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### Helping out during this time....

Livingston resident Eric Thacker prepared and donated 84 meals last Friday to residents of Livingston Manor and other residents of Livingston. Thacker wanted to do his part to help with the senior center closed due to the current COVID-19 crisis.

### Social media page helps local citizens

By: Mike French Editor

As usual, a time of crisis in America brings out the best and the worst in people.

For the best of people, a crisis gives them an op-

portunity to make a difference and help those in need. The Covid19 virus has provided that crisis and Rockcastle County's Kyle Mullins has found a way to help others. You can help as well by visiting Rockcastle County

CVQRG on Facebook. The social media page is known as the Rockcaslte County Corona Virus Quick Reaction Group.

Mullins started the page as a way to provide for those most vulnerable to the new Covid19 virus

Knowing some elderly people in the community, Mullins started meeting local residents in the parking lot of Mount Vernon City Hall every day at 6 p.m. and accepting donations that he gives to those in need.

spreading across the

country. "I just got tired

of waiting for others and

got frustrated with all the

negativity online," said

Mullins. "Someone had

to do something."

Since people over 60 are most vulnerable, even those of that age who are

(See "Elderly" on A5)

State and county

### Government open but continuing to take precautions

Judge/Executive

256-2856

County Clerk

256-2831

PVA office

256-4194

Sheriff

256-2032

County Attorney

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Emergency

Mgmt.

256-8436

Circuit Clerk

256-2581

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County officials, like

most statewide, are finding ways to continue business but protect themselves and the public from Covid19 virus at the same time.

Eliza York-Hansel, Circuit Court Clerk. says her office will remain

open unless there are more unexpected developments in the spread of the virus.

As of the first of this week, the clerk's office is open to the public but visitors are being screened before they are

allowed to enter the building.

All employees, in-

cluding Hansel herself, working on a rotating schedule, five will work one week and the other five the next. Officials say this is basically the same as cutting the staff in half and reducing risk, while keeping

all workers employed.

Officials at the clerk's office says all employees will still get paid the same as al-

Rockcastle County (See "Open" on A5)

### Schools closed through April 17

By: Mike French Editor ...

Rockcastle County Schools will remain closed through Friday, April 17, by order of Kentucky Governor Andy Bashear and the Kentucky Commission of Education, according to Carrie Ballinger, Director of Student Services.

The five days missed last week, due to the fight to stop the spread of the Coronavirus, Covid19, will be made up at the end of the school year. But Ballinger said the extra days missed are being used as NTI (Non Traditional Instruction) days will not have to be made

(See "School" on A5)

### Grand Jury returns 23 indictments A Rockcastle County

Grand Jury returned 23 indictments, mostly drugrelated, against 28 people on Friday, March 13th.

Indicted, and their offenses, were:

Erin Reynolds, 4/, of Tevis Street, Mt. Vernon for the offense of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at \$5,000;

Amanda K. Gadd, 37, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at

\$5,000; Kathy Stewart, 51, of Sowder School Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for the offense of bail jumping. Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property (c/

David A. Ray, 28, of Richmond was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Michael S. Parkhurst, 47, of Hickory, North Carolina was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and possession of a hand gun by a con-

victed felon.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

William Baker, 37, of Countryside Circle, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled

### Stay Home

Officials from the Rockcastle County Health Department and Rockcastle Regional Hospital ask that everyone refrain from visiting the hospital unless you are in an emergency situation. The

long term care section of the hospital is temporarily closed to visitors and those going to outpatient care sections will be screened before

admittance.

### Wildie Road slippage causes portion of the road to be closed

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said officials were forced to close a part of Wildie Road recently due to road slippage.

Holbrook said the damage to the road made passage unsafe for drivers

and officials had no choice but to close a portion of the roadway.

Holbrook is currently seeking emergency funding through the state highway department.

"We are working on the funding now but we first have to get an esti-

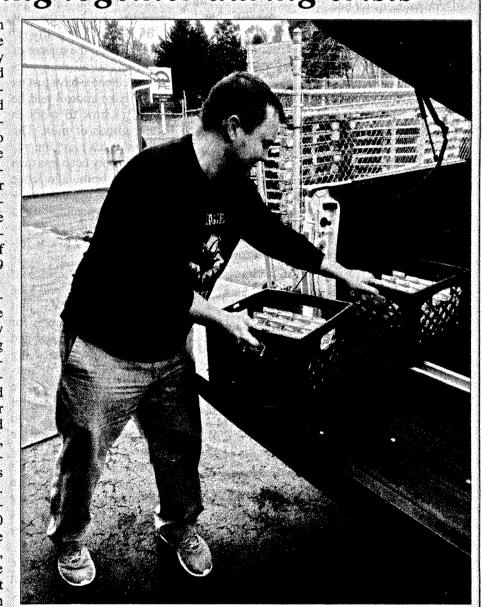
(See "Road" on A5)

### Working together during crisis

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) and the County Rockcastle School District have had a long-standing partnership to serve students and their families. This foundation opened doors to continue to meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations under the constraints of guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control to limit the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus.

"The partnership between CAP and the Rockcastle County School District is making an enormous impact during these critical and uncertain times," said Sherri Barnett, manager of CAP's Grateful Bread Food Pantry. "Together, we're not only addressing the students' needs but the entire family. With the donations received to date, over 3,000 pounds of perishable food and dairy products, we are able to provide much-needed items that are currently scarce on grocery store shelves."

> Carrie Ballinger, di-(See "Crisis" on A5)



Chris Bishop, principal of Roundstone Elementary School, unloads donated cartons of milk from the school cafeteria to the Grateful Bread Food Pantry. All public schools in the county have donated to help children and families in need.

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### ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

Pertaining to the present Coronavirus crisis we are enduring, I think we may be ahead of the game, by living in our small town, as opposed to those who live in much larger urban areas in our country.

New York, for example, with the most cases in our nation, 26,355 as of Wednesday morning, also has the most deaths, 271. They are followed by: Washington State with 2469 cases and 123 deaths; California 55 deaths and 2,617 cases; Louisiana 46 deaths/1,338 cases; New Jersey 44 deaths/3,675 cases; Georgia 38 deaths/ 1097; Michigan 24 deaths/1,791 cases; Florida 20 deaths/1,467 cases; Illinois 16 deaths/ 1.535 cases. Texas, Connecticut and Indiana all have 12 deaths and a total of 2,553 cases and Colorado has 11 deaths/ 912 cases.

These numbers account for 695 of the 785 total of deaths in the US as of Wednesday morning.

22 states, including Kentucky, and DC have had 9 or less deaths, accounting for the remaining 90 deaths and there are still 15 states with no deaths.

I realize that something has to be done, in New York, at least (although I wonder how many common flu cases/ deaths they have also had this year?). Lock it down, if necessary but, for goodness sakes, use a little common sense. What is the point of protecting people against this virus if we are deprived of one of the basic necessities of life, human contact?

Congress had the right idea to pass a stimulus package to help individuals and businesses monetarily to get through these trying times. But, as we should have expected, the Democrats, never one to let a crisis go to waste, decided to pack the stimulus bill with their wish list of programs that

have absolutely nothing to do with the Coronavirus.

Their wish list included: abortion funding; funding for sanctuary cities; amnesty for illegals; quotas for race/sex of board members of corporations; all states allow at least 15 days of early voting; no-excuse mail-in voting with notarization or witness signatures not required; the ability to obtain an absentee ballot with no identification required; elimination of \$10,000 of federal and private student loan debt for each borrower; \$35,000,000 grant for the Kennedy Center; corporations that receive any federal assistance must pay all of it workers at least \$15 hour; airline carbon emission offsets for airlines and a mandate for airplanes to be carbon neutral by 2025 (wonder if this includes private planes such as those used by these same Democrat politicians?); elimination of \$11 billion of United States Postal Service debt; cash for clunkers

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*T.J.*'s

Journal

### Aces Over

By: Mike French



Seven words can scare a person to death.

For 45 years I have attended meetings and sat quietly and wrote down what everyone else said. As an "old school" journalist, I don't believe I have anything to do with what goes on in a public meeting.

My job is to inform citizens of what others say without bias or any opinion on the matter.

I just write what others think. After all, no one voted for me to represent them and those speaking are much smarter than I.

For all of my professional career, I have listened and refrained from trying to add my two cents worth, even if the subject happened to be something I know a lot about -- though that is rare.

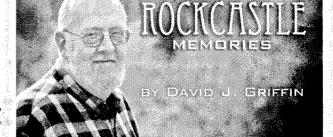
However, last week at the LECP meeting about the Corona virus, after listening to very eloquent, intelligent people express their ideas for helping the community, David Colson, Emergency Management Director said "Mike? Do you have anything to add?"

I know I felt my heart stop beating. For a moment I wondered if it was going to beat again. No! I will not wipe the sweat that appeared instantly on my brow.

Then I wondered if he was referring to another Mike. I looked behind me and there sat Brodhead's Emergency Director Brian Bussell. He's not talking to Brian.

Top dogs of the local school system, the jailer, the sheriff, a police chief, attorneys, judges, hospital administrators, a fire chief, mayors, people with really long titles and

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Willow Ware

I first became aware of the distinctive and detailed china pattern commonly referred to as Blue Willow while watching The Andy

Griffith Show.
At the time, I was a teenager.
My mother (Bee), or maybe my grandmother (Mommie Katie), had a

couple of these plates that were displayed but never used.

I recall my mother pointing out the plates on

is, oftentimes, one if the

more noticeable symp-

toms for people who

have the disease. Except

for washing my hands

more frequently, Covid

19 has not done much to

make me change my

ways.

fingers, without using my

thumbs or the same fin-

ger twice, the number of

times, since the begin-

ning of this year, that I

have been out and about

and actually got out of

the car to go inside a

place of business. Three

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I could count on my

our black-and-white television as we watched the adventures of Andy, Barney, Aunt Bea, and Opie. Whenever the scene took place in Aunt

Bea's kitchen
or at the family dining
table, Blue
Willow dishes
were involved.
Being a teenager, I never
really paid
much attention

to the dinnerware, until my mother brought it to my attention.

Little did I know that years and years later, I would marry a gal who had collected Blue Willow ware from the time that she was in junior high school.

Her motivation for beginning the collection began when she was a young girl because those were the dishes that her paternal grandmother used in her home in rural Bath County. Her favorite color had always been blue, and once she heard the story associated with the pattern, her mind was set.

There are numerous versions of the romantic fable associated with the design of the dinnerware. They involve the characters of two star-crossed lovers who overcome the many taboos and struggles of the young couple to remain together. The details of the story are reflections of the particular items dis-

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### Points East

By Ike Adams

I haven't personally

had any problems with

social distancing or hol-

ing up inside the house,

for weeks at a time, for

several years. Keeping to

myself has pretty much

been modus operandi,

over the last several

years, because Mr.

Parkinson insists on being

a very stubborn recluse.

