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Officials were forced to close Climax Road at the Highway 1004 intersection Tuesday after heavy rain caused flooding in several areas of the county. Brodhead, Livingston and Mount Vernon all reported flooded areas in each city as well. Rain is expected through Sunday.

Several areas flood Monday

Water rescue in Livingston

By: Mike French
Editor

Livingston Fire and Rescue was called to Lower River Road in Livingston Tuesday morning to perform an emergency rescue. According to offi-

cialists at the department, a male in a camper found himself completely surrounded by flood water and called for assistance. LFR responded with a fire engine, a brush truck, a boat and eight fire fighters. Reports say rescuers

reached the camper and was able to help the male reach safety. No injuries were reported. The department was also called to Upper River Road where trees had fallen onto power lines. Also on the scene were Rockcastle County Constable Albert Carpenter,

officials with Jackson Energy and the state highway department. The lines were cleared from the trees and no injuries were reported. Flooding in the streets of Brodhead seems to have become a (See "Flood" on A5)

Magistrates refuse to grant extension

For Microfoodery Mfg.

By: Mike French
Editor

Some members of the Rockcastle County fiscal court seemed at odds with recent decisions made by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) and the City of Mt. Vernon to grant a loan extension to the owners of the Microfoodery plant and Kentucky Farma-ceuticals. The owners had requested a 60 day extension on paying on the note, due to COVID-19 situations" on the million-dollar CDBG loan, obtained by the city of Mt. Vernon and used for machinery for the Microfoodery plant. The request was granted recently by both the Mount Vernon City Council and RCIDA. Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook brought the extension request to the fiscal court saying the business owners were asking to skip the April and May monthly payment and adding two additional payments at the end of the 10-year note. "We are a little behind on this because April is gone and part of May is already gone," said Holbrook. RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook had said the company needed the extra time due to lack of business contacts during the COVID-19 restrictions. However, in the audio-only conference call meeting, Magistrate Mike McGuire said, "I don't think the RCIDA should be making those decisions. The fiscal court should not be following them, they should be following our lead," he said.

"I lost all my confidence in Microfoodery over a year ago and now they want an extension. It isn't right that we have to accept whatever RCIDA says. I will be voting no on the extension." At first, some magistrates did not respond but after some discussion, other magistrates began to voice a similar opinion and soon a motion was made and seconded to direct the Judge/Executive to refuse to sign the extension agreement. The motion passed unanimously. "I am expecting late fees. They are already over 30 days past due," said McGuire. "We didn't agree that Microfoodery could skip anything. They

can't pull a trick like that on us." When contacted about how the RCIDA and the City of Mt. Vernon (See "Payment" on A5) can't pull a trick like that on us." When contacted about how the RCIDA and the City of Mt. Vernon

Current calendar useless Schoolboard looks at 2021 finances

By: Mike French
Editor

The agenda was full and all members were present, but spaced apart, during the regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board last Tuesday evening. After taking care of monthly business and approving operations and actions for the month,

members delved into the many aspects of the finances of the school system. Jenny Sweet, Director of Finances, presented the monthly reports, indirect cost rates, annual salary schedule and the tentative 2020/2021 budget for all to consider. The budget predicts about \$600,000 less to (See "Board" on A5)

Ballinger named new Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent

By: Mike French
Editor

Beginning July 1st, Carrie Ballinger will be the new Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools. Current Superintendent David Pensol announced his retirement earlier this year and the search has been under-

way for the new leader since that announcement. Ballinger resigned last year from the Rockcastle County Board of Education, to accept a position as Director of Student Services (DSS) for the district. Past Director Becky Isaacs resigned as DSS (See "School" on A5)

Two killed at Castle Village

By: Mike French
Editor

Kentucky State Police cruisers, EMS personnel, sheriff's deputies, the Rockcastle County Coroner, firefighters, and officials from across the county filled the parking lot at Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead Tuesday, May 12. News crews, television cameras and innocent bystanders were present as groups of apartment residents were gathered in small bunches talking about recent events.

received a call last Tuesday around 2 p.m. from Rockcastle 911 in reference to a "disturbance" at a residence on Castle Village. (See "Shooting" on A5)

But amid all the hustle and bustle, a two-year-old child and a local man lay dead from gunshot wounds. Kentucky State Police

City Council

The Mount Vernon City Council meeting will be held Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. on Zoom, viewable on Facebook Live.

No new cases

For the second consecutive week, there have been no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Rockcastle County.

Police searching for unidentified man after chase

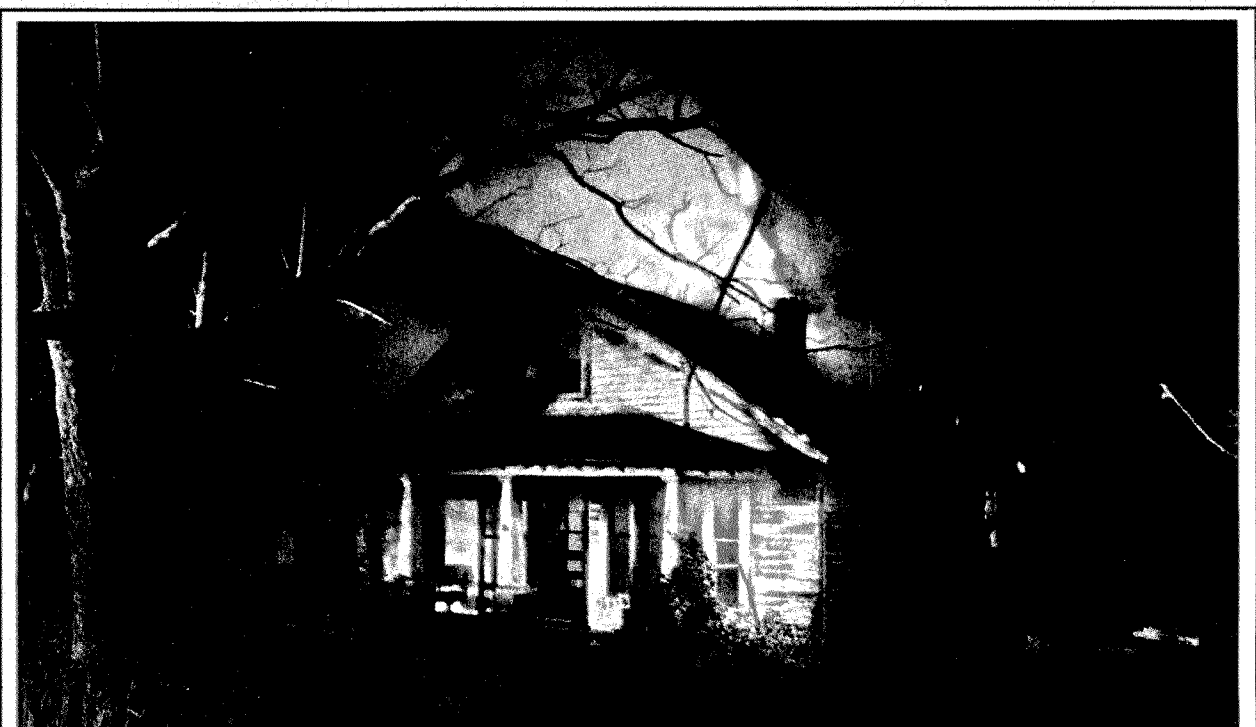
By: Mike French
Editor

Police are searching for an unidentified black male in Rockcastle County after a high speed chase led troopers from Tennessee to Conway. Reports indicate two

vehicles were seen racing on I-75 near the Tennessee line at times reaching speeds of over 180 miles per hour. One of the vehicles escaped but the other, a white Dodge Charger, (See "Search" on A5)

Memorial Day

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, the Memorial Day program usually held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse is cancelled this year.



The Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was first on the scene of this abandoned structure fire on North Wilderness Road Thursday, May 14. The structure was fully engulfed when officials arrived on the scene and firefighters used nearly 8,000 gallons of water to control the flames. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

One of the saddest things that has happened during this lockdown over the Coronavirus has been the over 5,000 deaths from the disease in nursing homes in New York state.

Even knowing that seniors were among the most vulnerable to the infection, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo sent infected seniors back to nursing homes, instead of keeping them quarantined in hospital facilities that were available, which caused other patients and staff to be infected and the resulting approximately 5,400 deaths of the most vulnerable in our society.

In the nursing home at Brodhead, there has not been a single fatality from the disease and this is attributable to a lockdown which has kept visitors from the home and measures to make sure the staff is not infecting anyone.

If I had an elderly kinsman in a New York nursing home that had died under these circumstances, somebody would be getting sued, not for any monetary gain but for the truth being outted and to hopefully keep it from ever happening again.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) should be punished politically and legally for this unnecessary loss of human life.

