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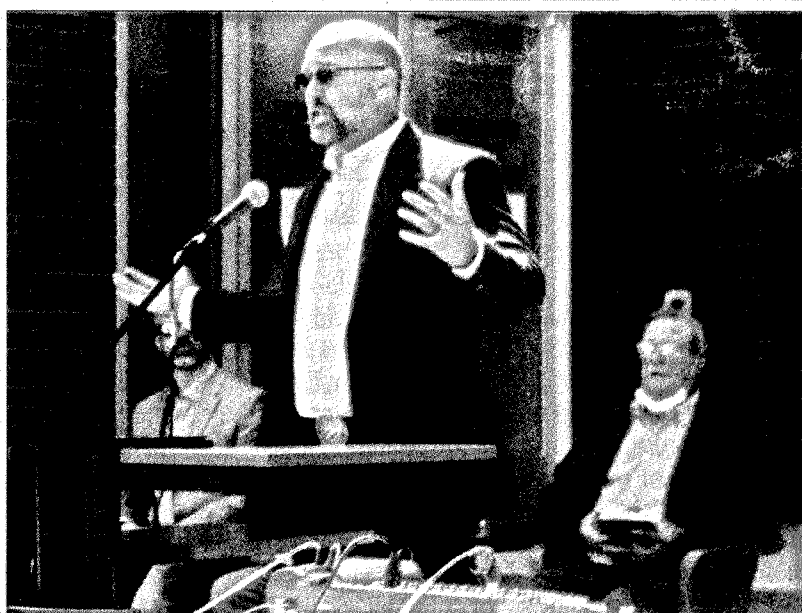
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Day of Prayer observed

The National Day of Prayer was observed on the Rockcastle County courthouse lawn last Thursday. Those in attendance enjoyed lunch from the Kiwanis Club before the ceremony and the message was led by Travis Gilbert (right), of the Bible Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. Lonnie McGuire, of the Brush Creek Holiness Church and Barry Hurst of the Freedom Baptist Church led the crowd in prayer. Luther Allen served as the Music Director.



Brodhead fights rising disturbances with additional cop

— Kirk Mays to join force

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission dealt with several complex issues at Monday night's regular monthly meeting, most of them related to illegal activities in the city. However, officials say help is on the way.

The commission voted unanimously to hire Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Mays as the new Assistant Police Chief, doubling the police force in Brodhead.

Commissioner Brian Bullock said Mays would be giving two week's notice to the sheriff's department immediately after the commission voted to hire him. "Kirk is already certified and he fits the bill and fills the needs we have in

Brodhead very well," said Bullock. "He is the kind of cop that pulls up

(See "Cop" on A5)

Fiscal court

The regular monthly Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting was held Tuesday, May 11 at 4 p.m. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details..

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was held Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. See next week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for details.

Fish fry planned

Due to the overwhelming success of the recent fish fry in Brodhead, the Brodhead Fire Department is planning another fish fry on Saturday, June 5. Details will be released soon.

COVID-19 update

Cases of COVID-19 are continuing to fall. As of Monday, May 10, there have been 723 confirmed cases in Rockcastle County with 795 probable and 22 active cases.. There have been 16 COVID-related deaths in the county.

Senator Rand Paul visits Mount Vernon

By: Mike French
Editor

Senator Rand Paul (R-Bowling Green) came to Mount Vernon as part of his Washington Update Tour last week. Paul was met at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley by many dignitaries and elected officials.

While in town, the Republican senator honored Ann Lair Henderson, daughter of Renfro Valley founder John Lair. Henderson is credited with the idea of creating a Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Museum honoring the countless Kentucky musicians and performers who have made a mark in the entertainment industry. The museum has since grown to experience national notoriety.

The Senator then addressed the crowd saying there are a lot of "untruths" circulating in gov-

ernment and being passed to the public as fact.

Paul talked with the small crowd about politics and recent issues in

general, focusing part of his attention on the overreaching "power grabs" of Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and the re-

cent mandates and executive orders from his office.

Paul has spoken out against many of Beshear's mandates since the COVID pandemic began and he, along with Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray, strongly support four pieces of legislation which limits a Governor's power to establish "arbitrary mandates" and "unlimited executive orders" on Kentucky citizens.

When those bills were approved and sent to the

Kentucky House of Representatives, they passed overwhelmingly, according to Paul, but then Beshear vetoed all four. Soon, the General Assembly overrode the vetoes. Beshear then filed suit basically stopping the legislation for months if not years, officials say.

"There simply has to be a checks and balance system in a free society. Why would an elected official not want a checks and balance system? In a

(See "Paul" on A5)

Livingston to get new Dodge Charger cruiser

At Monday night's meeting of the Livingston City Commission, Police Chief John Ashurt told the commissioners that he had located a 2021 Dodge Charger, at Don Franklin Auto in Somerset.

Ashurt told the commissioners that the city had been reimbursed by the insurance company for the loss of their previous vehicle to the tune of \$34,138 and that the new vehicle's base price was \$28,642. After the vehicle is outfitted with all necessary equipment, the police chief said the total price would be \$33,817 leaving \$951 of the origi-

nal Rural Development Grant used to purchase the first vehicle. He told the council that Rural Development had been contacted and the city will be allowed to keep the

(See "Cruiser" on A5)

Commissioner speaks about complaints

By: Mike French
Editor

(Editor's note: Over the past several weeks, citizens have placed advertisements and Letters to the Editor in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, addressing their concerns about some issues in the city of Brodhead. During Mon-

day night's Brodhead City Commission meeting, Commissioner Brian Bullock asked to address those concerns.)

Brodhead City Commissioner Brian Bullock addressed several issues concerning recent citizen complaints in the past few months. "I want to say

some things just for the newspaper so that the public can know both sides of the stories," he said.

Bullock was referring to some advertising and some Letters to the Editor in recent issues of the

(See "Speak" on A5)

Vendor and Craft Fair helps artists and all graduates

By: Mike French
Editor

Some call an event "successful" if things go as planned.

But if turn-out and support of some events go above and beyond all expectations it may be called "triumphant."

Such may be the case for the first Mount Vernon Vendor and Craft Fair held last weekend, which partially benefited the RCHS 2021 graduating class through the new "Masked Seniors Project."

Selena Thompson spends part of her time as a board member of the Rockcastle Arts

Association. She also spends time as a director of the "Masked Seniors Project." Then she had an idea. "I just decided to bring the two together and make this event happen," said the local active volunteer. "And everyone I have talked with is saying the fair was indeed a success."

The Arts Association helps sponsor the annual Noel Night Market on Main Street and the Masked Seniors Project has worked since January to prepare care packages for high school graduates.

"The Masked Seniors

(See "Fair" on A5)



A huge crowd attended the first Vendor and Craft Fair last weekend. Officials say another may be planned in the near future.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Living in rural Kentucky has its advantages. We do not have to deal with a radical school board that has decided to force teachers to teach critical race theory which, best I can tell, is teaching white students to apologize to everyone for being white and privileged. We do not have transgender people entertaining our children in our libraries. So far, our pastors have not been handcuffed and dragged away from their church for (gasp) holding a church service and, so far, the gas shortage being felt farther east of us has not been felt locally.

Not that I hold out much hope that we will not have to, at some point, deal with these issues, and many others.

It's enough that we are having to deal locally with Pandemic rules such as wearing a mask while in public. I don't do it mainly because I have moderate COPD and it impedes my ability to breathe properly. I have

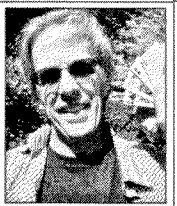
no problem if other people choose to do it but don't expect me to respond when you try to have a conversation with me while wearing one. I have a slight hearing issue and cannot understand someone through a mask because I do not have facial expression to help me understand what is being said. I also do not have the ability to know who I am talking to with half of your face covered. So, I'll make a deal with you. If you won't go through life with half your face covered that is okay with me and totally none of my business but please extend me the same courtesy if I choose not to do so.

Also, the same thing pertains to being vaccinated. "My body my choice" as proponents of abortion on demand are known to say with annoying frequency now, in my opinion, pertains also to my refusal of being vaccinated.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



There is a lot that stinks about getting old. Aches, pains, being sleepy constantly, and such things are bothersome.

But among the biggest faults, is that age when you are young enough to still remember how things ought to be, and old enough to remember when they were still that way.

Do you still remember smiles?

Recently, I stopped at a local convenient store and bought a Pepsi and a snack. I paid for it, got my change and completed the entire transaction without the cashier girl even acknowledging that I was there at all.

She never said "thank you sir," or "come again please" or even looked up to see if I was an alien. For all she knew, I could have been the Loch Ness Monster.

She offered me no bag and never stopped talking to the other cashier girl about some new fingernail polish color.

I said "You are welcome!" Then she got all huffy as if expecting her to do her job was the equivalent of asking her to change her religion.

I live on fast food drive through windows. I noticed that not one of them ever smile. I'm sure some do, somewhere. But I haven't met them yet.

Sometimes when I pick up my food, I am made to feel as though I have completely destroyed their day with my ridiculous order. "Don't you have anything better to do than drive through a fast food window? Leave me alone!"

They don't say that, but that's how it feels.

Well, one said something similar to that after I said "HELLOOOO???"

Yeah, I know they are just kids. I used to be one of those. But when I was a kid, I was taught to respect my elders and to

smile and to never, ever ignore or interrupt an elder. That would be a foreign idea anymore.

It seems that so many businesses treat customers like they are interrupting their day.

At WalMart last week, the cashier was texting someone when I got to the register.

Personally, I would have stopped texting and waited on the customer. Apparently, that isn't ex-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



This is probably the hardest column I've ever tried to write and there are no guarantees that I'm going to be able to pull it off. Tears keep falling on my keyboard and every time I attempt to type another word, my vision blurs and a baseball seem to be stuck in my throat. I had no idea that a totally shattered heart could be this devastating.

My brother, Keith, (Keeter) passed over to

the other side last Friday and I was too physically incapacitated to even make it to his funeral on Sunday. Not a minute goes by when I am not thinking that it wasn't supposed to be me this way. In my mind, I was supposed to be the first of the Adams Boys to go and then Keeter simply snuck up on us.

In the first place, Keeter didn't normally get sick. He got aggravated and then he got over it in pretty short order. I hadn't seen him for about 6 months but I knew he was under the weather and that he had lost a lot of weight due to a problem he had with swallowing food. I fully believed he would wade right through it like he always did. And, to be perfectly honest, I have been so self absorbed with my own little pity party to give my little brother the attention he so deserved.

There was no way I would have been able to get to the mountains to see him but I could and should have been calling every day. Instead, we got by on facebook messaging even though our younger brother, Andy,

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“Ramblings”

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And, I shouldn't be penalized because I don't have a "vaccination certificate" because if you have been vaccinated then you are protected from the unvaccinated, right?

It's an upside down world we live in these days, thrown off kilter mainly by Democrats.

Oh, you disagree?

•The "Defund the Police" movement is being pushed mainly by politicians who have, and will retain, their private security which is being paid for with taxpayer funds.

•We're now shipping fuel in from Europe. It took a little over 100 days for this country to go from energy independence to gas shortages under this administration. The national price for a gallon of gas hit \$2.985 Tuesday, the highest in six years.

•New York City denied a permit for a 108 year old tradition, a Veterans March, while allowing a "Cannabis" Parade on Monday of this week.

•The Biden Administration is forcing the release of illegal aliens convicted of armed robbery, drunk driving and drug dealing in Arizona (not to mention the 73,000 felons which are scheduled to be released in California because, whatever, by Gov. Newsom).

•For the first time in 70 years, there was no Na-

tional Day of Prayer in our U.S. Capital.

•Nearly half of female soldiers are still failing the new Army Fitness Test, which was tweaked to accommodate them, while male soldiers are passing easily.

•The USDA COVID-19 loan forgiveness Relief Plan to farmers is only available to: Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Asian and Hawaiian Pacific Islander. White farmers can't even apply.

•At least three biological men will compete in the Olympics as women.

•Maricopa County Arizona elections witness testifies that Dominion ran the entire election. County officials and observers never had access or passwords to the voting machines.

