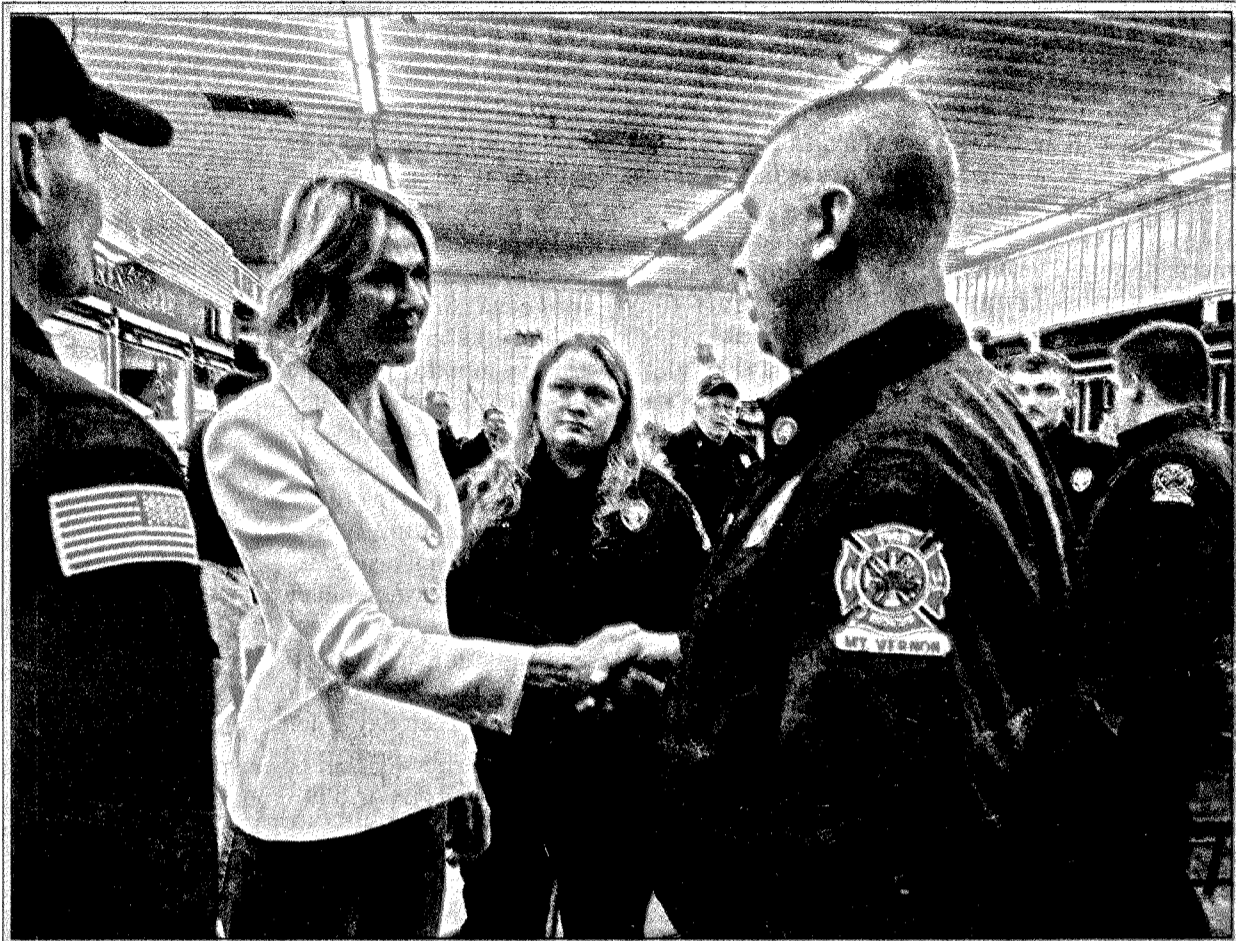


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Candidate for Governor Kelly Craft shakes hand with MVFD firefighter Lt. Brandon Evans

Gubernatorial candidate Kelly Craft visits MVFD

By: Mike French
 Editor

Republican gubernatorial candidate Kelly Craft visited the Mount Vernon Fire Department as part of her campaign tour last week.

Craft spoke to a large crowd at the department and explained some of her many plans to support and promote fire emergency services across the state.

The former United States Ambassador, appointed under President Donald

Trump, is expected to be a front runner by some in the primary elections.

One of Craft's best known promises include attempting to provide \$5,000 per year in additional funding to all volunteer fire departments.

"Kentucky's volunteer firefighters are some of the most selfless people I have met when traveling across the Commonwealth," she said. "As Governor I will work

(See "Craft" on A5)

No rent increase planned

Fiscal Court to operate Livingston rental property

By: Mike French
 Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday and their monthly work session on Monday last week to discuss several items.

The meeting began with a moment of silence to observe the recent passing of Treasurer Joseph Clontz.

Clontz's wife Linda and son Bryan accepted an award of service from Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. before the

official meeting began.

After a presentation from the Cumberland Valley Health Department, the court voted to support and promote a needle exchange program in Rockcastle County providing free, new needles to anyone who

will exchange their used heroin or methamphetamine needles. Magistrate Mike McGuire was the only vote against the motion that was made by Magistrate Shane Thacker and seconded by Magistrate William Denny.

The court also accepted the RCIDA report and approved \$1,270 in program support to the Rockcastle County Development Board. The program support was a reimbursement for a request that includes a \$30 PO Box fee, \$1,100 in

contract pay, \$40 cell phones charge and a \$100 membership fee.

The court also accepted slightly over \$90,912 in excess fees from Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen.

The court also dis-

(See "Court" on A5)

Safe Haven Baby Box

FCCLA senior making it happen in Rockcastle

Makaela Brooke Abney, a senior FCCLA member and local president at Rockcastle County High School, has chosen to be a public policy advocate for the non-profit organization, Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

In her journey for advocacy, her main goal was to get a Safe Haven Baby Box placed in Mt. Vernon and she is well on her way to accomplishing this goal.

Abney held a public informational forum at Rockcastle County High School Tuesday, January 24th to inform members of the community about the Safe Haven Laws and Safe Haven Baby Boxes.

Representative Nancy Tate (District 27), Representative Josh Bray (District 71), Chief of Police, Joe Rush and County Judge Executive, Howell Holbrook were all in attendance, along with members and leaders of local churches and Rockcastle County Schools.

Abney also spoke to the congregation at Brodhead Baptist Church on Sunday, March 12th.

The Safe Haven Baby Boxes are a secure device placed on the side of a 24 hour manned hospital, fire station, or ambulance service.

They allow parents to surrender their newborn infant (under 30 days old) completely anonymously

(See "Baby" on A5)



Brooke Abney at the Safe Haven Baby Box Gala in Louisville on November 5, 2022.

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 21 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days.

There were an additional 34 probable cases reported.

Easter Celebration

The Rockcastle VFW Post would like to invite everyone to the Easter Celebration on April 8 from noon to 2 p.m. when the egg hunt will begin. There will be inflatables. The event will be held at Post 5908 at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon. For more information call 606-308-3568

Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at City Hall has been postponed to Thursday, March 23. See next week's issue of the Signal for details.

Construction on new RCMS expected to begin July 24, 2023

Projected completion is 2026

By: Mike French
 Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday and started with board members seeing the latest designs for the new proposed middle school from a representative of Decco Architecture.

However, apparently the latest designs caught some members slightly off guard. Some of

the changes in design were apparently done without the expected board participation. "I don't need to know every little detail but this is a lot of money here and we should all be a part of all this," said Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink. "We get questions every day and I can promise you that people are going to want to know what happens

(See "RCMS" on A5)

School board holds regular monthly meeting

Finances in fine shape

Members of the Rockcastle County School Board held their regular meeting last week with a full agenda.

After recognition of the great success of the RCHS Cheerleaders this year, the board heard reports from school Principal J.D. Bussell. The board also saw a slide show of the latest RCMS project drawings (See related story.)

After approving operations and actions, the board approved the financial statements from Finance Director Jenny Sweet. Sweet said the district is "in fine shape. This is about where we expected to be at this time of the school year," she said.

The board also approved the selling of four surplus school buses. The board had already approved the purchase of the replacement

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T.J.'s Journal
By: Tonya J. Cook



Not to be Opened
Dear Journal,
Just this morning... no, wait... it is every morning noon and night, I come across a product of some kind that is difficult to open or should I say just can't be opened at any cost. Sometimes I want to start looking for a hammer or saw of some kind.

Lids to jelly, mayo and such or medicine bottles have always been hard to open, but really not too bad if you are young and have strength and a good grip. I don't know if it is me getting older and losing my strength or the manufacturing companies intentionally making lids, pull tabs, and wrappers difficult to open. Maybe we should just have some two or three year old children on hand to open our products. You have to get a ten or twelve year old to set up your computer, camera, tablet or cell

phone. Sometimes I don't have a good appetite and don't really want but just a couple of bites to eat, so I drink a bottle of Ensure just to keep up my strength and take my medicine. It is supposed to be for the elderly and sick people, or so I've been led to believe. (I've just about decided to include myself in that category although my mind says that I'm thirty). I remember stuff from fifty years ago better than what I had for lunch yesterday.

I remember when all of this got started. It was about 1982 or '83 and some freak looking for something sorry to do poisoned some Tylenol and some people were poisoned to death. Some that were in hospitals or nursing homes died. America went on this kick about packaging security and has gotten

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Aces Over
By: Mike French



There are some things I miss. Of course, I don't believe the world today has the moral values and ethical character that people had 40 years ago. I believe evil is everywhere we look now.

