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Homes destroyed



Local fire departments responded to several fires over the past week that destroyed local homes and a business. Shown above, the Mount Vernon Fire Department along with Brindle Ridge and Brodhead responded to this structure fire in Renfro Valley early Tuesday morning on US 25 at a local business. US 25 was closed for a short while since there was no water supply near the blaze, according to reports. The Livingston Fire and Rescue also responded to a fire on Cove Branch Road, assisted by the Mount Vernon Fire Department last week. The home was a total loss. The Brindle Ridge Fire Department also responded to a fully engulfed home on Wildie Road Sunday morning. The Climax and Mount Vernon Departments also assisted in this blaze. This home too was a total loss. Monday, the Brindle Ridge Fire Department also responded to a structure fire on Wildie Road. Several homes were threatened by the fire but firefighters were able to keep the blaze contained to the single dwelling. Several departments assisted at the scene. Also on Tuesday morning, the Livingston Fire and Rescue spent the morning fighting a forest fire in the Red Hill area. No injuries were reported at the incidents. The cause of each fire was unknown.

City approves annexation and hears local reports

By: Mike French **Editor**

Due to illness, the Mount Vernon City Council meeting was moved to last Thursday, March 23. But a quorum was still difficult as Jim Bowman and Lonetta Daugherty were not able to attend and Gertha Mink joined via Zoom to create a quorum. The meeting started late since there was trouble getting Mink's zoom call to operate properly.

Also, there were three annexation ordinances due a second reading on the agenda but the second and final readings may not take place in a special called meeting so the ordinances were postponed until the April meeting. However, the fourth ordinance, also an annexation second reading, did take place since it is a voluntary annexation.

Ordinance 2022-5, annexing 14.45 acres, known as the Bridgeport Properties near West Main Street, passed second reading by the council. Three other ordinances were postponed.

Local property owner Bert King visited the council to ask some questions about the annexations. King respectfully asked why some properties were annexed but others beside them were not King went over a short

list of properties that may have been a good candidate for annexation and he asked why they were not included. King also asked the benefits to annexation. "I am concerned that someone interested in purchasing or leasing property in Mount Vernon may go somewhere else where they don't have to pay city taxes," he said. "What are the benefits of annexation. I know it's give and take but can you define that for me?"

City Attorney Bobby Amburgey, City Clerk Crystal Rush and Mayor Tim Roberts said some of the advantages include police and fire department services as well as potential lower insurance premiums. "Mostly it is a chance to be a part of the team," said Amburgey. Amburgey also said certain types of businesses have different guidelines to annexation

(See "Annex" on A7)

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce held its second Coffee Hour event last week to an even larger crowd as local officials informed guests of new developments and growth in the county.

Guests heard about potential grants that could come to the area that could help with shade structures and a walking path at the Lake Linville Park. Plans also include a 300-foot tricycle loop for toddlers.

A TAP grant from the

Plans to grow Lake Linville Park underway

The idea for the Coffee Hour came from Vitalize Mount Vernon Director Lynn Tatum who though the event could provide useful information for local residents and dignitaries concerning local growth and development. The event is growing quickly as more and more local citizens and officials are attending the event to learn about new projects and planned development in the area.

This month's special guests were Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts and American Legion representative Kathy Bobo.

Transportation Cabinet

has been submitted for a bike path that will connect the playground to the RV camp, shower house, bait shop, boat dock and restaurant at the lake.

Bobo gave a progress report on the Rockcastle

(See "Lake" on A7)

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 4 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days. There were an additional 30 probable cases reported.

Easter Celebration

The Rockcastle VFW Post would like to invite everyone to the Easter Celebration on April 8 from noon to 2 p.m. when the egg hunt will begin.

There will be inflatables The event will be held at Post 5908 at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon. For more information call 606-308-3568

RCIDA meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, has been moved to April 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference Room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court to cover shortfall

Tentative Jail Budget over \$800,000 short

By: Mike French

Rockcastle The County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting last week by the order of Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

The first order of business pertained to the annual tentative proposed Jail budget which must be submitted by April 1. Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter submitted the tentative budget to the court.*

According to the tentative proposed budget, there is \$719,741 in per\$418,379 in operating expenses, \$500 in equipment expense, \$2,000 in juvenile detention expense, \$90,775 in debt service and \$426,051 in administration expense for a total of \$1,657,446 in total jail fund appro-

priations. However, total receipts in the budget are only \$819,000. The additional \$838,446 needed is budgeted as cash transfers from other funds through the fiscal court. Those funds come mostly from the occupational tax fund

sonnel appropriations, as needed throughout the

"This is \$800,000 that could be used for a lot of good in our county if the state would help fund jails across Kentucky," said Holbrook. State Representative Josh Bray has also said he supports a bill that may force the state of Kentucky to help fund detention centers across the state rather than cost small counties millions in support.

The court approved the tentative budget

In other action, the court accepted bids for two new county trucks. The bids provide two

(See "Jail" on A7)

New deputy in Rockcastle

By: Mike French Editor

The City of Brodhead is still searching for a police officer and the City of Livingston is holding interviews this week for an officer of their own. The City of Mount Vernon is also down one officer since the recent resignation of an SRO.

However. the County Rockcastle 3 Sheriff's Department is announcing the hiring of Kenneth Jones as a new deputy.

The department has had the funds in the budget but due to overtime and other expenses, has not been able to hire the extra deputy and has remained short staffed for several months, according to Sheriff Shannon

Franklin. Jones brings vast experience to the county including time as a Park

Ranger and a special investigator. He has also served as a patrolman for the London Police De-(See "Deputy" on A7)

Kindergarten/Preschool

Registration time is here once again

Once again the time of year has come to prepare you child for kindergarten or preschool.

Parents or guardians wishing to register their child for preschool must be certain their child will turn four years old on or before August 1 of this year. A child may be eligible if they turn three by August 1 if they have a disability.

Parents or guardians must provide a birth certificate, a physical exam, immunization certificates, a vision exam, income verification, proof of residence and a copy of guardianship if not the birth parent.

(See "Register" on A7)

Of Special Note Inside

Community Easter

celebration

The Community Easter Egg Hunt and Easter

celebration is planned for Saturday, April 1 at the

Brodhead Depot Park. The event will begin at

2 with inflatable, food trucks and Eastern Bunny

photos. The schedule for ages are as follows:

Ages 0-1 2:40 p.m. Field 1

Ages 3-5 3:15 p.m. Field 2

Ages 6-10 3:40 p.m. Field 2

Children are asked to bring their own basket.

The event is sponsored by the Brodhead Baptist

Church, Brodhead City Hall and Citizens Bank.

Everyone is invited to attend.

An Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt will be held beside

the Brodhead Baptist Church beginning at

11 a.m. for those needing extra support or special

accommodations. A low-sensory Easter Bunny

will be available at this event.

For more information, call 606-308-9922

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



On Being Married Twenty Years Dear Journal,

On Wednesday, March 29, Stanley and I have been married for twenty years. It doesn't really seem that long but on the other hand, it seems like it has been many years. I remember telling Stanley a few years ago that it felt like I had been married to him most of my life. He has been married to me for one third of his life. Like all other couples, we've had our ups and downs and rough patches but when all is said and done neither of us could imagine going through life without the other. Our pastor visited me one evening in the nursing home when I was rehabbing after my stroke. He told me that in all of his years in the ministry that he had never seen such a remarkable couple. Several years ago I had a good girlfriend who was about twenty years older than me. She told me that after observing us that Stanley needed to write a book about how a husband needs to treat a wife. That came from a woman

about seventy years old who had never married and probably had never been out on but a few dates in her life. She never found anyone suitable to marry, she always said.

I guess one thing that helped us was that we had known each other about twenty years or longer from working together before we married. We worked together about four years, I guess. Stanley found another job, but would come back to visit occasionally. We both had married other people and had gone our separate ways. Stanley had two children. As it turned out, when we had been married about two years, we learned that we were about third or fourth cousins. I was related to his mom and dad. He was related to my mom.