There are a few bright spots in this madness but, guess what, they are coming from Republican-run states such as Florida and Texas.

Florida has been open since May of 2020, including in person schools, and their CPVID positivity rate is the lowest it's been in over six months. Texas has ended all COVID restrictions and their numbers have been consistently falling.

And, finally, this tirade has been brought to you by a Birthing person (instead of a mother) which is reportedly the new politically correct term, which I suppose makes Fathers Day next month Sperm Donors Day?

“Memory”

(Continued from A2)

And, as a multitude of things do, the very subject of soap reminds me of my mother (Bee).

Particles of bars of left-over soap filled a container in my mother's kitchen. She was a very frugal housekeeper and only purchased hand soap when it was on sale. For that reason, we used a variety of different brands of soap in our home, so the leftovers were all different colors.

When the soap jar became full, she put them in a dish on the coal-burning stove and melted them. She then placed the dish in the refrigerator to cool. Finally, she used a butcher knife to cut them into new bars for us to use as hand soap. They were rainbow-colored bars, and I will never forget how they looked sitting on the sink in the bathroom.

When I was a little boy, Bee made lye soap each year while the men folk were busy killing hogs. Lard was rendered from the fat of the hogs and was set aside to be mixed with lye. The lye was made from ashes collected from the wood-burning stove in our kitchen.

Bee poured water through the ashes and siphoned off the liquid lye. It was then mixed with the lard to formulate the soap. Because lye (sodium hydroxide) is so caustic, she was careful to make certain that she had the right concentration. If too much lye was added, the soap would burn the skin.

In order to make the soap, lard and lye were combined in a large iron pot that was placed over an open fire in our backyard. The mixture had to be heated for hours and constantly stirred with a long wooden stick. After determining that the soap was ready, Bee poured it into a metal pan and allowed it to solidify. Finally, she used a sharp butcher knife to cut the concoction into small bars.

Bee believed that lye soap would get clothes as clean as any store-bought detergent. It also added a fresh smell to the clothes. I have heard her say that it killed germs, so she used it as an anti-bacterial cleaning agent. I think she was right about that. I recall her telling one of the neighbors that lye soap was good for killing head lice and chiggers. In her own way, she was a pretty good chemist.

While I am on the subject, I remembered that my grandfather was a huge fan of a brand of soap called Lava. Pop used it to clean his hands when he had been working on his car or the lawn mower. It was a very "gritty" textured blend that would literally scrub off the skin on your hands if you exercised enough power. It also had the capability of removing grease and oil from your hands. Pop kept a bar just for his personal use.

Thanks to my personal past, I consider myself somewhat of an expert on an ordinary topic like bars of soap. I guess that it one of the reasons that I am so happy to have found a good soap for my old-age skin. (By the way, men with sweaty jobs also seem to love silver soap.) But no matter how many bars of soap I try, I never fail to think

of my momma.

(You can reach me at themtnman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

“Aces”

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Eventually, she did put the phone down and start beeping my stuff over the little register, but the phone was beeping as much as the register was and I am still not sure how many times she ran stuff through twice. She would occasionally stop working with my order and punch a few buttons on the phone and then run a few more items through.

She never told me the price. I had to look for a total on the screen in front of her and pay her but by that time the phone was up to her ear and she was talking to someone.

She did say "awwwwe thank you sweetie," but I am pretty sure she was talking to whomever was on the phone. Nonetheless, I said "you are welcome," and she kind of snarled and turned her back to me.

My first job was sacking groceries at Thornberry's supermarket. That comes in handy these days because the guy that I think was supposed to sack mine was "striking a pose" in front of some girl in another aisle.

I still remember guys at my favorite gas station running to my car and washing my windshield and checking my oil as a "thank you" for buying gas at their station. And guess what, even after that, they still said, "Thank you sir. Please come again."

I guess the old days of strong work ethics are pretty much over. The days of "customer appreciation" seems to be stories we tell to our kids.

"People used to appreciate it when you chose their business," we tell our kids. "They knew we could have gone elsewhere but we chose to support them. They thanked us and smiled and were friendly. The customer was always right. They paid attention to us and valued our patronage. They didn't have ear phones in while waiting on customers."

"HUH?"

"Never mind."

“East”

(Continued from A2)

had been telling me, for weeks, that Keeter was much worse off than he and I thought he was. Apparently Keeter didn't want me to be worried

about him and I fell for it.

We 4 brothers, Keeter, Andy, Steve and I, have always been close and in frequent touch with each other. As children, we grew up in a family where everybody was expected to pull his weight and help each other out. Cooperation was an essential part of daily living and there were no exceptions. If someone did get out of line, Keeter was generally the self appointed peace maker. I've often thought that he would have made a great diplomat. He was not only the glue that held the 4 of us together, but his diplomacy skills served him well throughout a career that spanned almost 50 years.

He worked his butt off operating super heavy duty surface mining equipment. Most of that career involved a minimum 50 hour work week and, when he wasn't on the time clock, he was almost always doing something for somebody else. He could and did fix almost anything with moving parts, be it an automobile transmission or a riding lawn mower with the engine locked up. His

idea of playtime was to tend a huge vegetable garden and/or help someone else hoe theirs. He would tell me, "Catch us some bait and when I get done here, we'll go fishing." More often than not, those fishing trips required a couple of Coleman Lanterns. Still he loved fishing, particularly in the north of the Kentucky River in Letcher County, better than anyone I have ever known.

If I had a dollar for every time I've mentioned my kid brother in this column over the last 4 decades, I could take a week-long vacation to Kentucky Lake about now but I would not enjoy it unless Keeter went with me. Unfortunately, my fishing days are over and Keeter is no longer here to tell me how many he caught. That tale would have been as enjoyable as catching them myself.

So Keeter, in the words of Vince Gill, you go rest high on that mountain. Son your work on earth is done. Go to Heaven a shouting. Love for the Father and the Son!



New gym is very nice...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to tell everyone what a terrific gym Rock Strength and Fitness is. All the staff are friendly and ready to help when needed.

They also work extremely hard at keeping the facility immaculate.

There are a great variety of exercise machines and equipment, all laid out in an organized fashion. For people to have 24/7 access to the gym is icing on the cake (so to speak!).

Thank you Rock Strength and fitness staff for offering your services and for the great job you are doing.

Sincerely,
Kathy Horrar

Thank You...

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition would like to thank Baptist Bikers of Kentucky for the support given to the coalition through a fundraiser May 1, 2021.

Baptist Bikers of Kentucky donated \$825 to the coalition.

Special thanks to Luther Allen and Randy McPherson for organizing the fund-raiser and thanks also to Tic Toc Preschool for providing lunch for about 70 participants in the motorcycle ride. The funds will be used to assist in the work of the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition including the \$500 Hollie Barnett Scholarship that is awarded annually to a graduating Senior who is a member of the Rockcastle County High School UNITE Club.

The recipient of the award will be announced soon along with those graduates who will be receiving \$1500 "I Am UNITE Scholarships" from Operation UNITE. Stay drug free. Be smart, don't start. There is a reason they call it DOPE.

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

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

Retired Teachers Meeting
Rockcastle Retired Teachers will meet for the first time in over a year on Wednesday, May 19th at 11:30 at Limestone Grille. Luther Allen, Rockcastle Regional Hospital Chaplain, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very special Memorial Program to remember those teachers we lost in 2019 and 2020. There will be a short business meeting during lunch. Please make every effort to attend and reconnect with fellow retirees.

Mt. Vernon High School Reunion
The Mt. Vernon High School Reunion is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at the Rockcastle County Middle School, beginning at 6 p.m. The classes of 1970 and 1971 will be honored. Invitations will be mailed out in July.

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Joe Deatherage

Joe Deatherage, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, April 26, 2021 at U.K. Hospital in Lexington. He was born November 11, 1958 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Arlis and Clotine Hansel Deatherage. He retired from Lehigh High Hanson Company, enjoyed helping others, playing horse shoes, hunting, spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors are: his wife, Phyllis Bishop Deatherage of Mt. Vernon; one son, Lee (Ashely) Deatherage of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Coman (Juanita) Deatherage of Mt. Vernon; four grandchildren, Aaron, Hayden, Ava Rose, and Anabella; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by: one son, Joel Deatherage; one brother, Paul Gene Deatherage; and one infant daughter.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 30, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Zandell Hasty and Bro. Ova Baker officiating. Burial was in Hansel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Aaron Deatherage, Benny Childress, Steve Hayes, Jeremy Adams, Matt McClure, and Wesley Fain. Honorary pallbearers were: Coman Deatherage, Doug Deatherage, Hayden Deatherage, Fred McClure, Derrik and James Wayne Carpenter, Mickey and Dusty McClure, Henry Hayes, Jonas Adams, Danny Mize, Gerald Bullock and all the family & friends.

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

Travis Dale Stewart

Travis Dale Stewart, 44, of Orlando, died Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in Richmond. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 12, 1976, the son of Garrett Dale and Wanda Gail Thompson Stewart. He had been an employee of Qualex Corporation and was of the Baptist Faith.

Travis deeply loved his family, was always the first to say "Love Ya", enjoyed working outdoors, playing with his dogs, and making memories with his nephew.

He is survived by: his wife, Krista Lester Stewart; his parents, Garrett Stewart and Wanda Gail Stewart; a sister, Kayla (Matt) Stamper of Mt. Vernon; a very special nephew, Britton Stamper; and his dog, Razor. His grandparents preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 7, 2021 at Flat Rock Baptist Church by Bro. Jason Medley. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Derrick Bishop, Shane Fain, Jason Medley, Matt Stamper, Chris Thompson, and Kelly Thompson.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Linda Earline Smith

Linda Earline Smith, 75, of Orlando, died Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Rockcastle County on December 14, 1945, the daughter of Archie Bradley and Mary Elizabeth Durham McGuire. She was a retired inspector for Parker Seal Co. and a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church.

Linda had a sweet soul and a bright smile. To know her was to feel loved. She adored her grandsons, Logan and Landan, and an honorary grandson, Zachary King. She enjoyed taking her grandsons fishing and loved a fishing trip with her sisters, as well as going to yard sales and just driving around. She loved her husband, James, and her son, grandkids, and sisters deeply.

She is survived by: her husband, James Smith; her son, David (Jessica) Smith of Orlando; grandchildren, Logan and Landan; sisters, Shirley Wallin and Lillie Hensley, both of Orlando, and Eula Mink of Livingston; and Kimberly Robinson, whom she loved as a daughter. She was preceded in death by six brothers, Armon, Adren, Olen, Aaron, Vester, and Manuel McGuire and two sisters, Isabelle Singleton and Nannie McCoy.

Services were conducted Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Brush Creek Holiness Church by Bro. Lonnie McGuire. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Eugene McCoy, Jackie McCoy, Travis McCoy, Darren Smith, Jordan Smith, Landan Smith, Logan Smith, and Stacey Smith.