As the years have flown

by, Parkinson's determi-

nation to be secluded and

avoid public contact has

grown steadily worse or

better, depending on

one's perspective. This

behavioral phenomenon

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By: Tonya J. Cook

Christmas is Now Past
but the Lesson Learned

was Short Lived

Dear Journal. Today I find myself in a situation that I've never experienced, as well as many others. We're on lockdown in an attempt to save our lives from the dreaded Covid-19 virus.I don't have to tell you about all of the closings... in short just about everything is closed or will be closed soon. There is no certain date of when or if things will open again. What a situation!

On the TV they said something that made me laugh until I almost cried and would have if things hadn't been so hopeless. Some poor misguided soul said that times like this brought out the best in people. I'd like to know where they live.

From what I've seen and heard, it is every body for themselves Snatch, grab, fight, wallow around in the store aisle over what we need. Can killing be far behind? It isn't that there is a shortage of anything but greed has taken hold of the country and hoarding is in control...or should I point the finger of blame where the root of the problem really is? It is Satan, the master of greed and all things related. People have just let him take control and he knows how to work in the minds of men. The mind is his playground.

It's only been less than three months ago since Christmas when most everyone was caught up in the spirit of peace, joy and goodwill to our fellow man. We had those warm fuzzy feelings of giving, sharing and love toward all. We just couldn't do enough for the elderly, poor, sick and needy. Now it's taking what we need for ourselves no matter who we have to take advantage of to get it. Hoard that food from the children and the elderly and sick plus other essentials. Don't forget that God is so pleased with you. No, not at all. He may curse you more than you could ever

imagine possible. Then, there are those who are upset about missing church services. Well, it's always been my belief that God sees and hears us wherever we are. He hears our prayers, leads us in our Bible study and even knows our thoughts. He knows exactly what we have need of before we even ask and one day we each will have to give an account of every idle word we've ever uttered and every action we've ever

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### ramblings...

(Cont. from A2) for older airplanes; \$1.2

for older airplanes; \$1.2 trillion in grants over five years for the production of sustainable aviation fuel; return of the Obamaphone; \$300 million for the National Endowment of the Arts and an additional \$300 million for the National Endowment of the Humanities, and more believe it or not.

intended to: increase unemployment benefits and expand the people served under the program; provide \$350 billion for small business loans for businesses who don't layoff workers; provide \$75 billion for hospitals; provide hospitals and health workers with personal protective equipment and other supplies; tax break assistance for all adult Americans and \$500 billion in aid for corporations.

What any of the Democrats additions to the stimulus bill have to do with the Coronavirus crisis I have no idea but it is obvious how the Democrats plan on cashing in on this particular crisis.

Supposedly there is a bill agreed on in the Senate on Wednesday morning that denies the vast majority of these addons. I haven't had a chance to research it yet but hopefully some common sense prevailed.

It's disheartening. It is also disheartening to

learn, during all of this, that China controls the manufacture of 95% of the antibiotics used in the country, including Penicillin (the last Penicillin plant in the U.S. closed in 2004). 80% of the active pharmaceutical ingredients are made in China

During the three presidential administrations before the present one, drug companies were allowed to shift all of this manufacturing to China, so they could take advantage of the much lower labor costs.

If China shut the door on exports of medicines, and their key ingredients and raw materials, U.S. hospitals, military hospitals and clinics would reportedly cease to function within months, if not days.

China also has the ability to weaponize medicines—sell us medicines without any medicine or with lethal contaminants in them.

In other words, what federal doofus allowed this to happen and, when we find out, they should be run out of our country, along with the CEOs of these pharmaceutical companies, on a rail with tar and feathers streaming behind them.

#### "Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

many others suddenly turned and looked at me. People who impress me when they speak, looked at me. That's kind of like Elvis saying, "Hey Mike, sing me a song." I instantly remembered I hadn't combed my hair.

David has a very authoritative voice too. It's not like he asked under his breath. It was very clear and strong and straight forward. "Mike, do you have anything to add?" Seven big words.

Ok, I'll admit it. For an instant I considered telling a joke. No! This is not the time or the place to be joking. This is serious, I thought.

Let's see...what do I have to add? I need to sound smart here. They don't care about the Pyramids. I know a lot about pyramids. But, that's not what they are asking.

It hit me. Here is my chance! After 45 years, an official standing in the front of the room wants to know what Mike thinks about a situation that is affecting the entire community.

Finally I can make a difference. Instead of just informing the public of what others think, I can tell them what I think!

Have you ever noticed how quiet a room full of people can be? I hadn't. Till then.

Till then.

I thought to myself,
"Let's see! I need to word this carefully and sound lover who eventually be-

any other.

came a dealer. Whenever Kathy's family was on the road when she was young, her mother insisted on stopping at nearly any antique shop that popped up along the journey. There was never anything else to do for Kathy and her sister while their mom was perusing what seemed to them like every single item in the shop.

as though I am well in-

formed." Actually I was

indeed well informed. I

had been researching the

subject for weeks and had

been writing about it for

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lic of any information

that may benefit the good

people of Rockcastle

County. It is with a

humble heart that we are

proud to serve our com-

munity and look forward

to helping in any way that

about to say. Those were

the words on the tip of

my tongue. Sounds pretty

good, huh? And it's true.

what I really said but I

think the words I used to

express that sentiment

were more like, "oh.

uhmmmm. We are doing

There goes my heart.

I missed what the next

It restarted as soon as the

next person started talk-

person said because I was

trying to figure out what

I had just said. I pre-

tended to scratch my

forehead as I wiped the

sweat away but no one

was looking at me any-

better at writing things

down than I am at saying

them out loud. At least I

won't have to worry

about being called upon

in another meeting for

at the next council meet-

ing. I'm an experienced

public speaker now.

Yeah, right! it was a trans

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

played in the design: a

palace, a boat, a pagoda,

a bridge, and an island.

The story resolves with

the fairytale ending of the

lovers turning themselves

into birds in order to be

minded wife was likely

the very kind of people

that the manufacturers of

the dinnerware had in

mind when they created

the story that was com-

pletely fictional. It must

have worked on a lot of

others as well because

this pattern of dinnerware

has remained in produc-

tion since its creation at

the end of the 18th cen-

tury. Many Chinese-in-

spired patterns had be-

come popular in England

during that time, but Wil-

low ware prevailed over

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together forever.

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I'll set them all straight

awhile.

Anyway, I guess I am

fine. Thanks."

Next!

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I don't know exactly

Yes, that is what I was

we can."

"The staff and man-

several days.

As a result, by the time she was 10 or 12 years old, my wife began to use these stops to find lone pieces of Willow ware. A piece here, another there, and an occasional find of several dessert plates or such, and the collection came together over years of time.

By the time we married, my wife's collection was quite extensive, even though we often used the plates for regular meals. She wanted a place to display the collection. However, we were living at the time in a small apartment. It really did not contain a place for a full-sized corner cupboard, which was, of course, what she was really wanting.

Therefore, I took it upon myself to create an "apartment-sized" version, along with the help of the shop teacher at the school where I was employed. It was a Christmas gift to her—and she was more than delighted. (The only Christmas gift from me that topped this one was a Cocker Spaniel puppy!)

Even though we now live in a full-sized house, that oak corner cupboard with its lovely collection of Blue Willow still stands out in our modest home. Kathy has given away many pieces of her collection over the years, but the corner cupboard is still packed full.

Frankly, it wouldn't seem like home to me now without it.

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

### "Points East" (Cont. from A2)

of them were visits to doctors' offices and we've also gone out to eat a couple of times since last December, but most of my "out and abouting" consists of sitting in the car and not getting out until we get back to house.

Sometimes Loretta will absolutely insist that I need to get out of the house just for the sake of doing it. She doesn't understand why this self-imposed confinement has not driven me crazy. Maybe it has and neither of us are willing to admit it. On the other hand, I don't know anybody who

really wants to go to Walmart simply because they might run into someone they haven't seen in awhile. However, whether it's intentional or not, I can almost guarantee that, every time she goes to Walmart, my wife will run into someone she hasn't seen in ages and they spend a long, long time, there in the dog food aisle, reminiscing about the good old days.

Very often this long lost soul is someone from the 1967 graduation class at Madison Central High School and they haven't seen hide nor hair of each other since marching down the aisle to Pomp and Circumstance. Chances are good that both of these old friends have grandchildren who will soon be walking those same hallowed halls, which means they have much to talk about. They both may be wearing sweat shirts that proclaim, Ask me about my Grandchildren. This was well before Covid 19 came along and screwed up some of our lives. But I've been "sheltering in place" years before this virus was sprung on us.

Meanwhile I am sitting in the car, having just finished a very long novel on my Kindle and getting ready to start another one while hoping the battery will last anther hour or two.

Speaking of Kindles and other "e-readers", now would be a good time to purchase one for yourself or for a grand-child. There are several, free internet libraries that will allow you to check out practically any book that suits your fancy you can also download any book in the Kentucky library system.

Of all the digital gadgets in my arsenal, including our personal computer, the Kindle is my favorite and most used. If you are stuck at home, try reading a good novel or even a self help book. Have you always wanted to start a garden but never had the time? There are hundreds of good gardening books that won't cost you a penny beyond what you paid for your e-reader. I just noticed that ebay has numerous listings for a refurbished kindle fire for less than \$50.00. You can find a good used one for less than 20 bucks.

Right now would be a perfect time to start a vegetable garden. Because there's only two things that money can't buy and that's true love and home grown tomaters!

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RCHS Alumni Banquet

The First Annual RCHS Alumni Banquet is postponed and will be rescheduled ASAP for the classes of 1973 through 1985 **Postponed** tails, go to rchs. alum. assoc **Postponed** tails, go to group page at Rockcastle co. High School Alumni Association.

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your doctor's office or Rockcastle Regional's COVID-

### No Written/Driver's Test or Driver's License Issuance

19 hotline at (606) 256-7385

Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has announced there will not be a written test or driver's test or drivers licensing given until further notice.

**Hot Rod Sign-Ups** 

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

#### Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

#### **Chamber of Commerce Meetings**

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

#### VFW Post Item

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

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

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

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

Vernon.

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

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

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

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

#### **DAR Meetings**

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

#### **Brodhead Lodge Meeting**

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

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

#### Kiwanis Club Meetings

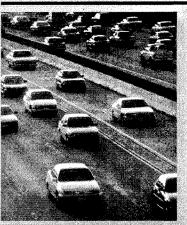
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

#### American Legion Post 71

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

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#### Donald Lewis Hurst

Donald Lewis Hurst, 79, of Poplar Grove, died Saturday, March 21, 2020 at his home with his sons by his side, following a short illness. He was born at Willailla in Rockcastle County on September 29,

1940, the son of Lewis and Ruby McKinney Hurst. He retired after 27 years of service as a timekeeper for the Kentucky Department of Transportation. He was a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed farming and gardening, as well as spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors.



He is survived by: three sons, Garry (Sheila) Hurst, Barry (Stephanie) Hurst, and Donnie Hurst, all of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Nicholas (Amber) Leger, Jason (Kayla) Leger, Derreck (Tiffany) Hurst, and Chris (Monica) Hurst; and 10 great grandchildren, Liv, Kennedy, Jacob, Kayden, Xavier, Madden, Konnor, Canaan, Tyson, and Emma. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ora Lee Gooch Hurst; and an older infant brother.

