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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.

State and county Government open but continuing to take precautions

By: Mike French
Editor

allowed to enter the building.

Rockcastle County officials, like most statewide, are finding ways to continue business but protect themselves and the public from the 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.

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All employees, including Hansel herself, are 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 always.

Rockcastle County (See "Open" on A5)

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

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 opportunity 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 Rockcastle County CoronaVirus Quick Reaction Group.

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

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.

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

Grand Jury returns 23 indictments

A Rockcastle County Grand Jury returned 23 indictments, mostly drug-related, against 28 people on Friday, March 13th.

Indicted, and their offenses, were:

Erin Reynolds, 47, 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/p);

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 convicted 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 substance.

(See "Indict" on A5)

(See "Elderly" on A5)

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 estimate

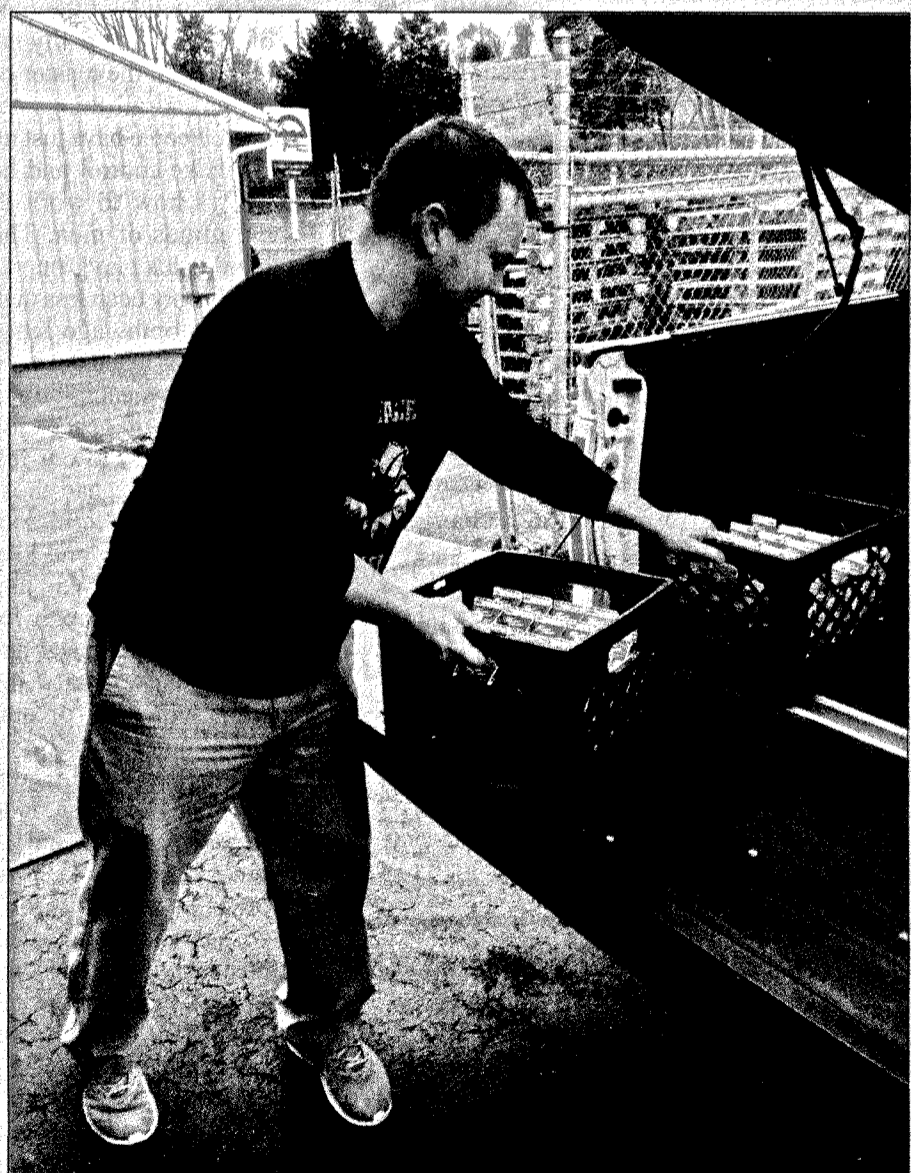
(See "Road" on A5)

Working together during crisis

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) and the Rockcastle County 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 the 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, director (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

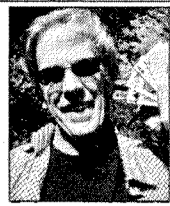
have absolutely nothing to do with the Coronavirus.

