

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to this structure fire on Kelsey Drive with mutual aid from Brodhead last Thursday. Officials say local departments have been busier than usual this year. According to reports, residents of this mobile home fire lost everything, but no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

Calls to local fire departments up

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the many calls received by the Mount Vernon Fire Department recently was a structure fire on Kelsey Drive in Mount Vernon on Thursday, April 30.

The call came in around 10 p.m. and the structure was engulfed

in flames when crews arrived. However, firefighters were able to enter the structure to make sure it was empty.

There were no injuries reported at the structure fire and the cause is unknown at this time.

Volunteers and staff at the Mount Vernon Fire Department have been very busy over the past

several weeks, reporting answering ten calls in three days last week in vehicle accidents alone.

Then on Sunday, May 3, firefighters were on the scene of two separate I-75 accidents at the same time. Both accidents were southbound during heavy rain.

One accident occurred at the 64 mile marker

while the other was at the 68 mile markers and officials say the two accidents were unrelated.

No injuries were reported and Rockcastle County EMS was also at both scenes.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said the department is have

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Draft budget presented to fiscal court

— Reopening plans underway

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook called a special meeting last Tuesday to address some issues that had become time-sensitive and could not wait until the regular monthly meeting.

The judge and magistrates began the meeting with a closed session to discuss county policy and procedures for the reopening of some local businesses and rehiring of some employees after the governor's orders to close many small businesses because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

During the closed session, the court decided to place RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook in the position of working closely with Excela during their return to full shifts (only a small percentage of employees

were laid off).

Each city and the county has been establishing reopening procedures for companies who closed or laid off some employees during the governor's orders to social distance. VanHook will help develop a "reopening plan" for the county that will be used for any business that plans to reopen after the

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Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus.

For assistance concerning the virus, the local call center number is (606) 256-7385

One new case

In the past seven days, there has been one new reported case of the COVID-19 virus in Rockcastle County. According to the Cumberland Valley health Department, a 77-year-old female tested positive Monday, May 4, bringing the total in the county to 14.

Food Pantry

The Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Bread Food Pantry has revised their operating hours to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The pantry is located at 3095 Richmond Street. Twenty six new families signed up last week. For more information call 256-3035

Ramp closed

The closure of the I-75 northbound off ramp at Exit 59 began Monday and is expected to last through Friday. Drivers are asked to take northbound exit 62 and follow signage.

RCIDA still working hard during virus

By: Mike French
Editor

Once again members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting via teleconference Tuesday morning, due to the governor's restrictions concerning public meetings during the flu pandemic.

The meeting started with good news since the usual shortfall listed in the RCIDA financial statement listing the funding the county must provide, this month included a \$5,166 surplus instead.

Since the hiring of Executive Director Jeff VanHook and the naming of Corey Craig as Chairman, the board has undergone dramatic growth and begun many large economic development projects. The board now receives monthly reports on many other proposed future projects as well as the status of those projects started in the past two years.

Among those are the Microfoodery and the Kentucky Pharmaceutical manufacturing plant on Richmond Street.

VanHook told the board Tuesday morning that owners have been

delayed slightly in start up and growth of each of the businesses due to the recent Coronavirus restrictions, but owners are currently working on catching up.

In fact, owners asked for, and received, a 60-day extension on the repayments to RCIDA and the City of Mount Vernon for the CDBG loan for

Surge tent dismantled

By: Mike French
Editor

When the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic began, nonessential businesses were closed, along with in-class schools, social distancing was established, public gatherings were forbidden, church members were not allowed to attend in-person services, public buildings and parks were closed, family gatherings were prohibited and hospitals began to prepare for a sudden surge in patients.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center was among those to take steps to prepare in the event that the pandemic spread.

A "surge tent" was erected in the hospital parking lot to handle patients if the hospital became flooded with too many patients.

However, no Rockcastle County residents were hospitalized due to the virus and officials at the hospital dismantled

(See "Tent" on A5)

machinery for both companies. VanHook said owners are aggressively working on getting back to a regular schedule. "There are people working there right now," said VanHook. "They are working with others to ramp back up and get everything back in line once this virus clears up."

VanHook also reported that the Livingston Marathon station under construction has also been slightly delayed due to continual rain and the restrictions.

"They have been slightly delayed but owners still believe they can hold to their Memorial Day opening date as long

as there are no more unexpected delays," said VanHook.

The Executive Director also addressed the Farmer's Market building planned for construction on Richmond Street. Though the building is referred to as "the Farmer's Market Building," officials say the building will be a multi-use structure hosting many other activities year-round.

Craig says the building may even be used for some local events through 4-H or school projects or other local organizations

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Two test positive at drive through

— Neither from county

By: Mike French
Editor

The Cumberland Valley Health Department has reported one new case of the Coronavirus COVID-19 in Rockcastle County since last Monday, April 27.

The new case is reportedly a 77-year-old female. The one additional case brings the Rockcastle County total positive cases to 14 with 12 of those recovered and none needing hospitalizations.

The Rockcastle Regional Hospital also held drive thru testing last week from Monday through Friday performing 314 tests.

Patients drove up to the station in a garage on the hospital grounds and nursing staff tested each patient in a few moments while the participant sat in their vehicle.

According to Jana Bray, Community Relations Director at the hospital, of the 314 tests, two were positive but neither of those were from Rockcastle County. Two tests were also not complete at press time.

The Rockcastle total positive cases remains at 14.

On Tuesday, May 5, total positive cases in Kentucky was 5,245 with 261 deaths listed as Coronavirus-related.

Free meals To your door

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Rockcastle County Schools are excited to announce a new program called Meals-to-You, allowing them to provide continued free food and nutrition services to their students while schools are closed.

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Because all schools operate under the Com-

munity Eligibility Provision (CEP), ALL Rockcastle County students, 18 and under, qualify. There are no income requirements. And no need to worry; receiving this benefit will NOT affect any other existing benefits or assistance.

When a family registers for Meals-to-You, every other week they will receive a Meals-to-You box delivered to their home for each child (18 and under). Each box will include 10 breakfasts and 10

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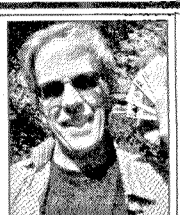
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



What a perfect world we would live in if people would stop fixing things that already work. Oh, how I hate that little human trait that leads us to work on something even when there is nothing wrong with it to start with.

Updates are the worst things ever created. I want a plain, old phone. Sounds simple, it's not!

Using a "smart device" is hard enough on us older folks anyway. But then the all mighty creators, who have a staff that sends their emails for them, decides to change everything overnight so that I have no clue how to send an email anymore.

Here's a message for Apple and Samsung and whoever else sits in ivory towers and tries to figure out ways to make my life harder.

I bought the device I have because of what it does AND ALSO because of what it doesn't do. I don't want a device that can do a googolplex of things or I would have purchased a different device.

I want the device I paid you for, Nothing more, nothing less. Leave it alone!

Once I learn to use this phone or laptop, please stop sending junk that changes what it does and how it works.

I don't want my phone to cook my breakfast. I want it to send and receive

texts, tell me the time of day and show me the weather when I ask it to. That's all!

And by the way mr. television, YES, I am still watching you. If I wasn't I would have turned you off! Every few hours my tv says "Are you still watching?"

And Mr. Ram truck, YES I know I don't have a seat belt on. Please stop dinging!

And Mr. Laptop, yes I AM SURE I want to delete that item.

