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Covid-19 causes closures

School closed



Rockcastle County High School has locked gates keeping out students and guests while the circuit court clerk's office (right) remains open but has restricted access to a single entrance. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook has signed a declaration closing all government buildings due to the Coronavirus, Covid 19. Citizens are asked to practice social distancing and remain at least six feet away from others and avoid public gatherings of more than 10 people.



By: Mike French
Editor

Schools are empty, many church pews are vacant, some government building doors are closed, restaurant doors are locked, public gathering is limited, many sporting events and concerts are

cancelled and much of daily life in Rockcastle County, and across the country, has changed this week.

In an effort to limit the spread of the Covid19 version of the Coronavirus, national,

(See "School" on A8)

Government buildings closed in Rockcastle

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook has signed a Declaration of Local and State Emergency closing all county government buildings to the public.

The declaration lists in-person services that will not be offered until further notice. Holbrook says the declaration is an effort to help slow the spread of the Covid19 virus and protect the citizens of Rockcastle

County. All citizens may still contact government offices for individual needs.

- Judge/Executive 256-2856
- County Clerk 256-2831
- PVA office 256-4194
- Sheriff 256-2032
- County Attorney 256-2730
- Emergency Mgmt. 256-8436
- Circuit Clerk 256-2581

LEPC holds local emergency meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

There are no reported cases of the Coronavirus, Covid19, in Rockcastle County.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held a special

meeting Tuesday at the Emergency Operations Center in Mount Vernon to prepare for a possible outbreak of the virus.

Officials representing health agencies, first responders, businesses and

(See "LEPC" on A8)

Fiscal Court talks about Coronavirus and jail budget

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon to address issues before the next regular meeting.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook told magistrates that he is still waiting on information about ARC grants and will inform the court about the grants as soon

Sheriff releases PSA

Your sheriff and all deputies will continue to respond to all emergency calls as usual. Non emergency calls will be handled by phone when possible.

This will help limit exposure and protect citizens and staff in accordance with recommended guidelines from the health department and CDC.

We will be working with all appropriate agencies to provide service and keep you informed.

as he receives some answers.

While some neighboring counties have closed their courthouses, Holbrook says he doesn't feel that is necessary here

License extension

Driver's License expiration dates have been extended 90 days and there will be no driver's or written test given in Rockcastle County until further notice, according to Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel.

Library closed

The Rockcastle County Library and bookmobile will be closed until further notice. Officials will reevaluate next week and announce updated plans when available.

since he is concerned about citizens having access to government.

Circuit Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has already limited hours and, as of 5 p.m. Tuesday, the driver's license portion of circuit clerk's offices throughout the state was closed by order of the Administra-

Late fees/disconnects halted

Jackson Energy and LG&E KU have suspended disconnects and late fees due to uncertainties about COVID 19. Call your electric service provider for more details.

Election postponed

The Kentucky Primary Elections on May 19 has been postponed until Tuesday, June 23 due to the Coronavirus scare.

tive Office of the Courts (AOC) and Holbrook says he believes that system will work for other county offices as well.

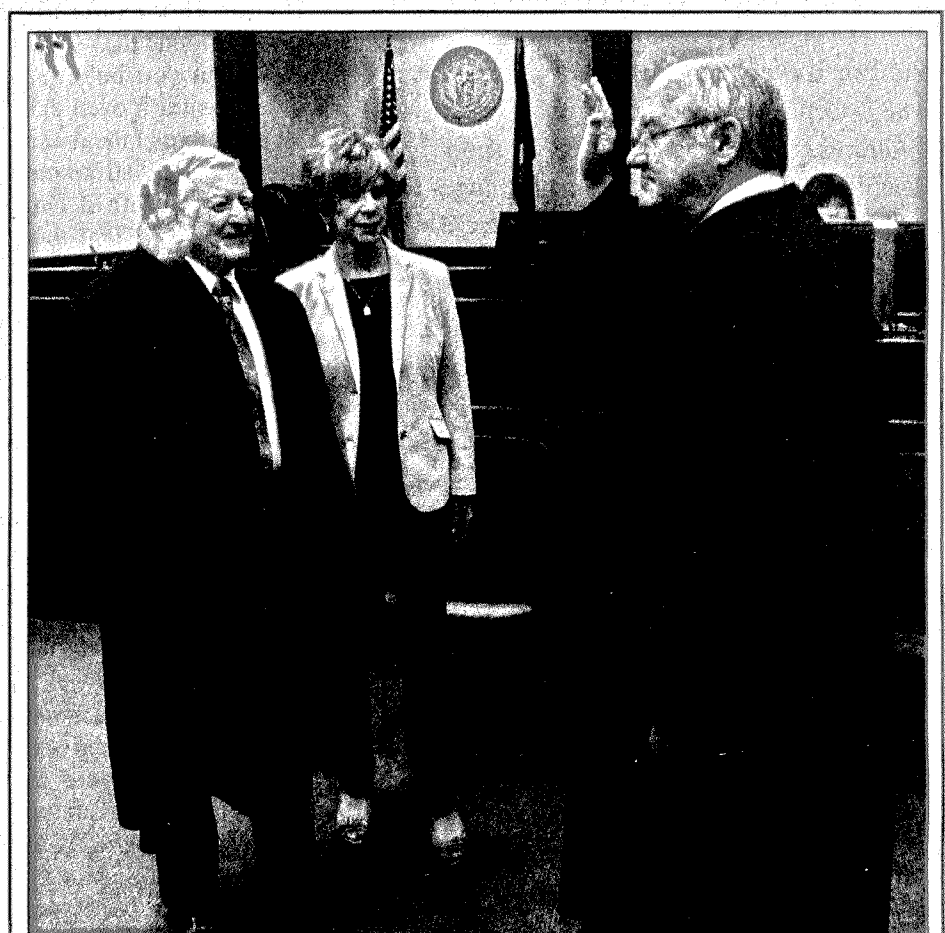
"There are some unanswered concerns about

our employees before we just send them home," said Holbrook. "How to handle their health insurance is just one of those questions."

So, Holbrook said of-

fices in the Rockcastle County Courthouse will remain open and employees will continue to work. But, officials will close

(See "Court" on A8)



Mount Vernon Attorney Jerry Cox was sworn-in last Wednesday as the new circuit court judge for Rockcastle, Lincoln, and Pulaski Counties. Justice Dan Venters administered the oath of office as Judge Cox's wife, Vicki, looks on.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I have been really patient with all this "the sky is falling" attitude about the Coronavirus, promptly closing, well, everything but when I found out Monday that our bowling league had been cancelled for two weeks that was just the final straw.

Actually, I'm kidding. In the grand scheme of everyone that is getting hurt by all the closings of businesses and events, that will cause financial hardships for so many, my being inconvenienced by our bowling league being postponed for two weeks pales in comparison.

I am of two minds about the measures being taken to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. My immediate reaction was that it was overkill caused by panic being spread by the main stream media mainly.

I don't recall this sort of reaction to the Swine Flu epidemic of 2009-10 when almost 12,500 people died and 60,000,000 Americans were sickened. In fact, I didn't remember the Swine Flu epidemic at all until reminded of it on Twitter recently. I don't recall this sort of reaction to the common flu which killed 80,000 people in this country in the 2017-18 season.

Again, I'm not saying defensive measures are not warranted but, cancelling the high school basketball tournes, the SEC tournament, the NCAA tournament, postponing the Kentucky Derby, the primary election, closing schools, etc.? We practically had to put Paige on suicide watch. "It's my favorite time of the year," she lamented (more than once, believe me).

As of Tuesday, 94 people have died in this country, the majority elderly with underlying medical issues and over half of them in Washington state alone, most of

them in one nursing home there, with New York and California contributing most of the rest. Three states have five or less deaths and in 14 states, including Kentucky, there has been only one death, leaving 30 states with no deaths to date.

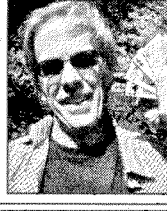
Meanwhile, right here in our community, businesses are being shut down and lives completely disrupted when a much better solution would be to tell everyone, especially older people (60+), to wash their hands often and limit contact with others.

As usual, it's not that simple but is practically declaring martial law really necessary? San Francisco has told 7,000,000 residents to "shelter in place" and officials have suddenly reportedly found a way to house their homeless which is a good thing but why did it take this to come up with the solution?

Meanwhile, an
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



What a simple time it was.

Every night, without fail, the National Anthem would blast across my tv screen. I had a deal with mom, until that tiny white dot was gone in the center of our old black and white tv, I didn't have to go to bed.

One of the brightest and strongest memories of childhood was the day I came home from school to find a color television set.

Mom and dad were watching the only tv when I came in the door and I froze in my steps. I had never seen a color tv, or even a color photograph.

