

## Man escapes burning truck on W. Main St.

**By: Mike French  
Editor**  
A local resident survived a harrowing escape at the last moment last Friday

morning when his truck exploded into flames while driving west down East Main Street in Mount Vernon. The large flames shooting

from under the hood, under the front bumper and around the front tires, of the Dodge Pickup truck disabled the brakes making it impos-

sible to stop the vehicle, as it burned according to investigators. The quick-thinking of Rockcastle County's Ronnie McKinney, who

was driving the truck, may have saved him from serious injury, officials say.

Once he spotted the flames and realized the brakes were not working, McKinney began searching for an inclined area to stop the vehicle and get away from the flames that were burning near the cab of the truck.

Fortunately, at that moment, Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales was headed east on East Main and passed the truck with flames shooting out. Bales' truck is equipped with a dash camera that provided a video of the truck on fire as it passed his vehicle. Bales immediately turned around and chased the burning truck until he saw the driver find the inclined area on West Main. Once the vehicle stopped, the driver leaped out as the flames were reaching inside the truck.

(See "Fire" on A5)



The Ram truck driven by Ronnie McKinney was destroyed after it caught fire while driving on East Main Street Friday. The truck travelled through downtown Mount Vernon with flames coming from under the hood and fender wells.

## COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 3 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days. There were an additional 1 probable cases reported. However several cases of the flu have been reported.

## Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

## RCIDA meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 3. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

## School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

## Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## Vote

Early in-person, no-excuse voting will begin next Thursday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the courthouse.

## Local man's body found near train tracks

**By: Mike French  
Editor**  
According to officials from the Mount Vernon Police Department and the Rockcastle County

Sheriff's office, the body of Josh Spurlock, 26, of Mount Vernon, was located against the railroad tracks between Mount Vernon and Burr this

weekend. Rockcastle County Coroner Dawn Carpenter said the body had not been struck by a train but the cause of death has not

been determined. "We are waiting on some testing to return before we can say the cause of death but he was not hit by a train," said Carpenter.

Police received a call from a local resident who was hunting for mushrooms when he spotted the body and called 911. Upon arrival, police discovered the body of Spurlock and the Rockcastle County Coroner's office declared Spurlock deceased.

Reports indicate that Spurlock had been residing in Richmond but is a native of Mount Vernon. Though the cause of death is unknown at press time, Carpenter said it does not appear that foul play was involved.

## Fiscal court approves draft budget

**By: Mike French  
Editor**  
The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court had their first glance at the 2023/24 draft budget during a special called meeting last week.

tails of the budget. "At the next meeting we will start dissecting the budget and looking at individual funds and work out all the details," he said.

After some potential adjustments to the draft version, the court will hold a first reading and then the state of Kentucky will approve or deny the budget as submitted. The second and final reading must be held prior

to July 1 when the county fiscal year begins. The draft version as approved is a zero balance budget with revenues listed at \$16,265,424 and appropriations listed at the same amount for a zero balance.

According to the liabilities register, there are eight long term liabilities which total \$692,859. There are a total of 165 accounts listed as revenues within 13 fiscal funds. In appropriations there

(See "Court" on A5)

## Bid opening on May 25

## RCMS project ready to bid

**By: Mike French  
Editor**  
All the cost estimates thus far for the new Rockcastle County Middle School project, have been "best guesses," according to project managers and school board

officials. The cost of the new project has varied greatly since the project began. However, this week the project was let out to bid. The latest estimate from Codell Construction suggests the project is

expected to cost around \$43 million in total but as the project managers have said, "the actual cost will be known when a bid is accepted."

As with any project, (See "RCMS" on A5)

## Four indictments are returned by Grand Jury

Four indictments were returned on four individuals by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury last Friday, April 28th.

Indicted and their offense/s were: Charles Casey Abney, 31, of Brodhead, was indicted for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fourth offense (methamphetamine), fleeing and evading police, first degree, Wanton endangerment, first degree, possession of a controlled substance, first degree and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

His bond was not listed. Joshua R. Spoonamore, 38, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance (See "Indict" on A5)

## "Reel" competition



The Rocket Fishing Team will be sending Parker Kidwell (left) and Conner Hunt (center) to compete in the State KHSAA Fishing Tournament after the duo scored 13th out of 91 competitors to qualify at the region tournament. Shown at right is coach Billy Hackworth.

## National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer will be observed in Rockcastle County at the courthouse lawn today, Thursday, May 4, at noon. Lunch will be provided by the Kiwanis Club and will be served at 11:30 a.m. The Special guest speaker will be Abram Cozier and special music will be provided by Peyton Bowman and Michaela. Luther Allen will lead the National Anthem. The service is planned for outdoors on the lawn but in the event of rain, will be moved inside the courthouse. The event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Baptist Association.

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I remember a lot of things from my childhood that have changed completely.

I hear liberals saying how wonderful it is that things change and move forward all the time. I don't agree. To some of us, the "old fashioned way" is still the best way.

The truth is, if something was true in 1960, it is still true today. Of course, times change and fads come and go and I suppose human attitudes change some as well. But the fact is, right and wrong will never change.

We don't live anywhere close to the clean, moral life that my grandparents lived and that is just a fact. With every change in modern convenience, there seems to come with it a change in modern attitude.

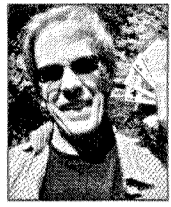
There are a lot of things that I still remember that I think should still be. And yet, liberals hate to keep anything the same. If they had their way, there wouldn't even be a Constitution. Their every move is against it. Of course, it is the same with the Bible.

I remember very well when there was not a single curse word on my television. No matter how deep and dark the movie or the program, not a single curse word was spoken.

I never heard my

## Aces Over

By: Mike French



mother say a single curse word of any kind other than "well shoot!" When she said that, we knew she was upset.

Girls used to think it was a bad thing to show their bodies off in public. They would dress modestly and at least cover their privates when in public.

We didn't kill our children in those days either. I know it happened, but not nearly as much and it was private. It was considered a bad thing. People believed that sex was for married couples so if a child came along, that was part of the deal.

Now people are proud that they sleep with strangers and kill the child they create. They brag about it in public.

People used to appreciate those who work hard. They were proud of those who worked the hardest and actually contributed to society and paid taxes and built things and fixed things. It was a badge of honor to be a hard worker.

Now the less someone earns their own way, the more they are made into a hero. It seems to be a

race to see who can get the most free stuff that other people have to work for.

Paying your bills was considered our duty. It wasn't a question of if you were going to pay your debt. The question was, could you pay it off sooner than you promised you would.

The idea that a person would sign their name on a loan contract and promise to pay it back and then just blow it off, never even entered our minds.

In those days, if the government had said they were going to pay off your college debt, we would RUN to pay ours off before the government could do it. We didn't want others to have to pay our debts.

I remember when people respected the law. Being a nation of law and order was something to be proud of. And we were.

Being a drug addict and street thug robbing stores was not a badge of honor. It was a terrible thing and people went to jail for it. And stayed there. Now we build stat-

ues of them and bow before it.

People used to have honor and self pride and Christian morals and values. Now we make modern stars out of people who refuse to cross their heart and say the pledge of allegiance.

Men were most definitely men and women were women. And we could tell the difference in one quick glance. We now have Supreme Court justices who can't tell the difference between the two sexes.

We used to stand up for what was right and put a stop to things that were wrong.

We appreciated the Constitution and lived by it. We appreciated the bible and followed its teachings. We appreciated our history and used it to grow and learn from. We appreciated our veterans and our teachers and our first responders.

We were a good nation filled with good, Christian people who fought for what was right.

Today there is no right or wrong and nothing is anyone's fault. We blame others for our own stupid choices and look the other way when we see evil around us.

We call good "evil" and we call evil "good."

Seems like I read about that somewhere.

## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Derby Day Weekend Dear Journal,

The Kentucky Derby is this upcoming weekend. I've always been a fan. I was a fan because of the long-standing tradition and history. It brings a positive look to our state. The state gains a lot of tourism dollars in restaurants, food at restaurants, and side trips such as going down the Bourbon Trail. It also gives the ladies a great opportunity to wear a hat, too. Of course, there is that good Derby pie and mint juleps.

However, I've had to step back and take a serious look at the horse racing industry. After giving it a lot of consideration, I've decided to boycott the Derby and all of the other big name horse races and the smaller ones, too. I've decided that the benefits don't compare to the negative points.

When all is said and done, all that it amounts to is legalized and encouraged animal abuse. The horses, the beautiful and magnificent creatures that they are, are drugged be-

yond belief on pain medication, and other performance-enhancing drugs. Sometimes, they have sponges shoved up their noses making it difficult to breathe and among other things the jockeys beat the horses unmercifully to get them to run even faster. I've noticed that recently some horses have been hurt so badly that they have to be put down. The death toll is approximately 2,000 every year for the past several years. The horses are usually only two or three years old and have to die when they could have lived to be fifteen years old or older in a good environment, sometimes for a measly \$2.00 bet on many occasions. Why must all of this pain and suffering be? It is in the name of tourism and revenue.