Liberal Democrat Harvard Professor Alan Dershowitz recently said that states have the authority to enact lockdowns for as long as they deem necessary under the 10th Amendment to our Bill of Rights. Having read the amend-

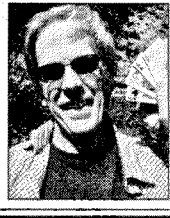
ment in its entirety, I suppose I agree although it's a very broad interpretation of the amendment.

However, Dershowitz also said that when a vaccine for COVID 19 is developed that the government can make it mandatory for citizens under the 14th Amendment (and I hope I have the right amendment number because I couldn't find my source again after reading it the first time). I read this amendment and actually do not see how it ap-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Photography. My all time favorite hobby.

If you have a busy day planned, a lot of things you must get done, places to be, people to see...NEVER look in the back of a closet.

It is inevitable. You will casually notice an old box of photos and think to yourself, "Hmmm, wonder what's in there?" And it begins.

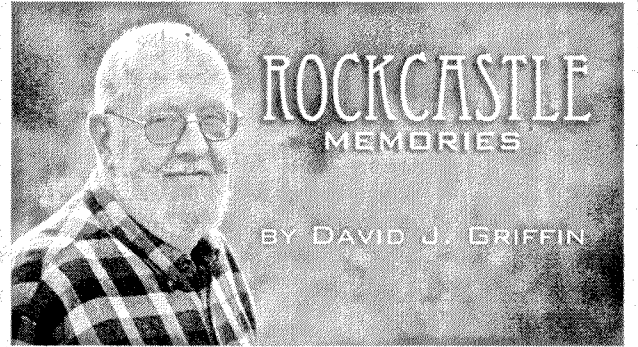
"Oh look! There's that old watch my dad gave me for my 16th birthday."

The next thing you know, your lap will be covered in old, cracked photos and you will be telling a story for each one as you laugh at some, cry at some and smile a fond memory at others.

I have seen Dora basically cancel two days of plans after she finds an old box hidden away in a corner somewhere and starts investigating.

My mother texted me last week saying "I found an old box of pictures. If I don't answer your texts for a while, you will know I'm busy."

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Measurements

Like most growing boys, when I was young I was always ready to eat. The home cooking that took place in my home gave me every reason to look forward to the next meal. As a result, I often closely observed my mother (Bee) and my grandmother (Mommie Katie) while they prepared our family's meals. Perched upon a tall metal stool, I sat comfortably while watching them combine the ingredients for some of our favorite dishes. It is entirely pos-

sible that this experience contributed to my later interest in science.

Both of these great cooks would set out the "fixins" to complete our meals. As I watched, I could not help but notice that they generally did not use kitchen measuring tools. They both cooked from memory and experience. As I grew into my scientifically inspired mind, I could not understand how the dishes always tasted the same when precise measurements were not used.

When I questioned how they decided how much of each ingredient to add, they both said they had a lifetime of experience to rely on as they cooked. At the time, that satisfied me.

Later in life, when I moved into an apartment in Lexington, I asked Bee to tell me how to make a few of our families most favorite meals. As she wrote down the components, she would say things like: add a "weebit" of this and a "handful" of that. Sometimes she would say, add a "dash" of that. I did not have a lifetime of cooking experience, so I told Bee to give me precise amounts to complete her recipes. I still have those exact recipes and use them often. I still cannot prepare her wonderful cornbread without using

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Making of the "Decoration Day" Flowers.

Dear Journal,

Here it is warm weather again and one of our turtles has returned. It was Tilly and she came to the feeding area where she knew she could get food. We haven't seen Terry yet. Stanley had been out walking a dog ("1st and 2nd Samuel"). He is way too big to be contained all in one book. He goes by just plain "Samuel".) and notices that she was waiting for breakfast. He came to the kitchen with excitement, "Do we have any tomatoes"? As it turned out, we did, and he hurried out to feed Tilly with me following close behind. Then I thought, if she is out that snake is probably lurking about somewhere just biding his time for me to come out on his porch.

I've seen him again, by the way.

I usually go out there on the porch to work on my cemetery arrangements for Memorial Day and I can work while I watch all of our little woodland creatures and enjoy the outside. This year, I haven't been feeling so well and I decided that I'd just order from the florist. As fate would have it, I couldn't catch up with a florist and just decided to do them myself. We had to go to Walmart, my favorite store. Not actually, I hate it a little worse every time I go. By the time we got for both of our families, we had spent over \$300.00.

Last Tuesday I decided that I needed to get started on the arrangements. I was progressing slowly and reached almost halfway by Thursday afternoon when I decided to stop for a day or so. I have six saddles to do and seven pots to make. I'd never get caught up in a florist shop.

I guess I'll get started back on Monday. I'm doing my family in shades of burgundy, pink, fuschia, and lime green. I know it sounds awful but when put together, it comes together very well. Stanley's mom and dad will be done in shades of blue and a sunny yellow.

Decoration Day as it was called when I was growing up was a big deal. Families would

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Since this will make 3 consecutive installments having to do with chickens, I promise to change the subject next week before the column becomes known as Diddle Squat instead of Points East. (For those of you who didn't grow up in eastern Kentucky before 1960, the vernacular for baby chickens was diddles as in "One of Mom's big dommer hen just hatched off 19 little diddles.")

A "dommer" or "dommernecker" incidentally, was what we called the breed of chickens now

known as barred rocks that was crossed with another breed. Google barred rock chickens and numerous photos should pop right up. Or visit McMurray Hatchery website and find gorgeous illustrations of most breeds of chickens.

My generation of Blair Branch residents was probably the last one where nearly family on the holler raised and kept small flocks of 15 to 30 or more chickens year in and year out. For the

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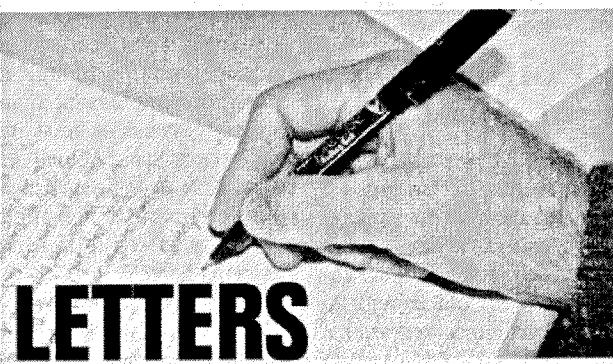


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May I have your attention...

Dear Editor,
Rockcastle County, Garrard County and a portion of Madison County! R. TRAVIS BRENDA, Republican
This is Dawn Stallsworth and I am

writing to share with you that my husband, Jack, and I are endorsing R. Travis Brenda for reelection to the Kentucky House Seat for District 71. I have worked with Mr. Brenda for over 21 years. He is a Christian man with a Christian family: a wonderful wife

and 2 teenage children. He is Pro-Life and has received the endorsement of the Kentucky Right to Life. Mr. Brenda wholeheartedly believes that every baby has the right to life and will continue to fight to protect the unborn. He is the only Republican Candidate endorsed by the NRA with an A rating. He strongly supports the 2nd Amendment and believes in our constitutional rights to keep and bear firearms.

Mr. Brenda is a very active member of the Church on the Rock in Madison County and has served on their Finance Board since 2014. He is a math/engineering teacher at Rockcastle County High School and served on the Site Based Council for several years. He works hard for the students and encourages them to be the best that they can be. He was presented with the Teachers Who Made a Difference Award by the UK College of Education. Mr. Brenda is also a farmer and understands the importance of farming and the hardships they endure.

As a Christian, Mr. Travis Brenda believes that it was God's plan for him to run for office 2 years ago. He followed that conviction and was elected. He believes he is still acting in God's plan by running for reelection.

Mr. Brenda does not consider himself to be a politician but is there to be a voice and to speak for the people. I really appreciate the way that he openly posts and keeps us informed on every vote and decision that is made in Frankfort. Mr. Brenda would ask that you pray about this and that God's will be done. I believe that Mr. R. Travis Brenda can help Make Kentucky Great Again!!

*Thank you for your prayers and votes,
Mrs. Dawn Stallsworth*

"Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

Somehow, old photos captivate humans. Perhaps it's the thoughts of days gone by. Remembering the days that we thought would never change but are so far gone now that we would barely recognize them.

Not a lot of things that happen, as we go through our day, will stop us in our tracks and change our every plan, like finding an old box of pictures.