I remember that I didn't even notice that it was in color. I just noticed that it was a different and bigger tv. The fact that it was a color picture took a moment to sink in.

We made comments about how real everything looked. Almost as if we could walk right into the screen and shake old Ralph Kramden's hand

while he and Norton talked about their wives Trixie and Alice.

It was high-tech. I used to take the longest time to come on after I hit the switch. Of course I had to get up and walk to the tv and turn the knob to turn it on.

I'd sit in the floor by the two knobs so I could change channels until my dad said to stop.

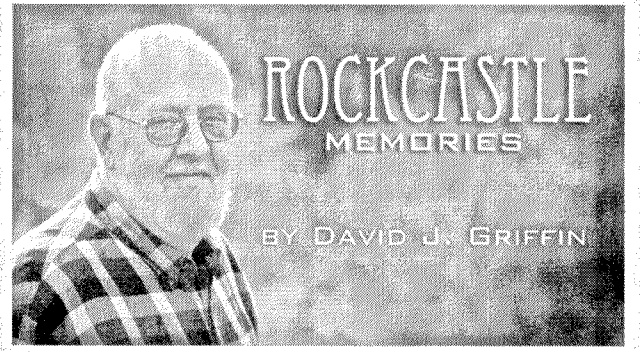
There were only three channels but I would dial through the three until he decided which we were going to watch. In those days, adults decided what was on the tv at night.

I can't remember the size of the screen on our color tv but I remember the top knob only had two settings. "UHF" and "VHF" and none of us ever knew what they were for. Still don't. When I flipped it, the tv went to pure static, so I just didn't flip that one.

The body was made of wood. No, not that plastic with printed woodgrain taped over it. But real wood.

The bottom button changed channels but it didn't click from one to

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1960

I received a topic request recently asking me to write about my favorite memories from the year 1960. This topic is not one that proves difficult for me to address because that was the year that I turned sixteen, a momentous occasion for just about any American.

1960 was a year that drastically changed my life. In March of that year, I received my driver's license. I took my test in my grandfather's (Pop) 1954 Chevy. It was a standard shift with a six-cylinder engine. He made me practice parallel parking and stopping on a steep grade in order to determine if I could stop and go without rolling backward. I was proud to report to him a score of 100% on my actual test.

1960 was also the year that Pop got me my first car, a black 1958 Chevy. That vehicle was one of my most favorite cars of all time. It provided me (and many of my friends) with a great deal of freedom. I no longer had to ask permission to use the

family automobile.

Bud Cox and I spent a great deal of time during that year customizing my new black ride. Believe me when I say it was a labor of love. I was mighty proud of how my car looked after Bud and I completed that process.

In addition, many events occurred during 1960 that directly began to change our lives. One television program that aired for the first time was when seventy million viewers tuned in to the first televised presidential debate between John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon. Their appearances and performances are credited with handing Kennedy a leg up on the campaign to win the Presidency.

There are two events in sports that I recall being held in high esteem by Kentucky sports fans. The first was Cassius Clay bringing home the Olympic gold medal. He was, and remains, one of Kentucky's most favorite sons. In addition, Arnold Palmer (my favorite golfer) overcame a staggering 7-stroke deficit to win the US Open Tournament.

Several other important events made the headlines. The FDA approved the birth control pill for married women. The U.S. launched the first weather satellite, Tiros 1. And the new 50-state American flag, honoring Hawaii's admission as a state, unfurled in Honolulu.

Several special entertainment events also occurred in 1960. Elvis

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Times, They are A-changin'

Dear Journal,

A wise man of the 1960's once said in a song, "The times, they are a-changin'". That was the legendary Bob Dylan. Although the 1960s were a turbulent time and did bring about a lot of change, they are nothing that can possibly compare with today. The most change came through the style of music being made popular by such groups as the Beatles and other such groups and the war in Vietnam. Then there was the change in clothing styles and hair length in

men. When the 1960's left, they left us altogether a different kind of people. None for the better I'm sorry to say.

Back then we had good old "Uncle" Walter Chronkite to tell us the "way it is" every evening on the CBS Evening News. I stopped watching the national news several months ago as all you hear is how the media want to "spin" a certain story. If there is a way to bash the president that is the way the story will go down. Never mind the honest truth. That is precisely why people don't know to trust the national news agencies about life threatening diseases that have recently come along that threaten to kill hundreds if not thousands of people around the world. Who can you believe? Does the truth even exist any more? I mean the actual let God strike me down dead truth if I'm lying.

CBS News had a fine, young news man they had groomed for years to take Walter Cronkite's chair and finally he did just that until one day in September of 2004, he thought that he would put his spin on George Bush Sr.'s military report. It didn't go over too well. Now there are a lot of people who never heard the name Dan Rather. That was what happened when you lied about the president or someone running for the office back then. Wonder what Dan is doing these days? That was when the news had some trustworthiness and integrity.

Very early last Sunday morning we went to Walmart so I could get an electric scooter cart, hopefully find something on the shelves and avoid as many people as we could and their germs. It was five AM. It worked out very well.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



For those of you who wanted to know, my most recent ordeal with bladder cancer surgery resulted in survival. I'm actually too angry to talk much about it because the procedure did not come close to living up to expectations but, at least, I'm still breathing.

Last Friday made the third time, since last October, that I have endured more than 12 consecutive hours of the most pain I've ever felt in my life, despite a doctor's assurance that he would put me in the hospital and keep the pain under control. That did not happen. If anything, this third time around was more painful than the previous encounters.

By the time you read this, unless I have a dramatic change in attitude, I will have been in touch with at least one television lawyer in hopes that he or she will be willing to persuade said doctor as

to the errors of his ways. I probably should refrain from getting into much detail because I suspect the lawyer will tell me to keep my mouth shut in regards to pending litigation.

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ramblings...

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American living in the Wuhan Province of China is reporting that life there, the epicenter of the disease, is "greatly improving" with only one new case reported Monday. Using that timeline, the best case scenario is that this country should start seeing an abatement in another month.

Regardless, it's been a weird time in this country. I don't understand people raiding grocery stores, especially for toilet paper. Do we think that restocking is not going to happen or do we not trust our government to not restrict us to our homes?

I personally know one thing. If this thing goes on much longer, it's going to require a winch to get me where I want to go. Weekend before last, a nasty stomach bug laid me low for about four days and I lost a few pounds by going over 48 hours without eating. Trust me, I have regained any weight lost by that and added pounds for good measure and, man, those banana splits have hit the spot.

"Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

the other. It was a smooth turning knob. When you found the channel, you had to move it real slow until it was right in the center of the station number.

Two other tiny knobs

were under the big knobs.

One of them clicked to turn it on and then the more you turned it, the louder the tv got.

The other said "tone" but we could barely tell a difference no matter how much we turned that one.

On each side of the screen were the speakers. They were covered with some kind of rough cloth material.

This was a big day in a kid's life. The transition from black and white to color. Our tv did two things. It changed channels and it turned on and off. That's it.

My calculator did four things. Add, Subtract, multiply and divide.

My phone did two things. Dialed and hung up.

And if my dad had walked in the house and said "Alexa, play Hank Williams," mom would have started searching the closets.

It was a simple life. Everything did what it was supposed to do, and that's all it did. If the tv had another knob, we wouldn't have used it. We didn't even use all of the knobs it had.

Our car didn't talk to us and if you wanted to know the weather report, you waited till 11 p.m. After that, you stood while the National Anthem played and jets flew across the screen in technicolor.

And then, when the tiny white dot was finally gone, you got tucked in and you said your prayers. Simple times. Good times. I'm thankful I lived in such days.

On a side note:

I have nothing to say about this pandemic, we-are-all-dying, close everything, promise "free" stuff to everyone, election year, Coronavirus scare.

The flu has been around every election year since Noah stepped off the ark and every one of them are hard on the elderly.

I know all this is costing the state a lot of money. Look out teacher's pension fund...again.

But they have worked the plan very well. When this is over, watch how many politicians stand and sing about how the world would have ended if they hadn't acted so decisively.

They can preach the end of the world all they want. I'm not buying it and I have plenty toilet paper. Just my own opinion.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

Presley left the Army after serving two years in Germany, coming home to screaming fans who were ready to once again lavish him with their devotion. The movie Ben Hur won a record 11 Oscars.

In London, the rock and roll band The Quarrymen renamed themselves The Beatles. Alfred Hitchcock's movie Psycho opened to screams all over America. And, lest we forget, the Etch-A-Sketch became one of the world's most popular toys, one that survives to this day.

I would love to hear what stands out in others' minds about the happening year of 1960. I am thankful that one of my regular column readers asked me to recall my special memories of that important year. Please keep the requests coming. And thanks again to all of my faithful readers!