We had Decoration Days. It was really Memorial Day and Veteran's Day but most country people I knew called them Decoration Days because we decorated graves with flowers and what-nots.

The whole family would show up and bring picnic baskets full of food and trunks full of flowers. We didn't really call each other and set it all up, we just knew. Somehow, when we got there with our load of stuff, within moments, another family member arrived and then another. By noon, most all the family was there and quilts were spread out everywhere with food of all kinds.

Everywhere we went, there was a horseshoe pit nearby. After we ate, the men would act sort of like us kids and pretend they didn't really want to play. "But, if you really want to, I guess I can throw a few games." The next several hours the men played horseshoes while the ladies cleaned-up and us kids ran and got dirty and shot .22 rifles in our Sunday clothes.

Later, the whole family would go on a hike or gather at one home and play Rook.

We had a "canning day" also. Every year I would go with mom or dad and

pick blackberries, green beans, or grapes or gather apples or peaches, dig potatoes, gather corn or tomatoes or just whatever we had. Then mom and dad somehow knew exactly what to do to each thing we gathered. Some stuff they put in the attic on aluminum foil, other stuff they cooked with baking soda and strained the top off of it and then put it somewhere. Each thing had a process related to it and they just knew what it was. We had syrup and bread and butter and fried apple pies and grape jellies and strawberry jams without ever buying any of those things.

Then, at a certain time of year, we all gathered at grandma's house and they started canning things.

There were pots cooking everywhere and while those pots were boiling, we are working on other things with other vegies. By the end of the day, we would have a kitchen full of stuff in mason jars. We would eat out of those jars all year till the next canning season.

Of course there was "Housing Day" and "Stripping Week" but that was just two of the many parts of tobacco work. But on those two periods, there were family and neighbors who showed up at about daylight and started working. It always surprised

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to businesses that sell vaping products...

Dear Editor,
This is an open letter from Rockcastle County Schools to our local businesses requesting that you move vaping products behind the counter and closely monitor the selling of these products to minors. The use of vaping products by minors in our schools is an ever growing and alarming problem. Our school district is dealing with an incredible number of vaping issues and the number of incidents that we are seeing is growing each day. The age of students utilizing vaping products is getting younger and younger. When speaking with students, many report that vape usage is rampant and that many students are addicted to this practice. There are cases of students using these devices to house illegal substances as well.

Adults over the age of 21 have the legal right to purchase vaping products; however, minors do not. While we realize that most businesses who sell these products are following the law, students have informed us that they have and are purchasing vaping products locally. We have documented

cases of students becoming very ill at school from vape usage, and we have had to contact medical assistance on occasion.

We respectfully request that, for the health and welfare of the families and students in our Rockcastle community retail businesses please move all vaping products behind the counter of your store (similar to tobacco and medicinal products). We would also ask that you instruct your employees to refrain from selling these products to minors.

Again, we know that there are businesses that DO NOT sell to underage customers under any circumstances and we sincerely thank them for that. However, based on our experiences, we are aware that there are certain locations that are allowing minors to purchase these products.

Please help us protect our Rocket students, and to avoid a potential tragedy. It takes a village and we ask that you assist us in making our community a safe place for our students to live and learn.

Sincerely,
Dr. Carrie Ballinger,
Superintendent
Rockcastle County Schools
Rockcastle County Board of Education

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- "Giant" author Ferber
- Rip
- Disdained newspaper
- Farm door fastener
- Rear window feature in some cars
- Chicken King
- Port of old Rome
- Merchandising event
- What a sneaky person might have
- Many a prom attendee
- Four-person race
- Gun at a red light
- Refugee's request
- Little bribes
- Metal-in-the-raw
- Cow-horned goddess
- Unit of electricity
- "B.C." character
- Wipe from memory
- Be harder to catch
- Very familiar with
- Mickey Mantle's number
- Frog maneuver
- Congregation seats
- "... we all!"
- Overly pretentious

DOWN

- Type of solo
- Parental admonition
- Football great Graham
- It may be stolen while many look on
- Pipe type
- "How soothing!"
- Petty clash
- Courtroom address (with "your")
- Debated
- Wave, as a weapon
- Bottom of your ear
- In a lazy way
- Wec Reese (baseball Hall-of-Famer)
- Like fiery pokers
- Fish-eating eagle
- Bandmate of Crosby and Stills
- Buzzing
- Certain dreadlocked Jamaican, briefly
- Author Fugard's "A Lesson From ..."
- Tasting like wild meat
- Some fragrant trees
- Egypt's largest city
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- One of the Canterbury pilgrims
- Visibly elated
- Adds pizzazz to
- Spanish appetizer
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- Beta tester, e.g.
- Brunch cocktail
- Showing more normal judgment
- Start of a happy-go-lucky utterance
- Get by somehow
- Openly confess
- Glacier snow field
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- 32-card game
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- Ryder or Stanley
- 1 of 100 in D.C.
- It's dynamite

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Raises funds for Hospice Care Plus

Reservations open for Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Party

Madison County's longest-running Derby Eve party is set for May 5 and reservations are open.

The Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Benefit will take place Friday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at Churchill's, in the historic Churchill Weavers building in Berea. Reservations are open through April 28.

Visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500 for reservations. All proceeds benefit Hospice Care Plus.

The 2023 Bourbon, Boots & BBQ will feature a catered dinner, a live concert, complimentary Oaks Lily cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, a live and silent auction, an optional bourbon tasting and much more. Both the open bar and the bourbon tasting are offered in conjunction with Honey-suckle Restaurant, part of the Churchill's organization.

The Goodwin Brothers are returning to perform at the benefit. This popular bluegrass-Americana band out of Mt. Sterling recently won the 9th Annual Lexi Award for Bluegrass Artist of the Year.

Reservations are \$100 per person and include all event amenities except the bourbon tasting, which is an additional \$25.

Attire is up to guests, but Stefanie Manes, development coordinator at Hospice Care Plus, encourages creativity.

"One of the things that makes this event so fun is that there isn't a dress code. People can choose their favorite outfits for a night of dancing. Some come in their best western clothes, others in classic Derby dresses and hats, and many just come casual. Everyone is welcome."

Bourbon, Boots & BBQ began as the Spring Thing event, 20 years ago. It was created to raise funds to help Hospice Care Plus build the Compassionate Care Center. In later years, it became known as the Run for the Roses Derby Eve Benefit and, more recently, the Gala on Derby Eve. It now raises funds for all Hospice Care Plus programs.

"Events like these are an important part of how we provide care for all,

regardless of insurance status or ability to pay," said Hospice Care Plus CEO Lisa Cox.

This year's event is organized by committee members Caira Aldridge, Stacey Brinegar, Cheree Crowe, Connie Lawson, Karen Linville, Amanda Marcum, Julia Merritt, Tammy Warford and Katelyn Watkins.

The benefit's presenting sponsor is Cumberland Valley National Bank.

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative, and bereavement care. The organization also serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley counties and owns and operates the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Relying on contributions from individuals and groups, all care is provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. To learn more, donate, or explore career and volunteer opportunities, visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

Aces

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me that no one seemed to be a "boss" or a leader at all. Everyone just sort of knew what needed to be done and they did it without direction and each person did different things.

We never grew sugar cane so we didn't cook molasses. But one of our neighbors did. So that neighbor helped us with tobacco and hog killing, and we helped him when it came time to strip the cane and boil the molas-

ses. Of course he got some free hog meat and we got free molasses.

Sundays were a lot different than now though. If we weren't having a "Canning Day" or some other "Hard Labor Day," dad would pick out a relative and we would go visit them. No reason. We just did. What never failed to shock me was that no matter who we went to visit unannounced, they always had a huge 6-course meal ready in case someone came by. I always wondered what they did with all that food when no one visited.

There were many days throughout our year that were designated for some form of hard work. There were not a lot of days with nothing to do at all. If we had one of those days, it was a Sunday and we visited.

We got a lot done in those days even without running water and electric. Yes, I remember those days. Younger people like to poke fun or look down their nose at how we lived. Of course, they have no idea what they are talking about but won't be smart enough to realize it until they too are too old to apologize for it.

Trying to get my kids together is like trying to do away with a new WOKE law. It just ain't gonna happen.

I don't know what people will miss the most 50 years from now, but I bet it won't be that phone in their hand 24/7.

On a side note: just my opinion, thanks to Magistrate Mike McGuire for voting against the needle exchange program. He was the only "no" vote. In my opinion that is an evil and enabling program. At least anyone considering trying meth or heroin now can have a nice, clean, safe, new needle to try it with. One more deterrent, gone to WOKEism. Of course free needles don't apply if you need one for diabetes. Just meth or heroin or whatever you cook up. Mr. McGuire stood for what he believes is the right thing. I agree with him completely.

T.J.'s

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worse since.

I've talked to others, some younger people, about this problem. Most of them say it is getting worse as time goes by. I know they are making the needle eyes smaller just so they can have something to sit back and laugh about... little old ladies trying to hunt and poke around trying to thread a needle.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, March 27th: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
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Hot Rods Sign-Ups

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

Vietnam Veterans Day

Rockcastle Memorial VFW would like to invite everyone to honor our Vietnam Veterans on March 25th at 2 p.m. We will have the RCHS JROTC along with Rockcastle Honor Guard performing a special ceremony. We will also have special singers along with BBQ provided by Lazy Pig BBQ and some special creations for this event created by Sallie's Creations. Please come support us in a special tribute to all our Vietnam Veterans. If needed, please contact Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post Commander Parsons at 606-308-3568.

