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The 61st annual Farmers Business Banquet was held last Thursday with Randal Adams, at left, and the late William K. Bullen inducted into the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Accepting on behalf of Mr. Bullen were his daughters, Sonja Bratcher and Marlene Lawson along with other family members. Shown with Mr. Adams is James Ballinger and Mark Dyehouse. Jackson Energy was named the Business of the Year by the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce.

Suspected gambling machines taken from Livingston Marathon

By: Mike French
Editor

Suspected gambling machines have been seized from the Marathon Station on U.S. 25 in Livingston, and charges are pending, according to Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis.

According to Davis, he had received information that illegal gambling was allegedly taking place at the Livingston Marathon station. Davis began an immediate investigation and was able to obtain a search warrant last week.

After consultation with

the county attorney's office, Davis said he executed the warrant last week and located the alleged gambling machines.

Davis does not know how much, if any, money is in the machines since they are padlocked, but he said the investigation is ongoing and he expects to gain entrance into the machines through that investigation.

Davis says charges are pending and he will release more information as the investigation continues.

CBDG loan requirements expected to be met this month

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday with a short agenda.

The board approved the financial statement and budget statement and then asked Executive Director Jeff VanHook for an update concerning the \$1 million CBDG grant that was loaned to Microfoodery.

"Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and I

met with the Cumberland Valley Ad this week and it looks as if all the requirements on the CBDG grant from the RCIDA will be met in mid or late May," said VanHook. The director had successfully sought to have some of the requirements reduced, including the number of employees since the business began just as the pandemic hit the country. After the meeting last week, VanHook said he feels confident the requirements of the Cumberland Valley AD District will be met and the money that has been paid back, along with future payments, will be available for the RCIDA to loan to other new economic endeavors.

According to VanHook, the other \$1 million CBDG grant administered through the City of Mount Vernon will also be met soon.

(See "CBDG" on A5)

Farmers Business Banquet held

For the first time in two years the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce and Rockcastle Conservation District held their annual Farmers Business Banquet last week to celebrate the community and those who excel within it.

The event had been cancelled the past two years due to COVID concerns but launched again at the Rockcastle County Middle School last Thursday for the 61st annual event.

The Limestone Grill provided dinner for the full house as students of the Rockcastle County FFA served those present.

The RCHS JROTC Colorguard opened the program with the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jackson Energy Cooperative was named the Business of the Year Award for their contributions to the

(See "Banquet" on A5)

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 8 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past 7 days. There were an additional 12 probable cases reported.

Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 9. See next week's issue for details.

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. See next week's issue for details.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 16

By: Mike French
Editor

Though Election Day is Tuesday, May 16, some may have already voted.

A photo I.D. will be required to vote in the 2023 Primary.

Early Absentee Voting began on May 3-5 and 8-10 while Early in-person voting (no excuse required) began today, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, May 12 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Election Day, May 16, polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Once again this year there will be four voting locations and all Rockcastle Countians may vote at any of the four locations regardless of your residence. The four locations are Roundstone Elementary School, Brodhead Elementary School, the Livingston Fire Department and the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Registered voters may choose any of the four locations to cast your ballot.

This year's primary

elections include both Republican and Democrat party candidates and offices up for election include the governor, auditor of public accounts,

(See "Elect" on A5)

Driver's License news

The Department of Transportation will be in Rockcastle County on June 2, 2023 to issue Driver's Licenses, ID's and the Travel ID.

Register online beginning May 19 at Drive.ky.gov. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

The event is brought to you by the Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. Only 36 appointments are available and the event will be held at Emergency Operations Center at 755 Progress Drive in Mount Vernon.

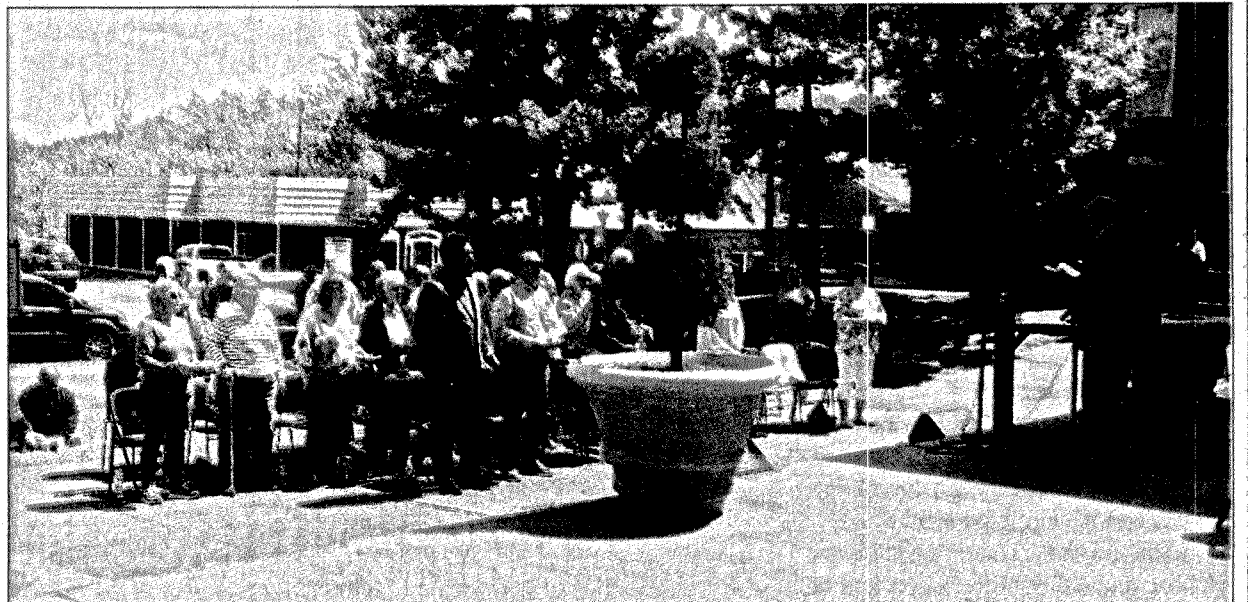
Rockcastle County National Day of Prayer

Once again, A large crowd attended the annual observance of the National Day of prayer in Rockcastle County.

This year's event at the courthouse lawn was held

last Thursday as members of the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club and the Rockcastle County Baptists Association welcomed all who came to share in the

(See "Prayer" on A5)



Bro. Luther Allen leads those in attendance in the Star Spangled Banner during the annual National Day of Prayer observed last Thursday on the courthouse lawn. Darren Allen had the opening prayer and Peyton Bowman and Alex Erwin had special music. Guest speaker for the event was Abram Crozier. The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club provided food for the event, sponsored each year by the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists.

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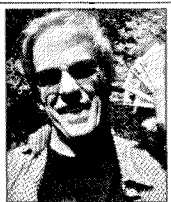
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I was blessed to be born in a time when nature around us was very important. Of course we didn't whine about how evil humans are because they break a blade of grass or moved soil around while walking on this Earth that God gave us, but we did appreciate nature and all her glory.

I was alive and young in a time when cold water from a spring was available for free most everywhere you went. In a time when air was free and food was in the woods behind the house.

I consider myself so lucky to have lived when people hunted for food. I know some still do, but it is more rare now and it is always because they want to. In my day, we had to.

Yes we got some groceries from the store but not everything came from a grocery store or a WalMart.

As a hunter, I have spent a lot of time throughout my life just sitting in the woods waiting for some edible animal to come within range of my gun. Sometimes that would mean sitting there for minutes and sometimes for hours. I believe I learned more

about life during those hunting trips than any school ever taught me.

In those days, we made do with what we had. We used whatever gun was available at the time and we used real dirt or mud to camouflage ourselves. The \$300, scent-free, brand name camo outfit hadn't been invented just yet. So we planned out the trip by scouting the area ahead of time and then we went to our designated spot well before the sun rose in the mornings.

Sitting there on the ground, all those countless hours of my life in the forest, I was always very observant. I simply enjoyed learning about nature and how and why things work as they do. Why some animals act differently, why some appear much more intelligent than others and how animals know what to do, has always amazed me. I would watch a spider build its web from scratch right beside me. I would watch as it patiently, waited just as I was waiting, for our next meal to get within range.

I watched intently as the spider wrapped its catch and stored it away

and then set up again and waited for the next dinner to come.

I would watch squirrels gather their nuts and store them away for winter while deer cautiously searched for their favorite food. Turkey, rabbits, doves, ducks, and more, all had very specific tasks ahead of their day and they systematically went about taking care of their family all day, every day. I have watched wild animals fight, play, dance, flirt, run and mostly work for countless days of my life and in all things, there seemed to be a pattern. Each creature displayed the same hopes, dreams and goals that I had while sitting there.

In my old age, looking back, I think there were good lessons there. Lessons no school can teach and no book can explain. Life lessons. I believe now more than ever in pure instinct. Not just for animals but for people too. How would a spider know it is a spider? How does a mouse know it is a mouse? Animals (including humans) are born with certain abilities and certain instincts. Building a spider web is a very, very complex undertaking. But a spider isn't taught that in spider school. They just know what to do and how to do it. They just know.