In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services were private with Bro. Bradley Goforth officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery with his grandsons as pallbearers.

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#### Trena Lynn Robbins

Trena Lynn Robbins, 53, beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and aunt. She was born May 19, 1966, in Corbin, to Flora Teague and the late Pastor Roy



Teague. She was a member of New Life Church, She married the love of her life 33 years ago on April 17, 1987, Elmer Robbins Jr. She was a lover of puzzles

and her grandchildren. She is survived by: her children, Dioni and Danny Hansel of Brodhead, David Robbins and Kayla Howard of Martin, Dana Robbins and Destiny Cook

of Brodhead; her mother, Flora Teague of Greenville, OH; sister and brothers, Kelly and Gary Fort of Greenville, OH, Joe and LaCosta Teague of Rossburg, OH, and James and Nicki Teague of Greenville, OH; and six grandchildren, Meghan Sumner of Stearns, Cole and Alissa Martin of Brodhead, Kaytlyn Greer of Martin, Ella (Gracie) Howard of Brodhead, and Natalie Robbins of London. She was a second mom to many bonus children. She was loved by her many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Pastor Roy Teague; grandparents, Ella Grace and John Taylor, Lela Mae and Lawrence Seibers, and Isaac Teague.

She was an amazing woman, with a huge heart and more love to give than one person could ever know.

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

### John Thomas Nichols

John Thomas Nichols, 76, of Bowling Green, died Monday, March 23, 2020 at his residence. The Rockcastle County native was a son of the late Earl

"Red" Raymond Nichols and Ruby Harris Nichols.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his first wife,

Irene Waldon; son, John Shannon Nichols; brothers, Bill Nichols and Burl Nichols; and sister, Shirley Rosinski.

He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a retired electrician for General Motors and was a leader in his community.

He is survived by: his wife, Rhonda Nichols; one son, Raymond Nichols; one sister, Earline Nichols-Flynn; three grandchildren, Sara Irene Nichols, Lauren Irene Nichols and John Raymond Nichols; niece, Dana Patterson; and several other nieces and neph-

The family will schedule a celebration of life at a

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnson Vaughn Phelps Funeral home.

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#### Martha Elizabeth Bond

Martha Elizabeth Bond, 78, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, March 20, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born at Pine Hill in Rockcastle County



on December 1, 1941, the daughter of Walter and Janie Josephine Payne Turner. She was a retired secretary and a member of Livingston Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed quilting and sewing.

She is survived by: her husband of 50 years, Arthur "Ott" Bond; three sons, Johnnie Otis Bond of London, Ronnie Roark of

Wildie, and Randell Eugene (Tammi) Bond of Mt. Vernon; and seven daughters, Renee Lynn Gillium, Rhonda Lucille (Mike) Smith. Regina (Eddie) Stallsworth, Katerina Francis (David) Phillips, and Mary Ann Hutton, all of Mt. Vernon, Laura Ruth Herbes of Baltimore, MD, and Kathy Elaine Tyree of London. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby and Monroe Turner.

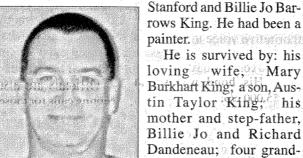
In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services were private with Bro. Jim Miller officiating Burial was in the Skaggs Creek Cemetery with pallbearers: Christopher Ayers, Dalton Hutton, David Phillips, Bryce Smith, Jessie Smith, Jodi Stallsworth, Teddy Stallsworth, and Jeffery Turner. Jimmy Perrin was an honorary pallbearer.

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#### Kevin Wayne King

Kevin Wayne King, 51, of Richmond, died Sunday, March 15, 2020 at his home. He was born in Starkville, MS on October 21, 1968, the son of Milton



rows King. He had been a painter. M. School British He is survived by: his loving wife, Mary

Burkhart King, a son, Austin Taylor King, his mother and step-father, Billie Jo and Richard Dandeneau; four grandchildren, Baylee Helton. Brayden Whitt, Elliana Monroe King, and

CayzlenDahlia Whitt; three step-children, Michael Whitt, Christopher Whitt, and Bryan Whitt; a sister, Kelly Muschong and husband Fred; a nephew, Joseph Muschong; and a niece, Jenna Muschong. He was preceded in death by his father, Milton King.

In accordance with current state mandates, the funeral services were private with Bro. Ray Owens officiating. Burial was in Saylor Family Cemetery at Cartersville with pallbearers: Brandon Burkhart, Zachary Burkhart, Bryan Whitt, Burley Whitt, Christ Whitt, and Mike Whitt.

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### Sen. McConnell calls for increased Coronavirus testing in Kentucky

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) contacted U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Alex Azar to advocate for drivethrough testing sites to be located in Kentucky. He also requested additional testing kits and personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers in Kentucky. Senator McConnell contacted Secretary Azar following a conversation with Governor Andy Beshear (D-KY) to discuss Kentucky's response to coronavirus.

In the letter to Secretary Azar, Senator McConnell wrote: "Every American is impacted by the spread of the coronavirus differently. Rural communities in Kentucky and across the country face particular challenges in combating the coronavirus. I am proud to be their voice in Washington and to partner with the Trump Administration, which prioritizes the needs of these communi-

ties. "I commend your department's innovative response by establishing drive-through testing sites across the country. As your department implements this publicprivate program, I ask that you establish these testing sites in the Commonwealth. Kentucky is widely recognized as one of our nation's premier

logistics hubs and is centrally located to easily receive the necessary tools to make drivethrough testing accessible to our most vulnerable.

"I also appreciate the steps HHS has taken to increase the supply of testing kits and personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers. As you address the shortage of these supplies, I urge you to work with Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear as his administration requests additional PPE and test kits from your department. It is imperative that Kentucky's hospitals, community health centers, nursing homes, and other critical providers have access to this equipment to care for patients while stopping the spread of the coronavirus in the Commonwealth.

"Additionally, there are communities in Kentucky that stand ready to establish local testing sites, but only lack kits to do so. I ask that you work to fulfill requests from the Commonwealth quickly, so these communities may accelerate their efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Therefore, I ask that you consider these requests as we continue taking bold action to protect American communities from the spread of this virus."

#### **GED** test is offered free

The Rockcastle County Skills U Program has announced that GED testing is currently being offered for free.

Officials with the program say that all firsttime GED test takers may be given the test free of charge for a limited time.

Anyone interested in taking the test, or getting more information about the test, should call (606) 256-0218 or visit 150 Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Officials say no matter how long anyone has been out of school, you will still be eligible to take the test required to attain a GED.

The Kentucky Skills U Program funds education centers in all 120 counties in Kentucky in an effort to improve an individual's ability to read. write, speak in English and function effectively in the workplace, family and society.

#### **Rockcastle County Funeral Homes Joint Statement** Regarding the Operation of Funeral Homes During the Coronavirus Crisis

Taketti Separagai (193 On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, with guidance from the Center for Disease Control, The World Health Organization, The Kentucky Funeral Directors Association, and the National Funeral Directors Association, set forth guidelines as it pertains to Kentucky deaths and funeral services. His requirements are that NO PUBLIC VISITATIONS OR FUNERALS be held at this time, only private services with a small number of immediate family members in attendance. In addition, CDC Guidelines, dictate that gatherings be ten people or less.

Therefore, in accordance with the Governor's recommendations, the undersigned funeral homes, in Rockcastle County, KY have until FURTHER NOTICE ADOPTED THOSE GUIDELINES. We stand united in doing our part to compassionately care for and serve our community. As a caring community, we are facing the challenges that are arising with the Coronavirus. Please know that all three Rockcastle funeral homes are open and serving families, in accordance with these temporary guidelines.

We appreciate your cooperation in working with us in honoring your loved ones in ways that are meaningful, and that also take into consideration current FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES regarding public health and safety.

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Dowell & Martin Funeral Home

Marvin E. Owens. Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals



Brandon Reynolds, with the Grateful Bread Food Pantry, helps Regina Hull-Brown, family resource coordinator for Mt. Vernon Elementary School, load food to deliver to the homes of children. Christian Appalachian Project normally packs about 450 food backpacks a month to go home with children struggling with food insecurity.

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Christian Appalachian

Project has been building

hope, transforming lives,

and sharing Christ's love

through service in Appala-

chia since its founding

more than 50 years ago.

With the help of donors,

volunteers, staff, and the

communities it serves,

CAP has grown to impact

the lives of more than one

million people each year.

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mate and then submit that to

the state," said Holbrook.

"This is separate from the 15

other projects we are work-

Road slippage is the latest

in many road slippages

throughout the county due

to the continual rain and ex-

all the other road projects

through federal funding and

nothing has changed on

those projects," he said.

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Andrew W. Thomas, 30,

of Castle Village Drive,

Brodhead was indicted for

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His bond was set at

Matthew D. Spoona-

more, 34, of Burnside was in-

dicted for possession of a

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erating a motor vehicle while

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His bond was set at

Bethany L. Green, 32, of

Floyd Street, Mt. Vernon was

indicted for criminal posses-

sion of a forged instrument.

Her bond was set at

Jackie Dale Arnold, 52, of

Southend Loop, Livingston

was indicted on three counts

of theft by unlawful taking

and four counts of criminal

possession of a forged instru-

His bond was set at

Ronald W. Ball, 41, of

Harrodsburg was indicted for

possession of a hand gun by

a convicted felon and posses-

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Tonya N. Fryman, 39, of

Acorn Fork Road, Mt.

Vernon was indicted for pos-

session of a controlled sub-

Her bond was set at

Jerriett B. Wagers, 35,

and Brandon L. Grubb, 33,

both of Manchester, were

named in a joint indictment

both were charged together

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Each man's bond was set

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#### "Crisis"

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rector of student services for Rockcastle County Schools, agreed. "In this unprecedented time of emergency, we needed to be 100 percent sure that our Rockcastle County families would have enough food. This partnership with CAP has allowed us to coordinate our resources to make certain that all families in need of food or other resources are properly taken care of."

The school district has helped the pantry over the years through sharing resources to make certain that the most vulnerable families in the community received those resources and that there are open lines of communication to assess needs. High school students from the Honors Club have packed food boxes at the pantry for seniors, many who live below the poverty line. School children from elementary to high school annually support the Hunger Walk which raises awareness about food insecurity in Rockcastle County.

"Rockcastle County Schools is here to serve our community in whatever capacity is needed," Ballinger said. "When we discovered that there was a need for food donations within our community we immediately inventoried our schools and made the needed donations to CAP, our long-standing partner. These donations have allowed us to make certain that no family in the Rockcastle County community has to do without during this state of emergency."

Many students in Rockcastle County Schools are being raised by their grandparents. Through referrals received by school Family Resource Centers, and through the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program, the district is working with CAP to make certain that seniors also have their needs addressed. This partnership is allowing all members of the community to be served during this health emergency.