As far as I'm concerned, the big lavish Derby can forget about any support from me. I've seen my last race or one that I will be participating in, anyway. So, you know what I won't be doing this weekend.

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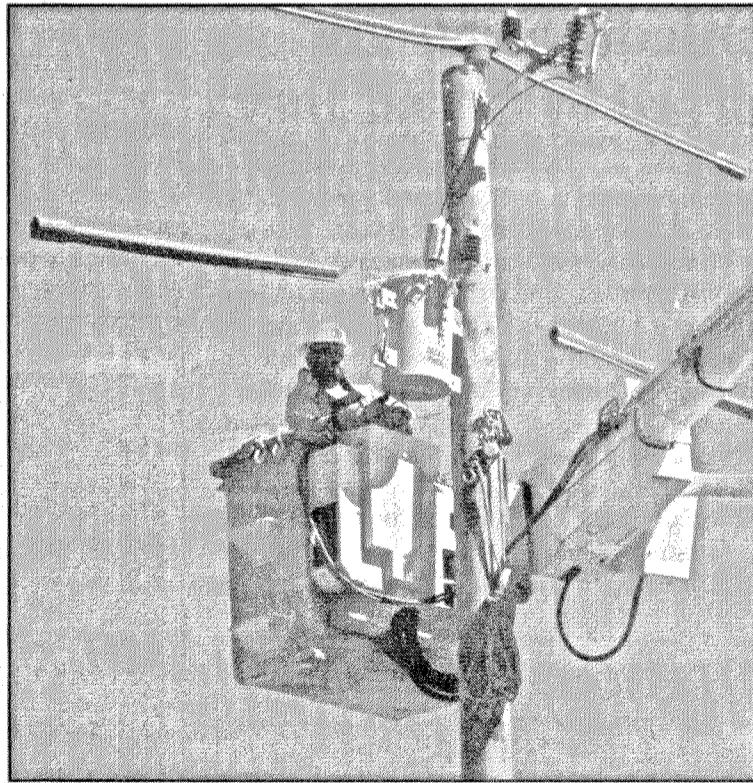
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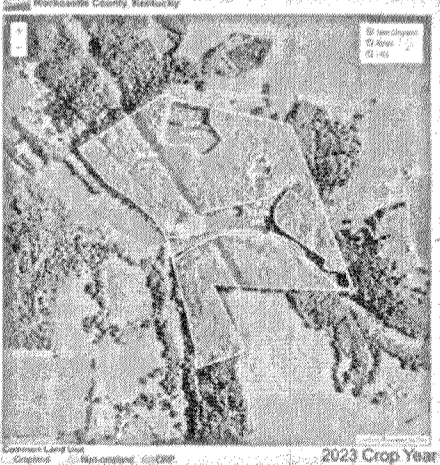
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# Yards to Paradise

**By Max Phelps**  
Selecting New Trees,  
Maintaining Existing  
Trees

It's not unusual to buy a new home with no trees, as it's quite rare for real estate developers to save good quality trees and build around them in a development. Perhaps if you owned the lot and hired your builder, you got to do it more to your liking. And many a homeowner buys a place with more mature trees that have been planted by a former owner, and wonders if they should be kept and how would they know how to care for them.

Let's take a moment to look at these situations and see if we can come away with more confidence in selecting and maintaining trees in our landscapes.

If you have the luxury of having a wooded property that you plan to build a home on, you have choices to make. Which trees will need to go, and which can stay? There is not one perfect answer, of course. (Just don't do like

a neighbor of mine who cleared a tract and removed a native, natural-occurring pink dogwood that would have been 20 feet from the spot he chose for building. That was a bad selection of what needed to go or stay.)



For those with a house having few or no trees, you have the luxury of choosing what you would like. What are your favorite trees? Will they look good with this home? And will they grow well under the conditions that are present? It is still not as simple as going shopping for the trees you happen to like and planting them.

Right tree, right spot. That is a good rule to follow. If your yard has been

rock or compacted clay soil just under the surface, will the tree you prefer do well in that spot? If the spot you need a tree stays wet all the time, do you go ahead and plant a tree that needs good drainage? Does your favorite tree need some shade; and if so, do you plan to put it in the front yard in full sun? Sometimes you need to think natives, or at least think what would do best in my spot—not go with the tree with pretty blooms or because you had one where you lived as a child.

When selecting trees, consider the various pros and cons, and be willing to consider trees you'd not thought of or haven't seen in other people's yards. Let your spot, including location and soil and mature size help choose what would work well. Try to avoid impulse decisions, and get professional advice if you need to.

The homeowner who wants a lovely dogwood might ought to consider putting it on the shady

side of the home away from midday sun. The one who wants an oak tree might want to consider the acorns, the roots, and how much space it will take up 40 years from now. The folks who live by a busy street that gets treated by salt trucks several times every winter when it snows might ought to ask the nursery some questions, such as "what is the salt tolerance of this plant" if they want to plant it near the street, or where highway runoff will be flowing across their property.

As real estate changes hands, so do the trees and other amenities. Often a new homeowner will have no idea if a tree is healthy, if it presents a hazard in a windstorm, or should they accept and love it even if not one of their favorites.

Quickly, some trees with disease or fungus issues that perhaps you should avoid, would include: Ash trees, walnut trees, native dogwoods, hemlocks, to name a few. But what if you have these trees and they are healthy? Usually I would ad-

vised to keep a watch and be prepared to treat with a spray or systemic at the first sign of trouble. But, if you have badly diseased trees, prompt removal may be the best—with selection of something different and tough and disease resistant.

Problem soils, wet or rocky or dry locations, are all problems that can probably be solved with some good soil trucked in and plant in that.

Smaller trees, containerized trees, even little ones dug from the forest or fallow field often perform better than balled and burlapped large trees.

Unless you're the impatient type, or have a terminal illness and want to enjoy trees right away, planting smaller sizes will be way cheaper, and within 5 or 10 years will probably catch and pass the growth of the bigger trees.

Landscapers and nurserymen may try to sell you on the instant gratification. In practice, if a customer has me designing a landscape on a fairly small budget...I will often recommend one big, pretty tree, plus several much smaller ones. That way they get one lovely

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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Still time to respond to the 2022 Census of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reminding Kentucky farmers that the window is closing on the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Census of Agriculture. To date, NASS has received over 52,000 completed questionnaires from Kentucky producers for a return rate of almost 48%. NASS is encouraging producers who have not returned their completed ag census questionnaires to do so as soon

as possible.

"Thank you to those who have returned their questionnaire, we appreciate your response. If you haven't completed your Census, there is still time," said director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "By responding, you are helping your county publish reliable statistical data. The more responses received the better the data quality."

NASS is reminding producers that if they produced and sold \$1,000 or more of agricultural product in 2022, or normally would have pro-

duced and sold that much, they meet USDA's definition of a farm. However, federal law requires everyone who received the 2022 Census of Agriculture questionnaire complete and return it, even if they do not currently meet this definition.

"If you received the ag census but do not fit the definition of a farm, are no longer farming, never farmed, or are a landowner who leases your land to a producer, please write your status on the form and mail it back," said Knopf.

The Census of Agriculture remains the only comprehensive and impartial source of agriculture data for every state and county in the nation. Census data are used by policymakers, trade associations, researchers,

agribusinesses, educators, and many others. The information helps inform decisions on farm policy, rural development, the development of farm technologies, and more. It also aids in the creation and funding of loans and insurance programs and other forms of assistance.

The ag census differs from other NASS surveys. Beyond being conducted just once every five years, it provides important demographic information and data on certain commodities, such as horses, bison, and Christmas trees, that would not otherwise be available. The Census of Agriculture collects information on nearly every aspect of agriculture for a complete picture of the health of the industry.

NASS will release the results of the ag census in early 2024. To learn more about the Census of Agriculture, visit [nass.usda.gov/AgCensus](http://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus). On the website, producers and other data users can access frequently asked questions, past ag census data, special study information, and more.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Owner can be served. Bid opening will be public, and contracts will be with the Owner. Bids from Small Business Enterprises (SBE, MBE, WBE, VOSB, etc.) are encouraged and supported.

Bids will be due by May 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM, and will be opened at the Rockcastle County Board of Education at 245 Richmond St. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Each bid must be accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond. No Bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

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An electronic copy of the complete set of Drawings, Specifications, and the Project Manual are available at no cost from Lynn Imaging, (859) 255-1021. If bidder desires hard copy of Drawings and Specifications, bidder will be responsible for paying the printing cost. Bidder shall confirm cost with Lynn Imaging.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for May 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Rockcastle Teacher Learning Center at 250 Richmond St. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 All bidders are urged to attend this meeting.

The Project Schedule will be issued via addendum. The contract will include liquidated damages assessed at \$1,000.00/day if the completion date is not met. Successful Bidders are required to furnish a 100% Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond for this Project.

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**Volunteer Training**  
New Volunteer Training, Saturday, May 20. Hospice Care Plus is hosting a group training for new volunteers on May 20 in Richmond. The training prepares participants to support those with a serious illness in a variety of ways in their own community, directly or indirectly. To register for questions, contact Mariah at 859-986-1500, [hospice@hospicecarecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecarecp.org) or visit [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org).