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

Andrew McFerron

Andrew McFerron, 86, of Brodhead, died Sunday, May 9, 2021 at his residence. He was born June 3, 1934 in Mt. Vernon to the late Sylvester and Mary (Cromer) McFerron. He was a member of First Church of Jesus Christ in Sand Springs, enjoyed gardening, picking wild greens, and playing Bluegrass Gospel music. He married Flossie Barron on September 29, 1953 and from that union came one daughter, Helen.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 67 years, Flossie McFerron; one daughter, Helen Doan of Brodhead; two grandsons, Benton (Melissa) Doan and Andy Doan; great grandchildren, Christa (Jessie) Renner, Megan Doan, Cager Doan, Kaiden Doan, and Tava Doan; great great grandchildren, Avery and Addy Renner, Jason Doan, and Trevor Johnson; one brother, Robert (Rhonda) McFerron of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Hazel Miller, Margie Barron, and Irene Graves, all of Brodhead; and one sister-in-law, Irene McFerron.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Fred McFerron and Edward McFerron; one sister, Evelyn Mink; and one son-in-law, Carl Doan.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Wendell Martin and Joe French officiating. Burial will follow in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Becky Clark Hundley

Becky Clark Hundley, 49, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, May 8, 2021 at her residence. She was born October 29, 1971 in Somerset to Jim Clark, Sr., and Linda Mae (Morris) Robinson. She was a homemaker, was of the Baptist faith, and enjoyed watching movies and riding 4-wheelers.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her fiancé, Wayne Leger; four children, Dustin Jones of McKee, Johnathan Jones of Berea, and Brandon Jones, and Donald Adams, Jr., both of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Nevaeh Jones, Justin Jones, Rachel Jones, Dustin Allen, and Jason Allen; two brothers, Jimmy (Jessica) Clark, Jr. of Brodhead, and Michael Roy (Stacey) Clark of Mt. Vernon; her father, Jim Clark, Sr.; and mother, Linda Mae Robinson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jackie Hundley, and one sister, Patricia Gail Clark.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Hunter Isaacs officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Alta Berry Todd Lakes

Alta Berry Todd Lakes, 96, died Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Baptist Health in Corbin. Ms. Lakes was born February 13, 1925 in Rockcastle County to the late Willard and Louise Gatliff Todd. She loved spending time with family and friends. The time spent cooking and caring for them was important to her. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and flower gardening. Ms. Lakes was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by: her first husband, Rev. Herbert Berry; husband, Ernest Lakes; children, Gordon H. (Linda) Berry, Sandra Lynn Spenneberg, Warren Ray Berry, and stepdaughter, Emily (Don) Boggs; and brothers, Edmond Todd and Harold Todd.

She is survived by: two children, Wanda (W.L.) Campbell of Corbin, and Ken (Betty) Berry of Berea; daughter-in-law, Linda Berry of Berea; two stepchildren, Darlene (Jack) Martin of Rockcastle Co., and Kennon (Edna) Lakes of Ohio; brother, Herman Todd of Rockcastle County; two sisters, Louise Bale of IL, and Wilmoth Abney of Mount Vernon; eight grandchildren, David (Sandy) Berry, Lisa (Jack) Hatfield, Terry (Melissa) Campbell, Darla (Rolan) Langford, Jomicah (Miranda) Berry, Philip (Stephanie) Berry, Charles Spenneberg, and Todd (Kristi) Spenneberg; special friend and prayer partner, Dorothy Rader; 15 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Vernon Morris and Rev. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial will follow in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

You may view the service live from the funeral home website www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be the grandchildren and honorary pallbearers will be the great grandchildren.

In accordance with Gov. Beshear's mandates facial coverings and social distancing will be observed.

Velma Jewel Marler

Velma Jewel Marler, 93, of Somerville, Ohio, died Sunday, May 9, 2021, at her home surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was born April 15, 1928 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late Ott and Katie Renner Kirby.

She was preceded in death by: her sisters, Hazel, Alma, Marie and Joyce; and brothers, Sherman and Tom. She was also preceded in death by her former husband and father of her children, Charles D. Marler; and her sons, Billy Darrell (twin) died at birth and Charles Earl Marler.

She is survived by: her children, Norma (Lynn) Kinkaid, Larry (Harriet) Marler, Linda Marler, Janice (Jeff) Brown and Barb (Tim) Laird; as well as her sister, Janice Lovell. She is also survived by her grandchildren, John, Susan, Lance, Elizabeth, Katie, Dustin, Lindsey, and Michael. Velma also leaves behind her 11 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial will follow in Ott Kirby Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 12 noon until service time on Thursday. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, face masks are required, social distancing is encouraged, and funeral home capacity will be limited to 60%.

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

Donnie Carpenter, Jr.

Donnie Edgar Carpenter, Jr., 54, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, May 3, 2021 at his home. He was born March 22, 1967 in Clay County, the son of Donnie Carpenter, Sr. of Mt. Vernon, and the late Geneva Gregory Carpenter.

He worked at Trane Company, enjoyed working on things, 4-wheeling, going to the beach and Shaker Village, and spending time with family. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors, besides his father are: his wife; Robin Stanfield Carpenter of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Jesse Carpenter, and Donnie Carpenter, both of London; one daughter, Megan Hedrick of London; three sisters, Brenda Reynolds of Richmond, Angie Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, and Joyce Carpenter; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 7, 2021 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Randy McFerron officiating. Burial was in Phelps Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donnie Carpenter, Jesse Carpenter, Benny Samples, Roy Townsend, Chris Goodpaster, and David Tirey. Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Bowling and Robert Lear.

Eddie Jerome Sharp, Jr.

Eddie Jerome Sharp, Jr., 50, of Hazard, died Friday, April 30, 2021 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital Respiratory Care Center. He was born in Blackshear, GA on October 30, 1970, the son of Eddie Jerome, Sr. and Darcel Cochran Sharpe. He had been a minister and a welder.

He is survived by his wife, Tomara Marker Sharpe. The family has chosen cremation with no services. Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

May 22, 2021 Rockcastle County FREE TRASH DROP-OFF DAY

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held Saturday, **May 22, 2021** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to **Rockcastle County residents only!** Identification and sign-in at the gate will be required!

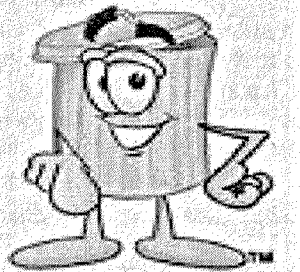
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Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items, however, you may have to unload yourself if we are either short-handed or getting behind. This is a service to our citizens, if you are able to unload, then you should be willing to do so!

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



“Speak”

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Mount Vernon Signal, as well as hand-written letters received by each commissioner and the City Clerk.

"There are 14 questions that keep showing up either in the newspaper or in a letter and the fact is that we (the commission) answered each and every one of those questions in a public meeting months ago," he said. "We have addressed these same questions several times since then and I am not going to answer them again."

Bullock continued. "Brodhead water and sewer rates are being compared by some people to other cities. However, the numbers they are using are incorrect. The bill for the other cities show water and water only, while the numbers used for Brodhead was the water and sewer combined. They do not compare apples to apples."

Water rates have also been questioned by guests recently. "We need everyone to understand that those other cities also supply and treat their own water. We have to purchase our water from Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon has to make a profit and we have the expense of getting that water to our customers," Bullock said. "So, Math 101 will tell you that our water bill has to be a little more than Mount Vernon's water bill."

Another issue concerned water being sold from the firehouse. "There have been questions about us selling water from the firehouse for farmers to use in their sprayers and other equipment and this is true. But, we charge more for that water than we do the water they would get through their meter. So the city actually makes more selling that water."

Another issue involved broken or uncovered water line on the property of an individual. "Our water line is buried properly and legally and if they put a road over that water line and it breaks it, that becomes their responsibility," he said. "I won't even go into calling the proper numbers before you dig."

Bullock said a complaint also arose suggesting FEMA grant money should be available to the city. "The fact is, every dime of that money must be spent only on the flood issue on Main Street or the pump station by law," Bullock said. "We don't have the option of spending it any other way. That would be illegal. Those projects are in process and the money is being used as mandated."

Bullock said he would like to leave residents with a final note. "We have done absolutely everything in our power to keep our water and sewer bills as low as humanly possible for many, many years," he said. "We have used general funds and other funds trying to help and we have patched and patched and done everything we can possibly do to keep it as low as possible. A lot of us are on a fixed income and I know how hard that is and we fight every month to find ways to keep from raising water bills and for many years have been able to do just that."

Bullock said he hopes most issues are ad-

dressed now. "These very same issues keep popping up and we keep answering them. I hope this is the last we have to say about any of this."

But Bullock is still willing to hear more if needed, he said. "If anyone has any suggestions or questions or concerns, we would love to hear them," he said. "That's why we are here. That's our job. Not to answer the same question over and over again, but to answer any and all questions and hear the people of Brodhead. Everyone is welcome and invited to come to us at anytime."

“Cop”

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and sits there eating a burger, and some people who were planning something illegal will turn and go home."

Brodhead Police Chief Richard Reynolds agreed. "Kirk is much more aggressive in the areas where we need his experience," said Chief Reynolds. "He will be a big help to this city."

The subject was brought up by John Burton, a past city commissioner and visitor to the meeting. Burton said crime on the street of Brodhead is "getting out of hand recently and people are about to get hurt."

Burton attended the meeting to express his concern and tell a personal story about watching criminal activity from his home. "I sit out there from about 1 p.m. and through the night these people don't care who is watching," he said. "They will come onto your porch and take what they want. They build fires in the streets and play extremely loud music through the night with backpacks on." (Suggesting no one knows what may be in the backpacks which could include guns and/or drugs.)

Burton continued to describe much more criminal activity he has witnessed from his home and City Clerk Becky Bussell agreed that she had witnessed it herself almost nightly.

Much of the activity involves four-wheelers and side-by-sides "running up back streets at 70 miles per hour at two in the morning," said Burton.

Since the commission adopted a new golf cart ordinance months ago, the four-wheeler problem has gotten much more prevalent, according to each commissioner. In fact, during the meeting, a loud four-wheeler with three people, drove past City Hall apparently extremely fast in a "taunting fashion," according to commissioners.

"This has gotten so bad that it is the only issue that has caused me to consider quitting my job here in Brodhead," said Chief Reynolds.

The problem is, ac-

ording to Reynolds, some of those who ride legally and need their golf cart on city streets, keep Reynolds from stopping those who cause city-wide disturbances. "The problem is, it is either legal or it is not," said Reynolds. "I know people who ride their cart to work in a safe, quiet way and there is nothing harmful about that. Those people have no car and they hurt no one and if I stop them, they can't make a living or feed their family. It is their only transportation. But I can't let them go and then stop the guy riding his cart across the street. My hands are tied. What do you do?"

After a long and detailed discussion about the issue, the answer seemed to come down to Reynolds's best judgement in each individual case. "I say you do what you have to do. That's what we pay you for and you are the only one who can handle that," said Bullock. "Something has to be done before it gets even worse and you will have to make that call yourself."

Each commissioner congratulated Reynolds on his handling of the situation thus far saying they understood that his hands are tied on the issue.

"I think having the additional officer is going to be a massive help," said Reynolds. "I would ask everyone to show some patience and let the new officer come on board in two weeks and I believe we can handle it."

Bussell agreed. "It really stinks that we have to do this and it isn't fair," she said. "But something has to be done and if you have to take their vehicle away from them, then you just have to do that."

Reynolds said Brodhead may become a safer place once Mays is on the job. "It used to be easy to find officers," he said. "But it is not so easy anymore. Not a lot of people want this job anymore and we are lucky to have Mays interested in Brodhead. He is already certified and ready to hit the ground running."

Many other stories were told by commissioners and guests that suggested the gang-like activity has grown to a fever pitch in Brodhead but doubling the police force is expected to curb such activity. "We are going to keep the people of Brodhead safe," said Reynolds.

In other action, Bullock reported that the Fire Department is planning another Fish Fry on June 1 and the city agreed to help relocate a recycling trailer from the city park. That new location has not been determined but officials said they will find a place and announce the new location soon.

The next City Com-

mission meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

“Cruiser”

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\$951 for their use. Assistant Fire Chief Bobby Phelps reported to the commissioners that the fire department had made 206 runs thus far this year.

Phelps also noted that since the Burn Ban expired at the end of April, that citizens should call the non-emergency number of 256-2121 for approval of a controlled burn.

Phelps also asked the commissioners if they would approve the purchase of four new tires for the department's trailer. Mayor Dwane King told Phelps that the city could not afford four new tires at present but could purchase two of the tires if the fire department could purchase the other two. Phelps said he would take the offer to the department's board.

Also, during the meeting, Mayor King told the commissioners that they owed a thank you to the fiscal court for their recent financial contributions including a new floor and paint for city hall, for reinstating funds to pay the police chief and for the new heating and air conditioning system being installed in the Livingston Gym.

The commission also accepted the resignation of longtime city commissioner Katha Carpenter who resigned because of ill health.

“Fair”

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Project, a group of parents and volunteers, is putting together care packages for all the graduating seniors that will be given out during a practice for graduation this year," said Thompson. The graduation ceremonies are planned for May 25 at the high school football field. (May 27 if it rains.)

According to Thompson, the community has been supportive of her efforts. "Individuals and local businesses have been so supportive of the Masked Seniors Project," she said. "They have donated money and many types of items for graduating seniors."