True story. After my grandmother passed away, I was going through her attic and found an old, dusty roll of black and white film from one of those old-fashioned medium format

cameras. I bought the chemicals, one red light, 2 developing trays and a film reel. I already knew how to develop film but had sold my equipment years earlier. Thinking the film had been in that hot attic for at least 40 years, I had no real hopes, just ambition.

Being very careful just in case, I took extra pains with it and when I first held up the roll of wet film in front of that red light, I could not believe my eyes.

It was perfectly exposed and in mint condition.

The entire roll had been taken in Korea of my father who was playing in his army uniform at some base there 40 years earlier.

It was the most amazing thing I had ever witnessed. Usually undeveloped film more than 2 to 3 years old begins to fade and turn. Especially if it has been hot.

How this film lasted and stayed in prime condition for 40 years is beyond my understanding.

I made 8x10 glossy photos of every frame. My father stood there before me even younger than I was at the time in his full dress U.S. Army attire, doing exercises, running, stretching, playing and laughing in every picture.

Dark, wavy hair and smooth skin on my own father was an amazing thing to see.

Unfortunately, my dad would never talk about his time in Korea. He would only answer questions with a quick nod and then change the subject.

He would never say a word about any of the pictures, though I am sure he remembered having them taken.

It was a time he fought to forget and a time that I never will.

Pictures stop life for a moment. A photo freezes an instant that can never be relived. A photo achieves that which all humans seek, they stop time and a wonderful instant lasts forever.

It is quite the satisfying hobby. To manipulate light and fool shadows themselves into being something that isn't there, is a feeling of achievement.

Thanks to Louis-Jacques-Mande Daguerre and Ansel Adams -- one for making it possible, one for making it right.

In my own opinion there is a difference between a "picture" and a "photo."

A "picture" captures an image and shows the viewer what was happening.

A "photo" captures a moment in time and shows the viewer how it felt to be there.

My advice on the next rainy, quarantined day? Go through an old box of images and let your mind

turn the "pictures" into "photos."

"T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

gather and have "dinner on the ground". It was like a big family reunion, maybe bigger, in some ways. It's always been a big deal in our family. For the last several years I've seen it wane. The younger generations don't care for it like people did back in the day. Most say that "they", being the dead, don't know if you decorate their grave or not. It is the "all about me" generation and the instant gratification age. No, it's really about expressing that you remember and honor your dead and take a day out of each year to dedicate to them.

Ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin
plies and I really don't care.

I have no intention of taking the vaccine, particularly if it is developed under the auspices of any company associated with billionaire Bill Gates, who has advocated many times for a reduction in world population and who has been accused by third world countries of causing many deaths there with his vaccines.

I was sort of surprised by Dershowitz, particularly with the vaccine opinion. He has sided with President Trump several times and served as one of Trump's lawyers in his impeachment trial in the Senate.

I don't mean to sound like I don't think Dershowitz should ever voice an opinion contrary to my conservative one but I can certainly disagree with his interpretation of the amendment.

I was amazed how vociferously people came out against our President yesterday when he announced that he had been taking a prescription of hydroxychloroquine and zinc for the prevention of COVID 19. Fox talk show host Neal Cavuto was horrified and informed him that this action would "kill him."

I'm sorry but it's no one's business what the President's physician prescribes him, except the President himself, and Cavuto, who is certainly not a medical doctor, has no basis for his comment, except that he is a Never Trumper and doesn't pass up a chance to disagree with and put down our Commander in Chief.

Actor James Woods, Twitter contributor, makes my day just about every day with the masterful way he calls out the hypocrisy and illegality of many of the Democrats acts and Tuesday he tweeted, "Let's face it. Donald Trump is a rough individual. He is vain, in-

sensitive and raw. But he loves America more than any President in my lifetime. He is the last firewall between us and the cesspool called Washington. I'll take him any day over any of these bums."

My sentiments exactly.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

her notes that she made for me over 40 years ago.

When I was in high school at Mt. Vernon, it became obvious to me that my educational strengths were in science and math. It was also evident that precise measurements were necessary in both of those fields. Chemistry labs depended upon exact measurements.

In 1962, I entered the University of Kentucky to pursue a degree in chemistry and biology. Precise measurements were demanded in those classes. I distinctly remember one of the labs were had in chemistry.

The professor assigned each of us to bring a postage stamp to the lab. When we arrived, he demonstrated how to use an analytical balance and then he had each of us to weigh our postage stamp - to four decimal places. We were instructed to remove the stamps from the balance with a pair of tweezers and place them on a sheet of weighing paper. On the back of the stamp, we were instructed to write our three initials using a graphite pencil. Finally, we were told to write down the exact weight of our initials. Let me tell you, he was looking for precise measurements.

By the time I received my degree in chemistry and biology and became a high school chemistry teacher, calculators were being introduced in high school science classes. I was able to purchase a classroom set of Texas Instrument calculators to use in my chemistry classes. My students appreciated them and occasionally purchased their own. Measurements were becoming more precise than ever.

I have often thought of the vast differences between measurement in my mother's kitchen (using a pinch, dab, tad, passel, or handful), the precise calculations required for an education in science and math, and the exact figures of scientific calculators in my chemistry classes and laboratory experiences. The difference is more than significant.

The different ways in which measurements can be or should be made sometimes depends on the context. Just like in life itself, there are times when one's judgment may call for nothing short of precision and other times when a close approximation will do. The rub is knowing when to use which method.

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

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Rockcastle County Library closed until further notice; however, the library is now offering **limited curbside service** for books and DVDs only. Call 256-2388 for details.

Health Department Memorial Day Hours
The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet Rescheduled
The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchs.alum.assoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Applications being taken for LIHEAP
In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Community Action Agencies across Kentucky are now taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Spring Subsidy. Eligibility requirements have been expanded to allow more Kentuckians to qualify. No disconnection notice is required. For more information and to apply, call your local office at 606-256-5315.

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

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

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

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Bro. Zade McClure

Bro. Zade McClure, 95, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, May 15, 2020 at his home. He was born in the Bloss Community of Rockcastle County on October 19, 1924, the son of Johnny and Fannie Vance McClure. He worked at the Bluegrass Army Depot as a truck driver, where he retired after more than 27 years of service. He served as a minister of the Blue Springs Church of Christ for over 45 years, baptizing hundreds of souls into Christ. He also conducted hundreds of funerals in, and around, Rockcastle County and frequently visited other churches of Christ in the area proclaiming the Gospel. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle and was affectionately known as "papaw" to all his grandchildren, extended family, and church members. He enjoyed bass fishing, hiking, gardening, and could be found nearly every night in his chair in the living room studying the Bible. He also was a US Navy Veteran of World War II. He married Rekel Isaacs, January 13, 1947 and they were blessed with five children.

He is survived by: his children, Ronald and Donna McClure, Judy and Sam Ford, Genevieve Reppert, and Connie and Ryan Riddle, all of Mt. Vernon, and Lois and Jackie Sewell of Somerset; and a brother, Delno McClure of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: 13 grandchildren, Devin (Tonya) Ford, John (Angie) Ford, Amy Ford Lewis, Ronna Dee (Chris) Owens, Ronny Lee (Brittany) McClure, Emily (Corey) Craig, Marcus (Danielle) Reppert, Natalie Sewell Daniels, Nathan Sewell, Richard Sewell, Rachelle Riddle, Jessica (Chad) Drew, and Jacob Riddle; 24 great grandchildren; and a great great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by: his wife of 60 years, Rekel McClure; an infant great grandson, James Reece Ford; a son-in-law, Gary Reppert; two brothers, Sherman and Shirley; and four sisters, Etta Evans, Freda Phelps, Berda Fish, and Berniece Rice.

Private graveside services were conducted Monday, May 18, 2020 by Bro. McClure's grandson, Bro. Marcus Reppert. Burial was in the McKinney Cemetery at Blue Springs with his grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

Patsy P. Bundy

Patsy P. Bundy, (nee Bussell), 84, of Bellevue, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020 at St. Elizabeth Hospice Center in Edgewood. She had been a homemaker who loved cooking and feeding all the kids. She enjoyed walking and tending to her garden.

She is survived by: her sons, Bobby Bundy, and Jim and Jodi Bundy; grandchildren, Jimmy, Josh, Jessica, Jillian, and Jonah; and great grandchildren, Christopher, Lauren, Wyatt, Emily, Elijah, Cole, Piper, Quinn, Elnora, Emma, and Oliver. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Bundy.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Dobbins, Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home in Bellevue. Funeral services will follow at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Local arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.dmfefuneral.com or www.dowellmartin.com to view online obituary or for more information.