**Parker Seal Luncheon**  
Annual Parker Seal luncheon May 9th from 11 to 2, Dinner Bell Restaurant in Berea. All employees and family members welcome.

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

**Celebrate Sobriety Service**  
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We 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 5908**  
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**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 DeLone 859-230-9590, Kathryn 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: Kathryn 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.



# Obituaries

## Walter E. Ballinger

Walter E. Ballinger, 83, died Friday, April 28, 2023. He was born in Rockcastle County to the late Elmer and Dovie VanZant Ballinger. Walter was called to ministry in 1963, he was ordained as minister by the Christian Church in 1966, he was minister for several churches in central and eastern Kentucky, and he was a licensed Commercial Electrician. Walter was also preceded in death by his siblings, Harold Ballinger, Geneva Hedgepeth, and Myrel Ballinger.



Walter is survived by: his loving wife of 62 years, Deloris VanWinkle Ballinger; children, Dale (Brenda) Ballinger, Hank (Nancy) Ballinger, Pat (Charlie) Dean, and Tonya (Stacy) Edwards; eight grandchildren, Jessica Willis, Rachel Day, Sarah Anglin, Melinda Harris, Leah Lowe, Jared Blair, Paige Edwards, and Kenton Edwards; and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 5, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Lakes Funeral Home, with Pastor Dale Ballinger, Hank Ballinger, Charlie Dean, and Stacy Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Kyle Willis, Johnathan Day, Brad Anglin, Stewart Harris, Seth Lowe, Jared Blair, and Kenton Edwards.

[www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Albert "Poppy" Powell

Albert "Poppy" Powell, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond after a long illness. He was born June 24, 1946 in Berea, the son of the late Bradley and Floy Ketron Powell. He was a retired construction contractor, enjoyed gardening, flowers, building things, collecting toys, loved his grandchildren, and was a member of the Full Gospel House of Care Church.



Survivors are: his wife, Judy Graves Powell of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, April (Jeff) Whitaker of Richmond; four brothers, James Powell of Somerset, Jesse Powell of Berea, George Powell of Mt. Vernon, and Frank Powell of Berea; four sisters, Freda Clark, Martha Fowler, and Mary Hill, all of Mt. Vernon, and Frances McKeehan of Berea; and two grandchildren, Micah and Braxton Whitaker. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, John and Willie Powell; one sister, Virginia Powell; and one grandchild, Jackson Whitaker.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 30, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Pigg officiating. Burial was in Powell Family Cemetery.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## Paulette Welch

Paulette Welch, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Select Specialty Hospital in Danville. She was born in San Antonio, TX on June 5, 1953, the daughter of Richard H. and Theo Effie Lee Bearden Welch. She had been a dry cleaner and was of the Baptist Faith. She loved spending time with her family and friends.



She is survived by: her children, Beth Ponder of Brodhead, and Christopher Ponder of Austin, TX; her husband, Kenneth Peck of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Donna Loomis and Kozette Welch, both of LaGrange, TX; her grandchildren, Aaron (Lauren) Ponder of Berea, Hannah (Andrew) Laswell of Ottawa, Abigail (Dustin) Reynolds of Bee Lick, Jonah Eaton of Brodhead, and Jordan (Tanner) Noel of Crab Orchard; and her great grandchildren, Tucker and Cooper Reynolds, Tilly and Margo Laswell, Lucy Noel, and Sadie and Henry Ponder. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Richard, Wayne, Lowell, and Terry Welch and a sister, Nancy Davidson.

Memorial services were conducted Monday, May 1, 2023 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Larry Singleton

Larry Junior Singleton, 70, of Lexington, died Monday, April 24, 2023 at UK Good Samaritan Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on September 26, 1952, the son of Rovie and Ollie Durham Singleton. He was a retired kitchen laborer and was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: a brother, Daniel Singleton of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Linda Britton of Mt. Vernon and Gladys Higgins of Cynthiana; and his caregiver, Abboulie Darboe of Lexington.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Briarfield Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Anna Mae Mullins

Anna Mae Mullins, 83, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, April 24, 2023 at The Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Berea. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 28, 1939, the daughter of Leroy and Gladys Mildred Scott Morris. She was a retired stock preparer for Parker Seal Company. She loved to read and do crossword puzzles as well as birdwatching and feeding hummingbirds.



She is survived by: her sisters, Emma Lee Tudor, and Tarina (Donnie) Helton, both of Mt. Vernon; and her nephews, nieces, and their families, Jeff and Verlinda Allen, Dewey and Beth Allen, Nick and Jennifer Helton, NeShay and Sherika Helton, Naman Helton, Tim and Brenda Tudor, Laurie and Mark Crist, Denise and Jerry Waddle, Diane and Steve McFadden, and Darlene and Jim Worley. She is also survived by her special friend and caregiver, Betty Mullins, as well as several additional family members and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny "Buddy" Mullins.

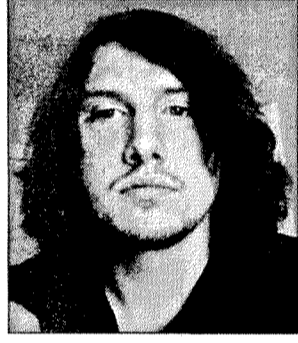
Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jim Miller. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeff Allen, Jenna Allen, Namen Helton, NaShay Helton, Nick Helton, and Bob Miller.

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Joshua Dale Spurlock

Joshua Dale Spurlock, 26, of Richmond, died Saturday, April 29, 2023. He was born December 16, 1996 in Richmond, the son of Sharon Tompkins Weiss. He loved the outdoors, creating his own music with his amazing voice, was very artistic, had a deep appreciation for fine craftsmanship, and had a very giving heart.



Survivors are: his parents, Sharon Tompkins Weiss and Richard of Richmond; one sister, Angel Pullins and Andrew of Richmond; one brother, Brandon Randolph of Richmond; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Elva Payne Martin, and two uncles.

Memorial services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Bruce Ross officiating.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 p.m. until time of service on Thursday.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxfuneralhome.com)

## Barbara Ellen Wilson

Barbara Ellen Wilson, 90, of Berea, died April 25, 2023 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County to the late Roscoe and Ella Abney McCracken. Barbara was retired from Dresser Industries and was a member of the Pilot Knob Baptist Church. Barbara was also preceded in death by: her husband, Billy Wilson; her son-in-law, James L. Rose; and her sister, Trula Legear.



She is survived by: her children, Gary Wilson, Connie Rose and Karen (John) Martin; her brother, Paul McCracken; grandchildren, Carrie Cain and Michael Carpenter; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Friday April 28, 2023 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Kenny Davis officiating. Her family were pallbearers, and her burial was in Berea Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at [www.lakesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakesfuneralhome.com)

## Loretta Leger

Loretta Leger, 81, of Orlando, died Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the University of Kentucky Hospice Care Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on August 18, 1941, the daughter of Willard and Ida Hensley Durham. On August 8, 1959, she married her husband, James Floyd Leger, who passed away in January of 2001 following 41 years of marriage. She was a former employee of Cowden's Outlet, the Parker Seal Company, and Mt. Vernon Sewing Factory. She had been a member of Brush Creek Church for over 60 years.



She is survived by: her sons, Ricky Dean (Pamela) Leger of Richmond, and Vincent Keith (Etta) Leger of Berea; a sister, Juanita Creech of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Chantel Leger (Cody) Creekmore, Shane (Keira) Leger, Kendra Leger, Patty Scarborough, and James Phillips; and great grandchildren, Laura Frederick, Grayson Frederick, and Mya Grace Nolan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Floyd Leger, and a sister, Barbara Lewallen.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Brush Creek Church by Bro. Lonnie McGuire. Burial will follow in Briarfield Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 - 9 p.m. Friday at the church.

Pallbearers will be: Chantel Creekmore, Cody Creekmore, Keira Leger, Kendra Leger, Shane Leger, and James Phillips. Honorary pallbearers will be: Dwight Falin, Ben Kirby, and Hurst Lewallen.

Arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Cemetery Notices

### Johnetta Cemetery

Donations for upkeep and mowing for the cemetery may be sent and payable to Johnetta Cemetery, 5777 Three Links Rd., McKee, KY 40447. Each donation is very much appreciated. See our Facebook page: Johnetta Cemetery.

### Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

Donations will also be accepted May 26th through May 29th at the cemetery.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244. Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

### McKinney Cemetery

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, May 28, beginning at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. Dinner on the grounds.

Donations will be taken Friday, May 26th - Sunday, May 28th.

You may mail your donation (check or money order) to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Livesay Cemetery

We are in desperate need of donations. Our funds ran

out at the end of the last mowing season. If we don't receive donations, each family will be responsible for their own family plots. Please send donations to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Mareburg Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

### Maple Grove Cemetery

We will have a board/community meeting on May 13th at 9 a.m. at Flat Rock Fellowship Hall.