Easter Egg Hunt

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post would like to invite everyone to our Easter Celebration on April 8, 2023 starting at noon to 2 p.m. for hotdogs and then egg hunt at 2 p.m. for the kids. We currently have a little over 3,000 plastic eggs. We will also have inflatables provided by Mount Vernon Inflatables. If you would like any special creations we will also have Sallie's Creations available for any special orders. Come support our Veterans. Any questions, please contact Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post Commander Parsons at 606-308-3568.

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Health Department Training

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 2023, for trainings. We will reopen on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8 a.m.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-9000.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, William A. Leger, an attorney in good standing with the Kentucky Bar Association, have been appointed Warning Order Attorney for Maric Farms, A Kentucky General Partnership. As such I am tasked with notifying them of the filing of a petition against them in Rockcastle Circuit Court Case #22-CI-00175;

I request that representatives of the entity identified above, or any person with knowledge about the identity, whereabouts or existence of the above named entity or any representative thereof, contact me on or before the 1st day of March, 2023. I am required to report my findings as to the existence and whereabouts of the individual identified herein and any defense they may have to the petition. I can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456 or by telephone at (606) 256-2728.

Bid Notification/Solicitation

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

Today's Date: February 27, 2023

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

(All bids should be clearly marked: FIRE DEPARTMENT BID)

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

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Grant project: EMW-2021-FG-11527
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The City of Mount Vernon and Mount Vernon Fire Department reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids based on compliance to the advertised bid spec.

Project Contact Information:
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Obituaries

Juanita Falin

Juanita Falin, 79, of Mt Vernon, died Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born March 4, 1944, daughter of the late Elmer and Vula (Clark) Falin. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed working in the garden, quilting, playing rook and spending time with family and grandchildren.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Gloria Day of Mt Vernon, Dean McClure and Debbie of Mt Vernon, Charlotte McClure of Crab Orchard, Sheila McClure of Mt Vernon, and Cassandra Falin and Bobby of Mt Vernon; one brother, Carl Falin of NC; one sister, Marilyn Falin of Mt Vernon; seven grandchildren, Charles Day, Angela Day, Stephanie Robbins, Shane McClure, Natasha McClure, Dakota Kirby, and Makinlee Kirby, all of Mt Vernon; and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; one brother, Herman Falin; five sisters, Hazel Stewart, Pat Falin, Judy Gray, Wanda Grimes, and Dorothy Prince; and two great grandchildren, Aubrey and Jazmine Morgan.

Services were held Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Joe Spivey officiating. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Floyd Thomas Lovell, Sr.

Floyd Thomas Lovell, Sr., 85, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born February 12, 1938 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Charles and Grace Deacon Lovell. He was a retired truck driver for the City of Indianapolis, an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan, enjoyed horse racing, fishing, spending time with, and cooking for his family, and was a member of the Union Chapel Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Bernice Smith Lovell; four sons, Richard Allen Lovell, David Wayne Lovell and (Amy), Daniel Lee Lovell, and Wendell Ford Lovell and (Tiffany); four daughters, Brenda Faye Oberson and (Martin), Charlotte Bradley, Teresa Lynn Cunagin and (Charlie), and Sharon Kay Cunagin and (Mike); 29 grandchildren; 50 great grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two sons; one brother; one sister; one grandchild; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 17, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Eaton officiating. Burial was in Lovell Family Cemetery.


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

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Ann Benson

Ann Osborne Benson, 85, of Mt. Vernon and formerly of Bright/West Harrison, IN, passed peacefully from this earth on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at



Rockcastle Regional Hospital after residing at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead since 2017. She was born in Mt. Vernon, on February 14, 1938, to the late Gillis and Martha Burke Osborne, and was the oldest of seven children.

After graduating from Mt. Vernon Graded and High School, Ann moved to Cincinnati to begin her life as a career woman. Soon after moving there, she met and married John William Benson, Sr. The couple made their home in the community of Bright (West Harrison), IN where they planned to raise their two children, John William, Jr. and Melissa Carol. Upon John Sr.'s passing, Ann returned to Mt. Vernon with her children to live.

Ann was born with a servant heart. She found joy in helping others as seen in her career choices. She spent 14 years as head cashier and bookkeeper for Kroger Company, owned two different eating establishments in Mt. Vernon. Her last job was one she found most rewarding and where she found her purpose, Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center Dietary Department. She spent 18 years serving wonderful dishes, spreading lots of love, compassion and hugs, and sharing her heart for God.

Ann loved the Lord and her family. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Maranatha Sunday School Class. She enjoyed being a part of a church that truly served the Lord and the community and a Sunday School Class that was a sisterhood. In her spare time, she loved to read, travel, and make new friends who were instantly brought into her world as family.

Ms. Ann left behind many family and friends who loved her very much including: her children, John, Melissa and Ronnie; her step-grandchildren, Ronnie (Doaa) and Shanna Owens; step great grandson, Riley; her siblings, Jim Osborne (Linda), Virginia Parsons (Tommy), Terry Osborne (Gale), and Brenda McKinney (Phil); a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends and adopted "children." She was preceded in death by her husband, John; her parents; two brothers, Don and David; adopted daughter, Trish Stewart; adopted son, Pete Harrison; and longtime friend, Earl Noe.

Ann had requested her passing be kept very private and to honor her wishes there will be no visitation or funeral services. She will be buried beside her husband, John, at Glen Haven Cemetery in Harrison, OH. Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

If you would like to honor Ms. Ann in some way, her children have asked for donations to any of the following: Rockcastle Regional Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), or to First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Proverbs 31: 25: Strength and Honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

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

Alma Loudermilk

Alma Jean Loudermilk, 77, of Brodhead, died at home on Sunday, March 19, 2023. She was born December 5, 1945, daughter of the late Albert and Bethel (Cummins) Falin. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, Kentucky basketball, and gardening. She was a retired Respiratory Therapist from Rockcastle Hospital.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 59 years, Bobby John Loudermilk; children, Mark (Linda) Loudermilk of Brodhead, and Ryan (Andrea Barber) Loudermilk of Mt Vernon; grandchildren, Zachary, Jonmark, Jacob, Karalinn, and Jenna Loudermilk, Jacob, Emma, Ava, and Abigail Watson; great grandchild, Warren Krew Loudermilk; sisters, Dianna Bradley (Don), and Gail Burdette and the late (Larry) of Mt Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; one brother, Carl Falin (infant); and one sister, Retha Thompson.

Services were held Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ronnie McClure officiating. Private Entombment was at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Somerset.

In Alma's memory, donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Heritage Hospice, 120 Enterprise Dr., Danville, KY 40422.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Flossie McKinney

Flossie Christine McKinney, 96, of West Chester, OH, died Thursday, March 16, 2023 at her home. She was born in Mt. Vernon on March 28, 1926, the daughter of Christopher Columbus and Melinda Josephine "Josie" Taylor Harper.

She is survived by: her children, Daniel Ivan McKinney and wife Jenny, and Barbara Warren; a daughter-in-law, Velma McKinney; and a brother, Russell Harper. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 69 years, Ivan McKinney; two sons, Ronald Gary McKinney and Dale Stewart McKinney; a son-in-law, Clarence Ray Warren; and seven siblings.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

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

Church News

Monthly Singing


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

Singing


Roundstone Baptist Church will have a singing Saturday, March 25th at 6 p.m. with Vickie and Jerry Petrey, The Blackburns, Lonnie and Edith King, The Mink Family, Buddy and Janice Mullins, Roundstone Baptist singers. All invited to come fellowship and lift God's name up.

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“Board”

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Superintendent Carrie Ballinger asked the board to approve a one-time \$2,400 support to the Council for Better Education. The group represents nearly all school districts in Kentucky. The request was approved unanimously.

A group of local residents stood to ask the board to support their equity and inclusion agenda. Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink said the board will take the requests into consideration. "I can assure everyone that we will do all we can to make sure every student is addressed with love, compassion and encouragement. We always have."

There were also questions concerning the districts requirements for local farmers to provide produce to the school lunch programs.

According to Food Service Coordinator Jennifer Mattingly there are guidelines set by the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) that must be met for a local farmer to qualify. However, officials have made those steps as easy as possible so that farmers would not be leery to apply and would be able to participate in the programs, she said.

There was also discussion of enrollment. Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert said enrollment is currently 2,845. The highest it has ever been, according to Mink and Reppert.

Board member Misty Lakes said she would like to inform parents how important it is to have their child in school. "I used to keep mine home quite often," she said. "But now that I understand the importance of having your child in school I hope parents understand that the entire school and every student is losing funds when you keep your child home from school."

Mink said she understands Lakes' concerns. "Pre-COVID I used to send mine to school as soon as they felt good enough to go," she said. "But anymore we tend to keep them home longer so that we don't spread anything around. That does cost a school district funds."

The board agreed to consider the trend.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel report. It is as follows:

Full time classified employees hired

Brooke Bishop, head girl's basketball coach at RCMS; Dylan Bullock, boys and girls track coach at RCMS.

Resignations

Rylan Cromer, district wide substitute teacher; Lisa Noe, academic interventionist at BES; Kenneth Engle, district wide substitute cook/baker; Jess Harris, instructional assistant at RCMS; Jamison Roberts, district wide substitute teacher; James Brock, social studies teacher at RCHS; Jacklynn Thacker, instructional assistant at BES; Debora Bowles, district wide substitute teacher; Cathy Rogers, district wide substitute teacher; Brooke Bishop, assistant girl's basketball coach at RCMS; Betty Mullins, substitute bus monitor district wide.

