

Senator Rand Paul visits Mount Vernon



United States Senator Rand Paul (R) visited the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Mount Vernon Tuesday as part of his Washington update. While there, Paul honored Ann Lair Henderson, daughter of Renfro Valley founder John Lair. Shown above, Hall of Fame Chairman of the Board Neal Sluder stands with Henderson and Paul. The Senator spoke to the crowd about COVID issues as well as the economy and discussed several "untruths" circulated by the media in each area. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

RCIDA Director informs board of many opportunities

By: Mike French
Editor

Most of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) regular monthly meeting Tuesday morning centered on the very active schedule of Executive Director Jeff VanHook.

VanHook told the board of several meetings he has had with potential businesses interested in locating in the county. "We are working with several companies who may be locating in our county," said VanHook. "I hope to have some announcements soon about that."

He also informed the board, with assistance from Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, of the work officials are

doing to place a KY461 widening project to the "front of the line in Frankfort."

VanHook said the design work for the project, from McDonald's to I-75, (See "RCIDA" on A6)

Mobile vaccine unit coming

A mobile vaccine unit will be at the Rockcastle County Public Library. The unit was available Friday but only two people were vaccinated since officials were not certain the mobile unit would be on hand. The unit, which calls itself *Wild Health*, is expected again on Friday, May 21 and everyone interested in a free COVID-19 vaccine is invited to attend from 10 to 4.

Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly Brodhead City Commission meeting is scheduled from Monday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Livingston Commission

The regular monthly meeting of the Livingston City Commission is planned for Monday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

2021/22 budget draft presented to court

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at the courthouse with all

April Indictments

Only two indictments were returned during the April session of a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

James D. Wagers, 31 of Valley View Lane, Mt. Vernon was indicted for strangulation, first degree and assault, fourth degree - Domestic Violence.

His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

April Peters Ehrman, 44, of Barberville, was indicted for bail jumping, first degree.

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

members present.

It was reported at the meeting that a \$1.3 million financial boost, from the federal government's American Rescue Plan, may be added to the 2021 budget soon, according to Rockcastle County Treasurer Joseph Clontz. But that money does not appear in the budget yet.

"This is just a place to start," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook. "This will give everyone some numbers to go by and we can work from here. This is our estimates and predictions at this point."

Magistrates discussed several issues within the budget but general consensus seemed to be that areas of concern and shortfalls were due to COVID-19 mandates from Governor Andy Beshear.

Four take Rocket Docket agreements

By: Mike French
Editor

According to a press release from the Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk's office, the Rocket Docket Program processed four new cases on Friday, April 23.

The report says Bobby Hensley pleaded to possession of a controlled substance first degree (meth) and the Commonwealth Attorney recommended a one year sen-

(See "Docket" on A6)

Extra \$1.3 million coming

"It is a real shame but there was nothing we could do about it," said Magistrate Shane Thacker.

Two of the larger areas

Jackie Weaver

Sitting City Councilman expresses desire to resign

By: Mike French
Editor

Though no official letter of resignation had been received at press time, sitting Mount Vernon City councilman Jackie Weaver has asked Mayor Mike Bryant to announce Weaver's desire to resign his seat.

According to the mayor, Weaver plans to resign his elected post soon. "Jackie called me

of concern were retirement expenses and the jail budget, according to Holbrook and Clontz.

(See "Court" on A6)

and expressed his desire to resign," said the mayor in the open city council meeting last week. "He expressed his admiration for everyone of you (councilmembers and department heads) but believes he is doing a disservice to the position because he has to miss some meetings with his busy schedule."

(See "Weaver" on A6)

Chapin plant going strong in Rockcastle

Still hiring

By: Mike French
Editor

Sometimes, plans go awry and sometimes plans go as expected. Rarely do economic development plans go above and beyond all expectations. However, many officials agree that has happened in Rockcastle County with the addition of Chapin Manufacturing.

"I am amazed at how quickly and how well everything has gone," said Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Executive Director

Jeff VanHook. "Thanks to the work of Chapin, and the dedication of RCIDA, the fiscal court, Josh Bray, and so many others, this could not have gone better."

And if you talk to the Plant Manager, Doug Platt, his enthusiastic agreement is evident. "I was in my New York office on a Monday and was asked if I would be interested in a new plant in Rockcastle County,"

said Platt. "By that Friday, I was packing and I couldn't wait to get here."

(See "Plant" on A6)

"They use mostly local vendors for everything and the plant is helping the entire community in ways that exceed our hopes."

Howell Holbrook



Doug Platt, Plant Manager of Chapin Manufacturing, talked to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray during a tour of the plant this week. The New York based plant already has 45 employees and plans to grow for years to come.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I've mentioned it in passing but animal instinct has simply blown my mind in the past few years.

I always had animals but never really helped operate a farm like we are right now. I just petted the cows, rubbed the rabbits, and fed the hogs and the dogs.

But now I am noticing things that animals do that they should not do. There is no reason for it whatsoever. Yet they all do it. Everytime.

A tiny kitten brought into a home will find a sandy or dirty spot and dig a hole to relieve himself in and then cover that hole up.

Think about that. It takes serious, concentrated calculated effort to do that. How does it know? It can't possibly know how to do that.

Most cats can't even learn their own name. But somehow, they instinctively feel the urge to go, and find a place to dig a hole to put it in. And then cover it up. Why?

I mean I am really, really glad they do it, but why don't dogs do it? If anything, elephants should do that. They have more to bury than any animal out there.

No other animal does it. Just cats. Watching that blows my mind.

I don't think they even realize they are doing it. It is pure instinct. They probably have no clue why themselves. It is not evolution or all animals would do that.

We got chickens recently. They are doing great and we are getting eggs every day and our two roosters are the healthiest I have ever seen.

But they do so much through nothing but instinct.

First, they take the hay and straw that we toss over into the coop and they build perfect little roosts. That in itself is amazing. Dogs don't build nests or roosts.

But, I guess everything tries to find a comfortable place to sleep. So, even though they do it in a way that is unusual, unless you are a bird, I guess I can partly understand why.

But here's one I don't get.

If you stick a rod of some kind into their coop, they jump up on it and sit there. For hours. Why?

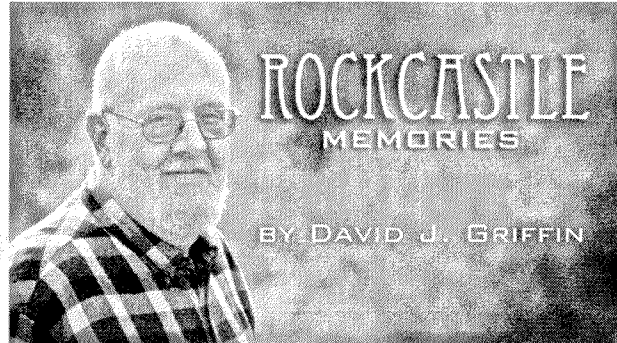
They look extremely uncomfortable and very out of balance. About to fall at any moment, moving back and forth and readjusting constantly, they just stay up there on that thin rod all day long.

Every chicken in the coop leaps and flaps her way up onto the rod and just sits there. Dogs don't do that.

There is no reason to sit up there at all. But they all do it immediately and constantly. Like they are just supposed to be up there on that rod.

Each creature seems to have something they do, that no other animal does.

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Blackberry Winter

I read somewhere that spring in Kentucky was like a roller coaster as the temperatures moved up and then down. Spring days sometimes feel like two different seasons. I heard one man say that Kentuckians should not plant flowers until after Mother's Day. He could be correct in his assessment of spring planting.

This fluctuation of temperatures is often called Dogwood Winter, Redbud Winter, Blackberry Winter, or Linsey-Woosley Britches Winter. The last name reminds me of my grandfather (Pop) because he changed from long handle underwear to his spring and summer tee shirts and boxers during this time. This was a yearly ritual

for him. I can still see those long handles swaying in the breeze hanging on Mommie Katie's clothes line.

Blackberry winter is an expression used in North America referring to a cold snap that often occurs in late spring when the blackberries are in bloom. I will permanently remember that name because Kenneth Hansel and I always picked them for Mommie Katie to make blackberry cobbler. Oh my, she could cook. Her cobbler was the best I ever tasted.

In Montgomery County this year, we had two separate days where frost covered our plants. On the first day, the temperatures fell into the up-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



It's called Immuno-therapy. The shortest definition I can find is from Wikipedia and it's about twice as long as the one your editor will allow me to use in your paper, so here goes an abbreviated version that I believe will make a little sense. If you are still sitting there shaking your head, Google it and spend the rest of the night reading all about it.

Immuno-therapy is a treatment option used on patients, particularly cancer patients, who have not responded well to anything else. It seems to work better on folks who have bladder and prostate cancer that have spread to other parts of the body such as bones and lymph nodes. The body's normal immune system simply stops working the

way it is supposed to and allows the cancer to spread to places it would normally prevent.

That's an over simplification of the dilemma I am in. Surgery and medication seem to have the bladder and prostate cancer under control but my immune system is doing nothing to keep it from spreading and causing practically unbearable pain. In fact, if you had told me two years ago that I was going to be twice as worse off as I was back then, I would have laughed in your face and told you that would be impossible but here I am.

Anyway Immuno-therapy is supposed to make my immune system commence working the way it's supposed to and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

To all Brodhead residents, your three new City Commissioners have only been in office for four (4) meetings and have already started thinking of ways to save you money.

The city owns an old dump truck that is in need of a lot of repairs. The estimated costs for those repairs are between three and four thousand dollars.

Mr. Jerry Adams, one of the new commissioners, made a motion to look for another truck and all the other commissioners agreed.

This is a good idea for the taxpayers.

Bob Lunsford

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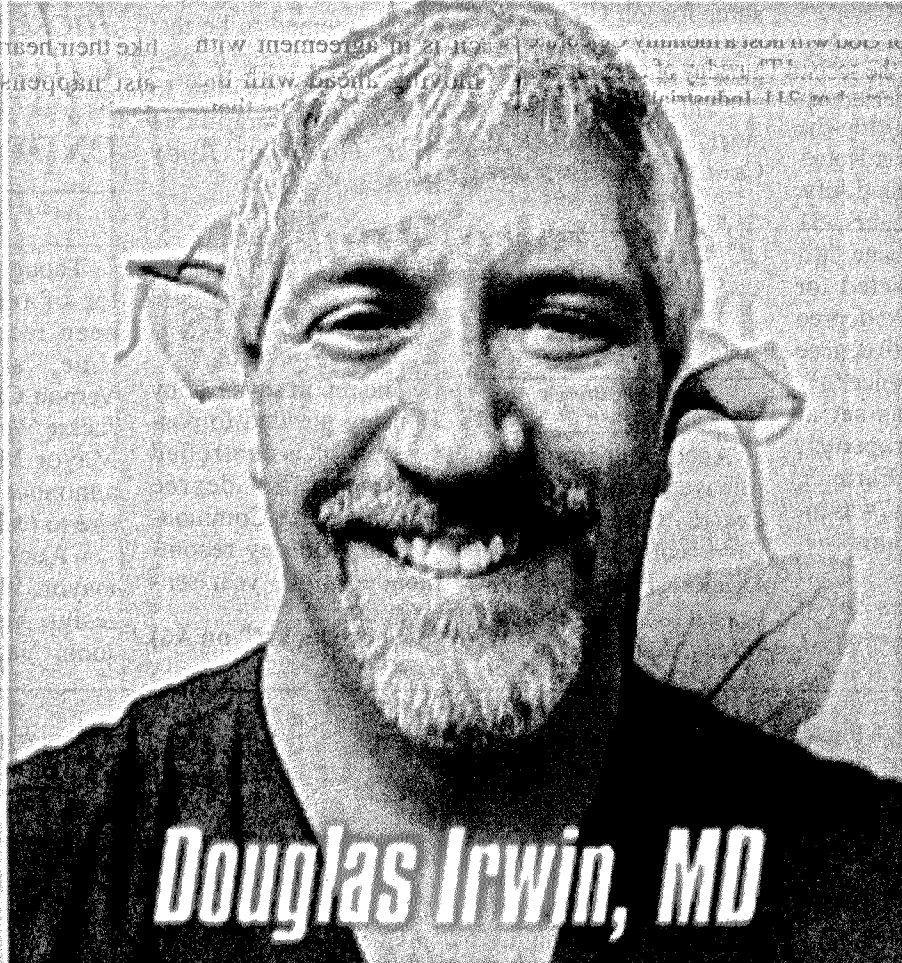
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Veterans Memorial may locate at the Lake Linville Park

By: Mike French
Editor

A majority of the regular monthly meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council last week focused on the possibility of a Veterans Memorial to be located at the Lake Linville Park.

The idea had been discussed several times in the past but when local VFW representatives approached the city about a memorial, city officials began discussing a space at a local park. "A Veterans Memorial would beef up our city's image, especially to visitors. The

Lake Park would be a very visible location for us to show our respect and admiration for our veterans," said Mayor Mike Bryant. "Such a memorial could also provide a location for special events and could even bring more visitors to our city."

Much discussion followed concerning logistics and who pays for what and who would be responsible for maintenance or possible liabilities, but the idea is in the beginning stages and such details are "not yet set in stone," according to

City Consultant Josh Bray.

All members expressed a desire to move forward with the idea, especially councilman Clifford Mullins who said, "I think the more we can do to bring people to the Lake Linville Park, the better."

According to Bray, the VFW is requesting assistance from the city in creating the memorial but mainly through labor. Frank Baker, head of the City Maintenance Department, said VFW officials are looking for specific help at this time. "I'm not sure of every detail yet but right now they are just needing our help with excavation and building the forms to pour the concrete. They would pay for the concrete and the materials but since we have the equipment, they would like the city to help with getting everything ready."

Mayor Bryant said the council could discuss possible financial involvement later but he would like to see the city help the VFW get the area prepared.

The memorial would be located next to a current shelter next to the existing parking lot at the park, according to a rendering presented to the council.

Several members of the council asked Bray what the next step should be to begin the process. "We will have to work out details and decide the city's level of involvement," he said. "But right now I think all we need to know is that the council is in agreement with moving ahead with the project and helping them get this together before we begin writing contracts or resolutions."

Councilmembers expressed their desire to move forward and discuss possible financial involvement at a later date.

Bray said he hopes to have a draft resolution that councilmembers can adjust according to their desired level of involvement. "Bobby (Amburgy, City Attorney) would have to work out a property long-term lease and details of the resolution," said Bray. "We can then present that to the council and work with the VFW and have a nice memorial honoring our veterans in the end."

In other action, the council approved the March financial statements and heard reports from each department head.

Before Police Chief Brian Carter gave his report for March, Mayor Bryant commented, "I want to say that I have the utmost respect for our police department and what they do. We need you all," he said to Carter. "We have a wonderful police department and we are blessed in Mount Vernon to have the officers we have here. Thank you for what you do Chief."