### Briarfield Cemetery

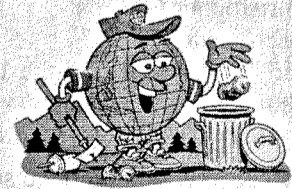
Taking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery Friday, 5/26 - Sunday, 5/28. Donations can also be mailed to: Tim Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 656 Maple Grove Rd., Orlando, KY 40460. Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 28th, at 2 p.m. we will be having a potluck dinner. Please bring a covered dish, drinks and a chair.

Thank you for all your support.

Please call change of addresses to 606-256-2244

## Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management is pleased to announce

**Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!**

Non-profits such as Churches, School Groups, Clubs, Fire Departments or other organizations which have a state tax-exempt ID number on file, may now raise needed funds to help their respective organization or group by cleaning up roadside trash, while also helping to

**Keep The Rock Clean!**

The Rockcastle County Solid Waste office will assign qualifying groups or organizations a road and/or section of road to be cleaned up, while funding remains available.

Contact the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 for further details

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*Speaks at local Chamber meeting*

## Metcalf brings State Treasurer campaign to County

Republican Mark Metcalf brought his statewide campaign to be Kentucky Treasurer to Rockcastle County on

Tuesday April 25th. Metcalf met with community members to discuss his plans if elected to the office.

"Reducing the size of state government in order to protect taxpayers will be my top priority. I'll start with reducing the

size of the office of Treasurer. I've done more with less as County Attorney in my home county, and I'll take that same approach to Frankfort." Metcalf said.

"I will make sure that Kentuckians' tax dollars are not being invested in ways that support woke, liberal initiatives," he added.

Metcalf also told potential voters he will work to ensure the state's pension system is being funded correctly and that returns are being given back to those who are a part of the program.

Currently, Metcalf serves as County Attorney in Garrard County. He has been selected as Kentucky's Outstanding County Attorney and has twice represented Kentucky before the US Supreme Court as Special Assistant Attorney General. He also completed 29 years in the Kentucky Army National Guard, representing every major command in the Commonwealth.

The Republican Primary for Treasurer is May 16th.



Mark Metcalf, Republican candidate for Kentucky State Treasurer, spoke to community members at the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meeting in April.

## Run/walk honors first responders

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle Regional Respiratory Care Center is boosting up a program that recognizes and demonstrates appreciation for local first responders each month. The May event will be called the "Emergency Mile" and will be held on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Industrial Park in Mount Vernon.

The event organizers invite anyone to take part in the one mile walk/run event and in May there will be a lot more for the kids to do, according to Susan Turley, co-organizer. "We will have food trucks and face painting and contests for the kids," she said. "This is part of our monthly walk that

supports our local firefighters but we have spiced this one up some. Kids will get to tour emergency vehicles and we have decoration contests involved."

Anyone interested in participating in the walk/run can pay the \$20 fee which will get you a t-shirt (while supplies last) and enter you for other things as well, but more importantly will help support the event, Turley said. "The purpose of the event is to honor our local first responders." All first responders can run/walk free as can kids 12 and under.

For more information, contact Turley at 606-256-7746 or s.turley@rhccc.org

### "Fire"

(Continued from front) First responders grabbed fire extinguishers from Bales' vehicle to fight the flames but the blaze was already too large for the extinguishers to help.

Soon after, Mount Vernon Engine 610 arrived and deployed the fire hose to put out the flames. This attempt was successful but the truck had been destroyed by the time the flames were extinguished.

McKinney suffered no injuries and David's Tire Center arrived to tow the truck off of West Main.

The cause of the fire is not known but suspected to be electrical.

To see the video of the burning truck as it drove down West Main, go to the Mount Vernon Fire Department Facebook page.

### "Court"

(Continued from front) are 383 accounts listed in the 13 funds.

The court also approved the standing order which allows the Judge/Executive to pay certain recurring expenses without holding a special meeting each time they come due. There are 149 approved recurring expenses but those totals vary each month.

"We have given this

budget a lot of thought and careful consideration," said Holbrook. "I think this is a good budget and hopefully it will not change much between now and July."

### "RCMS"

(Continued from front) there will be the possibility of "change orders" that can alter the price of a project during construction. But the accepted bid, barring any unforeseen conditions, is expected to be very close to the total cost of the project, officials say.

Contractors are now able to review the full working drawings and bids must be returned to the architects by Thursday, May 25 at 1 p.m. Those bids will then be opened in a public meeting at the board of education building on Richmond Street.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled to give potential bidders an opportunity to ask questions and receive more details con-

cerning the project. All potential bidders are urged to attend this conference.

The bid documents include a \$1,000 per day liquidated damage clause if the project is not finished by the completion date that will be listed in the bid documents.

### "Indict"

(Continued from front) (methamphetamine), first degree, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense.

His bond was set at \$7,500 cash or property.

Rhonda Sue Cromer, 53, of Mount Vernon, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree (Methamphetamine.)

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Jessica Renee Carr, 38, of McKee, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree, (flurofentanyl.)

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Budget hearing regarding proposed use of County Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds  
A public hearing will be held by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 E. Main St. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Mt. Vernon, KY on Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12 noon to obtain citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) Funds and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.  
Written comments can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, PO Box 755, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and must be received before 11 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
In accordance with KRS 81A.420, residents or owners of real property in the proposed areas to be annexed in City of Mount Vernon ordinances 2022-7, 2022-8, 2022-9 have the right to present a petition to the Mayor and have the annexation placed on the ballot. The petition must be received within 60 days of the publication of the intent to annex (6/26/2023).

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Save-the-Date  
Friday, June 16, 2023  
Rockcastle County High School  
Survivor Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.  
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Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings the community together each year to: Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. Remember loved ones lost to the disease. Fight back against a disease that takes too much.  
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For more information, contact Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703 or m.brock@rhccc.org

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Ole Smoky Moonshine Tasting  
Enter to win Rockcastle Speedway Tickets  
100 Tassie Ln - Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-1497



# Hospice to host volunteer training on May 20th

Hospice Care Plus is hosting an in-person training for new volunteers on Saturday, May 20, at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond.

The training is for individuals aged 14 and up who would like to help provide care and support for those with a serious illness, their caregivers, and the bereaved, either directly or indirectly. New volunteers from Rockcastle County will be equipped to volunteer in their own community or at the Compassionate Care Center.

Mariah Smith, volunteer coordinator at Hospice Care Plus, says volunteers are central to the organization's mission.

"Our volunteers enhance our care in meaningful ways, even when they choose to do more behind-the-scenes work. They are essential to our mission."

Pre-registration is required and can be completed at hospicecareplus.org or by calling 859-986-1500. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

People choose to volunteer for many reasons. Many, like Rockcastle County's Cora LePorin, are motivated by a personal experience.

"I first became aware

of hospice over 20 years ago, while visiting a friend at a hospice facility in Ohio," said LePorin. "I was struck with the peacefulness of the center there and the caring attitude of their staff."

Seven years ago, that experience led her to volunteer with her local hospice, Hospice Care Plus. LePorin makes support and companionship visits to home hospice patients in Rockcastle and Madison counties and works a weekly shift at the organization's Compassionate Care Center welcome desk.

"I continue to be amazed by our patients, by their inner strength, courage, and perseverance, and also by the staff, their compassion, cheerful attitude, positive spirit, and their commitment to always providing excellent care and comfort."

Smith says there is something that will fit everyone's schedule, regardless of how much time you can give to volunteering. There are opportunities working with patients and caregivers or in non-patient care roles, such as mailings, office support, and more. Many roles require only an hour or so a month.

Several programs give

new volunteers a wealth of choices. A complete list of programs is available at hospicecareplus.org. In all cases and programs, Hospice Care Plus staff are available to support volunteers.

"Our staff welcomes volunteers as part of the team," said Smith. "They're supported and appreciated as making real, meaningful contributions."

To learn more or to register for the training, visit hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith

at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org. You can also register via the Facebook event page. For those interested in self-paced, online training options, contact Smith.

Hospice Care Plus is a non-profit organization supporting the quality of life of its communities through hospice, palliative and bereavement care programs. The organization serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley and Rockcastle counties and owns and operates the Com-

passionate Care Center in Richmond. Relying on contributions from individuals and groups, all care is provided regardless of insurance status or

ability to pay. To learn more, donate, or explore career and volunteer opportunities, visit hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.



Rockcastle County Hospice volunteer Cora LePorin takes care of plants during her weekly shift at the Compassionate Care Center. Hospice will host a new volunteer training on May 20th.

## "Yards"

(Continued from A3) bit of instant shade or screening, and wait on the others to fill in, saving many dollars in the process.

Before you make decisions on existing trees, get to know what species it is. Learn if it's a good tree to have, or if it was a bad choice from the get-go. And, don't go cutting down or topping trees without seeking expert opinions. Topping is a very poor tree care practice, generally speaking. Removing a few select limbs and bringing shapes back into control would be preferred if a tree needs work.

When the desire for a problem tree wins out, due to sentimental factors or personal preferences, it's not the end of the world. Just find an appropriate place, plant with care, and give it a bit of TLC and hope for the best.