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

"T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

I, for one, would like to hear the truth about the Coronavirus. Is there really cause for panic or not? If there is I want to do my part of worrying and panic and praying.

If we can all pull together and do our part we may be able to save our collective lives. If not we will all, or quite a few, perish together. Let's be considerate of each other and check on our family, friends and neighbors and help out when and where we can. For now, we all need a little space apart so the coming back together can be that much more sweet.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

tion. In the meantime, I will be looking for a new urologist who knows something about bladder cancer. For starters, I'd like to know if I really have cancer and, if so, what he or she intends to do about it that does not include so much pain. To say that I'm having some serious trust issues is the understatement of decade.

However, since I believe it best steer clear of the details of my most recent medical misadventure, this column deadline is looming and I feel compelled to write about something. It just oc-

curred to me that that there is a medically related subject that I have been concerned about that might also be of interest to you readers.

I would really like to know why hospital patient gowns have not undergone any noticeable improvements over the last hundred years or so. I was hospitalized for a few days in 1969 and I still recall some conversations I had with a nurse while I was in there. I was far more modest, in those days, than I am now and I had a bit of a crush on this particular nurse. I believed that it was far too easy for her to be seeing stuff that she didn't have any medical reasons to be seeing. I found it nearly impossible to flirt with her while I was lying there darn near naked.

She told me that hospital gowns had been made that way for over 50 years. Now, 52 years later, they are still made the same way and, in my opinion, they could have had vast improvements.

Nobody, for example, has ever convincingly explained to me why they have to be worn backwards, nor why they still have to be fastened with those little apron strings. It seems to me that a dime's worth of Velcro or even a couple of bra clasps would be infinitely more practical when it comes to opening and closing the things. The best I can figure is that Betsy Ross must have gotten the original patent and signed a permanently, binding contract to produce the things.

So what do Protestants, Catholics and Jews have in common? Their hospitals all seem to have identical patient gowns and, if you are uncomfortable when you check into one of them, chances are very good that you are going to stay that way for an altogether different reason.

On the other hand, if you went in suffering, chances are very good that the gown will take your mind off your pain.



On Tuesday, March 10th, the Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Federation presented a check to the Rockcastle County Honor Guard to help purchase uniforms. Pictured from left are Tommy H. Mink and Terry Lawson, Federation President.

Livingston phones now working again

By: Mike French
Editor

Many say that communication is the key to growth and development throughout the ages. One of the most notable inventions in creating a world in constant communication is arguably the telephone.

However, according to some Livingston residents, this means of communication is rather difficult to hang on to.

"We have been without a phone service for 14 days," said Rosemary Wyatt of Livingston.

Wyatt is one of several residents in the small Rockcastle County community who claim her phone service stopped working on March 2 and repeated attempts to have the service repaired have failed.

"I have called them every single day, except weekends, and I cannot get them to come out and fix my phone," she said.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley says he was also aware of the problem and is working with Windstream about the situation. "It must be a terrible inconvenience to them" said Medley. "Especially now with everyone wanting to check on their family and friends during this Coronavirus situation."

When we called Windstream, our call was soon returned by the Vice President of Government Affairs Stephanie Bell.

According to Bell, vandals had cut into the lines underground near the Livingston area causing the phone blackout and crews were working on the issue.

"Even as we speak, we have crews there working on the lines," said Bell. "We feel for those customers and are working on it as hard as we can."

By Monday evening, the phones were operational again.

Wyatt said she is pleased to have phone service again.

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Rockcastle Library Information
Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice. The issue will be reevaluated next week, according to Librarian Pam Chaliff. There will be no bookmobile service.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet scheduled for April 25th
The First Annual RCHS Alumni Banquet will be held April 25th, this year for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more details, go to rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle co. High School Alumni Association.

No Written/Driver's Test or Driver's License Issuance
Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has announced there will not be a written test or driver's test or drivers licensing given until further notice.

Hot Rod Sign-Ups
Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.

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

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

VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ...Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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

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

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grille. Everyone is invited.

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

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Obituaries

Betty Lou McFerron

Betty Lou McFerron, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Berea on December 14, 1948, the daughter of David and Myrtle Stevens Kidwell. She was a member of Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ and enjoyed fishing, genealogy, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by: her children, David (Branda) McFerron, Donald Ray Hopkins, Jr., and Myrtle Crouch, all of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Julie Ann Blackburn; a half-sister, Peggy Dickerson; and two step-sisters, Nancy Kirby and Carol Sue Bentley. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Nicole McFerron, Brandon McFerron, Ashley Crouch, and Caleb Crouch. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a brother, James Kidwell; a sister, Linda McWhorter; and two infant brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: James Allen, Hershel Callahan, Jacob Durham, Brandon Himes, Dominic King, Brady McClure, and Brandon McFerron.

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

Russell Neal Blanton, Sr.

Russell Neal Blanton, Sr., 77, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at his home. He was the husband of the late Barbara (Hiatt) Blanton, who preceded him in death on November 10, 2008. He was born in Hamilton, Ohio on June 2, 1942, to the late Gip and Martha (Wallin) Blanton. He was a hardworking man and enjoyed the simple things in life. He was a down to earth man and did what it took to provide for his family by working several jobs which included carpentry, concrete and block work.

He always enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and just being outdoors, especially in the woods. He was well known as one of the best deer hunters around. He loved his family and the Lord and he believed in the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include: his 10 children, Jimmie Neal Blanton, Gary Wayne Blanton and Lucy, Regina Christine Blanchett, Russell Neal (Stacey) Blanton, Jr., Twila Dawn (Bruce) Miller, Christopher Paul (Bobbie Jo) Blanton, Bobbie Lynn (J.T.) Wilson, Lisia Marie (Gary) Noland, Shanda Ann (Brandon) Brown, and Rachel Lynn Blanton; 27 grandchildren, Barbara, Christopher L., Jody, Yule, Lonnie, Chrystle, Neveah, Jamie, Ashton, Savannah, Colin, Wyatt, Aniston, Jaden, Breanna, Brooke, Hunter, JJ, Sara, Mercedes, Samuel, Sawyer, Emily, Shaelee, Trevor, Blake, and Natalie; and 10 great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by: a daughter, Paula Sue Chandler; a son, Jacob Blanton; a sister, Goldie Ray; and a brother, Harold Dean Blanton.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 13, 2020 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in Wilmot Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jimmie and Gary Blanton, Brandon Brown, Bruce Miller, Charlie Chandler, Rusty Bengé and Bobby Barron.

Mary Etta Kaylor

Mary Etta Kaylor, 60, of Richmond, died suddenly at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington on Friday, March 13, 2020. She was born in Rockcastle County to the late Billy Allen and Joyce Carter Bussell. She retired from the Madison County Board of Education as a bus driver. She was also a member of Spout Springs Baptist Church in Estill County.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Kidder.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Jimmy Lee Kaylor; children, Nichole Eads-Goodson, Ashley (Cole) Van Winkle, and William Kaylor; siblings, Genny Whitaker, Patsy (Herb) Alcorn, David Bussell, Johnny Bussell and Teddy Michael Roberts; and 10 grandchildren, Brittany Eads, Britton Eads, Brayden Eads, Tucker Goodson, Kendall Goodson, Allyson VanWinkle, Abbygail VanWinkle, Allen VanWinkle, Lilyanna Kaylor, and Kira Kaylor.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Crestview Holy Sanctuary with Bro. Tim Floyd officiating. Burial was in Flatwoods Cemetery in Waco.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Bob Silcox

Bob Silcox, 84, of Brodhead, was surrounded by family when he passed on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead. He was born May 20, 1935 in Indianapolis, IN, to the late Radford and Mildred Silcox. He married Doris Jean Riddle on August 12, 1954 and from that union came two children, Deborah Jean and Michael Duane. He was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church and was a construction worker by trade,

helping to build many bridges in Kentucky and surrounding states. He enjoyed reading, watching western movies, being outdoors, and visiting with family and friends.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Debbie (Everett) Harper and Mike (Donna) Silcox, both of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Beth (Mike) Jones, Greg (Casey) Harper, Matthew (Kayla) Silcox and Chris (Marisa) Albright, all of Brodhead; 11 great grandchildren, Lucas Jones, Lindsey Jones, Jordan Harper, Nash Harper, Lee Harper, Brylee Silcox, Allie Silcox, Lincoln Silcox, Olivia Albright, Jordan Albright and Emilee Albright; one brother and sister-in-law, Hubert and Shirley Silcox and one sister, Estelle Adams, all of Indianapolis, IN; a special couple, Amy and Larry Higdon of Fairland, IN; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: Jean, his loving wife of 57 years; five brothers, Jack Silcox, Bill Silcox, Don Silcox and two infants; two brothers-in-law, John Adams and Bill Riddle; and one sister-in-law, Carol Riddle.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, 2020 Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Mike Jones, Greg Harper, Matthew Silcox, and Chris Albright.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Gideons or Brodhead Baptist Church in Bob's memory.