Carter then told the council his department answered 514 calls for service and worked 18 non injury and nine injury accidents. The department also made 31 arrests and 29 drug charges were placed, along with 23 traffic violations, three DUIs and 15 warrants were served. There were also 14 grand jury indictments.

Fire Chief David Bales then gave the fire department March's report. The report showed 64 runs in March using

25,500 gallons of water. Of those runs there were five structure fires, 12 vehicle accidents and seven wood/brush fires.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

"Aces"

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How can they possibly know that. I know that one Ostrich didn't tell the other Ostrich, "Hey Fred, you have to stick your head in the ground and hide it!" Surely Fred would say "Why would I want to do that?"

None of this conversation takes place. They just all do it. From birth.

I have one dog that takes his food, digs a hole, puts his food in the hole and then covers it...with his nose.

Why? No other dog does that and we have six.

He didn't see any other dog do it and I never told him to do it. How does he know to do it?

To me, a dog lives in a perpetual "day off." When the rest of us get a day off we like to sit and eat and sleep and do nothing. But that's a dog's full time job. So why the trouble of burying the food and why cover it with his nose? Giraffes don't do that.

After it is covered, he honestly takes his nose and pats it down so one can't see where the hole was. It is amazing to watch. The chickens don't do that.

Anyway, I see instinct in action every day anymore and I believe they don't even realize they are doing it. I think it is like their heart beating. It just happens and they don't even notice it.

Even though instinctive actions are different for each animal, and sometimes takes very careful, concise, orchestrated maneuvers, I think they live unaware that they are doing it.

Of course I now spend my entire day wondering what I do that is purely instinct. If God did it for animals, I am certain He did it for mankind.

We may all do some strange, drawn-out task every day and have no idea it even happened. We could be talking to our buddies and not ever realize we are doing it.

If you ever come to my office and I am perched on a long, thin rod, PLEASE point it out to me.

"East"

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simultaneously ease the pain. I will be taking 30 minute infusions that are not nearly as severe or painful as regular cancer chemo. As I understand it at this writing, the duration and frequency of these treatments will be adjusted depending on how well my body responds to them. We have been advised that investing in a good wheel chair might be a good idea because this might take a while. Hopefully we can get that done this week.

In the meantime, I have no idea what's going to happen to this column. I can tell you, unequivocally, that it is the most enjoyable thing I do to take my mind off a host of troubles and woes but it also requires a functioning mind for several hours each week. There are those who doubt that I've ever been able to pull that off but I certainly intend to try.

I can also tell you that there may be times, like this one, where I simply don't have the attention span required to produce a piece of writing the way I am accustomed to making the column happen. There are also those who believe that's not such a bad thing to have happen.

I will try to keep you posted. In the meantime, if you were expecting a column this week this is gonna be all she wrote. Dear John, I sent your saddle home.

"Memory"

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per 20's and I had to cover most of my budding plants and shrubs with sheets and buckets. That protected my plants very well.

The second day the temperatures only fell into the lower 30's. That time I merely had to cover my flowering plants and my new grape vine. No damage was noticed on either occasion.

My neighbor (Ken) showed me how to cover my blooming flowers that we planted this spring. He took plastic buckets and turned them upside down over each plant and then placed a rock on the top of the buckets. This method protected the flowers very well. I didn't lose a single plant this year.

I distinctly recall my grandmother's (Mommie Katie) yard when I was a boy. I didn't know anyone that had a more beautiful yard than hers. Her shrubs and flowers circled the house and were blooming nearly all spring and summer. Her snowball bushes were something to see. She worked in that yard almost all year long. However, I cannot remember her having to cover her plants in the spring because of frost. I also cannot remember her plants and flowers being damaged by falling temperatures. But, then again, maybe I just wasn't paying attention since they weren't my very own flowers.

My efforts paid off this spring because my yard looks great. If you are in the area, stop by and we can walk in my yard or sit a spell in our swing.

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

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Brodhead Alumni Banquet October 2nd
The Annual Brodhead Alumni Banquet, originally scheduled for April 10th, has been rescheduled for October 2nd at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

Board of Health Meeting is May 19th
The Rockcastle Board of Health meeting will be held Wednesday, May 19th at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in the fiscal court meeting room.

Retired Teachers Meeting
Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 19th for the first meeting of the Rockcastle County Retired Teachers in over a year. The meeting will be held at the Limestone Grille at 11:30 a.m. for a very special program, memorializing teachers we lost in 2019 and 2020. More detailed information will be provided here next week.

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

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

VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. Currently the post is closed, other than for monthly meetings or by appointment only, because of COVID-19. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882 or Adjutant Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360.

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 Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon-Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

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

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

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

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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

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

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

HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on May 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, to examine the application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Jackson Energy Cooperative for the period November 1, 2018, through October 31, 2020. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify the Public Service Commission in writing of their intent to attend no later than May 11, 2021. If no notices of intent to attend are received by that date, this hearing will be canceled and the matter shall be considered submitted for decision based on the evidence in the record. Written notice of intent to attend this hearing should be sent to: Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and should specify the Cooperative to which the comments relate.

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Obituaries

Roger Lee McGuire

Roger Lee McGuire, 68, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Beverlee, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at his residence. He was born November 20, 1952 in Berea,

to the late Arvil and Norma Jean (Brock) McGuire. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church, worked as a facilities manager for Rockcastle Regional Hospital for 29 years, enjoyed UK basketball, football, music, and TV. On September 3, 1998, Roger married Beverlee Lynne McClure, creating a family of six with Natasha, Matthew, Chris, and Cherie. Roger will be remembered as an exceptionally talented musician, traveling all over the nation as lead guitarist, singer, and song writer with bands, Joshua Cooley, Strait Shot, Spot-Check Billy, and Wild River.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 22 years, Beverlee McGuire; children, Natasha Poynter (Tommy), Matthew Brown McGuire, Chris McHargue, and Cherie Walker; grandchildren, Destiny, Trent, Trace, Chance, Mia, Landon, Hayz, Case, and Lathey; one brother, Gerald McGuire; and one special friend, "Chief" (Gary Asher).

Funeral service were held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in Cresthaven Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Trace Abner, Donovan McGuire, Jerry Martin, Nathan Bullock, Jeff Todd, and Jonas Adams. Honorary casketbearers were his former band members.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Bettie Smith Baker

Bettie Smith Baker, 91, of Orlando, died Monday, April 26, 2021 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born June 4, 1929, to the late Dick and Carrie Robinson Smith. She was married to Robert Lee Baker for 54 years. They made their home in Rockcastle County their entire life. She always loved her flowers, cooking big dinners for holidays, sewing, and traveling.

She is survived by: her children, Rosalind (Gene) Philbeck, Teresa Philbeck, Pamela Cox, and Mark (Michelle) Baker, all of Mt. Vernon, Michael (Barbara) Baker of Walton, and Anthony (Wilma) Baker of Berea; and two brothers, Elbert Smith of Dayton, OH and Ray Smith of Xenia, OH. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren, and her special life-long childhood friend and sister-in-law, Beatrice Baker Hensley Robinson. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Robert Lee Baker; her sisters, Stella Smith Sexton and husband Bluford, and Opal Smith Mees and husband Howard; a brother, Robert Smith, and two infant brothers; her sons-in-law, Estill Philbeck and Luther Cox, Jr.; and sister-in-law, Ada Smith.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jake Harding, Chaplain of Rockcastle Health & Rehab. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dustin Baker, Jonas Cox, Kevin Cox, Eric Philbeck, Greg Philbeck, Sam Philbeck, and Mike Smith. Honorary pallbearers were: Gene Philbeck and Beatrice Robinson.

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

Junior Ballard "J.B." Phipps

Junior Ballard "J.B." Phipps, 89, of Louisville and formerly of Livingston, died Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Baptist Health Hospital in Louisville. He was born in Barbourville on February 8, 1932, the son of George and Eva Mahan Phipps. He was a retired service station attendant and was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by: his nieces, Brenda Hagan and Teresa McHargue, both of Louisville, Amy Norman Freeman of Able, MD, and Eva Norman Hall of Powell, TN; and his great nieces and nephews, Rickey McHargue, Jr., Marissa Hagan, Alexis Hagan, and Shannon Helton, all of Louisville, and Brandon Hall of Powell, TN.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, April 28, 2021 in Jake Ponder Cemetery in Livingston by Bro. Jim Miller.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Edna Rebecca Cameron

Edna Rebecca Cameron, 44, of Livingston, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born October 3, 1976 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late Lloyd Mosey Cameron and Edna M. Mullins Cameron. She had been a Direct Support Provider at Comprehensive Care in Mt. Vernon, having acquired an Associate degree in Business Administration. She enjoyed crafts, scrap booking and helping with Bible school and Fund Raisers. She was a member of McNew Chapel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lloyd Mosey Cameron.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her mother, Edna Cameron of Livingston; and her brother, Timothy Lloyd Cameron of Livingston. As well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 2, 2021 at McNew Chapel Baptist Church with Bro. John Wesley Vanwinkle officiating. Burial was in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery.

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

Joshua Brian Staton

Joshua Brian Staton, 28, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, April 24, 2021 in Richmond. He was born in London on August 16, 1992, the son of Ronald Dean and Eveline Swinney Staton. He had been a construction worker and was of the Pentecostal Faith.

He is survived by: his mother, Eveline Swinney Staton; five brothers, Wayne Powell, and Frankie Powell, both of Mt. Vernon, Ozzy Staton of Brodhead, and Richard Staton and Jason Staton, both of Clinton, SC; and four sisters, Lisa Price of Richmond, Martha Swinney of Mt. Vernon, and Lisa Staton and Karen Staton, both of Clinton, SC. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Staton, and three brothers, Charles Swinney, Johnathon Durham, and Michael Swinney.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Stayton Family Cemetery.

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

Arnold Lee Gadd

Arnold Lee Gadd, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday April 30, 2021 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of the late William David and Birdie Jane Croucher Gadd. He was a retired farmer, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are three brothers, Donald, Floyd, and Lloyd Gadd and one sister, Brenda Sutton, all of Mt. Vernon. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Howard Gadd, and two sisters, Helen Mason and Janie McCollum.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, May 3, 2021 at Gadd Cemetery with Bro. Roger Pigg officiating.

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

Gary Lee Kirby

Gary Lee Kirby, 48, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester. He was born in Somerset on May 5, 1972, the son of Milton and Eliza Howard Kirby. He had been a maintenance worker for Eastern Kentucky University and attended Northside Baptist Church.

He is survived by two brothers, Timmy Wayne (Irene) Kirby and Danny (Virtie) Kirby, both of Mt. Vernon. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services for Mr. Kirby will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, Mount Vernon Signal's deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

William Francis Ponder

William Francis Ponder, 70, of Stanford, died Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at his home. He was born in Denver, CO on January 20, 1951, the son of Austin

Dyche and Margaret Hansel Ponder. He had been a sign painter and attended Gilbertsville Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his children, Daniel Lewis of Jacksonville, FL and Kathy Ann Ponder of Waycross, GA; a brother, Jeff (Kathy) Ponder of Lexington; and two sisters, Juddie (Ed) Donaldson of Versailles and Jennifer Ponder of Lexington. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.D. and Margaret Ponder.

Memorial services were conducted Monday, May 3, 2021 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. John Dyche Ponder.

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Cemetery Notices

Maple Grove Cemetery

Maple Grove Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep and mowing of the cemetery.

Anyone that would like to help, please go to Community Trust Bank and make a deposit in the Maple Grove Cemetery account or donations may be sent to: Penny Cameron, 37 Bob White Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

We will also be at the cemetery Friday - Monday, May 28-31.

We would like to ask that everyone who has a loved one buried at the cemetery, please help us to keep it up. If everyone gives a little, it wouldn't hurt anyone.

Livesay Cemetery

Please send donations for mowing and upkeep of the Livesay Cemetery 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

Roberts Cemetery

Donations needed! Please help keep Roberts Cemetery (old Freedom Cemetery) mowed.

Send donations to: Roberts Cemetery, c/o Nancy Meadows, 20 Trinity Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

McKinney Cemetery

We will be having our annual meeting on Sunday May 30th at 1 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. We will be practicing social distancing and wearing masks.

There are two committee positions that will be voted on, along with regular business.

As a reminder, we do not accept cash donations, we do accept personal checks, cashier's checks and money orders, payable to McKinney Cemetery.

All donations are for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery.

Please send all mail donations to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Phelps Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Phelps Cemetery may be given on Saturday, May 29th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the cemetery or may be sent to sent to Phelps Cemetery, c/o Randy Renner at 605 Steep Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Comments can be addressed to Randy Renner at 606-392-9763 or randyrenner76@gmail.com

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Briarfield Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Briarfield Cemetery can be given or mailed to: Timothy Robinson, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460; Kenny Reams, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729 or Joe Robinson, 90 McK Farm road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery. The committee will be at the cemetery on Memorial Week-End collection donations.

Thanks to everyone for helping with upkeep of the cemetery.

Sand Hill Cemetery

Please send donations for upkeep and mowing of Sand Hill Cemetery at Sand Hill Baptist Church to: Brady Hensley, 2683 Sand Hill Road, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

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. To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3245.

Donations will be accepted at the cemetery May 28th - 31st. Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Card of Thanks

Jack Bradley

The family of Jack Bradley would like to thank everyone who knew him. He was a good moral man who loved everyone.

A special thank you to Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home for all the kindness they showed to our family and to Josh Hasty and Larry Bradley for the kind words that were spoken over our dad. Also a special thanks goes to all those who prayed, sent food, gave us money, for the beautiful flowers, the songs that were sung and the love that was shown us.

Please continue to pray for all of us as the days go by.

With Love, The Bradley Family
Paulette, James, Michael and Nancy

• Reunion •

Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion

The Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion will be held Saturday, June 12 from noon to ??? at Roundstone Baptist Church.

We are once again asking for your help in spreading the word to all family members and friends as to the date and location of the Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion. Please bring a covered dish and join us. Also, if you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any other relatives, we will gladly provide a copy of this and future reunions.

Jessie Thacker 606-392-2303 or 606-308-4308; Brenda Chappell 606-256-5275 or 606-308-2245 or Email: iwthacker10@gmail.com

Rogers Scholar and volunteers pick up trash in local project

While driving around the local community, 2020 Rogers Scholar Kylie Martin was troubled by the large amount of trash littering the sides of the road.

For her Rogers Scholars community service project, she decided to organize a clean-up project to pick up litter and debris along a section of Highway 70 and Bandy Willailla Road.

She and a group of volunteers picked up 32

bags of roadside litter along this stretch of highway.