I want plain, ordinary, everyday simple stuff that doesn't question my every move.

Next, dear Hershey's candy bar makers. I like Hershey's candy bars. Sounds simple. It is not!

I don't want fancy,

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Points East

By Ike Adams



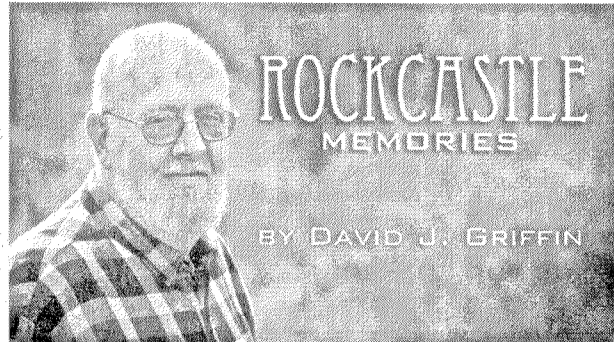
Call me skeptical, and the Good Lord knows I sincerely hope I'm wrong, but I suspect that hundreds of thousands of people are going to wish that they had stuck to hoarding toilet paper, and left it at that, instead of jumping right in there and buying up every garden seed, vegetable plant and baby chicken they could lay their hands on. I'm particularly wondering about these new, trend setting, would-be, chicken growers. What on earth are they thinking?

At both the recent national and state television levels and some more localized newspapers, one of the biggest "do it yourself" fads of late, especially among millennials,

has been purchasing baby chickens so folks can grow their own eggs. I realize that the cost of eggs at grocery stores has doubled or tripled in recent weeks, but I can almost guarantee that most aspiring town/city chicken farmers will be glad to pay far, far higher prices, if they are craving cackle berries, long before their new babies start laying eggs 6 months from now.

I sincerely hope that all these new chicken owners succeed because I doubt that animal shel-

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A privy from Uncle Sam

When I was a very young boy, all of my neighborhood friends had outhouses, just like my family. None of us had the luxury of having bathrooms in our homes. We did not add indoor facilities to my house until I was about seven or eight-years-old.

(As I noted to my wife while contemplating this column, neither my mother nor my grandmother would approve of such subject matter being discussed in a public fashion. With apologies to

them, I am doing it anyway.)

Some of the outhouses in our county were better constructed than others of course, but my grandfather (Pop) had the best one that I had ever seen. I often wondered why, and one day I asked him.

It was on a summer afternoon, and frankly I was personally in use of Pop's outhouse while he waited outside for me. After I joined him in the yard, I asked, "Pop, why is your outhouse so much better than all of the others around here?" We walked to his backyard, took a seat in his lawn chairs and he began to explain the answer to my question.

"Do you know what the Great Depression was?" he asked. I had heard many adults discuss the term, but I was too young to truly understand its true meaning or how drastically it had affected the citizens of the United States. He did his best to put it simply.

Pop when on to explain how Franklin D Roosevelt's (FDR) New Deal was started to take the financial bite out of the depression. He also elaborated upon how the WPA was FDR's idea to put millions of people to work on creative projects and infrastructure all across the country.

According to Pop, the

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Whole Summer is Now Ruined

Dear Journal,

I've been waiting for months for the good weather to arrive and it seemed that it would never get here. Yesterday was a beautiful Saturday. It was just right for being outside and taking life easy. Finally, in the late afternoon, I went out to

the porch and Stanley joined me before he went to work in the yard.

We were sitting there talking and enjoying all of the beauty of nature and looking at our little zoo. We have a nest of squirrels in the front yard and they play all over the place. I think it is a nest of four siblings and they jump from tree to tree, running up and down. We put out squirrel corn for them. We have a variety of birds, including a few sets of cardinals. I think the birds eat as much of the squirrel corn as the squirrels. There is bird seed, also. We have several rabbits which usually come out at dusk. Last year, we had some ground squirrels, too. Now that the warm weather is here, it is almost time for the turtles, Terry and Tilly. There was one very unwelcome visitor to our little zoo.

We were just sitting

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Ms. Brickley

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Beth Brickley's letter in the 4/16/20 issue of the Signal. Thank you Beth for all you have done over the years to help the many animals that have been dumped in the Mullins Station area.

It's sickening how cruel people are to ani-

mals, dumping them anywhere they think they can get by with it. While some people think it's less cruel to drop animals than it is to take them to the pound, these people don't see the after effects the action has on the animal. Leaving animals too scared to come to another person, starving and fending for themselves.

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“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

nutty, gluten free, tea-leaf flavored, Liberty Bell shaped, triple thick, gold plated candy bars. I just want a Hershey's candy bar.

Last night, at a local store, I honestly found Hershey's Special Dark, Hershey's White Chocolate, Hershey's King Size, Hershey's Cookie Layered, Hershey's Almond, Hershey's Cookies and Creme, Hershey's Peanuts and Pretzel, Hershey's Peanut and Pretzel King Size, Hershey's Peanut and Pretzel Gold King size, Hershey's Reese's Pieces added, Hershey's Reese's Pieces added King size, Hershey's Cookie Crunch, and on and on and on and on.

But not one Hershey bar. I just want a Hershey bar. A plain, ordinary, everyday Hershey bar.

Next, dear Pepsi. I do not want a five gallon jug of Pepsi.

I want that same, plain

old 12 ounce can of good, cold Pepsi that I have bought for 50 years. Not that big, tall can that won't stand up by itself.

A few stores still sell what I want. Those are the stores that care what customers like. A plain, simple 12 ounce can of Pepsi. Sounds simple. It's NOT!

Ninety percent of stores anymore sell that new big, tall can of Pepsi and have no plain 12 ounce cans of Pepsi in their cooler.

You know the big cans I mean. The ones that won't fit in any can coozie ever made. The one that stands so tall in your truck console that it turns over in every curve. The one that I can't possibly drink it all before it gets hot and I have to pour half of it out.

This is a ploy. A trick to force you to purchase product that you will pour out. No one likes those big, tall, bulky cans but we buy them because it's all they have at the store.

Change is not always for the better. Changing something just so you can say “I changed it” often does more damage than good.

I would be one happy puppy if people would leave things alone. If it works, stop fixing it.

Editor's note:

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, health officials cannot tell me who has or has not tested for COVID-19. If you are one of the 14 locals who tested positive, and don't care for me to use your name in print and tell your story, I would love to chat with you for a moment. Please call me Monday morning at 256-2244. Ask for Mike.

“Letters”

(Cont. from A2)

with absolutely no chance of living unless someone takes them to the pound (or if you can get the dog warden to pick them up when called), or someone like Beth takes them in.

In addition to dumping animals, dumping trash seems to be a regular activity for some people in the county. While some people don't realize how big a problem it truly is, just one conversation with Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner would most definitely enlighten them.

So what are some solutions to stopping (or at least slowing down) people from dumping animals and trash? More cameras in common problem areas? Somehow encourage people to report dumped animals and trash? Somehow educate people on the negative effects of any type of illegal dumping. PRIDE could offer vouchers to low-income people for trash pick-up or a specific number of trips to the dump each month. Anyone have any suggestions for our officials?

Thanks again to Beth and anyone else who cares enough to do something to help the problems others cause by dumping animals and trash.

*Sincerely,
Kathy Horrar*

Oppose voter method alternatives and monetary bailouts...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to encourage Kentuckians to oppose voter method alternatives and monetary bailouts for states should a fourth economic stimulus bill come before Congress.