Condolences to the family may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Charles "Chuck" Napier

Charles Edward "Chuck" Napier, 48, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, with his family by his side. He was born in Mt. Vernon on September 30, 1971, the son of Charles Napier, Sr. and the late Helen Brock Greer. He had been a construction worker.

He is survived by: a son, Zachary (Courtney) Napier of Crab Orchard; a grandson, Jase Napier, of Crab Orchard; his father and step-mother, Charles, Sr. and Carolyn Napier of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Tammy (Danny) Miller of Mt. Vernon, and Amanda (Rick) Winkler of Richmond; and two brothers, Robert Napier of Mt. Vernon, and Dale Greer of Berea. In addition, he is survived by a host of loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Brock Greer; and a brother, Christopher Greer.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Dan Gutenson and Darren Allen. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Pallbearers were: Danny Miller, Logan Miller, Alex Napier, Larry Napier, Larry Settles, and Rick Winkler.

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

Maggie Mae Leach

Maggie Mae Thacker Leach, 79, of Milton, Tennessee was called home on March 16, 2020.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Hubert and Zella (Martin) Thacker of Mt. Vernon; Betty Sue (Thacker) Bullen of Mt. Vernon; Bobby Thacker of Conway; and Ruth Thacker of Cynthia.

She is survived by: her husband, Austin Leach, of Milton, TN; sisters, Patricia Thacker of Lexington and Ruby (Thacker) Lawson of Berea; daughter, Leandra Greene (Tommy) of Murfreesboro, TN; two beloved granddaughters, Sarah and Amanda; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of a service or flowers, the family ask you make a donation to an autism research charity.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Woodfin Funeral Chapels.

Online guestbook is available for the Leach family at www.woodfinchapel.com

Larry Douglas Bengé

Larry Douglas Bengé, 52, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at St. Joseph East in Lexington. He was born August 17, 1967 in Cincinnati, OH to Larry James Bengé and the late Linda (Hubbard) Bengé. He was a laborer and a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church. He enjoyed motorcycles, go-carts, and racing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, John Tyler (Autumn) Mofield of Burnside, Daniel (Amber) Legg of Berea, Koty Bengé of Berea, and Tommy Bengé of Brodhead; two grandchildren, Iddie Bengé and Riley Price; one brother, Paul (Sandy) Gardner of Cincinnati, OH; two sisters, Bridget Bengé of Moreland and Jamie Dale Bengé of Georgetown; his father, Larry James (Ann) Bengé; and his first wife, Jennifer Whittemore.

He was preceded in death by: his mother, Linda (Hubbard) Bengé; and paternal grandparents, James I. (Avis) Bengé, and Harvey (Florence) Puckett.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, 2020 Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jerry Reynolds

Jerry Reynolds, 59, of Lancaster, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. He was born in Louisville on July 27, 1960, the son of Homer Newberry Reynolds and Lucille Carnes Maupin Reynolds. He had been an electrician for A1A Electric.

He is survived by: a son, Jerry Allen Reynolds of Harrodsburg; a daughter, Amanda (Daniel) Stratton of Harrodsburg; two grandchildren, Shiann Stratton and Searra Stratton; five brothers, James (Sandy) Reynolds, of Lexington, Lester (Jennifer) Miller of Somerset, Timothy Miller, Jr. of Mt. Vernon, Ernest Miller of Crab Orchard, and Robert Miller of Brodhead; and four sisters, Betty (Daniel) Lock of Somerset, Kathy Baird of Pineville, Sandra Miller of Georgia, and Lawana Begley of Mt. Vernon. He is also survived by his girlfriend, Janet Kidd. He was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Robert Miller. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robbie Bodner, Corey Goode, Dan Locke, Daniel Locke, Lester Miller, and Mike Watts. Honorary pallbearers were: Dustin Goode, Cody Greene, Jacob Miller, and Daniel Stratton.

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

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



DEBBIE'S POTATO SALAD

5 pounds red skinned potatoes (chopped in large pieces)
3 or 4 stalks of celery (finely chopped)
1 or 2 small bunches green onions (green tops only - finely sliced)
1 container (16 ounce) sour cream
1 to 2 cups mayonnaise (depending on how wet you like it)
2 tablespoons whole celery seed
Salt to taste
Bring large pot of water to boil. Leave skin on potatoes, clean and cut off any bad spots; chop into large pieces and boil for 25 minutes. Drain the and let cool either in the refrigerator or under cold water (water is much faster). Drain and place potatoes in very large bowl; slice up any large pieces while combining all ingredients well. Refrigerate for at least one hour then enjoy!

REGINA'S POTATO SALAD

5 medium-sized white potatoes
1 tablespoon dill pickle juice
1 to 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
1/3 to 1/2 cup Miracle Whip®
1/2 cup chopped sweet pickle
1/3 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped dill pickle

2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
Salt

Scrub potatoes and place in large pan. Cover with cold water, add one teaspoon salt and boil their jacket about 20 minutes or until fork tender. Drain and let cool until you can peel them without burning your hands.

In a large bowl mix the dill pickle juice, mustard and Miracle Whip®. Dice the potatoes into the dressing. Add rest of ingredients and stir.

JEFF'S POTATO SALAD

8 medium white potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 cup shredded parmesan or cheddar cheese
Wash potatoes. Cook the whole potatoes in boiling salted water until tender but still firm, about 20 minutes.

Peel the potatoes while still warm and cut into slices. Place in a large bowl. In another bowl, combine the salt and vinegar. Mix until the salt dissolves. Add the oil and parsley and mix well. Pour over the potatoes and toss gently, but thoroughly, until all the liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve warm or room temperature.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Dustin Cameron v. Chloe Shaver, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jeremy Holton v. Seven Earth Movers LLC, et al, complaint CI-00056

District Civil Suits

Unifund CCR LLC v. Sharon M. Gadd, \$650 plus claimed due.

Unifund CCR LLC v. Jordan Akin, \$527 plus claimed due.

Synchrony Bank v. William Smith, \$708 plus claimed due. C-00059

Deeds Recorded

Jackie Clontz, property in Rockcastle County, to Judy Mitchell. No tax

Roger Hasty, Adm., property in Rockcastle Co., to Kristie Doan Walker. Tax \$18

Jeffrey Logan Stamper, property on Red Foley Road, to Kristopher D. Cromer and Matthew Logan Stamper. Tax \$5

David Norton and Dora Pace, Co-Adm., property on old KY 461, to Cody McCormick. Tax \$0c

Victoria Schrag and David Fargo, property on Brian Lane, to John Chandler. No tax

Mary L. Mink, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny Mink, Jr. and Angie Bullock. No tax

Derek Scott Todd, property on KY 618, to Becky Lynn Todd. No tax

Roger Eugene and Barbara Carolyn Durham, property in Rockcastle County, to Tiana Danielle Smith. No tax

Laura Beth and Thomas E. Kidwell, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to John Rigsby. Tax \$10

Laura Beth Kidwell, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to John Rigsby. Tax \$10

District Court

March 4-9, 2020
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Phillip B. Barnett: possession controlled substance (two counts), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess (three counts), no operators/moped license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates - receipt, obstructed vision and/or windshield, operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, driving DUI suspended license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Henry Brewer: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Dallas Matthew Conroy: rear license not illuminated, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req.

insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, booster seat violations, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James Robert Daniels: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, instructional permit violations, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Sarah N. Dawson: failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Speeding: Ryan Charles Hall, Rachel Davenport-Campbell, Clayton R. Burton, Christin Dawn Carver, Bryan Eugene Edwards, Justin D. Manning, William Reed, Donald Thomas, license suspended for fta; Johnathon Robert Burns, \$40 fine plus costs.

Joshua D. Bengel: receiving stolen property, 30 days in jail plus costs.

Betty Hellard: theft by unlawful taking, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus \$100 fine plus costs.

Katelyn Marie Helton: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Brooke Ann Kiser: criminal trespassing, menacing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.

John H. Marcum: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Anthony Edward Mason: theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, and contempt of court, bw issued.

Edna Mae McQueen: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James Shawn Mink: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to wear seat belts, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Chasity Owens: fines/fees due (\$252), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Anthony Powell: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Randall Zachary Wagers: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Jason Paul Allen: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Christopher Barron: fines/fees due (\$763), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Ronnie W. Belt: fines/fees due (\$368), eight days in jail or payment in full.

Jason Blair: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Roger Boshers: fines/fees due (\$168), four days in jail or payment in full.

Johnathon Eric Coffey: fines/fees due (\$743), five days in jail or payment in full.