Hiatt E. Bullock

Hiatt E. Bullock, 80, of Salvisa, died Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. He was born in Rockcastle County on June 26, 1939, the son of the late Elisha Irvin Bullock and the late Dovie Robbins Bullock. He was the owner of American Printing Co. and was a US Air Force Veteran. He was a horseman, a printer by trade, a member of Bethel Harvest Church of Nicholasville, and a son of God.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 27 years Pat; sons, Andy (Pam) Bullock of Mt. Vernon, Giles Bullock of Frankfort, and Irvin (Kim) Bullock of Georgetown; daughter, Cyndi (David) Orlando of Nicholasville; three sisters, Rosie Wilford and Alene Dean, both of Lexington, and Ruth Nichols of Georgia; eight grandchildren, Brian, Matthew, Cody, David, Jonathon, Nicole, Clark, and Samantha; and eight great grandchildren, Brooke, Jace, Caleb, Michael, Julia, Sloane, Ellie, and Gabriella. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, and his special friends known as the "Wendy's Romeo Coffee Crew".

He was preceded in death by: a brother, Boyd Bullock; and three sisters, Anita Young, Flonnie Mattery, and Areta Edling. He was preceded in death by half-siblings, Edwin, Sam, Bill, Kenesaw, and Curtis Bullock and Anna Mae Black, Vivanna Debord, and Roberta Cromer.

Funeral services will be private. He will be laid to rest at McKinney cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Cemetery Notices

Maple Grove Cemetery

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

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

We will also be at the cemetery to take donations on Friday through Monday, May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

We would like to ask that anyone with a loved one buried there, please help us to keep it up. If everyone would give a little it wouldn't hurt anyone.

Johnetta Cemetery

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

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

There will not be a Memorial Day Service held this year at New Hope Baptist Church because of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Roberts Cemetery

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

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

Pittman Cemetery

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

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

Livesay Cemetery

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

Mareburg Cemetery

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

McKinney Cemetery

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

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

Phelps Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of Phelps Cemetery may be given in person Saturday, May 23rd, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., or may be sent to Phelps Cemetery, c/o Randy Renner at 605 Steep Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

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

Briarfield Cemetery

Briarfield Cemetery will be accepting donations for the upkeep of the cemetery on Memorial Weekend or donations can be mailed to: Timothy Robinson, Briarfield Cemetery, 5408 Big Cave Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 or Kenny Reams, Briarfield Cemetery, 4145 Hwy. 490, East Bernstadt, Ky. 40729.

Please make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery.

Thank you 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.

Maret Cemetery

A business meeting will be held at Maret Cemetery at 12 noon on Saturday, May 23rd.

Donations for upkeep will be taken that day or can be mailed to: Sandra D. Ramsey, 245 Sunset Ridge, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Freedom Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Freedom Cemetery may be given in person Memorial Day weekend or donations can be mailed to Ronnie McKinney, 335 McK Farm Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Three Links Phillips Cemetery

Please send all donations for the mowing and upkeep of Three Links Phillips Cemetery to: Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Rd., 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.

To contact Bill his phone number is 606-308-3244. Donations will be accepted at the cemetery May 22th - 25th.

Thanks to everyone for your support, it doesn't go unnoticed.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

most part, new, baby chicks were incubated from eggs we tried to save from the best laying hens and the hens mostly raised and protected them until they were old enough to fend for themselves after a few weeks.

The flocks were mostly a mixture of cross breeds because chickens have absolutely no racial or ethnic bias when it comes to making whoopee. If a Rhode Island Red rooster crosses with a Barred Rock, a Black Jersey Giant or a Buff Orpington hen and the eggs hatch off, there's no telling what color the adult offspring are apt to be. Some families did manage to raise only one full stock breed or another and kept them separated but, for the most part, a flock of chickens was a virtual rainbow of colors and the individual birds might show genetic evidence of several different breeds.

Chickens were kept for both eggs and meat. Most young roosters were butchered for frying chickens when they were a few months old. Mature hens were often "culled" for chicken and dumplings and were replaced with younger "pullets." Many, if not most, families raised some field corn on their farms or in their gardens to keep their chickens fed. Others bought sacks of cracked corn at local grocery stores. My family raised its own chicken feed except for bags of wheat based "starter & grower" used to feed baby chicks for the first few weeks of their lives.

During early spring of the mid 1950s and early 60s my Mom often ordered baby white leghorn rooster chicks through the mail, in lots of 100 at a time, from Wayne Rainey's nightly radio show at WCKY in Cincinnati. In the early years (1955 was the first that I remember) her chicken growing enterprise centered on selling frying chickens to more than a dozen coal miners who worked within half a mile of our place. In those days, taking a chicken home

to kill was simply part of the meal preparation though it was more unpleasant than peeling potatoes or breaking up green beans. (Actually, I considered cleaning a chicken the better job if the other choice was stringing and breaking beans.)

These roosters were actually sold by a commercial hatchery that had developed a breed of fast growing chickens for egg production. They were willing to sell the rooster chicks for scarcely more than the cost of postage and handling because they were not considered to be as reliable for commercial meat production as varieties bred specifically for that purpose.

To this day I never understood that reasoning because the white leghorn roosters we grew were large enough to fry in about half the time it took to grow regular "big stock" chickens to the same size range and they were considerably easier to butcher when it came to getting feathers off.

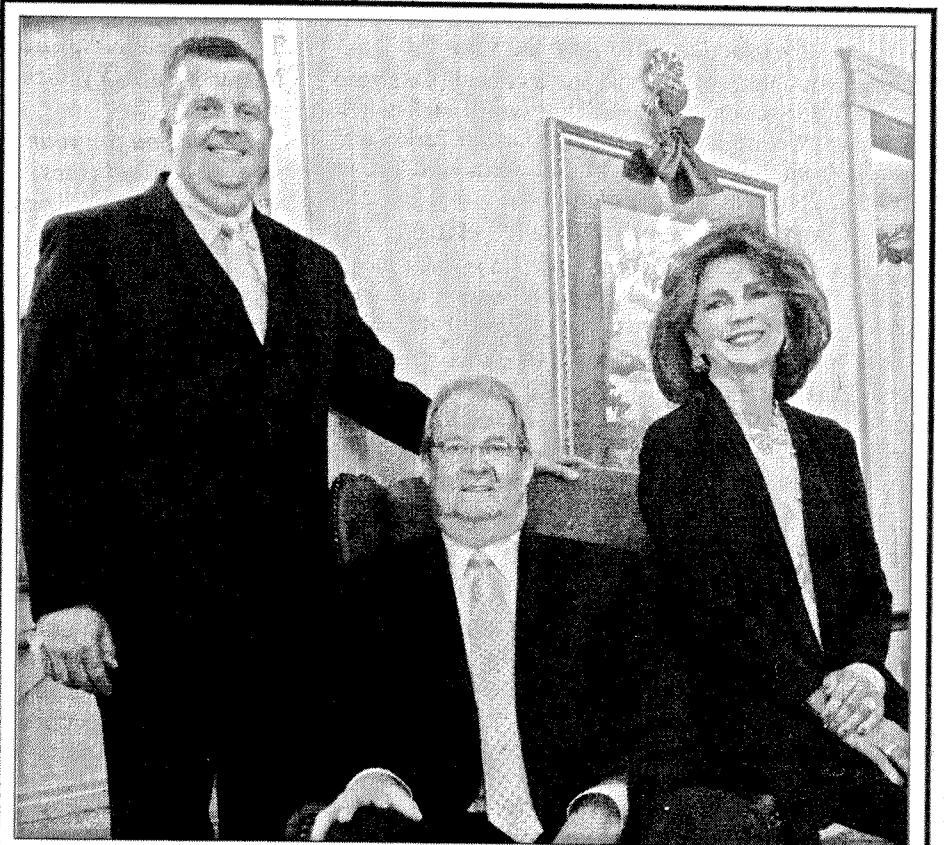
We always kept at least one big rooster in our flock and he would commence crowing, in the barn loft, about 30 minutes before the crack of dawn.

Early one morning during first year we raised the white leghorn roosters, the big barnyard rooster crowed and the sound he triggered immediately afterward was the stuff of nightmares and had our and the neighbors' dogs barking their fool heads off.

I was only 6 years old but I can vividly recall the scare it gave me. A young rooster, just learning to crow, makes a sound that is sort of a cross between a scream and a squawk before it learns to perform the proper morning call. A casual observer might think it was in death throes.

Imagine that sound multiplied by 100 young roosters trying to crow at the same time. I woke up thinking the gates of hell had surely just been opened. My parents, already up for Dad's work day breakfast, were laughing uproariously.

Dad told Mom, "Well you wanted to know when to start killing them. There's your answer!"