"This project really allowed me to see how big of a problem littering is and how I can actively fight against it as a teen," said Martin, a student at Rockcastle County High School. "Thanks to The Center for Rural Development and the Rogers Scholars program, I have been able to express my love for my community and work with others to

protect it and the environment."

James Renner from Rockcastle County PRIDE provided trash bags, vests, gloves, and other supplies for the clean-up project.

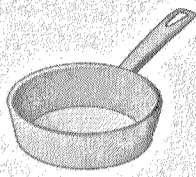
Each graduate of The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program is required to complete a community service project. For more information about Rogers Scholars, visit the website at www.centeryouthprograms.com.



2020 Rogers Scholar and Rockcastle County High School student Kylie Martin and volunteers pick up 32 bags of trash in local clean-up project.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



NACHO CHEESE BALL

2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup salsa
2 tablespoons chopped parsley or cilantro
2 to 3 tablespoons chili powder
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 cups Mexican Blend shredded cheeses
2 cups sharp Cheddar, shredded

Mix all ingredients. Let chill for 3 hours. Roll into a ball or mold into desired shape and place on large serving platter. Pour some salsa around the cheese mixture and serve with tortilla chips. OR place cheese ball in a premade large taco salad tortilla bowl. Drizzle with salsa. OR make into bite size appetizers by placing a teaspoon of cheese mixture on a tortilla. Put a small amount of salsa on each and serve.

OLIVE DIP

1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, room temperature
2 cups Monterey jack cheese
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 cup green olives, diced
1 cup black olives, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a small baking dish. Add all ingredients to a large mixing bowl and stir well to combine. Spread into prepared dish and bake for 15 minutes or until the cheese has melted and the dish is hot. Serve with crackers

or chips, for dipping.

BEER CHEESE

1 pound aged sharp cheddar cheese
1 pound of American cheese
2 or 3 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1 teaspoon powdered mustard
Dash tabasco sauce, optional
About 1 cup beer
In food processor, pulse cheeses, garlic, Worcestershire Sauce, salt, mustard, tabasco sauce if desired until paste forms. Pour enough beer in to make a smooth paste. This can be done in the food processor or with an electric mixer. Store in covered jars in refrigerator

BLT DIP

8 ounces cream cheese softened
3/4 cup sour cream or mayonnaise
2 tablespoons ranch seasoning
3/4 cup finely shredded romaine lettuce
1 cup diced tomatoes seeded
8 slices bacon cooked and crumbled
1/4 cup sliced green onions
Place cream cheese in bowl of a mixer, beat until smooth. Add sour cream and ranch, then beat until fully combined. Spread ranch mixture into the bottom of a 9 inch dish. Top the ranch mixture with lettuce, tomatoes, bacon and sliced green onions. Serve.

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The Majority

So many folks it seems, believes the majority is always right, when we find actually they are a lot of times they are wrong.

God promised the children of Israel, a land that was flowing with milk and honey, all that the children had to do was go down and take it, and it would be there's.

We can read about that in Numbers 13:1-2 How that God sent twelve spies down to this land of Canaan, to see how wonderful this land was that He had promised the children of Israel. The soil was very fertile, grape clusters so large it took two men to carry them. The spies had never seen a land so great as this land.

But the spies saw things very differently, ten of the spies saw an army of giants, and they said compared to these men we are grasshoppers., there is no way we can take this land. Caleb and Joshua saw the land very differently, they said the land is ours and with the help of God we will take the land.

While all saw the same land, the majority of the spies failed to see God in the picture. The picture is always going to be different when God is in the picture. Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Those who believed the ten spies report and the ten spies were not allowed to go down into the land of Canaan, but wandered in the wilderness, until their life was no more. A sad end to a story of a people who had saw so many miracles and had been fed by the hand of God, lost it all because they believed the majority. (The great use of life, is to live it for something that outlasts it.)

Thank you for reading this message, I pray that God has blessed you with the things you need, and you remember to count your blessings. If you would like to get in touch with one the members from the church you can contact us at these # Bro Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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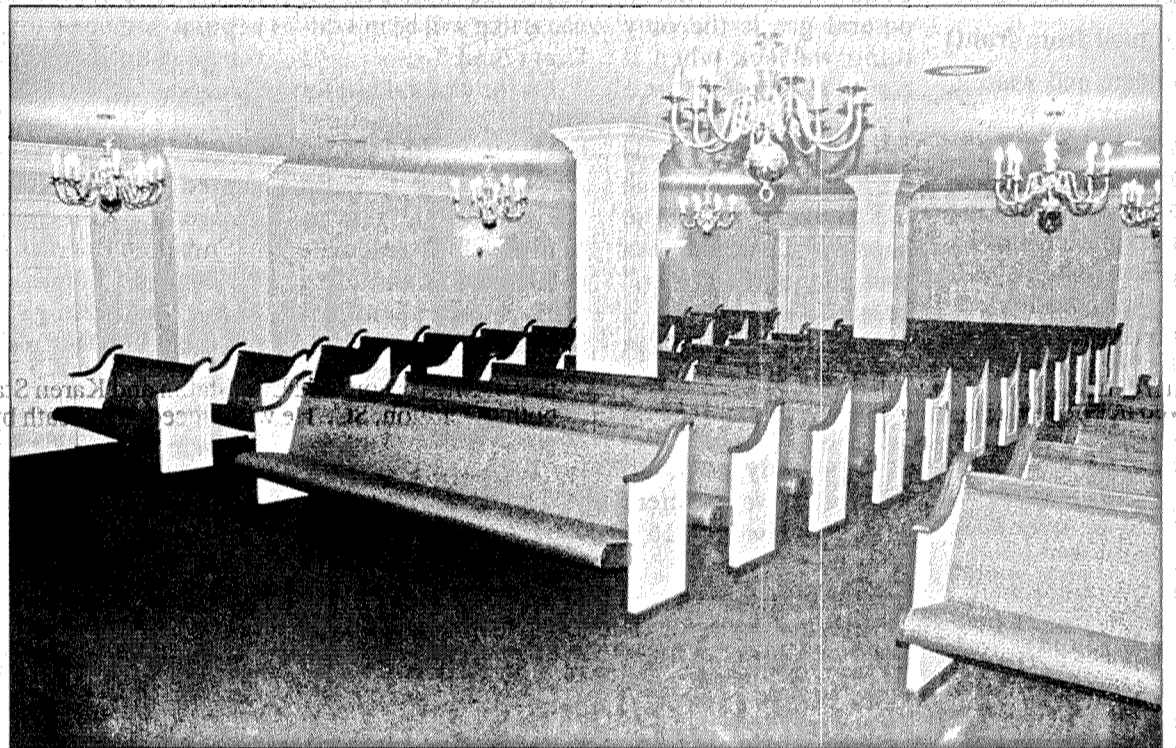
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"Plant"

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It is easy to see where those involved are getting their satisfaction. After all, one year ago, the same building was damaged with electrical wires dangling from the ceiling and the floors included trenches.

But in what local leaders are calling "the fastest business deal ever" the Chapin Company now has the building neat, clean and filled with the hum of operating machinery. But more importantly, it is currently filled with local employees making plastic sprayers that go to WalMart and Lowes, among other large companies, across the nation.

With all the enthusiasm of a new father, Platt brags on his workers and maintenance crews constantly. "I would say over 90 percent of our workers are Rockcastle County people and they all show up on time and with good attitudes," he said. "They are a huge part of why our company is succeeding and expanding faster than we ever thought it would."

Currently about 45 local people work under the direction of Platt, but since he prefers to promote from within, one of

those workers is about to become another manager, freeing Platt to grow the company even more. "I believe that in a short while we may have up to 100 employees and if all goes as planned, I would not be surprised to see 200 here someday soon."

Apparently, those goals are not over expectations. "I am amazed at how well this operation is being run and they are doing things right," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. "They use mostly local vendors for everything and the plant is helping the entire community in ways that has exceeded our hopes."

Though he is proud of his employees, there is little doubt that Platt himself is responsible for a lot of the success of the local facility. "It is not at all unusual to come in here and see Doug working on the floor alongside his employees," said Holbrook.

Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, agreed. "It is astounding to watch how well this company is doing in Rockcastle County," he said. "It is a pleasure to see how clean and efficient they are. It has been a pleasure to work with this company from the very beginning."

Platt led a group of visitors through the plant Monday showing all the growth that has taken place already in the 174,000 square foot facility as well as the hopes he has for its very near future.

With big smiles and friendly greetings each worker spoke to the visitors touring the plant as Platt showed them how each machine works. "This one is one of the largest machines available and it will be part of our upcoming Kayak systems," he said.

The company sells sprayers across the nation and plans to expand into making Kayaks very soon. Those too will be sold at many national retail stores.

"It feels so good to see this stuff made right here in Rockcastle County going out in big trucks to end up in garages across the nation," said VanHook.

Part of the success and expected growth of the company was credited to the county officials by Platt.

"Each and every time I reach out to Howell or Jeff or Josh, they answer above and beyond the call of duty," said Platt. "The people of Rockcastle County have been won-

derful to us all and we can't thank everyone enough for everything they do to help our company grow."

The company is clearly up and running as anyone in the plant can watch huge robots hand a finished sprayer to an employee for inspection. Still, Platt is planning a "thank you" to the officials who have helped on Saturday, August 28 from 10-4 when the company plans a grand opening ceremony catered by Smoke House Bar-B-

Que.

"We will have people from New York here and all local officials are invited to the grand opening as well," he said.

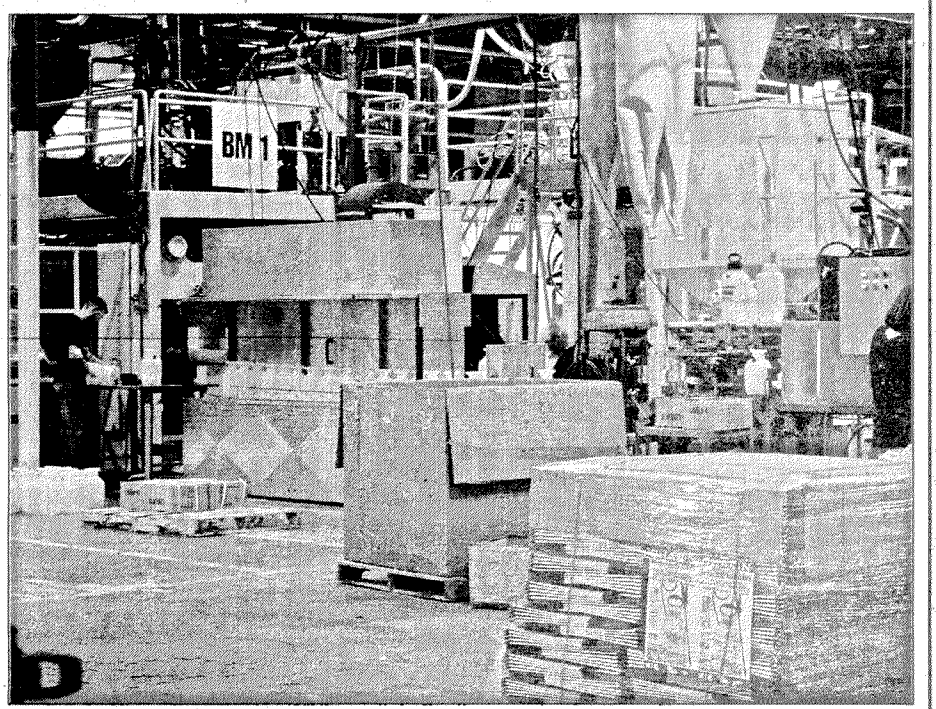
And as many will be glad to hear, there is another invitation out right now. A job interview.

"Anyone that would like to apply for work with us should come on by," said Platt. "I often interview them right on the spot if I have time."

Platt says he is always looking for dedicated people with a strong work

ethic to join his team and soon he will need several.

Platt said he and his wife left New York and came to central Kentucky as soon as the company decided to open the local plant and he has not regretted the move. "We both love it here," he said. "Our children are grown and they are keeping our dogs for us but we enjoy Kentucky and it really isn't that different than New York. Well, on second thought...the weather is very different. At least it is today."



The Chapin Manufacturing plant is filled with sprayers that were all made on-site. They will be shipped to Wal-Mart and Lowe's outlets across the country.

"RCIDA"

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is complete and waiting for approvals. But he hopes the entire project is approved instead of only that portion. "If we just widen from McDonald's to the interstate, it will just create a bottleneck and won't help a thing," he said.

Bray said the project needs to move ahead. "There is a lot going on with that project but we are trying to keep it up front," he said.

The director also expressed disgruntlement with Kentucky Utilities lack of willingness to install a temporary service at the Farmers Market location. "I thought it would be done in a day or so and here it is a month later and I am still working with them," said VanHook. "I am representing a county. Imagine how difficult it is to get a temporary service if you are an individual. Not that long ago, you could call KU and have a temp service in a couple of days."

Chairman Corey Craig vocally agreed. "It is unacceptable," said Craig. "Everyone should be aware of their unwillingness to support our economic development efforts. It is much too difficult to get anything from them."

Bray also agreed. "I made so many calls and emails just trying to get them to repair a street light for the city of Mount Vernon," he said. "It took months to get them to answer."

Still, VanHook said the electric company has promised a temporary service at the Farmers Market site by next week. "As soon as that happens, contractors will be ready to go," he said. In fact, he expects pouring of the footing to begin by Wednesday of next week.

There was also discussion of the approved natural gas tap in Lincoln County. "This was a big win for us," said VanHook. "We have to have that tap in place before we can move ahead with any plans to have

natural gas in Rockcastle County. And the truth is, natural gas is the only thing we lack when it comes to attracting large industry to our county."

Craig agreed. "This is the first step and now that the first piece of the puzzle is in place, we can start putting it together," he said.

VanHook explained an economic plan by which Delta Gas will spend \$4.3 million on the project, but the company's 40,000 Kentucky customers would likely not see a price hike.

The board also approved the monthly financial statement and budget report. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Court"

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"Our retirement went up almost 3%," Clontz said. "The jail revenues went from \$625,000 to about \$400,000 and that's \$225,000 out right there."

Jail revenue decreased mostly because of Beshear's release of convicted criminals into society before they had served their sentence. But that decrease in state prisoners caused losses in several county budgets across Kentucky.

Magistrates also discussed general price increases across the board which caused county expenses to rise. Officials said construction material costs have risen partly because companies are shorthanded. "You can't get people to work," said Magistrate Shannon Bishop.

Though the zero-balanced budget is being promoted as estimated figures at this time, Clontz said he expects the number will not change a lot. "I can't think of any revenues coming that we don't already know about and we pretty much know of our expenditures and appropriations," he said. "We may move some things around after we receive the American Rescue Plan money but I

doubt if the overall numbers will change a lot because that will be in a different fund."