Jacob Cooper: fines/fees due (\$293), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Kayla M. Doan: fines/fees due (\$163), four days in jail or payment in full.

Chloe Edwards: fines/fees due (\$21), bw issued for fta/one days in jail or payment in full.

Jennifer Lyn Fuller: fines/fees due (\$273), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Paul Anthony Fuller: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Matthew C. Gilbert: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Dustin Ray Griffin: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Randall Robert Hagan: fines/fees due (\$1,533), 32 days in jail or payment in full.

Tonya Hammonds: public intoxication, bw issued.

Dennis M. Howard: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Kevin Douglas McCoy: fines/fees due (\$211), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Devon McKeehan: fines/fees due (\$623), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy S. Milburn: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no operators/moped license, obstructed vision and/or windshield, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Sherrill Padgett: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy Reeves: fines/fees due (\$167), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jason Paul Robinson: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Wesley D. Robinson: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Michael Ray Saylor: fines/fees due (\$193), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Tracey M. Slusher: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in

jail or payment in full.

Dustin Ray Smith: fines/fees due (\$228), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

David B. Thacker: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Leeanna Hope Thacker: fines/fees due (\$268), six days in jail or payment in full.

David Calvin Barnes: improper display of registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine each charge; no brake lights, \$25 fine plus costs; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security and failure

to register transfer of motor vehicle, 30 days in jail (each count)/probated 24 months on condition.

Kathy Stewart: criminal trespass, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 19-CI-00032**

Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Plaintiff

**V.
Marie Charette aka Marie Margaret Charette, Glenn Dale Pollard aka Glenn Pollard, Timothy Ray Charette, unknown defendant, spouse of Timothy Ray Charette, Phillip John Charette, Jennifer Charette, unknown defendants, who are the heirs or devisees or legatees of Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz Charette and their spouses and any unknown person who may have an interest in the property which is the subject matter of this action Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND 53/100 (\$135,189.53) 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 20, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:
3240 South Wilderness Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
PVA Map #060-00-058

Being the same property conveyed to Amos Owens, Jr. and Janet K. Owens from Billy Donald Smith and his wife Glenna Smith, by Deed dated October 10, 1970 and of record in Deed Book 90 page 429 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Janet K. Owens died on October 15, 2016. Pursuant to the right of survivorship, Amos Owens, Jr. thereafter inherited the interest of his wife Janet K Owens. And being the same property conveyed to Tasianna Charette, single, by Deed of Conveyance from Amos Owens, Jr., widower, dated September 11, 2017 and recorded in Deed Book 261 page 620 Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Tasianna Charette aka Tasianna Hinz Charette died on September 25, 2017. Upon her death, all right, title and interest became vested in her heirs at law.

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

- The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
- The real 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.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) 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.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
- 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.
- Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- 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.
- 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".

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

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:
Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindley Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

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

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

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

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 LEX18.

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only.

Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

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

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

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Special Service

Cupps Chapel will have a Special Service Thursday night, March 19, beginning at 7 p.m. Bro. Marlow Napier will be preaching.

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite you to come out and worship with them.

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What Has Happened to Christianity?

Christian. (kris-chan) Noun. a follower of Christ; one who duplicates our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Somewhere along the way we have gotten the idea that Christ is all things to all people, regardless of how we live. Christ is a Savior to all who accept His leadership and guidance. Christ says, "if you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). However, we cannot call ourselves "Christians" if we refuse to be led by Christ. Matthew 28:18-20 says, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'" In conclusion, Christ does not adapt himself to our lives, but rather we conform our lives to Christ and His teachings. In short, that is a fundamental principle of being a Christian.

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.
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Father Forgive Them

The words of dying men sometimes are impressive. Certainly, the words of this man. It is the words of the Son of God, interceding that day for those who stood there and crucified him. Jesus spoke these heart wrenching words in, Luke 23:34 Forgive them Father for they know not what they do. Some three years later, Jesus denounced the Jews perverted interpretation of the Law of Moses. Matthew 5:43-48 You must love your enemies, do good to them that despitefully use you.

Now on a Roman cross, obeying that very law he lived and died under, he practiced the very thing he had preached. Father forgive them. Our savior practiced what he preached he was not like the Jews that were living during the time of his ministry. They said and did not.

Romans 5:8 The scriptures tell us, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Can we comprehend that? I doubt that our finite minds can grasp what this statement really is saying. Not for friends, or for the good and charitable, not for the loving, or the obedient, but for his enemies, you, me, and every sinner that has ever walked upon the face of this earth or that will ever walk on the face of this earth, Christ died for us.

It is generally accepted that the trial of Jesus was illegal, both by Jewish law and also Roman law. His condemnation was unjust. Pilate, in the same hour, avowed his innocence, and then condemned him to death. Such was a fulfillment of prophecy. The apostle John even declared him to be the Lamb. Revelations 13:8 Slain from the foundation of the world. It was the divine plan of God, that Jesus would ultimately die as a sacrifice for mankind, even before the worlds were framed.

Friends with this before you, if you're not a Christian how can you continue to reject the Lord? We are sometimes criticized for trying to get people to save their souls from this untoward generation. Because we are concerned with people's souls and the direction they are headed, if they don't make Jesus Christ the Lord of their life. Don't forfeit your right to a home in Heaven, through sinful and disobedient living.

Will you not confess that Jesus Christ is the son of God and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins, as the Bible teaches in Acts 2:38. Thank you for reading this article, I pray God continues to bless you and keeps you safe. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. You can contact us at - Dale McNew - 859-582-4021 or Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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 Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25



Wedding vows said

Congratulations to Leavin and Madison Webb on the marriage which took place Saturday, February 29th in Berea with Bro. Eugene Webb officiating. The couple will make their home in Berea.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 16-CI-00195

Onemain Financial Services, Inc. Plaintiff
V.

Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and Their Spouses, if any, of Chris L. Mackey aka Chris Mackey, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, Division of Collections, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Revenue, Interitance Tax Division, County of Rockcastle, Independent Capital Holdings, LLC, Johnny Mackey aka Johnny Mackey, unknown spouse, if any, of Johnny Mackey aka Johnny Mackey, Katie Mackey aka Kathryn Mackey, unknown spouse, if any, of Katie Mackey aka Kathryn Mackey, Ditech Financial LLC FKS Green Tree Servicing, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 27, 2020 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND 09/100 (\$53,102.09) 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 20, 2020
 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. #047-00-035.07
 203 Sowder School Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 including a 1995 Horton Manufactured home (Vin No. H68117GLR and Title No. 063131020003).

All that certain property situated in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, on the waters of Skeggs Creek, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the Gregory Renner and Jerry Muncy line at a stake; thence with Jerry Muncy line 240 feet to a stake, Jerry Muncy and Henry Falin corner, thence southeast with line of Falin 177 feet to the right of way of Marrow Road; thence northwest with the right of way of said road 258 feet to a white oak tree in line of Gregory Renner; thence with Renner property line 207 feet to the beginning corner, containing 1-1/2 acres more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Chris Mackey and Lisa Mackey, from Henry Falin and wife, Lorene Falin, by Deed dated 11/21/1988, record 11/22/1988, Deed Book 135, page 429, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records and being known as 203 Sowder School Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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

- The real property and mobile home shall be sold separately 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.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) 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.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
- 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.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- 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".

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

Wedding announced

Traci Shirkey, Lisa Doan and Rob Doan would like to announce the marriage of their parents, Judy Fletcher Walker and Larry Doan.

The couple were married on March 4th and will reside in Brodhead and Fairfield, Ohio.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 10-CI-00100

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff
V.

Michael Bruce Houk aka Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services, University of KY Federal Credit Union, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 11, 2019 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND 87/100 (\$246,508.87) 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 20, 2020
 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. 022-00-034.01
 1305 Maretburg Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Federal National Mortgage Association from Flagstar Bank, FSB, Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet by John D. Ford, Master Commissioner, duly recorded in Deed Book 239, Page 485 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, a married man, from Michael Bruce Houk and Jessica Houk, husband and wife, duly recorded in Deed Book 218 page 660 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, married, from Vernon Bruce Houk and wife, Joyce Houk, duly recorded in Deed Book 192, page 426, all records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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

- The real 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.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) 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.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
- 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.
- Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- 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".
- If the property includes insurable improvements, then the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, in the amount of the court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court and Flagstar. The purchaser shall furnish written evidence of such insurance to the Master Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of sale. Failure of the purchaser to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, Flagstar to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon, and the property portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as the purchaser's costs. If there are purchase money bonds in connection with the purchase of the Property at the sale, the deed of conveyance shall provide that such insurance shall be carried and failure to carry such insurance shall be a default on the part of the purchaser for which the purchase money bonds may be declared due.