While COVID19 has held our citizens and businesses in a seeming limbo recently and legis-

lators have worked remotely or, in a few brave cases, have shown up for votes in plenty-enough room to “socialize-distance”, corruption lies in wait for such circumstances to allow for altered voting on myriad, large-state special interests.

Such issues are best left for legislators to debate in-person when health circumstances are no longer of emergency status. They can and should then be considered in a fully-functioning Congressional setting.

We want fairness of outcomes and not a public-bolstering (federally tax-supported) of state-specific “wish lists unrelated to the emergency.

*Sincerely,
Kathy Konrad
P. O. Box 153
Mount Vernon, KY.
40456*

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

ters are set up to take in or adopt out chickens. Nor do I foresee very many of these new chicks on the block winding up on dinner tables, unless said tables belong to foxes, weasels, mink, coyotes, rats, hawks, feral cats or the neighbor's dog who caught some chickens pooping on his front porch.

I simply don't believe that most people, younger than 55, in this day and age, have the intestinal fortitude required to butcher home grown chickens, nor the patience required to grow them into egg layers. Or maybe there are smart phone or computer apps that I don't yet know about. “Alexa, make my chickens lay a dozen eggs” or “Alexa, kill and clean me the fattest fryer out there”.

On the other hand if, in fact, all these new chicken growers have shelled out the cash to build the structures necessary to properly house, heat, feed, medicate and otherwise protect and care for their newly acquired livestock I will wholeheartedly cheer them on! Juvenile and adult chickens will do fine without any heating appliances, but I'd bet good money that more baby chicks froze to death in April than Covid 19 took on the human population.

I figure an old broody/biddy/setting hen who would keep the babies warm and watched is probably worth about a \$500.00 or more about now. The babies, 3-days-old, are selling for \$3.50 to \$5.50 each, plus shipping costs, but you're, most likely, going to have to make a trip, way out in the country, to find a setting hen that someone is willing to part with. Even then, there's no guarantee that she's going to be willing to adopt the hatchery babies.

Be advised, too, if you are planning to become an egg producer, I just

checked with 6 different mail order hatcheries and the next shipping dates, for any female breeds that I would consider decent egg layers, are in July. You can still buy all the males you want, but I have yet to see a rooster lay an egg. Of course, as of this writing, Covid 19 has shut down many poultry meat producers and chicken may soon be pricier than prime rib at the grocery stores. The male chicks may also soon be in high demand.

Still, unless you have had some successful experience at raising chickens or know someone willing to teach you how to do it, you are probably going to discover that beans are a far more practical and affordable source of protein than anything you are apt to get from your home grown, barn yard fowl.

We're out of space here so no room to make a proper book recommendation. However, if you, or someone you know, are among the gathering crowd that seems so determined to start growing chickens and if you have baby chicks on backorder, you might want to find some books or videos on the subject.

Alexa might be able to help you find the reference material but I seriously doubt that she's going to help take care of any new baby chickens. She might, however, be able to help you track down the nearest grocery store that has eggs for sale.

“T. J.'s”

(Cont. from A2)

there talking and out of the corner of my eye, I saw Stanley's black snake. He was on the bottom of the porch railing and no more than two feet from my feet. He is the one I saw last year on the sidewalk and he was about two feet long then. I almost stepped on him. Stanley was watching and he said that I could have done the minute waltz in thirty seconds and I made moves that I hadn't made since I was sixteen.

I had hoped that he froze to death during the winter but no such luck. If anything, he had grown and was at least three feet plus. Stanley said that he was not poisonous and wouldn't hurt me. I told him that I just didn't like his looks. I screamed, “O, God”!!!!!! and headed back inside. Meanwhile, Stanley went to the yard. I watched the snake on the porch through the window. He didn't seem to be afraid. Usually, snakes make a run for it when people are about. He finally decided to crawl toward the house on the porch. Quickly I threw a bag of rabbit pellets (the first thing I could find) at him and diverted him to the side. If he crawled under the door I would have been moved when Stanley got back in.

I decided that this was the perfect time to kill Stanley's snake...but how? There was a paint roller extender by the washer and dryer about five feet long and I got it. The snake had crawled to the side of the porch in the flower bed by now. I stood on the porch and tried to stab him with the extender to no avail. After several attempts, he just crawled under the siding of the house between the house and siding.

Do you know what this means? My whole summer is ruined. I can't sit on the porch or enjoy myself in the yard. If we come home after dark, I'll have to carry a flashlight and take every precaution. I know that he is out there waiting on me until about next October, just biding his time and waiting for the perfect opportunity to present himself again.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

WPA had built his outhouse. I suppose at this point it would be prudent for me to give a description of Pop's privy. The floor and the commode section were made out of concrete. The seat was wood, and the cover was wooden also. The walls were constructed like normal walls, with 2” by 4” studs. It had a real door, and the roof was covered with shingles. Toilet paper was hung on the wall, just like indoor facilities. Pop always kept the building very clean.

When I asked Pop what the WPA stood for, he began to laugh, saying that “The WPA stood for the Works Progress Administration, but many people said it really meant, we piddle around.” He laughed out loud when he said this.

He further explained that the WPA had put lots of people to work on projects all over the United States. He said they constructed bridges, roads, airports, housing, and even larger projects like The Tennessee Valley Authority and Camp David, the presidential estate in Maryland. He also told of other large and very small projects which provided millions of people the ability to support their families during this very hard time. And, in spite of his joke, Pop was extremely complimentary of the governmental agency.

This is just one more example of the many things that Pop taught me as a boy. As my regular readers know, he was my hero. I am thankful that he always took the time to answer my questions and to instruct me with valuable life lessons, like the idea that Uncle Sam actually built outhouses.

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

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Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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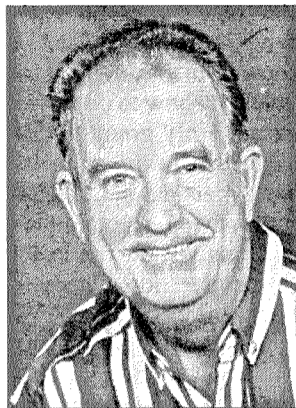
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Obituaries

Robert Brutus Cox

Robert Brutus Cox, 80, of Three Links, died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at his home. He was born September 25, 1939 in Three Links to the late Jason and Okla Martin Cox. He was of the Baptist faith, he was a cherished father, grandfather, and friend. He was generous with his money and time, and enjoyed being a part of the Masonic Lodge, he was the past Master of the Nicholasville Masonic Lodge #61 F. & A. M. and was also a member of the Oleika Shriners in Lexington. He was retired from General Electric's Lamp plant in Lexington as a machinist first class. He stayed busy in retirement raising tobacco and tending cattle on his farm, it was there he instilled love and learning in his grandchildren, he always enjoyed spending time with his family and friends; he was an avid traveler with his family and Mexico was his favorite place to visit. He was a big history buff and an excellent photographer.



Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by: his son, Jason David Cox; three brothers, Edward, Martin, and Sam; three sisters, Dorothy, Kathleen, and Geraldine; and one great grandchild, Sierra.

Survivors include: his brother, Vernon Lloyd Cox of Lexington; two daughters, Deborah Rhodes and Donna (Bill) McFeely, all of Nicholasville; one son, Robert Brutus Cox, Jr. of Hillsboro, AL; a dear sister-in-law, Elvina; six grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

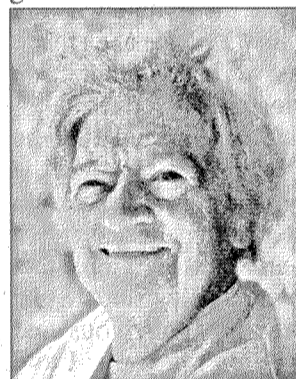
He was council to many family members as there was no secret too big for him to hold. The warmth of Brutus' laugh and charming presence will be missed, but not forgotten.