So many things can go

into having a pretty landscape. If you have lovely trees, take good care not to harm them. And if you are in need of trees, or simply want some for shade, screening, attractive appearance, or whatever, carefully consider size and shape, how will it grow in your poor (or rich) soil, and will it look good in relation to the home and other elements both now, as well as many years from now, as it becomes a big tree?

Choose smartly, and select for diversity rather than what everybody else has in their yards.

Plant and maintain trees for a more valuable and more useful property. Only one special or specimen tree is needed, it will show off better (and you'll save money also) if the other trees and shrubs are ordinary in appearance. As with most things, some forethought before acting is the better course of action.

The author is a landscaper. Feedback welcomed. Visit [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)

## Request for Proposals and Price Quotes for Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum

### Project 1: Landscaping

Price quote and proposal desired on landscaping perimeter of KMHF including taking out old weed barrier plastic and laying down new, putting in new rock, removing trees and stumps, and envisioning a low maintenance look to our outside entrances.

### Project 2: Flooring

Price quote and proposal desired to replace carpet in gift shop, as well as throughout the museum, and place laminate flooring. Project can be quoted in multiple phases. Quote should include removal of carpet as well as material and labor for flooring.

NOTES: You are welcome to come by the KMHF any day between 10 AM and 6 PM to get measurements and take a look of each area. We are also a 501c3 in case any material and/or labor is donated.

Quotes should be submitted no later than noon on May 10, 2023.

Quotes may be dropped off or mailed to:  
KMHF—Attn: Jessica/Quote  
PO Box 1467 • 2590 Richmond Street  
Mt. Vernon KY 40456

They can also be emailed to [kentuckymusichalloffame@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckymusichalloffame@gmail.com).

## Roundstone Elementary

### Parent SBDM Nomination Form

May 1 - May 15, 2023

Parent members of the SBDM Council must be the parent, stepparent or foster parent of a child who will be enrolled at the school during the term of office. Legal guardians are also considered parents if the child lives with them. Parent members may not have a conflict of interest as defined by KRS Chapter 45A, which deals with doing business with the district. They must not be Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, relatives of Roundstone Elementary School or Central Office employees, or members of the district school board or spouse of district school board member. Parents employed at other schools in our district and their relatives may serve as parent members of our council. For this purpose "relative" is defined as either a father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law.

The Parent Teacher Organization shall oversee the election of two parents to serve on the council. These parents shall be selected during the month of May each year. All parents (except those previously excluded) who will have children attending Roundstone Elementary School during their term shall be eligible to be elected to serve on the council. All parents who will have children attending the school are eligible to vote in the parent elections.

The term of office begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024.

All terms of office for teachers and parent council members shall be for one year with re-election permitted as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. No term limits shall be imposed on members who are nominated and elected to consecutive one-year terms. (KRS 160.345)

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. You must then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Melinda Osborne by Monday, May 15, no later than 3:00 p.m. Voting ballots may be completed by any individual that is eligible to vote, in the main office on Wednesday, May 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a parent member of the Roundstone Elementary SBDM Council for the school year 2023-2024.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Rockcastle County Meeting/Forum 4 Advertisement

Rockcastle County School District's Local Planning Committee will be holding a Public Meeting and Public Forum on Monday, May 15 at 5:30 PM at the Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center Board Room.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review and incorporate Kentucky Department of Education comments on the new District Facility Plan, and vote on the DFP. Members of the public are welcome to attend and/or address the Local Planning Committee.

Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center  
250 Richmond Street  
Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456

## Suppressing the truth

Wrath is defined as "the emotional response to perceived wrong and injustice." Often translated as "anger," "indignation," "Vexation," or "intimidation."

Both humans and God express wrath. There is a big difference between the wrath of God and the wrath of man. God's wrath is holy and always justified.

Man's wrath is never holy and rarely justified. In Romans 1:18 it warns us that for the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth.

In unrighteousness. I think of an example that if one of my children commit a crime and I witnessed that crime and was summoned by the court to testify against my child, would I suppress the truth to keep my child from receiving the just punishment in which they deserve. Am I doing what's best for my child or will they later in life continue in the same crime and be sentenced with a stiffer punishment, even death? Now think of it in the spiritual nature. What if I, when I present a sermon before a congregation and I suppressed the truth to please man instead of God, how much more important is the child of God than my own child? What will the wrath of God be, not only for myself, but also for the souls of the congregation, if I were to suppress the truth? I don't know of one single person who doesn't want to hear the truth, when it comes to earthly things. Why should it be any different for spiritual truths? John 8:32 tells us that, and ye shall know the truth, and truth shall make you free.

Galatians 5:13-14 says it best. You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; (suppress what you know is truth) rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Everyone Welcome

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

## May 6, 2023 Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held Saturday, **May 6, 2023** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

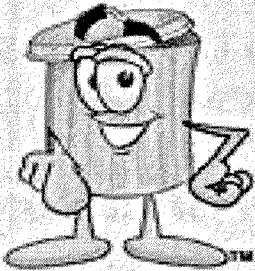
This event is open to **Rockcastle County residents only**. Identification and signature at the gate will be required!

We will be **accepting** the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc.

We will **NOT accept** any tires, liquids, brush, leaves, clean wood, propane tanks or hazardous materials.

**Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.**

For more information, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902



## The Men Who Failed Him

Herod. (Matt.2) Thought Christ might be a threat to his own interests. Failed him for selfish reasons.

His own people. (Jno.1:11) He came unto his own and his own received him not. (Matt.13:57) And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. Many thought Christ to be common, many today feel the same way about the Bible; they think it needs spiced up a little, that it is outdated, needs to go a new direction.

Many of his disciples. (Jno.6:66) From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. The ones today who desert him also fail him.

Judas. (Jno.12:6) This he said, not that he cared for the poor; because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. The love of money caused Judas to fail Jesus. The persons who fail to give, also fail Jesus. (1Cor.16:2) Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Peter. (Matt.26:58) But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Those who try and follow Jesus afar off, also fail Jesus.

Disciples. (Matt.26:56) But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. Many today fail him for fear, fear of what others will say or think.

False witnesses. (Matt.26:60) But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses. False teachers are failing him every day.

Pilate. (Mark 15:15) And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified. Wanted to please the people who tried to be neutral. A love for popularity is a dangerous thing. (John 12:43) For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. There is no place for neutrality in our service to God. (Matt.12:30) He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Conclusion. Are we failing Jesus today by trying to be popular, by following afar off, by believing everything we hear, and are we always straddling the fence when it comes to Biblical truths. (Are we failing Jesus?)

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch and articles to read on our You Tube web site Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think, your suggestion is important to us. We would love for you to come worship with us at the Yellow Banks Church of Christ in Owensboro Kentucky.

The church is in Mt Vernon Kentucky, everyone is welcome. The church worships at 10:00 A.M. every Sunday morning, and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. We offer free Bible correspondence courses.

(REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU)

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

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



# Church Directory

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

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

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

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

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAs & GAs  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
Ralph Baker, Pastor

**Brodhead Christian**  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Tracy Valentine, Preacher  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

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

**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Bill Mink, Pastor

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
Jason Medley, Pastor  
606-308-4543

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.  
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
"Central Time" Radio  
Broadcast

**Cupps Chapel Holiness**  
Copper Creek Rd.,  
Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Dennis Wilder, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email:fbcmvmon@kynitwcbc.com  
Every Sunday:  
Morning Worship: 9 & 11 am  
Sunday School/Growth  
Groups 10 am  
WRVK 1460AM at 11 a.m.  
LiveStream at fbcvmy.org  
Wednesdays: AWANA 6-8pm  
Student Worship at 6 pm

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

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

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

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

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

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.  
606-355-7595

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

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
Bro. Ralph Reynolds, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Brodhead  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.  
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor

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

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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
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Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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

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

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

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
Pastor: Josh Hasty  
606-392-3809  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

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

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

**Living Word Community Church**  
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246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Noon  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
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**Macedonia Baptist Church**  
6567 Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Bro. Jim Craig, Pastor

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

**Mareburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
(all ages)  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study  
6 p.m.  
www.mareburgbaptist.org  
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
John Vanwinkle, Pastor

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

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

**New Heights Church**  
316 Mini Mall Dr.  
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)  
Berea, Ky.  
www.newheightschurchky.com  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Worship & Children's Church  
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.  
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ages; prayer & Bible study,  
youth worship, and  
Children in Action

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

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

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

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

**Father Gary Simpson, Pastor**  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance

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

**Pine Hill Holiness**  
5394 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.  
Children's Church 7 pm Thurs.

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

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
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**Bro. Chris Reynolds, Pastor**  
Poplar Grove Baptist  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

**Bro. Mike McFerron, Pastor**  
Providence  
church of Christ  
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758-8524  
Robby Cable, Evangelist

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:20 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

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

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

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

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

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

**Skaggs Creek Baptist**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Bro. Richard West  
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244 Old Somerset Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
606-25605894  
Sunday Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Clyde Hodge

**Union Chapel Pentecostal**  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
(3 miles out of Brodhead)  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor: Walter Bowling  
Everyone Welcome!