Certified substitutes hired

Theresa Davis and Lenzi

Cooper, district wide substitutes.

Classified substitutes hired

Daily Mink, district wide substitute bus monitor.

Volunteers

Dewayne Barrett, volunteer fishing coach at RCHS.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

“RCMS”

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opened to the mezzanine and locker rooms and such."

Some members of the board seemed to express surprise at the latest designs, which do not include several of the architectural aspects presented in previous design showings.

"I don't mean to sound difficult, but these changes in the design have not been addressed. We have not been made aware of some of these differences. I would like to have been made aware of some of this," said board member Anna Stevens-Goff.

In fact, the gymnasium, the home and away locker rooms and several other aspects of the design, including a mezzanine area, are either removed from the project or greatly changed since the original design. "What happened to the mezzanine and the locker rooms?" asked Mink. Facilities Director Trent Clark said some of the spaces were needed for mechanical requirements and that a lot of schools don't have locker rooms. "The locker room we currently have is very nice," he said.

Board members were shown a slide show Tuesday of many parts of the building including interior renderings, hallways, lockers, open spaces, cafeteria and others.

"We don't mean to be difficult but we are being asked to approve all this money and we need to be made aware of any changes," Mink said. Goff agreed, "It's fine if we can't have the locker rooms but we are going to have this big magnificent football field and track and we didn't know the new locker rooms were no longer in the plans. We had not been made aware of that."

Mink agreed in a later interview. "Some of these changes that appeared in the last drawings were never mentioned to us," she said. "I found out about them in Tuesday's meeting when everyone else did."

In the first presentation last year, it apparently appeared to some that the gymnasium and the football field were parts of the project since slides of a new gym and a football field were shown along with slides of the projected new design. It wasn't until late last year that some board members became aware that the football field was not part of the original estimate.

In fact, adding the football field at that time was one reason for the huge project estimate increase. "I thought the football field was part of the project all along, said Mink. "Then I found out it wasn't and the price went up \$8 million," she said. "I still think that is a very expensive football field. Now the new

locker rooms are gone." The gym, an alternate bid, is now Phase II of the project and the mezzanine area is closed off for mechanical machinery.

"But I do love the colors now and we are going to have a beautiful track and football field," said Mink. "It is a very nice building and will serve our students well. We are pleased with the building and proud of our new middle school project. I think Anna and I just feel that we should have been more involved or at least informed in the process." Mink went on to say she isn't blaming anyone specifically for the lack of information and believes the issues were a communication problem.

Those present were also shown a projected finish date for each of the upcoming steps in the project.

According to the estimates, the advertisement for bids for the project are expected on May 4, 2023 and the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023. Prospective bidders will have about 14 days to look over the project before the pre-bid meeting. The schedule denotes bid-opening day as May 25.

The Board is then expected to accept the winning bid on June 6, 2023 and mobilization is expected to begin on July 21, 2023. Mobilization includes moving required heavy equipment to the site as well as some large items such as steel beams. Actual construction is expected to begin on July 24, 2023 and last until December 19, 2025 which would also be the date of substantial completion. In most bid documents, substantial completion is defined as a completed project with only punch lists and amendments or special changes remaining. A punch list is a list put together by owners and architects and designers as well as actual laborers, of "finishing touches" that may include spot painting or drywall touch-ups. Construction on the football field is expected to begin on November 13, 2023 and be completed on substantial completion day of June 25, 2024.

Final completion of the project is expected on January 21, 2026.

“Baby”

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and without any questions or repercussions. Most importantly, these boxes prevent parents from having to have a face-to-face interaction during one of their darkest hours.

The Safe Haven Baby Boxes are intended to give parents options and prevent babies from being abandoned in unsafe locations. It is estimated that three babies are abandoned each day in the United States and for every baby that is found it is believed that two are not, according to Safe Haven officials.

These secure devices were made legal after the Safe Haven Law that was created in 2002 was amended. The original KRS stated that a parent can surrender their newborn infant to medical personnel at a hospital, fire station, or ambulance service with no questions asked.

This law was amended in 2021 to allow for parents to place their baby in a Safe Haven Box instead of the arms of another

human.

As of today, 27 babies have been safely surrendered as a result of the Safe Haven Baby Boxes. The first baby to be placed in a box in Kentucky was on February 10, 2023 in Bowling Green, less than 2 months after the box had been installed.

Abney is accepting donations to raise the money to secure the Safe Haven Baby Box to be placed in Rockcastle County.

The box costs \$11,000 and it will be closer to \$16,000 after installation. Abney currently has over \$11,000 in donations, but is short by slightly under \$5,000. Abney, along with Mrs. Tammy Camel, FCS Teacher and FCCLA Adviser, are willing to speak on the subject at any organization or church if you are interested in seeking more information. If you would like to make a donation to this project, checks can be made payable to "RCHS FCCLA" with Safe Haven Service Project in the memo line.

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“Craft”

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with the state legislature to provide volunteer fire departments across our state with an additional \$5,000 in funding each and every year."

Craft points out that the safer a community may be, the lower insurance premiums would be. "This would put more money in Kentuckian's pocketbooks," she said.

Most volunteer fire departments raise funds through fundraiser events and/or through grant applications with little help from their city and county. Most firefighters admit they have used money from their own pocket to purchase needed equipment or supplies.

According to Craft's study, of the 21,000 firefighters in Kentucky, 17,000 of those are volunteers and of the 686 departments, 520 are volunteer departments.

According to Craft, the Kentucky Fire Commission provides \$11,500 in funding to qualified volunteer fire departments. With Craft's plan, each department would receive an additional \$5,000 to provide for additional

training, improved equipment and more.

To qualify as a volunteer fire department there must be 12 or more members, a chief and at least one firetruck. A volunteer firefighter is defined as anyone with a department that makes less than \$8,000 annually for their firefighting services.

Craft has expressed her conservative views on several recent issues with common sense approaches and said she was proud to visit Mount Vernon last week. "May God bless the selfless men and women who serve this community," she said.

Chief Adam Bales was glad Craft chose his department for a visit. "We were honored to have our department chosen by Mrs. Craft's campaign," he said. "To have the highest office in the state recognize the need for extra support and to take time from her busy schedule to meet with firefighters, ask questions and offer ideas for future support, is a huge morale boost for all departments that may be struggling."

Kentucky's Primary Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 11 is in-person, no excuse absentee voting day. Other details will be released by the Rockcastle County Clerks office before voting days.

“Court”

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cussed the county-owned property in Livingston. The subject has been on the agenda for several months now as officials tried to locate old lease agreements and determine who is responsible for the property and who collects rent, performs repairs and/or deals with utilities.

After several discussions, the court decided the property will be managed by the county, releasing the City of Livingston of the responsibilities. "We will not make any money on the buildings," said Holbrook. In fact, Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson said the city had been losing about \$1,000 per month operating the property. That loss will now be taken over by the fiscal court.

The motion instructed County Attorney Jeremy Rowe to draw up con-

tracts to rent one unit to the Kentucky American Water Company (previously paying \$300 per month), one unit to a Doctor's office (previously paying \$200 per month), keep Livingston City Hall in one unit rent free and keep the senior citizen center in the fourth unit rent free. The county will collect the rent and pay all utilities which often reach as much as \$1,300 per month according to Livingston officials. "We will continue to look into running the buildings as efficiently as possible but I don't think the county plans to raise anyone's rent anytime soon," said McGuire.


The court is also considering options for the old Livingston School building. That space had been leased to the Sheltoe Trace but the company recently vacated the premises. Magistrates and the Judge/Executive toured the building last week to discover there is no heat, air conditioning or running water in most locations in the building. It was also discovered the flooring needs repair. The court tabled any action concerning the school building until more is known about the flooring damage.

The court also approved a quote for bobcat repairs in the amount of \$11,097 with an additional \$600 in other services due to the equipment.

The court proposed an application for a Recycling Grant of \$77,909 which would cost the county \$19,477 in labor for a 25% match if approved.

Newly appointed Treasurer Vickie Miller read the financial statement to the court and asked to transfer \$215,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then move \$100,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$5,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund. The request passed.


Having no further business, the court was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend. The monthly work session is scheduled for Monday, April 10 at 4 p.m. in the same location.



Take Action

What is the Safe Haven Law?

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Lawmakers recess with two days left in 2023 Regular Session

As we concluded the final week of regular legislative business and approach our 10-day veto recess, I cannot help but feel a sense of pride in what we have accomplished for the Commonwealth this session.

While we worked on passing new legislation, I am pleased to share that the state allocated more of the \$500 million in funds the legislature set aside to replace aging and inadequate water infrastructure throughout the state. Access to clean water and its infrastructure are fundamental to maintaining a healthy community. This week's allocation provides \$32 million to 19 counties, which will be used to deliver water and sewer line projects to approximately 8,500 households. I am particularly happy to share that Rockcastle county will receive \$974,162 for projects like tank rehabs and waterline extensions. The bottom line is that these are resources that belong to the people of Kentucky, and they should be invested in ways that benefit them directly.

The water announcement was a great reminder of how what we do during session can have an impact that carries forward for years. With that in mind, here are a few examples of the legislation we sent to the governor's desk before leaving Frankfort:

Juvenile Justice Reform and Funding: To address concerns that the state's struggling juvenile justice system is placing both juveniles and staff in danger, the legislature acted on HB 3. This measure includes an additional \$39 million in funding to support the juvenile justice program, including monies for personnel, transportation, and the renovation of facilities. In addition, the bill also includes language aimed at increasing parental accountability, detaining violent juvenile offenders, providing access to treatment programs, disclosing criminal records, and reopening a youth detention center in Jefferson County. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle and both chambers of the legislature worked together throughout January to investigate safety concerns addressed throughout this legislation.