Funeral services were private. Services were officiated by Rev. Bill Ellis and burial was in Serenity Hill Cemetery at Three Links. Masonic rites were given.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, Florida 33607.

Dorothy Sue Hundley

Dorothy Sue Hundley, 63 of Brodhead, died Thursday, April 30, 2020 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 1, 1956, the daughter of Walter and Vina Barron McFerron. She was a former Booneway Farms factory worker and was a member of the New Zion Baptist Church in Jackson County. She enjoyed the outdoors, as well as camping and fishing.



She is survived by: her husband, Ted Allen Hundley; three daughters, Tonia (Michael) Beeler of Richmond, and Laura Hundley and Stacey Hundley, both of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Larry Joe (Pamela) McFerron of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Sharon Kay Abrams of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Alice Faye Cromer and Angeline McFerron.

In accordance with current state mandates, funeral services were private. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

Jane Leslie Bradley

Jane Leslie Bradley, 73, of Livingston, died Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Jane was born June 5, 1946 in Cincinnati, OH, to the late Arthur and Bertha (Graham) Mink. She was of the Baptist faith, loved Elvis Presley and her grandbabies.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Linda Todd, Cindy Bradley, Pamela (James) Wright, James Swartz; and 14 grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Bradley and one sister, Edna Mink.

A private service will be held with Jason Medley officiating.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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 to take donations on Friday thru Monday, May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up.

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 606-308-3244. Donations will be accepted at the cemetery May 22th - 25th. Thanks to everyone for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Johnetta Cemetery

If anyone would like to donate to the mowing and upkeep of Johnetta Cemetery, please deposit donation at Community Trust Bank to the Johnetta Cemetery account.

You may also mail your donation to the bank at: Community Trust Bank, 120 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon.

Also, all flowers should be removed from graves as soon as possible so that mowing can commence.

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.

Pittman Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for maintenance of the Pittman Cemetery, located on East Fork Skaggs Creek Road, Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Please send donations to: Betty Mullins, 46 Lilac Circle, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Telephone: 859-893-8881.

Livesay Cemetery

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

Marethburg Cemetery

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

McKinney Cemetery

Our Annual Meeting for Memorial Day Weekend will be postponed this year, due to COVID 19. The date for the meeting will be announced as soon as we can safely do so.

Any donations for the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery should be sent to: McKinney Cemetery, P.O. Box 1404, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Michael Ray Haarman

Michael Ray Haarman, 54, of Brodhead, died Friday, May 1, 2020, at his residence. He was born January 23, 1966 in Lancaster, to John Haarman and the late Jewell (DeBoard) Haarman. He married Ruby Collins on December 13, 1984, and from that union came two daughters, Stephanie and Natalie. He was a member of the Crab Orchard Church of God, was a construction worker for the state, enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, and spending time with his grandbabies.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 35 years, Ruby Haarman; two daughters, Stephanie (Travis) Richardson of Brodhead, and Natalie (Joe) Carter of Stanford; three grandchildren, Stephen Parker Richardson, John Michael Carter, and Emma Lee Richardson; his father, John Haarman; two sisters, Donna Gail Haarman, and Vickie Lynn Haarman, both of Brodhead; nephew, Casey Haarman; and niece, Samantha Thompson; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

A private graveside service was conducted at DeBoard Cemetery with Stephen VanHook officiating. Casketbearers were: Casey Haarman, Jerry DeBord, Joe Carter, Jordan Thompson, Randy Thompson, Travis Richardson.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding LLC v. Richard Morgan, money claimed due.

Credit Corp. Solutions, Inc. v. Carrie McKnight, money claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Sharon Bryant, money claimed due. C-00068

Circuit Civil Suits

Lyndsey B. Charlton v. Donald Charlton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Regina Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kayla Barnes, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Ronald Johnson, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Lora J. Collins, complaint for child support and medical support.

Ashley Nichole McKinney v. Steven Dale McKinney, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Richard Smith, et al v. Emily Johnson, et al, complaint.

Progressive Southeastern Insurance Co. v. Amanda Elkins, com-

“Meal”

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lunches/suppers—enough food for each kid for two weeks! The boxes are packed for security and the food is shelf stable.

Registration is easy. Visit Rockcastle County Schools district website at rockcastle.kyschools.us/mty to access the confidential enrollment form as soon as possible.

Registration began Monday, May 4, 2020 and ends Friday, May 8, 2020. Unfortunately, the school system will not be able to register anyone after this deadline.

Boxes will be provided on a first come, first served basis, so register as soon as possible! If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact Jamie Saylor, Food Service Director at (606) 392-1210 or Carrie Ballinger, Director of Student Services at (606) 256-2125.

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front) who may need space for a community event.

VanHook said two separate designs for the new building have been submitted to the historical society. “We have submitted the designs to the state historic preservation office and we are waiting for their approval to begin the bid process on the building itself,” he said.

In the meantime, VanHook said he has worked with officials of the local school district and has received permission to hold this year’s Farmer’s Market in the MVES grade school parking lot while the new building is under construction.

“This was a wonderful idea to work with the school(system) for the Farmer’s Market,” said Craig. “They have been very helpful and supportive.”

Craig asked Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook to provide an update on the current status of the county during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are still meeting weekly and staying in contact with all our medical facilities and we are all working together to keep everyone on the same page,” Holbrook continued to say that local medical facilities are currently “doing okay” on maintaining PPE and other supplies. “Some are going to London to get needed supplies but all our facilities seem to be doing okay.”

Craig asked if there is a date in mind yet to reopen the courthouse or other public facilities. “No,” Holbrook said. “We are still taking appointments by phone and continuing to handle business that way. But we have received no directive or proposal to reopen public buildings.”

Holbrook also informed the board that Rockcastle County is now doing a little better in filling out the US Census. “We gained 3% and are now up to 55%,” he said. That’s better than nothing but I would certainly like to see us at 90% or more.”

The last agenda item was the Director’s Report to the board.

VanHook said he is still waiting on adjusters to provide him with the damages done at the Eagle Manufacturing Building before attorneys know a value to the claim against the past owners of the company.

The county is currently involved in a lawsuit against Eagle Manufacturing owners for breach of contract and other issues.

VanHook said he is still working with officials from natural gas companies to eventually have a gas pipeline in Rockcastle County. However, apparently the cost for the hook ups and connections in Lincoln County are more than the budget would allow. VanHook said he and Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray are working closely with Congressman Hal Roger’s office to find a solution to the issue.

“The gas line continues to be a top priority for our county and we will continue to work with everyone we need to get something done,” he said.

The Director’s Report also listed 19 other projects or activities that VanHook and the RCIDA Board are currently working on or considering.

The next RCIDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m. Craig said he will remain in touch and let all members know how and where the meeting will be held.

“Fire”

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more calls than usual but the reason for the increase is not known.

“We are already at 139 calls (Monday, May 5) this year,” said Bales. “We are answering so many calls it is difficult to keep up with the reports.” The department completes a fire report for every call made.

Other fire departments in the county also report a busy first quarter in 2020. Since the advent of mutual aid, the nearest fire department to the responding department, automatically goes to the scene as well. This increases activity in itself, but firefighters say the number of calls have also increased.