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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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 LECPC meeting about the Corona virus, after listening to very eloquent, intelligent people express their ideas for helping the community, David Colson, Emergency Man-

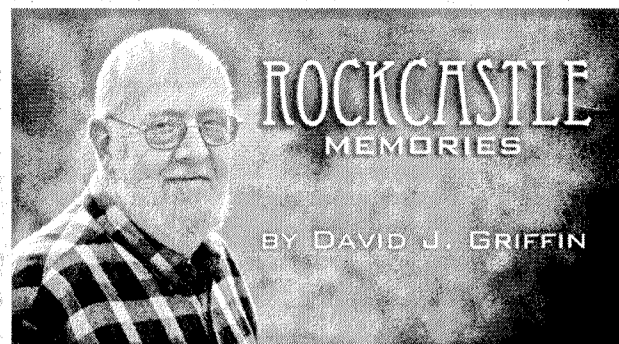
agement Director said, "Mike? Do you have anything to add?"

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 (M o m m i e Katie), had a couple of these plates that were displayed but never used.

I recall my mother pointing out the plates on

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 holding 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 determination to be secluded and avoid public contact has grown steadily worse or better, depending on one's perspective. This behavioral phenomenon

is, oftentimes, one of the more noticeable symptoms 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.

I could count on my fingers, without using my thumbs or the same finger twice, the number of times, since the beginning 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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T.J.'s Journal

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 everybody 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 done.

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ramblings...

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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.

The bill was originally 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 additions. 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.

I thought to myself, "Let's see! I need to word this carefully and sound

as though I am well informed." Actually I was indeed well informed. I had been researching the subject for weeks and had been writing about it for several days.

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Yes, that is what I was about to say. Those were the words on the tip of my tongue. Sounds pretty good, huh? And it's true.

I don't know exactly what I really said but I think the words I used to express that sentiment were more like, "oh. uhhmmm. We are doing fine. Thanks."

Next!

There goes my heart. It restarted as soon as the next person started talking.

I missed what the next person said because I was trying to figure out what I had just said. I pretended to scratch my forehead as I wiped the sweat away but no one was looking at me anymore.

Anyway, I guess I am 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 awhile.

I'll set them all straight at the next council meeting. I'm an experienced public speaker now. Yeah, right!

"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 together forever.

My romantically 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 completely fictional. It must have worked on a lot of others as well because this pattern of dinnerware has remained in production since its creation at the end of the 18th century. Many Chinese-inspired patterns had become popular in England during that time, but Willow ware prevailed over any other.

My wife's collection was aided and abetted by her mother, an antique lover who eventually be-

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 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 another hour or two.

Speaking of Kindles and other "e-readers", now would be a good time to purchase one for yourself or for a grandchild. 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 tomatoes!

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Postponed
Rockcastle Regional COVID-19 Hotline
 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
No Written/Driver's Test or Driver's License Issuance
 Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has announced there will not be a written test or driver's test or drivers licensing given until further notice.
Hot Rod Sign-Ups
 Hot Rod T-Ball sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.
Celebrate Sobriety Service
 CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.
Chamber of Commerce Meetings
 The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.
VFW Post Item
 VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.
Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.
DAR Meetings
 The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.
Brodhead Lodge Meeting
 The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.
Kiwanis Club Meetings
 The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone 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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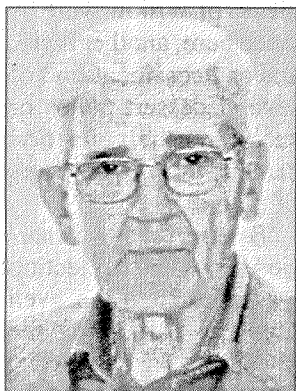
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Obituaries

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.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

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 nephews.

The family will schedule a celebration of life at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnson Vaughn Phelps Funeral home.