Birds fly all day gathering just the right sticks to build the perfect, most safe nest possible. The same is true with every single creature on the planet. Each and every one of them just know what they are and how to use their god-given ability to survive and grow and store for the future and protect their family. Squirrels don't try to spin a web. They know they can't. Though no guru squirrel ever held a teleconference to explain to them how to gather nuts and what nuts are poisonous and how to store them for winter, they just

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Derby Day Weekend

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

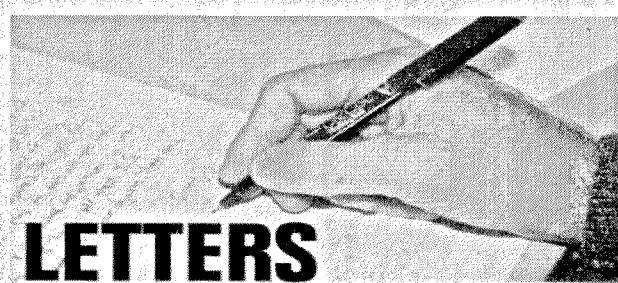
However, I've had to step back and take a serious look at the horse racing industry. After giving it a lot of consideration, I've decided to boycott the Derby and all of the other big name horse races and the smaller ones, too. I've decided that the benefits don't compare to the negative points.

When all is said and done, all that it amounts to is legalized and encouraged animal abuse. The horses, the beautiful and magnificent creatures that they are, are drugged beyond belief on pain medication, and other performance-enhancing drugs. Sometimes, they have sponges shoved up their noses making it difficult to breathe and among other things the jockeys beat the horses unmercifully to get them to run even faster. I've noticed that recently

some horses have been hurt so badly that they have to be put down. The death toll is approximately 2,000 every year for the past several years. The horses are usually only two or three years old and have to die when they could

have lived to be fifteen years old or older in a good environment, sometimes for a measly \$2.00 bet on many occasions. Why must all of this pain and suffering be? It is in the name of tourism and revenue.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Mark Metcalf...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my support for Mark Metcalf as the next state treasurer. Mark's experience as Garrard county attorney, a combat Veteran in Iraq, and a federal immigration judge for George Bush make him an excellent candidate for the position.

As a true conservative Republican, Mark understands the importance of

managing taxpayer dollars responsibly and efficiently. He has a proven track record of advocating for fiscal responsibility and transparency in government.

I am confident that Mark will work tirelessly to ensure that our state's financial resources are being used effectively to benefit all Kentuckians.

I urge my fellow citizens to join me in supporting Mark Metcalf for state treasurer.

Sincerely, Josh Bray

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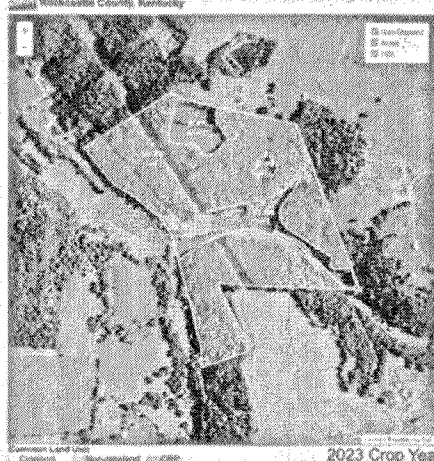
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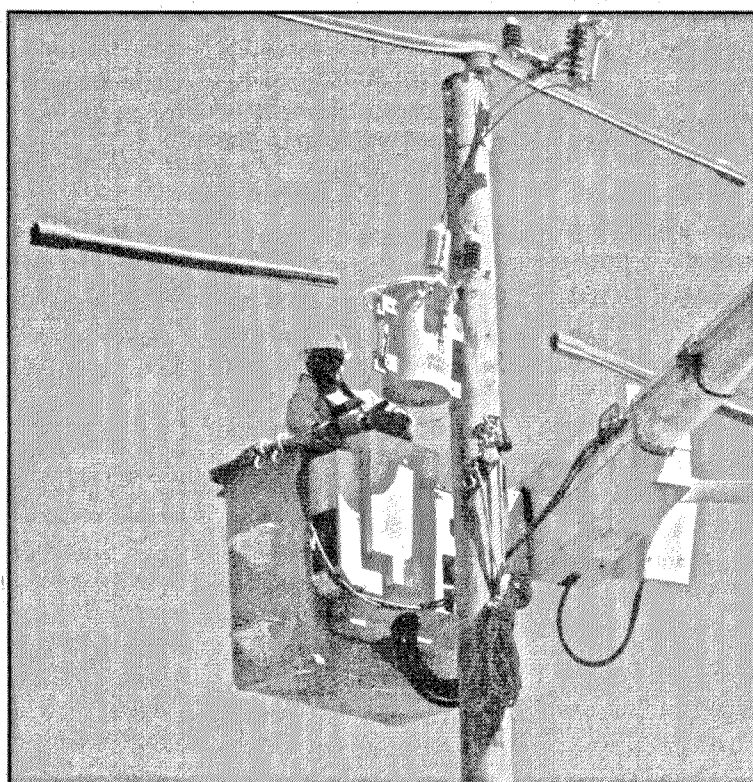
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Holds event at Farmers Market

Shell brings campaign to Rockcastle County

A crowd gathered Saturday morning in Mt. Vernon to welcome Jonathan Shell who is

seeking the Republican nomination to be Kentucky's next Commissioner of Agriculture.

The campaign stop at the Rockcastle Farmers Market was a part of Shell's "Defending Ag

and Tour" which he has been on the last several weeks.

Shell told the crowd that there are pressures from national organizations, along with the federal government, to place burdensome regulations on agriculture and threaten the freedoms that make rural America strong.

"We need more agricultural production in the state and less regulation on our farmers," said Shell.

He also touted his top three campaign priorities. First, Shell wants to bring more secondary manufacturing jobs to Kentucky so that agricultural products can be grown, processed, milled and refined all in-state.

Second, he wants to boost farm retail businesses. "The closer we get consumers to the farm gate to the food plate, the more profitable our farmers become, and the more educated that our consumers will become," Shell said.

Third, Shell would be a voice for rural Ken-

tucky who is willing to "play offense" against federal regulations.

State Representative Josh Bray and Rockcastle Republican Party Vice Chair Grant Burdette introduced Shell at the event.

Shell, of Lancaster, is

a fifth generation farmer and is a former State Representative. The primary election for Ag Commissioner and other offices including Governor, Treasurer, and Secretary of State is next Tuesday, May 16th. Early voting starts this Thursday.



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Callie Lewis Inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Callie Lewis of Brodhead, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Lewis was initiated at Eastern Kentucky University.

Lewis is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was

founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Phil-

ippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars."

Aces

(Continued from A2) know how.

I've seen baby raccoons watch a baby bird leap from the nest and fly away. But the baby raccoon didn't try it. He knew he couldn't fly. How? Who told him? It just knew.

Every animal knows if it is a boy or a girl and it acts accordingly and breeds with the opposite sex.

Animals carry out very complex, structured, detailed tasks that help them live long, healthy lives

and protect their offspring. They will die to protect their offspring.

Ants and bees have very complex social structures but no one told them what to do. They just know.

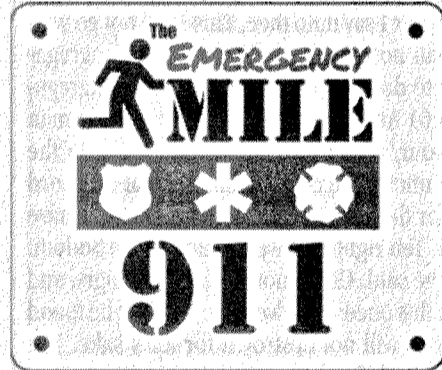
Of all the things I learned in the woods, I think the biggest lesson is, we are all creatures of instinct. We know what to do and we know right from wrong and males have roles and females have roles. Some are strong and some are weak, some are smart and some not so much. But every creature has a task before it and it just knows how

to do it.

People do also. We all have to live in the body we were given and perform the tasks of life every day. If we could only do them in peace, without conflict with those who do not believe in nature.

When we deny obvious nature and the natural ways of life, then all of life becomes a task. I'm glad some of us still know that nature (God) is never wrong.

There are no mistakes in nature. You are what you are and you do what you do.



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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, May 15th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Ky. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Tuesday, May 16th:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. **Wednesday, May 17th:** Sr. Citizen Adult Day Health and Wayne Stewart Center.

Board of Health Meeting

The Rockcastle County Local Board of Health meeting will be on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Rockcastle Health Department at 12 noon.

RCHS Greenhouse Sale

Rockcastle County High School Greenhouse Sale will run April 24th - May 19th. Wide variety of garden vegetables, annual flowers, hanging baskets, ferns, succulents and more! Open 3:15 - 5:00 Monday - Friday, 9 to 1 on Saturday, May 6th and Saturday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 16th (Primary Election).

Volunteer Training

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.
Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.
Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

Obituaries

Norma Jean Crank

Norma Jean Crank, 88, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead.