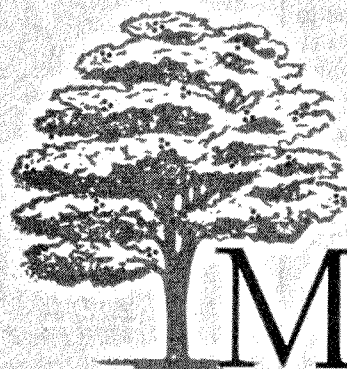


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“School”

(Continued from front) and an acting member of the board could not serve in that capacity, so Ballinger resigned from the board to apply for that job opening. Ballinger was hired soon after.

Misty Lake was appointed to Ballinger's position on the board.

Shortly after that appointment, Pensol announced his own retirement and Ballinger became one of those seeking the position of Superintendent. A position she received after a unanimous vote by the board last week.

The board had held work sessions and met with several candidates through the hiring process but Pensol said “they said that Ballinger stood out as the best choice for Superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools.”

Ballinger has over 14 years experience in teaching and administration. Besides her positions in Rockcastle County, she was also Response Reaction Coordinator and then Principal of Kingston Elementary School in Berea and then Elementary Director of Model Laboratory Schools in Madison County.

She has been a member of the Rockcastle County Board since 2013.

“Rockcastle County Schools are fortunate to have Mrs. Carrie Ballinger as our next Superintendent,” Pensol said. “Her love for our students, their families and this community is evident in her daily work. She is well prepared to lead Rockcastle County Schools to a higher level of performance.”

The new Superintendent is facing challenges that most incoming new superintendent's don't have to face, but she says she is ready for those challenges, according to Ballinger.

“The first order of business for myself is working with KED (Kentucky Department of Education) on plans to reopen the schools next year,” said Ballinger. “We have been directed to create three separate calendars with optional start dates and procedures. Then as the governor and KDE work out potential start dates, while dealing with the COVID-19 virus, one of those calendars will be chosen. “This will provide an environment that is safe for the students, staff and families,” she said.

The board set Ballinger's starting salary at \$105,000 per year and set her contract for only two years instead of the typical four years.

However, Ballinger says a two-year contract is typical for a newly-appointed position while everyone involved makes certain the appointment is a “good fit.”

“Two years is typical for a starting Superintendent and then the contract is usually extended in the future,” she said.

Ballinger is married to James Ballinger and the couple have four children. James Clay, Caleb and Cole, all graduates of RCHS and Emma who is currently a freshman at RCHS.

The family, which owns and operates Ballinger Farms, resides in the Three Links area of the county.

“I just have to say, I am so honored for this opportunity to serve the students and families of Rockcastle County. I am excited and look forward to every day,” Ballinger said.

“Shooting”

(Continued from front) lage Drive in Brodhead.

Once at the scene, KSP troopers and deputies with the sheriff's office located a young juvenile and a local man deceased inside a residence at the apartments.

“It was a really tragic scene. Just tragic,” said Rockcastle County Coroner Marvin Owens.

A KSP press release says Ricky D. McClure, 52, of Brodhead, and a two-year-old child appeared to have suffered fatal injuries as the result of gunshot wounds.

The KSP reports says investigators are not looking for any other suspects and no charges have been filed in connection with the shooting.

Both the man and the child were pronounced dead at the scene by the Coroner and both were taken to the State Medical Examiner's office in Frankfort for autopsies.

The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Post 11 Detective Ryan Loudermilk.

KSP Trooper Scottie Pennington told reporters “This is a sad day for Brodhead and a sad day for Rockcastle County.”

“Flood”

(Continued from front) regular occurrence. Officials in the town have said in public meetings, “if it floods anywhere, it floods in Brodhead.”

For several years the town of Brodhead has faced regular flooding on Main Street causing the closure of several businesses anytime rains are more than average.

This week was no exception.

Officials say the flooding is due to inadequate street drainage and old drainage systems throughout the town.

Over the years, the city has receive some grant funding from time to time to repair the damage done after a flood, but not much funding to keep another heavy rain from flooding the town again.

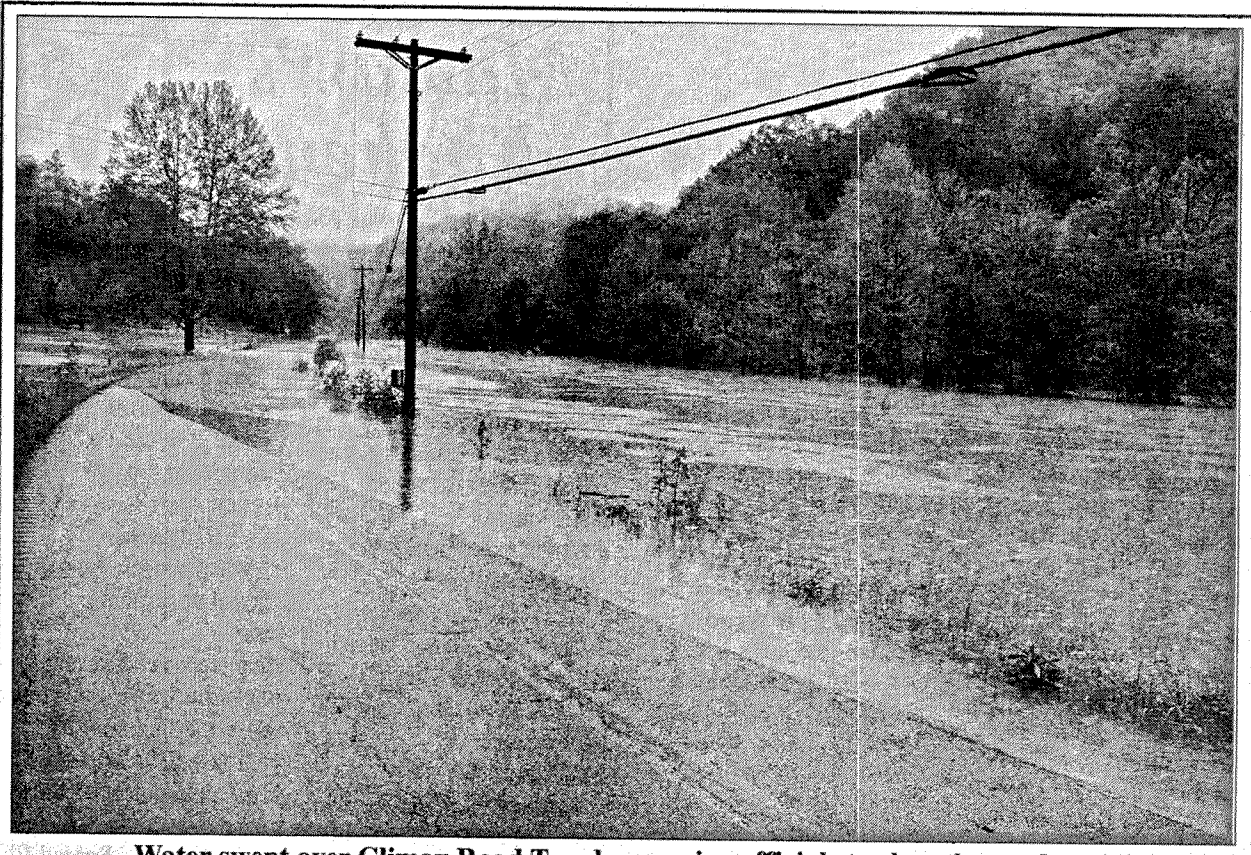
However, after a large flood in the town two years ago, Emergency Management Director Bryan Bussell was able to obtain a Federal Emergency Management grant to make the needed repairs to avoid future flooding problems. However, that money has not arrived as of yet.

Bussell said at a recent city commission meeting, “We have been approved for a FEMA grant and we will be able to address the flooding issues in Brodhead. But, it's the federal government we are dealing with. So, we will get the money when we get the money.”

Bussell, the Brodhead City Commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash keep track of the grant on a daily basis and already has the bids and project plans ready to begin as soon as the money is released. But until the money is in the bank, officials cannot begin the construction.

As for the flooding this Monday evening, Bussell said the town was as ready as possible but there wasn't much anyone could do until the construction project begins.

Monday's flooding in Rockcastle County also affected several other areas around the county including a few reports of creeks out of their banks and water in yards.



Water swept over Climax Road Tuesday causing officials to close the roadway.

“Payment”

(Continued from front)

planned to proceed given the county's action, RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook only said, “I don't know.”

In other action, the fiscal court accepted the state County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement in the amount of \$975,937. The court agreed to hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21 at 3:30 p.m. to give the public a chance to ask questions about how the county will spend the road aid funds.

