and EMS workers and all the fire departments have been out there in the wind and rain cutting and cleaning and creating a safer environment for all,” said Franklin. “And the Judge himself was right out there with us getting his hands as dirty as any of us. I can’t thank our fire departments, our elected officials and all first responders enough for their hard work during this storm.”

Those experiencing power outage are urged to call 800-262-7480.

This is the second time that recent storms have caused Rockcastle 911 emergency lines to go out of service in Rockcastle County during an emergency. When 911 lines are out of order, residents are urged to call 606-256-7225 or 606-256-7226 or the Kentucky State Police at 606-878-6622. Local 911 service was restored after the winds began to dissipate and emergency conditions were ending.

In an apparent unrelated call, the Mount

Vernon Fire Department and the Mount Vernon Police Department were called to a small fire inside an abandoned building near the railroad tracks on Richmond Street. Fire Department reports indicate a small fire was located inside the building and extinguished with a fire extinguisher.

Recent ordinance amendments were approved in Mount Vernon to deal with abandoned buildings and public accessibility. The city now has the authority to force the building owners to make the building inaccessible to transients or to protect the structure from trespassers.

The case is under investigation.

## “Court”

(Continued from front) Holbrook requested a transfer from the occupational tax fund to the general fund of \$70,000 and a transfer of \$20,000 from the general fund to the jail fund. The request passed unanimously.

## “Indict”

(Continued from front) controlled substance. She is held on a \$5,000 cash or property bond.

Byron Tyler Watson, 62, of Frankfort, was indicted on three counts including fleeing or evading police, wanton endangerment and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, second offense.

Watson’s bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Nelson Lee McFerron, 56, of Livingston, was indicted on two counts including stalking in the first degree and the offense of terroristic threatening in the third degree.

McFerron is held on a \$20,000 cash or property bond.

Ronald Lee Durham, 30, of Orlando, was indicted on three counts including possession of a controlled substance (Fentanyl and heroin), possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Joshua B. Brewer, 38, of Livingston, was indicted on two counts including criminal possession of a forged check in the amount of \$485 with intent to defraud and theft by unlawfully obtaining property from Valero of less than \$500.

Brewer is held on a \$5,000 cash or property bond.

Charles Marlow, Jr., 53, of Mount Vernon, was indicted on three counts including receiving stolen property, fleeing or evading police and resisting arrest by threatening a peace officer.

Marlow’s bond was set at \$7,500 cash or property.

Tanya F. Cole 55, of Berea, was indicted on two counts including trafficking in a controlled substance and receiving stolen property less than \$500.

# Scholarships are available now

By: Mike French  
Editor

For highschool seniors who plan to further their education, there are several scholarships already available for Rockcastle County students. Anyone eligible interested in gaining a scholarship for post-secondary education, is encouraged to apply for one of the scholarships available now.

The Rockcastle Area Technology Center Senior Scholarship and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Scholarship deadlines have passed according to the school website. However some are still available and officials expect other scholarships may be available later.

Currently, those available include, the **I Am UNITE Scholarship** for the 2023-24 school year is a \$1,500 scholarship based on need. This scholarship will be provided to no less than 20 high school seniors in the region to be used for post-secondary education expenses.

Seniors must be a current or former member of the school-based UNITE Club or have attended Camp Unite as a camper or a team leader. Some requirements to apply including a typed essay and letters of recommenda-

tion. The **Chamber of Commerce Scholarship** includes two scholarships of \$1,000 community service awards. Some requirements must be met to apply by April 22 of 2023.


The **Rockcastle Regional Scholarship** will go to two high school seniors who plan to become health professionals in Diagnostics Imaging, Laboratory, Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, Respiratory Therapy or Speech Pathology. To qualify the student must provide a high school transcript, ATC scores, two letters of reference and a 400-word essay. The deadline for this scholarship is March 31, 2023.

The \$500 **UNITE coalition Hollie Barnett Scholarship** will be awarded to an active member of RCHS UNITE Club who demonstrates a positive impact involvement in the complete sense consistent with capacity and circumstances determined through letters of recommendation. The student must also have a document of acceptance to an institution of higher learning. The deadline is April 28, 2023.

The **Rockcastle County Ginny Gilpatrick Memorial Kiwanis Club \$1,000 community service scholarship** will be awarded to the high school senior who is a member of Key Club and has been accepted to an institution of higher edu-

cation/technical school. The deadline is April 30, 2023.

The **Rockcastle County Conservation District Scholarship** of \$500 will be awarded to those who qualify and meet other requirements. The deadline is March 31, 2023.