She was born November 11, 1934, in Brodhead, the daughter of the late Luther and Sallie Hayes. She was united in marriage to Ulysses Grant Crank on March 3, 1952, and from that union came four children, Wanda Jean, Michael, Verla May, and Ruth Ann. Norma enjoyed cooking, and yardwork. She was an avid fan of the Kentucky Wildcats and Cincinnati Bengals. She loved going to the Adult Daycare and being with her friends there. She was a loving and caring mother who gave her all to her children and loved the time she spent with each of them.

She is survived by: two daughters, Wanda Jean Embree of Dallas, TX and Ruth Ann DeBoard (David) of Brodhead; a son, Michael Crank (Jeannie) of Sharonville, OH; and 11 grandchildren, Kenneth Copelin, Abigail Waters, Daniel Crank, Logan Crank, Jeremy Crank, Tyler Crank, Holly Crank, Ryan Crank, Nikki DeBoard, Shane DeBoard and Cody Lee DeBoard.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by: her husband, Ulysses Crank; and her longtime faithful companion, Gervis Scoggin; her daughter, Verla May Crank; and two brothers, James C. and Luther Hayes Jr.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Tim Hampton officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery

Joshua Dale Spurlock

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

Survivors are; one sister, Angel Pullins and (Andrew) of Richmond; one brother, Brandon Randolph of Richmond; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Elva Payne Marcum, and two uncles.

Memorial services were conducted Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Bruce Ross officiating.

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

Cemetery Notices

Johnetta Cemetery

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

Oak Hill Cemetery

Donations are being accepted for the upkeep of Oak Hill Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help should mail donations to: Oak Hill Cemetery, c/o Bill Lear, 60 Hope Drive, Orlando, Ky. 40460. Donations will also be accepted May 26th through May 29th at the cemetery.

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

McKinney Cemetery

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

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

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

Livesay Cemetery

We are in desperate need of donations. Our funds ran out at the end of the last mowing season. If we don't receive donations, each family will be responsible for their own family plots. Please send donations to: Gloria Seals, 5394 Brindle

Ridge Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Mareburg Cemetery

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

Maple Grove Cemetery

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

Briarfield Cemetery

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

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

Thank you for all your support.

Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery meeting will be held Saturday, May 27th at noon at the cemetery.

Donations for upkeep of the cemetery will be taken at the meeting or may be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Please make all checks payable to Maret Cemetery.

James Allen Powell

James Allen Powell, 83, of Somerset, died Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born July 2, 1939 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Bradley and Floy Ketron Powell. He was a retired train master with the CSX

Railroad, was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a 1958 graduate of the Brodhead High School, an 82nd Airborne Ranger Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, enjoyed collecting pocket knives, playing bluegrass music, hunting, farming, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are: two sons, James Bradley Powell of Berea, and Brent Allen Powell of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Cheryl Renee Proessel of Corbin; three brothers, Jesse Powell of Berea, George Powell of Mt. Vernon, and Frank Powell of Berea; four sisters, Freda Clark, Martha Fowler, and Mary Hill, all of Mt. Vernon, and Frances McKeehan of Berea; four grandchildren, Dawson Powell, Dillion Copeland, and Whitney and Logan Purcell; and two great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, JoAnn Wilson Powell; three brothers, Albert, John and Willie Powell; and one sister, Virginia Powell.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Dennis Wilder officiating. Burial was in Powell Family Cemetery.

Send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Nancy Burton

Nancy Burton, 82, wife of Leroy of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born March 9, 1941, in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of the late James and Rose Farmer Henson. She was of the Christian faith, and found great joy in canning, gardening, cross word puzzles and spending time with Kaylee Cromer niece and great niece. She had been a 30 year employee of American Greeting Co.

On April 5, 1968, she was united in marriage to Leroy Burton, and they enjoyed 54 years together.

Those left to celebrate her life include: her husband, Leroy Burton of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of niece/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her brother, Walter Henson; and sisters, May, Cora, Maggie, Mary, Carol Lee, Jean and Johnetta.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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

See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise.

These words were pinned by the apostle Paul to the church of Ephesus. The word circumspect is not used in everyday vocabulary but is worth looking at. Merriam Webster dictionary defines this word circumspectly like this. Careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences. Webster's New International dictionary defines it as (Marked by caution and earnest attention to significant circumstances and possible consequences of action, and usually by Prudence and discretion.)

God shows what to do in:

Eph. 5:1 Be you followers of God, as his dear children. Eph. 5:2 and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us...Eph. 5:8 Walk as children of light. 5:14 Awake thou that sleep...Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph 5:17 Understand the will of God...Eph 5:19 Singing and making melody in heart to the Lord. Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always unto God...

God says what not to do

Eph 5:3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saint.

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor course jesting, which are not fitting.

Eph 5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Eph 5:6-7 Let no one deceive you with empty words for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not partake with them.

Eph 5:11 Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.

Eph 5:12 Don't speak of the things done in darkness.

Eph 5:18 Don't drink

We are all cautious when we walk upon this earthly sod, being very careful not to fall. We are aware of the dangers of an injury if we fall. How much more important is it to pay close attention to how we walk spiritually, so that we do not fall and sustain spiritual injury, that would be everlasting.

Ephesians 5:15-17 says it best. See then that you walk circumspectly not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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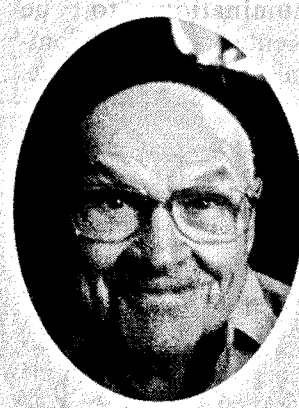
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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20 - Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Homer Hudson

Homer Hudson, 95, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 5, 2023, at his residence. He was born October 14, 1927, in Island City, KY., the son of the late



Sherdian and Martha Thomas Hudson. He was a self-employed mechanic, working for several years for Castleton Farms. He was a member of the Worldwide Church of God. He found great joy in driving the Church bus for the Youth Summer Camp in Minn.; and enjoyed fishing. On December 31, 1949, he was united in

marriage to Rhoda Hudson, and they enjoyed 52 years together prior to her passing in 2002.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Tim Hudson of Dublin, VA, Lerman Hudson (Pam) of Versailles, Darlene Mullins (Leonard) of London, Marlene Cox of London, Sue Tucker of London, and Jane Shelton (Lester) of Hickory, NC; his special friend, Betty Sandlin; 17 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two sons, Jim and Gary Hudson; sister, Ruth Allen and infant Lerman Hudson.

Services were held Sunday, May 9, 2023 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

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

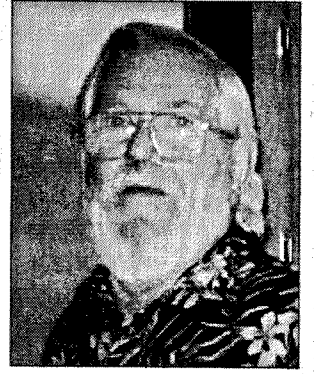
Frede Benton Deaton

Frede Benton Deaton, 77, died May 4, 2023 at Rockcastle Hospital after battling several medical issues. He was born July 25, 1945 to the late J-Wise Deaton and Gladys Tackett Deaton.

He was preceded in death by: his brother, J-Wise Deaton, Jr., and a sister, Judy Bradley.

His survivors include: his sister, Amanda Deaton; daughter, Stephanie Barron; and two grandchildren, Stephan and David.

Services will be held at a later date.



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Strength of the Church

Viewed Negatively. Does not have to have a large number. (Judg. 7:4) And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go over with thee; and whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. The number of the congregation has very little to do with just how strong the congregation is. (1Sam. 14:6) And Jonathon said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few. Ten righteous would have saved Sodom. (Gen. 18:32) And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. Just because one is a part of a large congregation does not mean they are all on the Lord's side. Wealth is not the strength of the church. (Rev. 3:17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. Wealthy members are often worldly, have the cares of this world tugging at their coat tails. Different organizations or societies do not add strength to the church. God has given us a simple organization for the church and any additional organization weakens it. (Several sets of harnesses do not make the mule stronger).

Viewed Positively. A membership that is united. (Matt. 12:25) And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand. (Psa. 133:1) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. A devoted membership. (Matt. 6:33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. A working membership. (Gal. 5:6) For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. A membership with vision. (Prov. 29:18) Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Conclusion: The Church in every location is what it is because of its members, whether they have a negative attitude or a positive attitude. How do you and I view the membership of the church?