I hadn't seen Stanley for at least ten years or more when we came across each other shopping in London. We got caught up on things and went our separate ways again. As fate would have it, we met again here in

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was a 1953 Chevrolet, two-door coupe with bench seats and a straight six-cylinder engine.

My dad drove this heavy, green vehicle up the very long, muddy driveway of my mother's house. He was 27 and she was 16.

He had to cross a creek to reach her house and she must have been a nervous wreck.

To tell a little of a secret, dad had asked her out at church and she said "yes." But knowing her father would never approve of her going on her first car-date with a 27 year-old guy who was known as "a drinker" and had already served his country in Korea, she only used his first name.

"Paul asked me to the dance tonight," she said. "Well, you are awful young, but if your mama says it's okay, I guess it's okay. That Paul Brock seems like a pretty good young fellow."

Thanking him and nodding, mom did not say "It's not Paul Brock. It's Paul French." Instead, she walked half way down the old muddy drive to meet him. She got in the car and they took off.

I can only imagine the battle that took place when grandpa discovered it was Paul French.

I wasn't born yet so I can't be sure. But I was born soon after so I have an idea.

This is just one of the many stories I think about from time to time. How things were different in 1959. It was a different world. If I hadn't lived through the 60s and 70s to see it myself, I wouldn't event believe

this is the same planet.

I'm glad my mom and dad deceived grandpa that night. I suppose I wouldn't be here otherwise. But I can say that this one night, in 1959, had a drastic affect on the life's of many people for the next 60 years.

The decisions made in that one instant had ripple effects that actually changed the lives of several people. And to be honest, that same night made my children and grandchildren possible. Those grandkids and all they love and all they work with and all they have accomplished would not be here if not for that one decision to lie to grandpa on a cool, fall evening in 1959.

How often do we make such decisions? Every day? When we decide to go to one restaurant over another, does that decision have such lasting repercus-

What if your parents never dated? What if your great-great grandfather didn't go to the place where he met your greatgreat grand mother?

How many decisions per day have such a ripple affect?

I was raised to believe that though God knows what will happen tomorrow, he gives us free will to make each decision in life.

My little 3 pound brain will never understand how seven billion people, making a thousand decisions per day can be anything except random. But it is good to know that such decisions are generational I sup-

Needle Exchange Op-Ed

By: Jeffrey T. Burdette Mount Vernon, Ky.

In light of the recent decision by Rockcastle County to support and promote a needle exchange program for heroin or methamphetamine addicts, I'm reminded of the adage that the government solution to a problem is usually as bad or worse than the problem itself.

This is not to say that I do not respect the Fiscal Court and Health Department, I absolutely do. Despite the inevitable back and forth over statistics provided mostly by government agencies of which I am skeptical to say the least, in this case however, giving heroin and methamphetamine addicts a handful of needles every now and again is just plain wrong. I hope our Fiscal Court reconsiders.

I have been professionally immersed in the drug epidemic as judge, as a prosecutor, and defense attorney, for well over a quarter century, creating drug court programs garnering national acclaim, as well as dealing with families, children, and professionals associated with those in the throes of addiction.

I have read and studied the most recent studies in needle exchange programs conducted by the National Academy of Science and Center for Disease Control and Prevention. I do not rely solely on statistics from these entities in formulating my opinion, because I also view it in legal,

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County going in right direction...

Dear Editor,

As the 2023 Legislative Session comes to a close, I wanted to share my observations from Frankfort. I have been working in Frankfort since 2016, and I believe Rockcastle County is punching above our weight within the Capital

Let's start with Educa. tion, Dr. Carrie Ballenger has testified on behalf of our school district countless times. Just this week. she was on KET partaking in a conversation with

cation. Mrs. Ballinger is quite frankly putting County Rockcastle schools at the forefront o the education policies for the state.

To Econ Development Jeff Vanhook has worked the halls of Frankfort tire lessly the past couple o sessions. Meeting with various legislators expressing to everyone tha our county is open for business. This year has been no exception. Jef. has worked so hard for our county that top cabi net secretaries know hin by name.

Lastly, State Represen-

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Citizens Bank Announces New Vice-President of Residential Lending Mt Vernon

Citizens Bank is excited to announce the transitions of Zachary Stanifer and Ronald White within Citizens Bank's secondary market lending department. Stanifer will be taking on the role of Vice President of Residential Lending, while White transitions to Residential Lending Account Executive.

Zachary Stanifer has spent his entire professional career working across the spectrum in the finance industry. His early days were spent building a foundational knowledge of retail banking working for the second largest bank (by asset size) in the US. Upon moving back to his hometown in Southeastern KY, he took a position as a small business lending specialist for a rural community development financial institution serving a 22-county footprint in an underserved and mostly impoverished region in Appalachia. After nearly three of some of the most rewarding years of his career to date, Mr. Stanifer was approached with the opportunity to join the team at Citizens Bank in a commercial lending role in the Lake Cumberland market. Over time, his role with Citizens Bank evolved as he transitioned from a commercial lending role to the secondary market lending division. In less than three years, Mr. Stanifer has transitioned to Citizens Bank's Vice President of Residential Lending.

Prior to joining the banking and finance industry, Mr. Stanifer obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of the Cumberlands. During the early days of his career, Mr. Stanifer completed his Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance from the University of the Cumberlands as well. Mr. Stanifer has been married to his wife, Sarah, for 5 years and they share two beautiful daughters, Charlie and Audrey.

Ronald White has been in mortgage lending for over 35 years. His extensive professional background in finance began as an Origination Officer for secondary market loans in 1987. His early career gave him a strong foundation in the fundamentals of banking while utilizing the Business Administration degree he received from Eastern Kentucky University. In addition to his degree from EKU, Mr. White is a graduate of the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. Prior to Mr. White joining the Citizens Bank team in 2009 as the Senior Vice President of Residential Lending, he had over 22 years of experience in the finance industry. A few of his many accomplishments include being Vice President Manager in the Mortgage Loan Department at The Bankers Bank of Kentucky as well as President and Owner of United Lending Services LLC and United Title Services LLC. Mr. White has been serving our local communities for over 35 years and continues to broaden his footprint to new territories while creating financial education opportunities, developing secondary marketing strategies, and assisting in enhancing technology support at Citizens Bank. He has been married to his wife Peggy for 35 years and they have two children, Alex and Rachel.

"The transitions in position for both Zack and Ron will help the department to make even more progress and increase our level of quality customer service which is essential as a true community bank," said Citizens Bank President & CEO Corey Craig. "They have both been dedicated to the success of Citizens Bank for many years, and we are confident that their experience and leadership will take the department to new heights."

For more information contact Zachary Stanifer at 606-256-1023 and visit us online at www.citizensbankrb.com Citizens Bank. Member FDIC. An Equal Housing Lender.



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Aces

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When I get these things on my mind, I can't help but wonder if every decisions we make plays such a major role in life on Earth. If so, we swing the balance of life many times each day.

I suppose we are each a little more important than we think. When one, tiny decision can affect so many, for so long, I suppose there is a lot to say about everyone being important in their own way.

Here's hoping we make the "right" choices every day.

My guess would be that we don't. But maybe someone is watching and fixing things in the background.

I sure hope so.

Letters

Teners

(Continued from A2) tative Bray does so much behind the scenes that is vital to the success of our county. Representative Bray serves as the Vice Chair of the House State and Local Government Committee. This committee deals with issues that will directly and impact local areas and having one of our own at the table, is crucial to our county's success.

Editor, you may be asking why I am writing this, and my reason is that I want your readers to know, that our county has things going in the right direction. Behind the scenes folks are working very hard to make the area a place to work, live, and raise their kids here. I honestly believe the county is so close to a breakthrough that has taken years to build up to. The community has elements in place to land something big. We have a great education system, one of the best hospitals in the state, highways that connect businesses, and I believe we have Leaders in positions to help us take the next step.