The package will contain promotional items for the graduates, including coupons, food and cards with cash inside, said Thompson.

The revenue from the craft fair helped include more items in each care package. "There were 43 vendors and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. It went even better than expected," she said.

A popular vendor, Jennifer Peavie, agreed

"I have done well at the fair, but even if I had not sold anything, it was worth it to be out and see people at an event again," she said.

The Arts Association and the Masked Seniors Project, which is not affiliated with RCHS, split the revenues raised through the first-time event and things went so well that Thompson has started to plan another such event.

The Noel Night Market is planned for December and Thompson is hoping to have another craft fair before that event. "We hope to have another fair before the Noel Night Market," she said. "I will post information at rockcastlearts.org."

Thompson said there is "amazing artistic talent" in Rockcastle County and she enjoys giving local residents, as well as visitors, the chance to see and purchase the handmade items. "There are some very talented artists here and everyone needs to witness some of the goods made here in our county," she said.

Anyone interested in donating to the Masked Seniors Project should contact the Masked Seniors on Facebook.

“Paul”

(Continued from front)

free society, individuals make decisions about their own lives. That's why it's called a free society. Your Governor had police in church parking lots taking down license numbers for God's sake. Some people say Donald Trump was authoritarian but what is more authoritarian than that?" Paul asked the crowd.

Paul said it is the government's burden to prove mandates are needed and not the public's burden to prove they are not needed. "We just don't need rules placed on people that have nothing to do with the facts," he said.

Paul also talked about recent moves towards socialism as a society and the dangers that come with such wishes. "Untruths are what many use to get what they want. History has proven over and over again that socialism does not work," he said. "People like to get a check for \$1,400, who wouldn't? But is it good for our society? The value of your dollar has dropped dramatically because of it, and our children now have to pay it back. There is no free college education. Someone pays for that. Look at gas and lumber prices.

You are already paying for it."

Paul also said there is more to the COVID-19 story than the general public knows as well. "There is a treatment for COVID-19 but you don't see that talked about very much. Treatment does exist and after treatment, the patient is fine in a couple of days," he said. "All you have to do is catch it in a window of time. Trump did it, Guliano did it." Paul said each patient was "fine" in a couple of days after treatment.

Paul also addressed other untruths. "They tell you the wealthy aren't paying their fair share of taxes. That just isn't true. The fact is the top 1% of wage earners pay 40% of the taxes in America," he said. "Their story just isn't true."

Paul also said the COVID vaccines are still "experimental" and the option to receive the shot and wear a mask should be up to the individual. "That's what freedom means," he said. "Deaths are down dramatically and a third of the people have had COVID and a third have been vaccinated. COVID affects different people in different ways. Age and weight play a big part in that and it should be up to each person if they want the vaccine."

Though many elected officials are professing that the vaccine is indeed optional, the current trend supported by Democrats, show colleges and universities, as well as airlines, some businesses and organizations forbidding access to their services to those who are unvaccinated. Paul, and other Republicans, say this is a form of mandating the vaccine.

However, Paul said he is completely optimistic about the future of America. "In the 1800s, 98% of people lived in extreme poverty. Today less than 10% of the world lives in poverty. We are continuing to do better if we can keep government from getting involved in your affairs," he said. "Democratic socialism is illogical and will not work. It will fail. It always has."

By the end of Paul's visit, he summarized by saying he believes it is time to get back to "normal" lives and, "stop issuing mandates. People are pretty smart and they know what they need to do. It is time to let people make their own choices again and have concerts and events," he said. "It is time to start making music again."

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SPORTS

Rocket softball picks up three wins

Despite the weather, Rocket softball managed to play five games this past week going 3-2 with wins over Whitley, East Jessamine and Russell County.

The East Jessamine and Russell victories were part of the Don Franklin Showcase hosted by Southwestern Pulaski.

Casey Coleman came through in the clutch with a single in the bottom of the seventh for the 3-2 win over Russell County Saturday.

Rockcastle found themselves down 2-0 before coming back in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game with two of their own.

Reagan Chasteen reached on a hit by pitch and Coleman doubled to score Chasteen. With two outs, Ella Bussell reached on an error and Addison McClure singled to score Coleman for the tie.

McIntosh held Russell County scoreless in the top of the seventh.

Laney Bryant started the bottom of the inning with a bunt single and advanced to third on a Madison Yates double. Chasteen drew a walk to load the bases before Coleman singled for the win.

Madison McIntosh was impressive on the mound going seven innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out 14 and walking none.

The Rockets other win Saturday came with an 8-5 victory over East Jessamine.

The Rockets scored in each inning except the first in the win.

McIntosh earned the win going six innings allowing five runs on eight hits and striking

out 11.

Ella Bussell led the offense going three for three including a homerun in the fourth with three RBI and a run scored.

McIntosh was two for three with a walk and run scored.

The Rockets other victory came over Whitley County 14-3 Friday.

Rockcastle exploded for 12 runs in the third inning to take a 12-3 lead. The Rockets managed one run in the fourth and fifth for the 14-3 win.

Laney Bryant led the Rockets offensively going four for five with two runs scored and two RBI.

Madison McIntosh, Addison McClure and Lexie Brock each picked up two hits in the win.

McIntosh had three RBI while Brock, Madison Yates and Haley Pingleton each had two.

McIntosh picked up another win on the mound going four innings, allowing one hit and no runs while striking out seven and walking none.

The Rockets two losses this week came at the hands of Pulaski County and Madison Central.

Pulaski came to town last Wednesday and defeated the Rockets 12-2.

Madison Central handed the Rockets their sixth loss of the season with a 5-1 victory on Thursday.

The Rockets' record is now 12-6 on the season.

Rockcastle was set to face Lincoln County on Tuesday, May 11th and will host Berea on Thursday. Friday, the girls travel to Southwestern and will host Whitley County next Monday and travel to Garrard next Tuesday.



Riley Clark, senior at RCHS, signed her letter of intent and athletic scholarship to play Women's Golf for the University of the Cumberlands on April 30th. Clark will join the 6th nationally ranked Patriots in the fall to begin her collegiate golf career. Some of Riley's accomplishments are as follows: 2020 10th Region Player of the Year; 3 time All 10th Region Team; First Team Bluegrass All Stars 2020; 3 KHSAA State Championship appearances; while making many great friends, teammates, and memories from her time as a Lady Rocket. Pictured from left are: UC Coach Aaron Watkins, Trent Clark, Riley Clark, Ashley Clark and Aubree Clark.



RCMS volleyball recently honored their eighth grade team members. Eighth graders shown above, from left: head coach Casey Todd, Lila Holt, Markley Richards, Amanda Kimsey, Addison Rush, Madison Hayes, Patience Gleissner, Abbie Day and asst. coach Michaela Barron.

Rocket baseball defeats Campbell Co.

The RCHS baseball squad has had a rough time this past week going one and four with their lone win coming against Campbell County, 6-2.

That win was part of the Fayette County Invitational held this past weekend.

The game was tied at one after three when the Rockets put three on the board in the top of the fourth.

Carson King got things started with a single and Rily Smith reached on an error. Landon Dillingham loaded the bases on a bunt. Carson Carrera drew an RBI walk to give the Rockets the lead. Ethan Fain grounded into a fielder's choice scoring Smith and Dillingham scored on a passed ball to give the Rockets a 4-1 lead.

Rockcastle added another on in the fifth after Silas Shaffer and Noah Fain singled. Ben Brown, courtesy running for Fain scored on an error.

Rockcastle tacked on one more run in the sixth inning. Noah Fain singled and Ben Brown, courtesy running for Fain, scored on a Carson King single.

Silas Shaffer picked up the win for the Rockets going six innings allowing four hits and one run while striking out nine.

Rily Smith threw one inning in relief. Shaffer, Noah Fain and King each picked up two hits for the Rockets while Ethan Fain drew three walks, scored a run and had one RBI.

The Rockets losses

came last Wednesday to Pulaski County, 2-0.

Pitching was strong on both sides with Pulaski County striking out seven and Noah Fain striking out eight.

Pulaski County scored two runs in the bottom of the second and it was enough as the Rockets were unable to get the bats going throughout the game. The Rockets had only three hits in the game.

The Rockets lost another close one on Thursday to Clay County, 3-2.

Clay took an early 2-0 lead but the Rockets cut that in half with a run in the bottom of the third.

Ethan Fain singled and Cade Prewitt was hit by a pitch. Silas Shaffer doubled to score Fain.

Clay added to their lead in the sixth inning and Rockcastle threatened in

the bottom of the six with a run but it was not enough as Clay held on for the win.

Rily Smith was the lone Rocket with two hits and had one RBI while Shaffer had the other.

The Rockets played two more Saturday in the Fayette County Invitational losing to Owensboro Catholic, 16-0 and Henry Clay, 7-6.

The Henry Clay game was a tough loss for the Rockets. With Henry Clay taking a 5-0 lead after six innings, Rockcastle tied it up with five runs in the top of the seventh to force extra innings.

Carson King walked to start the seventh, followed by a walk to Landon Dillingham and Connor Price to load the bases. Ethan Fain and Cade Prewitt each drew an RBI

walk and Silas Shaffer singled to score Price. Noah Fain singled to score Ethan Fain and Prewitt to tie the game.

It was the ninth inning when the Rockets took their first lead of the game. With two outs, Cam Prewitt drew a walk and Carson King was hit by a pitch. Rily Smith reached on an error to load the bases and Prewitt scored on a wild pitch.

Rockcastle couldn't hold onto the lead as the Blue Devils scored two in the bottom of the ninth for the victory.

The Rockets were set to host Garrard County Tuesday, May 11th and travel to Danville on Wednesday. Thursday, Knox Central comes to town for a 5:30 start and Danville comes to Mount Vernon on Monday, May 17th.

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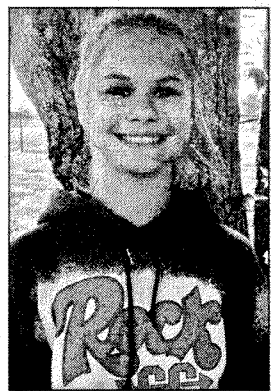
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Senior members of the RCHS Archery Team are shown above, from left: Kyle Coffey, Gentry Phillips, Jacob Cook and Jillian Wallin.

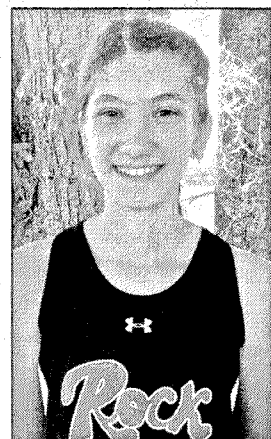
Wins four events for perfect score of 40

RCMS sixth grader Maliyah Swinney led the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances and a perfect 40 total points, the most you can score in a meet at Farristown on Monday. She won the 400-meter dash with an awesome all-time outdoor personal best of 1:07.51. She also won the 200 with another exceptional time of 30.66 seconds. In triple jump, she won by over 2' with a great jump of 28'11". In long jump, she won with a great leap of 13'6".



RCMS eighth grader Gracie Peavie helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances at Farristown on Monday.

In the 100-meter dash, she placed 12th overall with a great time of 16.37 seconds. In the 400, she placed 7th with another great race in 1:19.04. In high jump, she placed 3rd with an exceptional jump of 3'10". In her final event, triple jump, she placed 4th with a great jump of 22'9".



Wins shot put and discus...

RCMS eighth grader Caitlyn Kirby once again dominated the throwing events and helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances and 28 total points at Farristown on Monday. She won shot put by nearly 3' with an awesome all-time personal best of 28'2". In discus, she won by nearly 23' with another amazing all-time personal best of 73'4.5". She also tried javelin for the first time ever with no practice in the event other than a few warm-up throws. She placed 2nd with a great throw of 40'3".



RCMS eighth grader Jailyn Brown helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances at Farristown on Monday.

She placed 3rd in the 100-meter dash with a great time of 15.27 seconds. In the 200, she placed 4th with another exceptional race and a time of 31.80 seconds. In long jump, her third and final jump of 11'5" placed her 4th overall.