On the draft budget for 2021-22, the occupational tax revenue is estimated at \$2.1 million and the grand total general fund revenue's estimate is \$3,198,466. Including all funds, the current draft lists the grand total budget at \$7,917,583. According to Clontz, this is about \$400,000 less than the 2020/21 budget.

Clontz said he was informed last week about the additional \$1.3 million that will hopefully be coming to Rockcastle County by June 30.

"We have received no guidance on how that money must be used and I am sure it will be very specific," said Clontz. "But once we receive that information, we will create a separate account and use those funds as directed."

Clontz said another \$1.3 million will be coming to the county next year as part of the same package. "I hope we can use some of the money for road aid," he said. "Our Road Aid fund is down directly due to COVID so maybe. We will just wait and see."

The final budget must be approved by July 1.

"Weaver"

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The mayor continued on to say he understands the decision. "I know that we will all miss having Jackie with us but he is a very busy person and involved in a lot. He has to put his family first and make his decision based on what is best for his life," said Mayor Bryant.

According to City Consultant Josh Bray, the process can be a simple one. "Jackie has to submit his resignation in writing and then the council has to vote to accept that resignation. Once the seat is vacant, the city council must appoint a new councilperson to fill that position."

According to the Kentucky League of Cities, if the council members fail to agree on the appoint-

ment in 30 days, Governor Andy Beshear will appoint someone to fill the seat until the next election.

Mayor Bryant said until the resignation is accepted by the council, Weaver may still change his mind and remain on the council. "I don't suspect he will change his mind but until his resignation is submitted and accepted, he still can," he said. At press time, the letter had not been officially submitted.

Weaver was first elected to the seat in 2009 and spent two years in office. He was then re-elected in 2015 and has served since.

We were unable to reach Mr. Weaver for comment.

"Docket"

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tence consecutive with a four year sentence he is already serving for a total of five years. That was reduced to three years probation. His actual sentencing will be May 28.

Maranda Didonato, pleaded to possession of a controlled substance first degree (meth). The release says Didonato received a three-year sentence that was then reduced to pretrial diverted two year sentence which was probated.

This means if Didonato does not get into any other trouble, during the two years of probation, she will not be listed as a convicted felon. However, with any kind of legal trouble in the two year period, the deal will be revoked and she will be an immediate convicted felon.

Didonato must also forfeit all firearms, ammunition and contraband.

Joseph Baker pleaded to trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, possession of a forged instrument and trafficking in a legend drug. Baker received six years with pretrial diverted to four years probation and only two years imprisonment.

Baker must also forfeit all firearms, ammunition and contraband.

David Ray pled to possession of a controlled substance (meth) and his separate sentencing hearing was waived. He was sentenced to one year concurrent with a sentence he is already serving.

City and county getting cleaner as more are helping

By: Mike French
Editor

"We might have to start writing tickets and charging people \$500 every time they litter in our town," said Mount Vernon City Councilman and Director of the All American Club, Wayne Bullock. "I've been fighting this for 35 years and as soon as we get something cleaned up, it's right back again."

Historically, there have been two problems with keeping the ditchlines and green areas of Mount Vernon free from trash and litter. But thanks to Bullock, and a new \$100 per-mile program, one of the problems is getting better.

The biggest problem is people who litter, according to Bullock. The second problem has been finding people willing to help clean up the litter. "If we can catch the people littering and have them clean up ditchlines for about four hours per day five days a week for a month, maybe they would stop tossing bags out the window," he said. "We have a beautiful town and we should all take pride in our city."

Bullock has led the All American Club for 35 years and has received state and national recognition for his dedication to keeping the city clean. Through donations and city and county support, and Bullock's own dedication, as well as many who have helped over the years, he has helped remove thousands and thousands of bags of trash from the City of Mount Vernon. Some estimates are close to 30,000 bags in his career. According to Dumpsters.com, that much trash would be a pile of bags bigger than Rockcastle County High

School, including the football field and parking lots. All this, just from ditchlines in Mount Vernon.

"We are on it all the time but it is hard to keep up," said Bullock. "I think most people do it (litter) because it is just habit. We just need to educate people better about the damage they are doing to their community. If they knew how much trouble it is and how tired these old legs get, they might stop tossing things out their window."

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook has also been trying to find people to help clean up the ditchlines in the county.

Holbrook and the fiscal court acquired a state grant that provides \$100 per mile to any nonprofit group willing to pick up trash and he has been offering that to any organization willing to help for months. In March, Holbrook made a public plea for any non-profit group to contact him to sign up for the program. "This money would be a big help to a lot of organizations or school groups in our county. All we have to do is find people willing to work," he said in March.

The plea apparently helped. "We had over 40 Rockcastle County baseball players out here picking up trash and raising money for their team," said Bullock. And that's not all. "The VFW sent people out here to help pick up trash too," he said. "And over 20 people from Freedom Baptist Church picked up trash. It was a real help to our city and our county."

Holbrook said more people and groups have

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Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative
Local government
measures will positively
impact our future

Kentucky has 120 counties and more than 400 cities, so you can imagine the network of local governments that exist throughout the state. The main purpose of local government is to provide an organized system where councils, commissions, or fiscal courts exercise their power and fulfill a responsibility to work together to preserve peace, order, and good governance. Local government is the closest form of government to the people we all represent. I appreciate my working relationship with our city and county governments and look forward to continuing that relationship.



With the 2021 legislative session now behind us, I want to share a little about the work we did to provide local governments across the state with the tools they need to be more effective and efficient at serving their communities.

SB 171: This is a valuable bill that takes a much needed step to address how regulations and codes apply to splash pads – the popular water play areas

found in public parks. Splash pads have no standing water and should not be held to the same standards of design and operation as pools. In addition, SB 171 was also amended with a provision that allow peace officers in all Kentucky cities, except Lexington and Louisville, to be scheduled for 80 hours or less in a work period of 14 consecutive days under specified conditions.

HB 44: This is an extremely important bill that allows firefighters the same access to treatment for post-traumatic stress disorders as law enforcement officers. This program will be funded through the Kentucky Law Enforcement Program Fund (KLEPPF) program. Our local firefighters play a crucial role within the community, saving lives and protecting property. I greatly appreciate them putting their lives at risk to help save others.

HB 155: This bill allows the use of a "newborn safety device" related to the anonymous surrendering of a newborn infant in the commonwealth at a participating staffed police station, staffed fire station, or a staffed hospital. This measure called "the safe haven baby box" held strong bi-partisan support. Baby boxes are temperature-controlled, ventilated

boxes that can be installed easily at public buildings or other safe places throughout a community. They are monitored electronically for safety 24-hours a day and 911 is notified as soon as the outer door of the box is opened. Once the infant is placed into the bassinet and the door is closed, a second sensor triggers emergency services. A button on the outside of the box also allows whoever placed the baby in the safe box to trigger another call to 911. Emergency personnel usually arrives at the site in less than five minutes. HB 155 provides parents who may be at the end of their rope a safe option to save the life of their child, making this legislation pro-life.

HB 105: This measure allows local law enforcement to use any additional resources, including the Amber Alert System, law enforcement communication system, Integrated Public Alert, and Warning System in their search of a missing person. The measure would also require the agency searching for a missing person to contact appropriate agencies within four hours of receiving the report. A huge benefit of this legislation is allowing the families to utilize highway road signs for a missing person alert, whereas previously the signs were only used for other types of transportation alerts. HB 105 will bring us one step closer to ensuring that families know that every resource is being used to aid the search and recovery of their loved one.

HB 238: This legislation allows city utility boards to consist of either three to five members, and to specify the appointment of nonresident utility commission members for utility commissions consisting of three members and five members. This is just good government and a common sense switch that will help broaden community oversight of utility commissions. It's important to have representation from the city and the county on the utility commission, as those who receive utility service reside in the city as well as the county.

HB 207: This bill prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing executive/legislative action that has the purpose or effect of prohibiting, discriminating against, restricting, limiting, or impairing consumers' ability to use utility services (electricity, natural gas, gasoline/crude oil) provided by a Public Service Commission regulated entity or rural co-op. The bill comes after local governments in several states around the nation have passed restrictions denying homeowners and businesses from keeping the energy service they need and want to power their homes, heat their homes, and run their operations.

SB 86: This bill allows local governments to adopt ordinances against open

dumping of solid waste on land and in water. Under the provisions of SB '86 impose a civil fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$500. The bill would also assure that any revenues from open dumping fines are transferred to the county where the offense occurred to be used for site cleanup.

I hope you found this comprehensive list of local government related bills to be helpful. These bills are now law and go a long way in helping our cities and counties best serve the citizens of the

Commonwealth. Now that the 2021 legislative session has adjourned, I will use these legislative updates to share summaries of the legislation we passed this year. I can still be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181 or by email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information about any of these bills or legislative actions, you can also visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov.

National Day of Prayer

Rockcastle County Courthouse
Thursday, May 6th
beginning at noon.

Luther Allen will serve as music leader and special music will be brought by James Messer of the New Salem Baptist Church in London. The message will be given by Pastor Travis Gilbert of Bible Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.

Leading in prayer will be Lonnie McGuire, of the Brush Creek Holiness and Barry Hurst of Freedom Baptist Church.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be provided and served by the Kiwanis Club.

If raining, the service will be held in the conference room on the third floor of the courthouse.

The theme will be 2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is that spirit and where that spirit is, there is liberty."

The Prayer Theme will be "Lord, pour out your love, life and liberty."

Organizer Reverend Wayne Harding, Prayer Coordinator of the Rockcastle County Association of Kentucky Baptists, invites all to attend.

"Cleaner"

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been willing to help in recent weeks. "There has been an increase in groups signing up for the program. Hopefully that will continue and more will want to take part. Every single mile helps the entire community."

Holbrook said he is concerned that police don't have the manpower to start a new litter abatement ticketing program. "I believe awareness is the key," he said. "If people are aware of the negative impact litter has on our community, I think it would be a good approach to get-

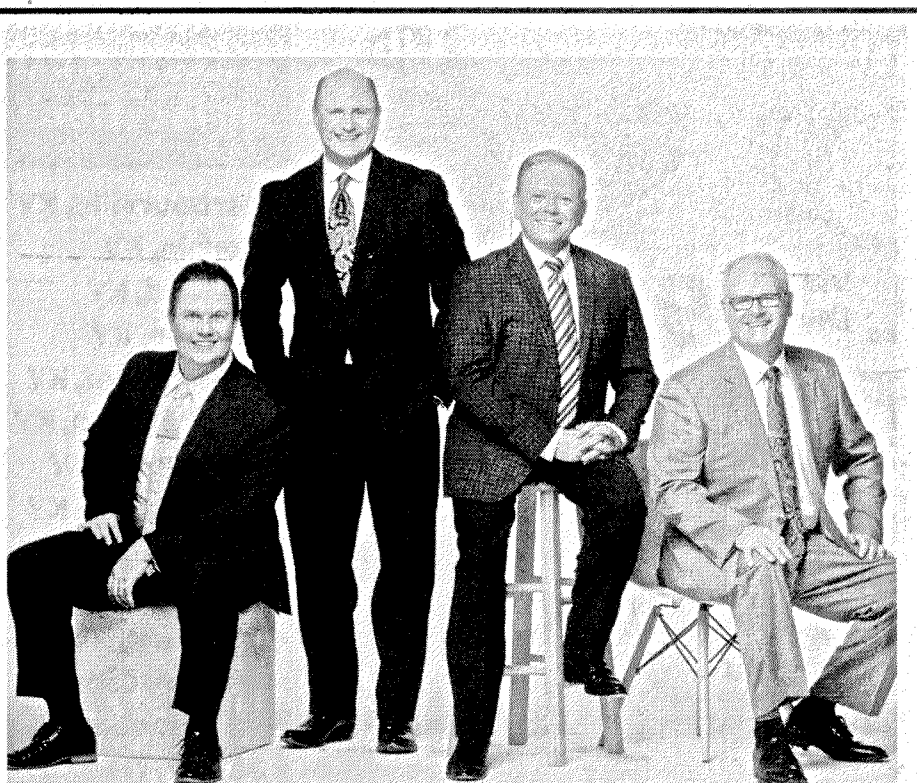
ting more to help pick up trash and to help remind people not to litter in the first place."

With the groups that have already helped, Bullock said workers have now picked up over 12 miles of ditchline and the roadways are already looking better. "It is so good to see our city and our county with clean ditchlines," he said.

But it is still yet not enough yet, according to Bullock. "Talk about hurting. We picked up mile after mile from Boone Gap to Renfro Valley and we were all so proud of our roadways. Then the next day driv-

ing down the road, it was all right back-out there again," he said. "It may feel like we aren't helping sometimes but imagine how much there would have been if we hadn't picked up what we did."

In fact, in just five days (April 12 to April 16) the All American Club alone picked up 79 bags of trash in the city limits of Mount Vernon. "We are making a difference and we will continue to do more. But it would sure help if people would educate themselves on the negative impact of littering and just stop it," said Bullock.



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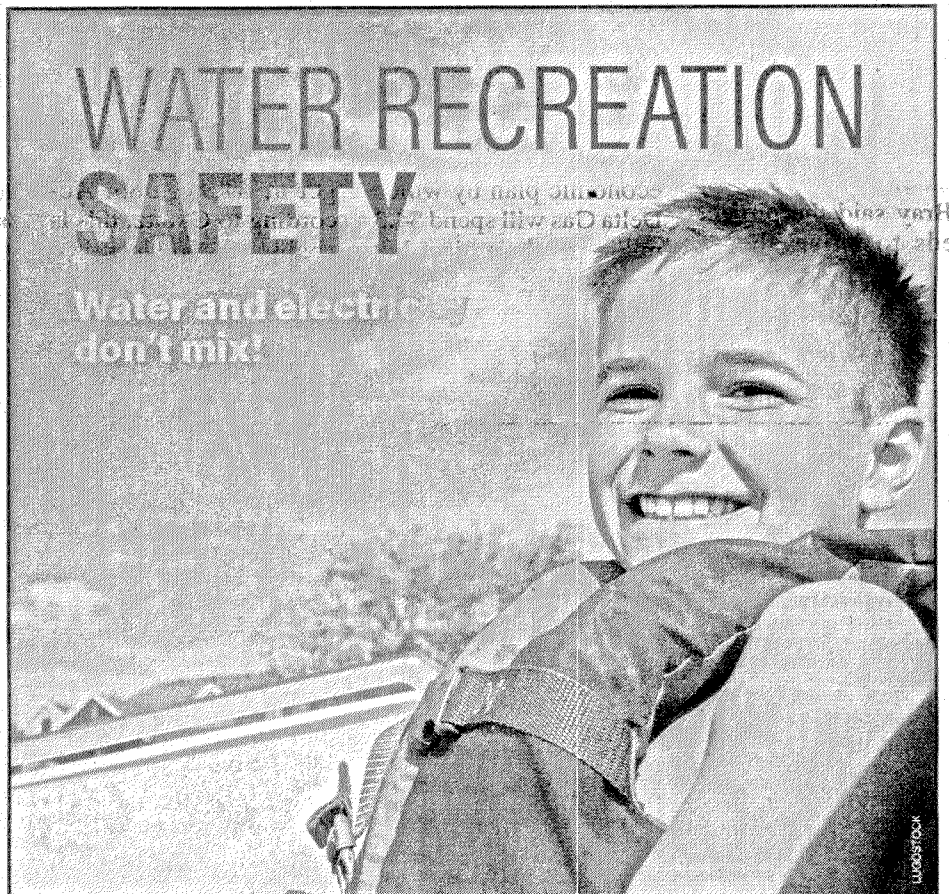
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is pleased to welcome the Southern Gospel group Greater Vision for a Mother's Day concert on Sunday evening, May 9th at 6pm.