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

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

**V.**

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wine Tasting Event!**

**With Chenault Vineyards**  
**@ On The Rocks Wine & Spirits**



**Friday, March 10**  
**4pm-7pm**

**100 Tassie Ln. Mount Vernon, KY 40456**

**NOTICE**

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice that it is filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2023-00030 a request for an increase in the amount of its Qualified Infrastructure Program Rider ("QIP Rider"). The filing will be made no later than March 1, 2023 with a request for the new amount to be effective on July 1, 2023. The amount as of February 14, 2023 is 4.61% and calculations herein are based on that amount. The proposed increase is an addition of 3.80% for a cumulative proposed amount of 8.41%. The QIP Rider applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority, Sales for Resale, and Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant customers. The additional revenue to be requested in this QIP Rider filing is \$3,746,023. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the QIP Rider applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; Sales for Resale: 18,720; Public and Private Fire Service and Hydrant: 0. The effect on the current average monthly bill for each customer class to which the increased fee applies is: Residential: \$1.42 (3.80%); Commercial: \$7.39 (3.80%); Industrial: \$163.43 (3.80%); Other Public Authority: \$26.51 (3.80%); Sales for Resale \$305.88 (3.80%); Public Fire Hydrant: \$1.85 (3.80%); Private Fire Service 6": \$3.02 (3.80%); and Private Fire Hydrant: \$2.91 (3.80%). Any person may examine this filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.

**NOTICE**

Kentucky-American Water Company provides notice of its requested adjustment of the Kentucky River Authority withdrawal fee. The fees contained in this notice are the fees to be proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company to the Public Service Commission no later than March 1, 2023 to be effective on March 31, 2023. The current fee, which applies to Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Other Public Authority and Sales for Resale customers, is \$0.0275 per 100 gallons. The requested fee, which applies to the same customer classes as the current fee, is \$0.0265 per 100 gallons. For all customer classes to which the fee applies, the requested fee is a decrease of \$0.0010, or -3.64%, per 100 gallons. Average usage, in hundreds of gallons, for each customer class to which the fee applies is: Residential: 39; Commercial: 342; Industrial: 9,713; Other Public Authority: 1,205; and Sales for Resale: 18,720. The effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class to which the decreased fee applies is: Residential: -\$0.04; Commercial: -\$0.34; Industrial: -\$8.71; Other Public Authority: -\$1.21; and Sales for Resale: -\$18.72. Customers in Eastern Rockcastle County are not charged the fee, therefore are excluded from the calculation. Any person may examine this tariff filing at Kentucky-American Water Company's offices located at 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502, and on the utility's website at <http://www.amwater.com/kyaw/>. This filing may also be examined at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The fees contained in this notice are the fees proposed by Kentucky-American Water Company, but the Public Service Commission may order fees to be charged that differ from the proposed fees contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the filing.



**ROCKCASTLE FFA ALUMNI**

**CHILI SUPPER & AUCTION**

**SATURDAY MARCH 11TH**

**RCHS CAFETERIA**

**@5:30 \$5/TICKET**

# SPORTS

## Rockets lose to Colts in first round of 12th Region tourney

West Jessamine ended the Rockets' season with a 70-50 defeat in the first round of the 12th Region Tournament at Lincoln County last Wednesday.

The Colts took a three point lead at the end of the first quarter, 17-14. Walker Craig had the hot hand for the Rockets for three point land hitting three for nine of the Rockets' 14 first quarter points.

West Jessamine built a nine point lead at half-time outscoring the Rockets 10-4 in the second quarter.

The second half was much the same with the Colts steadily building on their lead each quarter.

The Rockets shot only eight free throws for the game making six while West Jessamine made 12 of 17 from the charity stripe.

Craig finished with 26 points hitting seven of 12 threes for the game.

Broedy Dunaway scored five points for the Rockets, all in the first quarter. Kaden Kidwell, Connor Hunt and Trent Wilson each scored four points. Jace Rogers had three. Maddox Parsons and Jaidan Burton each scored two.

Kidwell led the Rockets on the boards with five rebounds. Dunaway had four. Craig and Hunt each had three. Wilson grabbed two and Burton and Rogers each had one.

The loss put the Rockets at a .500 season with a 16-16 record and a district tournament runner-up.



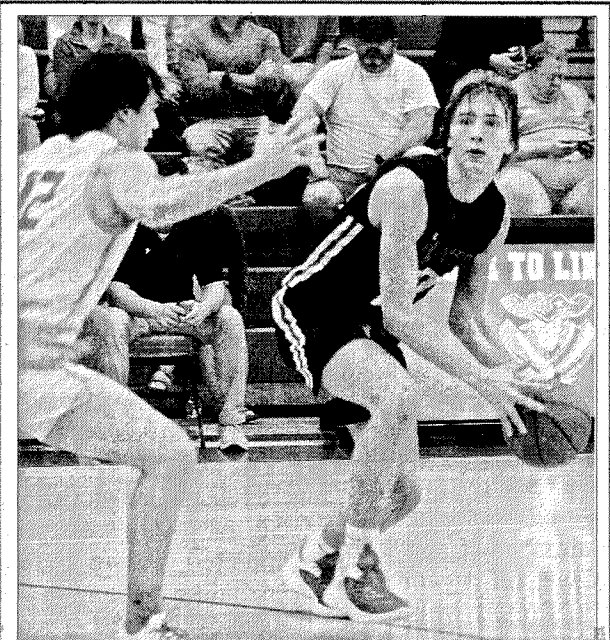
Kaden Kidwell works to the basket during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



Walker Craig works to get free for a shot during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday. Craig led his team with 26 points.