"We are so thankful for this partnership, it helps us to make an impact not only for our students but also the seniors that are in need of food," Barnett added. "CAP also fills around 450 food backpacks a month for three of our local schools. This is a wonderful community that comes together in times of need to help take care of the most vulnerable among

Referrals are being taken on a daily basis at both the school level and through the school system's central office. Each school principal is at school each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to receive calls from families. The central office is also open during this time for community calls. Students and families that have a specific need are encouraged to reach out by phone or email.

For additional information about Christian AppaCrab Orchard were named in a joint indictment.

Stacy L. Scott, 35, both of

Smith was indicted for the offense of possession of a controlled substance and Scott was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and falsely reporting an incident.

Both men's bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

David R. Madden, 69, of Reverend Green Loop in Mt. Vernon and Jennifer R. Creech, 40, of Lovell Lane, Mt Vernon were named in a joint indictment.

Madden was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Creech was also charged separately for possession of a controlled substance.

Madden's and Creech's bond were both set at \$5,000 c/p; who we make the later

Joey W. Bullock, 45, of Hewitt Lane, Mt. Vernon, Nicholas J. Denny, 30, of Paint Lick and Morgan A. Dixon, 27, of Berea were all named in the same indictment for the offense of theft

by unlawful taking. Each man's bond was set

at \$15,000 c/p; Brandon William Cromer, 30, of Berea was indicted on two counts: trafficking a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Teddi Faye Day, 48, of East Bernstadt was indicted for possession of a controlled

substance. His bond was set at

\$5,000 c/p; Jacob A. Cooper, 34, of Dogwood Lane, Orlando was indicted on two counts: theft by unlawful taking and tampering with physical evidence.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Cody M. Ramsey, 27, of E. Main St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for promoting contraband (into the Rockcastle County Jail) and possession of a controlled substance.

His, bond, was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Heather M. Johnson, 31, of Crab Orchard was also indicted for promoting contraband (into the Rockcastle County Jail).

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p, and

Raymond Michael Cloud, 64, of Middlesboro was indicted on three counts of post. session of a controlled sub-

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

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Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook is also working to balance the safety of county employees with the safety of the public.

"We need everyone to practice the recommendations of the CDC and wash our hands constantly and don't touch our face," said Holbrook. "I mean our employees as well as the public."

Currently, Holbrook says there are no plans for layoffs or reduction of hours for county workers, but the courthouse is closed to the public though all offices remain open.

"Citizens can call and still come in by appointment and all the numbers for each office is posted on the courthouse doors," he said. "We are still taking care of day-to-day business and everyone is still in their office. We are simply being diligent and protecting our workers as well as our citizens."

Officials at Mount Vernon City Hall are also taking precautions to help avoid the spread of the new virus.

City Administrator Josh Bray says city hall will remain open the same hours as always except the lobby is now closed.

also still employed. "We

"Citizens may call or come to the drive through during our regular hours and we are continuing to handle all city business,"

said Bray. All city workers are

have no layoffs planned currently and are working on contingency plans in the event that something changes," he said. "But currently, everyone is still working full time and we are taking care of city business as usual."

However, Bray has a warning for residents of the city as well as the county. "Please don't believe everything you see on Facebook," said Bray. "Only trust officials from the CDC or the hospital or the city or county," he said. "The City of Mount Vernon has a social media page where citizens can get the truth without rumors or misinformation mixed in."

All local officials have recommended COVID19.ky.gov website for any information concerning the virus, including symptoms and suggestions to protect yourself from the virus.

"If we all work together and listen to those who know, and practice the recommendations of the CDC, then we will come through this just fine," said Holbrook.

#### "School"

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The schools are required to provide 170 days (1,062 hours) of instruction to students but NTI days are counted as those hours, Ballinger said.

According to school officials, parents have now received the NTI work that must be completed by the students and turned in to teachers when classes re-

Ballinger said principals are in the school building every weekday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and parents with questions may call the school.

are seeking school meals.

Officials are currently submitting requests for more NTI days to be available in the event the delay in returning to classes are extended, Ballinger said.

"Currently we are scheduled to return to school April 20 but if the commissioner happens to extend that time, we hope to have NTI days available," she said.

Ballinger and all school system officials are continually monitoring the situation and will keep parents and student updated via their website rockcastlecounty.kyschools.us.

The central office is also currently open from 9-1 on weekdays and anyone may call at (606) 256-2125.

Officials say all missed school days must either be made up or replaced with NTI days unless an emergency situation is declared by the commissioner of education, but no such emergency has been declared.

Editor's note:

Legislation has been introduced that will provide an unlimited number of NTI days for all schools in Kentucky in the event that more days are missed this school year. If passed, more missed school days will not extend the final day of school this year.

However, though the measure is expected to pass, the vote had not been taken at press time.

#### "Elderly" (Continued from front)

able to get out and gather needed items such as groceries, they shouldn't get out of their home.

Officials have even suggested anyone over 70 stay home unless an emergency arises.

So, Mullins began putting the word out on his new Facebook group page, meeting them in Mount Vernon, and delivering the donated items to those in

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What started as a small group with an idea that may help someone, soon had 900 members and Mullins was being overwhelmed with donations.

Mullins talked about the donations and thanks everyone daily as more and more demonstrate the goodness of people.

"Jeremy Rowe (Rockcastle County Attorney) has been helping us a lot and he helps investigate the requests to make sure we aren't getting scammed," said Mullins.

Donations of all kinds began to roll in and even an 11-year-old boy walked up to Mullins in the parking lot recently and handed over his piggy bank.

Posts of different kinds started showing up on the social media page with photos of truckloads of wood that a local resident will deliver to anyone who is elderly and heats with wood.

Businesses have also begun to use the page to inform local residents of their changed hours and special hours for elderly.

Mullins says he is attempting to keep an open

line of communications going among all Rockcastle County residents and he hopes to provide for as many people as possible who find themselves in need during

Coronavirus scare. Mullins and other page administrators find families in need through several local sources and uses many Rockçastle County programs to find those in need, he said.

And Mullins and his helpers have more ideas to help the community as well. This Saturday March 28, from 5-8 p.m. there will be a "Sanitation Day" and everyone is invited. "We are asking anyone that would like to participate to meet us at the city hall parking lot with spray bottles and we are going to go throughout the city sanitizing park benches and playgrounds," he said.

Anyone who may like to donate and be part of the best of those in a crisis, is encouraged to visit the Facebook page and contact Mullins.

During this crisis, someone is in need at all times and those like Mullins are willing to help you help others.

### Local clinic finds a way

### Covid19 test kits are in Livingston

By: Mike French Editor

There are Covid19 test kits at the Rockcastle County Family Health Clinic in Livingston. "Dawn (Carpenter, coowner of the clinic) didn't wait for people to tell her what to do. She just went after it," said Livingston Officials are also ac- Mayor Jason Medley

cepting calls for those who was President a Donald Trump and Governor Andy Beshear have announced that money is no object as they join officials across the country in searching for Covid19 test kits. Officials world wide agree that testing is the key to beating the new Coronavirus but test kits have been elusive and experts scramble to find them at any cost as states bid against states in the search, according to Beshear.

But, thanks to Dawn Carpenter, Livingston was among the first communities in the region to have the test kits, Medley said.

"I can't say enough about Dawn Carpenter," Medley said. :"She is a firefighter along with her husband Jeff, who is the fire chief, and she runs the clinic like a well oiled machine. Livingston is blessed to have them here as part of our community."

In fact, the mayor called a special meeting Monday night with Jeff and Dawn Carpenter, along with other Livingston officials, to discuss the testing and how the City of Livingston plans to deal with possible Covid19 outbreaks.

Medley said officials in Livingston have contingency plans depending upon what scenario should develop.

"This could become a major outbreak or it could die out," said Medley. "There is no way to know at this point. So we have to plan for different scenarios depending upon what happens with this vi-

Carpenter said she ordered the test kits when the virus started to become an issue in this country and she recently received 50

"Last week we gave five tests and none were positive," she said. "I doubt if these 50 will last very long but we will use them wisely."

In order to have the tests available for those who may be a candidate for the virus, the test will not be given to just anyone that asks. Instead, the test will only be given to those who display symptoms of he Covid19 virus, or those who have been in contact with someone who has the virus, or someone who may be

high risk for the virus. "We are so proud of Dawn and Jeff and all that they do for our community.." said Medley.

But Dawn Carpenter expressed her modesty on the subject. "It wasn't just us," she said. "It took people working together and helping us to get the test here at our clinic."

In fact, the Rockcastle Health Department is also making the tests possible. "The health department in Mount Vernon provided us with the personal protective equipment that we needed to be able to perform the test," said Carpenter. "Without that equipment, I couldn't have asked my workers to perform the tests."

As the rest of the state scrambles for test kits and bids against other states the test is available in Livingston.

The local clinic is only open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but Carpenter said anyone who feels they may have contracted the virus may call the clinic seven days a week to schedule an appointment. If it is an emergency situation, Dawn said she will go to the clinic anytime.

"Mostly, I would just like to urge everyone to stay safe. Practice hand washing and cover your cough and avoid this virus," she said. "We don't have all the information about the virus yet so no one knows what to expect. Everyone should simply stay informed and be cautious and considerate of others."

Medley agrees. "We are making every attempt to stay ahead of the virus and yet be prepared and have a plan if it becomes worse," he said. "If we are diligent and considerate of others, we can get through anything together."

The clinic number is (606) 453-3901.



Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

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

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

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Re-

### Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Upgrade Your Castle (Instead of Vacation This Year)

Anytime and any year is a good one to make your home and yard a better place. Let's look at some ideas to consider; things to improve the appearance, the usefulness and the security of your home. Then consider why this is the perfect year to get around to some of those projects a new butterfly garden or perimetera fence, a kitchen outdoors, a greenhouse or storage shed—as opposed to a cruise on an overcrowded ship and end up in quarrantine, or sitting in front of a coughing passenger on an airplane. Again, it's always a good time to invest in an upgrade of your place, and this year is shaping up to give us extra incentive to

get started. Upgrades of a home can be simple as new carpets or new draperies, to kitchen re-do's and finishing the basement or attic. Upgrades can also mean an addition of one or more new rooms, a new garage, some extra storage space, fencing in a garden from destruction by wildlife (or pilferage by the 2-legged kind), a hedge or berm to screen unwanted views, or screen yourself from viewing by neighbors. A stone or brick wall or entryway, new board or chain-link or other fencing, a new lawn, a new driveway that curves and blends rather than the straight and stark one most homes seem to have. How about a new tornado shelter or indoor safe room?

(I even kiddingly suggest a moat with crocodiles....and a drawbridge to lower for invited guests!)

A small orchard with dwarf fruiting trees, or even shade trees that double as pear trees (rather than Bradford pear trees), cherry trees (rather than flowering cherry trees), and why not a red fleshed apple tree with purple leaves and pink blossoms instead of just one that has tiny little fruits for the birds.