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RIVER/LAKE SAFETY:

- Avoid swimming or getting in the water near boats plugged into shore power or docks with electrical services
- Fishing on a dock or boat? Keep a distance of at least 10 feet between your pole or boat and nearby power lines
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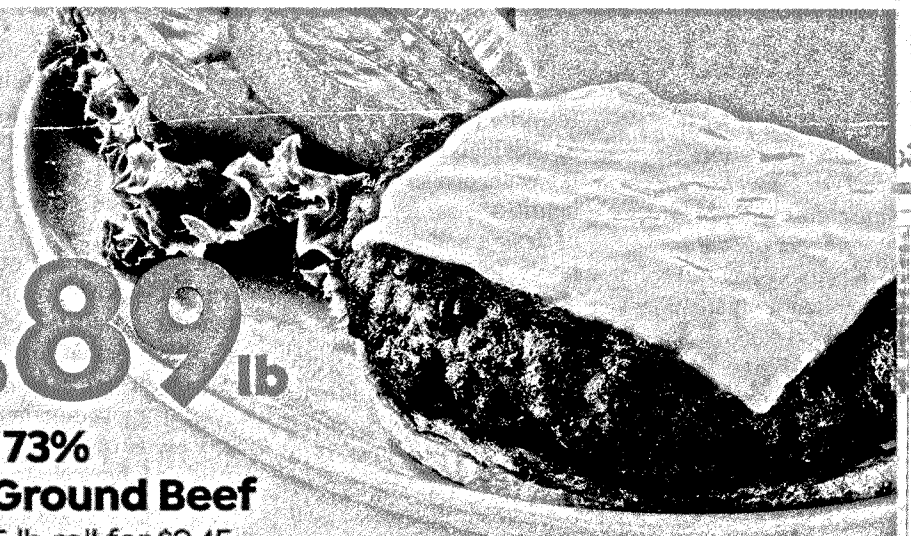


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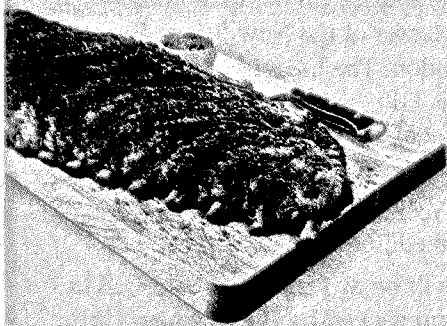
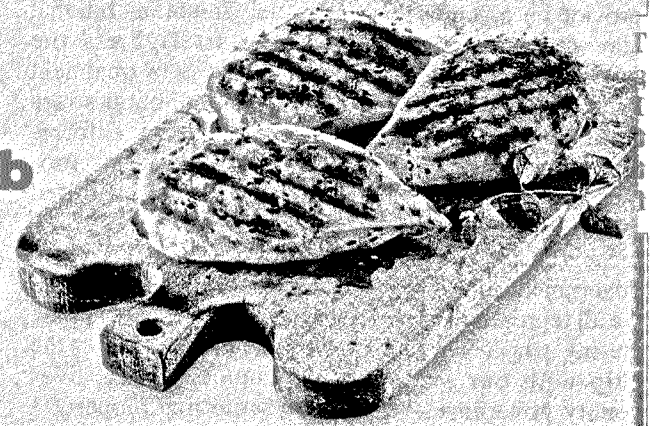
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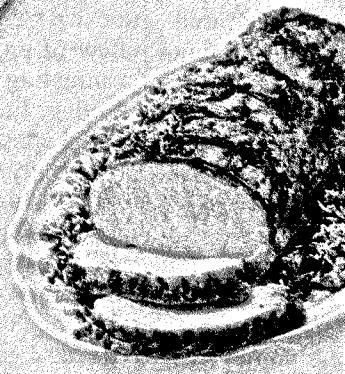
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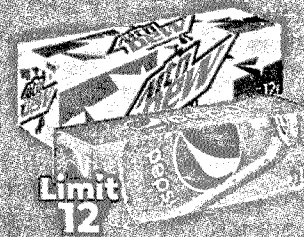
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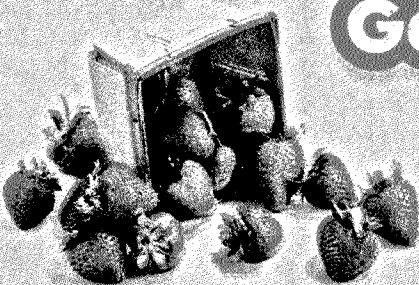
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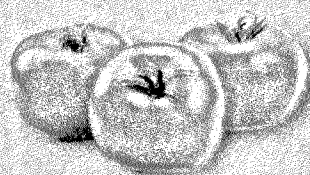
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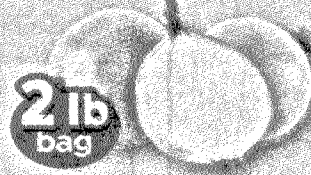
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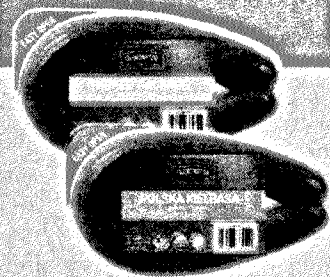


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Thursday, May 6, 2021



To call the Brodhead Fire Department Car and Tractor show and fish fry a great success may be an understatement. According to Chief John Dyehouse, 180 pounds of fish wasn't nearly enough as the fish was sold out and potential diners were turned away. The grounds were filled with those admiring the antique cars and tractors and children and adults alike spent a fun-filled afternoon enjoying the many events in the city last Saturday.



Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, joined Rock Strength and Fitness owners Angie Miller, Matt Miller, Chris Miller and Kelli Miller in the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony last week at the new business. The fitness center is located in the old Jack's Hardware Building at 160 Williams Street in Mount Vernon. Owners thanked many local residents and businesses who helped make the new Christian-based business a possibility. Owners say the center concentrates on mind, body and spirit and guests should end their day uplifted in all three areas. The center offers discounts to police, military, fire, EMT, medical professionals, students and teachers as well as a 40% discount to anyone over 60. For more information, anyone is urged to visit the new facility.



Each year, Mount Vernon Elementary students have the opportunity to enter a special art contest sponsored by the Music K-8 Magazine. For many years, MVES has been blessed with Honorable Mentions, and even a few runners-up. However, this year we have a super-special winner. For the first time in the history of the contest, one of MVES Alums has won. Shannen Eckert, a 7th grade student, entered the contest and has received the grand prize of \$250 and her artwork on the cover of the May/June issue of *Music K-8*. Her picture was chosen from entries all over the United States and beyond. We are very proud of Shannen and her efforts. Hard work does pay off. Shannen is pictured with her artwork and with music teacher Jamie Cornelius.

Watch for workers in construction zones

By: Mike French
Editor

It is that time of year when road workers and construction crews are out in great numbers, especially in Rockcastle County.

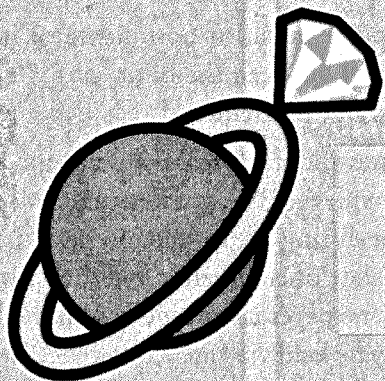
Known statewide for I-75 crashes, Rockcastle

County will have construction crews out in great numbers in 2021. Sheriff Shannon Franklin said his peers throughout the state refer to I-75 in Rockcastle County as "The Bermuda Triangle of Highways."

In Kentucky, last year,

there were 905 crashes in work zones with six fatalities. Though one of every four work zone crashes injures a worker, last year all fatalities were motorists, according to the Kentucky Transporta-

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Marriage Licenses

Amber Nicole Davis, 23, Gray, KY, RN and Christopher Barclay Napier, 25, Mt. Vernon, stone mason. 4/8/21

Ashley Morgan Tanner, 28, Mt. Vernon, Exela and Cody Lee Ross, 27, Brodhead, welder. 4/8/21

Ariann Lyn Dickert, 43, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Emiliano Sebastian Canete, 44, Mt. Vernon, retail manager. 4/9/21

Virginia Rachel Paige Johnson, 26, Orlando, teacher and Charles Kenneth Cornelius III, 25, Mt. Vernon, order filler. 4/9/21

Kiarra Rachen Clouse, 19, Crab Orchard, housewife and Hunter Matthew Goff, 18, Brodhead, security. 4/19/21

Madison Brooke Navarre, 21, Mt. Vernon, manager Save-A-Lot and CJ Tanner Cameron, 19, Brodhead, welder. 4/20/21

Destiny Starr Lawrence, 31, Mt. Vernon, social worker and Justin Dale Gamble, 36, Mt. Vernon, construction. 4/20/21

McKenzie Lee Hughes, 25, Mt. Vernon, vet tech, and James Dillon Hughes, 30, Mt. Vernon, horse trainer. 4/21/21

Keyaura Kayce McGinnis, 24, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Justin Connor Dewit, 27, Palm City, FL, construction. 4/22/21

Samantha Christeen Lee Bullock, 35, Mt. Vernon, student and Joshua Thomas Renner, 36, Orlando, factory. 4/27/21

Caitlin Nicole Long, 29, Mt. Vernon, SRNA and Trenton Dean Burchett, 20, Stanford, cabinet builder. 4/30/21

District Civil Suits

Synchrony Bank v. Glenda McFerron, complaint.

Onemain Financial Group, LLV v. Brittany McQueen, complaint.

Baptist Healthcare System, Inc. v. Michael S. Albright, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Darlene Peterson, complaint.

DNF Associates, LLC v. Judy Mullins, com-

plaint. World Finance Company of Kentucky, LLC v. Donnie Moore, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky, LLC v. Brenda Lasley, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Shayna Johnson, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Ashleigha Martin, complaint.

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Karen Stallsworth, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Ashley Barnett, complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Kimberly Hall, complaint.

World Finance Company of Kentucky, LLC v. John Parsons, complaint. C-00072

Circuit Civil Suits

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. v. Roy Lynn Peek, et al., complaint.

Bruce Lee Cotton v. Brianna Gabrielle Cotton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Teresa Ann Bussell v. Willis Joe Bussell, Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights v. Mt. Vernon Heights, complaint.

Stacey Varney, et al v. Catherine Wolgamot, et al., complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. April Harrison, complaint.

Charles E. Gray v. Ella K. Gary, petition for dissolution of marriage.

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. v. Unknown Spouse, foreclosure.

Jerry Dunn v. Bonnie Dunn, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Paula Freson, complaint for child support and medical support.

Anthony French, et al v. Esther Clark Thomas, et al., complaint.

Michael Mink v. Christy Leigh Mink, complaint.

Lorrie Danielle Santo v. Richard Lee Santo III, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Martha Marie Begley v. Michael Wayne Begley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

James Hayes v. Bethany Hayes, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC v. Debra S. Roberts, complaint. CI-00103

Deeds Recorded

Larry and Linda Carter, property located in Rockcastle County, to Ryan and Brianna Carter Kirby. No tax.

Diana L. Sizemore, property located in Quail Acres Subdivision, to Rhonda L. Sizemore and Kellie A. Rosanbalm. Tax \$10.

Stephen Ryan Jones, property located in Rockcastle County, to Stephen Michael Jones and Michele Renee Jones. No tax.

Edward and Dinah M. Moore, property located in Rockcastle County, to Stacy Moore York, Tracey Moore, and Jordan A. Moore. No tax.

Brenda Hayes, property located in Rockcastle County, to Carlos McClure and Jessica Lawson.

Hope Nicole Bishop, property located in Rockcastle County, to Randy A. Bishop and Patricia C. Irvin. Tax \$38.

Roger and Faye Rucker, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jessi P. Cummins. No tax.

Richard Lee and Sharon Marie Powell, property located in Rockcastle County, to Cherie Lyn McDiffett and Stanley Wade Whigham. No tax.

Little Creek Investments, LLC, property located in Rockcastle County, to Cecil David Williams as Trustee of the Sundance Ranch Trust. Tax \$130

Chester Younts, property located in Rockcastle County, to Steven and Cassandra Johnson. Tax \$15.

Paul and Linda Burton, property located in Rockcastle County, to Scott and Selena Thompson. Tax \$10.

William E. Ponder, Jr., property located in Rockcastle County, to Ryan D. Ponder and Gretchen E. Wheeler. No tax.

Regina Bullock Aster and Abraham Aster, property located in Rockcastle County, to Gail Hones. Tax \$2.

Shirley Maples, property located in Rockcastle County, to Matthew and Loren Maples. No tax.

Raymond and Margaret Offutt, property located in Rainbow Ridge

Subdivision, to Rhonda Lucille Smith. Tax \$257.

Oliver C. Miller, property located in Rockcastle County, to Linda Mason. No tax.

Donna J. Bullock et al, property located in Rockcastle County, to Nancy L. Elberty and Dennis Clevenger. Tax \$624.

Connie and Pamela McGuire, property located in Rockcastle County, to Christopher Dale and Heather McGuire. No tax.

Lonnie and Pamela McGuire, property located in Rockcastle County, to James Eric and Heather McGuire. No tax.

Martha Abney Morgan and Marty L. Morgan, property located in Rockcastle County, to Cathy J. Frederick. No tax.

Robert C. and Kelci Kirby, property located in Rockcastle County, to Rodney Coffey. Tax \$139.

Roger Croucher and Edith Smith, property located in Rockcastle County, to Jesse and Tiffany Hayes. Tax \$15.

Ronnie W. Harrison, property on Big Sinks Road, to Roy Miller. Tax \$4.