Protecting the Public Pensions: To maintain the best interest of our public pension system, we passed HB 236. This measure would require all state retirement systems' investment managers to uphold their fiduciary duty and only make investment decisions based on financial factors. While I know this sounds like a no-brainer, there is indeed a recent trend towards investing in ESG - Environmental, Social, and Governance - companies. While companies have a right to set their own policies, this is a risk we simply cannot afford. Since 2017, the legislature has poured billions into the state employee and teacher's retirement funds to correct decades of underfunding and mismanagement and the state still faces a

multi-billion dollar liability. We have an obligation to the taxpayer and to those who depend on these pensions, we must ensure the funds are invested in the best manner possible.

Preserving Access to Rural and Community Hospitals: We also passed HB 75, a measure that provide additional resources to rural and community hospitals throughout our state at no cost to state government. This is a major win for hospitals as the majority of the patients they treat rely on either Medicaid or Medicare and reimbursement rates are far less than that of private insurance. The bill expands the Medicaid Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP) to include outpatient and inpatient care. The HRIP allows the state to use federal funds to pay Kentucky hospitals for treating Medicaid patients. With almost four in ten of our hospitals in danger of closing because of financial issues, HB 75 offers a lifeline.

Improving Cancer Treatment: To create a pathway for better health outcomes, the legislature unanimously approved HB 180 and sent it to the Governor's desk. This measure requires health benefit plans to cover biomarker and pharmacogenetic screenings for patients diagnosed with cancer, and other diseases that a healthcare provider believes can be remediated with the information collected through biomarker testing. Biomarker and pharmacogenetic testing provide a powerful tool for healthcare providers to screen patients for genes, proteins, and other substances that give them information about an individual's condition and how the patient will react to certain medications based on their genetic makeup.

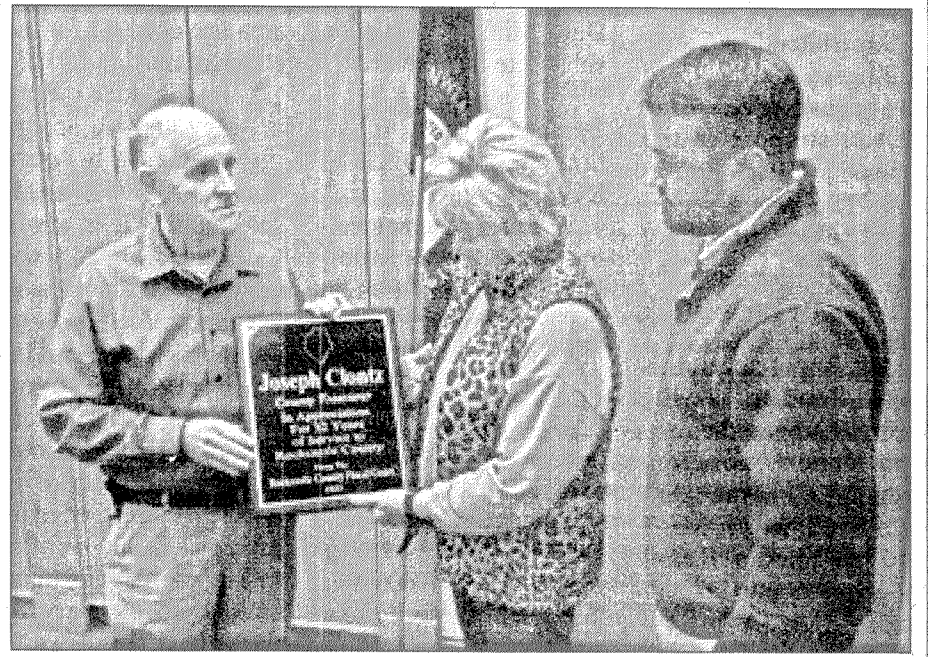
Addressing Parental Concerns: SB 5 requires a clear and commonsense process for parents, teachers, and school administrators when concerns are raised about the content of materials in our schools. We have heard from parents across our Commonwealth and understand from educators as well that guidelines will benefit our children. This legislation would require local boards of education to set up a complaint resolution policy to address parent concerns about materials in the classroom.

The ten day veto period began when lawmakers left Frankfort late Thursday. This part of the session calendar is reserved to give governors an opportunity to consider legislation passed during the session. A governor has ten days from the time he or she receives a bill to sign, veto, or allow the bill to become law without a signature. We will return to Frankfort at the end of the veto period to convene the last two legislative days of the session on March 29 and 30. Those two days are set aside to continue overriding any vetoes the governor might issue, but we also have the opportunity to pass additional legislation.

As we wrap up this year's legislative session, I hope that you will feel free to reach out with any questions or comments you may have about the legislature's work. As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. I appreciate our local media for providing the valuable opportunity to share news with you and also invite you to sign up for email updates from my office. To do so, email Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov to be added to the list. For more information on legislation passed this session, please visit the legislature's website at www.legislature.ky.gov.



Appreciation Plaque



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., left, presented a plaque to the family of Joseph Clontz, County Treasurer, who passed away recently. Holbrook said Clontz was not an elected official but was as big a part of the fiscal court as anyone in government, serving the citizens of Rockcastle County for 32 years. Clontz's wife, Linda and son, Bryan accepted the award during last week's regular monthly fiscal court meeting after a moment of silence in Clontz's honor.

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CONCERNING HIS PROMISES: (2Pet.3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

WHAT GOD HAS NOT PROMISED

ANOTHER DAY TO LIVE: (James 4:14) Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow, For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

TO SAVE MEN OUT OF THE CHURCH: (Eph.5:23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and is the saviour of the body.

ANOTHER CHANCE AFTER DEATH: (Tit.2:12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. (2 Cor.6:2) (For he saith, I HAVE HEARD THEE IN A TIME ACCEPTED, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION HAVE I SUCCOURED THEE: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation).

TO HEAR A SINNER'S PRAYER: (Jno.9:31) Now we know God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES

NO MORE FLOOD ON THE EARTH: (GEN.9:11) And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth.

DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD: (2Pet.3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

CONDITIONAL PROMISES

FORGIVENESS OF SINS: (Acts 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD: (Rom.8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube web site. Chestnut Ridge Church Of Christ. We invite your suggestions whether you agree or disagree, we want to hear from you. The Chestnut Ridge Church Of Christ is located in Mt. Vernon Kentucky. We have free Bible correspondence courses. We worship at 10:00 A.M., every Sunday morning and 7:00 P.M. Every Wednesday night, everyone is welcome. If you would like to contact me my number is 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net.

(Remember God Loves You)

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
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 Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 22-CI-00169

Citizens Bank Petitioner
Donna Gail Ruffin, et al Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 17, 2023 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY- SIX DOLLARS AND 58/100 (\$ 44,296.58) bearing interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum (\$ 7,0261 per day) from January 31, 2022 until date of judgment, plus all Court costs, I will offer at public auction the real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
 Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
 on Friday, March 31, 2023
 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

The following described real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, on the south Side of Bowling Ridge Road about 1.4 miles from U.S.# 150, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a chain link fence post set in conc. In the south R/W of the Bowling Ridge Road so corner of Johnny B. Saylor (D.B. 129, pg 331.); thence with the south R/W of the Bowling Ridge Road the following calls: thence North 67 degrees 09' 33" West, 100.00 feet to a set 1/2" steel pin with cap #1837 a new corner with Richard Shivel (D.B. 94 page 430); thence with a new line with R. Shivel the following call: thence South 20 degrees 58' 50" West, 159.13 feet to a set 1/2" steel pin with cap # 1837 set in the line of Johnny B. Saylor (D.B. 129 page 331) also in the chain link fence : thence with the chain link fence and line of Saylor The following calls: fence South 66 degrees 22' 8" East, 100 feet to a chain link fence post; Thence North 21 degrees 00' 00" East, 160.51 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.367 acres more or less.

This description prepared from a physical survey conducted by Gary Holman, KY LS. 1837 on June 23, 1999.

Being all the same real property conveyed to the decedent Donna Ruffin by survivorship Deed dated May 20, 2014, executed by Elmer Burdette, widower of record in Deed Book 248 Page 44 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court. Her co-tenant Richard Ruffin predeceased Donna Ruffin leaving her 100 percent owner of the real property.

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

The real property shall be sold together and for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser 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 bearing interest at the rate of 10% percent per annum approved by the Special Master Commissioner.

The bond shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a 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.

Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale, subject to the priority set out elsewhere herein in this judgment.

The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county, state, and school property taxes on the property.

Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.

The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

In the event that 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, and the property will be conveyed to the plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.

The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

Upon confirmation of sale and distribution of proceeds the parties shall release their liens of record against the real property.

This is a final and appealable judgment and there is no just reason for delay.

Jerome S. Fish
Special Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court



DAR Rockcastle Chapter Vice Regent and State DAR Service to Veterans Chair, Kathy Carter Bobo presented a gift of appreciation to guest speaker, Michael Parsons, Commander of the VFW, who gave a presentation on flag retirement.