Someone whose flowering beds I worked on last Spring is on a cruise

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

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

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

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

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

to South America. I had

suggested something closer to home last time I saw her. Now, she is apt to be spending two weeks or more in forced quarrantine following her "bargain cruise to South America". We hope spreading viruses are not what forces us to stay home instead of vacation. However, in these uncertain times, spending the vacation money on a project you will enjoy all year long, or even for many years, might make sense this year even more than usual. And vacation money is gone at the end

of the trip, but money

spent on your castle may

well be recovered with

interest if you ever decide

to sell your place. Think of the upgrade you might do if you stay at home this year. Have you seen something at a friends place and admiringly said, "I wish I had one of those?" Have you seen something on **HGTV** or This Old House that interested you? Putting some ideas down on a list, and look back at those things a few times before getting started on anything in particular would be smart. Why not do it before you forget?

Someone will say, I wish I could move to a better neighborhood, this place isn't one I want to

invest more in! I hope not, but if you've come to that point with your property, maybe it's time to put yours on the market and shop for another that more completely meets your needs. For the cost of some family vacations, you could practically make a down payment on a new home.

There are oh so many upgrades I could list in this article. But the main point is for you to think and consider if this is the year for a staycation—the year to spend that money on your place and do your vacation time at home.

Since ancient times, one's home has been considred their castle. The place you come home to, and feel secure and at ease. Will this be the year you choose to upgrade that castle of

The author is a landscaper. Contact Max at rockcastles.net or rockcastles@gmail.com



### Wedding vows said

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

### Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Service Centers Taking Precautionary Measures to Help Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus

Effective March 23, 2020 the following is being provided: Due to recent public health concerns, this Service Center is open by phone appointment only. The Rockcastle County

FSA office number is (606) 256-2525.

Producers can find other Service Center phone numbers at: farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

FPAC agencies continue to look at the flexibilities to deliver programs on behalf of producers, just as they have in past situations, such as natural disasters. Farmers and ranchers are resilient and FPAC agencies will continue to deliver the farm safety net programs and resource conservation programs that keep American agriculture in business today and long into the fu-

Online services are available to customers with an eAuth account, which provides access to the farmers.gov portal where producers can view USDA farm loan information and payments and view and track certain USDA program applications and payments. Online NRCS services are available to customers through the Conservation Client Gateway. Customers can track payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents. Customers who do not already have an eAuth account can enroll at farmers.gov/sign-in.

For the most current updates on available services and Service Center status visit farmers.gov/ coronavirus

Office Closure May 25th - Memorial

July 3rd--Independence Day

September 7th-Labor Day and want of his class

October 12th -Columbus Day

November 11th-Veter-

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November 26th-Thanksgiving Day

December 25th-Christmas Day Important program dates

and Interest Rates Farm Operating Loans-

Direct = 2.625%Farm Ownership

Loans-Direct= 3.250% Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

Emergency Loans=3.625%

Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. = 1.375% 5 yrs.=1.375%, 7 yrs. =1.500%, 10 yrs = 1.625%, 12 yrs =1.625%, 15 yrs = 1.750%Commodity Loans=

2.500%.

Sweet or Bitter James 3:9-11 There with bless we God, even the Father and therewith curse we men, who are made in the image of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren these things ought not to be. Doth a fountain, send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? One of the most important characteristics of a Christian's character is our speech. We find in Romans 12:1 Our bodies are to be holy a living sacrifice for God. If out of your mouth comes blessings and cursing there is something wrong with this Christian life, and people are going to see and hear this first, the word of God tell us this should not be.

I sometimes wonder if we realize the impact of our speech in the eyes, or in this case, the ears of others. The onlookers of this world, not to mention our brother and sisters in Christ, are carefully watching and listening to the way we conduct ourselves. We may be the only Bible that a lot of people ever read, so we must be careful to the upmost that we do not deliver the wrong message.

What is the difference between a blessing and a cursing? Cruden's Concordance renders blessing as kindness, favor, and goodness of God. The means of conveying a blessing to others. Isaiah 19:24 wishing, praying for, and seeking the good of our enemies. 1 Peter 3:9 A gift or present Genesis 33:11 Webster renders blessing to pronounce holy or happy, to invoke divine favor upon, to wish happiness, to make happy or blest, prosperous, wish or prayer for happiness or success.

Webster renders cursing as to send some injury upon the one cursed, to invoke or wish evil upon, to vex or torment, wishing evil or harm, to swear, a great difference in the two words, as much different as daylight and dark, good and evil, sugar and salt.

The apostle Paul tells us 1 Corinthians 6:20 That we are bought with a price, therefore he tells us to glorify God in this body. Jesus said Matthew 12:36 Every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account there of in the day of judgement. Thank you for reading this short message. My hope and prayer is that you are saved, but if you are not the Bible tells the conditions we must meet to be saved by the grace of God, That is to hear, Romans 10:17 faith cometh by hearing and by the word of God, 2 we must believe John 8:24 Unless we believe we will die in our sins, 3 Repentance Luke 13:3 Unless we repent we will perish 4 We must confess Jesus Christ is the Son of God Matthew 10:32. 5 We must be baptized. Mark 16:16

If you would like to get in contact with someone from the church, you can call us at the numbers listed at the bottom of page. Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

(Children, need strength to lean on a shoulder to cry on, and an example to learn from.)

Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021 Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25 Mamaw's Kitchen

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By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SAUSAGE BREAKFAST **CASSEROLE** 

1 package (1 pound) sausage patties or links 1 bag (26 to 32 ounce) frozen shredded hash browns

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese 6 green onions, sliced 12 eggs

1/2 cups milk 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon ground

black pepper 1 cup chopped fresh tomato, optional

Crumble sausage into skillet. Cook until no pink remains. Spray a 6quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Layer 1/2 of the potatoes on the bottom of slow cooker. Top with half of the sausage, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, and green onion. Repeat layering. Beat eggs, milk salt and pepper in large bowl with a wire whisk until well blended. Pour evenly over potato and sausage mixture.

Cook on low setting for 8 hours or on high setting for 4 hours or until eggs are set.

CARAMEL SOUFFLE FRENCH TOAST

1 stick unsalted butter 1 cup light brown sugar 2 tablespoons corn syrup 8 slices firm white bread with crusts

1 and 1/2 cups half-andhalf to the control of the

1 teaspoon vanilla 1/2 teaspoon salt 5 eggs

Melt butter, brown sugar, and corn syrup in a saucepan over medium heat; stirring until smooth. Pour into a 9 x 13 baking dish. Arrange bread slices in a single layer over sugar mixture. In a medium bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients until well combined; pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate at least 9 hours or overnight. When ready to bake, bring soufflé to room temperature and bake in a preheated 350° oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until puffed and golden brown.

Serve immediately. PEACH PECAN **UPSIDE-DOWN PANCAKE** 

2 tablespoons butter, melted

2 tablespoons packed light

brown sugar

1 tablespoon maple syrup 1 package (16 ounce) frozen unsweetened peach slices, thawed

3 tablespoons pecan pieces

2/3 cup biscuit baking mix 2 eggs

1/3 cup fat-free milk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 400°, Coat 8- or 9-inch pie pan with nonstick spray. Pour butter into pie pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and maple syrup. Arrange peach slices in single layer on top in decorative circle. (If you have peaches left over, use as garnish.) Sprinkle with pecans. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned and toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool 1 minute. Run knife around outer edge of pan. Invert onto serving plate. Serve immediately.

#### Scholarship Awarded

Debra "Lizzie" Dixon, a senior at Rockcastle County High School, was recently awarded a Berea College Tuition Promise Scholarship, which completely covers the cost of tuition after other forms of grant and scholarship aid are applied.

≪Students at Berea graduate with one of the lowest rates of student educational debt in the nation and one in three students graduate debt

"Berea admits students based on their academic achievement, community service, leadership, potential and financial needs.

Lizzie is the daughter of Shane and Donna Dixon, the granddaughter of Greg Dixon and the great granddaughter of Donnie Bullock.

She plans to major in



Debra "Lizzie" Dixon

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

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

The following items may be recycled:

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

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at: **Brodhead** (at the back baseball field) **Conway** (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)

**Livingston** (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall) **Pongo** (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.) **Climax** (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!! If you have any questions, you may call

the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at

606-256-1902. Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

### Church Directory

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

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

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

Music Director: Dan Dull **Blue Springs Church of Christ** 7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd) Services:

Secretary: Jo Roberts

Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Preaching Brethren Marcus Reppert Contact Info:

Marcus Reppert 606-308-2794 199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ky. marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Brodhead Baptist Church** Corner of Silver & Maple St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 606-758-8316 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m. Wednesday Adult & Youth

Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m. Children's Programs: RAs & GAs Mission Friends and Creative Ministry Ralph Baker, Pastor

**Brodhead Christian** 237 W. Main St. Brodhead 606-758-8721 Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship II a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Tracy Valentine, Preacher 606-758-8662 Cell 606-305-8980

**Brodhead Church of God** Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead 758-8216

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday evening 7 p.m. Terry Orcutt, Pastor Brush Creek

**Holiness Church** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor **Buffalo Baptist Church** Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249

(Sand Springs Rd.) 606-256-4988 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Bill Hall, Pastor

Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor **Calloway Baptist Church** 76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway Sunday Worship II a.m.

Wednesday Evening 6 p.m. George Renner, Pastor 606-224-4641 **Central Baptist Church** 

86 Maintenance Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-2988 centralbaptistky.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning 11 a.m. Bus Sunday School 5 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

'Central Time" Radio Broadcast WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m. WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m. Transportation and Nursery provided for all services Home of Well of Pure Water Radio - 93.3 FM

Mark Eaton, Pastor Church of Christ at Chestnut Ridge

2 miles south of Mt. Vernon Turn left off US Hwy 25 Sundays 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Bro. Ova Baker Bro. Dale McNew Bro. Philip Scott

Church of Christ on Fairground Hill Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Different speaker each Sunday

Clear Creek Baptist Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Climax Christian Church

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

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

**Community Worship** Church of God 758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard Bro. Jeff Warren, Pastor Worship Service Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. www.cwchurchofgod.com **Conway Missionary** Baptist 116 Meadow Lark Lane

Berea, KY 40403 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.

#### **Brodhead Pharmacy** Main Street • Brodhead RE 606-758-4373 RR

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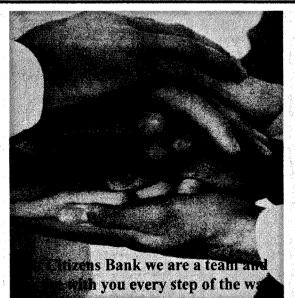
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606-758-4007 Crab Orchard Pentecostal Sunday School 10 a.m.