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) Stallworth, 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 Stallworth, Teddy Stallworth, 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 Stanford and Billie Jo Barrows King. He had been a painter.



He is survived by: his loving wife, Mary Burkhardt 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 Cayzlen Dahlia 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 Burkhardt, Zachary Burkhardt, Bryan Whitt, Burley Whitt, Christ Whitt, and Mike Whitt.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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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 drive-through 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 communities."

"I commend your department's innovative response by establishing drive-through testing sites across the country. As your department implements this public-private 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 drive-through 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 first-time 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

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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- Fresh Hamburger/Ground Chuck (2 Packs)
- 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)
- Water (2) cases or gallons
- Cooking Oil - (1) any size
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Thursday, March 26, 2020

If you think you are sick with COVID-19

For those who are 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 follow.

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

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. Questions 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, etc.)?
- 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, immunocompromised 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. Bullock.

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 "high-touch" surfaces every day 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 customers.

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 thank 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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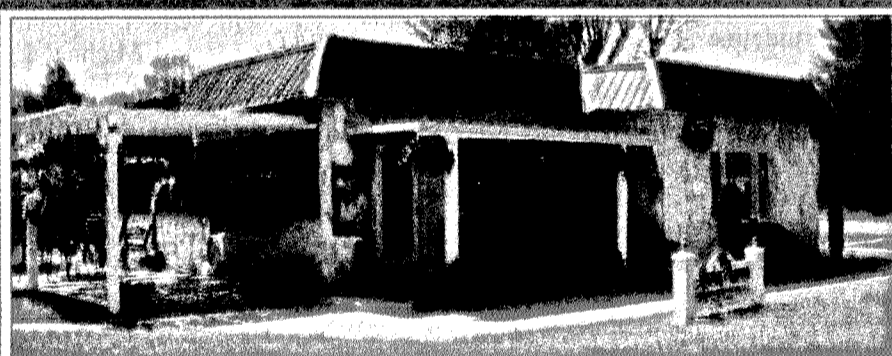
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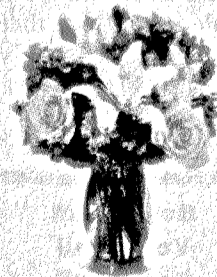
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

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

Jack Collins v. Jacob Singleton, eviction notice.

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

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-00060

Circuit Civil Suits

Iris S. Gross v. Garry Michael Gross, petition for dissolution 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

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 \$800

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

Rickie and Katherine

Hysinger, property in Rockcastle County, to Richard and Tiffany Hysinger. Tax \$400

Cecil Gregory Thacker and Angela Dawn Thacker, property on Hwy. 1617, to Larry and Elizabeth Eversole. Tax \$180

Joshua C. and Jessica L. Dollins, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy and Ashley McKeehan. Tax \$2.50

Michael and Leslie JaDawn Lopez, property in Barnett Subdv., to David and Megan Eller. Tax \$145

Sandra J. Conn, property on KY 1004, to Christopher Watkins. Tax \$135.50

Citizens Bank, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Gregory M. Chandler. Tax \$18

Joshua C. and Jessica L. Dollins, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey and Lavon Jett. Tax \$7.50

A2R Property LLC, property on Falcon Lane, Brodhead, to Crystal L. Langley and George Hubbard. Tax \$177.50 (315)

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, 29, 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

District Court

March 11, 2020

Hon. Kathryn G. Stone
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 fine.

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

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 cost.

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

Jackson Energy continues to put safety first while caring for members

As COVID-19 continues to spread across Kentucky and the nation, Jackson Energy is continuing to take proactive measures with the same care and concern for its employees as we have for our membership.

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 vehicles.

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 day-to-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 1-800-262-7480.

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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 facilities 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' bills beginning in late October 2020.

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 diffuser 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 tariff. These projects are required for KU to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule as amended. The estimated total capital cost of these new pollution 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 (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS, RTODD, 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 of \$0.75 up to \$38.88. LS and RLS 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 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$0.39.