RCMS seventh grader Aubrey Burke helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances in her first-ever meet at Farristown on Monday.

In the 100-meter dash, she finished in the top 15 with a great time in the 16 second range, but a timing malfunction prevented her exact place from being recorded. In the 200, she placed 17th with an exceptional time of 36.12 seconds. In long jump, she placed 3rd with an awesome jump of 11'5". Her second best jump of 11'3" broke a tie for 3rd.



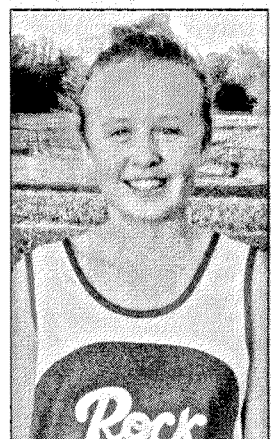
Rockcastle fourth grader Aria French helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances at Farristown on Monday.

In the 100-meter dash, she placed 29th with a great time of 19.46 seconds. In the 400, she placed 17th overall with an exceptional time of 1:36.21. In the 200, she placed 24th with another great time of 43.25 seconds. In long jump, she placed 13th with a great leap of 8'1".



Rockcastle fifth grader Chloe Burke helped lead the girls to a 3rd place team finish with several outstanding performances in her first-ever meet at Farristown on Monday.

Amazingly, she placed in the top ten in all of her events. In the 100-meter dash, she placed 9th with a great time of 16.17 seconds. In the 200, she also placed 9th with an exceptional time of 34.43 seconds. In long jump, she placed 8th with a great jump of 9'11".



Hammond named head coach of Lausanne

Lausanne Collegiate School has added former Union University Lady Bulldogs assistant coach Sara Hammond as the new head coach of the girls' basketball team.

Hammond comes to Lausanne after coaching for four seasons as an assistant to NAIA Hall Of Fame Coach coach Mark Campbell, a position she has held since May of 2017. Campbell praised Hammond's work ethic. Calling her a hard worker, a lover of people and someone who is self-motivated.

A native of Mt. Vernon, she played high school basketball for Rockcastle County High School. She graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,121 career points. Named a McDonald's All-American, she was the first player from Kentucky to earn the honor. She also earned the honor of Parade All-American and was a third-team USA Today High School All-American and was named Kentucky Miss Basketball in 2011.

Hammond is a 2015 graduate of Louisville, where she earned a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. Named first-team All-ACC Academic Team in 2015, she was a four-year member of the SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee). She has also spent time working with the University of Louisville Recreation and Parks Department, teaching and speaking to special needs youth and working special needs sports events.

Collegiately, Hammond played college basketball for the University of Louisville. She played in 141 games, starting 113 times. Her 141 games played ranks her third all-time at Louisville and her 15 NCAA Tournament games played is most in school history. She helped lead her team to a national runner-up finish in 2013. That year, she was named the Preseason WNIT MVP after leading the Cardinals to the tournament title. Her Louisville teams made the NCAA tournament all four years of her career, including three Sweet Sixteens, two Elite Eights and one Final Four.

She was a member of the College Sports Madness All-Big East third team in 2013, first-team All-AAC in 2014 and then second team All ACC in 2015. Hammond was a WBCA Honorable Mention All-American in

2014. In 2014, she was named to the Preseason Wade Trophy, Naismith and Wooden watch lists.

Upon graduation from Louisville, she ranked in the top-15 in scoring, top-5 in rebounding, top-10 in blocked shots and double-double games.

She was invited to try out for Team USA World University Games in 2013 (1st alternate) and won a Gold Medal with Team USA at the FIBA 3x3 World Championships in 2014.

Professionally, Hammond played two years of professional basketball overseas for SV Halle Lions (Germany) and UNI Ferrol (Spain).

When asked in an interview why she got into coaching, Hammond listed building relationships and sharing her knowledge as the main reasons.

"I want to help young women develop positive character traits and reach their dreams. My goal as a coach is to take my experiences as a player and use that to connect and build relationships with the players to help sharpen their skills, basketball IQ and development of becoming a well-rounded young woman," Hammond said.

Hammond replaces long-time Lynx coach Lesa Mears, who announced her retirement from coaching earlier this year.

"I'm grateful for the years I coached at Lausanne and I'm excited to welcome Coach Sara Hammond to Lausanne and watch her begin her High School coaching career," Mears said.

Athletic director Kevin Locastro said Hammond is the perfect fit for the program.

"Coach Hammond comes to Lausanne with a very impressive resume. I love her energy and passion for coaching young women. She is very mature in her approach and understands the importance of developing the whole student-athlete," athletic director Kevin Locastro said. "She has competed at the highest level as a player and has college coaching experience. It was a very easy decision for me to offer her a position after meeting with her the first time. We are very excited to welcome her to the Lausanne family and look forward to supporting and watching the growth of our women's basketball program under her leadership."

Hammond will arrive on campus and begin her

duties as head coach on June 1.

"I'm excited to get to Memphis, build great relationships with these young ladies & be a part of the Lausanne family. Thank you to Kevin Locastro for his belief in my abilities as a coach to lead the girl's basketball program. Go Lynx!" Hammond said.

Hammond currently lives in Eads, Tennessee and is engaged to former Memphis Tiger and Gonzaga Bulldog, NBA G League Drew Barham. They will be getting married on May 16 and will move to Memphis.

The Lausanne Lynx girls' basketball team boasts a tradition of excellence at the high school level. Winners of a regional and state championship in 2008 as well as a Division II Invitational championship in 2006, the Lynx were also state runners-up in 2009. The Lynx girls' basketball team has had numerous players sign to play basketball at the collegiate level.

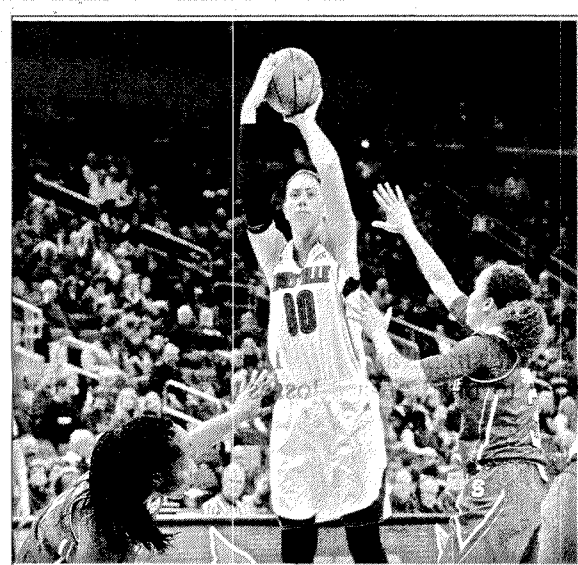
Notable Lausanne basketball alumni include NBA standout Mark Gasol and on the women's side, Lauren Sumski, head women's coach at Lipscomb University. A two time high

school all-American, two time Miss Tennessee, ranked #28 in ESPN hoopgirlz, signed with Tennessee out of high school and played for legendary Pat Summit.

Lausanne (Law-Zann) Collegiate School (Memphis, Tennessee) is a co-educational, college preparatory, International Baccalaureate World School whose student body represents 55 different countries with foreign nationals making up one-third of the school population. Its mission is to "prepare each of its students for college and for life in a global environment." College acceptance rate is 100% Lausanne develops the individual intellects, talents, creativity and character of boys and girls through student-centered teaching, global diversity, and encouraging, challenging and engaging learning.

Lausanne Collegiate School offers students a distinctive learning community through an established tradition of educational innovation.

We forge meaningful relationships and embrace global mindedness. We learn from one another and honor and celebrate our differences and our likenesses.



In this 2015 photo, Sara Hammond puts up a shot between the defense of NC State's Jennifer Mathurin, left, and Miah Spencer during the second half of their NCAA basketball game in Louisville. Hammond is the new girls basketball coach at Lausanne. Hammond comes to Lausanne after serving the past four years as an assistant under NAIA Hall of Fame coach Mark Campbell at Union University in Jackson. The Bulldogs compiled a 101-19 record (NCAA DII) in her tenure with the team. That includes the university's first ever trip to the NCAA D2 final four in 2018.

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The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is pleased to offer a **Free Trash and Bulk Goods Drop-Off Day**. This event will be held Saturday, **May 22, 2021** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

This event is open to **Rockcastle County residents only! Identification and sign-in at the gate will be required!**

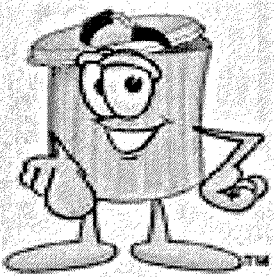
We will be **accepting** the following items: household trash, bulk goods (such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc), appliances, televisions, computer equipment, etc. Personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items.

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

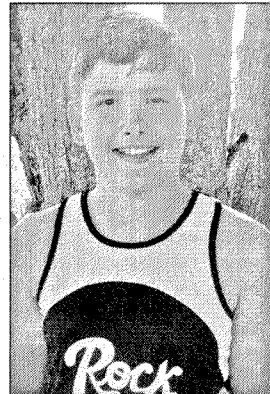
Limited personnel will be on hand to assist with unloading items, however, you may have to unload yourself if we are either shorthanded or getting behind. This is a service to our citizens, if you are able to unload, then you should be willing to do so!

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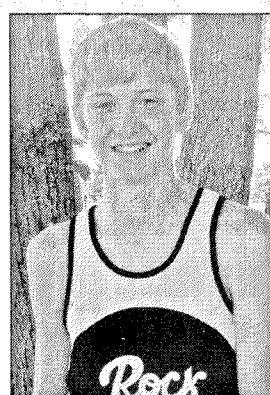
RCMS sixth grader Dylan Burke helped lead the boys to a 6th place team finish with several outstanding performances in his first-ever meet at Farristown on Monday.

He placed 16th in the 100-meter dash with a great time of 15.87 seconds. He placed 12th in the 200 with another great time of 33.27 seconds. In long jump, he placed 12th with a nice jump of 10'10".



RCMS seventh grader Jackson Reams led the boys to a 6th place team finish with several outstanding performances in his first-ever meet at Farristown on Monday.

He placed 13th in the 100-meter dash with a great time of 15.52 seconds. He placed 8th in the 200 with another exceptional time of 32.14 seconds. In long jump, he placed 8th with a nice jump of 11'4".



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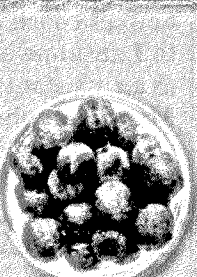


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Thursday, May 13, 2021

Ralph Niceley receives DAR Medal of Honor

The DAR Medal of Honor is the most prestigious honor awarded by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and is given to an adult man or woman who is a United States citizen by birth and has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service, and patriotism. The recipient must have made unusual and lasting contributions to our American heritage by truly giving of himself to his community, state, country, and fellow man.

This year's recipient is Mr. Ralph Niceley, who was born and raised in Rockcastle County, where God, Home and Family were first in his life. At the age of 3, his father died leaving the family in a state of poverty. He always vowed to work hard

and one day he would be able to provide for his family.

Like many young men of his day, he joined the United States Marine Corp. At the completion of his training, he was stationed in Japan. Years later he received an honorable discharge and then joined the US Army to serve an additional 17 years. Prior to leaving the Army, he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Despite being paralyzed from the waist down, he continues to be a model patriot to many in his community.

He is a lay worker in his church and serves as Sunday School Superintendent and facilitated a singing ministry in a local nursing home. He has welcomed foreign exchange students into his home and participates in

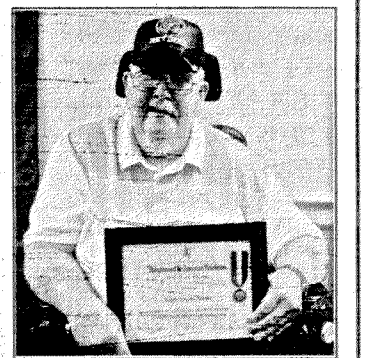
Veteran and patriotic events in the local school and community.