Bobby Turner, Pastor

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tuesday Evening 7 p.m. Pastor: Donald King 606-355-7595 **CrossPoint Church of God** 

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

Assembly of God Hwy. 150 • Brodhead Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship

Crossroads

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. **Cupps Chapel Holiness** Copper Creek Rd., Brodhead

Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Thursday Evening 7 p.m. Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter **Fairground Hill Community Holiness** 

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Thursday Service 7 p.m. Robert Miller, Pastor **Fairview Baptist Church** 

520 Fairview Loop Road

Church

Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Choir 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m. Wednesday Services Creative Ministry 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m. RAs and GAs 7 p.m. Mission Friends 6 p.m. Vaughn Rasor, Pastor 606-256-3722

email: fairviewbapt@aol.com **Faith Chapel Pentecostal** S. Wilderness Road Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church 340 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922 Dennis Wilder, Pastor Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth

website: www.fbcmvkyorg email:fbcmtvemon@newwave.net Sunday School: 9:40 a.m., Synday Worship; B. S. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM Sundays at 11 a.m. Broadcast on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. First Christian Church West Main St. Mt. Vernon

606-256-2876 Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor Bro. Josh Haines, Youth/Family Minister Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Flat Rock Missionary

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

Fountain of Life **United Pentecostal Church** 

80 Sally J Rd., Mt. Vernon Sunday 3:00 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome Pastor: James Blanton **Freedom Baptist Church** 

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

**Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church** 

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead) Brodhead, Ky. Randal Adams, Pastor Youth Pastor, Scott Adams Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wed. Evening 7 p.m. **Higher Praise Ministries** 4896 Lake Cumberland Rd.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Mt. Vernon Chris Davidson, Pastor Sunday 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm Bus Ministry call 606-392-8777 Lighthouse Assembly of

God Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky. Tim Hampton, Pastor 606-256-4884 • 606308-2342 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Little Country Church

Jarber Rd. Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd. Jack Weaver, Pastor Sunday 6 p.m.

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

Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Arthur Hunt, Minister Livingston Pentecostal

**Holiness Church** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Jim Miller, Pastor

606-256-1709 Living Word Community Church

'About our Father's Business' 246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Noon Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor 606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist Church 6567 Scaffold Cane Road

Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor Maple Grove Baptist Hwy 1004 (Big Cave Road) Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873 Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor Home Phone 606-256-3075 Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Maretburg Baptist Church 2617 New Brodhead Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Wayne Harding, Pastor Phone: 256-8844 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.

Sunday Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. www.maretburgbaptist.org maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel **Baptist** 

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Jerry Ballinger, Pastor

Mt. Vernon Church of God 1025 W Main St.

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

Steve McDaniel, Worship Leader **New Hope Baptist Church** 

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

Church 777 Faith Mountain Rd. (Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon 606-256-5577

Kenny Allen, Pastor Sunday Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Children's Church 11 a.m. Tuesday Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9

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

Church 1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship II a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training 5 p.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Services Service 7 p.m. 758-8453 ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

525 Williams St (across from MVES) Mount Vernon, Ky. 606-256-4170 Mass Times:

Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m. Holy Days 5 p.m. Father Gary Simpson, Pastor Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper

Tom Darst, Maintenance Philadelphia United Diam ti Baptist soy trian 834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Gordon Mink, Pastor 606-308-5368 **Pine Hill Holiness** 

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

**Baptist Church** 81 Limeplant Hollow Road Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor

859-986-1579 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Discipleship Training  $5:30 \; p.m.$ Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Youth Service at 7:00 p.m. Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

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

2 p.m. at Rockcastle Respiratory Care Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor

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

Providence church of Christ 1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618

758-8524 Robby Cable, Evangelist Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Red Hill-Union Baptist 4308 Highway 1955 Livingston, KY Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Bill Hammond, Pastor 606-392-1826

Everyone invited to come and worship with us

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

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

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

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. Pastor: Bro. James Hardin **Skaggs Creek Baptist** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Pastor: Bro. Richard West Everyone Welcome! **Tabernacle of Love** 244 Old Somerset Rd. Mt. Vernon 606-25605894

Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m. Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Clyde Hodge Union Chapel Pentecostal Pastor: Eugene Webb

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

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

4482 Copper Creek Rd. Berea, Ky. 40403 Organized in December, 1908 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Jeff Draper, Pastor Wildie Christian Church 1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie

606-256-4494 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m. Family Fellowship 6 p.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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Thank you for your understanding!

- —Milk (1)
- —Potatoes (1) Any size bag in produce
- -Meal/Flour/Sugar (1 bag per each item)
- —Fresh Hamburger/Ground Chuck (2 Packs) —Water (2) cases or gallons
- Butter (1) pack sticks or tubs
- —Biscuits (2) any size can
- -Toilet Paper & Paper Towels (2) any size
- **—Eggs** (1)
- **—Bread** (2)
- —Can Vegetables (6 per variety)
- —Cooking Oil (1) any size
- —Any type of cleaning supplies (2)

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## Mount Vernon Signal

**Second Section** 

Thursday, March 26, 2020

### If you think you are sick with COVID-19

sick with COVID-19 or think they might have come in contact with someone who has it, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends they stay at home except to get medical care.

If you suspect you might have COVID-19, please call your doctor's office or Rockcastle Regional's COVID-19 hotline at (606) 256-7385. Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, body aches, runny nose, or sore throat. A medical professional answering the call will assess your symptoms and advise you of the steps you should fol-

Calling in when symptoms are mild, rather than coming in to see the doctor, will prevent potentially exposing healthcare workers and others to the virus.

In fact, Rockcastle Family Wellness physician Dr. David Bullock says those individuals who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are usually able to recover at home. But during that time, they should practice home isolation, not leaving their home except to get medical care.

"Many cases of COVID-19 can be managed at home in home isolation with a watchful eye for worsening symptoms," said Dr. Bullock. "However, if you develop any emergency warning signs for

For those who are COVID-19, you need to seek medical attention immediately. These warning signs include difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, bluish lips or face. Make sure if you have a caregiver, that they are aware of these symptoms and are keeping an eye out for them, as well."

If home isolation is recommended, your healthcare provider will discuss with you your home setting to determine whether home isolation is appropriate for you. Ouestions used to determine the appropriate setting are:

• Is your current health condition stable enough to receive care at home?

 Are there appropriate caregivers available in your home?

• Is there a separate bedroom where you can recover without sharing immediate space with others?

· Are resources for access to food and other necessities available?

• Do you, as the patient, and other household members have access to appropriate recommended personal protective equipment (at a minimum, gloves and facemask) and are capable of adhering to precautions recommended as part of home care or isolation (e.g. respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette, hand hygiene,

• Are there household

members who may be at increased risk of complications from COVID-19 infection (e.g. people older than 65 years of age, young children, pregnant women. immunocom-promised individuals, or those who have chronic heart, lung, or kidney conditions)?

While at home, it is important to separate yourself from the others in your home.

"As much as possible, you should stay in a specific 'sick room' and away from other people in your home and use a separate bathroom, when available," said Dr. Bul-

The CDC says that although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.

To protect others in your household, Dr. Bullock says, "When in the presence of others, those who are sick should wear a facemask. If you are sick and cannot wear a facemask, then your caregivers should wear a mask while in the same room."

The CDC also recommends the following steps in keeping your household safe to prevent the spread of the virus to others in your home:

 Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. discard the tissue, then immediately wash your hands.

 Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.

 Avoid sharing personal household items. For items that must be shared, such as plates, utensils, etc., wash them thoroughly after each use.

· Clean all "hightouch" surfaces everyday both in the "sick room" and bathroom. If you are sick, try to clean your bedroom and bathroom yourself. If a caregiver must do the cleaning, they should wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom.

· Allow the caregiver to clean the rest of the home's "high touch" surfaces such as phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboard, tablets, and bedside tables.

The CDC has established the following conditions that must be present for you to stop home isolation:

 You have no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers) AND

 Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of

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From COVID-19 state of emergency

#### **KY** unemployment insurance new procedures to manage new influx of claims from workers

In an effort to serve the large influx of Kentuckians who are filing for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits as efficiently as possible during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet (EWDC) is implementing new UI filing procedures and starting new local office phone lines for custom-

My obligation is to keep people safe during this time. I realize many of the steps I am taking to protect Kentuckians during this COVID-19 emergency are affecting employers and workers financially, said Gov. Andy Beshear. Temporarily waiving some of the UI benefit rules during this time is one step I can do to help protect Kentuckians financially. I know this is a difficult time but we are going to get through this by working together to help each other.

Beginning today, Kentuckians filing for UI benefits should follow a schedule that pertains to the first initial in their last name as to what day they can file their claim. The schedule can be found here.

We are putting this new procedure in place so that we can handle the large influx of new claims that we are seeing this week. The number of UI claims being processed by the cabinet has jumped significantly after new restrictions were placed on restaurants and other public places, said

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#### Customers beware of utility scammers during COVID-19

Now more than ever, businesses and residents should keep their guard up when it comes to scammers. Knowing that people are naturally distracted while managing the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on their daily lives, consumers may be prime targets for scammers. Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are warning customers to stay vigilant and protect themselves against falling victim to those who may at-

tempt to take advantage of them during the ongoing crisis.

"We'd like to think everyone's energy is focused on protecting our families and our community as a whole, but we know that scammers like to take advantage of these types of situations," said LG&E and KU Vice President-Customer Services. Eileen Saunders. "That's why we all need to make sure we stay alert and, along with every-

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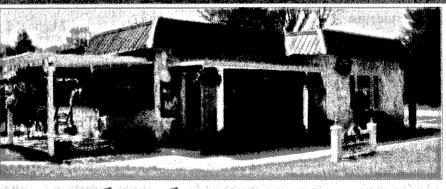
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### News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Hysinger, property in

Rockcastle County, to Ri-

chard and Tiffany

Cecil Gregory

Thacker and Angela

Dawn Thacker, property

on Hwy. 1617, to Larry

and Elizabeth Eversole.

Joshua C, and Jessica

L. Dollins, property in

Rockcastle County, to

Billy and Ashley

JaDawn Lopez, property

in Barnett Subdv., to

David and Megan Eller.

erty on KY 1004, to

Christopher Watkins. Tax

Citizens Bank, prop-

erty on Chestnut Ridge

Road, to Gregory M.

Joshua C, and Jessica

L. Dollins, property in

Rockcastle County, to

Jeffrey and Lavon Jett.

A2R Property LLC,

property on Falcon Lane,

Brodhead, to Crystal L.

Langley and George

Hubbard, Tax \$177.50

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Chandler. Tax \$18

Sandra J. Conn, prop-

Michael and Leslie

McKeehan. Tax \$2.50

Tax \$180

Tax \$145

\$135.50

Tax \$7.50

Hysinger, Tax \$400



#### District Civil Suits

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

Jack Collins v. Jacob Singleton, eviction no-

UCCR LLC v. Jordan Akin, \$527 plus claimed

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

Lendmark Financial Services LLC v. William J. Lewis, et al. \$2,375 plus claimed due. C-

#### Circuit Civil Suits

Iris S. Gross v. Garry Michael Gross, petition for dissoluition of marriage.

Jeremy Helton v. Seven Earth Movers LLC, et al, complaint.