Beginning in late October 2020, the initial bill impact for KU's Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.08% 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 (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), 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 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.45 up to \$77.01. PS-Primary customers using 58,355 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$2.46 up to \$130.68. TODS customers using 208,133 kWh/month 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 4,908,868 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$94.85 up to \$5,041.26. FLS-Transmission customers using 51,873,999 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$69.76 up to \$46,695.77. OSL-Secondary customers using 5,204 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.44 up to \$23.50.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU. However, the Commission may issue an order modifying or denying KU'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 motion 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, 211 Sower Blvd., Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 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 testimony by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, Attention: State Regulation and Rates.

Copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection on KU's website (<http://www.ku-ku.com>), on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.ky.gov>), and in paper medium Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 ECU 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 Alexis 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 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.

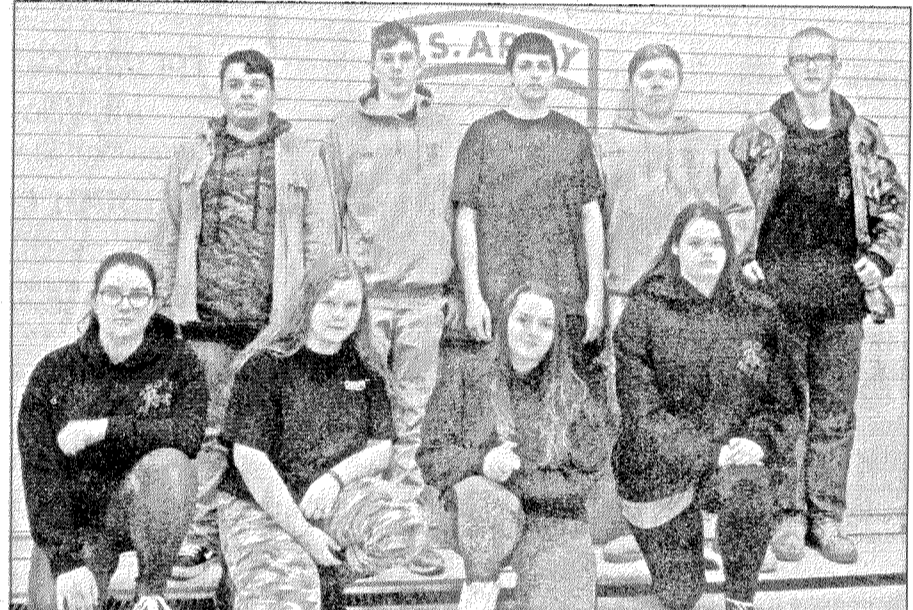
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On March 6th, the Rockcastle Area Technology Center's FBLA Chapter traveled to ECU for FBLA Region 6 competition. Pictured are front row from left: Kara Bullock, Nataleigh Wilkerson, Brooke Abney, Jailey Martin and Erin Hindman. Second row from left: 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, Alexis Moore, Micah Sparks, Camron Couch, Will Isaacs, Jessalyn Burton, Dalton Pash, Logan Bullock, Joseph Frith and Alex Vanzant.



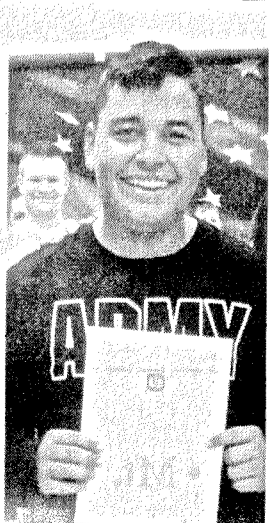
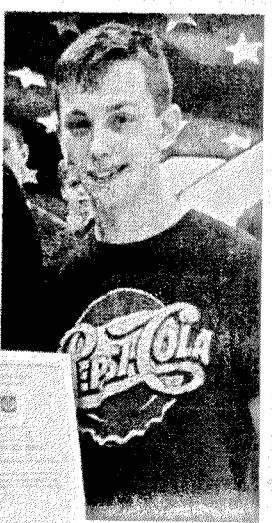
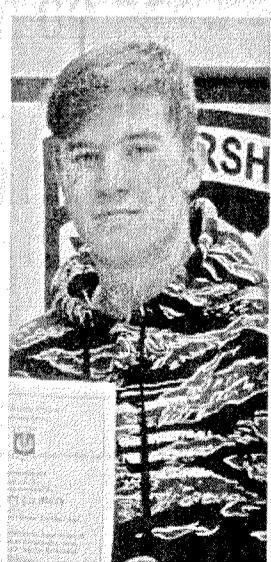
Several FBLA Chapter members competed in specialized events with many of them placing in the top three at Region 6 competition. Pictured are front row from left: Nataleigh Wilkerson, Alexis Moore and Gentry Phillips. Second row from left: Jailey Martin, Dalton Pash, Will Isaacs and Logan Bullock. Back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

In response to the urgent 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

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.