“Tent”

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the Surge Tent last week.

“Rockcastle County, and our regional community did not experience a ‘surge’ in COVID-19 patients and the tent area was not utilized,” said Rockcastle Regional President and CEO Stephen A. Estes. “Stag-

ing this area was a step we took as part of our emergency preparedness plan so that we would be equipped to handle any situation that might have developed during the COVID-19 outbreak. Fortunately, we took this step and it wasn’t needed, which was our hope when it was established.”

Hospital officials say they are continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

“Draft”

(Continued from front) governor allows businesses to operate.

However, officials say each plan will be specific to the needs to the particular business.

All magistrates agreed to pay several bills that had come due in the county. Among those bills were over \$23,000 to Dell for some 911 equipment and over \$6,000 for a battery backup system at the EOC.

The court was also presented with a draft 2020/2021 county budget. However, County Treasurer Joe Clontz said the budget is still a “work in progress” and “a good place to start.”

Costs for closures expected to be high

By: Mike French
Editor

One of the more troublesome issues with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court budget recently has been funding the Rockcastle County Detention Center. The same holds true for many counties across the state.

Officials said, off the record, there have been some costly ramifications from some of Governor Andy Beshear’s recent orders to release some state prisoners due to the Coronavirus.

According to some officials, a number of those inmates released across the state were state inmates, meaning county jails received state funding to house them. Funding that helped pay the bills.

However, those inmates are often then rearrested, for a minor crime such as public intoxication, and placed back in jail as a county inmate. As a result, instead of receiving needed funding for housing the inmate, the county is responsible for housing the same inmate completely at the county’s expense.

Not only does the

Holbrook said he wanted all the magistrates and department heads to have time to look over the budget and bring suggestions back to the court and have time to make any changes and hold the required second reading.

Though details of the budget were not discussed, Clontz mentioned some of the numbers during the conference call meeting but said they may all change once the county starts to see how the Coronavirus issue has affected the economy.

“You all have a copy of the draft budget now. Take it home and study it and see if you want to make any adjustments,” said Holbrook. “But the budget has to be finalized by June 15.”

Holbrook also said, if there are a lot of changes suggested he would not be opposed to another work session to get the budget ready for official reading.

There were no transfers listed at the special meeting.

The court also agreed to postpone the Trash Day in Brodhead planned for May 30. “We need to work with Brodhead and see how things are going there before we set a new date,” said Holbrook.

county lose that revenue, but they are also out that additional expense for each inmate.

Cities and counties have also lost the occupational tax revenue that would have been collected from many of the “non-essential” businesses that have been shut down in the county.

Many businesses across the country, state and even some in the county have reported they may not reopen—ever.

In fact, according to CNBC, 7.5 million small businesses in the country may close permanently, from loss of revenue, due to the closings.

Thirty million Americans have filed for unemployment since March. In Rockcastle County, officials say the loss of revenue is difficult to calculate until next year’s budget when numbers can be compared to previous years.

Reports from the Cumberland Valley Health Department indicate 14 Rockcastle County residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

However, none of those have required hospitalization.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
BLUEBERRIES:

Attractive Bushes, Nutritious Berries

A few blueberry plants in the landscape can look good as many other landscape plantings. A few ripe home-grown blueberries fresh from the bush in your own yard will maximize the good taste, the vitamins and other healthful properties of these native fruiting plants. Let's look at the benefits of blueberries, and also how we can incorporate these plants successfully into our landscapes and gardens.

Blueberry fruits are nutritious, high in Vitamin C, antioxidants (anti-cancer, eye health, better blood sugar scores), and are also very tasty.

The blueberry is one of the native fruits that are delicious, nutritious, versatile, and can be eaten fresh, frozen, made into pies, jams, muffins, wine, and dried like raisins. The wild blueberries are usually quite small, but often more flavorful, and can be found in many areas of the eastern and northern United States. Improved cultivars, especially developed for large berries and ease of harvest, are typically sold at garden centers in containers, or are sold by mailorder or online as bare root plants only available in late winter and early spring.

Blueberries vary in size with a few berries in the size of quarters, but many bearing fruits the size of large garden peas, and wild ones out in the mountains often being no bigger than a Q-tip. The berries vary in color, from sky blue to a deep navy or marine blue. And the taste from sweet and very mild, to a bit sour and more flavorful.

The bushes vary from short to around 12 feet tall. There is lowbush, northern and southern highbush, and rabbiteye blueberries. The rabbiteye do wonderful where temperatures stay above zero in winter, but not south of where it gets into the lower 20's in winter. Southern highbush varieties are being continually experimented with, so let's just say, some can be grown into most parts of Florida except the Keys. Northern highbush are preferred for zones 5 and 6 in the Eastern U.S. There are more than 50 commercially available cultivars of northern highbush blueberries.

Then, for the more northern reaches of the country, there are the lowbush blueberries and also huckleberries. These can often tolerate 30 or 40 below zero. Quite a few hybrids have been developed in Minnesota and Michigan and Maine where the highbush and lowbush are crossed for a hardy plant with good size and nice berries. Those make suitable plants for containers and small spaces even in Kentucky and nearby states.

What is needed for successful growing of blueberries at your place? 1) Sunshine—plants grow fine in part shade but for largest crops plant in full sun. 2) Water—blueberries need good drainage, but not drought conditions. This often means some watering to get plants established, and in future years for best crops. 3) Acidic soil—blueberries prefer 4.5 to 5.5 pH, which is very acidic soils (the opposite of limestone soils or high sodium soils of desert areas). Improving the soil with peat moss and sulfur or aluminum sulphate and bloodmeal are suggestions...along with deep tillage before planting. (No lime or wood ashes.)

Also; 4) Pruning—light pruning early, but all limbs over 6 years old removed. Blueberries make clumps with many limbs; some thinning of old limbs is very useful to large crops and long bush life. And, 5) Mulch and Fertilizer—About three inches of wood chips or straw or other mulch, and some very light applications of fertilizer will be needed for best results. (Do keep mulch from being piled up against the trunks of the bushes, but the cooling of the soil and moisture retention of mulch out in

the drip zone will be very helpful.

Some blueberries are self fruitful, but most varieties need cross pollination from another variety that blooms at a similar time. So figure on planting two or more different varieties. When landscaping, keep in mind shorter plants in front, larger plants in back, or use repetition such as 5 plants that turn yellow in the fall, one that turns red, five more that turn yellow, or whatever scheme you decide on. You'll need to research the characteristics of the various cultivars to come up with the best of all worlds when it comes to selecting and properly planting your blueberry bushes for the nicest look.

Fall color of leaves, winter color of limbs, and spring color of blooms are quite different among various blueberry varieties. Tolerance for bad soil, weather and the like also varies. Earliblue and Duke are two of the earliest to ripen starting in early June. Elliott and Aurora are two of the very latest to ripen, with some ripe berries lasting all through September. Bluegold has yellow fall color, a uniform 4 foot height, and all the berries get ripe in June and all at the same time. Sunshine Blue is a variety with smaller leaves, is semi-evergreen, and the berries ripen over 3 or 4 week period—it also tolerates higher pH than most, doing well with 6.5 pH. Misty, Reka and Legacy (also semi-evergreen/orange) are also more tolerant of higher pH. Patriot, which turns fire orange in fall, is a lowbush/highbush hybrid that tolerates clay waterlogged soils. Reka, Hardyblue and Legacy also handle poorly draining soils better than most. Earliblue and Bluecrop, two popular commercial varieties, are not the best choices for ease of growing in the home garden, neither are particularly attractive, and Earliblue requires a sandy soil with high organic matter. Cold tolerant Spartan will not tolerate wet feet. Duke is a late blooming but early ripening variety that also is of high quality and has stood the test of time. (Yet for some reason I can never find the plants of this one.) And Toro is one of the prettiest in the landscape.