Thank You, John Hughes

T.J.'s

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Mount Vernon at the visitation of an old family friend on my side, Zi Graves. My brother, Don, and I got in line behind Stanley and his mom, Laura. We talked more and exchanged phone numbers. I had business here in Mount Vernon about a month or so later so I gave him a call in the late afternoon and he invited me over to eat dinner with him. I accepted. As I left, I told him that when he was in London to come and eat with me

and my mom. She was elderly and bedfast. He said that he had a chiropractic appointment that next week and that he would be right on over after the appointment. I had meatloaf, potato salad, baked beans and peanut butter pie for our first meal. It turned out to be a picnic. He said that the peanut butter pie set the hook. He said that he had pulled over to the side of the road and the peanut butter pie that I sent home with him never made it to Mount Vernon. Girls, I guess it is true. The shortest way to a man's heart is through the stomach. The rest is history, so they say.

Op-Ed

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policy, and philosophical determinations embodied in part from our citizens' laws. Statistics from this organization and other government entities do not measure injection frequency for example, but when the State of Indiana tried, after introducing their needle exchange in 2015, injections increased from 5 times a day to 9 times.

Neither do statistics measure who gives or sells their needles after receiving them at the exchange, but we have a criminal justice system problem with just that. Statistics do reflect that people are more apt to use or try illegal drugs for the first time when offered a clean needle. And finally, about statistics, those utilized to support needle exchanges routinely rely on information received from addicts. If I relied on addicts telling the truth, I would have been impeached. Those who have not yet rehabilitated, cannot be relied upon.

Our people, through their elected legislature, have passed laws that prohibit illegal drug use as well as the paraphernalia that delivers the "illegal" drugs, including needles

The first step in curtailing growth of bad/illegal behavior is to send a clear and unambiguous message that the conduct is unacceptable. When we compromise on that premise, we diminish our ethical resolve and moral authority.

Tacit approval and our facilitation in committing crimes, is a surrender, saying "we have lost." I cannot agree to ever aid to promote an evil, of injecting heroin or methamphetamine, no matter the good motivations, but I agree local proponents of this new trend intend to do good. "To reduce infection" is the battle cry, but knowing the

needles will inject an illegal poison, bringing death and despair, is the end game. We must acknowledge what these needles are doing.

I certainly would not offer a person intent on stabbing someone with a knife, which has a rusty handle, a clean knife to do the evil act. I hope I would find a way to stop the act.

Of course, there's a counter argument, and it's understandably more popular with academia and within the public health community.

My position in their world is that of some backward "moral crusader", "old fashioned", or "anti-science." Would the exchange decrease infections? Maybe. But, do exchanges increase drug usage? Yes.

We cannot ignore issues created by exchanges concerning increased first-time users, potential increased rates of infection, more contaminated needles in the community, and overall increased usage.

The increased usage can mostly occur at the exchange site, usually the health department where transients increase in number to get to the ex-

changes, not to mention an increased number of used needles on our playgrounds, in our ditch lines, and our parking

Perhaps I am old fashioned, but I accept the truth of the opposing views' statistics. I just use other statistics, as well as my learned ethics, values, and basic moral principles, on the issues at its base; facilitating heroin, methamphetamine, and other poisons into the veins of a beloved human being. Our focus must be on ending the addiction and abuse, being proactive, funding treatment centers, among many other things at the head of the issue. This means more than just handing out a brochure. I may be wrong, and I know the rhetorical elbows fly around this complex issue. The proponents of exchanges, injection sites, and needle vending machines are winning. All of those modalities may reduce infections even though I do not believe it. However, I'm a demagogue some may say, as I opine from my high horse about cutting off the head of the snake rather than its tail.



be placed in a device designed to permit a parent to anonymously surrender their baby with the intent for an emergency medical services provider to remove the newborn take custody.

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- 16 of those boxes are located in KY
- are located in KY

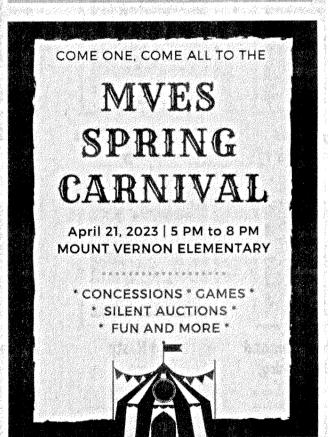
 The first baby was placed in a KY SHBB on 2/10/2023, less than 2 mths after

installation

The nearest Safe Haven Box to Mt. Vernon, KY is in Mt. Washington, 97 miles away.

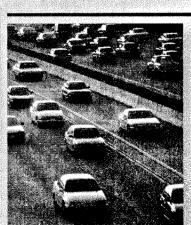
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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, April 3rd: Child Development, Seek n' Learn, Lisa's Little People, Tic-Toc Preschool. Tuesday, April 4th: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

Hot Rods Sign-Ups

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

Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet

The Brodhead High School Alumni Association will be holding their annual banquet on April 15, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School, Brodhead, Ky. We will be honoring the classes of 48, 53, 57, 58, 63, and 68. But all graduates are welcome. A delicious meal will be catered. Cost is \$20 per person. Please make reservations by April 6th and meal must be paid for in advance. Mail reservations to Brodhead School, PO Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. Questions, please call Judy King at 606-510-3759.

RCHS Alumni Association Banquet

RCHS Alumni Association will hold their third annual banquet Saturday, September 22nd from 6 to 10 p.m. at RCMS. Sign up on Facebook® or visit our website at www.rockcastlealumni.com

Easter Egg Hunt

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

Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Benefit Reservations are now available for the region's longest running Derby Eve party, benefiting Hospice Care Plus. The Bourbon, Boots & BBQ Derby Eve Benefit will take place Friday, May 5th at 6 p.m. at Churchill's, in the historic Churchill Weavers building in Berea. Reservations are open through April 28th. Visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-985-1500 for reservations. All proceeds benefit Hospice Care Plus.

Health Department Closings

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31, 2023, for trainings. We will reopen on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8 a.m. The Health Department will also be closed April 7, 2023 in observance of Good Friday Holiday. We will reopen Monday, April 10th at 8 a.m.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

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

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

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

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

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

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Dr. David BrabonReconstructive Surgery



Courtney Browning
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. David Bullock
Family Medicine



Jessica Carpenter
Nurse Practitioner



Jennifer Cash Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Lura Cash Dentistry



Vicky Chapman
Nurse Practitioner



Jenny Collier
Counseling



Dr. Saurav DasNeurology



asice Dr. Ann Davis



Dr. Ima EbongNeurology



Dr. David EscalanteEndocrinology



Chasity Frakes
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Suhas Gangadhara Neurology



Dr. Eduardo Gomez Radiology



Deana HalePhysician Assistant



Dr. Michael Hamilton
Emergency Medicine



Dr. Bethanie HammondBreast Imaging Radiology



Brent HastyCounseling



Dr. Aaron HesselsonCardiology



Dr. Wallace Huff
Orthopaedics



Dr. Angela DeBord Isaacs Family Medicine



Dr. Mary Saylor JoenborgFamily Medicine



Dr. Christian Knecht General Surgery



Dr. Vishakhadatta Kumaraswany Neurology



Dr. Nathan KustererCardiology



Dr. Kelsey LaddPsychiatry



Latoya Lamb Nurse Practitioner



Chelsen Larkey
Counseling



Dr. John LeighCardiology



Dr. Iraklis LivasAllergy and Immunology

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Dr. Zabeen Mahuwala Neurology



Dr. Rick McClure Cardiology



Ginger Mink-Cash
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Naoki Misumida Cardiology



Dr. David Moliterno
Cardiology



Alicia Myers
Physician Assistant



Kacey Scoggin Nicely
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Sarah Oliver
Pediatrics & Adolescents



Nancy Owens
Nurse Practitioner



Angela Parsons-Woods
Physician Assistant



Tiffany PatrickNurse Anesthetist



Brittany Perkins-Saylor
Physician Assistant



Megan Taylor Pittman

Nurse Practitioner



Barbara PratherNurse Practitioner



Terry PuckettNurse Anesthetist



Dr. Khalil RahmanNephrology



Dr. Navin Rajagopalan Cardiology



Dr. Faizal Ramdial
Pulmonology



Dr. Kevin RoweFamily Medicine



Dr. Mandakini Sadhir Adolescent Medicine



Brislyn Saylor Physician Assistant



Dr. Karen SaylorInternal Medicine/Pediatrics



Dr. Douglas SchneiderPediatric Cardiology



Dr. Parijat SenPulmonology



Dr. Callie ShafferPediatrics & Adolescents



Dr. Rudolph TovarGynecology



Jordan Whitaker Physician Assistant

Not Pictured: Dr. Hammad Siddiqui Nephrology



Dr. Justin Williams Hematology/Oncology



Ashleigh Williamson

Nurse Practitioner



Colyn Wright
Physician Assistant



Dr. Denis YalkutUrology

Thank you for your dedication to the care of our community. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Happy Doctors' Day



Connor Hunt and Parker Kidwell placed second in the Student Angler Federation (SAF) tournament on Lake Cumberland this past weekend.