Jaidan Burton works in the paint during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



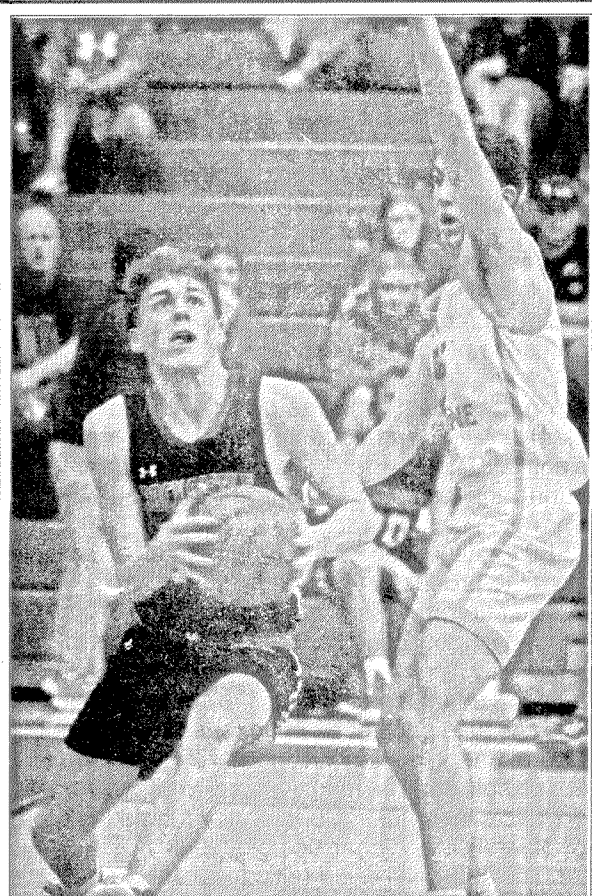
Connor Hunt looks for a teammate during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



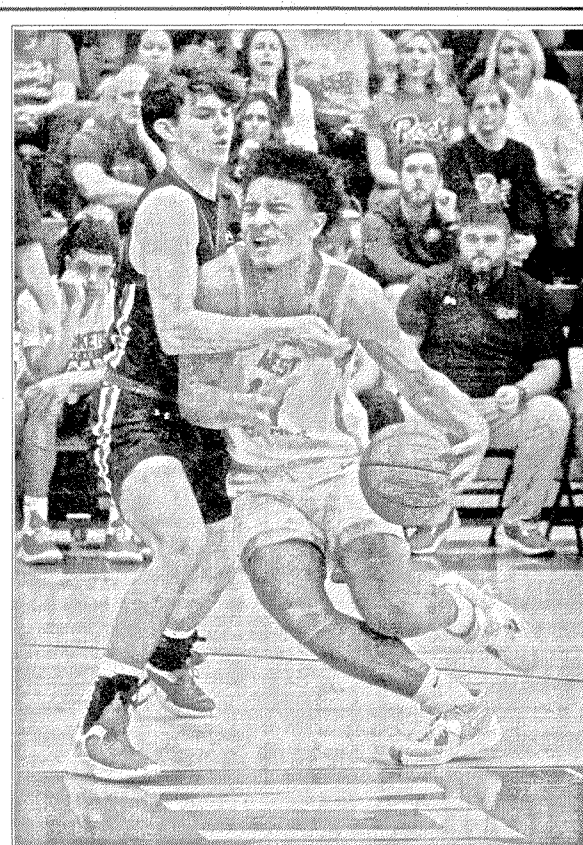
Broedy Dunaway goes for a steal during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



Jace Rogers and Trent Wilson double team a West Jessamine player during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



Trent Wilson drives to the basket during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.



Maddox Parsons stops a driving West Jessamine player during the Rockets' 12th Region Tournament first round loss to West Jessamine last Wednesday.

### SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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**The following items may be recycled:**  
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 Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

**Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:**  
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Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

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

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

# CHURCH NEWS

## Let the Bible Speak

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

## Open Mic Night

Brodhead Christian Church will have an Open Mic Night Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

## Monthly Singing

Philadelphia United Baptist Brodhead will hold their monthly singing March 26th at 3 p.m. Special guests will be The Spencer Boys. Pastor Bro. Gordon Mink and congregation invites everyone.

## Spring Revival

Pine Hill Holiness Church will hold Spring Revival Thursday, March 9th through Saturday, March 11th. Beginning nightly at 7 p.m. Preaching will be: Thursday, Bro. Lonnie McGuire; Friday, Brother Alva Robinson; Saturday, Brother Jeff Lewis.

*Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244 as soon as possible*

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Preaching will be:

Thursday, March 9 - Brother Lonnie McGuire  
Friday, March 10 - Brother Alva Robinson  
Saturday, March 11 - Brother Jeff Lewis



## The Men Needed In The Church

**WE NEED MEN OF KNOWLEDGE LIKE TIMOTHY.** (2 Tim. 3:15) And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**MEN WHO PLEASE GOD LIKE ENOCH.** (Heb. 11:5) By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Words that should be able to be said about every Christian living or dead, (THAT THEY ARE PLEASING IN THE EYES OF GOD).

**MEN, WHO ARE ABLE TO COUNT THE COST.** (Phil. 3:8) Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. If we could all just look at the material things of this world as the apostle Paul did, what a change would overcome every one of us.

**GOD FEARING-MEN LIKE PETER AND JOHN.** (Acts 4:19,20) But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye: For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

**MEN OF VIRTUE AND PURITY LIKE JOSEPH.** (Gen. 39:1-23) Joseph was a man that was virtuous in all his ways, though he was treated unjust, he treated everyone fairly and never did he hold a grudge.