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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

**Jeff Draper, Pastor**  
Watts Chapel  
Baptist Church  
1462 KY Highway 2750  
Crab Orchard, KY  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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(religious organization)

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Wildie Christian  
Church  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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# SPORTS

## Softball wins three of four; finish tied for first in district

Rockcastle softball has had a good week winning three of four and losing a heartbreaker to Estill County, 9-8.

Tuesday, April 25th, the Rockets defeated Casey County 6-5 in eight innings to finish district play at 4-2 and a tie for first place with Somerset.

Casey County jumped out to a 5-1 lead after three-and a half innings. Rockcastle answered with one in the third and two in the fourth to cut Casey's lead to one.

In a score or go home, Rockcastle tied the game

in the bottom of the seventh.

Makayla Coffey singled to start the inning and advanced on an Adysinne Lovell sacrifice and scored on a Haley Pingleton single to send the game into extra innings.

Pitcher Abby Burdette set down the Rebels in the top of the eighth and the Rockets got busy in the bottom.

Makyla Hester and Macy Spivey each singled to start the inning and Ella McKinney, running for Hester, scored on a Lovell single for the

walk-off.

Makayla Coffey and Haley Pingleton led their team with three hits each. Coffey had two runs scored and Pingleton picked up two RBI.

Haven King, Makyla Hester and Macy Spivey each had two hits with a walk to Hester, RBI to King and a run scored by Spivey.

Adysinne Lovell, Ella Bussell and Makinlee Goff each had one hit. Lovell picked up two RBI, while Bussell had one.

Burdette threw eight innings for the win giving up five runs on eight hits, walked two and struckout six.

The Rockets played two games Saturday losing 9-8 to Estill County and defeated Russell Co. 11-2.

Against Estill County, Rockcastle got on the board first scoring one run in the bottom of the first. Estill County answered in a big way in the second inning scoring six runs.

Estill added three more in the third to take a 9-1 lead. Rockcastle began clawing back scoring three runs in the bottom of the third and three runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut the Engineer lead to 9-7.

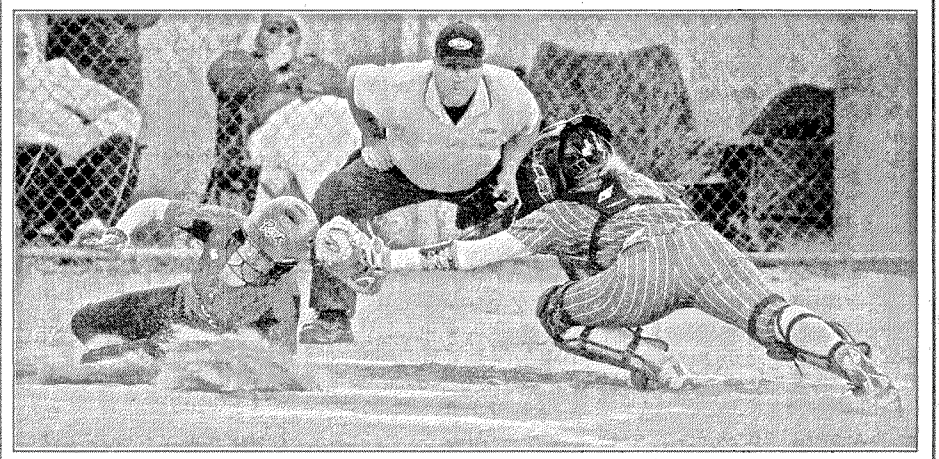
Rockcastle made it interesting scoring one run in the bottom of the seventh before the Engineers shut the door on the Rockets.

Offensively, Ella Bussell was four for five with an RBI and two runs scored. Adysinne Lovell was three for three with three runs scored and two walks. Lexie Brock was two for four with an RBI. Makayla Coffey, Haley Pingleton and Haven King each had one hit with Coffey adding two walks, two runs scored and an RBI.

In the second game, Rockcastle took it to Russell County winning 11-2 in four innings.

Katie Denham earned

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Out or was she safe? The umpire said out as Makayla Coffey slides into home plate during the Rockets 6-5 win over Casey County last week.

## Baseball loses to Casey; defeats Lincoln 10-0

Rockcastle baseball defeated Casey County 7-5 on Monday, April 24th and Tuesday, April 25th, Casey came to town and returned the favor with a 5-4 win.

Rockcastle was up 4-0 after scoring one run in the third and three in the fourth.

Casey came back with two in the fifth and sixth each to tie the game at four.

Casey County took the lead in the top of the seventh for the win.

Phoenix Pittman picked up two hits on the night. Kaden Kidwell, Carson King, Lance Coffey and Robert Reams each had one hit.

Reams had two RBI, King and Dalton Gibbs each had one RBI.

Rockcastle turned things around Friday night with a 10-0 victory over Lincoln County.

Maddox Parsons led the Rockets to victory on the mound allowing three hits and zero runs over six innings, striking out three.

Silas Durham threw one inning of relief striking out one batter.

Carson Carrera led the Rockets going three for four with a walk, RBI and two runs scored. Carson

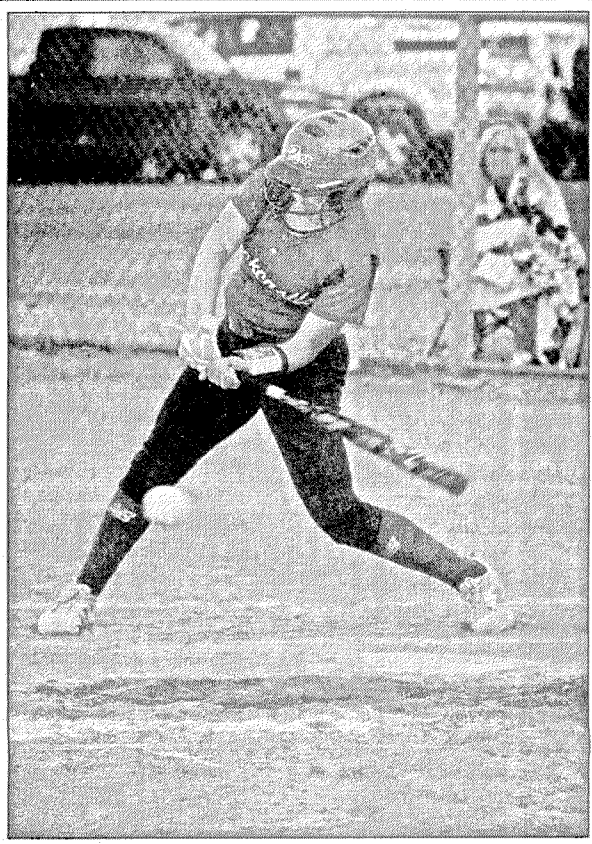
King was two for three with three RBI and two runs scored. Phoenix Pittman was two for three with a walk. Kaden Kidwell went one for four with three runs scored. Cam Prewitt was one for four with a walk and a run scored. Conner Winstead was one for four with two RBI and a run scored. Lance Coffey was one for two with two RBI and Robert Reams went one for four with a run scored.

Monday night, the Rockets hosted Whitley County and the Colonels came away with an 12-5 win over the Rockets.

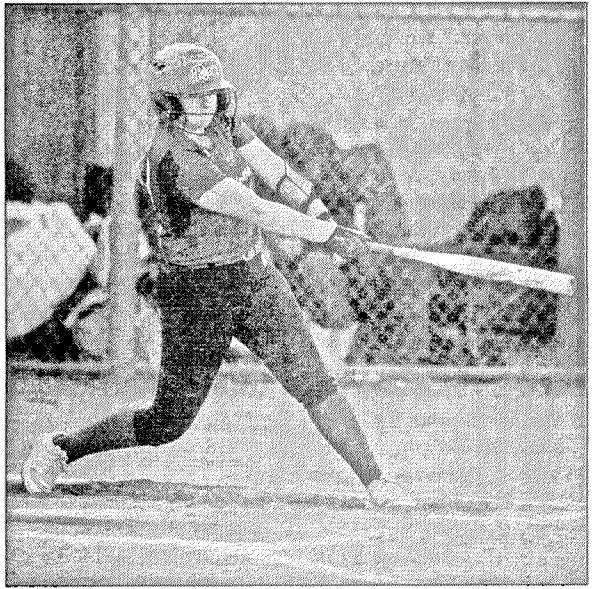
Rockcastle jumped out to an early 5-0 lead but Whitley County bats came alive in the fourth inning scoring seven runs.