Adron Dearl McKinney, property in Rockcastle County, to Jackie Milton Clontz.

Anthony Douglas and Christina Prewitt and Carolyn Prewitt, property in Mt. Vernon, to Tony Mink. Tax \$40

Robert Jake and Jackie Tillery, property in Pine Hill area, to Douglas and Amanda Asher. Tax \$5

Elizabeth and Jeff Dodd, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Clara Louise and Johnny Bengé. Tax \$92

Cindy and Chris Creech, property on Bandy Road, to Wesley Hisle. Tax \$7

Floyd Edward McFerron, property on Freedom School Road, to Estel McFerron. No tax

Duane and Casey Hensley, property in Scaffold Cane section, to Adam Hensley. No tax

Angea Kay Gill, property on Dixie Hwy., to Barry Scott Gill. No tax

Dennis Warf, and others, property on U.S. 25, to Jeffery Dean and Daphne Renee Durham.

Tax \$115 William Daugherty III; and zella Mae Daugherty, property in Rockcastle county, to David B. and Natalie Grace King. Tax \$11

Willie VanWinkle, property in Buffalo Creek Tract Division, to Carla J. Rowe. No tax

Elbert Carl and Trinia bustle, property on KY 618, to Lonnie Bustle and Gina Wynn. Tax \$135

John Adams, property on Sinking Valley Springs Road, to Shauna R. Gadd. Tax \$30

Carl and Trina Bustle, property on U.S. 25, to Christian Appalachian Project, Inc. Tax \$65

Clarence and Gwendolyn Isaacs, property in Rockcastle County, to Holly H. and Toby Shay Mullins. Tax \$35

Isaiah House, Inc., property in Rockcastle Co., to Dominic Sebastian King. Tax \$78

James W. Hembree and Kimberly A. Hembree, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephanie Mills. No tax

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rockcastle County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 3, through May 17, 2021. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2021 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2021 will be due about October 1, 2021.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Appointments preferred but not required.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency and the continuing need to maintain social distancing, taxpayer conferences with the PVA may be held remotely. Conferences may be held via videoconference, where available, or by telephone, or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA via email or fax. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at <https://revenue.ky.gov/Property/Pages/default.aspx> and will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at 205 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method that office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Janet Vaughn - Property Valuation Administrator - Rockcastle County

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

American Rescue Plan Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Debt Payments

USDA recognizes that socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers have faced systemic discrimination with cumulative effects that have, among other consequences, led to a substantial loss in the number of socially disadvantaged producers, reduced the amount of farmland they control, and contributed to a cycle of debt that was exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, socially disadvantaged communities saw a disproportionate amount of COVID-19 infection rates, loss of property, hospitalizations, death, and economic hurt.

To address these systemic challenges, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides historic debt relief to socially disadvantaged producers including Black/African American, American Indian or Alaskan native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian American or Pacific Islander.

USDA is now reviewing and working to gather feedback to implement the Act, and more guidance will be forthcoming for socially disadvantaged borrowers with direct or guaranteed farm loans as well as Farm Storage Facility Loans. As information becomes available, it will be provided directly to socially disadvantaged borrowers and stakeholder groups representing socially disadvantaged producers, posted here on farmers.gov, and shared through our social media channels, email newsletters, and the media.

Who qualifies for this debt relief?

Any socially disadvantaged borrower with direct or guaranteed farm loans as well as Farm Storage Facility Loans qualifies. The American Rescue Plan Act uses the 2501 definition of socially disadvantaged, which includes Black/African American, American Indian or Alaskan native, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian American or Pacific Islander. Gender is not a criterion in and of itself, but of course women are included in these categories.

I qualify as socially disadvantaged under the American Rescue Plan definition, but I am not late on my payments. Do I still qualify?

Yes. Any socially disadvantaged borrower with direct or guaranteed farm loans as well as Farm Storage Facility Loans qualifies.

When will qualified borrowers begin to see a loan pay-off or other payment in response to the American Rescue Plan?

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for socially disadvantaged borrowers with direct or guaranteed farm loans as well as Farm Storage Facility Loans. For borrowers in arrears, the moratorium established on January 26th to stop all debt collections, foreclosures and evictions for all borrowers, including socially disadvantaged producers, remains in effect.

Producers who have worked with USDA's Farm Service Agency previously may have their ethnicity and race on file. A borrower, including those with guaranteed loans, can contact their local their local USDA Service Center to verify, update or submit a new ethnicity and race designation using the AD-2047. Find your nearest service center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

To learn more about USDA's work to implement the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, visit www.usda.gov/arp.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: May 5th, 2020 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

COVID-19

INFORMATION:

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by on-line or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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Emergency Loans= 2.375%

Farm Storage Loans=

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Vendor and Craft Fair is Saturday on Main St.

The Rockcastle Arts Association and "The Masked Seniors" will be presenting the Vendor and Craft Fair on Main Street in Mount Vernon this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is expected to include offerings from some of the top artists and craftsmen in the state and the public is encouraged to attend and help support the local economy.

"It is always good for our community to support the arts and craft industry," said Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook, Jr. "We all look forward to this event."

In the event of inclement weather, the fair will be postponed to May 15 which is the same date as the RCHS Senior Prom.

The space provided will be 11 feet by 10 feet and will be held in the parking lot on Main Street beside Vintage Charm Boutique.

Funds raised through the event will benefit the Arts Association and the individual care packages for the RCHS Class of 2021.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 19-CI-00256

U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND Plaintiff

V.

Judy Parriman aka Judy K. Parriman aka Judy Kay Parriman aka Judy K. Eldridge, PBK Bank, Inc., County of Rockcastle, KY Lien Holdings, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 26, 2021 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND 77/100 (\$177,389.77) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, May 14, 2021 Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said real property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:

1734 KY 3245, Brodhead, KY 40409 Map ID#013-00-042

Being the same property conveyed to Roy Parriman and Judy Parriman, husband and wife, by deed dated May 6, 2003, of record in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 194 page 324.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:

- Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
 - All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.
 - All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.
- The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff

V.

Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services, University of KY Federal Credit Union, Commonwealth of Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 12, 2021 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND 87/100 (\$246,508.87) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, May 14, 2021 Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA Map No. 022-00-034.01 1305 Maretburg Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Federal National Mortgage Association from Flagstar Bank, FSB, Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet by John D. Ford, Master Commissioner, duly recorded in Deed Book 239, Page 485 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, a married man, from Michael Bruce Houk and Jessica Houk, husband and wife, duly recorded in Deed Book 218 page 660 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, married, from Vernon Bruce Houk and wife, Joyce Houk, duly recorded in Deed Book 192, page 426, all records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

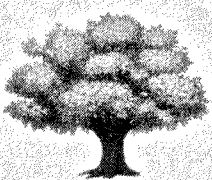
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3. The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
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5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
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8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
9. If the property includes insurable improvements, then the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, in the amount of the court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court and Flagstar. The purchaser shall furnish written evidence of such insurance to the Master Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of sale. Failure of the purchaser to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, Flagstar to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon, and the property portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as the purchaser's costs. If there are purchase money bonds in connection with the purchase of the Property at the sale, the deed of conveyance shall provide that such insurance shall be carried and failure to carry such insurance shall be a default on the part of the purchaser for which the purchase money bonds may be declared due.
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SPORTS

Rocket baseball loses tough one to Pulaski

Rocket baseball lost two this past week losing to Pulaski County and Frederick Douglass.

Pulaski County came to town Tuesday, April 27th and beat the Rockets 10-6.

With the game scoreless after two innings, Pulaski County put five runs on the board in the top of the third inning courtesy of two hits and four errors by the Rocket defense.

Rockcastle clawed back to cut the Maroon lead to 5-4 after six but Pulaski County answered with five more in the top of the seventh to take a 10-4 lead. Rockcastle managed two runs in the bottom of the seventh but it wasn't enough as Pulaski County held on for the win.

The Rockets first run of the game came in the third inning after Robert Reams singled and then scored after Ethan Fain hit a ground ball and Ream scored on a PC error.

Rockcastle added two more in the fifth after Reams drew a walk and Ethan Fain singled. Hunter Spivey, running for Fain, and Reams scored after advancing around the bases on passed balls.

Still fighting to cut the Pulaski lead, Rockcastle scored another in the bottom of the sixth.

With two outs, Cade

Prewitt singled and Reams drew a walk and Ethan Fain singled to score Prewitt.

Noah Fain drew a walk to start their last at bat, Cam Prewitt reached on an error and Carson King was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Rily Smith grounded into a fielder's choice scoring Fain. Dalton Gibbs then doubled to center field scoring Carson Carrera, running for Prewitt, but that was all the Rockets could muster before the Maroons registered the final two outs.

Ethan Fain took the loss for the Rockets going six innings and allowing five runs on five hits while striking out five and walking only one. The Rocket defense struggled with six errors behind Fain.

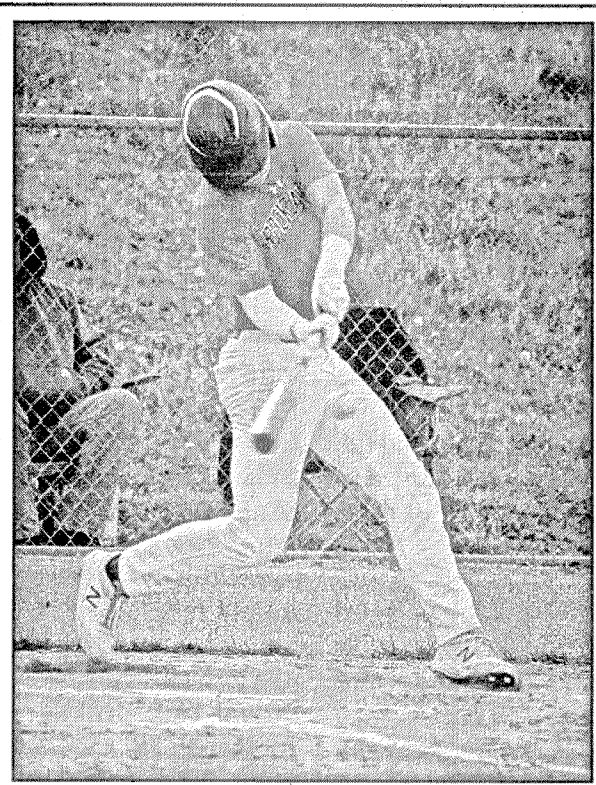
Ethan Fain was the lone Rocket with two hits going two for three with an RBI and walk.

The Rockets traveled to Lexington Friday to take on Frederick Douglass and didn't fare much better losing 11-3.

Rockcastle got down early 7-0 after two innings and just couldn't overcome this deficit scoring only three runs in the game.

The Rockets scored two runs in the top of the third, all with two outs. Robert Reams, Ethan

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Silas Shaffer and the Rockets are looking to get back into the win column when they travel to Pulaski County Wednesday, May 5th for a 6 p.m. game.

Sets school record

RCMS Archery shoots their highest score in NASP Virtual Nationals

RCMS Archery shot in the 2021 NASP Virtual Nationals on Friday evening. The team scored the highest score in school history of 3221 with several archers scoring their personal bests.

Leading the team was Kyle Coffey with an awe-inspiring 298 of a total 300. This is Kyle's personal best of his archery career.

Jacob Cook shot an impressive 284.

T.J. Ramsey blasted the target with a 280, his season highest score.

Top female shooter, Allison McCoy shot her personal best of 283.

Gentry Phillips shot a

formidable 274.

Liz Renner added a 264 to the team total, her season highest.

Jameson Mink shot an admirable 261, while Alyssa Martin sighted in a 260.

Lara Renner shot an accomplished 257 and J.T. Kelley targeted a 253 at the range.

Joe Elam and Ezekiel Graves tied with a 249.

Marcos Bengé shot a 245, his personal best.

Others adding to the team total were Paige Cash, Callie Bengé, Jillian Wallin, Alivia Kirby, Wyatt Martin, and Jaden Cameron.

Rocket softball defeats Casey

Rocket softball managed only three game this past week but came away with two wins over Casey County and a loss to Pulaski.

On Tuesday, April 27th, Pulaski County came to town and beat the Rockets 6-2.

With the game tied at one apiece after four, Pulaski got their offense going and scored three in the fifth and two more in the sixth to take a 6-1 lead. Rockcastle managed only one run in their last at bat.

The Rockets lost despite out-hitting the Maroons seven to five.

Senior Madison McIntosh took the loss surrendering six runs on five hits over seven innings and striking out five.

Rockcastle's lone run in the game came off homeruns by seniors Madison Yates and Raegan Chasteen.

McIntosh was the only Rockets with two hits in the loss.

Rockcastle bounced back Saturday defeated Casey County in a doubleheader, 12-0 and 9 to 3.

Madison McIntosh threw a no-hitter while striking out 16 of the 19 batters she faced.

The Rockets were very efficient in the offensive category.

Madison Yates led her team going four for four with two RBI and two runs scored.

McIntosh helped her cause going three for four with three runs scored and two RBI.

Raegan Chasteen also went three for four with

three runs scored and two RBI.

Haven King and Addison McClure each went two for four with a run scored and McClure had two RBI while King had one.

Casey Coleman, Lexie Brock and Haley Pingleton each had a hit while Pingleton and Brock picked up an RBI each.

In the second game, Rockcastle fared just as well defeating the Rebels, 9-3.

Katie Denham led the Rockets to victory throwing two innings, allowing one hit and no runs while striking out two. McIntosh threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Madison McIntosh drove in four runs on a triple in the third and a home run in the fourth.

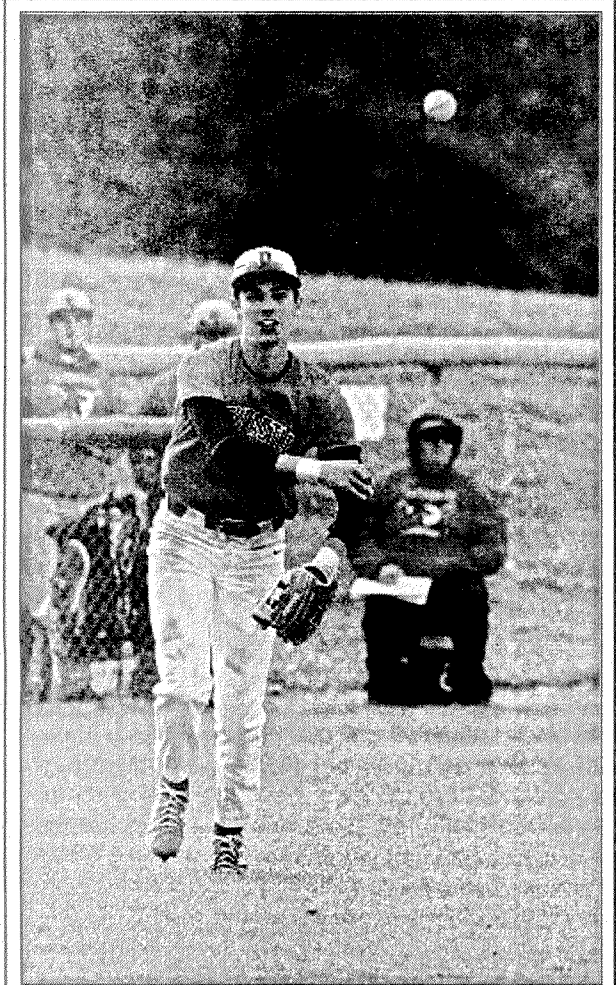
Freshman Ella Bussell was three for three with an RBI and two runs scored.