**MEN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE NOAH.** (2 Pet. 2:5) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly. Noah preached repentance while the ark was being built and he lived by the words which came from his mouth.

**MEN OF VISION LIKE NEHEMIAH.** (Neh. 1:6) Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes be open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. Before we can truly see clearly, we must not only confess the sins of the church we must confess our own sins as leaders, and ask God to forgive us and to help us move forward with a pure and holy heart.

**MEN OF OPTIMISM LIKE CALEB.** (Num. 13:30) And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. We need men that not only say but are willing to go, so things can get done.

Thank you so much for reading this article, I pray you consider these words, especially those that come from the Bible. If you have any question whether you or disagree about this article or any other article, please let me know, I welcome your response. We have videos to watch on You Tube web site. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We offer free Bible correspondence courses. If you would like to get in touch with me my number is 606-224-1480 or you can email me at ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Joanie Woodall with Ray Owens, who shared his testimony when Joanie got saved.

## God can turn your life around

Submitted by:  
Joanie Woodall

For 20 years, I was a drug user/seller. I stole from Wal-Mart to feed my addiction, battled with anxiety and depression, but God!!! I went from having anything I wanted to losing everything including my family. I ended up homeless, hopeless and walking everywhere I went.

I was living in my parent's garage when my family turned against me but praise God, my parents stepped in and took care of my kids. I got sick and tired of being sick and tired and one day while in the garage, I hit my knees and cried out to the Lord. "Please help me, if it is meant for me to be happy and have a life or please take my life now."

Being used to my normal routine and thinking I have to get my high, I wish I could say that was it but I got up and walked straight to my drug dealer and collapsed in the floor. God has a way of getting our attention and was showing me then he could take my life when I had the light heart attack but he showed me his grace and mercy and I am so thankful.

Now, I celebrate five years sober. Jesus gets all the praise and glory. I can't do it without him. I tried and always failed always got me back to getting high and in the devil's traps on my own.

Now, looking back, I realize Jesus was always with me and never left my side. Honestly, I shouldn't be here now. February 5, 2018 is my sobriety date and May 22, 2018 I did the best thing I had ever done, and got saved.

I was at Northside Celebrate Recovery when I gave my life to the Lord listening to a testimony from Ray Owens. He was talking about all the baggage we pack around and I could relate to his testimony. The Lord kept tugging at my heart and I got saved.

June 3, 2018 got baptized at Northside Baptist Church. For five years now for me and four years for my husband, Frankie Woodall. We share our testimony and our hope with others. and we go to the jail and let others know God can do for them what he has done for us. God gets the glory and the praise for it all. If it wasn't for people like Ray Owens and us willing to share, I might not be where I am today and others might not have the chance.

I just want to say there are different ways to get sober on your own or rehabs but most important if you don't have God and put Him first always and put your faith and trust in Him then it don't always work. It can be done with

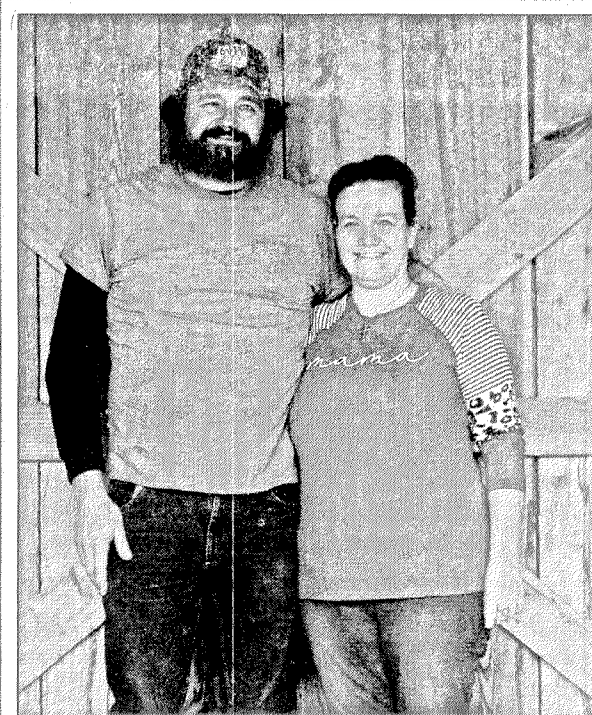
God. I am proof that not only has He took my want to get high, my depression and anxiety, He has also restored my family. Praise God. All three of my kids are in my life now. My family is proud of me. I have food, shelter, a wonderful husband with six kids together and a granddaughter he has blessed us with.

We have our own home/vehicles and our own business but we can't do it without God.

If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior now is the time. We don't know how long we are going to live and it is up to us where, Heaven or Hell? John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son so that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but will have everlasting life.

God bless you all. Anyone who is struggling, there is hope and it is in Jesus.

We all have tried to fill that emptiness inside that only God can fill.



Joanie Woodall and husband Frankie Woodall celebrated five and four years sober February, 2023.

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**FFA Chapter participates in Spencer County Invitational**

Members from the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter participated in the Spencer County Invitational in Taylorsville on February 25th. The Parliamentary Procedure Teams and Conduct of Meetings teams both placed 3rd in their section.