All qualify for World Championship

RCHS Fishing place in top 15 boats out of 220

The RCHS Fishing Team dominated in the Student Angler Federation (SAF) tournament on Lake Cumberland this past weekend, March 25th.

All three teams qualified and placed in the top 15 boats out of a 220 boat field. It's the first time RCHS has qualified all teams for the World Championship that will

be held in Lacrosse, Michigan this summer.

The team will need some booster support in order to afford this huge cost. The fishing team is open to any ideas on how to raise some funds and ask that you let them know.

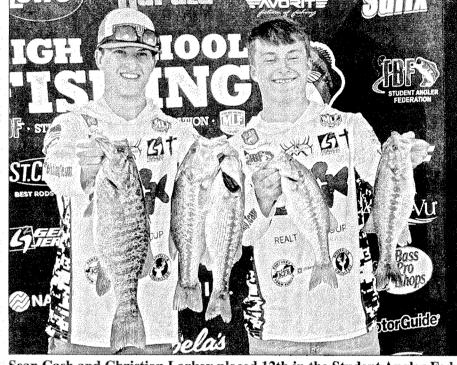
The team wishes to thank everyone for their support.

Student placement: 2nd Place

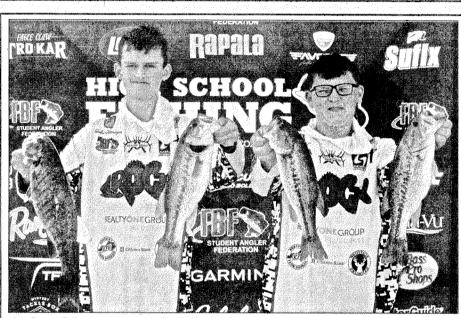
Connor Hunt (10th Grade) and Parker Kidwell (10th Grade).

10th Place
Sean Cash (12th Grade) and Christian
Larkey (11th Grade).
14th Place

Andrew Messenger (10th Grade) and Jackson Eaton (8th Grade).



Sean Cash and Christian Larkey placed 12th in the Student Angler Federation (SAF) tournament on Lake Cumberland this past weekend.



Andrew Messenger and Jackson Eaton placed 14th in the Student Angler Federation (SAF) tournament on Lake Cumberland this past weekend.



Makayla Coffey takes a pitch in recent softball action. The Lady Rockets scored seven runs in the top of the seventh Monday night to come from behind and defeat Whitley County 14-13. Adysinne Lovell had four hits, Coffey, Makinlee Goff and Ella Bussell each had three hits, Macy Spivey, Haven King and Haley Pingleton each had two hits while Makvla Hester and Mahala Miller each had one hit. Pingleton had four RBI in the win.



Junior Skyler Durham got the win Monday night over Estill County as the Rockets broke a 2-2 tie scoring a run in the top of the sixth for the win. Durham went five innings giving up two hits while striking out seven. Offensively, the Rockets were led by Robert Reams and Carson Carrera each with three hits.

Kentucky boat owners advised to start renewing registrations in April

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet advises boat title owners that motorboat registration requests will be accommodated at all County Clerk offices starting April 3. Annual registration renewals are typically accepted beginning March 1, but additional time is necessary to allow the decal vendor to reprint and deliver tags required to complete the registration process. Current registrations do not expire until April 30, 2023.

"We want boat owners who opt to renew early aware of the temporary delay to honor their time and avoid an unnecessary trip," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "We expect to have new decals available at County Clerk offices well ahead of the April 30 registration expiration for owners to update their tags and continue enjoying the open water."

Every motorboat registered in Kentucky must display a valid, unexpired tag. The boat's unique registration number and boat number are printed on certificates of registration at County Clerk Offices and the tags are then peeled and placed on each side of the boat. Due to a label defect, a reprint is necessary to ensure durability once exposed to water. New shipments will be delivered to each County Clerk Office. Last year, more than 187,000 decals were issued by county clerks.



The 6th grade Rockets won the Spring Tipoff in Berea this past weekend. The team went 3-0 and won the championship game 48-8. This team is 8-2 this season. Pictured from left are Coach Andrew Cash, Madden Leger, Coleson Shepherd, Sawyer Cash, Zaydon Scalf, Zayden Riddle (named MVP for the tournament) Carson Neeley, Wyatt Craig, Parker Cash and Coach Jeremy Neeley.

"Annex"

(Continued from front) that may cause them to remain off the proposed annexation plat. King thanked the council for their time and consideration.

In other action, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales asked the council to support a grant application for \$176,000 but the city match would have to be \$8,830. The request passed unanimously.

Carrie Mullins, along with other volunteers of the Rockcastle Arts Association, provided a brief report to the City. According to Mullins, the biggest event of the year in 2022 for the association was the Noel Night Market brining over 4,000 people onto Main Street to enjoy the festivities.

The group thanked the city for the improved sidewalks and electrical outlets that helped the participants in the events as well as other events.

Mullins also pointed out some upcoming events including an Art Show at the Farmers Market on April 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. and a community theatre with a time to be announced. The association also plans an Author's Night at the Farmers Market on July 11 and a Midsummer Night Talent Show at the of Hall Fame Ampitheatre on July 21. The 2023 Noel Night market is planned for December 2 from 4-9 p.m.

The council also accepted the monthly financial reports and heard department reports.

According to the All American Club report given by Mayor Roberts, there were 26 bags of trash picked up in the city. The city also provided the annual \$4,000 sponsorship to the All American Club.

The Fire department report, given by Chief Bales, reported 17 incidents involving vehicle accidents, and many other calls through the month of February. The report said the department made 44 runs in February.

The Mount Vernon Police Department report shows 394 calls for service in February.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

"Lake"

(Continued from front)

Veteran's Park that she hopes will be presented to the public on Memorial Day.

A partnership with the American Legion, fiscal court, City of Mount Vernon and several local banks and companies have contributed to the construction of the area dedicated to those who have served our country. City workers have poured sidewalks and remodeled an existing shelter as well as built a stone back wall that includes six service flags, Bobo said.

Future work at the Veteran's Park may include a fully restored helicopter that has been donated to the American Legion.

Officials are looking for funding to transport the helicopter from Arkansas to Mount Vernon.

RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook said "the helicopter would make a great addition to the park."

Anyone interested in contributing to the program should contact Bobo at 606-308-1208.

The next coffee hour will be scheduled soon and Tatum said she will inform everyone of the date.

Other groups as well as the City of Mount Vernon are working on more plans for the park which has become a popular tourist attraction across the state.

"Register"

(Continued from front)

Parents should call their school to set up an appointment for preschool registration. The events will be held on May 3, 15 and 22 at Brodhead and an appointment may be made by calling 606-758-8512.

Preschool registration events will be held at the Mount Vernon Elementary School on May 2, 17 and 19 and an appointment may be made by calling 606-256-2935.

Preschool registration at Roundstone Elementary School will be held May 1 and 18 and parents may call 606-256-2236.

Kindergarten registration is also nearing. Children must turn five years old by August 1, 2023 and all three schools require a birth certificate, a social security card, immunization records, a physical exam, vision and dental screening and custody papers.

Registration for Kindergarten will be held at Mount Vernon Elementary School on April 14, May 6 and May 18 and an appointment may be made by calling 256-2953.