Whitley added one run in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

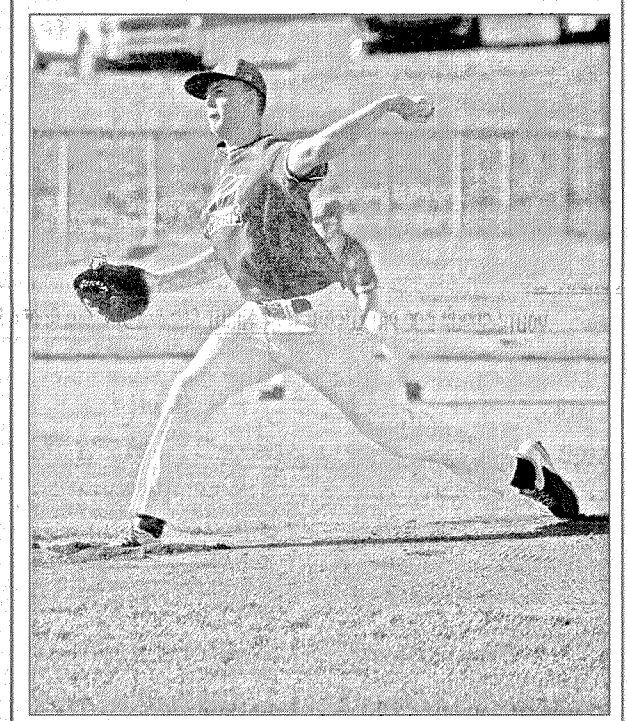
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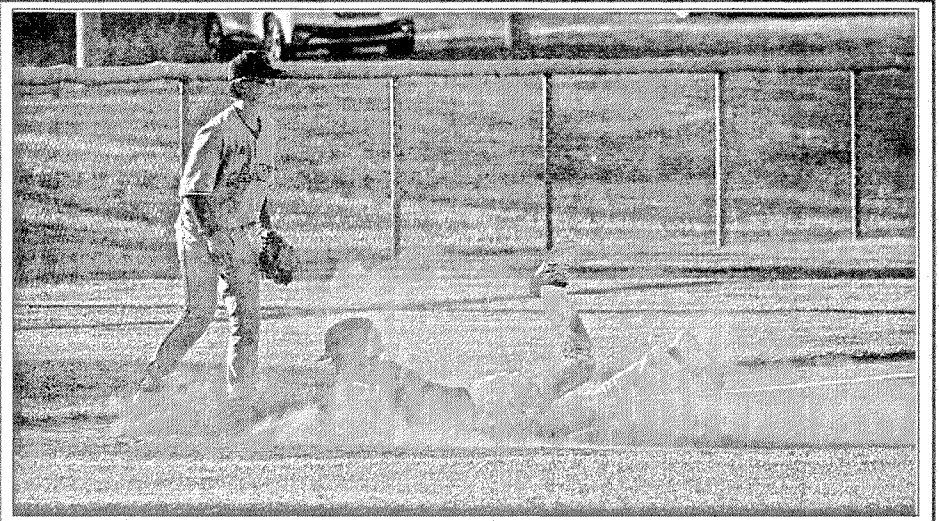
Adysinne Lovell got the game winning single in the eighth inning to score Ella McKinney in the Rockets 6-5 win over Casey County last week.



Haley Pingleton went three for four with two RBI in the Rockets 6-5 win over Casey County last week.



Kaden Kidwell started on the mound for the Rockets going four and one-third innings giving up two runs, one earned, on five hits while striking out five and walking one.



Carson King slides in safely at third during the Rockets' tough 5-4 loss to Casey County last week. King had one hit, an RBI and one run scored in the loss.



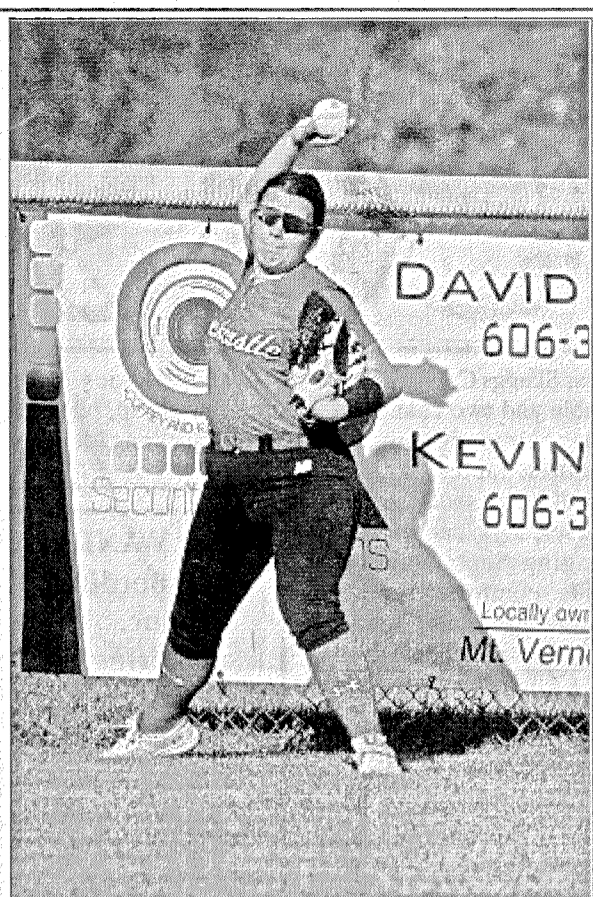
Members of the RCMS Tennis Team are shown above, front row from left: Alivia Permenter, Natalie Alexander, Erika Munguia and Kameryn Medley. Back row from left: Raychel Carpenter, Kaylee Carpenter, coach Amelia Fisher, Darla Delph and Rilee Smith.



RCMS honored their eighth grade softball players last Thursday night. Eighth graders honored are shown above, from left: Ally Brummett, Kelsey Maupin, Sadee Payne, Sadie Osborne, Tatum Bishop and Emma Brummett.



# CHURCH NEWS



Ella Bussell throws the ball in from the outfield during the Rockets 6-5 win over Casey County last week.

## “Softball”

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the winning giving up only two runs on five hits, walked one and had two strikeouts.

Offensively, Makayla Coffey was three for four with an RBI and three runs scored. Adysinne Lovell was two for three with two runs scored, a walk and RBI. Ella Bussell was two for three with three RBI and two runs scored. Haley Pingleton went one for four with three RBI. Haven King was two for four with a run scored. Makinlee Goff went one for four with an RBI and a run scored. Macy Spivey was one for two with a walk and two runs scored.

Rockcastle picked up another win Monday night defeating Lincoln County 16-1 in four innings.

Abby Burdette picked up the win giving up one run on four hits while striking out two and walking one.

Rockcastle jumped on the Patriots early scoring four runs in the first inning and added another in the second. The Rockets big inning came in the fourth when Rockcastle posted 11 runs on the scoreboard.

Lexie Brock led her team offensively going three for three with two RBI and one run

scored. Makayla Coffey was two for two including a homerun, four runs scored, two walks and two RBI. Adysinne Lovell was two for four with three runs scored and two RBI. Ella Bussell had a walk, two RBI and one run scored. Haley Pingleton was two for three with four RBI and a walk. Haven King scored two runs, had an RBI and a walk. Makinlee Goff went one for two with an RBI and a walk. Macy Spivey was one for two with two runs scored and a walk.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Corbin Tuesday, May 2nd and travel to Garrard on Thursday, Mercer County on Friday and South Laurel on Saturday for a tough stretch of road games. Clay County comes to town on Monday, May 8th. Seniors will be honored before the 6 p.m. game.

## “Baseball”

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Offensively, Carson Carrera and Kaden Kidwell each had two hits while Carrera had two runs scored and Kidwell had one. Dalton Gibbs, Carson King, Phoenix Pitman and Cam Prewitt each had one hit while Gibbs had a run scored, King had a run scored and

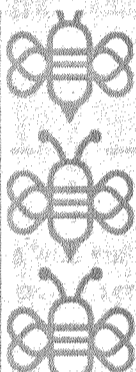
RBI and Prewitt had a walk and an RBI.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Boyle County Tuesday, May 2nd and Estill County Wednesday night.

Jackson County comes to town Friday for a 6 p.m. start and seniors will be honored before the game and the Rockets travel to Berea Saturday for a 12 noon game.

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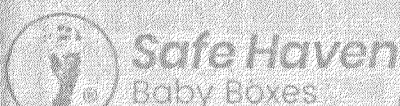
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**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing for any purpose on land belonging to James Tudor, both sides of Mahafee Hollow Rd. 8x16

**Posted:** No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

**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:** Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJJ Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

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**Notice is hereby given that** Timothy Turner, 3030 Cranberry, Hwy. #16, Wareham, MA 02538 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Alstair Richardson, deceased, on the 26th day of April 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Timothy Turner or to Registered Agent of Service, Bethany Chambliss, 800 Leaward Dr., #16, Frankfort, KY 40601 on or before October 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 12x3

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**Yard Sale:** Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th, Hwy. 2549 (old 461), White Rock Rd. Rain cancels.