Laney Bryant, Raegan Chasteen and Casey Coleman each had an RBI.

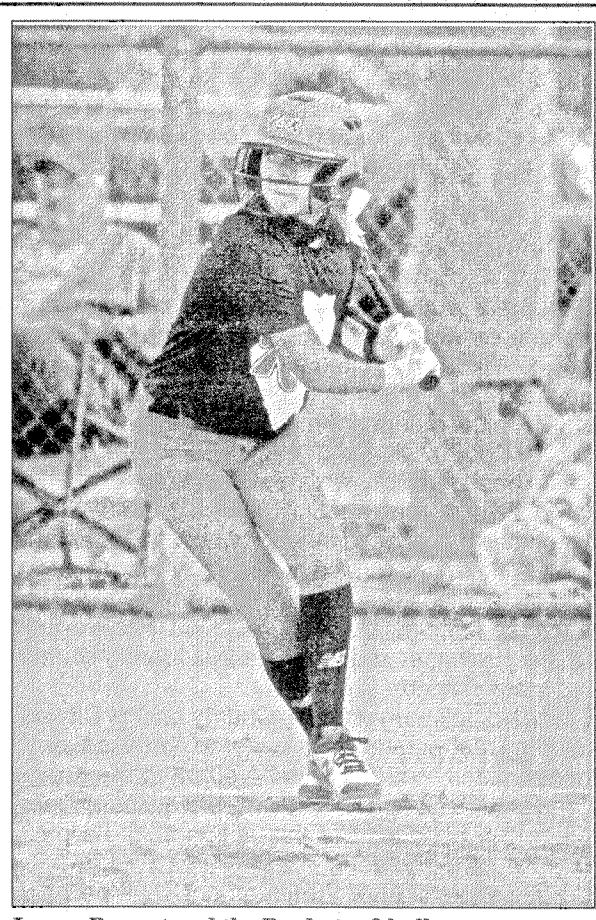
The Rockets have improved to 9 and 4 on the season.

Thursday, the Rockets will travel to Madison Central and to Whitley County on Friday. This weekend they are taking part in the Don Franklin Showcase at Southwestern and will face East Jessamine at 3 p.m. Saturday and Russell County at 7 p.m.

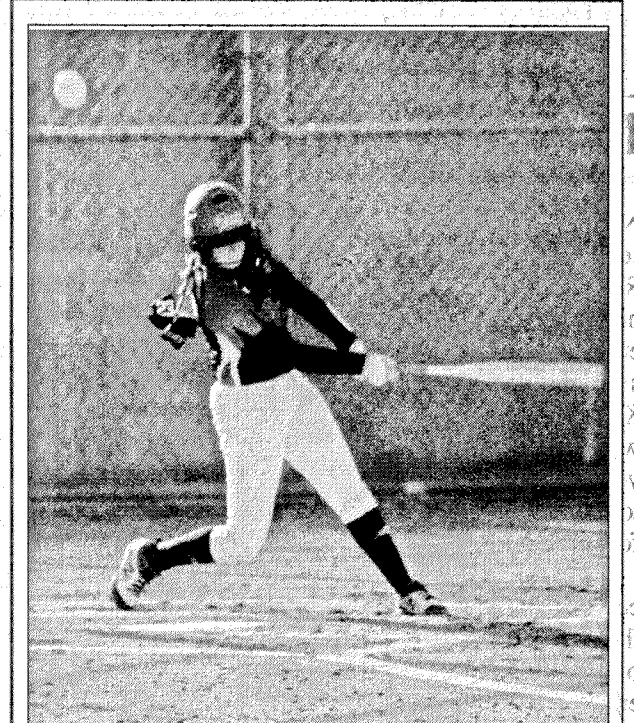
Next Monday and Tuesday, the Rockets are on the road to Lexington Catholic and Lincoln County.



Carson King makes a play from third in a recent Rocket baseball game.



Laney Bryant and the Rocket softball team won two out of three games last week with two wins over Casey County.



Haley Pingleton fouls off a ball in recent Rocket softball action.

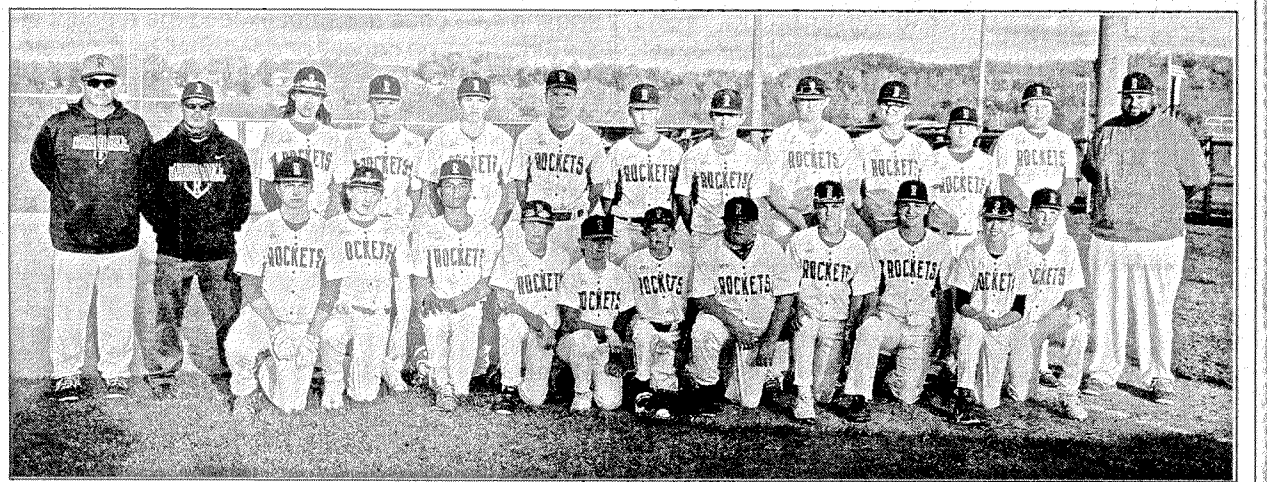
KSP hosts annual Jason VanHook Bass Tournament

On May 1, Kentucky State Police Post 11, London hosted the 5th annual Trooper Jason VanHook Memorial Bass Tournament at Conley Bottom Resort and Marina.

The tournament was an overwhelming success. I was amazed at the turnout. The event had 87 fishermen and raised \$5,450 dollars for Trooper Island in Memory of the late Trooper Jason VanHook.

The tournament paid 8 places with the Big Fish winner being given a \$250 dollar Lowes Gift Card. The first place winners were Doyle Epperson and Josh Muse both of Nancy, Ky. The total winning weight was 13.71 pounds. The first place prize paid \$1,460.00 dollars.

The Kentucky State Police and the VanHook family would like to thank everyone who came out and fished.



Members of the RCMS baseball team are shown above, front row from left: Josh Smith, Hunter Pingleton, Isaiah Jackson, Nick Reppert, Sawyer Yates, Jack Childress, Layne Weaver, Ethan Weaver, Rex Parkey, Zeke Fain and Parker Kidwell. Back row form left: asst. coach David Fain, asst. coach Kyle Childress, Isaiah Phelps, Blake Mullins, Cameron Smith, Colton Cash, Conner Winstead, Kaleb Alexander, Luke Poynter, Braedon Campbell, Dylan Lefler, Emerick Goff and head coach Tyler Holman.

Martin and Watson lead track team at South Laurel

On Friday, the RCHS girls' track team placed 6th at the South Laurel Invitational, only 9 points away from 3rd. Not bad at all considering the team only competed in 8 out of 18 events and was also without freshman Lexi Dotson who competed in the Dream Mile race in Louisville. The Lady Rockets had several outstanding individual performances at the meet.

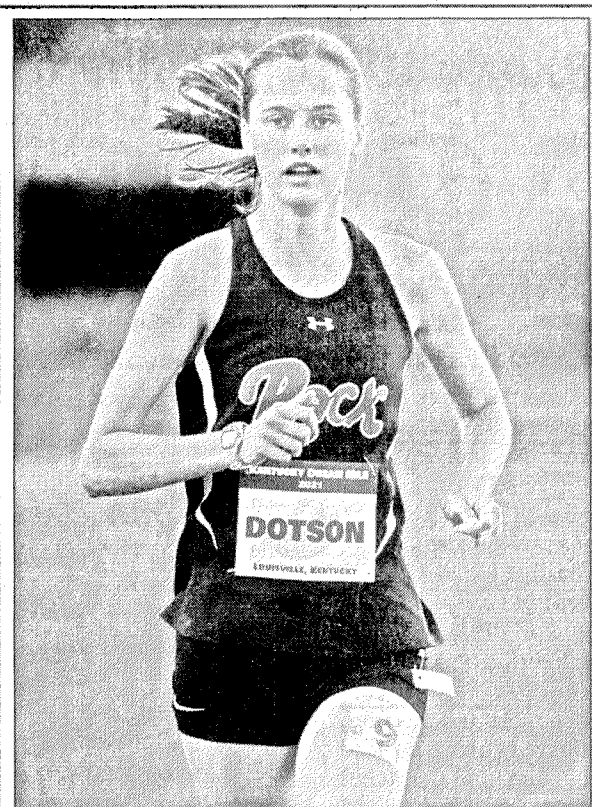
Junior Allie Martin led the way, scoring 24 total points including three exceptional season's best

performances. She placed 2nd in long jump with a season's best jump of 16'5.5" and 3rd in triple jump with a great jump of 33'6.5". She had an awesome season's best time of 1:02.19 in the 400-meter dash and placed 4th. She also placed 4th in the 200-meter dash with a season's best time of 27.75 seconds.

Despite missing a couple days of practice last week due to illness, sophomore Emma Watson scored 17 total points with several exceptional performances. She placed 2nd in the 200-meter dash with an awesome all-time personal best of 27.49 seconds. She also placed 4th in the 100-meter dash with a fast time of 13.75 seconds and 5th in the 400-meter dash with a great time of 1:03.6.

The Lady Rockets scored well in their throwing events, led by senior Valerie Kendrick's 14 points. In shot put, Valerie placed 3rd and senior Jessalyn Burton finished 6th. In discus, Valerie placed 2nd and Jessalyn 4th.

Other notable sprinting and jumping performances included 8th grader Jailyn Brown running an all-time high school personal best of 16.12 seconds in the 100-meter dash and freshman Cayla Marcum tying her all-time personal best of 4'0" in high jump.



RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson competed in the Dream Mile hosted by St. Xavier High School in Louisville on Friday evening. Her amazing time of 5:07.69 shattered her own RCHS all-time record in the event and is currently the #5 freshman mile time in the U.S.

Breaks RCHS record with 5:07.69 Lexi Dotson runs #5 freshman mile in U.S.

RCHS freshman Lexi Dotson had an amazing performance at the 2021 Kentucky Dream Mile hosted by St. Xavier High School in Louisville last Friday evening. Lexi qualified for the meet as one of the top 16 milers in Kentucky in all three state classes combined. She had broken her all-time RCHS record in the 1600-meter run in each of her last two meets, culminating with an awesome time of 5:12.99 last Saturday at the Bourbon County Relays. Her time converted to a 5:14.81 for the one mile run.

After a very nice introduction of the competi-

tors, the race got underway. Lexi started off very strong, staying with the lead pack of runners throughout the race. The last 500 meters was insanely fast for the lead group. Lexi sprinted the final stretch on her way to an awesome 5th place finish overall with an absolutely amazing all-time personal best and new RCHS record time of 5:07.69, shattering her previous best performance. Her time currently ranks her #5 in the U.S. among all freshman mile runners. Lexi will have a chance to run in the Dream Mile each of the next three seasons.

Tori Dotson gearing up for conference championships

Marshall University freshman Tori Dotson had a great race in the 800-meter run to conclude the regular season at the Kentucky Track and Field Invitational on Saturday in Lexington.

Tori was still recovering from receiving her second vaccine shot earlier in the week, which disrupted her normal practice routine; however, being fully vaccinated should increase the likelihood that she'll be good to go for the upcoming conference championships.

She still managed an impressive 11th place finish out of a strong field of 41 competitors with a great time of 2:15.13.

At the Charlotte Invitational on April 23, Tori placed 2nd in the 800 with an exceptional time of 2:13.7.

The Herd will next compete in the Conference USA Outdoor Championships hosted by Middle Tennessee on May 13-16.



Tori Dotson

"Zones"

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tion Cabinet.

Governor Beshear has proclaimed April 26 to April 30 as Kentucky Workzone Awareness Week.

Local police say Rockcastle County can be among the most dangerous areas since accidents happen in the area with more frequency than most sections of highway. But with the added I-75 widening project underway, danger is multiplied.

According to figures from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), a person is killed every 13 hours and injured every 13 minutes in work zones.

Officials ask everyone to slow down and watch closely for signs and lane changes during the highway construction season.

"Rockets"

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Fain and Silas Shaffer each drew walks to load the bases and Noah Fain singled to score Reams and Ethan Fain.

Their final run came in the top of the seventh. Rily Smith reached on an error and Cody Maupin, running for Smith, advanced to third after Carson King reached on an error. Maupin scored on a Lance Coffey single for the final run of the game.

Noah Fain took the loss for the Rockets.

The Rockets hit the road to Pulaski County Wednesday, May 5th and will host Southwestern Thursday. They are then scheduled to take part in

the Fayette County Invitational Friday and Saturday taking on Campbell County, Owensboro Catholic and Henry Clay. Tuesday, May 11th, the Rockets will host Garrard County starting at 6 p.m.

Parker Seal Reunion

May 11th

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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All employees and families welcome



Livingston Baptist Church would like to congratulate Dakota Hasty's team on winning the 1st Annual Tourney for a Journey Basketball Tournament held recently at the Livingston gym. The fundraiser was a huge success and we want to express our gratitude to all donors and everyone who came out to support our youth group. We can't wait to see what the tournament brings next year. "Most importantly, if you don't have a church, we invite you to come be a part of our family at Livingston Baptist."