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch articles to read on our You Tube web site. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We have free Bible correspondence courses. The Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ in Mt Vernon Kentucky, worships every Lord's Day at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to contact me my number is 606-224-1480 or you can email me ovabaker@windstream.net. Love to hear from you. (HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY)

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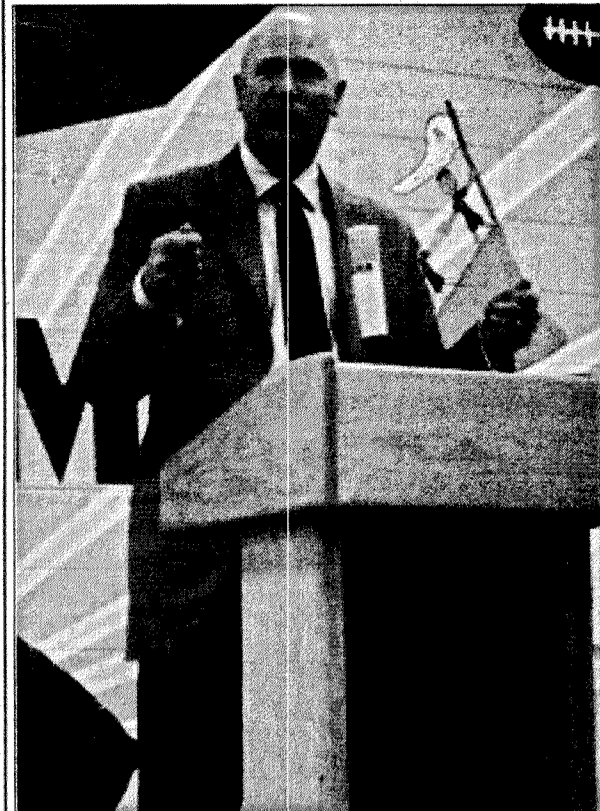
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Business of the Year



Jackson Energy Cooperative was named the Business of the Year at the 61st annual Farmers Business Banquet last week. Shown from left are Brent Jackson, Randall Morgan, Royce Baker, Carol Wright and Steve McKinney, Chamber President.

Speaker



Financial Advisor Jeff Sheppard was the guest speaker at the 61st annual Farmers Banquet last week at the middle school.

“CBDG”

(Continued from front) "It is my understanding that the city's CBDG loan requirements (to Microfoodery) will be met in September or October," said VanHook.

The two loans, known as revolving loans, were originally set up so that once certain requirements were met, the city and the RCIDA could reloan the \$1 million, to other potential economic development projects or businesses as it is repaid from Microfoodery. "The same million dollars then, can be used to help the city and the county to support local growth and development many times over," said VanHook.

Once the money has been used to help create a certain amount of economic development, the funds will then be available for the city and the county to use themselves on other economic development projects, according to the Cumberland Valley Area Development District.

In order to apply for a low interest loan involving the money from the revolving loan fund, a business will have to submit an application to the revolving loan fund committee.

In other action, VanHook informed the board that the first order of piping for the natural gas project into Rockcastle County has completed production and will be stockpiled possibly this month.

VanHook is also continuing efforts to speed up the KY-461 widening project.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

“Elect”

(Continued from front) Kentucky State Treasurer and commissioner of agriculture.

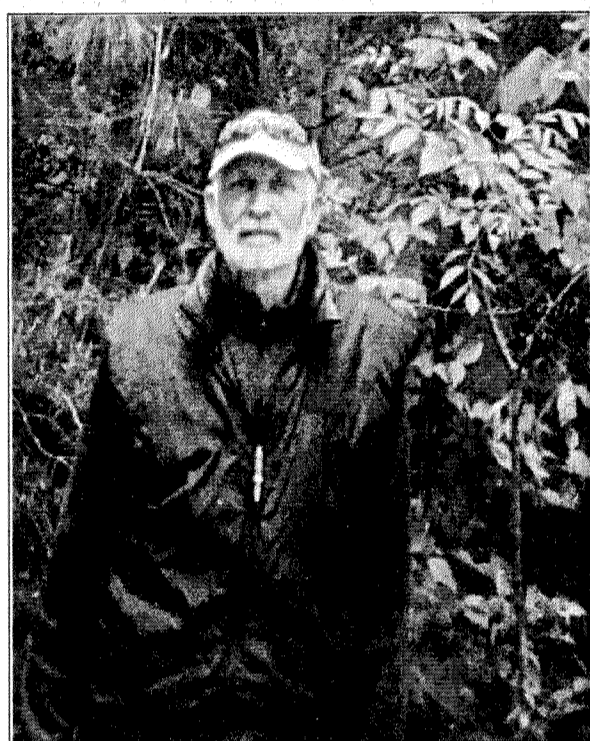
This election will narrow the field of candidates and decide who will be on the ballot for each office in the general elections in November of 2023. The last day to register to vote in the 2023 General Elections is October 10.

“Prayer”

(Continued from front) event.

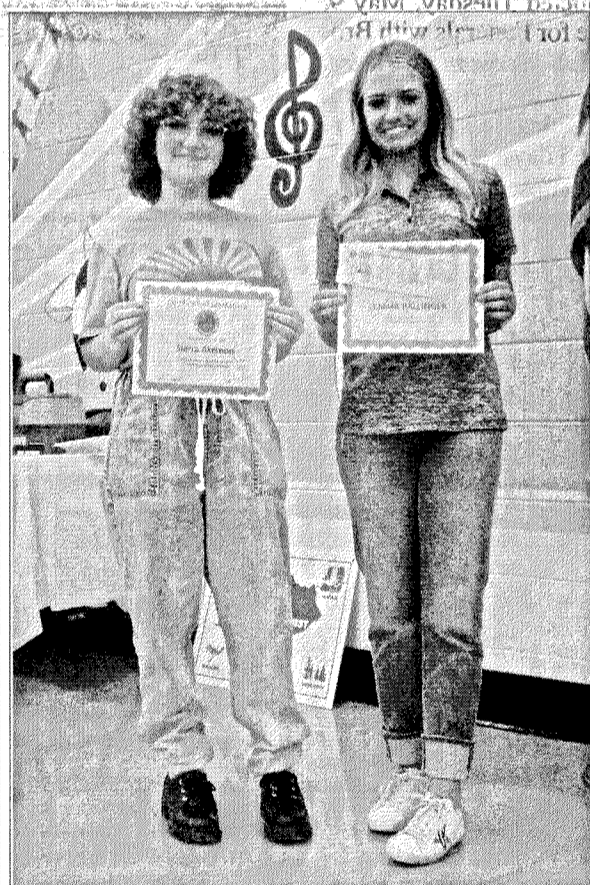
Those who attended were able to fill their bellies with a free lunch including pizza from the Kiwanis Club, fruit from

Master Conservationist



David McFarland was named Master Conservationist at the 61st annual Farmers Business Banquet last week at the middle school.

Scholarships



Conner Balee McGuire and Emma Grace Ballinger were each presented a scholarship at the annual Farmers Business Banquet held last Thursday at RCMS.

the Rockcastle Regional Respiratory Center, desserts from Gary and Gertha Mink and drinks from James Miller and Teresa VanZant.

Abram Cozier, Pastor of the Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Falmouth, Kentucky served as the guest speaker.

Special music was provided by Peyton Bowman and Alex Erwin. The National Anthem was led by Luther Allen.

The event was sponsored by the Rockcastle Baptist Association and organizers would like to thank all who participated in the event.

Rockcastle County Meeting/Forum 4 Advertisement

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

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

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

county through the Round-Up program. The Chamber also announced two \$1,000 senior Scholarship Awards to Conner Baylee McGuire and Emma Grace Ballinger.

Randal Adams and the late William K. Bullen was inducted into the Rockcastle County Agriculture Hall of Fame and David McFarland was named Master Conservationist.

“Banquet”

(Continued from front) Chamber President Steve McKinney provided the master of ceremony services for the evening and Jeff Sheppard served as the

guest speaker.

Organizers of the event say the 61st annual banquet was a huge success and plans are already underway for the 62nd event in 2024.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Mark Boswell, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to KBR Enterprises, LLC. Tax 25.00

Melissa Kidwell, real property located in Chestnut Heights Subdivision, to Joshua and Amy VanDusen. Tax 190.00

Stacey Blanton, and others, real property located in Conway, to Jeral Dixon. Tax 8.00

Jeanette Hennessey, real property located in Chestnut Heights Subdivision, to Zachary Blake and Courtney Jordan King. Tax 150.50

Michael and Rosemary Whitaker, real property located on Buffalo Hollow Rd., to Jeremy Nichols and Rebecca Vanover. Tax 92.00

Gerald and Irene Alexander and Jewell Davidson, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jewell Davidson. Tax 28.00

Jerry and Gwen Carter, real property located on Poplar Ave., to Bre Patterson. Tax 144.00

Neil J. Bray, and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Joshua and Heather Hancock. Tax 240.00

Carter and Lynn Parsons, real property located on Hwy. 461, to Mechanical Refrigeration Co., LLC Tax 131.00

Judy Mitchell, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Johannes Welsing. Tax 55.00

Charles and Marilyn Arnold, real property located on Chester Azbelle Rd., to S&J Timber Valley, LLC. Tax 215.00

Robert Lynn and Irene Townley, real property located on Hwy. 1326, to William and Debbie Charlton. Tax 42.50

Eugene and Vicki Webb, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Isaac I. Lyons. Tax 100.00

Lucas Wade and Ladawna R. Tucker, real property located on Liberty Dr., to Connie Spicer. Tax 140.00

Robert and Diedre Kendall, real property located on Freedom School Road, to Christy and Brandon Gabbard. Tax 33.00

Billy Shawn and Rita Brown, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Linford and Sharita Hurst. Tax 220.00

Expansion Investments, LLC, real property located in Lear Crest Subdivision, to C&C Investments, LLC. Tax 25.00

Anthony Clark Hutchison, real property located on Lair Ave., to Cameron Properties, LLC. Tax 30.00