Late blooming means higher odds of escaping spring frosts. The southern highbush varieties will do OK farther north, but with the caveat that they may bloom too early and get frostbitten. I have found the Sunshine Blue to work in Kentucky same as in North Florida—a dependable variety, tolerant of multiple conditions, but with below average quantity of berries.

Mature blueberry bushes can produce from around 6 pints of fruit to upwards of 20 per year. Reka, Briggita and Elliott are among the heaviest bearers...but sometimes the heavy set of fruit means smaller berries even though the total harvest will be large. Chandler bears the largest berries, some over the size of quarters. Spartan, Dixie, Bluejay and Darrow are additional varieties with exceptional sized berries.

Blueberry plantings should bear the second or third year and begin to have a full crop by year six.

Recent study of the blueberry suggests additional benefits of reducing cholesterol, reducing urinary tract infections, and even slowing aging. While I can't vouch for all the studies and claims, I do know blueberry plants can look nice in the landscape and are a real sweet treat fresh off the bush in your own yard. I suggest you plant a couple of these at the first opportunity, and if you are a big blueberry fan, then I recommend starting with a dozen or so. Plant anytime, but especially in fall, from containers. Plant in late winter or in the springtime if the plants are shipped bare-root to you. Don't be afraid to try growing blueberries, they aren't as difficult as some people will tell you they are. If you can grow azaleas, you probably can grow blueberries. Try some soon.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Contact: (606) 416-3911 www.rockcastles.net

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



SHERRY'S BAKED PINEAPPLE

2 cans (15 ounces each) pineapple chunks
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1 and 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 stick butter
1 sleeve Ritz® cracker
Preheat oven to 350°. Drain pineapple and place in 9 x 13 baking dish. Mix sugar and flour; sprinkle over pineapple. Sprinkle cheese over this. Melt butter. Crush crackers and mix with melted butter. Sprinkle over cheese. Bake for 30 minutes.

PINEAPPLE SOUFFLÉ
1 can (20 ounce) crushed pineapple
12 whole graham crackers, crushed
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1 stick butter, melted
Preheat oven to 350°. Drain pineapple and spread in 9 x 13 greased baking dish. Sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs. Mix sugars, eggs, evaporated milk, and melted butter. Spread over crackers. Bake for 45 minutes.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

The pineapple upside cake was a perfect ending to the perfect meal.
6 tablespoons butter
1 cup brown sugar, packed
1 small can pineapple slices, drained

1 box Jiffy® one-layer yellow cake mix
Preheat oven to 350°. In an 8 or 9-inch iron skillet, melt butter. Sprinkle brown sugar over top. Place pineapple rings around skillet, cutting to fit if necessary. Pour cake mix, prepared according to directions on box, gently over pineapples. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until top springs back when touched. Let stand 5 minutes; turn out onto a large plate. NOTE: If you can't find a Jiffy one layer cake mix, you can use the larger sized mixes. Just bake in a 9 X 13 pan and double the butter, sugar and pineapple—OR pour half over the pineapples and bake the other half in regular cake pan.

WARM PINEAPPLE COMPOTE

1 can (20 ounce) pineapple chunks
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1 cup pineapple juice or water
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
Pinch of ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons cornstarch
Combine pineapple chunks and juice in a medium saucepan. Cook on medium heat, stirring occasionally until just bubbly. Whisk in cornstarch 1 teaspoon at a time to thicken sauce to desired thickness. Allow to cool slightly then serve warm over ham.

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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.

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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 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Ceasely Begging

Jesus shares a story in Luke 11 chapter, very important for Christian peace and tranquility. Which of you shall have friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say unto him Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine is in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing set before him? And he from within shall say, Trouble me not, the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed, I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is a friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him as many as he needeth. Jesus goes on to say, Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

First of all this word importunity: defined means persistent, to the point of annoyance or intrusion, It simply means I need help and I won't stop until I get what I need.

The idea is this if we can finally secure what we need from a neighbor that we woke up in the middle of the night, who was a little grumpy and unhappy, we can certainly expect from our Heavenly Father, one who loves and cares for much more than a grumpy sleepy neighbor. Peter 3:12 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers. The blessing received is the goal, but how it is obtained is the actual meat of the parable, it is the continual pleading and begging to our Lord that the blessing was obtained. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing. The idea here is. Don't give up; don't stop praying, which means in this prayer don't stop knocking.

Then in Luke 18 we have a parable similar to the one we have already looked at, A certain widow took her cause before an unjust judge pleading, Avenge me of my adversary. He would not at first but because of her ceaseless begging, the judge said, because this widow troubles me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. This unjust judge finally through persistence, granted this widow her need. Just think how much more our Heavenly Father listens and cares for his children who plead unto him from day to day. The God we serve is a caring and loving God, whatever the need, it could be a lost child, or spouse, or bills that are overdue, or a host of many things, remember if it is important to you it is special to our Lord, just ask believing and he will hear.

Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and that you count your blessings and number your days. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can contact us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew (859) 582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker (606) 878-8104.

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

The following items may be recycled:

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Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
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Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.



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Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative
We Chose Life: Born Alive Act Passes, Recognizes Abortion as Elective Medical Procedure

The 2020 Regular Session adjourned just before midnight on Wednesday, April 15, more than four months after convening in January and six weeks after COVID-19 altered so much about the world as we knew it.

Without a doubt, our lives have been irrevocably changed and disrupted as our public health officials work to flatten the curve and fight COVID-19. The House of Representatives had to change our way of doing business, and we took the unprecedented step of voting remotely to comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention safety guidelines. However, even with so many aspects of our lives changing rapidly, one thing has remained the same. No matter what circumstance we face, the Kentucky General Assembly continues to fight and defend the right to life.

I am extremely disappointed that the Governor chose to veto Senate Bill 9, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act. This pro-life legislation had several sections that define how our state abortion clinics will operate. However, the

core of this bill mandated that any baby born alive after a failed abortion would receive proper medical care. Health care workers would be required to provide life-saving medical attention to newborns born under this circumstance.

I believe that it is our duty as elected officials to take every step possible to ensure that all babies are protected. The bill gives these babies the same protections under the law as any other person in the Commonwealth. Any provider who willfully withholds care from an infant born from a failed abortion could be charged with a felony.

The second important tenet of this legislation removes power from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and gives our state's attorney general, the authority to oversee abortion clinics to ensure they are acting legally under regulations. This language of the bill was placed into SB 9 as an amendment in the House, and came from HB 451 that I cosponsored. It only makes sense that publicly elected officials, and not government bureaucrats, would have the power to regulate an industry that is responsible for the loss of thousands of babies each year.

Finally, and perhaps most timely given our current pandemic, this bill dictates that abortions are elective, non-essential medical procedures. Elective medical procedures require the use of PPE, or personal protective equipment, which is needed to fight the outbreak. However, the Governor has refused to deem abortions as "elective" procedures, not only saving lives but also freeing up valuable personal protective equipment to be used in COVID-19.