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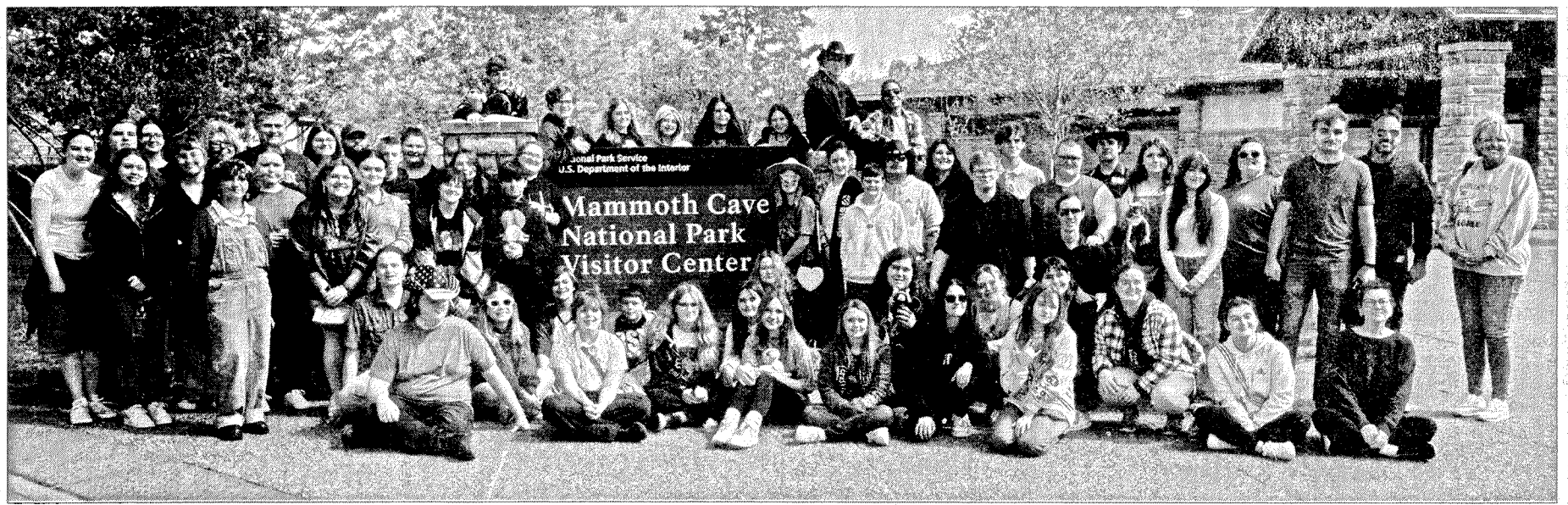
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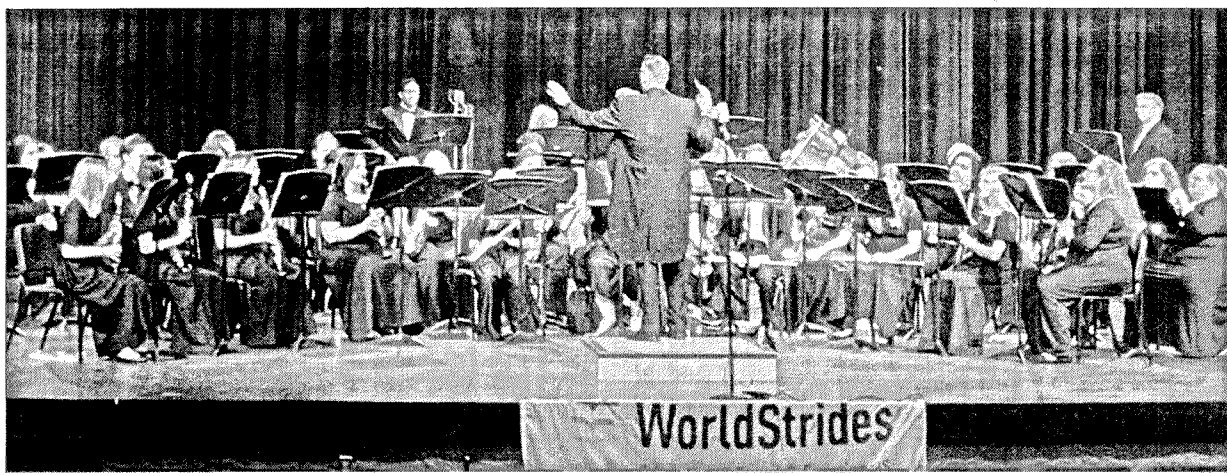
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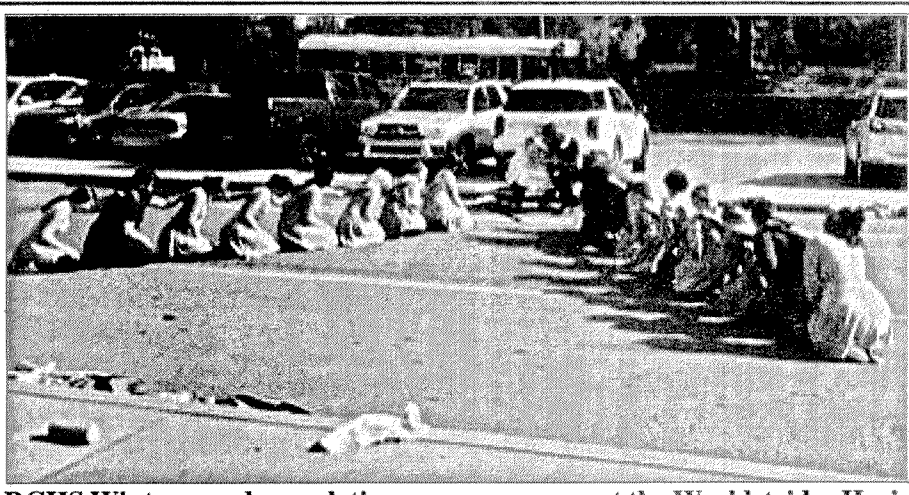
Pictured from left seated: Sean Taylor, Daniel Krebs, Celia Shaffer, Zakkary Lawrence, Ethan Amburgey, James Coldiron, Sydney Graves, Madison Shuart, Gracie Burdette, Shelby Sandusky, Abigail Todd, Dillon Pickle, Nevaeh Childers, Kaylee Neal, Jaylen Smith, Kendra Barnes, Allison Renner, Winterguard Instructor, Emily Alexander, Winterguard Assistant, and Cassandra Smith, Percussion Instructor. First row standing from left: Alivia Permenter, Madelyn Melton, Shealyn King, Clella Bussell, Kaitlyn Burgin, Hannah Atkinson, Haylee Miller, William Henson, Bailey Adams, Suzanne Mullins, Luke Willis, Robert Rhodus, Aaliyah Woodall, Joseph Pearson, Nik Day, Julissa Alcorn, Emily Akemon, Emily Sturgill, Braydon Owens, Greg Daugherty, Band Director, and Tammy Reynolds, Choir Director. Back row from left: Austin Sweat, Kylee Rodefer, Sandy Alexander, Chaperone, Wyatt Martin, Emily Forman, Lewis Smith, Chaperone, Lacie Laws, Jaden Melton, Jailun Tyree, Hunter Payne, Makayla Johnson, Moira Neely, Jassmine Alcorn, Ezekiel Graves, Kory Tompkins, Levi Lovell, and Marcos Bengé.



RCHS Concert Band in performance at the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival in Nashville.



RCHS SSA Choir on stage at the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival.



RCHS Winterguard completing a warm-up run at the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival.

## RCHS Music Department receives high marks in Nashville

Recently, the RCHS Concert Band, SSA Choir, and Winterguard competed in the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival held in Nashville, TN.

The RCHS SSA Choir received a Silver Excellence Rating and took 2nd place in their division.

Both the RCHS Concert Band and Winterguard were awarded 1st place in their divisions with a Gold Superior Rating.

During the trip, music students also had the opportunity to tour the Country Music Hall of Fame Museum in downtown Nashville as well as take a historical tour of Mammoth Cave.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

### BUTTERSCOTCH CAKE WITH CARAMELICING

2 cups brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup buttermilk  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour (or line with parchment) two 9" or three 6" round pans. Cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer on medium until fluffy. Add vanilla, then add eggs one at a time, beating on low just until they are mixed in. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Starting with the flour mixture, add the flour and the buttermilk

(alternating one then the other) into the sugar/egg mixture on low speed. When everything is mixed in, scrape down the bowl by hand. Pour batter into the pans and bake for 25-30 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean. Cool before frosting.

### CARAMELICING:

1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar  
1 tablespoon flour  
1/4 cup butter (plus 2 tablespoons for later)  
1/4 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
In a small saucepan, mix all ingredients except the vanilla and the extra 2 tablespoons of butter. Heat over medium and bring to a boil. Stirring frequently to prevent burning, let the mixture boil for a good one minute. Take off the fire and add in the vanilla and

the 2 tablespoons butter. Cool the mixture, occasionally giving it a vigorous stir, until it is still warm (but not HOT) and has thickened enough to spread. Spread it over the cake, moving quickly because it will set as it cools. It will be a thin coating, not a thick layer. Let it set completely before cutting into the cake.

### BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING

1 cup packed brown sugar  
4 tablespoons flour  
2 eggs  
2 cups milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
4 tablespoons butter or margarine  
Mix brown sugar and flour. Stir in eggs until combined. Stirring constantly, slowly pour milk into egg and sugar mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to bubble and thicken. Don't turn up the heat to make this happen sooner! After it thickens, remove from heat and stir in vanilla and butter. Stir until butter has melted. Pour into serving bowl or individual cups.

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