“We are very restricted on how we are allowed to use the money anyway,” said Holbrook. “But the required meeting gives the public a chance to ask questions or make recommendations.”

Holbrook also told the magistrates the 2020-21 county budget must be completed and the second reading held in June so any changes or suggestions for the 2020-2021 budget should be brought to that same May 21st meeting so there will be time to incorporate any changes into the budget.

Magistrates also discussed a leaking roof on the local jail. Holbrook told Magistrates the county has received bids but he would prefer to look at other bids “just to make sure the price is reasonable.” The cost, depending upon which option the court chooses, ranges from \$18,000 to \$21,000. Magistrates agreed to look for another bid for comparative purposes.

Members of the court also discussed sending \$5,000 to the company who supplies fireworks for the Blast in the Valley event. “This year's Blast has already been cancelled,” said Holbrook. Meeting slight hesitation from magistrates, Holbrook and County Treasurer Joe Clontz explained the request. “This is half the cost but if we pay the \$5,000 now for next year's Blast, it will lock in the 2020 pricing and save us money in the long run,” said Clontz.

Once explained, magistrates voted unanimously to pay the \$5,000 as long as a contract was signed to maintain the 2020 pricing.

Magistrates also voted to set speed limits on Red Bird Road and White Star Road at 15 mph and on Stephens Road at 25 mph.

The county-wide trash drop-off day was rescheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Clontz asked permission from the court to transfer \$100,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transfer \$50,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and \$50,000 to the 911 fund. Magistrates agreed.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, also recommended the court refuse to pay a claim from a truck driver and his company who had damaged his truck by driving over nail spikes placed by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's department during a police operation. Rowe said the spikes were clearly visible and it seemed obvious to him that the driver was not paying attention. Magistrates agreed unanimously to refuse the claim.

Having dealt with all business before the court, the meeting was dismissed.

“Search”

(Continued from front) continued to Rockcastle County where the driver turned on US 25 north towards Berea.

The Charger apparently blew a tire and was abandoned near the Rockcastle/Madison County line. The vehicle was later found on the side of the road.

Police say a female juvenile was arrested near the vehicle but the driver had fled the scene. No charges were listed against the female juvenile.

A search included K-9 units but the suspect had apparently crossed several streams and creeks and is still running from police.

Police say the vehicle was reported stolen from Mississippi and a large amount of cash, along with drugs, were found in the car. Reports also say several handguns and semi-automatic weapons were found in the car and in a wooded area where the suspect apparently fled.

Officials say the suspect should be considered dangerous and anyone with information about his whereabouts are asked to contact police.

According to a social media post by Rockcastle Constable L. Dale Miller, who assisted in the search for the suspect through the evening, the suspect was last seen near Conway.

Assisting in the chase and the search were Mount Vernon Police Department, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department, and other constables.

“Board”

(Continued from front)

work with than the previous budget though SEEK funding actually increased about \$8,000.

Sweet informed the board the total operating budget for the next school year is \$34,880,346. Sweet's

tentative budget notes show total general fund expenditures at \$27,730,138 leaving about \$7 million in other funds including \$2,675,811 in the food service fund.

Of the expenditures, \$16,596,028 was dedicated to instruction, but the budget also includes well over \$1.5 million in student support services, about \$1.2 million in instructional staff support and nearly \$2 million in student transportation, all funds dedicated to the students of Rockcastle County, according to board members.

“I am proud that our budget focuses so heavily on the students themselves,” said Sweet. In fact, she said slightly over 82% of every dollar spent is used directly for the students each year.

Rockcastle County also greatly surpasses the required 2% contingency fund each year with nearly 7% this year at \$1,845,960.

Superintendent David Pensol, who has announced his retirement effective June 30th, said he is pleased the board has maintained instructional staff each year in spite of funding cuts the district experiences. “Our goal all along has been to maintain our instructional staff and once again this year, we have had to make adjustments in other areas in order to maintain that,” said Pensol. “And, once again, we have been able to find ways do that. This board has done a wonderful job of supporting our instructional staff.”

Pensol said the original goal was to provide about 75% of the budget to instructional staff but over the years continual cuts in state and federal funding have necessitated cuts in other areas since he refused to cut instructional services to the students. “Because of those cuts, and our dedication to the instructional staff, we are now at about 82% of our budget dedicated in that area alone.”

Still, according to Pensol, funding is tight and he reminded the board that as retirements occur, the board may want to look at splitting duties or other changes to avoid filling the empty position in order to balance the budget.

Sweet also presented the salary schedule which officials say changed very little. A rank three certified employee with a teaching certificate and no teaching experience will start at \$36,839 while a rank one teacher with 20

years experience will earn \$57,561.

Pensol and the board also discussed next year's school calendar. “If anyone asked when school will start and when it will end and if there will be breaks, it is completely accurate right now to say ‘I don't know.’ We honestly have no way to know right now what will happen next year. Obviously the calendar the board had already approved will not work.”

The superintendent discussed many possible options for a school calendar depending upon what happens with the Coronavirus restrictions. “Right now, we simply don't know what will happen and how NTI (non-traditional instruction) days will affect us and what restrictions will be in place,” he said.

Though department heads were not present for the meeting, Pensol asked Jamie Saylor, Director of Food Services, to attend the meeting. “I asked Jamie to come because the board needs to be aware of the hard work and dedication she has put into feeding our kids during this time,” said Pensol. “Her and her staff have worked when others wouldn't and couldn't and she has made certain Rockcastle County kids have the opportunity to be fed-and fed well.”

In fact, the new “Meals to You” Program had 970 households enroll already and Saylor said she expects boxes of food to be delivered to each of those households “within the next week or two.”

Pensol also presented his personnel action report which shows the retirement of Tom Atkin, District Safety Coordinator.

Atkins was hired as part of the many new mandates over the past two years involving school safety.

The additional retirements include Linda Durham, MVES Instructional Assistant, Tammy Stevens, BES Teacher and Cindy McCullough, MVES Guidance Counselor.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 6 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

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

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

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men

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

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

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

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon, 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Are You Building a Legacy, if so, what is it?

We often think of a legacy as being one of physical nature, or material nature, maybe it's a company name, maybe it's the family farm that has been passed down through many generations. But, I want to focus on a spiritual legacy. Specifically, the Bible character Stephen. What a legacy he has left for us to benefit from!

In Acts 6:5, Stephen is introduced as being a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost and those present were glad to appoint those men to be responsible for the daily administration unto the widows. Vs 8 says again that he was full of faith and power, the things he said, the things he did, were the building of his legacy. In Vs 11, he was falsely accused of speaking blasphemous words against Moses and against God.

Back up now to Vs 10 and notice what is said, they were not able to resist what he said because of the spirit by which he spoke. It's hard to deny the Word of God, the Gospel, the truth!!!

You see, you either accept it or you don't. Those whom Stephen spoke to wouldn't accept the Word, but they could not disagree with what he said.

In Chapter 7, Stephen pointed out to them many examples of history repeating itself as it pertained to their faithfulness unto God. Notice the language in Vs 51: *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do you.*

In Vs 52, Stephen says, in very plain and truthful language, *You persecuted and killed the prophets that prophesied of the coming of the Just One (Jesus Christ) of whom you now have murdered.* Notice Vs 54: *What hurts people more than anything, is simply the truth. Will you speak the truth when it's not popular?* That was Stephen's legacy. We can see it cost him his life Vs 57-59. That's a high price to pay.

But Stephen had another legacy, that was a forgiving heart. In Vs 60, he prayed as he was dying that God would not lay his murder to their charge.

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This do in remembrance of me—this memorial is one of the greatest things we can do in remembering and honoring our Lord. That is to partake of this great supper that was given to us by Jesus Christ himself and wherever God's people come together for this supper it causes us to remember, just how much Jesus Christ loved us and was willing to give for his fellowman. This is the reason our minds need to be centered upon the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, it will help to continue to appreciate the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior after Jesus Christ.

1. The communion looks inward- self examination 1 Corinthians 11:28 But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. This examination is to be done by myself not anyone else, I am to look inside my soul and to where I stand and if my position is not right before God I need to change, neither is anyone else to examine me.

2. Paul says our mind is to be focused on the Lord and nothing else. 1 Corinthians 11:29 For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body. Some think the apostle Paul is saying here we have to be worthy or perfect, but I really believe it is the frame of mind, is what he is writing about here, and not perfection. Our minds must be centered upon that crucified savior Jesus Christ, not someone else, or anything else but the one who died for us on Calvary's cross. Remember this is a cup of blessing that we are drinking and I really believe those who follow the teaching of Jesus are blessed when they do this, the way the Lord teaches and they do it with the right frame of mind.