DAR Rockcastle Chapter Regent Karen Adams presented certificates of appreciation from the Wright Administration to the members of the chapter who logged their service to America volunteer hours in 2022, which resulted in 2938 hours of service. Pictured are front from left: Karen Adams, June Whitler, Joan Garrison, Edwina Anglin, and Kathy Bobo. Back row: Jennifer Hand, Jean Gentry, Amanda McNew, Debbie Brown, Susan Norton Casey, Marlene Lawson, Brenda Lovell, and Sharon Lovell. Not pictured: Tonya Cook, Donna Gabbard, Joyce Cummins, Linda Carr, Doris Caldwell, Carcille and Laura Burchette, Jamie Bryant, Molly Belcher, Jennifer Mattingly, Joyce Norton, Holly Robinson, Natalie Taylor, and Angela Woods.

**ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis
For The Year Ended June 30, 2021**

GENERAL FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 3,534,025	\$ 3,566,322	\$ 3,471,082	\$ (95,240)
In Lieu Tax Payments	43,850	47,340	71,293	23,953
Excess Fees	83,420	140,616	140,616	
Licenses and Permits	18,770	18,793	18,928	135
Intergovernmental	197,663	1,527,988	968,735	(559,253)
Charges for Services	26,500	26,500	22,968	(3,532)
Miscellaneous	64,408	1,328,842	1,337,709	8,867
Interest	48,750	48,750	45,190	(3,560)
Total Receipts	4,017,386	6,705,151	6,076,521	(628,630)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	1,263,302	1,495,900	1,344,463	151,437
Protection to Persons and Property	223,032	337,032	294,577	42,455
General Health and Sanitation	126,112	131,821	121,459	10,362
Social Services	25,400	25,400	11,391	14,009
Recreation and Culture	101,700	145,672	109,727	35,945
Debt Service	630,615	640,977	640,601	376
Capital Projects		80,000	75,801	4,199
Administration	1,205,698	2,825,568	456,983	2,368,585
Total Disbursements	3,575,859	5,682,370	3,055,002	2,627,368
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	441,527	1,022,781	3,021,519	1,998,738
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers To Other Funds	(941,527)	(1,323,369)	(1,597,000)	(273,631)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(941,527)	(1,323,369)	(1,597,000)	(273,631)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(500,000)	(300,588)	1,424,519	1,725,107
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	500,000	300,588	456,580	155,992
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,881,099	\$ 1,881,099

FAIRGROUNDS FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Miscellaneous	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	\$ 1,050	\$ (9,450)
Total Receipts	10,500	10,500	1,050	(9,450)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Recreation and Culture	15,250	30,250	24,300	5,950
Administration		21,182		21,182
Total Disbursements	15,250	51,432	24,300	27,132
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(4,750)	(40,932)	(23,250)	17,682
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	4,250	37,750	32,500	(5,250)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	4,250	37,750	32,500	(5,250)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(500)	(3,182)	9,250	12,432
Fund Balance - Beginning	500	3,182	3,182	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,432	\$ 12,432

FORESTRY FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,797	\$ 6
Total Receipts	1,500	1,791	1,797	6
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	2,555	2,555	2,555	
Administration	195	445		445
Total Disbursements	2,750	3,000	2,555	445
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(1,250)	(1,209)	(758)	451
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	750	750	500	(250)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	750	750	500	(250)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(500)	(459)	(258)	201
Fund Balance - Beginning	500	459	459	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 201	\$ 201

CSEPP FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 512,437	\$ 512,437	\$ 240,150	\$ (272,287)
Total Receipts	512,437	512,437	240,150	(272,287)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	408,325	459,707	231,111	228,596
Administration	129,112	155,892	27,882	128,010
Total Disbursements	537,437	615,599	258,993	356,606
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(25,000)	(103,162)	(18,843)	84,319
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds			1,202	1,202
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			1,202	1,202
Net Change in Fund Balance	(25,000)	(103,162)	(17,641)	85,521
Fund Balance - Beginning	25,000	103,162	103,163	1
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 85,522	\$ 85,522

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 191,200	\$ 221,200	\$ 239,950	\$ 18,750
Miscellaneous	3,500	9,800	15,617	5,817
Interest	25	33	49	16
Total Receipts	194,725	231,033	255,616	24,583
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	43,361	43,591	38,429	5,162
Protection to Persons and Property	62,600	46,109	27,580	18,529
General Health and Sanitation	81,058	104,553	85,584	18,969
Social Services	1,000	1,000		1,000
Roads	35,600	79,710	79,710	
Administration	58,975	45,924	37,552	8,372
Total Disbursements	282,594	320,887	268,855	52,032
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(87,869)	(89,854)	(13,239)	76,615
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	62,869	62,869	57,000	(5,869)
Transfers To Other Funds			(1,202)	(1,202)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	62,869	62,869	55,798	(7,071)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(25,000)	(26,985)	42,559	69,544
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	25,000	26,985	26,985	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 69,544	\$ 69,544

ROAD FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
In Lieu Tax Payments	\$ 25,750	\$ 25,750	\$ 23,103	\$ (2,647)
Intergovernmental	1,441,528	1,532,266	1,524,811	(7,455)
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,886	10,514	(372)
Interest	450	450	382	(68)
Total Receipts	1,477,728	1,569,352	1,558,810	(10,542)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Roads	1,219,450	1,715,576	1,700,788	14,788
Debt Service	159,594	159,594	159,594	
Administration	580,684	359,849	356,705	3,144
Total Disbursements	1,977,728	2,253,019	2,235,087	17,932
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(500,000)	(683,667)	(676,277)	7,390
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds		210,000	385,000	175,000
Transfers To Other Funds			(25,000)	(25,000)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		210,000	360,000	150,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(500,000)	(473,667)	(316,277)	157,390
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	500,000	473,667	473,657	(10)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 157,380	\$ 157,380

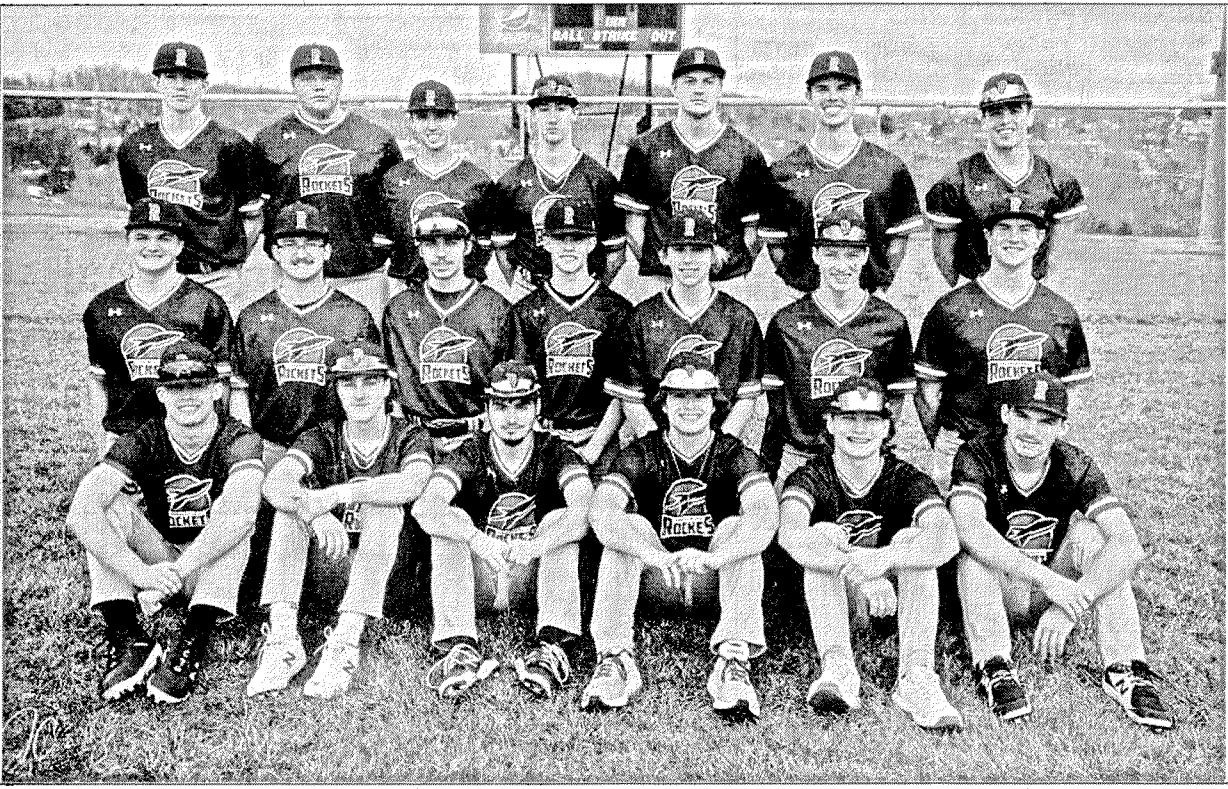
JAIL FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 741,970	\$ 741,975	\$ 515,959	\$ (226,016)
Charges for Services	21,000	21,000	14,026	(6,974)
Miscellaneous	44,500	46,925	20,424	(26,501)
Interest	100	100	94	(6)
Total Receipts	807,570	810,000	550,503	(259,497)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	1,092,264	1,129,432	1,075,288	54,144
Debt Service	96,075	96,075	96,075	
Administration	375,308	478,770	380,301	98,469
Total Disbursements	1,563,647	1,704,277	1,551,664	152,613
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(756,077)	(894,277)	(1,001,161)	(106,884)
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	751,077	885,000	995,000	110,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	751,077	885,000	995,000	110,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(5,000)	(9,277)	(6,161)	3,116
Fund Balance - Beginning	5,000	9,277	9,277	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,116	\$ 3,116

911 FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 105,115	\$ (14,885)
Intergovernmental	160,000	160,000	173,669	13,669
Miscellaneous			11,592	11,592
Interest	150	150	48	(102)
Total Receipts	280,150	280,150	290,424	10,274
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	291,650	297,897	305,956	(8,059)
Administration	112,081	118,161	115,903	2,258
Total Disbursements	403,731	416,058	421,859	(5,801)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(123,581)	(135,908)	(131,435)	4,473
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	122,581	127,000	152,000	25,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	122,581	127,000	152,000	25,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,000)	(8,908)	20,565	29,473
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,000	8,908	8,908	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 29,473	\$ 29,473

SPORTS



Members of the 2023 RCHS Softball team are shown above, front row from left: Kiley Dunaway, Kierra Larkey, Adysinne Lovell, Caliee Collins, Makayla Coffey, Abby Burdette, Katie Denham and Ella McKinney. Back row from left: Ashlyn Brock, head coach Tim McIntosh, Haley Pingleton, Caliee Mullins, Mahala Miller, Makinlee Goff, Madison York, Macy Spivey, Alexis Brock, Sydney Holcomb, Haven King, Makyla Hester, Ella Bussell, Crystal Hester and David Coffey.