Kindergarten registration at Brodhead Elementary School will be held on April 14, 21 and 28. Appointments may be made by calling 758-8512.

To register your child for Kindergarten at Roundstone Elementary School, parents should call 256-2235. Registration will be held at the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond

"Deputy"

(Continued from front)
partment and the Meridian
Police Department, which
included a tour with the
drug taskforce and the
DUI taskforce.

With the London department, Jones reached the title of Sargeant, First Sargeant and Captain and served as a domestic violence prevention officer and received the Kentucky White Ribbon Award for his work in domestic violence.

Jones also received the F.B.I. Community Leader-ship Award.

The 45 year officer has also served in the Laurel County Sheriff's Department and is currently a Deputy in the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

"It is an honor to have Kenneth with us," said Franklin. "He fills a lot of the voids a department has when it has been understaffed and his experience will serve the citizens of Rockcastle County very well."

"Jail"

(Continued from front) 2023, Chevrolet 3500

nent may be made by trucks at \$40,747 each.

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The court then entered closed session to deal with a personnel issue. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at the courthouse.



Rolling Out Revenue Based Disaster and Pandemic Assistance Programs

Beginning January 23, 2023, agricultural producers can begin to apply for two new important programs for revenue losses, from 2020 and 2021 natural disasters or the COVID-19 pandemic. Both programs equitably fill gaps in earlier assistance.

First, you may be eligible for assistance through the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two if you experienced revenue losses from eligible natural disasters in 2020 and 2021.

You may also be eligible for the Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) if you experienced revenue losses in calendar year 2020. PARP is addressing gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses.

Applications for both new programs are due June 2, 2023, and you can apply for both programs during your same appointment with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Historically, FSA programs have been designed to make direct payments to producers based on a single disaster event or for a single commodity loss. For many of you, this may be the first revenue-based program that you've applied for with FSA.

Why revenue-based programs?

PARP take a much more holistic approach to disaster assistance, ensuring that producers not just make it through a single growing season but have the financial stability to invest in the long-term well-being of their operations and employees.

In general, ERP Phase
Two payments are based
on the difference in allowable gross revenue
between a benchmark
year, representing a typical year of revenue for the
producer and the disaster
year - designed to target
the remaining needs of
producers impacted by
qualifying natural disasters and avoid duplicative
payments. ERP Phase
Two revenue loss is based

on tax years.

For PARP, an agricultural producer must have been in the business of farming during at least part of the 2020 calendar year and had a decrease in revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to a typical year. PARP revenue loss is based on calendar years.

How to Apply
In preparation for enrollment, producers

should gather supporting

documentation including:
Schedule F (Form 1040); and Profit or Loss from Farming/or similar tax documents for tax years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for ERP and for calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020 for PARP.

Producers should also have, or be prepared to have, the following forms on file for both ERP and PARP program participation:

Form AD-2047/Cus-

tomer Data Worksheet/(as applicable to the program participant);
Form CCC-902,/Farm

Operating Plan/for an individual or legal entity;

Form CCC-901,/ Member Information for Legal Entities/(if applicable); and

Form AD-1026/ Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

Form CCC-860,/Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, as certain existing permanent and ad-hoc disaster programs provide in creased benefits or reduced fees and premiums.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm should contact

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FSA at their local/USDA Service Center.

Yes, FSA is stepping outside of the box.

FSA is a big proponent of agricultural producers having a say in the design, implementation and delivery of the programs that directly impact their livelihoods. We also believe that some of the most creative and useful ideas for program and process improvements come from the FSA employees who administer this assistance through our network of more than 2,100 county offices. We want to thank producers across the country, along with the entire FSA workforce, for not just thinking outside of the box but also providing their input to make sure that we can improve and enhance our programs and our approach to assistance to better and more efficiently serve all producers who need our help.

Please visit your local USDA Service Center for more information on ERP Phase Two, PARP and our full portfolio of conservation, prices support, safety-net, credit and disaster assistance programs.

Committee Meeting Date: April 5th 2023 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program
dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 4.750%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 4.875%

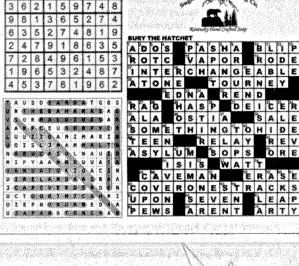
Limited Resource Loans=
5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%
Emergency Loans= 3.750%
Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs.
=4.000% 5 yrs. =3.750%, 7
yrs. =3.750% 10 yrs.

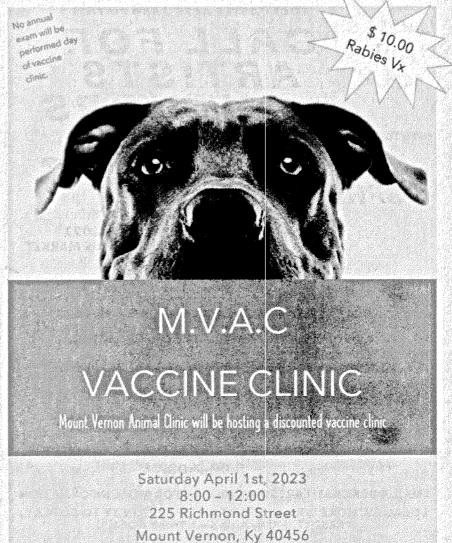
=3.625%, 12 yrs. = 3.750% Commodity Loans= 4.750% USDA is an equal opportu-

nity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS







Obituaries &

Betty Jane Eldridge

Betty Jane Chasteen Eldridge, 85, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Rockcastle Hospital in Mount Vernon. She was the wife of Ellis

Eldridge, whom she married April 23, 1955.

Betty was born in Garrard County on November 5, 1937, a daughter of the late Loretta (Brooks) and William Elden Chasteen. She was a member of Valley Baptist Church. She retired from Dresser Industries after 23 years of service. She was a loving wife, mother and



grandmother and sister. Betty enjoyed growing a vegatable and flower garden. She was a avid bowler, who scored many perfect 300 games. Betty also loved to fish. She was a former seamstress who made costumes for Six Flags Great Adventure Park in Freehole, New Jersey.

Survivors include:her husband of 67 years and 11 months, Ellis Eldridge; five children, Deborah Eldridge, Sandra Lee (Michael) Laffin, Rebecca Louise (Tommy) Anglin, Gregory Ellis Eldridge, and John David Eldridge; six grandchildren, Christopher Ellis Eldridge, John David Eldridge, Samantha Anglin Butler, Cera Beth Humphries, Matthew Gregory Eldridge, and Logan Thomas Anglin; five great grandchildren, Moira Eve Neely, Natalie Leighann Robbins, Colton Ellis Eldridge, Lucas Thomas Humphries and Reece Wayne Eldridge; one brother, Ray Chasteen; and three sisters, Patty Sue Baker, Peggy Jean Simpson, and Linda Mae Roberts.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by; two brothers, William Earl and James Carl Chasteen; and two sisters, Mary Etta Rogers and Cora Elizabeth Callahan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ralph Chasteen officiating. Burial was at Wilmot Cemetery in Copper Creek.

Pallbearers were: Dale and Jeff Rogers, Doug Crutcher, Logan Anglin, Dwayne, Elden and Dalton Simpson. Honorary pallbearer: Eugene Crutcher.

Coy French and a second

Coy French, 75, of Brodhead, died Monday, March 20, 2023 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born March 27, 1947 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Robert and Reda Singleton French. He was a retired supervisor at Kentucky Stone, an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, enjoyed

fishing, hunting, gardening, anything outdoors, watching westerns, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: his life partner, Darla Grimes; two sons, Aaron French, and Derrick French; one daughter, Christian French; one sister, Sandy Wagner; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services were conducted Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements by Cox Funeral Home.

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

Yvonna Griffith

Yvonna Carpenter Griffith, 85, of Glencoe, and formerly of Livingston, widow of Sherman Lee Griffith, died Saturday, March 25, 2023 at her home.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Red Hill Cemetery. Friends may call after 11 a.m. Saturday.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Please visit www.dowellmartin.com or Dowell & Martin

Bobby Hansel

Bobby Lee Hansel, 85, of Cleveland, TN and formerly of Mt. Vernon, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 23, 2023.