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 learn-

ing for PreK-third grade, grades 4-8, and grades 9-12. More information about that schedule change will be available later this week.

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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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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

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and

Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

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

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

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

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

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

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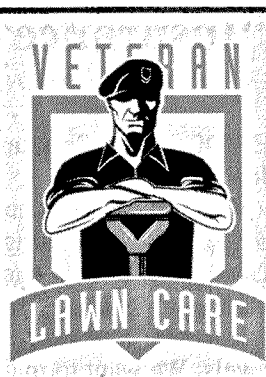
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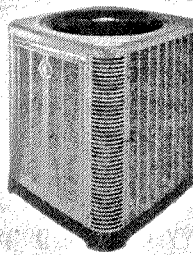
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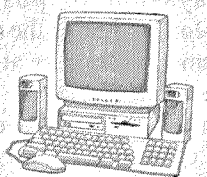
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Frankfort Update

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 sharing 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 history.

The Kentucky General Assembly is responding to this outbreak and acting to help our Governor and Kentuckians. Be-

"Scammers"

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

Currently, the only in-home 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

cause, while some have questioned 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 must have the budget to the Governor by April 1 in order to allow us time to consider any vetoes he 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-

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 continue 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 warnings 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 and 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.

- Bowling Green area 270-746-7425
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- Covington area 859-292-6666
- Hazard area 888-503-1423
- Hopkinsville area 270-889-6509
- Lexington area 859-233-5940
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- Morehead area 606-783-8525
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- Somerset area 606-677-4124

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

In addition to these new ways to communi-

cate 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 opportunities.

- 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 work-based training assists employers.

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 activated.

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 work.

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"

(Cont. from B1)

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.

If you feel you may have COVID-19 or have come into contact with someone with COVID-19, please call your healthcare provider or Rockcastle Regional's COVID-19 Hotline to speak with a healthcare professional at (606) 256-7385.

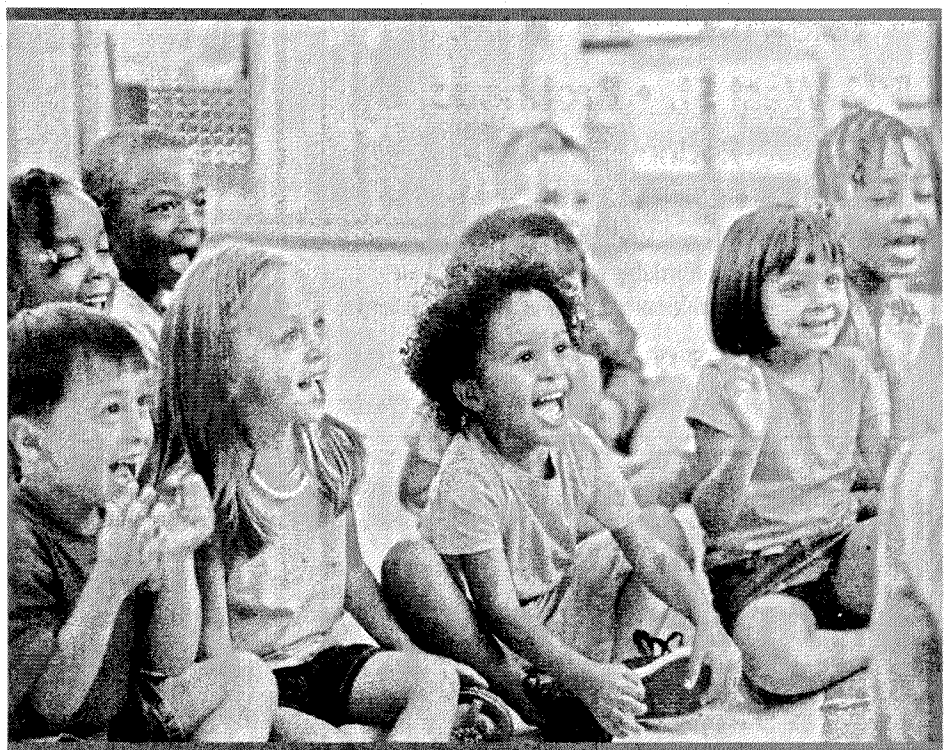
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The Brodhead Alumni Banquet that was scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled.