This stance is not only

contradictory, but extremely disturbing and troubling. We should be taking every step to preserve scarce medical equipment, and not wasting it on the destruction of innocent lives. The Governor and the abortion clinics cannot have it both ways. They cannot halt elective procedures that will ease pain and improve the health of patients, while still using PPE to perform harmful abortions. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed SB 9. Since the legislature is required to adjourn by midnight on April 15, we will not have the opportunity to override this veto. However, there are already discussions taking place to pass this legislation during the 2021 Session.

I was proud to join my colleagues in addressing these discrepancies through Senate Bill 9. Everyone must be held to the same standard, and this bill does exactly that. This General Assembly has been called one of the most pro-life bodies that the state has ever seen, and I am proud that we continued this trend up until the very end of this session.

While the Governor vetoed this measure, he will have another opportunity to sign it as I know we will pass it again next year. If he chooses to veto it again, we will be prepared to override that veto and watch the Born Alive Infant Protection Act become law.

While we are no longer in session, I still want to hear from you regarding local concerns or ways I can assist you through the remainder of this crisis. I can be reached through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181 or here at home. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@LRCKYGOV.

How courts will resume limited in-person services

COVID-19 and Courts

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. announced today that he has created three task forces to plan how courts across the state will resume limited in-person services.

"As Kentucky begins to gradually reopen business, the courts must prepare to do the same," Chief Justice Minton said in an email to the justices, judges, circuit court clerks and court personnel who serve the Judicial Branch. "Although in-person services are suspended until May 31, our next priority is a reopening plan that respects social distancing while allowing greater access to the courts. Please note that this will be a limited, phased approach to ensure the health and safety of our court family and the public."

During the pandemic state of emergency, court operations are being guided by Administrative Order 2020-28, which remains in effect through May 31, 2020.

Chief Justice Minton has formed three task forces, one each for Circuit, Family and District courts. A Supreme Court justice will head each task force, with judges and circuit clerks from throughout the commonwealth serving as its members. Deputy Chief Justice Lisabeth T. Hughes will chair the Circuit Court Task Force, Justice Debra Hembree Lambert will chair the Family Court Task Force and Justice Michelle M. Keller will chair the District Court Task Force.

"This is an unprecedented challenge and I appreciate the justices' willingness to lead our efforts," Chief Justice Minton said. "I also appreciate the many judges and circuit clerks who have agreed to serve on the task

forces." He encouraged feedback from other judges, circuit clerks and court staff on how best to reopen the courts. He said that one of the main concerns is how to handle traffic flow in court facilities to minimize lines in the Offices of Circuit Court Clerk and avoid large crowds in courtrooms.

"We're all in this together

and we welcome your suggestions," Chief Justice Minton said. "We carefully planned how to provide essential services while observing social distancing and I'm confident we will just as carefully prepare to resume in-person services."

You can find ongoing court updates on the COVID-19 and the Courts webpage.

Roundstone Elementary

Parent SBDM Nomination Form

May 1 - May 14, 2020

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

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

The term of office begins on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021.

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

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that individual to see if they would be willing to serve. You must then complete the information below and return this form to Mrs. Sandy Bullen by Thursday, May 14, no later than 3:00 p.m. Voting ballots may be completed by any individual that is eligible to vote, Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22. Nomination and election ballots both can be dropped off at the school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., emailed to sandy.bullen@rockcastle.kyschools.us or mailed to Roundstone Elementary School, 6701 N Wilderness Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456.

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RCMS SBDM Parent-Member Elections

In Kentucky, each school has a council composed of the principal, elected teachers, and elected parents who make many of the most important decisions about how their school will work. The council is a wonderful chance to learn about our school, work closely with teachers, and help make our school even more successful than it is now. The parent members of the council are elected by parents. They receive training and will serve from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent with a child enrolled at RCMS for the 2020-2021 school year, you can email your nomination to jenni.ellis@rockcastle.kyschools.us. You can also mail the nomination form to RCMS PO Box 1730 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. You may also call the school at 606-256-5118 and make an appointment to drop off a nomination form at the school. **All nomination forms must be received by 1pm on May 13th.**

The election will be held **May 27th, 2020, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at RCMS**. Our voting this year will be drive thru because of the situation with COVID-19. On the day of the election, you will need to park in our parking lot and call the RCMS front office at 606-256-5118 and we will then come out to your vehicle in order for you to vote. If you will have a child enrolled at RCMS next year, you are eligible to vote in this election. (This includes parents, step-parents and foster parents. Legal guardians are also eligible to vote if the child lives in their home.)

2020-2021 Parent Member Nomination Form
 Rockcastle Middle School Council

Please return this nomination form by email or by making an appointment to drop it off at RCMS to **Mrs. Jenni Ellis in the school office no later than 1 PM on May 13th. The election will be held on May 27th from 8:30am to 4pm at RCMS by drive thru.** Forms may be mailed to: Rockcastle County Middle School, P.O. Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Forms must be received by May 13th.

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee children who will be at our school next year: _____

Nominee phone number: _____ Nominee e-mail: _____

Nominee mailing address: _____

To serve on the council, the nominee must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that you or your nominee meet each standard.

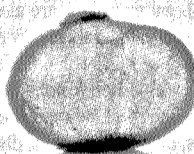
- My child will attend Rockcastle Middle School during 2019-2020 school year.
- I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).
- I am not an employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
- I do not work at the local school district's central office.
- I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of any employee of Rockcastle Middle School.
- I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.
- I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

Nominee Signature: _____

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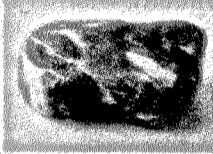
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Doritos **2/\$6** 15 oz.
Variety Flavors

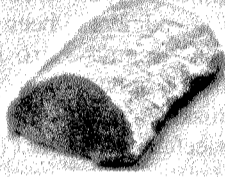
Fresh Meat Items

Family Pack Boneless **Ribeye Steaks**  **\$5.99** lb.

5 lb. or More Fresh **Leg Quarters**  **.59** lb.

Fresh Picnic **Pork Roast**  **.99** lb.

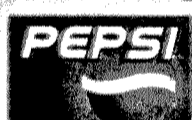
Fresh **Whole Fryers**  **.99** lb.

Whole Boneless **Pork Loins**  **\$2.69** lb.

Jimmy Dean Bacon **\$3.49** 12 oz.

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Variety Flavors

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, May 7, 2020

New pick up truck delivered to MVFD

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon Fire Department is now able to do more to serve their community than ever before thanks to a new truck with lots of bells and whistles.

Members of the department saw the need for the truck last year and approached the Mount Vernon City Council for permission to apply for a loan to purchase the new 2020 Ram, 4-door SSV pick-up truck.

Officials with the city said they support the department securing anything they may need to better serve the citizens of Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County. "Our fire department does a wonderful job and we are proud of our fire department," said Mayor Mike Bryant.

And now, the new truck has arrived.

According to MVFD Captain Adam Bales, the truck replaces a very used 2006 Crown Victoria that the department had acquired from the police department. But the truck serves countless additional purposes that the car was not capable of.

Bales said the new truck will carry traffic cones, road signage, oil dry, spill absorbent pads and booms, brooms, shovels, all COVID-19 PPE, decontamination materials and much more.

"This truck is a huge addition to our department," said Fire Chief David Bales. "We can serve the people of our community in a much more efficient way with the addition of this truck to our fleet. We can use this vehicle in such a wide variety of ways."

The truck, designated as Unit 106, also has a towing package that will be used to haul the department's side-by-side to navigate through difficult terrain, as well as a 10,000 pound winch.