He had been a professional truck driver and was awarded the Teamsters National Truck Driver of the Year award. He was a graduate of Mt. Vernon High School, class of 1955. After graduating, he proudly served his country in the United States

Navy and Reserves. He

was a member of First Baptist Church of Somerset. His faithfulness to God was and is an example to all. He served the Lord in many ways from being a deacon and Sunday School teacher, to being a bus driver and a mentor. He was a man of integrity, wisdom, and humility who lived his faith every day. He will be sorely missed by all who

loved him.

Mr. Hansel is survived by: his children, Lois and Steve Bauer of Gulf Shores, AL, Jim and Sheila Whitaker of Pikeville, TN, and Sherry and David Craig of Cleveland, TN; his brothers and sister, Garry and Sherri Hansel, Larry and Jerri Hansel, and Joyce and Don Pott; sisters-in-law, Wanda and Virginia; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his grand-children, Jennifer, Steven, Matthew, Marcus, Micah, Mackenzie, Courtney, Whitney, Kari, Carson, Connor, and Caleb; and22 great grandchildren, all of whom loved their Papaw dearly. In addition to his parents, William Renis"Rum" and Inez Hansel, he was preceded in death by: his loving wife of 63 years, Bessie Ramsey Whitaker Hansel; a son, Bobby Joe Hansel; and two brothers, Kenneth Hansel and Paul Hansel.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Revs. Jim Whitaker and Micah Whitaker. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

In addition, the family would like to say a special "thank you" to the staff and healthcare providers at Legacy Village in Cleveland, TN. We could never imagine the love and care he would receive there. They went above and beyond what we could have ever expected and we will be forever grateful.

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

Cards of Thanks

Juanita Falin

The family of Juanita Falin would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, food and visits after the loss of our mom.

Thanks also to the staff at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Bro. Joe Spivey for his beautiful eulogy, and Marvin Owens for your excellent service,

Dean, Gloria, Charlotte, Cassandra, Shelia

Carl Dean Singleton

The family of Carl Dean Singleton wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, gifts, and love shown during her loss.

Thanks to Roy, Pam and Steve at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their excellent service provided.

Thanks to Brother Dennis Wilder for his comforting words, Thanks to Derrick and Leisha for their part in the service. Thanks to the pallbearers,

A special thank you to loving arms of First Baptist Church for the delicious meal provided for the family.

We appreciate all the love and concern from each one that was shown to our family.



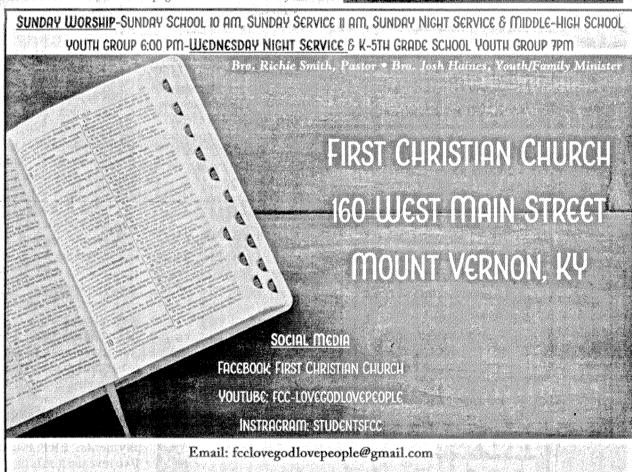
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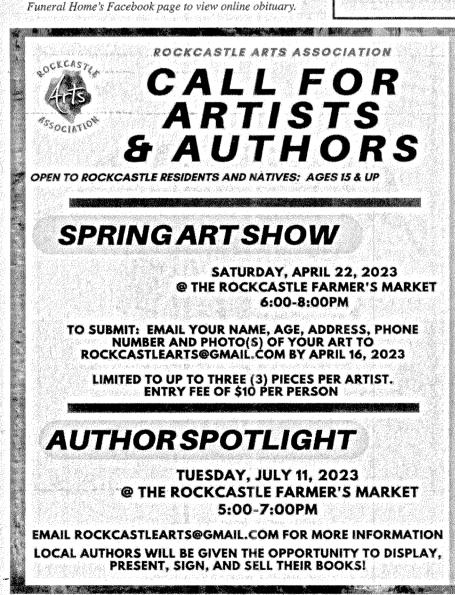
For Melvin and Lela Harrison

Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall - Roundstone

Saturday, April 1st 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm









Spring Project

Garden Club to revamp nursing home courtyard

Spring is here and area gardeners are getting geared up. The local Garden Club is especially excited at the prospect of a totally new project. At the request of the Director of the Brodhead Nursing Home, Natalie Taylor, the Rockcastle Garden Club is taking on the biggest endeavor of its 20 year career that of refurbishing the courtyard at the Nursing Home.

Rotten timbers have already been removed from raised beds which the club plans to replace with landscape stones stacked high enough so that residents can easily sit there and tend the garden. In addition, the Club hopes to be able to add benches and possibly new pots to create a more inviting and beautiful space for patients able to visit and enjoy. Windows along the halls will also allow the area to

inside. Plantings will be furnished by members who raise their own seedlings and divide their perennials. Club members Larry Bullen and Kathy McCauley, accomplished landscaper/gardens, will no doubt lend

be viewed by residents, visitors and workers from

practice eyes to the re-design of the area. The hope is also that some appropriate classes at RCHS will be given release time to help with some of the heavy lifting.

After COVID, members of the club seem to have renewed excitement to get active in the project. We hope to replace the BEFORE pictures with pictures AFTER the project is finished. Anyone wishing to donate to the project, call 606-308-1733 or 606-308-2041.

Other Garden Club activities planned April 28 - Straw Bale Gardening. 6:00 at the Farmers Market Building on Richmond St. Public encouraged to attend. May 26. - Garden Miscellaneous Sale Fundraiser, (including but not restricted to: seeds, perennials, vegetable plants, tools). Gladly accept donations: contact any club member. No clothes except garden boots, hats,

gloves, etc. October 21 - Mountain Laurel District Annual Meeting at John LaIr House.

For excelling in recruiting and membership

Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908, VFW District 11 win trip to Washington

Recently Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 as well as VFW District 11, which Rockcastle falls in, were recognized for excelling in recruiting and membership by winning a trip to Washington DC to speak to Congress, at the Legislative Conference, regarding Veterans concerns.

Those members from Rockcastle selected to attend the trip were Post Commander Michael Parsons and Quartermaster Betty Sellers. District 11 delegates were Commander William B.J. Thomason from Rockcastle County and Danny Delaughter from McCreary County.

VFW members were able to speak with Congressmen Hal Rogers, James Comer, Thomas Massie, Brett Guthrie, Morgan McGarvey, and Andy Barr, as well as Senators Mitch McConnell and

Rand Paul. There were many issues discussed. One main subject that was brought up, was institut-



William B.J. Thomason, District 11 Commander



Michael Parsons. Rockcastle VFW Commander

ing programs to prevent and decrease Veterans Suicide and keeping the focus at the main VA level, and not letting it be down sized to either a healthcare problem or a benefit issue.

Another major problem discussed was the regulating and cessation of claim sharks who take advantage of Veterans and their families when filing their claims for disability and survivor benefits.

Lastly, VFW members stressed the importance of getting recognition for military personnel who are currently deployed to Poland and adjoining countries, for the instance that Russia tries to go farther than Ukraine.

The Representatives and Senators were very receptive of the VFW members not only from Rockcastle but from all

over the state and world. Roughly there were over 200 VFW members from all over the globe, at the Legislative Conference.

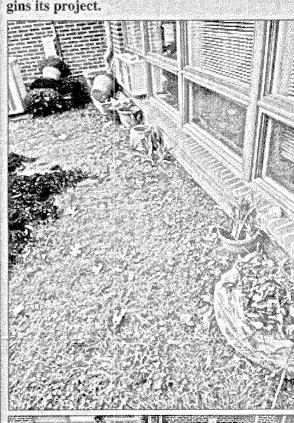
Statewide, Rockcastle VFW Commander Michael Parsons and Quartermaster Betty Sellers as well as District 11 Commander William B.J. Thomason and District Quartermaster Danny Delaughter were recognized for being over a 100% in membership.