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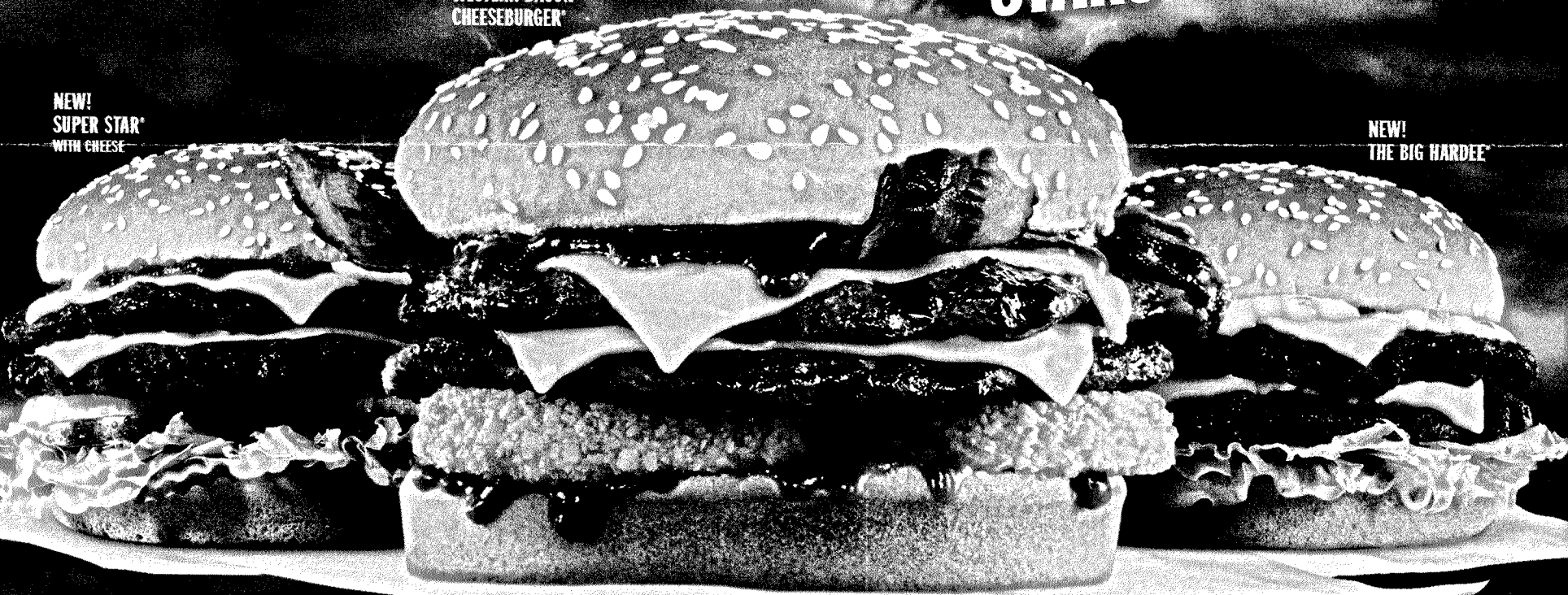
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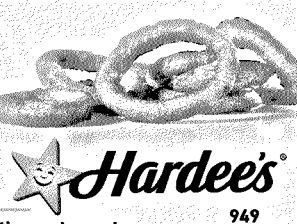
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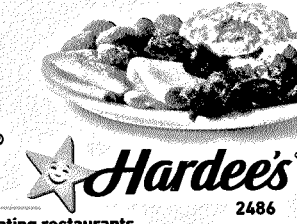
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