Rockcastle DAR receives over 22 state awards

Rockcastle Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was recently honored by the state society. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 124th KSDAR state conference was held virtually this year and awards were sent to the individual chapters for presentation.

Rockcastle Chapter received over 22 awards on the state level in the fields of public relations, literacy promotion, Americanism, project patriot,

commemorative events, Children of the American Revolution, and conservation. Other awards given to the chapter were in historical preservation, service to veterans, promotion of the DAR magazine, membership, and the golden award for state honor roll.

Several chapter members received individual awards. Debra Brown received first place for outstanding work in conservation. Holly Robinson received 1st place for out-

standing service by a member in the promotion of literacy. Norma Eversole, Ann Henderson and Iris Young, all charter members of the chapter, were honored for their 50 years of service to the society. Karen Adams received 1st place for outstanding chapter event in commemorative events. She also received awards in public relations for outstanding chapter/community event coverage in print and outstanding service to veterans. Donna

Gabbard received 1st place for outstanding use/design of a website. Two members of the chapter, Karen Adams and Amanda McNew graduated from the NSDAR leadership program.

Rockcastle Chapter received the KY outstanding chapter spirit award for chapters in the 51-100-member category and the historical preservation committee recognized the chapter for its commitment to historical preservation.



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This event is open to **Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign-in 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. Personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

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

We will also have a **stand-alone dumpster for flood debris**. This can include any household waste materials that have been cleared from a flooded home or business. Items **excluded** are brush, limbs, and driftwood. Items **accepted** are sheetrock, flooring, ceiling materials, wall materials, or other water damaged items from inside the home or business. Please indicate at the gate whether you have flood debris or regular solid waste.

Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items, however, you may have to unload yourself if we are either short-staffed or getting behind. This is a service to our citizens, if your item is not unloaded, then you should be willing to do so!

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

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Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Kimberly and Joseph Ramsey on Copper Creek Road. No riding horses, ATVs or any other vehicles. No illegal dumping of trash. Not responsible for accidents. 10x8

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

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

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to LJL Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. 35x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 27x51p

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

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

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road,

Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25ftn

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

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Yard Sales


Yard Sale: Maretburg, 226 Solar Drive (Sheila Hurst, Joyce Holtzclaw, Patty Renner). Lots of items including porch furniture, cook stove, Coach purses, Longaberger baskets, clothes, household items, etc. Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, May 8th, all of Highway 1505 and Brindle Ridge area. Starting at 8 a.m. Rain cancels to May 15th.

Giant Yard Sale: At the home of Jim and Barbara Bussell, Hwy. 1505. Community Yard Sale! Lots of clothing, all sizes;

little girl's clothing; shoes, all sizes. Household items, exercise bike, recliner, display cabinets w/glass. Kitchen items, lots of shoes!! Too much to mention. Come check us out **Saturday, May 8th at 8 a.m.** at the corner of Cass St. and Hwy. 1505!!

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Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. (RTEC) in Mt. Vernon is hiring for the following full-time positions:

Custodian

Job Requirements: Must be physically able to push, pull, stoop, bend and lift up to 50 lbs. to perform the tasks required. High School diploma or GED. Valid KY driver's license. Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the RTEC office. Salary commensurate with experience.
Subject to background check and drug screening

Garage Attendant

Job Requirements: Capable of cleaning vehicles, performing work on grounds and facilities. Must be physically able to push, pull, stoop, bend and lift up to 50 lbs. to perform the tasks required. High School diploma or GED. Valid KY driver's license. Operates company vehicle. Salary commensurate with experience.
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Part-time or Full-time 2nd Shift Dispatcher

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To apply visit: ridertec.org or applications may be obtained at the RTEC office, 100 Main St., Mt. Vernon.

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Housekeepers

Looking for dependable, motivated, service-driven individuals to provide basic housekeeping duties in office and patient care areas. Shifts available are 6 am to 2:30 pm or 2:30 pm to 11 pm (both require rotating weekend work), and 4:00 pm to 12:30 am Monday thru Friday. High school diploma or equivalent required.

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ROCKCASTLE REGIONAL For more information or to apply visit: rockcastleregional.org/careers

The Mission of Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is "building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love through service in Appalachia."

CAP is currently seeking qualified candidates for the following job opening:

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Notices

Notice of Bid Opportunity: Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for 784 pieces of used guardrail delivered to 2528 South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Bid specifications may be obtained from the office of the County Judge/Executive prior to bid opening upon request. Bidding will close at 11 a.m. Friday, May 14th. Bids will be opened at the fiscal court meeting on Friday, May 14th at 1 p.m. Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids can be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 755, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Please mark envelopes "Sealed Bid."

Bid. and specify materials for which you are placing a bid. Thank you for your cooperation. Any question, call the Rockcastle County Judge/Executive office at 606-256-2856. 14x1

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The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now accepting bids for the purchase of a 14 ft. dump trailer. Bids will be accepted through May 12, 2021. For specific information on what the district is looking for, call 606-256-2525 extension 3. 13x2

Notice is hereby given that Audrey M. Robinson, 11117 Fanny Brown Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 has been appointed Executrix w/will of the Estate of Dallas E. Morgan on the 15th day of April, 2021. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Audrey M. Robinson or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before October 15, 2021. 12x3

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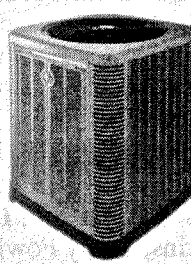
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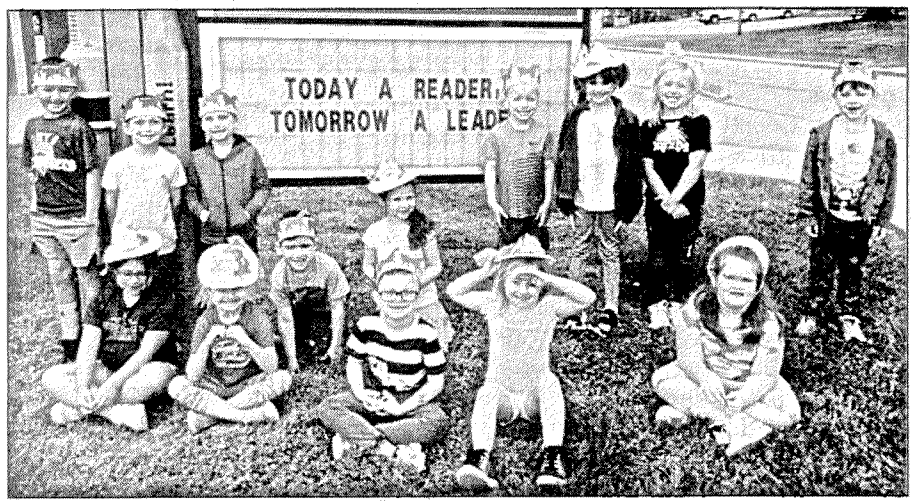
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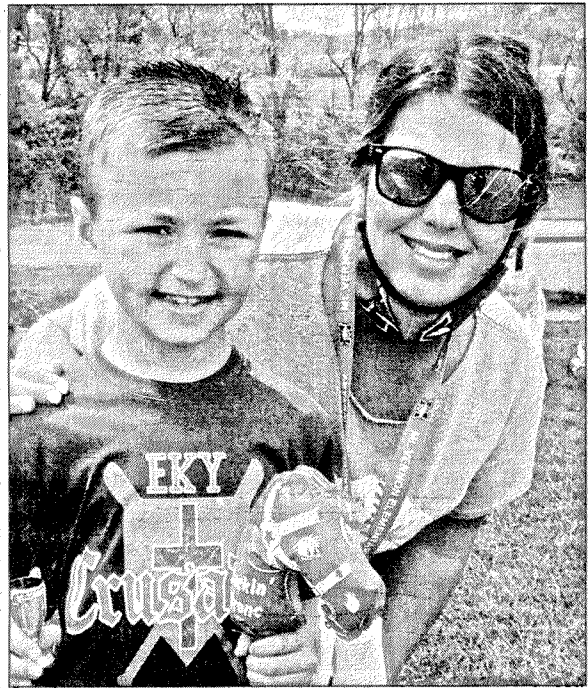
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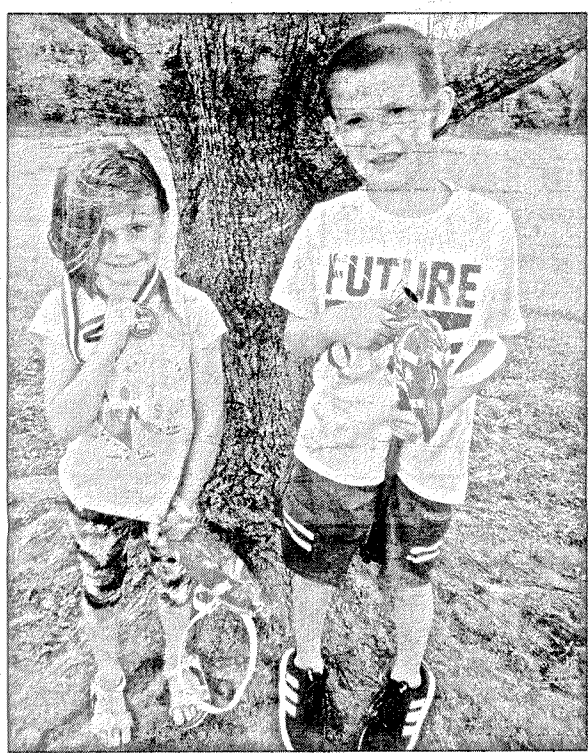
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Mrs. Angie Hunt's class at MVES getting ready for the Derby.



Henry Rader was the kindergarten derby winner for the boys at MVES. Henry is pictured with his mom, Stephanie Rader. Congratulations Henry.



Mattaly Northern and Cace McClure were the Derby winners from Ms. Kami's class at MVES.

RES Honor Roll...

- Honor Roll**
3rd - 9 weeks
K - Tanya Clark
 Meggin Couch, Ken'trell Johnson, A.J. Jones, Peyton Richmond, Nolan Taylor.
K - Imogene Williams
 Eli Brock, Audrina Dooley, Abel Isaacs, Jessa McCollum, Kennedy Merritt, Elijah Martin, Abby Robinson.
1st - Michelle Atkin
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 Ava Baxter, Kinsli Cole, Weston Mobley, Kash Fowler, Audrey Harding, Jagger Renner, Maddilynn Stamper, Graceson Ward, Cole Zechman.
2nd - Ainsley Bussell
 Camden Bishop, Rylan Bradley, Samuel Brock, Carson Burnett, Wrett Craig, Jasmine Evans, Eli King, Karsynn Kirby, Karter Linville, Kinzie Lohrey, Bryson Marcum, Onna Murphy, Aleena Napier.
2nd - Emily Craig
 Isabella Bowles, Ryan Bradley, Silas Burdette, Kendall Collins, Bryce Dollins, Daemon Isaacs, Elizabeth Johnson, Shayla Prewitt, Hollyann Savage, Trinity Wright.
2nd - Cynthia Rogers
 Kaleb Bacon, Lukas Cain, Zachary Chasteen, Landon Lamb, Dakota McClain, Clav Nelson,

- Nicholas Peters, Carlee Rice, Lucas Stallworth, Railee Stamper, Maelee Stephens, Parker Zechman.
3rd - Jessica Bullock
 Boaz Bishop, David Burgess, Krysta Chasteen, Melody Garrison, Leah Gregory, Jaylee Howard, Astrid Isaacs, Colten Isaacs, Jase Lear, Ryan Martin, Braxton Owens, Kaylee Robinson, Jeremiah Rowland, Lilah Sizemore-Rankin, Chloe Ward.
3rd - Nikki McKinney
 Avery Gatliff, Lauren Glovak, Eli Hayes, Addilyn Holmes, Jada James, Milanah Keathley, Ariel Lear, Makenna McNally, Cameron Nottingham, Mia Scalf, VivieAnn Short, Wesley Thompson, Eli Williams.
4th - Krystal Gatliff
 Nevaeh Anglin, Dalton Bullen, Lucas Clark, Gabriella Collins, Wyatt Craig, Lucas Huff, Lacey Prewitt, Logan Rogers.
4th - Jennifer Peavie
 Ella Burrin, Eli Chasteen, Becca Dodson, Brycen Dollins, Aria French, Olivia Linville, Lucas Millett, Jasmyn Savage, Ethan Stallsworth.
5th - Jennifer Chandler
 Aaliyah Abney, Evan Hayes, Taylor Jones, Leighton McKinney, Matthew Moore, Lacey Seals, Kinley Shearer.
5th - Stephanie Hurst
 Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Katelyn Hagen, Marrick Hester, Beatrice Robinson, Cole Rogers, Mason Taylor.

Mt. Vernon Message

Ms. Kara's preschool classes celebrated Earth Day.

Both AM & PM classes used natural and recycled materials to create bird feeders, painted with recycled materials, and learned the importance of making smart decisions that impact our environment.

Kindergarten classes participated in their annual Derby race on Wednesday, April 28. Each class had a boy and a girl winner. Those students then raced for an overall Derby winner.

Henry Rader was the kindergarten derby winner for the boys.

Mattaly Northern and Cace McClure were the Derby winners from Ms. Kami's class.

Mattaly Northern and Henry Rader were the winners of the race.

JROTC competes at Estill

On April 24, the Rockcastle JROTC Raider team travelled to Estill county to compete against six other schools.

The team was composed of Alex Robinson, Chris McCoy, Logen Dykes, Kory Tompkins, Allie Dunn, Briana Gehret, Kelsey McCoy, Ashley Nickelson, Laila Jenkins, Briely Fowler.

Jade Hanson and Damian York went as supporters to help motivate.

At the end of the day Alex Robinson was the MVP for pulling a Chevy avalanche 85 meters in 60 seconds.

New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant, Mount Vernon Signal's deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

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 Drug Tip Hotline
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(24 hr - for users of opioid)
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VFW recognizes three teachers

Rockcastle Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5908 would like to congratulate all three teachers Rockcastle County was able to nominate for Teacher of the Year for VFW's competition. Not only did the teachers win at the local level, but also for District 11, which consists of Rockcastle, Powell, Estill, Garrard, Lincoln, Jackson, Pulaski, Laurel, McCreary and Whitley counties. The winners were Blake McKinney for the Elementary grade level, Sheila Johnson for the Middle School grade level, and Holly Robinson for the High School grade level.



Sheila Johnson

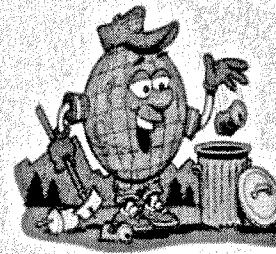


Blake McKinney



Holly Robinson

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.

Safety vests, signage, and trash disposal items will be provided.

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