3. The communion looks forward—1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he comes. When people ask why we take the communion every first day of the week, it shows we believe the Lord is coming back just like he promised. It also shows we believe it is right to obey the command we find in Acts 20:7—And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them ready to depart on the morrow. Since there is a first day in every week, (the early Christians realized this) they jointly participated in the Communion, what has changed, we still have a first day in every week, 52 of them in a year, should we not be taking the Lord's Supper today, on every first day of the week, like the early church did? To take this supper any other time than the first day of the week is going against the teaching of Jesus Christ. The one who died for us. As long as it is possible to do what God has left us a pattern that we can follow and know that we are safe.

4. Thank You for reading this article and God bless all. If you would like to get in touch with one of the brethren at the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can contact us at these numbers: Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021.

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1 and 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
5 large eggs, lightly beaten
3 Butterfinger candy bars (2.1 ounces each), frozen and chopped

TOPPING:
1 Butterfinger candy bar (2.1 ounces), frozen and chopped
2 tablespoons butterscotch ice cream topping
Preheat oven to 325°. Grease 9 inch baking dish. In a small bowl, combine cookie crumbs and butter. Press onto the bottom and 1 and 1/2 inches. up the sides of prepared dish; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in cream and vanilla. Add eggs; beat on low speed just until combined. Fold in chopped candy bars. Pour into crust. Place pan on a baking sheet. Bake for 60 to 70 minutes or until the center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Refrigerate overnight. Sprinkle chopped candy bar over cheesecake; drizzle with butterscotch topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

BUTTERFINGER® PIE
1 package (8-ounce) cream cheese, room temperature
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 and 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 bag (12.5-ounce) fun-sized Butterfinger® bars, crushed (reserve 2 bars to sprinkle on top)

1 container (8-ounce) Cool Whip®, thawed
1 store-bought Oreos® or chocolate graham cracker crust
Beat cream cheese and peanut butter with an electric mixer until smooth. Mix in vanilla. Beat in powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in crushed butterfingers. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread filling in crust. Sprinkle reserved butterfingers on top. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving.

BUTTERFINGER FUDGE
1/4 cup butter, cut into pieces so it will melt faster
1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup milk chocolate chips
12 Butterfinger fun-size candy bars, coarsely chopped
Line an 8 X 8 pan with aluminum foil or parchment paper. Place butter, condensed milk, and all chocolate chips in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Heat and stir over low heat until completely melted and smooth. Pour mixture into prepared pan and use a rubber spatula to smooth it out. Quickly, before it starts to set up, sprinkle chopped butterfingers on top, pressing them into the fudge. Chill for an hour or two before slicing.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Rachel Hale Cochran v. Cody Zane Cochran, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Candice Chumley v. Progressive Insurance Co., personal injury claim. CI-00094

District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding v. Richard Morgan, money claimed due.

Credit Corp. Solutions v. Carri McKnight, money claimed due.

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

Marriage Licenses

Candace Nicole Trimble, 30, Brodhead, LPN and Jonas Aaron Adams, 34, Brodhead, maintenance. 5/8/20

Jennifer Gail Brock, 55, Brodhead, computer operator and Scott BF Payne, 48, Mt. Vernon, lead person. 5/8/20

Katelyn Hope Owens, 18, Brodhead, unemployed

Plans announced to resume limited in-person court services

Two weeks after announcing that the Judicial Branch had formed three task forces to determine how to gradually resume in-person court services, the Supreme Court has released its reopening plan.

"Our priority is to implement a limited, phased reopening that will allow greater access to the courts while keeping court personnel and the public safe through social distancing and other precautions," Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. said in an email today to the justices, judges, circuit court clerks and court personnel who serve the Judicial Branch.

Supreme Court Order Expanding Court Operations

Health and Safety Requirements for the Expansion of Operations can be found in Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-39, dated May 15, 2020, and effective June 1, 2020. The directives are extensive and the main points are here:

- Courts may resume hearing all civil and criminal matters.

- All hearings should be conducted remotely, unless the judge determines that an in-person hearing is necessary.

- If a matter requires an in-person hearing, several safety precautions must be observed, including limiting courtroom capacity, social distancing, facial coverings and frequent disinfecting of public spaces.

- Entrance to court facilities is limited to individuals with a scheduled in-person hearing and those filing emergency protective orders, interpersonal protective orders and emergency custody orders.

- All Kentucky Court of Justice officials and employees and all members of the public entering a court facility must wear a facial covering.

- Members of the public are prohibited from bringing purses or similarly en-

and Brandon Lynn Crew, 22, Brodhead, Collins Respiratory. 5/13/20

Marti B. Harris, 55, London, receptionist and Kenneth R. Jones, 66, London, police officer. 5/14/20.

Deeds Recorded

Vernon Cash, property on Boones Fork Creek, to Ashley Reynolds. No tax

Garry Gross, property on Breezy Hollow Lane, to Linda Kalinyak. Tax \$60

Vanderbilt Mortgage Co., property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Justin Wesley Hoskins. Tax \$45

Steve and Edie Toothman, property in Rockcastle Co., to Justin Dale and Caitlin Brooke Barnes. Tax \$90

James and Joyce Hazelwood, property on Climax Road, to Travis M. and Sarah C. Angel. Tax \$255

Joshua and Gabrielle McFerron, property near Burr, to Dalton Miller. Tax \$6

Gary and Colleen Langford, property on U.S. 25, to Derrick and Anna Rose and Patty Rose.

James L. and Connie L. Rose, property on U.S. 25 to John and Karen Martin. Tax \$60

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Rockcastle County awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle Co. has been chosen to receive \$9,743.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A local board made up of local government and charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle Co. are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Rockcastle Co. has distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. participating. This agency is responsible for helping families with mortgage/rental assistance and utilities. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds must contact Tamara Cox, 105 E. Main Street Box 7, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 for an application or call 606-256-5315.

The deadline for applications to be received is May 27, 2020.

RCHS Senior Awards

Senior Art Award -- Callie Lewis

Math -- Hayden Robinson

AP English -- Hayden Robinson

Dual Credit English -- Cynthia Wells

Agriculture -- Holly Miller

Project Lead The Way -- Nathaniel Drew Bullock

Science -- Victoria Dotson

Senior Band Award -- Tarrylton John Dunn

Spanish I -- Zac Robinson

Spanish II -- Aidan Cain

Spanish III -- Brexton Cromer

Marines Semper Fidelis Band Award --

Lizzie Dixon

Family Consumer Science -- Heaven Pearson

Arts & Humanities --

Aaron Clark & Dawson Nicely

Honors Choir Award -- Tarrylton John Dunn

General Chorus Award -- Lincoln Hines

Social Studies -- Drew Bullock

Early Childhood Education Pathway

Industry Certification

Hope Clontz

Heaven Pearson

Briana Owens



Autumn King signs her letter-of-intent to play golf for the University of Cincinnati while her parents, Bert and Angie King look on along with her sisters, Keelee, Haven and Taylor.

Autumn King signs with University of Cincinnati

University of Cincinnati women's golf Head Coach Janet Carl welcomes Autumn King to the Bearcats, starting in the 2020-21 season.

A native of Mount Vernon, King racked up numerous accolades at Rockcastle County High School. As a senior, she was the regional champion, regional player of the year, Lady Rocket Invitational winner, state qualifier and made the cut during the state tournament. She also made

the cut at the state tournament as a junior and was the regional player of the year while finishing runner-up (losing in a playoff) at regionals. King lettered in golf seven years.

King is a multi-sport athlete as she also competed in track and field, swimming and volleyball. She was the state and regional champion in triple jump and four-time state qualifier in triple jump, long jump and 100 meter hurdles. In the pool, she qualified for states

twice in both the 200 free relay and 400 free relay. She was a varsity starter in volleyball and qualified for states once in cross country. In the classroom, King graduated first in her class, was summa cum laude, AP Scholar with Distinction and a member of the National Honor Society.

The Bearcats have four newcomers ready to join UC in the fall. King joins fellow signees Carmela Simon Prieto, Makenna Jones and Sadie Pan.

RES Honor Roll

Honor Roll
4th - 9 weeks

K - Tanya Clark

Maycee Abney, Gabi Adams, Jaevyn Babbs, Avalynn Baxter, Kingston Bloom, Payton Branham, Daimen French, Audrey Harding, Noah Lear, Jon Luke Pingleton, Ian Rowland, Maddi Stamper, Graceson Ward, Easton Williams, Cole Zechman.

K - Imogene Williams

Brantlee Bishop, Kinshi Cole, Noah Ellington, Caly Fortner, Kash Fowler, Bryer Fuqua, Zarina Harris, Elizabeth Hensley, Liam Leger, Weston Moberly, Nicholas Peters, Jagger Renner, Gemma Ross, Emmie Saylor, Maelee Stephens, Jeremiah Wilson.