Emma Ballinger, Emily Thacker, Gracie Peavie, Anna Chaliff and Madison Hayes each won their public speaking area. Logen Dykes and Paige Cash placed 2nd in their speeches and Lilyann Storm placed 3rd.

Pictured above are, front row from left: Hannah King, Ainsley Renfro and Ally Hayes. Middle row: Callie Mullins, Chelsey Branham, Anna Chaliff, Madison Hayes, Emma Ballinger, Paige Cash and Emily Thacker. Back row: Ethan Gibson, Kyndall McNew, Logen Dykes, Lilyann Storm, Gracie Peavie, Dylon Thompson, Phoenix Pittman and Kayla Miller.

**DAR sponsors classroom grant**

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant program. This grant program was established in 2017 and provides fifty-one \$500 grants to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000

students nationwide. Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies, guest speakers, off campus fieldtrips and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2023 are now available February 15th through April 15th. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com.

**Happy Sweet 16 Birthday Alyssa Barron**



Daughter of Cody & Juanita Collins  
Great granddaughter of William and Wanda Mullins

**Yards to Paradise**

By Max Phelps  
*The Early Spring*

Every decade or so there has been a year I've seen an early spring, and 2023 certainly appears to be one of them. I recall planting peas and potatoes and onions and carrots in February back in the 1960's, and though there may have been a couple freezes, I didn't have to replant the early garden. I recall picking a ripe berry in April in 1992 and a number of other seasons that got off to an early beginning.

Even more often, there's a false start to spring, and things bud in January and end up frozen in March or April (and even in May occasionally). I remember snow for the Kentucky Derby in 1991. Those early gardeners get disappointed in such years. Then there's the winter that's both bad and long like in 2014 or 2015.

More days in the 70's than in the teens this February has gotten wildflowers and many trees to wake up three weeks or more early this year. Not just star magnolias and forsythia, but I observed a weeping crabapple in bloom the last Friday in February. And callery pears also.

Since the groundhog didn't predict this early spring, it may have caught many off guard. But, I have a collection of radish, mustard, kale, kohlrabi and other frost tolerant seeds ready to plant. Just need to find some time to do it.

Shoppers have been looking for trees already at the garden centers and

big box stores. Mostly they've gone home with no plants. I usually do some grafting, and this year my supplier sent rootstocks out three weeks early, so that's another thing on my long to-do list.

So, should you be planting yet? For frost-hardy vegetable, such as some cabbages and broccoli, kale and mustard, chard and turnips, the reply is "yes". Garden peas and onions also. Don't get the squash or melon seeds out though—those are crops for summertime. Pansies, if you can find any for sale, can be planted. Hellebores. And you can certainly plant dormant trees and shrubs in planting zones 6 and 7 at this time.

Your garden may be muddy and tilling impossible. Old timers turned the soil even in fall or as conditions permitted in January or February—planning for a

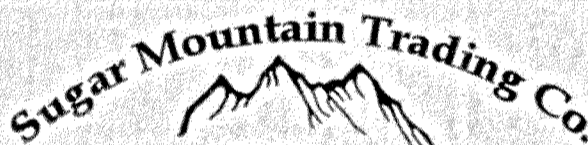
late freeze to 'condition' the muddy soil for them. There may be no more hard freezes this year. Solutions? Maybe you have or can build a raised garden bed and add top-soil or potting soil a plant in that. That's a quick solution for the small backyard or kitchen gardener. Or, the next 70 degree day, apply some glyphosate like the big farmers do and plant your seeds "no-till" method this year if you desire to get gardening early.

Typically, the early gardener is going to have to cover some sensitive plants prior to a frosty night or something, even in years of early spring-time. But, if you're not getting started planting your cool season veggies, you're missing out on a splendid opportunity for an early harvest.

The author is a landscaper. Phone (606) 416-3911. Rockcastles.net

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**Notice**  
Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourism Commission d/b/a Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a Qualified Historic Site License no later than March 18, 2023. The licensed premises will be located at 2590 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. The chairman of the Board is Neal Sluder, located at 2590 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.



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- Word of regret
- Provide too much of a good thing
- Eagle abode
- Whimsical adventure
- Roll call reply
- Where a judge will hear a sad tale
- Dundee hill
- Slayer of the Minotaur
- Final ending?
- Night vision
- Counter by argument
- Grow choppers
- Blue state
- Listening, in times of yore
- Agent, briefly
- Physically working off a debt
- A friend may lend one
- Give an answer
- It grants permission to drive
- Like an active chimney sweep
- Drug used to treat Parkinson's
- Stone paving block
- Paddle kin
- Art of folding paper
- Harp of yore
- They often involve many phone calls
- Green-eyed monster
- Smallest margin of victory?
- Puts money in the pot
- Around
- Practice punches
- Hon