First Bank v. Karen D. Brummett, \$35,192 plus claimed due.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Cora Collinsworth, complaint

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for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services v. Anthony Barnett, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00063

### Deeds Recorded

Carlos McClure, property on sand Springs Road, to Willie Thomas McClure. No tax

E. Glenn Sanderfur, property in Crooked Creek section, to John Hishon. No tax

Rhonda W. and Dennis Bray, Rodney L. and Rebecca Wright, Roy W. and Katharine Wright, property in Rockcastle County, to Emily S. and Matthew W. McClure. Tax \$32.50

**REV Trust Agreement** and James C. Brown, Trustee, U-T-D, property in Rockcastle County, to Glen E. Roberts. Tax

Elizabeth Newman, property on Copper Creek Road, to Shawn Newman. No tax

Rickie and Katherine

### District Court

March 11, 2020 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

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

Jerry D. Barron: public intoxication, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Jason Castle: speeding, \$48 fine plus costs; reckless driving, \$100

Mary Elizabeth DeJohn: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to notify dept. of transp. of address change, rear license not illuminated, bw issued

Paul Ferrell: flagrant non support, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: John Webster Hendrix, Martha Marie Hinsberg, Barbara Grant, license suspended for fta;

Vladimir Ivanecky: Ot. 396 Fed Safety Regs Inspect/repair/maintenance (two counts), Pt. 396, Fed Safety Regs, Parts needed for safe operation (four counts); Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor vehicle; Part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of service for drivers, bw issued for fta.

Jeff W.Puckett: no operators/moped license operating on suspended/ revoked operators license and license to be in possession, five days (each count), credit time service, plus one cost.

Alexandria N. Shafer:

no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Melissa Smith: license to be in possession, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Angela Dawn Thacker: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition (each count) and one

Wilbarn Lee Yates: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Dennis Teague: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, bw issued/ license suspended.

If you suspect you might have COVID-19. please call your doctor's office or Rockcastle Regional's COVID-19 hotline at (606) 256-7385



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Our main priority is the safety of our employees, our members and our community. Jackson Energy is steadfast in following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines to limit face-to-face contact and practice social distancing. In addition, Jackson Energy employees have implemented elevated health procedures in our daily business practices, such as, increasing the frequency of using hand sanitizer, wearing protective gloves, disinfecting workstations and

Even though we have implemented a controlled change in operations over the past week, Jackson Energy will continue to utilize our remote workforce, employees who remain in the office and field operation personnel to ensure essential service to its members will not stop.

"With the uncertainty created by the coronavirus pandemic, we know that the people we serve are facing many concerns and unknowns," says Carol Wright, President & CEO. "Jackson Energy is dedicated to finding the best solutions for our membership while ensuring the continued safety of our employees and our members during this difficult time,"

Jackson Energy will continue to take care of dayto-day activities and answer any inquiries the members may have and by working together - we will get through this challenging time.

As members are encouraged to stay home if possible, rest assure that should any questions or issues arise, Jackson Energy is here for you. Please visit our website at www.jacksonenergy.com or call us at 12 800-262-7480. Tomor Israeli e prinor

**Basketball** 

Volleyball

### Marriage Licenses

Genesis Beth Ygonia Betonio, 24, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Nathaniel B. Johnson, 23, Mt. Vernon, industrial maintenance tech. 3/16/20

Tiffany Lynn Shaw, 27. Somerset, unemployed and Ranulfo Garcia Cruz, 27, Somerset, Kentucky Hardwoods. 3/16/20

Jenna Blue Owens, 34, Mt. Vernon, office manager and Michael Lynn Parsons, 39, Mt. Vernon, field support representative. 3/17/20

Amanda Jill Hedrick, 28, Mt. Vernon, dental assistant and Dewey Wayne McFerron, 29, Mt. Vernon, Hendrickson. 3/17/20

Kelly Leighanne Damrell, 23, Brodhead, SourceHOV and Dustin Cord Kirby, Brodhead, SourceHOV. 3/18/20

Mary Beth Spoonamore. 33, Livingston, Cracker Barrel and Mark Phillip Arnold, 45, Livingston, technician. 3/19/20

Katlyn Nicole McGee, 23, Richmond, social worker and Addison Thomas Atkin, 22, Richmond, paramedic. 3/19/ 20

Birthday parties

Family reunions

#### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY'S 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in a March 31, 2020 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Case No. 2020-00060, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278, 183 of an amended compliance plan ("2020 Plan"). Once approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with new pollution control lacilities in the 2020 Plan under KU's existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers' bits beginning in

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KU to operate facilities that produce energy from burning coal in an environmentally compliant manner. To do so, KU is seeking Commission approval to construct certain water treatment systems at the Ghent and Trimble County generating stations and to install a wastewater citiuser in the Ohio River and construct a Bottom Ash Transport Water recirculation system at the Ghent generating station. Each construction project is a component of the 2020 Plan.

KU is seeking an order approving the 2020 Plan to recover the costs of these new pollution control facilities through its Environmental Surcharge lanti. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Efficient Limitations Guidelines Pule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new poliution control facilities is \$252.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of operation and maintenance expenses associated with certain projects in the 2020 Plan.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.04% increase with a maximum increase of 2.13% in 2025. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (ATODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFO), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

HS, RTCO, and VFD customers using 1,139 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.05 up to \$2.46. AES customers using 19,744 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase at \$0.75 up to \$38.88. LS and ALS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.33. LE customers using 3.573 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.10 up to \$5.12. TE customers using 171 kWhimonth could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.39.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KV's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.05% increase with a maximum increase of 2.98% in 2025. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TCOS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TCOP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and pilot program Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL),

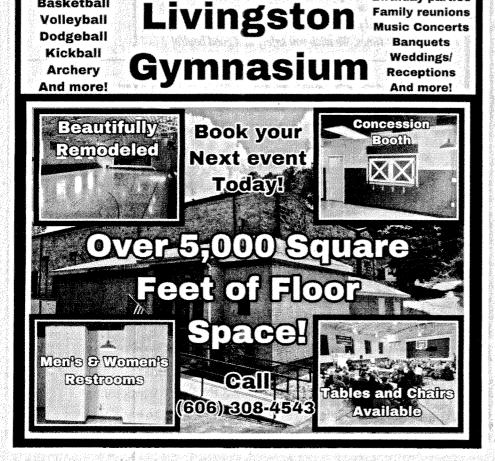
GS customers using 1,717 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.11 up to \$5.59. PS-Secondary customers using 33,725 kWhitnerth could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS Primary customers using 58,355 KWhimonin could expect a monthly increase of \$2.45 up to \$130.68. TOOS customers using 208,133 kWhimonth could expect a monthly increase of \$5.80 up to \$308.49. TODP customers using 1,294,965 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$29.04 up to \$1,543.53. RTS customers using 4,900,868 kWhitmonth could expect a monthly increase of \$94.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using \$1,873,999 kWhimonth could expect a monthly increase of \$959.76 up to \$45,695.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/morth could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KIV's Application. Such action may result in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU's 2020 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by median within thirty (30) days after publication, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2020-00060. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 21 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kantacky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown; however, if the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication, the Commission may take final action on the Application. Any person who has been granted intervention may obtain copies of the Application and lesimony by confacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

A copy of the Application and fastimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (http://www.ige-ku.com). on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.ky.gov), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, after March 31, 2020.



### Rockcastle FBLA compete in Region 6 competition

On March 6th, the Rockcastle Area Technology Center's FBLA Chapter traveled to EKU for FBLA Region 6 competition.

Several of the chapter members competed in specialized events with many of them placing in the top three.

In the team event presentation of Broadcast Journalism, Gentry Phillips, Taylee Owens, and Alexus Moore, placed second.

In the team event test of Entrepreneurship, Logan Bullock, Will Isaacs, and Dalton Pash, placed first.

In the team testing event of Global Business, Gary Ramsey and Carson White placed first.

In the testing event of Computer Problem Solving, Camron Couch placed second.

In the testing event of Introduction to Business Communication, Jailey Martin placed first.

In the testing event of Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. Nataleigh Wilkerson placed second.

All of the Chapter members placing in the top three will advance to the state competition in Louisville on April 20th through the 22nd.

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On March 6th, the Rockcastle Area Technology Center's FBLA Chapter traveled to EKU for FBLA Region 6 competition. Pictured are front row from left: Kara Bullock, Nataleigh Wilkerson, Brooke Abney, Jailey Martin and Erin Hindman. Second row from left: Gary Ramsey, Kenya Cromer, Audrey Childress and Lacey Robbins. Third row from left: Jackson Vanzant, Taylee Owens, Demarcus Robinson, Peyton Cotton, Madison Jasper, Rayvn Bullens, Brylee Gill, Jonas Cox, Gentry Phillips. Back row from left: Carson White, Alexus Moore, Micah Sparks, Camron Couch, Will Isaacs, Jessalyn Burton, Dalton Pash, Logan Bullock, Joseph Frith and Alex Vanzant.



Several FBLA Chapter members competed in specialized events with many of them placing in the top three at Region 6 competition. Pictured are front row from left: Nataleigh Wilkerson, Alexus Moore and Gentry Phillips. Second row from left: Jailey Martin, Dalton Pash, Will Isaacs and Logan Bullock. Back row from left: Taylee Owens, Carson White, Gary Ramsey and Camron Couch.



The RCHS Rifle Team recently defeated Eastern High School from Louisville in a head to head rifle match. Rockcastle shot a season high score of 917 to Eastern's 860. Team members are Jasmine Hanson, Jade Hanson, Ocean Rohrer, Robert Rhodus, Caleb Tompkins and Kansas Kirby, Both teams are comprised of first year competitive shooters. The Rifle Rockets next match is scheduled with Waller High School from Waller, TX.

### Four selected

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### Cadet of the Month

Rockcastle County Junior ROTC would like to congratulate four deserving cadets for their selection as Cadet of the Month for school year 2019-20. Cadet of the Month involves a rigorous selection and screening process of new cadets. Cadets earning this distinction are awarded a ribbon to wear on their Army Service Uniform, certificate, and typically early promotion to their next rank. Cadet Sergeant Andrew Bradley, Cadet Corporal Logen Dykes, Cadet Private First Class James Kirby, and Cadet Corporal Robert Rhodus all have earned this prestigious award this year.









For families and educators

### KET provides free learning at home toolkit

gent need for at-home learning resources while Kentucky schools are closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. KET has created an online toolkit for families and educators at KET.org/learnathome. The toolkit provides families free high-quality educational resources for children of all ages.

Educators can also visit this site to find helpful tips for making learning from home successful and to be directed to the thousands of instructional resources available through PBS LearningMedia.

"With students at home, we know teachers, parents and caregivers are doing their best to keep everyone learning," said Shae Hopkins, KET executive director and CEO. "We're here to help with educational resources for students of all ages. Education is at the heart of our mission, and we're here to serve Kentuckians during this crucial time."

For parents and caregivers seeking trustworthy, easy-to-use instructional resources, KET.org/learnathome features collections for PreK-third grade, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12.

The PreK-third grade collection features learning resources from PBS KIDS, including information on all the ways families can access the

In response to the ur- 24/7 KET PBS KIDS channel on air and online. There's also information on the many free apps and games that facilitate learning alongside each PBS KIDS program. In addition, the collection provides resources for specific grade and subject levels.