Members of the 2023 RCHS Baseball team are shown above, front row from left: Carson Carrera, Ethan Weaver, Lance Coffey, Noah Phillips, Phoenix Pitman and Kaleb Alexander. Middle row from left: Parker Kidwell, Andrew Powell, Isaiah Phelps, Conner Winstead, Joseph Elam, Skylar Slagle and Ben Brown. Back row from left: Maddox Parsons, Emmerick Goff, Dalton Gibbs, Robert Reams, Kaden Kidwell, Carson King and Cam Prewitt. The team is coach by Rob Ledington, Chayse McClure and Brent Lovell.



Sara Hammond Barham inducted into KY All-Stars Hall of Fame

Rockcastle County native Sara Hammond Barham was inducted into the Kentucky All-Stars Basketball Hall of Fame. Representing Kentucky as the 2011 Miss Kentucky Basketball, she led the all-stars to a victory over the Indiana all-stars. This is the second hall of fame honor for Kentucky's first female McDonald's All-American. She was inducted into the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame last year. Sara now resides with her husband Drew Barham in Spokane, Washington.

Rocket baseball having tough start

With the first day of Spring officially Monday, that usually signals the start of Spring sports at RCHS.

Both baseball and softball got their season started last week with the Rocket baseball squad starting off last Wednesday with a 14-3 loss to North Laurel at home and then lost a close one to Boyle County Thursday night, 6-4.

In last Wednesday's loss to North Laurel, the Rockets fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 14-3 loss to the Jaguars. Offensively for the Rockets, Dalton Gibbs

was two for three with a run scored, RBI and a walk.

Carson Carrera, Carson King, Andrew Powell and Conner Winstead each had one hit for the Rockets.

Robert Reams picked up the lone stolen base on the night.

Thursday night, the Rockets traveled to Danville and had a more productive night, even with a 6-4 loss.

Rockcastle jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two innings. Robert Reams got things started in the sec-

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Rocket softball defeats Cardinals lose to Corbin and North Laurel

The RCHS Lady Rockets softball got things started this season with a 7-3 loss to Corbin on Tuesday, March 14th.

The Rockets got on the board first taking a 2-0 lead after the second inning.

Corbin got one back in the third and took the lead with two runs in the fifth. The Redbounds added four in the sixth to take a 7-2 lead.

The Rockets managed one run in the seventh.

Makayla Coffey, Ha-

ven King, Makinlee Goff and Ella Bussell each had two hits for the Rockets. Adysinne Lovell and Macy Spivey each picked up one hit.

On Thursday, the Lady Rockets picked up their first win with an 8-5 victory over South Laurel.

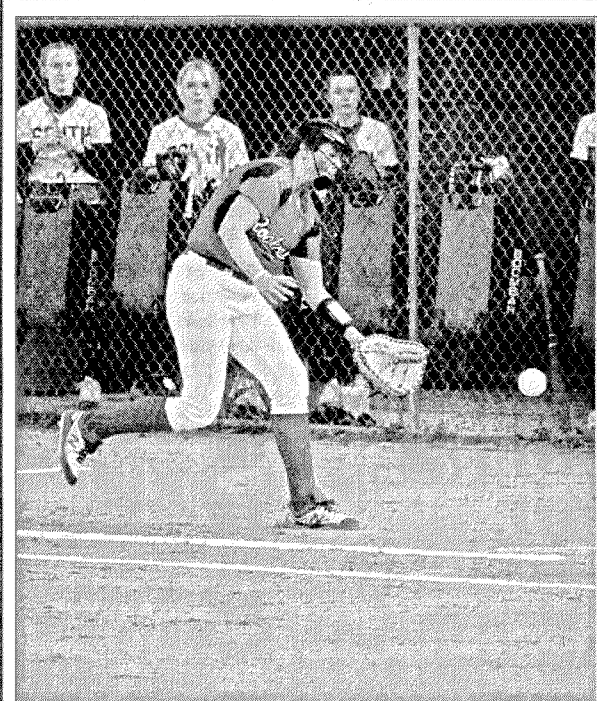
Offensively, the Rock-

ets were led by Ella Bussell going three for three with two RBI, a double and run scored. Makinlee Goff was two for four. Makayla Coffey was also two for four with a run scored. Haley Pingleton was two for three with three RBI and

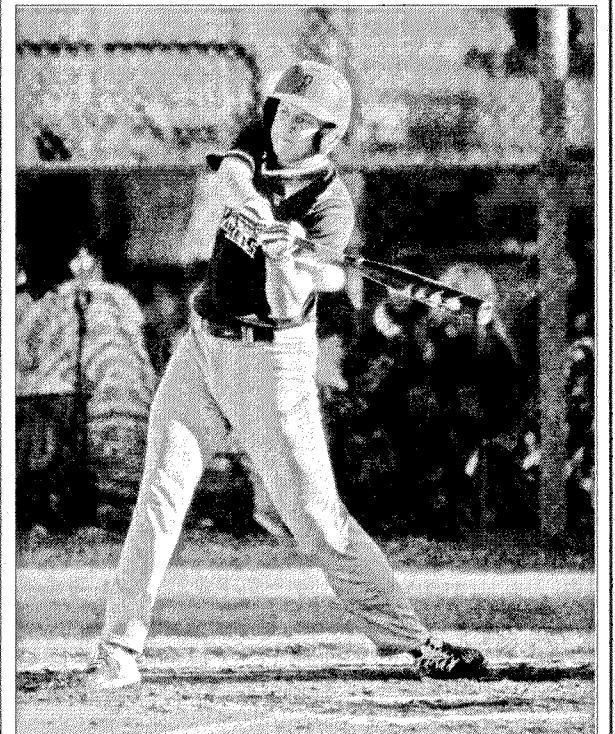
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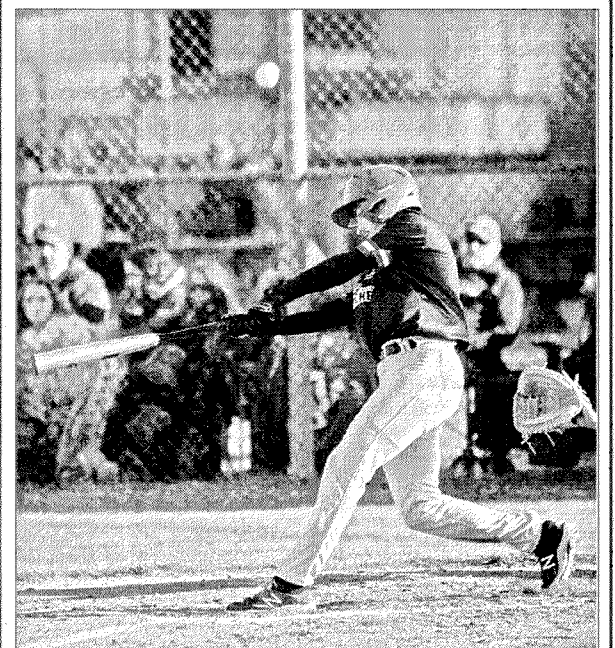
Abby Burdette got the win for the Lady Rockets' over South Laurel last week.



Senior first baseman Lexie Brock makes a play in foul territory during the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel last week.



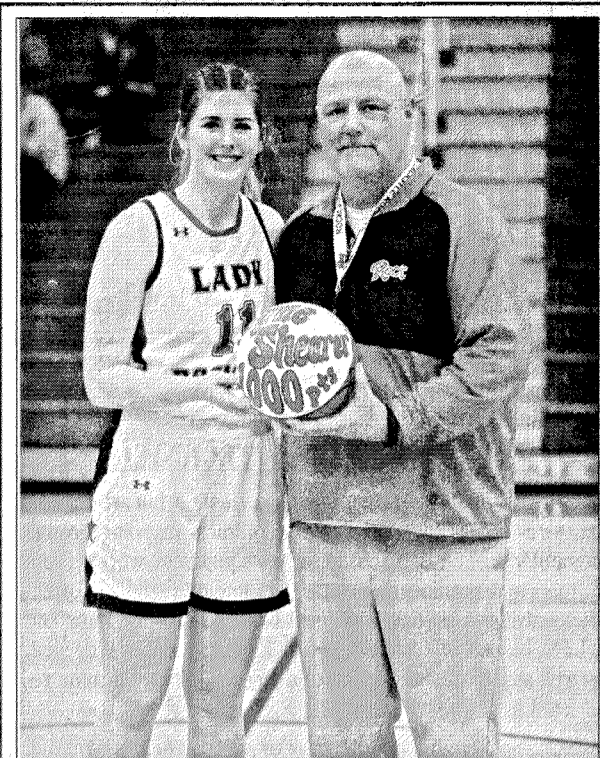
Kaden Kidwell takes a swing during the Rockets' loss to Danville Monday night.