His vow to work hard to provide for his family has come to fruition not only for his wife and children, but also his church family and community.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the 124th KSDAR State Conference was held virtually this year and the State Committee Chair, Elisabeth Chang was unable to present the award in person. A pre-recorded presentation was made via zoom. Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams presented Mr. Niceley his award at an in-person award ceremony held on May 1st. Members of his family, community and DAR members were present to congratulate him and thank him for his many years of service.



Ralph Niceley was recently presented the DAR Medal of Honor award. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the 124th KSDAR State Conference was held virtually this year and the State Committee Chair, Elisabeth Chang was unable to present the award in person. A pre-recorded presentation was made via zoom. Rockcastle Chapter Regent, Karen Adams presented Mr. Ralph Niceley his award at an in-person award ceremony held on May 1st.



New project to provide cleaner and safer schools

Plus reduce expenses

Submitted by school staff member

Rockcastle County Schools has faced unprecedented challenges and trials during the past year's pandemic. The entire school community, including students and their families, have experienced a wide range of physical and emotional issues as we have dealt with the impact of COVID-19.

As the country and our state move toward the light at the end of this dark tunnel, with the increase in vaccinations, it seems as if we might be able to look forward to a more normal school year in 2021-2022. There will undoubtedly be changes to our schools and our students will experience a shift in the way their teachers instruct, due to the district purchase and implementation of Chromebooks for every student, Kindergarten through 12th grade. However, it is not only the instructional programs that will see changes.

"Student safety is a priority for our district," stated Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, "And we want to ensure that our facilities and classrooms are clean and safe for our students and the staff who work in them." To that end, Superintendent Ballinger, along with Facilities Director Trent Clark, began to research ways in which they might be able to target the school's systems to increase the environmental quality in every building, without impacting the district's capital bonding potential.

"The best way to accomplish this is with a guaranteed energy savings contract," said Mr. Clark. He defined this type of contract as a financing tool used to reallocate utility savings to make facility improvements. The types of improvements that are needed in our schools include: classroom air quality, lighting and HVAC upgrades. These three

systems can be included in this type of project.

In order to identify potential energy savings, Rockcastle County Schools underwent a comprehensive energy audit, conducted by CMTA Energy Solutions, a company based out of Louisville, with offices across the nation. "They are a Kentucky-based company, which is important to us," said Mr. Clark.

When the audit was concluded, Rockcastle County Schools had identified ways to reduce energy costs 24% by completing the project. In fact, the energy audit showed that Rockcastle County schools could improve their ranking in the state from 140 to approximately the top 30 in terms of Energy Use Intensity or EUI.

The energy savings identified in the audit revealed that the district could install bi-polar ionization in every classroom, which will improve indoor air quality and help to eliminate COVID-19, as well as viruses, bacteria, allergens and VOC, or other chemical compounds. In addition, this project will fully fund the replacement of the current HVAC system at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, which was installed in 1990, when the school was built.

LED lighting was also identified as a priority in every building, except for Rockcastle County High School, which underwent a complete systems renovation in 2018-19.

One additional improvement that WILL be made at the high school, due to the new roof on the building, will be the installation of a solar array that is projected to reduce annual energy consumption by 8.5% at the high school. These are the main priorities of this project, but the entire scope will not be completed until all bids have been vetted and all costs are known.

"Ultimately, the primary beneficiaries of this

project will be the students, staff and community of Rockcastle County," said Ballinger. "For example, every school gymnasium will receive new fixtures that will effectively double the brightness, while reducing energy costs. Every building will be equipped with LED lighting, including classrooms, cafeterias and gyms."

The much-needed replacement of the HVAC system at MVES will transform the total environment of this 30 year old building, by reducing humidity and improving air quality, Clark said.

The entire project is expected to begin in July 2021 in two phases. The first phase will include the addition of bi-polar ionization in every classroom in order to mitigate COVID-19. The second phase will include the bulk of the work for the project, which has not yet been finalized, according to Clark.

"We are looking forward to this new stage of facilities upgrades for Rockcastle County Schools, and are confident that this project will be a huge step forward in improving our classroom environments, which has been shown to directly impact student learning and achievement," said Ballinger. "And we are thankful for the opportunity to accrue significant energy savings in the process, for many years to come."

Mobile vaccine unit coming

A mobile vaccine unit will be at the Rockcastle County Public Library. The unit, which calls itself *Wild Health*, is expected to arrive on Friday, May 21st and everyone interested in a free COVID-19 vaccine is invited to attend from 10 to 4.

Bray recognized for support of Senate Bill 5

Mount Vernon native and Kentucky State Representative Josh Bray was recognized as a "2021 Partner for Commonsense Justice" by local business, community and education leaders recently. The award, from the Kentucky Partnership for Commonsense Justice (PCJ), recognizes state legislators who went above and beyond in Frankfort to protect small businesses, healthcare providers, and schools from frivolous COVID-19 lawsuits.

Bray's recognition from the group stems from his support of Senate Bill 5. The bill provides protections for health care providers, businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals who have reopened and are following recommended guidelines amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The legislation enjoyed support from a large coalition of groups from the business, medical, education, retail, and many other sectors. Representative Bray pushed for the bill's passage and spoke in its favor on the House floor.

The 2021 Partner for Commonsense Justice award was presented at a recent meeting of the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce by local supporters of the bill.

Prior to the start of the General Assembly's 2021 legislative session, a poll was conducted by the firm Mason-Dixon and it showed overwhelming support from

Kentuckians for COVID-19 liability protections, according to officials. When asked if businesses that act in good faith when reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic should or should not be provided protections from lawsuits, 67% agreed that they should while 22% did not sup-

port such protections. Support was mainly even among all Kentucky regions, age, gender, and party registration.

PCJ is a coalition of job creators, healthcare providers, small business owners, and taxpayers concerned about Kentucky's liability climate.

Domestic disputes continue to grow

By: Mike French Editor

Since the pandemic started last year, officials say domestic disputes have risen across the country and Rockcastle County is no exception.

An Emergency Protective Order (EPO) is granted to those who feel they may be in danger from another person and EPOs have risen for over a year nationally.

Only recently, according to a Mount Vernon Police Department uniform citation, James Lee Seals, 33, of Mount Vernon, was arrested and held on a \$40,000 cash bond after a domestic incident reminiscent of a plot from a horror film.

According to the citation, Chyna Goff called 911 at nearly 3 a.m. claiming Seals was attempting to break into her home through a bedroom window.

Aware of an active Emergency Protective Order (EPO) against Seals, Officer Shay Helton immediately rushed to the scene on Fish Street. Upon arrival

at the residence, the citation says Officer Helton heard screaming coming from inside the residence.

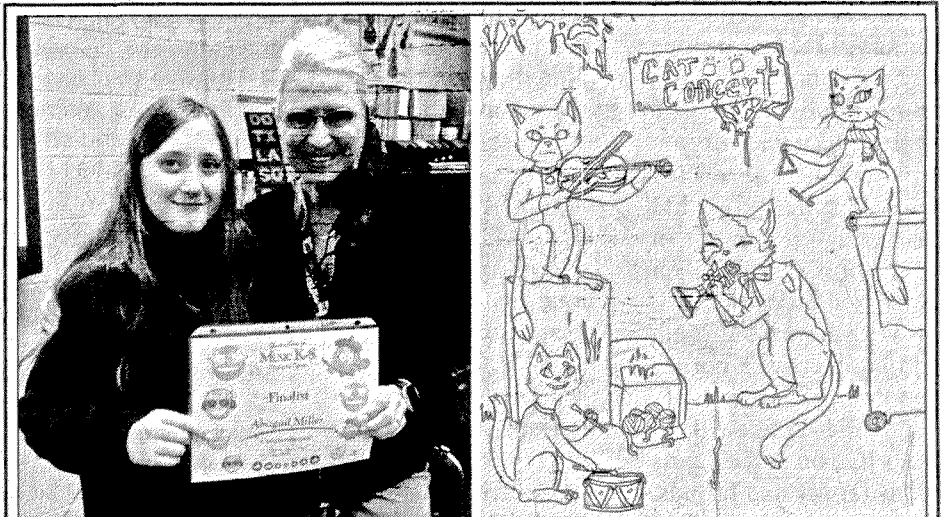
The officer gained entry into the home through the open front door to find corner shelves broken and on the floor while Goff was holding the intruder by the hood of his jacket and screaming, the citation says.

Goff told police Seals had kicked in the front door and broken the shelves and the figurines on the shelves.

"We take EPO violations seriously," said Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe. "Although EPOs are civil in nature, my office prosecutes the violations which are criminal under KRS."

Local police say domestic disputes are a common call to 911.

Seals was arrested at the scene and transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with violating an EPO, second degree burglary, third degree criminal mischief and harassment.



Mount Vernon Elementary announced Abigail Miller received a "Finalist" award in the Music K8 Cover Contest. Abigail is a fifth grade student and received a certificate for her hard work. Her name will be featured in the Music K8 magazine. Pictured with Abigail is MVES Music Teacher, Jamie Cornelius.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



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Deeds Recorded

Timothy and Jessica Alexander, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Jonathan and Candice R. Scalf. Tax \$14

Joshua and Tasha Ramsey, property in Rockcastle County, to John Marcus and Hannah Faith Robinson. Tax \$110

Roberta and Harold Brown, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark and Rita Sampson. Tax \$34

Patricia Gail Reynolds, Executrix, property in Rockcastle County, to Wanda L. King. No tax

Patricia Gail Reynolds, Executrix, property in Rockcastle County, to Joanne Randolph. No tax

Patricia Gail Reynolds, Executrix, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael E. Hansel. No tax

Steven and Alice Garland Jones, property on KY 70, to Mark and Vickie Teague. Tax \$25

Virginia Brown, property on KY 39, to Wendell Lynn and Paula Proctor Brown. Tax \$48.50

Kenny Collins and Patty Collins, property in Sunny Side Estates, to James Noe. No tax

Aron and Leslie Stewart Cromer, property in Asher Addition to Mt. Vernon, to Keavin Aaron Webb. Tax \$116

James Rickles, property on Dailey Street, to Joshua Matthew Shelly II. Tax \$20

Jim and Mary Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Brianna Collins. Tax \$30

Lonnie and Pamela McGuire, property on Ravenwood Lane, to Geoffrey McGuire, James Eric McGuire and Christopher Dale McGuire. No tax

Ozzy and Kyndra M. Staton, property on Bradley Powell Road, to Edward Garrison. Tax \$35

Gina Lee Wynn, property in Rockcastle County, to David Bruce Wynn. No tax

Christopher Ponder, property on Lambert Road, to Michael Allen. Tax \$150

Jerrel and Freda Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to Larry and Barbara Bullock and Travis Bullock. No tax

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Mark Christopher Petrey, property on KY 2549, to William A. Leger. Tax \$24

Liberty Land Solutions LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Sundance Ranch Trust. Tax \$75

Mark A. Houk, property in Houston Point Estates, to Lawrence N. and Joyce J. Allen. Tax \$99.50

Linda and Harold Reynolds, and others, property on Quail Road, to Richard and Sharon Weiss. Tax \$50

Anthony M. and Jessi Cummins, property in Mt. Vernon, to Trevis B. Spires. Tax \$272

E&M Construction Services Unlimited LLC, property on U.S. 25, to Kimberlee Miller. Tax \$212

Donald Coffey, property in Rockcastle County, to Jesse and Megan Coffey. No tax

Donald Coffey, property in Rockcastle County, to Jesse and Megan Coffey. No tax

Ken D. Holt, property on Hwy. 1912, to Carolyn Holt. Tax \$18

Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, Trustees, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Danny and Cyndie Offutt. Tax \$7.50

Deborah Newland, and others, property in Brodhead, to William Cash, Jr. and Donald L. Cash. Tax \$60

Marriage Licenses

Mariah Eva Michelle Rogers, 23, Berea, Phlebotomist and Nicholas Tyler Bowling, 23, Berea, machinist. 4/30/21

Colleen Mackenzie Mooney, 34, Louisville, Respiratory Therapist, and Joseph Brent Clontz, Jr., 33, Louisville, real estate appraiser. 5/3/21

Alivia Suzann Bullock, 28, Mt. Vernon, family liaison and Robert Zachary Walker, 26, Berea, factory. 5/4/21

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Courtney Napier, complaint.