Kenneth R. Miller, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James P., Jr. and Dana Crews. Tax 380.00

Helen Marie Thacker and Jeffery Eugene Thacker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Barbara Jean Penon. Tax 198.50

Johnny and Karen Blanton, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Josh and Cheryl Blanton. No tax

Rockwell Odell Durham, and others, real property located on Copper Creek Rd., to Matthew Allen and Morgan Lee Durham. No tax

Gladys Marie Dowell and Freamon Douglas Dowell, real property lo-

cated on waters of Copper Creek, to John and Angela Sensabaugh. Tax 110.00

Marriage Licenses

Tasha Nicole Spurlock, 37, Berea, unemployed, to Shannon Ray Lakes, 44, Mt. Vernon, HVAC. 4-24-23

Vicky Diann Adams, 60, Brodhead, clerical, to Stephen Andrew Estes, 70, Brodhead, CEO. 4-24-23

Regina Louise Adams, 51, London, sales, to Jeremy Lynn Martin, 41, Mt. Vernon, sales. 4-25-23

Johnna Danielle Abney, 36, Brodhead, teacher, to Tyson Darcell Prewitt, 40, Danville, Mental Health Asso. 4-28-23

Courtney Harrison, 20, Tyner, housewife, to John Farris Brockman, III, 21, Mt. Vernon, Middletown Metalworks. 5-1-23

Jaime Lynn Ruth, 37, Crab Orchard, unemployed, to Eric Ray Smith, 45, Crab Orchard, HVAC tech. 5-1-23

Dana Lynn Payne, 45, Brodhead, WalMart, to Jeffery Brooks Ingram, 42, Berea, LCR. 5-5-23

Circuit Civil Suits

Gerogeann Abney vs. Jessie Norton, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michael H. McKinney, complaint.

Bradley Creech vs. Christina Gadd, complaint.

Johnnie Lee Bullock vs. Caroline Jean Bullock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jonathan P. Foster, complaint.

Commonwealth vs. Charles Casey Abney, complaint.

Commonwealth vs. Joshua R. Spoonamore, complaint.

Commonwealth vs. Rhonda Sue Cromer, complaint.

Commonwealth vs. Jessica Renee Carr, complaint.

Charles Hurd vs. Melody Hurd, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Della McCarter, complaint.

Guy Strausbaugh vs. Jacob Slusher, complaint.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, et al vs. Christina L. Lewis, complaint.

Krista Gene Allen vs. Jason Paul Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carson Acey vs. Dennis J. Strum, complaint.

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Robin L. Kendrick, complaint.

James Edward Jones vs. Chris Trump, forcible detainer complaint.

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs Austin Krug, complaint.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jody Hayes, complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. James Dennison, complaint.

District Court

April 10, 2023
Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy
Billy T. Hines: Assault, 4th degree, minor injury, 365 days, probated for 24 months.

Dorothy Louise Hurst: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, possession of marijuana, 10 days to serve, credit for time served, waive court costs.

Kyle Andrew Barton: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Craig A. Cromer: failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Shawna Davis: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Chris Gilbert: operating on suspended/revoked license, bw issued for fta.

Erica Andrea Green: speeding, 25mph over limit, bw issued for fta.

Rebecca L. Green: public intoxication controlled subs, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, 10 days.

Brian Grimes: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, hw issued for fta.

Michael Dwayne Grimes: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500, suspend \$250 for time served plus costs.

Frank Lee Henson: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Lauryn Michelle Koch: speeding, fta, suspend license.

Matthew Andrews: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Jack McCormick: failure of owner to maintain required/security first, \$500 plus costs.

Jessica Nunnally: Tbut or Disp shoplifting, bw issued for fta.

Jennifer Marie Sams: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

John Sclaf: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Jeffrey D. Young: Speeding, \$50 fine plus costs; failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

Brayan Martinez Romualdo: failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.

April 12, 2023

Hon. Benjamin R. Hardy

Melissa Brittny: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$25 fine; failure of nonowner operator to maintain req. insurance, 90 days, probated 24 months.

Kimberly Dozier: poss controlled sub, 1st degree, 1st offense (meth), bw issued for fta.

John Kevin Falin: improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Dustin Gentry: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree, 90 days, probated 24 months, plus costs.

Eva James: criminal trespass-1st degree, and other charges, bw issued for fta.

Emerson Kilburn: operating mv u/infl substance, bw issued for fta.

Jared Neeley: failure to wear seatbelt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Steve Spoonamore: failure to wear seatbelts, and other charges, bw issued for fta.

Delmar Thomas: speeding, \$38 fine plus costs.

David Wayne Childress: speeding, \$20 fine plus costs.

Joshua Scott Mayzes: speeding, fta, suspend license.

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Please join us Friday, June 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Rockcastle County High School for a dinner in your honor.

Each Survivor is entitled to bring a guest to the Survivor Dinner. There is no cost for you or your guest to attend this Survivor Celebration! All Survivors will receive a t-shirt!

After the dinner, we invite you to stay for the Relay for Life Survivor Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling Melissa Brock at 606-256-7703 or Susan Turley at 606-256-7746 by Wednesday, June 7.

Mamaw's Kitchen

BROCCOLI SALAD

Wanda Faye McClure Mahr, a 70-year-old, gave me this recipe to use in my second cookbook—

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

Reading, Writing, and Recipes. Hope you enjoy it as much as we do.



LePorin receives service award

Mount Vernon's Cora LePorin accepts an award for five years of service from Mariah Smith, Hospice Care Plus's volunteer coordinator.

LePorin was one of several volunteers recognized for years of service at the organization's annual volunteer appreciation banquet.

Other volunteers present and recognized at the banquet were John Culp and Jelemia Sanders, who received awards for 25 years of service; Joyce Howell, Jenny Cotton and Cathy Tate, who received 10-year awards; and Rick Carle, Linda Hall, Sharron Stepp, Karen Linville, Ann Miller, Emerson McAfee and Connie Lawson, who received five-year awards.

Hospice will host a training for new volunteers on Saturday, May 20. To sign up, visit hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith, volunteer coordinator, at hospice@hospicecp.org or 859-986-1500.

I use all ranch dressing instead of some blue cheese.
 1 small head of broccoli, chopped
 1 small head of cauliflower, chopped
 2 tomatoes, diced
 1 can black olives, halved
 1/2 red onion, diced
 1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing
 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Combine the veggies; toss with both dressings. Add sunflower seeds and crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste.

BLACK BEAN ARTICHOKE SALAD
 A co-worker in Pennsylvania gave me this recipe.
 1 can black beans
 1 can marinated artichoke hearts, quartered
 1 cup black olives, quartered
 1 cup grape tomatoes, quartered
 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled
 1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
 1/4 cup onion, chopped
 1/2 cup bottled Italian salad dressing
 Drain and rinse beans. Add the rest of the ingredients and toss gently. Can be served

chilled or at room temperature.

CAPRESE PASTA SALAD
 1 package (16 ounce) mini bow tie pasta
 2 cups grape tomatoes, halved
 1 medium yellow or green bell pepper, chopped
 1 medium sweet or red onion, chopped
 3/4 cup pickled banana pepper rings, chopped
 1 can (3.8 ounce) sliced ripe olives, drained
 7 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cubed, optional
 Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine pasta, tomatoes, yellow pepper, onion, pepper rings, olives, and if desired, cheese.

RED WINE VINAIGRETTE:
 1 cup red wine vinegar
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/4 teaspoon dried basil or parsley
 1 cup olive oil
 1 tablespoon juice from pickled banana pepper rings, optional
 In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the dressing ingredients; shake well. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.



Bullock to graduate Craft Academy for Excellence in Mathematics and Science

Bailey Lynn Bullock, daughter of Dr. David and Vanessa Bullock, will graduate the prestigious Craft Academy for Excellence in Mathematics and Science on May 13. The Craft Academy, housed at Morehead State University, is one of two residential dual credit institutions for high school juniors and seniors in Kentucky who seek higher learning opportunities, the other is The Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University. Bailey is the first Rockcastle County graduate from Craft.

Bailey excelled at Craft. She was class president both her junior and senior years, president of the Student Y, an influential member of student council, and a proud supporter of student leadership and service learning. Bailey plans to continue her education at Morehead State University in the fall, where she will graduate in two years with a degree in mathematics education.

SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

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 To download the application, visit <https://www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-lineman-program-scholarship>. The lineman training program is an eight-week course held in Somerset. More than 90% of the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs with either electric utilities or electric contractor companies.
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ing Center was established to provide men and women an opportunity to learn the basic, yet necessary, skills and hands-on experience that are essential to enter the utility industry at an apprentice level," says Jackson Energy President & CEO Carol Wright. "The training center's criteria is a proven success to the linemen that complete the course. The experience and knowledge that the students gain at the training center give them an explicit advantage when they enter the workforce."

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Appointed commissioners will submit a written report of the boundary lines which shall be filed with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court and the County Clerk within sixty (60) days of appointment. Within sixty (60) days of receipt, of the commissioner's report, the Fiscal Court shall amend or adopt the report establishing the districts.