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

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer
156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhoph@ymail.com

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

Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., &
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Travis Gilbert
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

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

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study
5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

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

Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor
Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Bill Hall, Pastor
Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
606-224-4641

Central Baptist Church
86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.
Transportation and Nursery
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Home of Well of Pure Water
Radio - 93.3 FM
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**Church of Christ at
Chestnut Ridge**
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
Turn left off US Hwy 25
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew
Bro. Philip Scott
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Fairground Hill**
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each
Sunday

Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church
Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at
7 p.m.

**Community Worship
Church of God**
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
www.cwchurchofgod.com

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

Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007
Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
606-355-7595

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

**Crossroads
Assembly of God**
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

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

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

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Dennis Wilder, Pastor
Jesse Wright,
Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmtvkyorg
email: fbcmtvemon@newwave.net
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.,
Sunday Worship:
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: AWANA and
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Broadcast on New Wave Cable
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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

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

**Fountain of Life
United Pentecostal Church**
80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon
Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: James Blanton

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

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

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

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

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**Macedonia Baptist
Church**
6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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

**McNew Chapel
Baptist**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon
Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

New Heights Church
316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightsky.net
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Gathering for all
ages; prayer & Bible study,
youth worship, and
Children in Action
Steve McDaniel,
Worship Leader

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

**Northside Baptist
Church**
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Kenny Allen, Pastor

Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9

Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Ottawa Baptist
Church**
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship
Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Service 7 p.m.
758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon
Catholic Church**
525 Williams St
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Father Gary Simpson,
Pastor

Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance

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

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

**Pine Hill Missionary
Baptist Church**
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting
monthly every
2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at
2 p.m. at Rockcastle
Respiratory Care

Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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church of Christ**
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758-8524

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Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Red Hill-Union Baptist
4308 Highway 1955
Livingston, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bill Hammond, Pastor
606-392-1826

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worship with us

Roundstone Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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

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

Scaffold Cane Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Pastor: Bro. James Hardin
Skaggs Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Richard West
Everyone Welcome!

Tabernacle of Love
244 Old Somerset Rd.
Mt. Vernon
606-25605894
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

Union Chapel Pentecostal
Pastor: Eugene Webb
1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome!

United Gospel of Christ
4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.
Church welcomes everyone
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Valley Baptist Church
4482 Copper Creek Rd.
Berea, Ky. 40403
Organized in December, 1908
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Jeff Draper, Pastor
Wildie Christian
Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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R 606-758-4373 R

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Covid19 affects businesses



Restaurants across the state have closed their inside dining due to the Covid19 scare. Many other businesses and government buildings have closed as well.

“LEPC”

(Continued from front)

community leaders gathered to address how Rockcastle County and local cities are preparing for the possible outbreak of the virus.

After President Trump declared a National Emergency and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear declared a State of Emergency in Kentucky, local officials joined other communities in helping stop the spread of the virus, though there are no reported cases in the county and only 21 in Kentucky have tested positive for the virus as of Tuesday.

Rockcastle County Emergency Management Director David Colson hosted the meeting and gave each guest an opportunity to update officials about the situation.

Following the advice of Governor Beshear, local restaurants are closed to inside dining and the school system has closed for two weeks and many local events have been cancelled.

“I want to thank our local restaurants for voluntarily closing their doors to inside dining at the governor’s recommendation,” said County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. “We are all working together and that is how we will come out of this just fine.”

Representatives of several local grocery stores and convenience stores were present, or on conference call, for the meeting.

All local grocery store owners agreed there is an obvious shortage of some items such as hand sanitizer and other cleaning products. But owners and managers say they have increased orders and expect to restock shelves immediately with large supplies of items that have been selling quickly such as toilet paper and cleaning wipes.

Some also report meats are selling faster than normal but shelves should be restocked quickly.

All grocery store managers also said they are continually cleaning their stores and restocking shelves and some are also adjusting their hours and designating certain hours of their day to senior citizens in an effort to protect the most vulnerable to the virus.

Angie Thacker, of the Rockcastle County Health Department told members that there are no known cases of the virus in the county but there is information available for anyone concerned about it.

“I highly recommend

www.covid19.ky.gov,” she said. “It is filled with information about the virus and how to protect yourself from it.”

Sheriff Shannon Franklin, Mt. Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter, and Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales brought up the point of first responders who come in contact with people from out of state every day. “We are taking extra precautions and setting up protocols to keep our deputies safe,” said Franklin. “We are here to serve and don’t want to become carriers ourselves.”

Nathan Carter, Rockcastle County Jailor, said all activities at the jail have been cancelled until further notice. “We are also checking all new arrestees before putting them with other inmates,” he said. “We are keeping our jail clean and doing everything we can to protect our inmates.”

Brian Bussell, Emergency Management Coordinator for Brodhead, reported that fire departments are closely watching out for contact with others and that officials are in constant contact with the nursing homes in the area.

Carrie Ballinger, representing the Rockcastle County School system, said all school officials are willing to help the community in any way and the system is continuing to feed students who may otherwise not have a meal since school has been cancelled.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant called in and thanked those who were participating in the meeting as well as those who are helping in the community. He said city bills may be paid via the drop box at City Hall or at Community Trust Bank.

Mt. Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray said the lobby of city hall is currently closed and employees are keeping their work spaces disinfected. Bray also said the city is working with the county and other cities to plan for a possible outbreak of the virus.

In closing, Holbrook said he feels confident the community will work together. “The most important thing is that no one panics and we just stay calm and continue to work together. If we do that, everything will be fine and we will come through this together,” he said.

“Court”

(Continued from front)

lobbies and stop walk-in traffic. The City of Mount Vernon and the City of Brodhead have already



Since the onset of the Covid19 virus, gasoline prices have continually dropped as the stock market has fallen dramatically. This sign was seen Wednesday morning at the Marathon station in Mount Vernon. Other stations have lowered their gas prices as well.

closed their lobbies to walk-in traffic.

Holbrook said citizens may call each office or set up an appointment and continue to handle business. “Offices such as the county clerk’s office and the PVA office will remain open for business but closed to the public,” he said.

Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk is offering several options for handling government business to local citizens.

For information about renewing car tags, vehicle transfers, obtaining marriage licenses, voter registration or other public needs, call (606) 256-2831 or 256-2841.

Magistrates also heard County Treasurer Joe Clontz read amendments to the budget and inform them that Microfoodery owners will begin paying principle and interest (instead of interest only) on the loan from the county to the new plant starting in April.

The county is also working on the budget for the Rockcastle County Detention Center and officials expressed concerns that the local facility is losing money.

During the regular monthly meeting last week, Clontz said he and Holbrook and others would work on the jail expenses trying to balance the budget. However, Clontz said last week that Jailor Nathan Carter had already cut expenses so low that there was not much room to “whittle” more away.

Holbrook agreed. “We made a few more cuts in the jail budget but there just isn’t room for more cuts,” he said.

Currently the jail has only 20 employees, according to Carter.

Clontz gave the magistrates the latest version of the jail budget and several magistrates asked about areas that may be cut. But in each case, Clontz and Carter explained the mandates and state requirements that would not leave room for more cuts in those areas.

In the end, all agreed to continue to study the jail budget but expect that it will continue to be supplemented a lot from the county’s general fund in their upcoming budget.

Meeting postponed

The regular monthly Mount Vernon City Council meeting, planned for tonight, Thursday, March 19 has been postponed until further notice due to public health concerns.

“School”

(Continued from front)

state and local officials have joined in closing, cancelling or postponing most public events. All restaurants are closing to indoor service.

The new strain of the flu, which originated in China and soon spread around the world and into Kentucky, caused Governor Andy Beshear to declare a State of Emergency and to recommend several public closures, including schools, day care services, some state positions and restaurants with walk-in service.

Following the advice of officials, Rockcastle County School Superintendent David Pensol announced that schools will be closed until Monday, March 30. All sporting events and all after school activities related to the Rockcastle County school system have also been cancelled until further notice.

Officials say the closure is an effort to avoid the spread of the Covid19 virus. However, unless parents and students follow some guidelines, officials say the closures will be useless in stopping the spread of the virus.

Health officials say parents should keep children away from gathering with friends, remain six feet away from others, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth and wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.

A press release from the school says wearing a facemask will not help avoid the virus.

School officials say the first week of missed school will be made up at the end of the school year as regular school days. However, make up for the second missed week will be determined based on “additional information and future planning.”

Rockcastle, along with several other counties, has been approved to implement an emergency Nontraditional Instruction Program. The program will begin on March 23 and parents will receive learning activities and resources for your child by mail prior to the start date.

School officials say each child will be contacted by their classroom teacher to provide assistance and support.

Some local grocery stores are adjusting business hours and providing certain hours of their day for senior citizens only to stop.