The collections for grades 4-8 and 9-12 include information and resources from PBS LearningMedia, a free repository of classroom resources used by Kentucky educators. KET is

encouraging parents to also use this free resource, which organizes lessons, video clips, and activities by grade level and subject area in an easy-to-use website that doesn't require registration. (Comment of the Constitution)

In addition, beginning Monday, March 30, KET's normal weekday program lineup that airs on the main KET channel from 7/6 am to 5/4 pm will be replaced with a special lineup containing programming specific to at-home learning for PreK-third grade. grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. More information about that schedule change will be available later this week.

KET is Kentucky's largest classroom, where learning comes to life for more than one million people each week via television, online and mobile. Learn more about Kentucky's preeminent public media organization at KET.org, on Twitter @KET and at facebook.com/KET.



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Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to John Polly at Hummel. Violators will be prosecuted. 8x8

Posted: No trespassing on the late Murphy Martin property in the Red Hill area. 8x10

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

No Trespassing of any kind, and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

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### Notices

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Joseph Craig, P.O. Box 145, Brodhead, Ky. 40409, Patrick Evans Craig, P.O. Box 405, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 and Dana Craig Sanford, 10714 Calista Way, Fountain, CO 80817 have been appointed as Co-Executors of the estate of Evans Gatliff Craig, deceased on the 11th day of March, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christopher Joseph

Craig, Patrick Evans Craig and Dana Craig Sanford or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey & Ford, P.S.C., 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before September 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 8x3

Notice is hereby given that James Anthony Wilson, 47 Happy Lane, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has filed a Final Settlement of his account as Conservator of James Christopher Wilson. A hearing on said settlement will be held on April 20, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 9x1

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The Public Service Commission of Kentucky will hold a hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9.00 a.m., Eastem Daysight Time, at the Commission's offices, located at 211 Sower Boulevaid, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnessee in Case No. 2020-00016, which is the Electronic Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilises Company for Approval of a Solar Power Contract and Two Renewable Power Agreements to Satisfy Customer Requests for a Renewable Enrgy Source Under Green Energy Tarff Option #3.

This hearing will be at samed five and may be viewed on the PSC website. ээс хү, дож

nformation regarding public participation in this hearing will be placed on the PSC website.

The address for Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky USties Company is 220 West Main Street

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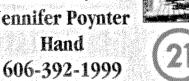
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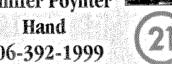
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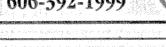
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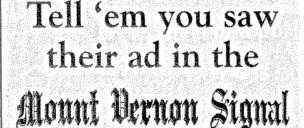
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### Frankfort Update

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By R. Travis Brenda State Representative

Legislature continues work on budget, acts to pass COVID-19 relief bills

While I want to share information about what we are doing in Frankfort to address



the COVID-19 spread, I would like to start this week's update by shar-

ing a little bit about my thoughts on what we are facing. Our state, nation, and world are facing an unprecedented challenge in dealing with this new strain of the Coronavirus. Drastic but necessary steps have been taken to control the spread in order to prevent overwhelming our medical providers and health care system. The only way we will be able to combat this virus is by standing united and working together, just like we have overcome every other challenge in our state's his-

The Kentucky General Assembly is responding to this outbreak and acting to help our Governor and Kentuckians. Bequestioned our decision to remain in session, we know that our constitutional obligation is more important now than at perhaps any other time. As you may know, we returned to Frankfort on Tuesday to continue work. While we passed the state budget on March 6, the Senate was still working on their version. They were able to pass it Thursday, March 19. However, it included several changes that my colleagues and I in the House could not support. The budget is now in a working group called a free conference committee, where members of legislative leadership will work out a third version that hopefully everyone can agree to support. We

might make. The \$23 billion state budget provides funding for every single state agency and program. We are facing what could be one of the worst health and economic disasters in world history and the leg-

must have the budget to

the Governor by April 1

in order to allow us time

to consider any vetoes he

#### "Scammers"

(Cont. from B1)

thing else we are juggling right now, follow tips to help guard against becoming a victim."

Currently, the only inhome visits being conducted by LG&E and KU are those to perform essential service-related work including gas leak investigations, move-in requests and new service turn-ons, much of which is scheduled with the customer in advance.

Due to COVID-19 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, LG&E and KU employees are practicing social distancing when feasible; requesting customers who are sick remain at a distance and may need to wear protective equipment including masks, respirators, gloves and protective suits to ensure their safety. Despite the possible new "uniform," employees always carry an authentic company ID badge which - whether issued to an employee or a contractor - show the companies' logos. An employee ID card always has the employee's name and color photograph on the front as well.

LG&E and KU encourage customers to always obtain positive identification in the event someone appears at their door stating they are there on any company's behalf.

Customers are reminded to be aware of other potential signs of scam activity, which include threats to disconnect service, requests for immediate payment, and requests for a pre-paid money card.

The utilities encourage customers to follow these SAFE tips to protect your personal information.

- Secure your personal information: LG&E and KU will never call and ask for credit or debit card numbers or other personal information.
- Always remember you have bill payment options: LG&E and KU offer customers a variety of official payment options. A complete list can be found here.
- First check with LG&E and KU if you're suspicious: Customers

who receive a suspicious live phone call, an email or letter should call LG&E and KU which will always verify official communications. LG&E customers should call 502-589-1444 (outside Louisville at 1-800-331-7370); KU customers should call 1-800-981-0600.

• Enlist the help of authorities: In addition to contacting the company, customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with scammers, should report it to their local police department.

LG&E and KU work year-round with local law enforcement investigating these types of crimes, and participate in the Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS) consortium to raise awareness among customers and expose tactics used by scammers.

UUAS is a consortium of more than 140 U.S. and Canadian electric, water, and natural gas utilities and their respective trade associations, and as of last year, this group helped to cease operations of nearly 5,000 toll-free numbers used against utility customers by scammers.

Visit lge-ku.com/ COVID-19 for more important information related to the utilities' actions during the coronavirus outbreak.

### **Brodhead** Alumni **Banquet** cancelled

The Brodhead Alumni Banquet that was scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled.

#### Library Closed

Officials have announced that the Rockcastle County Library will be closed until further notice.

islature has a responsibility to the people of Kentucky. If we leave here without a budget, state government will shut down because only the legislature can allocate money. That means public health, child welfare, unemployment insurance, and hundreds of other programs critical to Kentuckians during a health crisis will cease to exist.

While the Senate worked on their version of the budget, we used our time to pass legislation that will help the state respond to COVID-19, and other priority bills that were still pending. For example, we approved measures that will keep state dollars going to our school districts and help employees and employers cope with lost wages and lost business. I had the opportunity to work with a few other Republican House members to draft the framework for what became House Floor Amendment 3 on Senate Bill 177. This amendment provides relief to our schools through this trying time. And, it is a relief that only the legislative branch has the authority to provide since only this body can enact laws, even in a state of emergency.

Before I close, I want to thank our Governor and our President for their efforts to address COVID-19 on a state and federal level. We are blessed to have public health officials like Dr. Steven Stack with the Kentucky Department for Public Health, Dr. Andrew Fauci with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Dr. Deborah Birz who is serving as coordinator of the Corona Virus Response Coordinator, have also done a phenomenal job. They con tinue to work, day in and day out to do everything possible to stop the spread of COVID-19. I do not envy their responsibilities, but I certainly appreciate their leadership and guidance. I hope everyone will heed the warn-

ings they have issued. I hope you will all continue to stay informed on this issue. The Governor and the Department of Public Health have put together resources, including this website, www.kycovid19.ky.gov. Check this website for accurate and update information on the spread of the virus. If you think you have symptoms but are not experiencing a medical emergency, please call the COVID-19 hotline at (800) 722-5725 before you seek medical care.

We are Kentuckians, and we are strong and resilient. Listen to the advice of the medical professionals. Stay home if you are sick. Wash your hands. Practice social distancing and encourage those around you to do the same. We will get through this together. Kentucky is better when we are united.

Thank you for taking the time to read this week's update, I can still be reached by the toll-free message line if you have any comments or questions, just call 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov.

#### "Insurance"

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**EWDC Deputy Secretary** Josh Benton.

Please follow this new process if you are filing a UI claim so that our computer and phone systems will perform at optimal levels. We want to make sure we can receive and process claims for all those experiencing job loss, said Benton.

Effective immediately, Kentucky Career Centers (KCC) across the state have been closed to the public to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but KCC workers are still providing services by telephone

videoconference. Below is the location and phone number individuals can call for KCC services including UI questions. Please use the phone number for the location nearest you so that no location is overwhelmed by customers.

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Claimants can also call the UI Help Line at 502-564-2900; if they have

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In addition to these new ways to communicate with KCC staff, other KCC programs are continuing to assist customers through the following services.

• Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) helps laid-off people get back to work faster.

• Trade assistance helps workers who have lost their job as a result of increased imports out of the United States.

• Employment services assists job seekers with items such as resume writing, job search and training opportuni-

 Veteran services helps those who have served in the armed forces with finding a job or training opportunities.

• Business services such as rapid response. recruitment and workbased training assists em-

On March 16, Gov. Andy Beshear directed EWDC to waive the states seven-day waiting period to receive UI benefits and the work-search requirement for UI benefits during the state of emergency.

As a result, the following policy has been acti-

1 Individual is laid off and files initial claim application to request UI benefits.

2 After claimant files and requests payment, UI staff conducts eligibility review and processes benefit request concurrently.

3 If approved, initial payment is authorized for 14 days of benefits.

4 Claimant may request benefits every two weeks. This process may continue for a maximum of 26 total weeks or until the claimant obtains employment or returns to

5 The weekly benefit

amount is based on the workers past wages.

All of the new measures have been implemented to help people who have temporarily lost their jobs or are quarantined because of COVID-19.

#### "Sick"

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breath have improved) AND

 At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared. Or, if you tested positive for COVID-19, and then have received two follow-up negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart.

"The decision to stop home isolation should be a shared one between you and your healthcare provider," said Dr. Bullock. "Your healthcare provider is staying up to date on the COVID-19 situation as it continues to evolve as well as the ongoing guidance from the CDC.

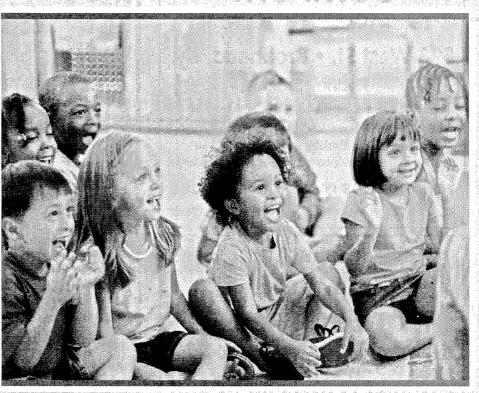
For additional information on tips for home isolation and protecting others in your home, please visit the CDC's website at cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019.

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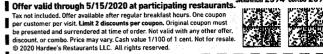
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