As soon as the Fiscal Court has adopted the commissioner's report, any registered voter of Rockcastle County may bring an action in the Rockcastle Circuit Court to enforce the provisions of KRS 67.045. Any action brought to the circuit court by a Rockcastle County registered voter must be done within twenty (20) days from the Fiscal Court's adoption of the commissioner's report. The circuit court shall hear the action and if on finding that the provision of KRS 67.045 have been violated, will remand the matter.

SPORTS

Softball wins four straight

Rocket softball has had a good week winning their last four games.

Tuesday, May 2nd, Rockcastle came from behind scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh for the 4-3 win.

Makyla Hester singled to start the seventh inning and Ella McKinney, running for Hester, advanced to second on a wild pitch. Macy Spivey advanced McKinney to third on a groundout and McKinney scored for the tie on a Makayla Coffey single. Coffey advanced to second on an Adysinne Lovell sacrifice and scored for the win on an Ella Bussell single to left field.

Katie Denham threw seven innings giving up three runs on seven hits, striking out five and

walking none.

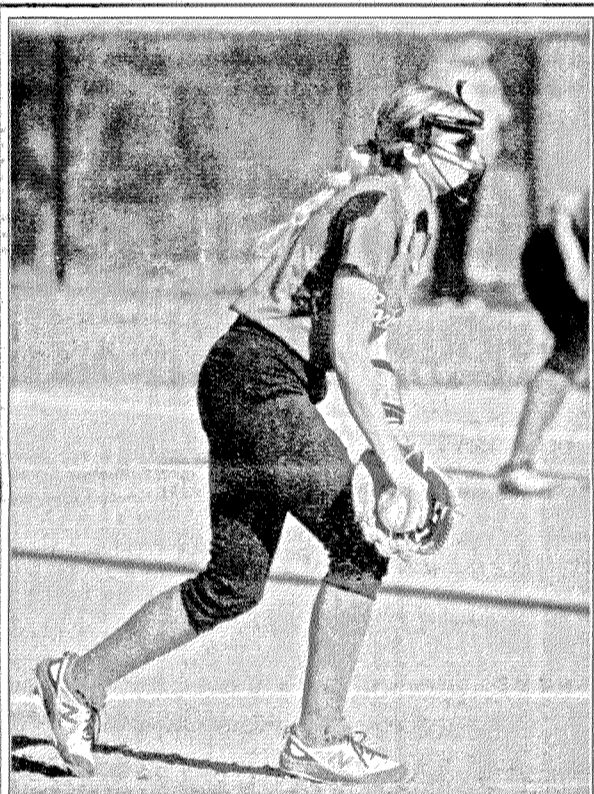
Thursday, Rockcastle traveled to Garrard and came away with a 5-3 win.

Rockcastle took a 3-0 lead in the third inning and after five, Garrard had cut the lead to 3-2. Rockcastle added two insurance runs in the seventh taking a 5-2 lead. Garrard managed one run in the seventh but it was not enough.

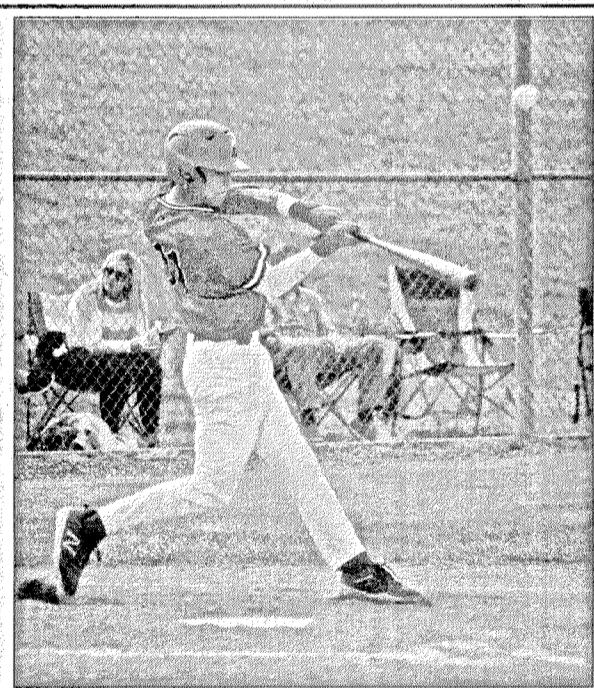
Abby Burdette earned the victory for the Rockets going seven innings, allowing three runs on eight hits while striking out nine and walking zero.

Friday night, the Rockets took on Mercer County and won another close one, 5-4.

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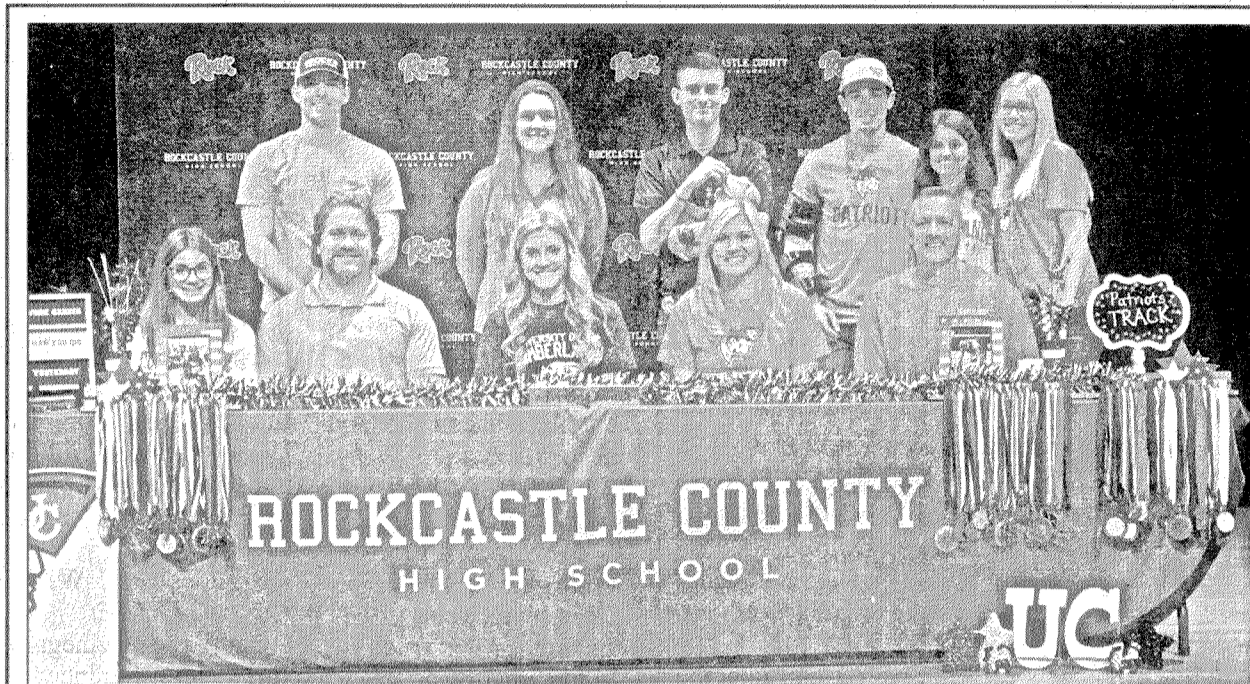
Abby Burdette picked up wins over Garrard County and South Laurel this past week as the Rockets have won four straight to up their record to 15-11.



Carson Carrera went three for four with two runs scored in the Rockets' win over Jackson County last week.



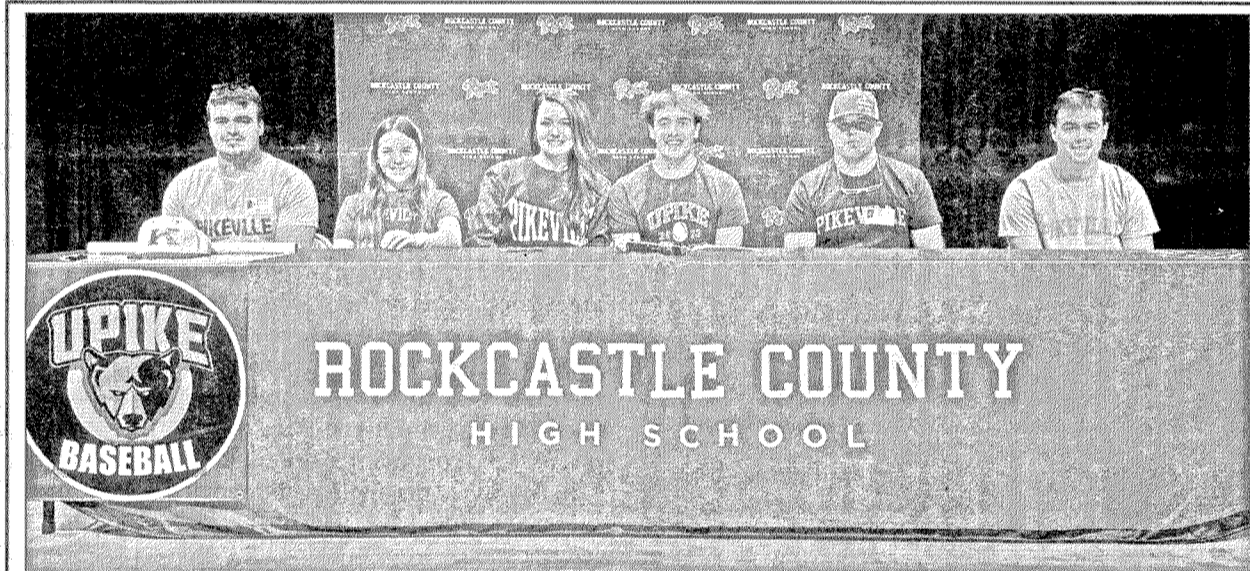
Phoenix Pitman takes a swing in the Rockets' win over Jackson County last week.