Some church activities have also been cancelled or postponed as well. Residents are asked to

call ahead before attending special events.

Pam Chaliff, Librarian of the Rockcastle County Public Library, has announced closure of the library, and the bookmobile service, but will re-evaluate circumstances next week and keep the public informed she said.

Officials have closed portions of the Rockcastle County Courthouse and some services at Mount Vernon City Hall are also limited.

Renfro Valley has announced suspension of some ticketed performances through April 9. For questions, call 800-765-7464.

Nursing homes and senior care facilities across the state have stopped allowing family visits unless an emergency arises.

Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has announced

there will be no written or drivers tests offered until further noticed in Rockcastle County and driver’s license expiration dates have been extended 90 days.

The public is asked to stay home as much as possible, especially if you feel any flu symptoms. However, if you feel possible symptoms, health officials encourage everyone to call your doctor first to explain the symptoms before you go your doctor.

Health experts say everyone should stand at least six feet away from other people at all times and avoid shaking hands or any other physical contact.

Local residents are encouraged to call ahead before attending any public event that may be cancelled.

For more information go to kycovid19.ky.gov.

Brodhead Police Chief gives first monthly report

— FEMA money trickling in

By: Mike French
Editor

Due to illness, only two members of the Brodhead City Commission and Mayor Walter Cash attended this month’s regular meeting last Monday night at City Hall.

During the 20-minute meeting, Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell informed commissioners that FEMA some money from past flood damage has been received and deposited into special accounts

State level actions

Some of Governor Andy Beshear’s actions, due to the spread of the Coronavirus which may affect Rockcastle County residents, include the following:

Childcare centers to close Friday.

Three month extension on driver’s licenses.

Closing in-person government services.

Postponing May primary elections.

Restricting restaurant to carry-out.

Restricting bars to carry-out.

Issued unemployment executive order.

Attempting to provide low-interest loans.

Declared State of Emergency.

Prohibited price gouging.

Limited long term care facility visitation.

Attempting to waive insurance copays.

Closed prisons to visitors.

KEMI wage replacement for first responders

Activate state Health Operations Centers.

Close public schools.

Allow commissions and boards to cancel meetings.

Recommend businesses utilize telecommunications to allow employees to work from home.

Recommend hospital cease elective procedures.

For details about any of the governor’s orders, or information about the Coronavirus, Covid19, please go to www.kycovid19.ky.gov.

and the remaining money due to the city has been approved. “You have about \$40,000 in a special account and another \$32,000 or so yet to come,” he said. “All of the funds have been approved but the rest of it will arrive in Brodhead on the federal government’s schedule.”

The money is placed in a special account since the city must provide 13% of a matching grant for other projects planned in the city, according to Becky Bussell, City Clerk.

“The funds in those accounts are very restricted on how we are allowed to use them,” she said.

Commissioners also heard the first report from the new Chief of Police Richard Reynolds.

“As of now, the department is in good shape,” said Reynolds. “Once we establish our immediate vision and our long term goals, as a police force in Brodhead, we will discuss what the department may need to fulfill those goals. But for now, our cruisers are in good shape and we are well equipped.”

In other action, Brian Bussell informed the commission of a faulty valve in the sewer system and said the computer screen attached to the valve is not functioning properly.

Commissioner Dallas Todd told water and sewer department employees to purchase the screen and replace it.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 7 p.m.

Events cancelled

Local officials are recommending that all citizens call ahead before attending any meeting or event for the next two weeks. Officials say there are many cancelled or postponed events due to the Coronavirus and a quick call may save time and effort.

A life well lived

The year was 1955 and Americans were traveling highways that brought them right into the middle of rural communities. Trailers captured the hearts of almost everyone, and they were hungry for adventure. A new concept, a new age – the regular family loved the idea of having the freedom to glide down the highway in search of interesting stop-overs and inexpensive entertainment.

Crude, handmade wooden signs cropped up everywhere, enticing the many travelers crowding the roads to stop and rest a while after long, grueling hours of pulling their compact-sized ‘rooms’ behind. Roadside diners and small, family owned single-story motels were abundant, dotting the highways, along with small gift shops teeming with souvenirs that were often scattered and displayed to the road’s edge. It seemed the perfect time and opportunity to open a small replica of an authentic Indian Village and an ideal place with its natural settings – all complete with Cherokee natives from North Carolina waving to the many that passed, arousing their curiosity – which soon became more than a dream. And, a river right out back...Carlo and Lucille Bowling Carloftis were young with three small

children and a new baby not quite six weeks old.

The Carloftis’ had made many journeys back and forth to St. Augustine, Florida, and to the majestic mountains of Cherokee, North Carolina. They discovered the perfect place to start a tourist business and raise their family was not far from their own roots – a place where they began an over 60 year journey and love affair on the Rockcastle River.

Young and fresh with ideas, and being the entrepreneurs they were, came with a price. Carlo was brought up working in his family Hub Grill Restaurant owned by his stepfather, George Karloftis – an establishment that provided fine dining in the hills of Pineville, Kentucky. It was located very near the stately town of Middlesborough which was once a contender for Appalachia’s own steel manufacturing town and the famed Cumberland Gap which opened a whole new chapter of life for the many settlers passing through where Daniel Boone had blazed a trail.

Lucille, a cheerleader at Manchester High School, sold tickets at the local theater and dipped ice cream at Porter’s Drug Store, surrounding herself with ‘Evening in Paris’ perfume and

Porter’s makeup counter. She was quite naïve when she met and married Carlo and moved to Pineville. She traded in her bobby socks for nylon hose and became both wife and mother, having never cooked a meal. Her life in Pineville was very carefree, strolling Carcille and Buzzy along the sidewalks and eating meals at the Hub before heading to Knoxville with her husband and small family to eat yet another late-night dinner while viewing all the bright lights of a city. Yet, by Carlo’s side, she left a beautiful home in the heart of town, only to have meager necessities for a while, working alongside her husband with the original idea of spending only summers along the Rockcastle River. This brave, happy couple, filled with energy and brimming with enthusiasm, shared a dream to do something quite outrageous and most different at the time – with no running water, no telephone, and for a while, no electricity. Together they laid out their plans, working side by side to make

it come together and become the reality that even family members doubted.

Lucille and Carlo moved to Rockcastle County and quickly stole everyone’s heart.



Within days, buildings cropped up and the small wooden structure for a shop would soon become Fort Sequoyah, named for the great Cherokee Indian who invented his tribe’s alphabet.

That hot summer day in July 1955 was disappointing; not too many customers and even less in sales. But that didn’t stop their dream. They opened their wooden doors with a skeleton key and very little stock. The walls were mostly bare except for some items and relics that Mr. John Lair, well known founder of Renfro Valley, who was so taken with this vivacious, handsome couple, loaned from the walls of his own home.

Quickly becoming the ‘feel-good’ era of the 1950’s, Fort Sequoyah didn’t take long to catch on. The doors were open from early morning until late at night, seven days a

week on US Highway 25. Fort Sequoyah, nestled along the river, became a popular destination and stop-over for weary travelers who kept coming back, time and again on their way for vacations or just to stop and visit for a while.

Many wonderful friends over the years were made inside the little plain rustic shop as well as outside on the long covered porch; like Charles Baldwin and his sister Mary from northern Kentucky, who took the children on long walks along the river on Skaggs Trace in heavy, serious search of geodes and unusual rocks; and Mrs. Smolka, who never failed to stop by on her monthly pilgrimages from up north to hunt rocks in North Carolina; or Mrs. LaRue Paytiam, an orchestral pianist, married to a most handsome Southwestern Indian, an accomplished silversmith who went to college with Jim Thorpe. The Paytiam’s love affair and the love of searching for relics took them to Equador in the 1930’s and to the mountains of North Carolina. In her later years, Mrs. LaRue (James) Paytiam made her home across the lawn from the Carloftis’ house, eventually living her last years in Florida and out west, where she sent Lucille long, descriptive

letters of their many travels. Lucille especially loved this wise and much older lady who adored Lucille as a daughter.

The Carloftis’ taught by example when they often gave gifts from the shop to those who could not afford to make a purchase, especially the little children. Among them, newfound friends such as these, and the Indians, along with all the many other customers from different walks of life, made their lives all the richer by walking through their doors.

And so, their story began...

Written by
Betsy Carloftis

Lucille Bowling Carloftis departed this world, leaving a legacy that is treasured by her children - Carcille, Buzz, Koula, Betsy, Dusty, Jon, grandchildren - Laura Whitney, Koula Verda (Chris), Carly Rae (Lyle), John Zachary (Sallee Beth), Betsy Lucille (Gary) Carlo David, Emma Kate, Ellie Jane, and three great grandchildren - Charlie Anna, Gatlin Jude, Bennie Belle and her many friends and customers. She was a woman ahead of her time - a business woman before women entered the work force. She was also a published author and received numerous recognitions in her lifetime.