Leonard Miller v. Jason Napier, et al., complaint.

Capital One Bank USA NA v. Savannah Phelps, complaint.

Circuit Civil Suits

Andrew Jason Ashton v. Ashley Marie Ashton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Shaunda Senters, complaint.

Signal deadline is 4 p.m. Monday

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

Said real property and mobile home being more particularly described as follows:
 1734 KY 3245, Brodhead, KY 40409
 Map ID#013-00-042

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

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

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

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00100

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

Said property being more particularly described as follows:
 PVA Map No. 022-00-034.01
 1305 Mareburg Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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

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

- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 - The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 - The purchaser shall pay the 2021 local, county and state property taxes.
 - Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
 - Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
 - The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 - In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
 - The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
 - If the property includes insurable improvements, then the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, in the amount of the court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court and Flagstar. The purchaser shall furnish written evidence of such insurance to the Master Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of sale. Failure of the purchaser to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, Flagstar to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon, and the property portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as the purchaser's costs. If there are purchase money bonds in connection with the purchase of the Property at the sale, the deed of conveyance shall provide that such insurance shall be carried and failure to carry such insurance shall be a default on the part of the purchaser for which the purchase money bonds may be declared due.
 - All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
 - Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Honoring the gifts of older community members

Resilience and strength is often developed through experiencing the successes, failures, joys, and difficulties life has to offer. To recognize the individuals who built have built our communities, Rockcastle County is recognizing May as Older Americans Month in partnership with the Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Craig Kingsbury is a perfect example of an everlasting legacy. Long before Craig's cancer diagnosis and complications, he registered as an organ, eye, and tissue donor while renewing his driver's license in Jefferson County. When he passed away in 2016, his wishes were fulfilled, and he became a cornea and tissue donor.

"While Craig will always live on in the hearts of his family and friends, there is added comfort and joy knowing that he physically lives on in the cornea recipients," Tina Kingsbury, Craig's wife

said.

Because of Craig said 'yes' to joining the registry, he continues to inspire others. This May we not only celebrate the strength of older community members but thank them for continued generosity.

"Connecting with others is vitally important as time passes. From finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join Rockcastle County in registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor," said Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk.

Join the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry in one of the following ways:

- Online 24/7 at RegisterMe.org
- On your Apple iPhone, go to your Health App and toggle to "organ donor."
- Driver's License Renewals: All Circuit Clerks' offices and all KYTC offices have reopened, adhering to Governor Beshear's COVID-19 guidelines and continue to do so.

GIFT CERTIFICATE
Lake Linville Pontoon Rental



10 Hour Rental • \$175 Value
Call (606) 256-0636 for reservation information.



The Mt Vernon Lions Club will be selling chances to win a 10 hour rental for a pontoon boat on Lake Linville. Drawing for winner will be June 15. Tickets are 2\$ each or 3 for 5\$, 6 for 10\$, or 12 for 20\$. See any Lions Club member or call 606-308-4276 for information and for tickets. Support for the Lions to continue in their community projects would be appreciated.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Rockcastle County Producers May be Eligible for Emergency Conservation Program Assistance

Winter Storms (2/10-2/18) and flooding (2/27-3/1) have caused severe damage across Rockcastle County.

If you've suffered severe damage, you may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency (FSA). For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems that, if untreated, would:

- be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use
- is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affect the productive capacity of the farmland
- impair or endanger the land

If you qualify for ECP assistance, you may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. Eligible socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers can receive up to 90 percent of the eligible cost of restoration. No one is eligible for more than \$500,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence.

If you've suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from 5/10/2021 to 6/24/2021.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed
 - the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area
 - the Agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc., required for rehabilitation.
- For more information about ECP, contact your Rockcastle County USDA Service Center at (606) 256-2525 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: Jun 2nd, 2021 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:
At this time, due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by on-line or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Anyone wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Con-

servation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

- Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.750%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 3.250%
- Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%
- Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%
- Emergency Loans= 2.750%
- Farm Storage Loans=
 - 3 yrs. =0.375%
 - 5 yrs. =0.875%
 - 7 yrs. =1.375%
 - 10 yrs. =1.625%
 - 12 yrs. = 1.750%
 - 15 yrs. =2.000%
- Commodity Loans= 1.125%

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

Congressional Art Competition deadline Extended for high school artists

Local high school artists still have time to compete in the Congressional Art Competition for Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The winning artist will receive two free airline tickets from Southwest Airlines to travel to Washington, DC for a national reception later this year. All of the winning artwork from across the country will be on display in the U.S. Capitol Building until next Spring. Congressman Hal Rogers has extended the deadline for local students to submit their artwork by Friday, May 14, 2021.

"This school year has been unconventional, so I want to keep the competition open a little longer to allow our local students more time to submit their best artwork," said Congressman Rogers. "The Congressional Art Competition provides an invitation for our students to visit Capitol Hill and to

see their talent on display alongside some of the nation's best young artists."

To participate in the competition, students can submit a photo of their original artwork, by emailing it to rogers.press@mail.house.gov.

Acceptable mediums include paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photographs. The artwork must be two-dimensional, cannot exceed 26" x 26" x 4" and cannot weigh more than 15 pounds. The winning artwork must be framed by the artist before being displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building.

Students must attend high school in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, which includes the following counties: Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox,

Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne and Whitley.

For more information, contact Danielle Smoot at 606-679-8346 or danielle.smoot@mail.house.gov.

The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Institute, was initiated by Congress in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of young people living in their districts. More than 650,000 students have participated in the competition over the last 30 years.

For more information about the Congressional Art Competition in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, visit halrogers.house.gov/congressional-art-competition.



Three members of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club were recently recognized for Milestone Chevron Award of Service. They are pictured from left: Barbara Thacker - 39 years; Julie Asher - 20 years; and Alfred McNew - 30 years.

Frankfort Update

By: Josh Bray
State Representative

Why do Kentuckians wait while states like New York and California move forward with reopening plans? All eyes are on legal challenge to reopening, emergency powers legislation

As states across our nation announce plans to shed pandemic-related requirements, I have received a number of phone calls, emails, and messages from folks who want to know why Kentucky has not. Some folks even ask why the legislation we passed to require our state to reopen has not taken effect. Sadly, the answer is pretty simple - the Governor is suing to prevent it.

It is no surprise that the Governor dislikes the bills since he vetoed them in January. However, it is frustrating he would refuse to accept the will of the people even after those vetoes were overwhelmingly overridden by the legislature in February. Instead of faithfully enforcing the laws, he chose to tie the measures up in court. The Kentucky Supreme Court will wait until June 10 - two months after it accepted the case and four months after the suits were filed - to hear the Governor's lawsuit and another filed by Kentucky businesses that challenges his unprecedented exercise of power. So, as neighboring states and places like California and New York dial back their requirements, Kentuckians wait as all eyes are on the seven elected members of the Kentucky Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Governor last fall, but we used that ruling to guide the development of these bills to ensure what

we passed could withstand a court challenge. I sincerely hope they remember their job is to interpret the laws and whose job it is to make few laws - and rule in favor of our constitution and therefore the will of the people who elect them.

The Supreme Court will consider HB 1, legislation that provides direction to help businesses, schools, nonprofits, and other organizations remain safely open throughout the rest of this pandemic. We also made permanent changes to how our state approaches emergencies. We limited executive orders issued during a state of emergency to 30 days unless extended by the legislature and required the attorney general's permission to suspend a statute during a state of emergency (SB 1). In addition, we passed SB 2 to prevent the executive branch - including unelected appointees - from using the regulatory process to make laws.

Both SB 1 and SB 2 provide the ability to respond quickly to an emergency while preventing a governor from overstepping his or her authority. Whether or not you agree with how the current governor handled this pandemic, our Kentucky Constitution grants each branch of government separate, limited powers. The legislative branch enacts laws and crafts a budget, the executive branch implements the laws, and the judicial branch interprets them. Our government works best when no branch overreaches into another's area.

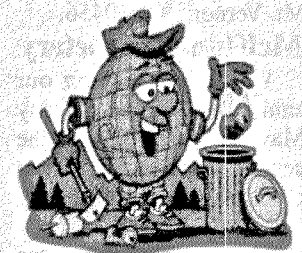
Before I conclude, I

want to share some good news. One of the top three credit rating agencies announced last week that Kentucky's financial outlook would change from a "negative" rating to a "stable" rating. Credit ratings are important because they measure our state's financial well-being, but also because they are used to determine how much it costs us to borrow money for major projects that require financing. I know this sounds a lot like how our individual credit scores play into how much we pay to buy a house or car. The announcement from Fitch Ratings is a sign that the conservative policies we passed this session - particularly the budget and our investment of federal COVID-relief funds - are right for our Commonwealth. Frankly, this upgrade is also a clear sign that government works best when it uses its authority appropriately.

Of course, our work is far from done. While stable is good news, we still have to navigate a dangerous economy as too many of our friends and neighbors remain unemployed while others struggle to keep their businesses open, and we see rising costs in everything from food to lumber and building products. We must be realistic and act carefully in the weeks and months to come.

Thanks for taking the time to read this week's update. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181 or by email at Josh.Bray@lrc.ky.gov. If you would like more information about any of these bills or legislative actions, you can also visit the Legislative Research Commission website at legislature.ky.gov.

Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



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

Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile

Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

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

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

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

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

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Landscaping with
Hollies

Hollies are evergreen shrubs and trees that are quite often used in landscaping. The American holly and the inkberry holly are native. In the South the yaupon holly is a lovely native. Most others, including the popular ones at the garden center, are hybrids from Europe, China or Japan.

Also, there is the winterberry holly, which loses its non-spiny leaves and shows off limbs and berries in the winter (until the birds come along and feast on them). These are deciduous hollies, and most of them are also American natives.

Hollies, (*Ilex*), are dioecious. This means some plants are male and some are female. Take note and remember that when buying holly shrubs or trees. You might think you only want to buy plants that are going to have the pretty berries—but buying and planting all girls won't get your any berries unless there is a boy nearby. Both will have to also bloom at the same time. This is often the reason folks complain that their holly usually just has a few berries. So, don't "hope" there is a male around: plant one!

Bees, including honeybees, seem to love working holly blooms, so they will do their part to cross-pollinate the flowers if you've seen to it that there are males and females planted within the same property. They also need to bloom at the same time; so, if in doubt, plant an early blooming male and also a later blooming male. They don't have to be same species of holly if bloom time is the same.

It varies, but hollies are fairly tolerant of various soils, and many are tolerant of 20 degrees below zero or so. If you dig a planting hole and it begins to fill up with water, your new holly may have an unhappy ending, an untimely death. The possum haw deciduous holly and the yaupon for zones 7 and southward can tolerate a bit more wet feet.

Hollies generally prefer an acidic soil. They aren't as demanding about this as azaleas, rhododendrons, sourwood trees, mountain laurel or blueberries, though. Beware that mortar and concrete near foundation of a house may have raised the pH; a soil test might be wise for foundation plantings. Or, add sulphur around the new holly plants. It's in most fertilizers for blueberries, azaleas, and hollies. The yellowish sulphur granules or powder can also be added straight, in moderation.

If you lime your yard, don't lime the hollies. (Nor blueberries, azaleas, mountain laurels, rhododendron or crape myrtles.)

Small, compact hollies are often employed as foundation plants, or along sidewalks. Slow growth in these situations can be a plus, as you won't need to shear them regularly as you would boxwoods. A little tip pruning can be done anytime, but cutting back larger hollies is best done in late winter or spring.

An older house with a couple large holly trees is a pretty awesome sight, all the more so in winter.

A newly planted holly tree won't turn a bare yard into a shady yard in five or ten years like a maple or callery pear will, but thirty years form now somebody will admire an American holly tree if you plant it today. (I realize in our age of "instant gratification" some will pass on a holly and go with a white pine or Norway spruce for quick growth instead.)

Those conscious about their environment may want to skip a few Bradford pears and plant a venerable old American holly instead.

In summary, hollies are verdant greenery in the landscape (or the forest). With all the newer hybrids, there is a holly that will work for just about everyone. Some without spines on the leaves, too. Next time you are renovating your yard, or landscaping a new home, consider planting some hollies.