Emma Watson signed her letter-of-intent to continue her track career at the University of the Cumberland. Joining Emma for the signing, front row from left: Ava Watson, Jason Watson, Andi Barber and Ryan Loudermilk. Back row from left: Jacob Loudermilk, Alexis Anderson, Zach Loudermilk, Chance Todd, Jenna Loudermilk and Abigail Watson.



Dalton Gibbs recently signed a letter-of-intent to play golf at Lindsey Wilson. On hand for Dalton's signing were his parents, David and Tina Gibbs and brother, Izak.



Cam Prewitt recently signed his letter-of-intent to continue his baseball career at UPIKE. Pictured with Cam are his family members, from left: brother, Brayden, sister, Brentlie, parents, HD and Angela Prewitt and brother, Cade.

Rocket baseball defeats Jackson County 8-7

Jackson County tried to spoil Rocket baseball's senior night last Friday but the Rockets held on for an 8-7 win.

Jackson County jumped on the Rockets early scoring four runs in the top of the first inning.

Rockcastle cut their lead to two scoring two of their own in the bottom of the inning.

Carson Carrera singled and stole second to start the inning. Kaden Kidwell drew a walk and each advanced on a passed ball. Carrera scored on a Carson King single and King scored on a Cam Prewitt ground ball.

Rockcastle tied the game at four with two more in the third inning.

Kidwell singled and advanced on errors and scored on a King single. King then scored on a Prewitt single.

Rockcastle took their first lead of the game scoring three in the fourth for a 7-4 lead.

Lance Coffey, Robert Reams and Dalton Gibbs each singled to load the bases and Carrera singled to score Coffey and Reams. With the bases loaded again, Prewitt drew an RBI walk for the

third run.

Jackson County's bats came alive again scoring two in the fifth to cut the lead to one and tied the game in the sixth.

Rockcastle answered in the bottom of the sixth scoring one run.

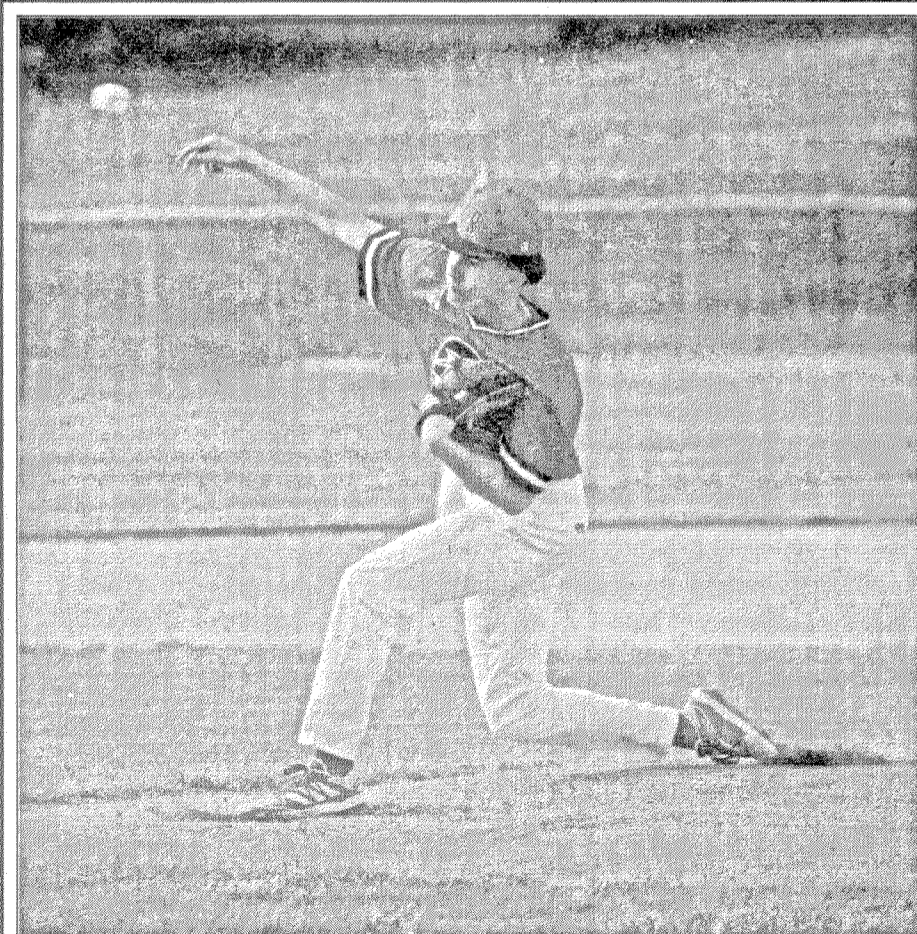
King and Prewitt each drew walks, King stole

third and scored on a Phoenix Pitman sacrifice for the eventual winning run.

Carson Carrera went three for four with two runs scored. Carson King was two for two with two RBI, one walk and three runs scored. Dalton Gibbs was one for four,

Kaden Kidwell went one for two with two walks and a run scored, Cam Prewitt was one for two with two walks and two RBI, Phoenix Pitman had an RBI, Lance Coffey was one for three with a run scored and Robert

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Maddox Parsons started on the mound last Thursday against Jackson County in the Rockets' 8-7 victory.



Rockcastle Garden Club and second graders work in MVES garden.

The weather Friday afternoon was sunny and warm as Ms. Julie Asher's second grade class demonstrated to members of the Rockcastle Garden Club how to put plants in the ground at the MVES garden.

These were not just any plants, but colorful pollinators like marigolds, cosmos and zinnias which the students themselves had grown in the greenhouse.

The students had been learning in the classroom about seeds, the importance of worms and other organisms in the soil, pollination and what combination of factors make plants thrive. Each student had 12 plants to put in the garden and water. A garden friend (a terrapin) was on hand to add a little more interest and each child took home jonquil bulbs to plant at home.

Six Garden Club members were there to lend a hand when needed and support the eager gardeners.



“Baseball”

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Reams went one for two with a run scored.

Maddox Parsons went 4 and two-third innings giving up six runs, none earned, and seven hits striking out four. Skyler Durham went 2 and one-third innings giving up one run on two hits while striking out two.

Earlier in the week, Boyle County defeated the Rockets 8-3.

Boyle County jumped on the Rockets 4-0 after the first inning and never looked back.

Kaden Kidwell and Carson King each had two hits while Dalton Gibbs, Phoenix Pittman and Robert Reams each one had.

“Softball”

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Facing a 4-3 deficit in their final at-bat, Rockcastle scored two to take the 5-4 lead.

Haley Pingleton reached on a fielder's choice. Kierra Larkey, running for Pingleton, advanced to third on a Haven King single. Makinlee Goff doubled to score Larkey and King.

Goff and Ella Bussell each had three hits on the night while Goff had two RBI and Bussell had a walk and a run scored. Adysinne Lovell was two for four with an RBI. Haven King picked up the other RBI for the Rockets.

Katie Denham earned the win going seven innings, allowing four runs on eight hits and striking out four.

Saturday, the Rockets had a much easier game defeating South Laurel 8-2.

Adysinne Lovell was

the lone Rocket with two hits. Makayla Coffey, Ella Bussell, Haley Pingleton, Haven King, Lexie Brock, Ella McKinney and Macy Spivey each had one.

Bussell and Pingleton each had two RBI.

Abby Burdette earned the win throwing seven innings giving up two runs on ten hits, striking out five and walking one.

Livingston Lions Club hosts gathering for James S. Chism Scholarship

By Tonya J. Cook, Vice President, Livingston Community Lions Club

On Friday evening, May 5, the Livingston Community Lions Club held their first gathering to celebrate and honor the life of well-known and beloved veterinarian, Dr. James Chism, or simply “Doc” as he was known by most.

The gathering was well-attended and a potluck meal was served. Following the meal, an auction was held from items donated by individuals and businesses.

The Lions Club would like to thank all who at-

tended and donated funds or auction items. We would especially like to thank the Brown family of the Western Rockcastle Fire Department and Tammy, Lonnie and Derrick Arthur for helping with the setup and cleanup. Thanks so much for the use of the Farmers Market venue as well.

Proceeds from the event will be used for a generous scholarship for local students going into the veterinary field, and plans are already that this will be a yearly event. We all felt that “Doc” would have been very honored and pleased.