**DOWN**

- Animal in a warren
- The Munster family car
- All fancied up
- Big name in sneakers
- Always, poetically
- First Greek letter
- "Bye for now"
- Circle segments
- Herbivore terrier
- Selected
- Romanian currency
- Hockey legend Bobby
- "Are we there...?"
- Speakers, essentially
- Muffet morsel
- Fake bedding item?
- Capital of Switzerland
- Exploited
- Dosage amt.
- Lord's Prayer word
- Scissors sound effect
- Without faith in God
- Football players can take one
- Part of TGIF
- Picked up the tab
- With a bow, in music
- Half hitch, for one
- Words said at an altar
- Wing of a building
- Person for whom something is named
- One who bluffs a dealer?
- Camry maker
- One who brings in the bucks
- Suitable for evening wear
- Spicy condiment
- One spelling for a meadest prince
- Tiny particles
- Unappetizing cafeteria serving
- Word with "punch" or "ticket"
- Voided tennis shot
- Slender figure?
- Hail, to Horatio
- Wee bit

**Spring Things**

- MEADOW
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## Drugs find their way inside Detention Center

By: Mike French  
Editor

"We fight it every day. No matter how hard we attack it, no matter how well we are trained, no matter how much time we spend, they will find a new way to get drugs in the jail," said Nathan

Carter, Rockcastle County Jailer.

Three inmates inside the local jail were indicted recently on charges related to methamphetamine inside the jail.

As is often the case, according to Carter, the drugs were found after

two inmates overdosed on meth inside their cell. The inmates were treated and released at the local hospital.

"It is a constant battle to keep up with," he said. "Two girls overdosed and were on  
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## Court still considering Livingston properties

By: Mike French  
Editor

There is close to 40 acres of property in the City of Livingston that is currently owned by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Over the past several years, several local citizens, including past Livingston Mayors, have made plans to use the property as a tourist location, including zip lines

and cabin rentals among other attractions. However, no plans have developed past the planning stages.

The property is once again being discussed by the fiscal court which apparently voted to sell the property months ago. The idea had apparently been forgotten since magistrates voted last week to sell the property once again at a special called

meeting. "The court had already voted to sell that property," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "The process was tabled and put off a few times but that was the vote. We just hadn't gotten to it yet."

However, Magistrate Mike McGuire says if such a vote were held again, he would change  
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*Michael Bryant, Sr.*

## Former mayor inducted to Lincoln Club Hall of Fame



U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell stands with Michael Bryant and McConnell's wife Elaine Chao after Bryant was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

By: Mike French  
Editor

As a Deputy Sheriff, a police officer, a pastor and a mayor, Michael Bryant, Sr., has become very well known throughout Rockcastle County and the State of Kentucky. Now, his name is in the Lincoln Club Hall of Fame for Republican Leaders in 30 counties. Long-time Mount Vernon Mayor Michael Bryant, Sr. joined two other Republicans in Kentucky as they were inducted into the 83rd annual Fifth Congressional District Lincoln Club Hall of Fame on March 4 in Corbin. The fifth district includes 30 counties in Kentucky.

Bryant served as Mayor of Mount Vernon for 12 years until he retired from office in 2022.

The sold-out crowd at the annual event last

week heard from several Republican candidates for Governor as well as from U. S. Senator Mitch McConnell and U.S. Representative Hal Rogers.

The Republican Primary Election will be Tuesday, May 16, and several Republican dignitaries were present at the event to promote candidates.

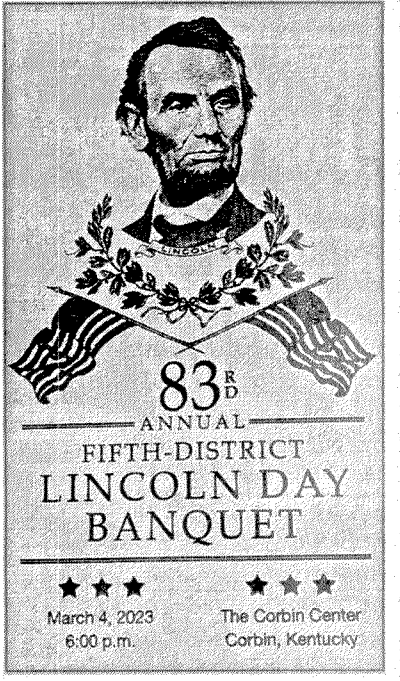
Bryant joined Gary Barton, Whitley County Circuit Clerk and Ann Ratliff, Johnson County Republican party member, as Hall of Fame entries.

Congressman Rogers also led a silent prayer as a tribute to Bryant's wife Carol, who passed away last month.

Bryant said the

event was among the most appreciated honors of his career. "This was the highest honor of my 77 and 1/2 years," he said.

Bryant was awarded a plaque recognizing his dedication to the Republican Party and  
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This year the GATE Department hosted the 1st annual Rockcastle County School District Spelling Bee Championship. Congratulations to all contestants and their hard work. A special round of applause to this year's winners. Pictured above, middle school winners from left: Landon Napier - third place; James Perkins - first place; and Levi Adams - second place. Pictured below are elementary school winners from left: Carabella Mink - third place; Aaliyah Caldwell - first place; and Myles Mahaffey - second place.