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative

State response to COVID-19 highlights importance of legislation aimed at public health



While my work as your State Representative has kept me busy over the past week, I have also been closely monitoring the state’s response to COVID-19. Without a doubt, our lives have changed in a big way since last week. As I write this update, we have 20 diagnosed cases of COVID-19, a new strain of the Coronavirus, and an extremely contagious respiratory virus. We have monitored this virus as it has crossed the globe. Now that it is here, our public health leaders are working hard to contain its spread and help those who have it recuperate.

Of course, containing it means taking some common-sense steps like washing your hands regularly, avoiding large crowds, and staying home when you feel ill. At the recommendation of our state’s public health director, schools across the state are closed for several weeks, courts are open only for emergency business, and state athletic events are canceled for this year. And, we are not alone as states across the nation are taking similar states.

This will likely be our new reality for a few weeks. However, I think it is important to recognize that all of this is done out of extreme caution and not panic. According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services, our risk rate is still low. As with most contagious illnesses, those who come into direct contact with someone who has COVID-19 are the most likely to get it. While COVID-19 can feel like a common cold, it can be far more dangerous to Kentuckians who are already sick or have weakened immunity. It is important to be aware of the symptoms: fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. If you have these symptoms or questions, call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-

800-722-5725. Of course, go to an emergency room if you believe you have an emergency situation. For more information about COVID-19 and our state’s response, visit www.kycovid19.ky.gov.

I want to take a moment and commend the Governor and our Department of Public Health for how they are handling this situation. They are providing a great deal of information while stressing that the actions we take today should be about limiting exposure and not overreacting. I agree that it’s time to be prepared, not panicked.

It is statewide public

health issues like COVID-19 that make us realize how critical our public health system is. In light of that, I am particularly pleased to share that the Public Health Transformation Act is now on the Governor’s desk awaiting his signature. This measure, HB 129, will allow local health departments to return their focus to communicable disease control and emergency preparedness. It will not only save valuable resources but also lead to improvements in the delivery of health services and overall public health. House Bill 129 comes as many public health departments are dealing with budget

problems that amount to an almost \$40 million deficit. As many as 41 local health departments are at risk of financial insolvency for the 2020 fiscal year. A portion of that deficit can be attributed to the tremendous increase in their pension liability. However, public health experts believe that many health departments offer services that duplicate those offered by other private agencies.

In addition to HB 129, I also joined my colleagues in the House in unanimously passing a measure to help health departments and other quasi-governmental agencies with their pension

burdens. House Bill 171 would allow the organizations to make payments based on what they owe, rather than as a percentage of payroll. This is called “level-dollar” funding, meaning they will only pay what they owe into the pension system. The amount owed will remain fixed and will be paid back with steady payments for the next 27 years. This stability allows entities to budget appropriately. In addition to health departments, the bill provides a way forward for rape crisis centers, spousal abuse centers, and other similar agencies.

Thank you for taking the

time to read this week’s update. I appreciate that our paper is willing to run these columns and, of course, hope you’ll let me know if you have any comments or questions. I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook RepRTravisBrenda71.

Legislative Update

By Jared Carpenter
State Senator

The Kentucky General Assembly was postponed during its 10th week in light of efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



In a bicameral and bipartisan decision, leaders from both chambers opted to exercise an abundance of caution and pause legislative business for Friday and Monday. This will provide an opportunity to further evaluate safety procedures and next steps. The well-being of visitors, members, and staff are of highest priority.

I would like to reassure you that Kentucky health officials and state leaders are working closely with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, federal authorities, and other health agencies to ensure that collaborative and proactive measures are implemented throughout the Commonwealth. It is important that we remain calm during this time and utilize the resources provided to help all of us prevent the spread of disease and stay healthy. The state also issued a new hotline, 1-800-722-5725, to assist Kentuckians who have questions or need help.

We anticipate that we will resume regular legislative business on Tuesday, as we are constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget by April 15 and there is still much work to be done.

The Senate finally received the state biennial budget bill from the House this week. The Appropriations and Revenue Committee and budget staff have been working long days to carefully review the bill and discuss any possible changes to be made in the Senate. Crafting the state’s two-year financial plan is no easy task, but I feel confident in the Senate’s ability to negotiate a responsible budget bill that Kentucky can be proud of.

In the midst of receiving the budget and a global health interruption, we continued to advance bills through committee and out of the Senate, including several House measures.

House Bill 59 seeks to bring awareness to the problem of suicide within the farming community. It requires the Governor to declare the Wednesday of “National Farm Safety Week” (the third week in September) as “Farmer Suicide Prevention Day” to encourage the citizens of Kentucky to recognize the mental health challenges faced in the farming com-

munity.

Senate Bill 63 allows high school dropouts who are 21 or older to complete graduation requirements through “virtual instruction,” a non-traditional form of education that uses the internet to deliver distance learning. The House amended it to state that the schooling could be completed in another district if the student had moved. The Senate concurred with the House change by a 34-0 vote.

Senate Bill 106 contains a proposed constitutional amendment to repeal Section 233 of the state constitution, which states that any laws in effect in Virginia before June 1792 are in effect in Kentucky. Section 233 came about when Kentucky separated from Virginia to become the 15th state. A case law search found that section 233 was last cited in the early 1940s.

House Bill 153 establishes the Kentucky Mental Health First Aid Training Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. It would be tasked with training professionals and members of the public to identify and assist individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. I am proud to support this legislation, as mental health “first aid” helps communi-

ties address individuals’ mental health or substance use disorders before they lead to more serious problems.

Senate Bill 174 incentivizes a more relevant and economical pathway for teachers to earn Rank II status by allowing National Board Certification as a qualifier. Currently, the only way a teacher can achieve a Rank II is by earning a master’s degree or the equivalent.

SB 178 regulates plaintiff lawyer advertisements that target consumers of prescription drugs and medical devices. A much-debated provision would require the ads to display this warning: “Do not stop taking a prescribed medication without first consulting with your doctor. Discontinuing a prescribed medication without your doctor’s advice can result in injury or death.”

House Bill 208 requires wireless providers of Lifeline federal-assistance telephone service to make monthly 911 service fee payments to the state. This measure wouldn’t make anyone’s mobile phone bill go up; it would just close a loophole that one service provider exploited to avoid paying the fee.

Senate Bill 218 prohibits a driver for a taxi company or ridesharing app from having sexual contact

with a passenger within 12 hours of the drop-off. A driver who violated Senate Bill 218 could be charged with the crime of sexual abuse. This legislation is much needed, as Uber alone self-reported 235 rapes, 280 attempted rapes and 5,981 sexual assaults in 2018.

House Bill 266 allows honorably discharged veterans to enroll their children in a school district in which they are building a house – even if it’s not ready for occupancy. This bill would simplify the relocation process for military families.

Join me in praying for those who have been affected by the coronavirus and that our state and national leaders will be given the wisdom and resources necessary to maneuver through this pandemic. I will be sure to keep you informed of any additional changes to the legislative calendar in these final weeks. Thank you for allowing me to be your voice in Frankfort.

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

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Notice is hereby given that Doris Lawrence, 6378 Quail Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Jackie Lawrence on the 24th day of February, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Doris Lawrence or to Hon. Joseph P. Lambert, P.O. Box 989, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 29, 2021 at 11 a.m. 6x3

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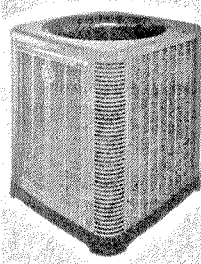
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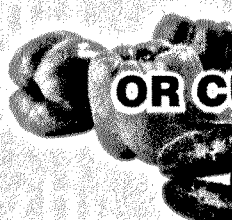
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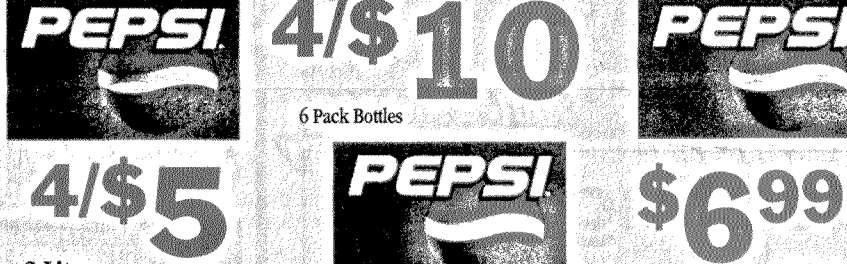
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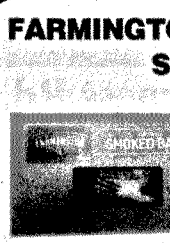
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