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ACROSS

- Bombard with unwanted email
- Fight verbally
- Tend to, as sauce
- Caribbean country
- "Hell ___ no fury"
- Sleuth played by Bogart
- Knowledgeable about
- Kind of sax or singer
- Prop for Rembrandt
- Liftoff spot
- Long-time "Wide World of Sports" host Jim
- Detonating device
- Even the score again
- "Thee," updated
- Steamy or sultry
- Voting group
- Married woman
- Hugh who played House
- Chopper topper
- "Don't delay!"
- Strong cotton thread
- De facto
- Make "it," in a game
- Ex-Soviet news agency
- Like many sandals
- Yon maiden fair
- Poisonous
- Papal representative
- Concealed
- Florida cape
- "Amscray!"
- "Short" death notice
- Bishop Desmond
- Artie and Robert
- "Beloved" novelist Morrison
- Not yet up
- Having a hard time choosing
- Ollie's sidekick
- Weight allowance

DOWN

- Make a bust?
- Insects in the cocoon stage
- More or less
- It fell from heaven
- Iran before Khomeini
- Crab's sensor
- Rose oil
- Colossus of ___
- Apollo apparel
- Chore
- Brain's creation
- Swear by (with "on")
- Highly original and influential
- Blubber
- Rolodex abbr.
- Mantel piece
- Major in astronomy?
- Needs a doc
- Brenda and Peggy
- Obnoxious young'un
- Scottish lake
- Director Premier
- "The Final"
- Barney on "The Simpsons," for one
- Spicy stew
- Baby cry
- Luthor the villain
- Jiggly dessert
- All plants with two seed leaves
- Clerical abbreviation
- "Murder, She Wrote" cove
- Gain access to
- Oranjestad's locale
- Spud
- Give the slip to
- Whispered call
- "Hello, hello, hello," e.g.
- Laugh heartily
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Notice is hereby given that Timothy Turner, 3030 Cranberry, Hwy. #16, Wareham, MA 02538 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Alstair Richardson, deceased, on the 26th day of April 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Timothy Turner or to Registered Agent of Service, Bethany Chambliss, 800 Leawood Dr., #16, Frankfort, KY 40601 on or before October 30, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. 12x3

Notice is hereby given that Cassandra Falin, 10105 North Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and Dean McClure, 2397 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 was appointed co-Administrators of the estate of Juanita Falin, deceased, on the 24th day of April 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Cassandra Falin and Dean McClure, or to Hon. William Leger, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before October 25, 2023. 11x3

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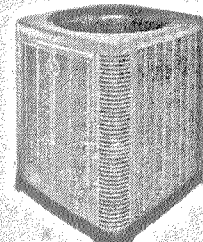
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Draft budget is balanced

23/24 School budget to be complete by June

By: Mike French
Editor

Officials with the Rockcastle County School district are working on the final budget with Finance Director Jenny Sweet at the helm of the budget process. The draft budget has been approved by the board as members are moving forward to finalize the 23/24 budget with

nearly \$38 million in revenues and expenditures.

According to the draft budget the general fund shows \$30,672,699 while fund 320 includes \$3,071,541 and fund 51 shows \$3,968,979.

According to Sweet, 85.7% of the budget revenues and expenditures of \$30,672,699 are designated for staffing and general operations of the school district with a

14.3% general fund contingency of \$1,845,960 and restricted contingency of \$2,525,697 for a total contingency of \$4,271,657. There is an additional \$200,000 in the food service contingency fund.

Sweet says next year's 360 construction fund will focus mainly on the new Middle School Project.

According to a chart provided with the budget, the 23/24 budget places 53.3% of funding directly into instruction while student support utilized 6.5%, School administrative support utilizes 5%, plant operations and maintenance utilizes 6.9%, student transportation utilizes 6.3% and the contingency utilizes 14.4% of

the remaining revenues available.

Sweet says the mission of the budget is the same as the mission of the district. "To be a unifying force in our community to educate, encourage and empower the whole child to become a lifelong learner and leader in a global society."

Sweet says the entire budget process is configured around three major goals including efficiency, partnerships and growth with sustainability. According to the three goals, Sweet says "efficiency strategies are implemented in every school and department and a vast array of partnerships continue to be vital to the success of our students, staff and programs and targeted sustainability strategies to maximize local, state and federal funding streams."

According to the budget comparisons, the district is working with well over \$3 million less in the 23/24 budget than was available in the 22/23 budget. However, in the 22/23 budget there was just over \$5 million in surplus after the budget actuals were calculated. The 23/24 budget is a zero balance budget.

Sweet said she and the board have worked hard on the budget and though the final budget will not be approved until later this month, she believes the draft budget shows the determination of the district to provide the best quality education possible while partnering with the entire community to benefit all stakeholders involved. "A sound district finance system provides equity for both the student and the taxpayer," she said. "Funds are allocated to schools based on student enrollment and staffing allocations are based on formulas approved by the local board. Our district is a partnership of school and community."

The tentative budget is expected to be submitted to the Kentucky Department of education by May 31.

Draft budget shows detailed costs

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court has approved the draft 23/24 fiscal year budget and will soon begin working through details of that budget. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., says the final budget may be slightly different from the first draft as magistrates and citizens provide input during the budget period. The final budget must be approved by July 1, 2023.

Some of the biggest sources of revenues comes in the form of taxes as the real property tax provides about \$350,000 annually while the motor vehicle property tax provides about \$95,000 and the Occupational tax provides an estimated \$2,300,000 annually.

According to Holbrook, it is this occupational tax revenue that makes up the shortfalls by many departments within the county. Each month throughout the year, the court transfers money from the occupational tax fund, to help one or more of the other inter-governmental departments pay their monthly bills.

The county sees revenues of an estimated \$670,000 from the insurance tax and \$225,000 from the net profit tax. There is \$176,000 paid to the county in rental from the Administrative Office of the Court.

The county expects \$1,129,831 from the state

in county road aid and \$410,000 in flex funding to the road fund.

The jail fund brings estimated revenues of \$500,000 for state prisoner reimbursements and an estimated \$68,554 in intercounty jail contracts. There is also an estimated \$95,000 earned through jail programs such as the MRT program.

However, an additional \$904,000 will need to be transferred from the occupational tax fund to operate the jail over the fiscal year, according to the budget.

The 911 fund is also about \$250,000 short in revenues since the funds raised through the telephone tax is no longer enough to support the department, according to Holbrook.

Appropriations indicate the funds that must be used to maintain the county government. A complete list of funds used to operate is included in the budget including salaries, maintenance, transfers, and all governmental tasks.

The general fund, which includes five of the 12 page report, shows \$4,181,779 required to operate. One recurring appropriation is listed as "program support" for many different departments throughout county government. The general fund lists \$538,168 in program support. Of those funds the County

Attorney's office receives \$6000, the County Clerk's office receives \$1,500, the Sheriff's Department receives \$202,968, the Occupational Tax office receives \$18,700, the RCIDA receives \$100,000, Fire Departments receive \$50,000, Emergency Management receives \$500, the ambulance service receives \$60,000, the Commonwealth Attorney's office receives \$30,000, health programs receive \$500, the county parks system receives \$10,000, recreation programs receive \$50,000 and one general category of program support includes \$8,000.

Other program support is listed in the LGEA (Local Government Economic Assistance) fund totaling \$27,506. Of those funds, the development board receives \$13,000, the work

release program receives \$1,000, the Solid Waste department receives \$4,000, the county coroner's office receives \$6,000 and the CVADD receives \$3,506.

Including salaries, maintenance, materials and other expenses, the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter is estimated to cost taxpayers \$91,419 to operate in the next fiscal year.

Appropriations from the Jail Fund are estimated at \$1,733,990. Appropriations from the 911 Fund are estimated at \$501,131 while the CSEPP fund has estimated appropriations of \$587,437.

The county government draft budget, including all funds, is shown at \$16,265,424 in both revenues and appropriations for a zero balance budget.

Salt Petre Cave Open House

The annual Salt Petre Cave Open House is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. The event is free and open to the public and free tours begin at 10 a.m. each day.

Fire truck due in 2025

Brodhead planning several projects soon

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening with a short agenda.

Emergency Management Director Bryan Bussell told the commission that over \$500,000 has been approved for two projects in the City of Brodhead including the water tank project and the flow meter project.

However, since the grant approvals offer state, local and federal funds, Bussell suggested hiring GRW Engineers, Inc. of Lexington, to oversee the engineering and paperwork that will be nearly overwhelming for the two projects, he said.

Commissioner Brian Bullock said he prefers to wait to hire contracted engineers until the city knows more about the exact costs of the projects. "I am not against hiring them but I would rather see exactly how much money we have to work with before we commit to anything," Bullock said.

The City of Brodhead has maintained their

12% match for the grant, Bussell said, "I think GRW will keep us within the budget but I see what you are saying. We have time before the grant is released anyway."

In other action, Brodhead Police Officer Gary Alcorn reported spending some time at the Brodhead Elementary School to help provide security. Commission Bryanna Bussell said she had been approached by teachers and staff at the school thanking the city for the extra security.

Fire Chief John Dyehouse informed the commission that the new fire truck that has been ordered is expected to be built and delivered by March of 2025.

The commission also discussed replacing Windstream with a radio service in some areas of city business. Commissioners agreed to discuss the issue further.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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