**Bid Notification/Solicitation**

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

Today's Date: February 27, 2023

Solicitor: City of Mount Vernon  
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Bid Deadline: March 16, 2023 at 2pm with a public bid opening held at City Hall at that time.  
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Project Contact Information:  
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## Posted

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to William A. Mink and Louise Mink, located at 335 McHargue Branch Rd. 3x4

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhart on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

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

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Samantha Lynn Hamilton, 29, Livingston, general manager, to Brandon Dale Bullock, 28, Livingston, mechanic. 2-22-23

Sherry Beth Ray, 43, Brodhead, unemployed, to Eddy Lee Baker, Jr., 33, Crab Orchard, deputy jailer. 2-23-23

Kassie Renee Brock, 32, Brodhead, home-maker, to Logan Chance Lear, 27, Brodhead, self-employed. 2-24-23

Jamison Tyrease Roberts, 22, Mt. Vernon, Family Services, to Kenyan Blaze Stewart, 22, factory worker. 2-24-23

Nikki Kaitlyn Renner, 22, Mt. Vernon, home-maker, to Chase Bennett Edington, 22, Mt. Vernon, masonry.

Shannon Lynn Tracy, 52, Pharmacist, Snellville, GA, to Steven Lynn Montgomery, 53, Knoxville, TN, Sales.

Wash, LLC and Hansel Properties. No tax

Kimberly Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Tony and Alicia Bullock. No tax

William and Marcella Lovell, property in Rockcastle County, to Brent and Lauryn Lovell. No tax

Amy and Jonathan Burdette, property on East Fork Skaggs Road, to John R. and Edith F. Barnett and Barry L. Barnett. Tax \$150

Laura Murphy, property in Negro Creek Section, to Russell L. Murphy. No tax

Jack and Evelyn Fletcher, property in Rockcastle County to Vicki Lay Reynolds. Tax \$5

Robert D. and Trena Moore, property on Perry Hollow Road, to Cameron Properties LLC. Tax \$100

Granville David and Vicky Graves, property in Rockcastle County to Granville David Graves, Jr. and Christopher Wayne Graves. No tax

Charlet Alcorn, Bernice and Michael Whitehead, Robert and Justine Alcorn, Judy and Randy Cromer, Roger and Angie Alcorn, David Alcorn, Michael Alcorn, Robert Alcorn, property on old Hwy. 25, to Robert Alcorn. No tax

Larry Renner, property

in Rockcastle County, to Terry and Debra Renner. Tax \$15

John D. and Sandra Tyler, property in Mt. Vernon, to Michael and Melinda Kincer. Tax \$36

Carol Blanton, property in Bowling Ridge Section, to Jacob Hunt. Tax \$20

Matthew Maples and Loren Reynolds, property in Rockcastle County, to Loren Reynolds. No tax

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Matthew Maples and Loren Reynolds, property in Rockcastle County, to Matthew Maples. No tax

Matthew Maples and Loren Reynolds, property on Napier Road, to Matthew Maples. No tax

Linda S. and John Moore and Ricky Lynn Vanzant, property on Old Willie Vanzant Road, to Yelena Gensitsky and Samuel Gensitsky. Tax \$55

Joy L. Taylor and Tanya A. Taylor, property on Rainbow Road, to Joshua and Lisa M. Willis. Tax \$219

John and Darlene Peterson, property on Hwy. 1955, to David and Whitney Cromer. Tax \$19

Gary and Cheryl E. Sears, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Karen Utrecht. Tax \$150

Judy Dillingham Parker and Gary Parker, real property located on Larkspur Lane, to Allen Hendrickson. Tax \$120

James D. Saylor, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Master Properties, LLC. Tax \$110

Judy and Randall Cromer, Bethany Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Randall Cromer. Tax \$5.50

Jared Eslick-Coates and Kristen Eslick-Coates, real property located in Green Acres Subdivision, to RAC Closing Services, LLC. Tax \$240

RAC Closing Services, LLC, real property located in Green Acres Subdivision, to Jack E. and S. Dawn Stallsworth and Aaron B. and Jessica K. Stallsworth. Tax \$240

Aaron T. Scheid-Caldwell and Amy K. Caldwell, real property located on Red Hill Rd., to Lee Alloway Living Trust. Tax \$270.

Kevin Burdine, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Nathan and Carol Elaine Pummell. Tax \$190.

Donna Robbins and Samantha Sturgill, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Cameron Properties, LLC. Tax \$10.

Daniel Dale Sowder and Crystal G. Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel Seth Sowder. No tax.

Melanie Renee Jones and Johnathan Jones, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald Larry Dees. Tax \$56.

Faye Dodds, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Randy J. Connell and Victoria Ann Connell. Tax \$6.50.

Damon Bennett: operating motor vehicle u/ influence alc/drugs/etc., \$50 fine plus costs.

Jacob Tyler Bullock: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Amber Hope Carter: no/expired registration plates, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Gretchen L. Collins: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine plus costs.

Justin Dobbs: assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury, bw issued for fta.

Arellanes Abraham Garcia: no/expired registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Ruth Y. Harrison: no/expired registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Richard Johnson: no/expired registration plates plus other charges, bw issued for fta.

Charles M. Kirby: no operators/moped license, plus other charges, bw issued for fta.

Aaron D. Medley: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine, suspend \$450 on condition no violation of law for six months plus court costs.

Robbie Renner: criminal trespass, second degree, bw issued for fta.

Cameron Blake Sparks: possession marijuana, 30 days, 24 months probation on condition no violation of law plus costs.