Lance Coffey fouls off a ball during the Rockets' loss to Danville Monday night.

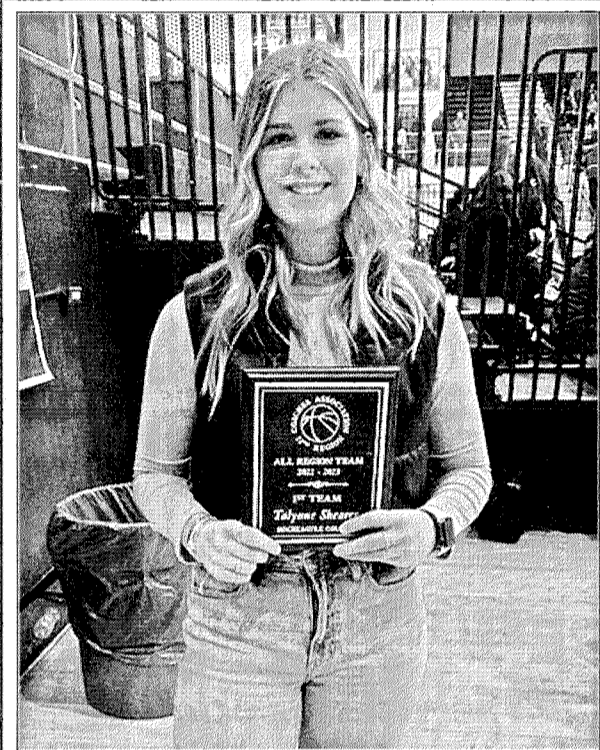
Notice

- A copy of the complete audit report of Rockcastle County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2021, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Rockcastle County courthouse and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.
- Any citizen may obtain from the Rockcastle County courthouse a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for his personal use.
- Citizens requesting a personal copy of Rockcastle County's audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.
- Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available to the public at no cost at the Rockcastle County courthouse located at 205 E Main Street, Suite 14, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456



1000 Point Club

Rockcastle High School Athletic Director Mike McNabb presents junior Talynne Shearer with her 1000 Point Ball after Shearer joined the club in the January 27th game against Shelby Valley.



First Team All-Region

Lady Rocket junior Talynne Shearer was recently named First Team All-Region during the recent 12th Region Tournament.

“Baseball”

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...and with a walk, stole second and scored on an Andrew Powell single. Kaden Kidwell then singled and Dalton Gibbs walked to load the bases with Powell scoring on a Carson King fielder's choice.

Boyle County tied things up in the bottom of the third and took a three run lead after the fourth inning and the Rebels added a security run in the bottom of the sixth.

Rockcastle's bats came alive again in the top of the seventh scoring two runs. Kidwell and Gibbs each drew a walk to start the inning. Joe Elam, running for Kidwell, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a King ground out. Gibbs scored the second run on a Lance Coffey single.

The Rockets were back home again Monday taking on Danville.

The Admirals got the best of the Rockets with a 4-2 win.

Danville jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings. Rockcastle cut into that lead in the bottom of the fifth scoring two runs.

Robert Reams singled and Kaden Kidwell reached on an error and Conner Winstead scored Reams with a single. Dalton Gibbs singled to load the bases and Ethan Weaver, running for Kidwell, scored on a sac fly

by Carson King. Danville got one of those runs back in the top of the sixth for the final, 4-2.

The Rockets picked up six hits on the night with King and Winstead picking up the RBI.

The Rockets were set to host South Laurel Tuesday night and travel to Whitley County Thursday. Berea comes to town Friday night for a 5:30 start.

“Softball”

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a walk. Makyla Hester was one for three. Adysinne Lovell went one for two with two walks, three runs scored and a stolen base. Haven King was one for four with two RBI and Macy Spivey was one for three with a run scored.

Abby Burdette was on the mound for the Rockets picking up the win going seven innings going five runs on eight hits with four walks and 11 strikeouts.

Monday night the Rockets took one on the chin losing to North Laurel 10-0.

Makayla Coffey was the lone Rocket with two hits. Haven King, Haley Pingleton and Adysinne Lovell each had one hit.

The Lady Rockets were set to face Madison Central Tuesday night and will travel to Madison Southern Thursday. Montgomery County comes to town Friday night for a 6 p.m. start.



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To the People of Kentucky

The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and the Schedule of Capital Assets are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2022 on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

- 2021-001 The Rockcastle County Jailer Failed To Properly Reconcile The Commissary Account
- 2021-002 The Rockcastle County Jailer Lacks Internal Controls Over Inmate And Commissary Receipts

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy R. Patrick, CPA

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Miscellaneous For Sale

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Joseph Kersey, Jr., 100 Bennett Ct., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Joseph Keith Kersey, deceased, on the 20th day of February, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joseph Kersey, Jr., or to Hon. Stuart K. Olds, 216 West Main St., Richmond, KY 40475 on or before August 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Don Bradley, 50 Mill St., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 and Doug Singleton, 13 Barn Swallow Ln., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Co-Administrators (No will) of the estate of Carl Dean Singleton on the 13th day of March, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Don Bradley and Doug Singleton or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, PO Box 1250, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 13, 2023.

Notice is hereby given that Carrie Thompson, 2124 Philpot Rd., London, KY 40744 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Jerry Lee Ross, deceased, on the 13th day of March, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Carrie Thompson, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Regina Mullins, 455 Richmond St., #29, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Wesley Mullins, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Regina Mullins, or to Hon. Jonathan A. Hall, The Law Offices of Jonathan A. Hall, PLLC, 710 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40502 on or before September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Brenda Kay Hayes, 673 Schoolhouse Hill Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix

of the estate of Larry Wayne Hayes, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brenda Kay Hayes, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Angela Jones, 230A South Madison Ave., Richmond, KY 40475 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Sue Ella Colwell, deceased, on the 8th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Angela Jones, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Jeremy B. Rowe, 110 Greenway Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Lisa Ann Bustle, deceased, on the 17th day of January 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jeremy B. Rowe on or before July 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Buffy A. Wheeler, 7550 E. New Haven Rd., Columbia, MO 65201 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Ralph Stanley Mullins, Sr., deceased, on the 15th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Buffy A. Wheeler, or to Hon. Heidi Weatherly, PO Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY

40456 on or before July 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Bullock, 145 Ladyslipper Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Ricky Bullock, 155 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Linda Alene Bullock, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christopher Bullock and Ricky Bullock, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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A strong background in agriculture or a related field is required.

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Interested applicants must complete an application obtained by contacting the office at the address provided below, submit a resume, preferred high school or college transcript.

Please pick up application at:

Farmers Market Building
Rockcastle County Conservation District
180 Richmond Street

Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456
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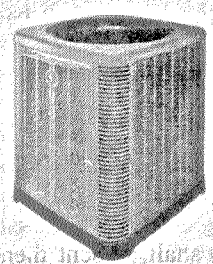
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By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CHERRY CHEESE-CAKE BITES

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temp
1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
2 boxes (14 ounces each) graham cracker crumbs, divided
1 can (21 ounce) cherry pie filling
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon bottled lemon juice
Place condensed milk, cream cheese, lemon juice, and vanilla in a mixing bowl and beat with electric mixer until smooth and well blended.

Add one box graham cracker crumbs. Mix until it is the consistency of cookie dough, scraping down sides if needed. Add cherry pie filling and mix gently with an electric mixer until just blended. Cover dough and place in the refrigerator for at least an hour, or until well chilled. Roll those in the additional graham crumbs. Once all the cheesecake bites are made, store, covered, in an airtight container in the fridge until ready to serve.

GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE TRUFFLES

Pillsbury German Chocolate Cake Mix
Pillsbury Coconut Pecan Frosting
Dark, Milk, or Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
Flaked Coconut
Chopped Pecans
Bake the cake according to the box directions. Allow it to cool, then crumble it into a large bowl. Mix in the can of frosting – it's best to do this with your hands. I mush it all together until it's very well combined and has uniform texture. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place on a parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Refrigerate for about an hour. Melt the chocolate in the microwave in a glass bowl. Dip the chilled balls in the melted chocolate then place them on parchment paper. Sprinkle with coconut and chopped pecans before the chocolate sets.

PINEAPPLE COCONUT TRUFFLE
1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened

1 can (8 ounce) crushed pineapple, well drained
2 and 1/2 cups flaked coconut
When draining the pineapple, use a fine strainer

to push as much juice out as possible. This makes the mixture a bit more firm and easier to work with. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and

pineapple. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Roll mixture into 1-inch balls. Roll in coconut. Refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight.

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Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

BES Kindergarten Registration

When: April 14th, 21st, 28th
Where: Brodhead Elementary

Documents Needed for Kindergarten:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Records
- Vision Screening
- Dental Screening

*These items can be turned in on the first day of school.

Scan the QR Code to REGISTER or call 758-8512

*Children must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2023 to register.

MVES KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

April 14, May 6, May 18

Documents Needed for Kindergarten:

- Birth Certificate
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- Immunization Records
- Vision Screening
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- Immunization Records
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