The author is a landscaper.
Website: www.rockcastles.net

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



LEMON CHICKEN
3 large lemons, divided
4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves
1/4 cup mayo with olive oil reduced fat
22 Ritz® crackers, finely crushed

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 or 2 garlic cloves, crushed, but kept whole
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup dry white wine or water
2 tablespoons capers

1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Cut 4 thin lemon slices from half of one lemon; squeeze juice from remaining lemons. Coat chicken with mayo, then cracker crumbs. Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 5 minutes. Turn; cook on medium heat for 5 minutes or until is golden brown on both sides and done. Transfer chicken to platter. Cover to keep warm. Carefully wipe any crumbs from skillet with paper towel. In the same skillet add lemon juice, garlic, broth, and wine or water; cook on medium-high heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until slightly reduced, stirring occasionally. Add capers, butter, and lemon slices; cook and stir in low heat 3 to 4 minutes or until butter and lemons are heated through. Pour lemon sauce over chicken and sprinkle with fresh parsley.

TOMATO PIE

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium sweet onion, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 sleeves Ritz® cracker
2 cans (28 ounces each) diced tomatoes,

undrained
2 cups mayonnaise or Miracle Whip®
1 and 1/2 cups grated extra sharp Cheddar cheese
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley or basil
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish with butter. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat; add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft and translucent, about 4 minutes. Add salt; remove from heat. Set aside. Crush Ritz® crackers by hand or food processor. Reserve 1/2 cup for topping. Place half of remaining cracker crumbs in bottom of prepared dish; pour one can of diced tomatoes over crumbs. Place half of sautéed onions over tomatoes. Repeat tomato and onion rest. Sprinkle remaining half of cracker crumbs over onions. In a bowl, combine mayo or Miracle Whip®, Cheddar cheese, Parmesan cheese, and parsley or basil. Spread mixture over the layers; sprinkle with the reserved 1/2 cup cracker crumbs. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until top is golden brown.



Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox TV.

Rockcastle County

Recovery Meetings
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. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: 859-308-8900

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist,

777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828. *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, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900.

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Contact: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Crystal Meth Anonymous: Saturday, 5 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Jason Debord 606-386-0646 or Rob Sandusky 606-386-3907.

Bro. Allen will speak at Buffalo Baptist Church

Bro. Darren Allen will be speaking at Buffalo Baptist Church, located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Road), on Sunday, May 16th for both the morning and evening services.

Morning services are: Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sunday night service is at 6 p.m.

There will be special singing on Sunday night.

Pastor Bill Mink and congregation invite everyone to come and worship with them.

Card of Thanks

Jonathan Kirby

The family of Jonathan Paul Kirby would like to express our appreciation to all who reached out to us during our loss.

Thanks for the prayers, flowers and food, to the medical staff at the cancer center in Mt. Vernon and Lexington, the Hospice nurses, Cox Funeral Home, Pam Martin for the beautiful casket flowers (it was exactly what we wanted) and Pastor Phillip Doan for the beautiful message.

A special thanks to Stephanie for her kindness and friendship.

The Kirby Family
Sylvia, Brenda and Debbie

Cemetery Notices

Maple Grove Cemetery

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

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

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

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

Livesay Cemetery

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

Mareburg Cemetery

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

Roberts Cemetery

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

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

McKinney Cemetery

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

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

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

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

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

Phelps Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Phelps Cemetery may be given on Saturday, May 29th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the cemetery or may be sent to sent to Phelps Cem-

etry, c/o Randy Renner at 605 Steep Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

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

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Briarfield Cemetery

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

Please make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

The committee will be at the cemetery on Memorial weekend to collect donations.

Thanks to everyone for helping with upkeep of the cemetery.

Sand Hill Cemetery

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

All donations are greatly appreciated.

High Dry Cemetery

Please make donations for the upkeep of the High Dry Cemetery to: High Dry Cemetery, c/o Coy Cromer, 1058 Rank Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Johnetta Cemetery

Memorial Services will be held at Johnetta Cemetery on Sunday, May 30th at the cemetery.

Maret Cemetery

The annual Maret Cemetery meeting will be held Saturday, May 29th at noon at the cemetery.

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

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 28th through the 31st at the cemetery.

To contact Bill, his phone number is 606-308-3244.

Thank you for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

Continuing in Prayer

Continuing in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving. The word continue in this verse is defined as: to give constant attention to a thing. We are to give constant attention to our prayer life. We are taught here that prayer should be regular-even habitual in our life. Is prayer habitual in our lives? Can it be said of our lives that we continue in prayer?

Prayer is the act of addressing our Heavenly Father in petition. Through this avenue we make our request known unto God. Jesus said in Luke 18:1 men ought to always pray and not to faint. The apostle Paul taught in Romans 12:12 Men are to continue instant in prayer. I think many times our life becomes so full and occupied that it seems we do not have time to pray. A precious principle that will stabilize a Christian in their life, is if he or she continues in prayer.

May we watch for and seize the opportunity to let God hear our earnest pleadings. May we consider our words that they do not become worn out, repetitions expressed with little or no thought. Rather let our thoughts come from focused and thankful hearts. As we continue in prayer, we should labor to be in the right frame of mind. Let us be thankful for the mercies given to us every day from Heaven, that when we need new blessings or favors, God will have compassion on us and grant those blessings.

The subject of prayer is broad. The intentions, of this short message is to remind us of what we already knew, that it is important for Christians to continue in prayer. The same is true in the lives of those who are near us, our families and our brethren.

The apostle Paul wrote, Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit. The Christian that survives and even thrives in this chaotic and sinful world will be strengthened by devotion to that code of life that continues in prayer. James said in James 5:16 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

Thank you for reading the message this week, I pray God keeps you safe, and I also pray he keeps you strong in the Lord. (In all your remembering, remember to be a Christian. 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

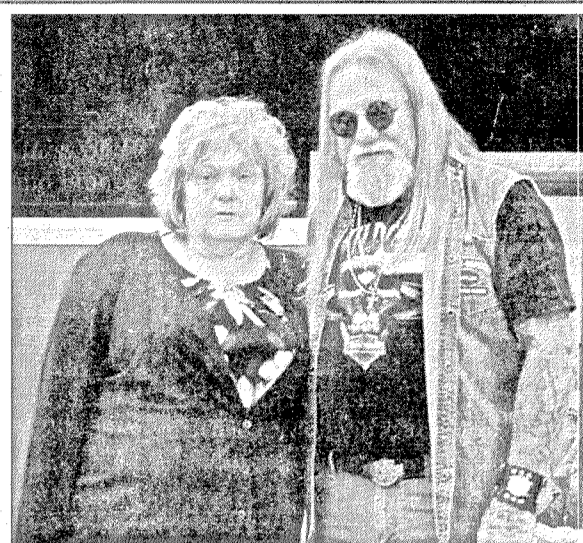
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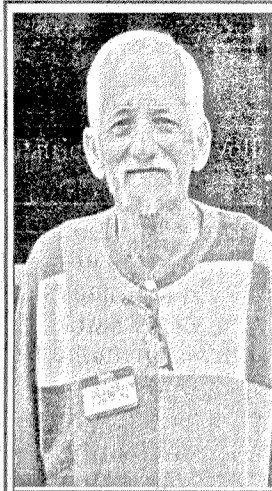
RCHS Alumni Banquet



Class of 1973 - Chester Day, Greg Witt, Bentley Cromer, Billy Ramsey, Joan Poynter Garrison, Donna Delaney Smith, Freddie Brewer, Melody Napier Lunsford, Lonnie Lewis, Rose Napier Todd and Rosemary Mason Wyatt.



Class of 1974 - Mary Ann Howard McNew and Ronnie Owens, Sr.



Class of 1976 - Doug Proctor



Class of 1980 - Rita McCollum McIntosh, Greg Witt, Shirley Mullins Gibson, Edwin Robinson and Mike Hopkins.



Class of 1975 - Larry Napier, Darla Reams, Eddie Hammond, Darlena Allen, Roxanne Hammons Hammond and Jennifer Poynter Hand.



Class of 1981 - Jeremy Caldwell, Larry Settles, Coy Broughton, Vickie Lamb Adams, Clint Graves, Michelle Taylor McCormick, Lisa Parsons Arnold, Sandi Rimmel Riddle and Emmi Daugherty Hopkins.



Class of 1977 - Dennis Lawrence, Rita Cash Shaffer, Patricia Ponder Wolfe and Frances McClure.



The RCMS Alumni Association held their First Annual Alumni Banquet on April 24th at RCMS. Eddie Hammond did a wonderful job emceeing the banquet. This is an annual banquet that is set for the 4th Saturday in April. The Alumni Committee is pictured from left: Glenna Reams Settles, Frances McClure, Lonetta Dillingham Daugherty, Kim Falin Renner and Tammy Hansel Hopkins. Not present: Sharon Farthing Graves and Lisa Mullins Stringfield.



Class of 1984 - Susan Tallant Sharp, Tina Taylor Meade, Renee Creech, William Denny, Lonetta Dillingham Daugherty, Lisa Alsip Bowling, Chad Brock, Tim Albright, Tim McKinney, Kathy Mink Robinson and James Poynter.



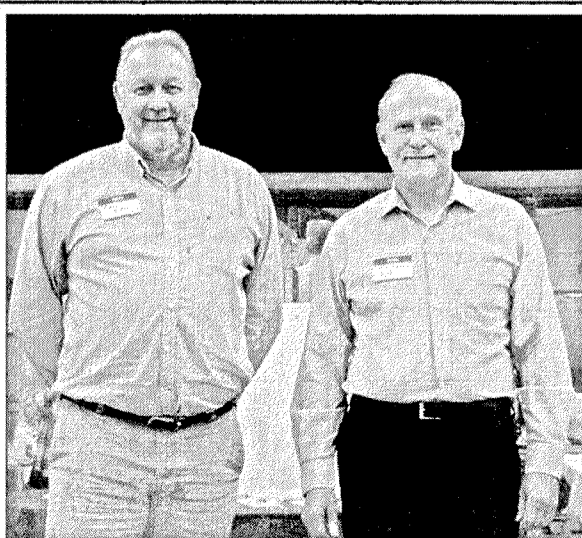
Class of 1983 - Glenna Reams Settles and Renee Mason Thomas.

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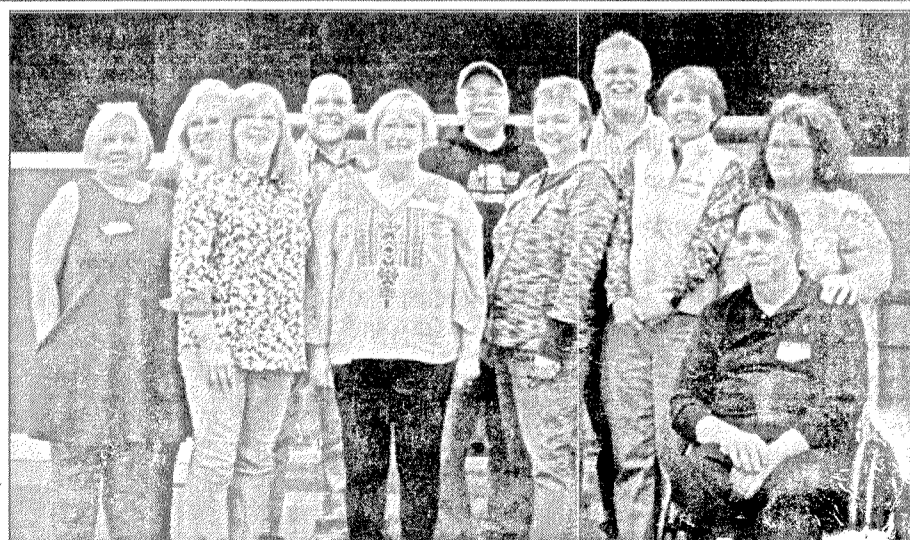
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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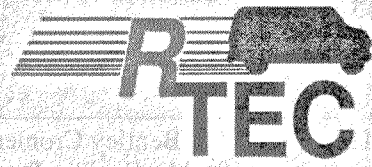
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