Angela M. Terrill: escape, 3rd degree, bw issued for fta.

James C. Spoonamore: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree, 360 days, probation 24 months on condition complete treatment, no violation of law, plus costs.

on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Logan Wade Carman: assault 4th degree, no visible injury, menacing, bw issued for fta.

Jeremy Glynn Gilbert, terroristic threatening, 3rd degree, bw issued for fta.

Dewey Lunce: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

James Miller: operating on suspended/revoked license, plus other charges, bw issued for fta.

Brandy Owens: reckless driving, plus other charges, bw issued for fta.

James Daniel Smith: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Gordon Karl Waldespuhl: speeding, \$32 fine plus costs.

**February 6, 2023**

Shirley May Bryant: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Cory Cooper: public intoxication controlled substance, criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Erin Murphy: public intoxication controlled substance, bw issued for fta.

Jessica Nunnally: theft by unlawful taking, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition/costs waived.

Anthony Michael Sica: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Joseph Bailey Smith: operating motor vehicle u/ influence of alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs; fleeing or evading police, \$50 fine.

Patrick Tenney: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: John Sanchez, license suspended for fta;

Amberdina Marie Price: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Aaron Raleigh: giving officer false identifying information, three days in jail/costs waived.

Stacy D. Scott: fleeing or evading police, time served.

## Deeds Recorded

Russell and Norma Houk, property in Mt. Vernon, to Brad's Car

## "Bryant"

(Continued from B1) listing him as a 5th District Lincoln Club Hall of Fame Inductee.

McConnell thanked Bryant for his "leadership and many years of outstanding work on behalf of the citizens of Mount Vernon."

## "Drugs"

(Continued from B1) stretchers when I arrived. Everytime we find how they are getting the drugs, they find a new way."

In this case, the drugs were hidden inside a tube of toothpaste in such a way that it was nearly impossible to see, according to Carter. "The seal on the toothpaste hadn't been broken and it seemed perfectly normal to all of us."

Carter and his deputies spend a good part of their time every day dealing with the constant problem of drugs in the jail. But the Rockcastle County Detention Center is by no means alone.

In fact, across the country, it is estimated that over 85% of inmates in a jail or prison in America can trace their arrest back to a drug offense, according to the Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Of the hundreds of charges that cause incarceration, drug-related issues make up nearly half of all cases, according to the NIH (National Institute of Health).

Burglary, larceny, bank fraud, counterfeiting, embezzlement, homicide, assault, kidnapping, armed robbery and more add up to about 10% of incarcerations, according to the BOP. While drug-related offenses make up nearly 50% of all arrests. According to the NIH, even those arrested for other crimes often committed that crime due to a drug-related issue.

Methamphetamine can be hidden in a very

small item and be difficult to locate, according to Carter, but he and his deputies receive continual training and look for signs every day, he added.

In last week's indictments, Rodney Wayne Owens, Stephanie Nicole Miller and Brittney Marie Morgan were each indicted after searches and an investigation following the two overdoses led to the discovery of the meth, Carter says.

However, Carter and his deputies say they will fight the drug issue every day without hesitation.

"I give credit to our deputies," said Carter. "They are very well trained and they are always looking for contraband. It is a constant cat and mouse game and they get very creative bringing drugs into the jail. It is a serious issue and we will never give up."

## "Property"

(Continued from B1) his vote. "At the time, nothing was going to happen there and we just didn't need the property," said McGuire. "But now, the county doesn't need extra funds from the sale of that property and I would like to see it used to better Livingston. There may be ways to use that space to benefit the City of Livingston and the entire county."

However, not all magistrates are expected to agree that the property could be beneficial to the county. "If another vote was held I don't know that it would change anything," said McGuire. "I would change my vote but there is no reason to believe other magistrates would."

Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson attended a fiscal court meeting recently asking that the county delay the sale of

the property until he could show the many possible uses for the space. However, the court discussed the sale of the property again in a special meeting last week and voted once again to sell the property. Magistrates and the Judge/Executive agreed to reopen the subject during the work session planned for Monday, March 13 and perhaps take action on Tuesday evening at the regular monthly meeting.

Former Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis stood at a recent fiscal court meeting to ask the court to table the sale of that property.

Other property in Livingston that is owned by the county is also currently in question and the county and the city are negotiating how to rent the spaces. Two of the four renters of the properties have announced their plans to leave the City of Livingston since the election in November.

Whether the city or the county will control such property is still in question. "We will talk about it in the court meeting and see what is best for the county and the city of Livingston," said McGuire. There has also been some discussion of possible plans for the water company which rents one of the spaces, to close their office in the city.

Some magistrates have expressed their opinion that the county should have more control over who rents the property and how much the rental fees are at each location.

"I think some of our magistrates believe the county should have more control over the county-owned property," said Holbrook. "But that's up to them. I will present it to the court and they will decide how to handle the situation from there."

Daniel Dale Sowder and Crystal G. Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Daniel Seth Sowder. No tax.

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## District Court

January 30, 2023  
Hon. Kathryn Stone  
Betsy Baker: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

## Storm damage



Jackson Energy First Class Line Technician Nick Freeman (shown above) is one of over 200 linemen working on the restoration effort to restore power to Jackson Energy members devastated by last week's windstorm

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