Currently the Rockcastle post is in first place in the State of Kentucky's VFW, being at 177% in membership and recruiting.

District 11 which comprises of Rockcastle, Laurel, Pulaski, Lincoln, Garrard, Powell, Estill, McCreary, Whitley, and Jackson counties is also in 1st place sitting at 112% in membership and recruiting.



The Rockcastle Garden Club is taking on the biggest endeavor of its 20 year career - that of refurbishing the courtyard at the Nursing Home. Pictures are before the Garden Club begins its project.





Noah Thompson exhibit comes to Kentucky Music Hall of Fame

On Tuesday, March 21st, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame revealed a new exhibit honoring American Idol winner, Noah Thompson. The Louisa native is part of a temporary exhibit featuring singers, songwriters, business owners, and musicians that have made a recent impact on Kentucky music. Thompson was on hand for the exhibit reveal.

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American Idol that Noah Thompson had a special vocal talent," Executive Director Jessica Blankenship recalled. "This young man represented Ken-"I knew the moment tucky in a positive manner and continues to do so. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame wanted to capture that moment of winning American Idol with a special ex-

> hibit." "Winning American Idol and being able to do music full time has been a dream come true and Noah Thompson.

tional tv and can now see in person.

could make my home state proud.

see clothing that Noah wore on the finale, as well as photos along his journey. The exhibit is open to the public daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 through the end of 2023. Last year, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame celebrated their 20thAnniversary of the Museum, located in Renfro Valley, Ken-

PM and will be up

tucky. The museum features historical artifacts from over 60 inductees, as well as highlighting Kentucky's rich history and how it influences music around the world. For more information, be sure to visit www.kentukymusibaldame.com

from being a construction worker in a town with a population of only 2,852 people who never thought a music career could be a reality to winning American Idol and the hearts of millions across the country. "After being crowned 2022's American Idol in May, Country music singer Noah Thompson has already launched a successful career" (Outsider). Having released his debut

song "One Day Tonight" during the show, the catchy, romantic track immediately shot to No. 1 on iTunes All Genres and Country charts and is still racking up an incredible number of on-demand streams, averaging nearly 1 million of them each and every week. Now, Thompson is taking it all in and finding his footing as he prepares to release new music later this year, as he's writing songs and working with some of

table producer Jimmy Robbins (Keith Urban, Kelsea Ballerini, Maren Morris, Mickey Guyton). With a "magnetic stage presence and pipes," soaring "Thompson's jaw-dropping vocal control and clear sound are destined to catapult him to stardom" (CMT). "...forging his own path in the music industry" (Hollywood Life), the budding country singer's (Outsider) career-changing, "fan-favorite countrified Rihanna cover" (Music Mayhem) "Stay" and its follow-up "Make You

or follow them on Facebook or Instagram. the most sought-after something I never imagine could happen," said About Noah Thomptunesmiths in Nashville, and recording with no-Rich" is available now son: A true Cinderella The case displays an outfit many saw on nastory, Thompson went

"The outfit on display is what I wore when I performed my first single on the American Idol finale," adds Thompson. "I'm thankful I

Fans will be able to

Accepting Resumes

The City of Brodhead will be accepting resumes for a police officer, certified preferred, but all resumes accepted.

All resumes accepted thru Friday, April 14, 2023 You may hand deliver to Brodhead City Hall

7 West Main Brodhead, KY

or email to: Brodhead.city.water@gmail.com The city reserves the right to refuse any or all

resumes This institution is an equal opportunity provider, and employer.

Questions: 606-758-8635



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MVES Academic List

Kindergarten K. Asher

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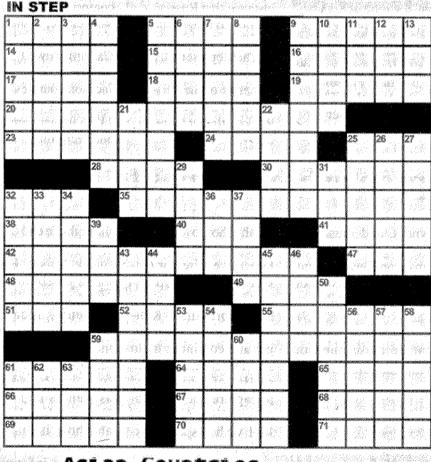
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RES Market Day



Roundstone Elementary School had Market Day on Friday, March 17, 2023. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students, as part of their economic studies, create a business to sell a product or service. Students sold to the school community during the day and invited parents and other community members to shop that evening.





Mrs. Kim Wolfe, RES Save the Children reading specialist, set up a table to give away free books and baby clothes during the event.

Zealous of Good Works

(TITUS 2:14)

BENEFICIAL ZEAL: Zeal apart from knowledge is harmful. (Rom. 10:2) For I bear them record, that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. Paul's zeal minus knowledge caused him at one time to persecute the church. (Phil.3:6) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. Misdirected zeal is doing much harm today. The motives are good, but the results are bad.

THE RIGHT DIRECTION OF ZEAL: (Col.1:10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowl-

WORKS OF FAITH: (1Thess.1:3) Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father. Jesus went about doing good works. (Acts 10:38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost, and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. So to do good works we have to emulate the life

WE SHOULD DO GOOD WORKS WITH ENTHUSIASUM: (Col.3:23) And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. The works we do for the Lord are the greatest works we will do in our life, "let us not send some half- hearted work before the Lord". The Lord said to the Laodicean church: (Rev.3:19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten be zealous therefore, and repent.

THE SECRET OF THIS ZEAL: (Tit.2:14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. The fact that Jesus gave himself for us should make us zealous of good works. (1John 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

CONCLUSION

But the secret of zeal is to be found in redemption and conversion. "THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONVERTED AND THE UNCONVERTED".

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Citizens Bank

Petitioner

Donna Gail Ruffin, et al

Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 17, 2023 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY- SIX DOLLARS AND 58/100 (\$ 44,296.58) bearing interest at the rate of 6.0% per annum (\$7.0261 per day) from January 31, 2022 until date of judgment, plus all Court costs, I will offer at public auction the real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

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

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

Beginning at a chain link fence post set in conc. In the south R/W of the Bowling Ridge Road so corner of Johnny B. Saylor (D.B. 129, pg 331.): thence with the south R/W of the Bowling Ridge Road the following calls: thence North 67 degrees 09` 33 `` West, 100.00 feet to a set 1/2 is steel pin with cap #1837 a new corner with Richard Shivel (D.B. 94 page 430): thence with a new line with R. Shivel the following call: thence South 20 degrees 58 \ 50 \ West,

159.13 feet to a set 1/2 `` steel pin with cap # 1837 set in the line of Johnny B. Saylor (D.B. 129 page 331) also in the chain link tence thence with the chain link fence and line of Saylor

The following calls: fence South 66 degrees 22 '8 'East, 100 feet to a chain link fence post:

Thence North 21 degrees 00' 00' East, 160.51 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.367 acres more or less.

This description prepared from a physical survey conducted by Gary

Holman, KY L.S. 1837 on June 23, 1999. Being all the same real property conveyed to the decedent Donna Ruffin by survivorship Deed dated

ower of record in Deed Book 248 Page 44 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court. Her co-tenant Richard Ruffin predeceased Donna Ruffin leaving her 100 percent owner of the real property.

May 20, 2014, executed by Elmer Burdette, wid-

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

The real property shall be sold together and for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of 10% percent per annum approved by the Special Master Commis-

The bond shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

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

The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county, state, and school property taxes on the property. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.

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

In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required, and the property will be conveyed to the plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.