"This truck will also be helpful as we perform mutual aid to our neighboring fire departments,"

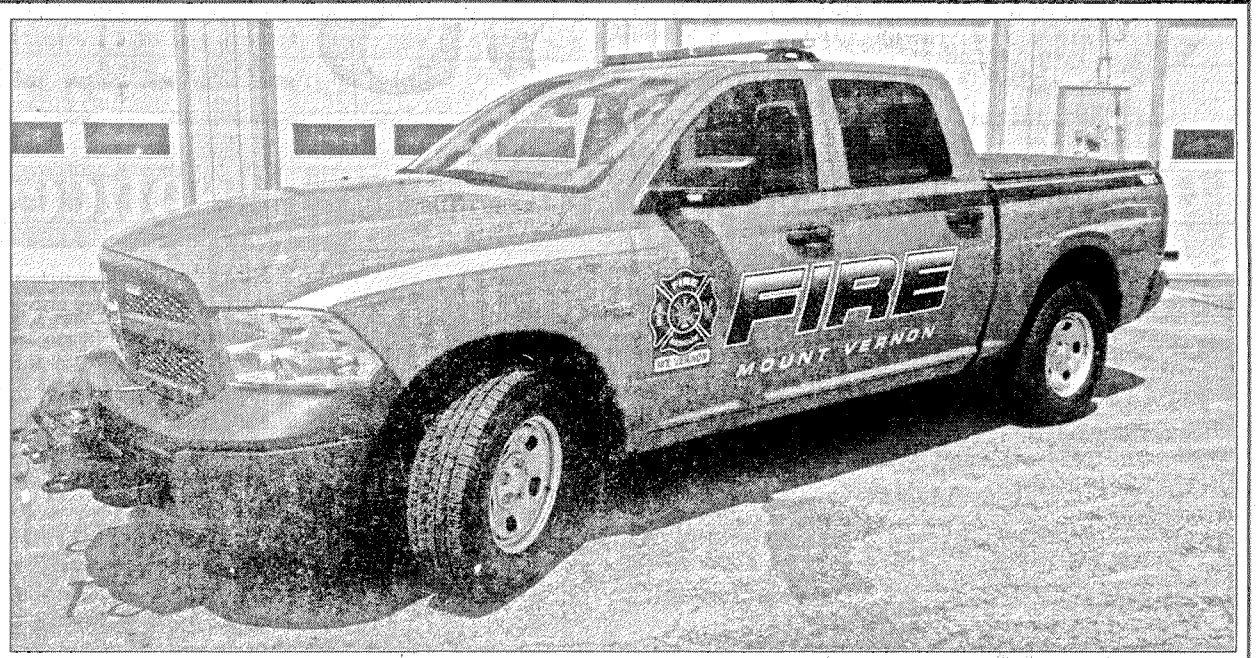
said David Bales. "We all work together and we can all utilize the many benefits this vehicle will provide."

Mayor Bryant agreed. "This truck will provide additional services to our citizens and those who just visit and pass through our town and our county," he said. "I'm so glad to have this truck as part of the rolling emergency stock of the Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue Department. We are blessed to have one of the best equipped departments in the state. We appreciate our Fire Chief and all of our volunteer firefighters."

The truck was purchased through a state loan program and will be paid for through state funding, According to David Bales.

The vehicle's total cost, including all equipment and packages, was \$36,000 and the department will make the payments. "The MVFD receives \$11,000 through a state aid program and we will use that money to pay for the truck each year," he said.

"The truck has been delivered and is ready to respond," said Adam Bales.



The Mount Vernon Fire Department took delivery on this 2020 Dodge Ram last week. The truck will be used for a variety of calls and is fully equipped.

Congressional Art Competition deadline extended to May 25

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced today that the deadline for the 2020 Congressional Art Competition has been extended to May 25, as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The nationwide competition has been postponed for one month, giving high school students more time to complete and submit artwork for the opportunity to represent Southern and Eastern Kentucky on a national stage. The winner's artwork from each congressional district will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for one year.

To participate in the

competition, students in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District may submit a photo of their artwork, along with the required student release form, via email to rogers.press@mail.house.gov by May 25th.

"Artistic expression can be a wonderful outlet during challenging times, so I encourage our young artists to use their

talents to capture this historic time in our country," said Congressan Rogers. "I applaud all of our students for working hard to complete schoolwork online and coming up with creative ways to encourage fellow classmates, friends, and especially our graduates."

The winning artist will be invited to Washington, DC for a national

reception and may also be eligible for a college scholarship.

All eligible artwork must be two-dimensional. Framed work cannot exceed 26" x 26" x 4" and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds.

To download a student release form and competition guidelines visit halrogers.house.gov.

• New deadline •

Due to changes at printing plant,
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deadline is now 4 p.m. Monday

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS



Blood Drive

The Kentucky Blood Center will hold a blood drive for the Mount Vernon community next Tuesday, May 12 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon City Park at 15 Williams Street. Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and show a photo I.D.

Covid19 Hotline

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has set up a call center for all citizens to answer personal questions related to the COVID-19 virus.

For assistance, call (606) 256-7385

To ensure the safety of our families during the COVID-19 pandemic, Rockcastle County Schools are currently offering online registration for 2020-2021 preschool and kindergarten students.

Please visit www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/blog/pkregistration for enrollment forms and information. Parents can also call their respective elementary school to register over the phone.

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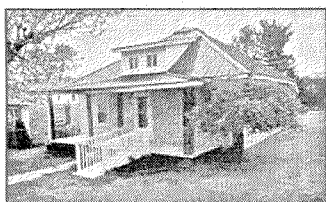
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Reward: For information leading to the arrest and conviction of person/persons involved in the hit and run, involving Deborah Newland, who received serious injuries, in the Bellevue Area of Nashville, TN on February 19, 2020. Also would like to hear from anyone with information of Chris Newland on this date. Please contact the Nashville Police Department.

Notice is hereby given that Andrew L. Lovell, 675 Frosty Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Deborah Diane Bustle on the 4th day of May, 2020. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Andrew L. Lovell or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Gina N. Harding, 444 Big Orchard Road, Brodhead, Ky, 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Melonie Reyes on the 4th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gina Harding or to Hon. James Cox, P.O. Box 1555, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 15x3

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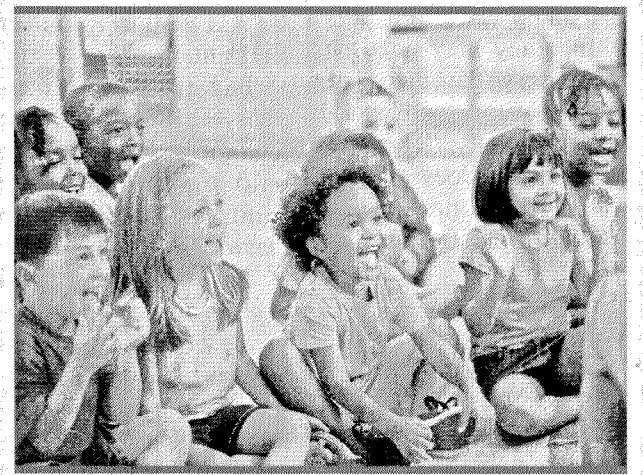
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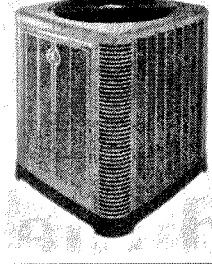
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