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

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

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

> Jerome S. Fish Special Master Commissioner **Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Corruption

Corruption is a state of decay, pollution, or incorrectness. We see in the Bible that corruption is one of the effects of sin that resulted in the fall of man. In the beginning, God created a perfect paradise, free of sickness, pain and death. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit, sin entered the world, spoiling its perfection and making it corrupt. That sin also brought contamination and decay to Adam and Eve and to the human nature of every person born after that as we are told in Romans 5:12, this, corruption in the bible is the state of moral contamination and spiritual decay expressed through obedience toward god.

Corruption is closely related to Spiritual death. In Genesis 2:17, God told Adam that if he ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil he would surely die. Adam didn't die a physical death that but a spiritual one that involved separation from God (Ephesians 2:1-3)

The Bible describes sinful humanity as corrupt. Psalm 14:1-3 "The fool says in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt. Their deeds are vile. There is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand and who seek god. All have turned away. All have become corrupt. There is no one who does good. Not even one."

In Romans 6:23 it teaches us that the consequences of sin is death. Living in a state or moral corruption brings about eternal separation from God.

john 3:36 warns us that "Whosoever believeth in the son has eternal life. But whosoever rejects the son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them" This wrath will eventually result in God's judgement of sinners and their final, irreversible separation from him.

Matthew25:41;2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation

20:11-15

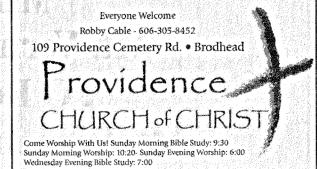
The power of corruption is broken by the divine power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:2-1 says "Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for a Godly life through our knowledge of him who calls us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promise so that through them you may participate in the divine nature having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

When we come to known Jesus Christ, we embark on a personal relationship with him. The more that relationship grows, the better we understand who Jesus is and what he has done for us. We start to grasp what his divine power accomplished for us. One of Jesus' promises to us is the empowering and purifying ministry of the holy spirit in the life of every believer and can be read in John 14:15-17; 16:17; Acts 1:4-5, 8 the holy spirit empowers us to obey God reversing the curse of corruption and making us partakers of God's divine nature.

The book of Galations likens the process of spiritual development in the child of God to sowing a reaping. Galations 6:8 tells us, "For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption. But the one who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life. As the holy spirit undoes the effects of corruption and decay, we reap the regards of eter-

nal life. One glorious future day, the curse of corruption and decay will be lifted for all eternity. Romans 8:19 21 says, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it in hope. 20 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

I pray that we all seek that eternal home where corruption will never enter and we all can live in peace for the glory of God.



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

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

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Notice is hereby given that Joseph Kersey, Jr., 100 Bennett Ct., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Joseph Keith Kersey, deceased, on the 20th day of February, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Joseph Kersey, Jr., or to Hon. Stuart K. Olds, 216 West Main St., Richmond, KY 40475 on or before August 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. 5x3 Notice is hereby given that Don Bradley, 50 Mill St., Mount Vernon, KY 40456

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

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of Jerry Lee Ross, deceased. on the 13th day of March, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shll present them according to law, to the said Carrie Thompson, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on oro before September 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 5x3

Notice is hereby given that Regina Mullins, 455 Richmond St., #29, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Wesley Mullins, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Regina Mullins, or to Hon. Jonathan A. Hall, The Law Offices of Jonathan A. Hall. PLLC, 710 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40502 on or before September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Brenda Kay Hayes, 673 Schoolhouse Hill Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Larry Wayne Hayes, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Brenda Kay Hayes, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 20, 2023

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

at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

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Notice is hereby given that Buffy A. Wheeler, 7550 E. New Haven Rd., Columbia, MO 65201 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Ralph Stanley Mullins, Sr., deceased, on the 15th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Buffy A. Wheeler, or to Hon. Heidi Weatherly, PO Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before July 18, 2023 at

9:30 a.m. 6x3 Notice is hereby given that Christopher Bullock, 145 Ladyslipper Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Ricky Bullock, 155 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Linda Alene Bullock, deceased, on the 20th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christopher Bullock and Ricky Bullock, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Donna S. Bullock, 639 Frosty Hollow Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Virgil O. Bustle, deceased, on the 22nd day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donna S. Bullock, or to Hon. John D. Ford, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Peggy J. Denny, 524 Goshen Cut Off Rd., Stanford, KY 40484 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Rosetta Braley, deceased, on the 22nd day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Peggy J. Denny, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Tina Fender, 2637 Lower River Road, Livingston, KY 40445 has been appointed Administratrix (no will) of the estate of Virginia Pennington Lewis, deceased, on the 27th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tina Fender, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Deborah Lynne Francisco, PO Box 112, Livingston, KY 40445 has been appointed Administratrix (no will) of the estate of Sheila Michelle Rowe, deceased, on the 27th day of March 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Deborah Lynne Francisco, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 7x3

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VFW Post Vietnam Veterans' Day celebration





Members of the Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post held a Vietnam Veteran's Day celebration last Saturday with a large crowd in attendance. Shown above the crowd watched as local singer Jacqueline Bullock performed as part of the program along with other guests. Shown in the middle photo, the RCHS JROTC did their part in honoring the Veterans. Firefirghters and police officers as well as many local officials joined the celebration (above, right). The VFW would like to thank Community Trust Bank, Thoroughtruck, the Mount Vernon Fire Department, WRVK Radio, Sallies Creations, the Lazy Pig Bar-b-que, the Rockcastle Honor Guard and the RCHS JROTC for their help in making the day possible.

Cleaning up



The Friends of the Great Salt Petre Preserve collected 39 bags of trash and 7 tires for the Rockcastle County \$100 per mile anti-litter program. It is a state-sponsored program to help clean up roadways in Rockcastle County.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

LEMON CHICKEN

These two recipes are some of my favorites. Both are equally good.

3 large lemons, divided

4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves

1/4 cup mayo with olive oil reduced fat
22 Ritz® crackers, finely

crushed
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 or 2 garlic cloves, crushed,

but kept whole 1/2 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup dry white wine 2 tablespoons capers

1 tablespoon butter 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

parsley Cut 4 thin lemon slices from half of one lemon; squeeze jucie from remaining lemons. Coat chicken with mayo, then cracker crumbs. Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 5 minutes. Turn; cook on medium heat fror 5 minutes or until is golden brown on both sides and done. Transfer chicken to platter. Cover to keep warm. Carefully wipe any crumbs from skillet with paper towel. In the same skillet add lemon juice, garlic, broth, and wine; cook on medium-high heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until slightly reduced, stirring occasionally. Add capers, buttter, and lemon slices; cook and

stir in low heat 3 to 4 min-

utes or utnil butter and lemons are heated through. Pour lemon sauce over chicken and sprinkle with

fresh parsley.

CHICKEN PARMESAN

CASSEROLE

2 pounds raw chicken breasts, cut into bite size pieces

3 cloves garlic, minced 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil

fresh basil
1 jar (25 ounce) marinara
sauce

3 cups shredded mozzarella, divided 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided

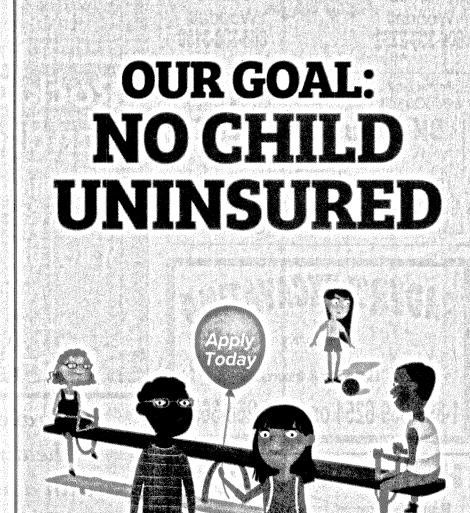
1 bag (5 ounce) garlic croutons, roughly crushed (leaving some bigger

pieces) Preheat oven to 350°. Generously butter a 9A~13 casserole dish. Spread cubed raw chicken in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle minced garlic and basil evenly over chicken. Pour sauce evenly over the top. Combine the cheeses and sprinkle half over the top of the sauce. Top with crushed croutons and then the rest of the cheese mixture. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more. If the top starts to get too brown, cover loosely with foil. Allow to

rest for 10 minutes before

serving.

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