1st - Michelle Atkin

Ryan Bradley, Rylan Bradley, Samuel Brock, Kendall Collins, Bayleigh Crowe, Isabelle Damrell, Brylee Dollins, Jasmine Evans, Karter Linville, Nick Murphy, Onna Murphy, Aleena Napier, Dexter Peterson, Bentlee Ramsey, Carlee Rice, Lucas Stallworth, Railee Stamper, Joshua Thacker.

1st - Melissa Fairchild

Isabella Bowles, Silas Burdette, Wrett Craig, Braxton Falin, Eli King, Karsynn Kirby, Kinzie Lohrey, Clay Nelson, Shayla Prewitt, Sigourney Ross, Hollyann Savage, Trinity Wright, Parker Zechman.

2nd - Emily Craig

Alayna Alexander, Kyndall Bloom, Nicholas Denny, Gavin Feltner, Avery Gatliff, Eli Hayes, Astrid Isaacs, Colten

Isaacs, Jase Lear, Harlan Long, Makenna McNally, Kaylee Robinson, Mia Scalf, VivieAnn Short, Jozelyn Smith, Cy Thacker, Wesley Thompson, Chloe Ward

2nd - Ainsley Bussell

Buddy Barron, Bo Bishop, David Burgess, Krysta Chasteen, Mya Didelot, Melody Garrison, Lauren Glovak, Leah Gregory, Sophie Hart, Jaylee Howard, Milahah Keathley, Ariel Lear, Cody Lee, Ryan Martin, MacKenna McClain, Cameron Nottingham, Braxton Owens, Jeremiah Rowland, Lilah Sizemore-Rankin, Addi White, Eli Williams.

3rd - Jessica Bullock

Sallee Blevins, Kayleigh Brock, Dalton Bullen, Ella Burrin, Eli Chasteen, Spencer Clark, Gabriella Collins, Lucas Huff, Arianna French, Ayden Isaacs, Olivia Linville, Bryson Maggard, James Murphy, Stryder Owens, Lukas Richard, James Short, Ethan Stallworth.

3rd - Nikki McKinney

Nevaeh Anglin, Grayson Bowles, Davie Chasteen, Wyatt Craig, Brycen Dollins, Ryan Lamb, Khloe McFerron, Lucas Millett, Lacey Prewitt, Abby Ramey, Savannah Rice, Marian Richard, Logan Rogers, Sebastian Rosiere, Jasmyn Savage, Brayden Sims, Kylie Sturgill.

4th - Krystal Gatliff

Aaliyah Abney, Jasper Bloom, Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Madison Grant, Evan Hayes, Bobby

Hensley, Marrick Hester, Alyssa Howard, Grant Johnson, Taylor Jones, Andi Lee, Brandon Robinson, Lindie Ross, Lacey Seals, Mason Taylor.

4th - Jennifer Peavie

Aaliyah Abney, Jasper Bloom, Kortney Coy, Abby Dees, Madison Grant, Evan Hayes, Bobby Hensley, Marrick Hester, Alyssa Howard, Grant Johnson, Taylor Jones, Andi Lee, Brandon Robinson, Lindie Ross, Lacey Seals, Mason Taylor.

5th - Jennifer Chandler

Trinity Abney, Nolan Bryant, Noah Cain, Preston Chasteen, Tiffany Chasteen, Ethan Kidwell, Dakota Mills, Gary Perez, Logan Poynter, Natalee Reed, Jayden Rice, Aiden Richard, Arrahlyn Richards, Sarah Thomas, Chloe Wilson.

5th - Stephanie Hurst

Tatum Bishop, Matthew Garrison, Ryan Hart, Hailey Hensley, Kristopher Johnson, Payton Lake, Sadie Osborne, Aedan Owens, Layne Poynter, Jaycee Ramey, Chaslyn Savage, Jesseca Thomas, Myles Watson.

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Rockcastle Area Technology Center Outstanding Student Awards

Outstanding Automotive Technology -- Justin Denney

Outstanding Electrical Technology -- Elijah Miller

Outstanding Health Science -- Victoria Dotson

Outstanding Business Education -- Mckenzi Himes

Outstanding Welding Technology -- Dylan Chandler

SkillsUSA Leadership Award -- Brooklyn Young

HOSA Leadership Award -- Tristan Winstead

Kenneth Cummins Industrial Technology Award

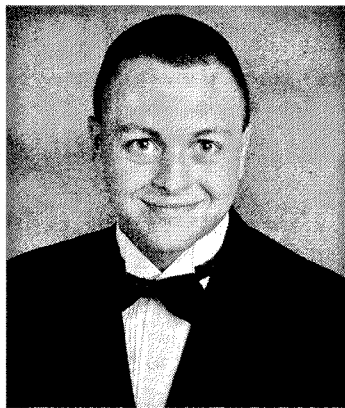
Logan Noel

Roger Elias Wilson Price

Mt. Vernon

Mother: Gail McClure

JROTC, 4 years: First S-3 in Rocket Battalion to be promoted to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel; Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award in 2018; Excellent Leadership Award in 2019; Honor Guard ARC pin for conducting funeral detail; Super Cadet Award LET 4 Level; Richmond Army Depot Junior Cadet Leadership Camp Peer Leadership Award 2019.

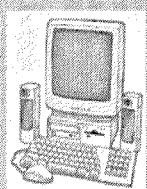


Spragens named to Dean's List

Alex Spragens of Brodhead has been named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Spragens is the son of Mark and Sherry Spragens of Brodhead and is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

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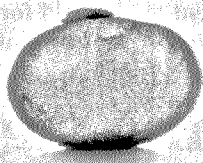



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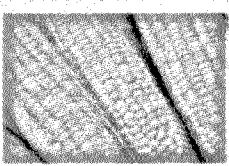
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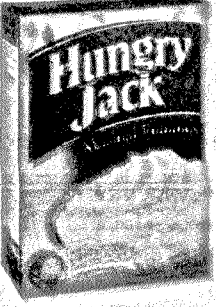
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Thursday, May 21, 2020



100th Birthday

May 25, 2020

It has been almost a year since Thressel Owens celebrated her 99th birthday with 91 friends and relatives. We appreciate everyone who came and those who sent cards or brought gifts. We had hoped to have a larger celebration this year, but have cancelled because of the Coronavirus. However, you can help her celebrate her 100th birthday by sending a birthday card. We hope she will receive 100 cards.

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Thank you, her daughter,
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Opening schedule announced for Daniel Boone National Forest

The Daniel Boone National Forest will begin reopening recreation sites in June using a site-by-site approach, including assessment of facility cleanliness, maintenance status, and health and safety of recreation areas.

The following areas are tentatively scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, June 3:

- Most day-use sites, such as picnic areas and shooting ranges
- Redbird Crest & White Sulphur Off High-

way Vehicle Trails
• Red River Gorge (includes Geological Area, Clifty Wilderness, Indian Creek)

The following areas are tentatively scheduled to reopen on Thursday, June 11:

- Most developed campgrounds

Those with existing campground reservations through www.Recreation.gov will be notified via email and/or text message if there

(Cont. to B4)

Marathon delayed

Officials say the COVID-19 virus, among other delays, has caused crews to fall behind schedule slightly at the new Marathon Station under construction in Livingston. Jeff VanHook, RCIDA Executive Director, says the opening date has been moved out about 30 days.

First RCHS Alumni Banquet set for October

The first annual Alumni RCHS Alumni Banquet has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 6 to 10 p.m. for the classes of 1973 through 1985. For more information, go to rchs.alumassoc@gmail.com or visit the Facebook group page at Rockcastle Co. High School Alumni Association.

Covid19 Hotline

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

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

New deadline

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

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing for any reason w/o written permission on property located at 191 Old Dixie Highway. Wendell McCown. 17x4

Posted: Absolutely no horseback riding, fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight, Carmen and Dustin Poynter on Hwy 3273 and 461. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 13x10

Posted: No trespassing of any kind on property owned by Buddy Mullins on waters of Crooked Creek. Violators will be prosecuted. 17x14 eow

Posted: No trespassing on the late Murphy Martin property in the Red Hill area. 8x10

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts,

on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

No Trespassing of any kind, and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

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

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

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

Miscellaneous For Sale

Cemetery Plot in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 29xntf

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

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Notices

Notice is hereby given that Marisa Albright, 207 Byrda Way, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix w/no will of the estate of Jennifer Bishop on the 11th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Marisa Albright on or before November 11, 2020. 17x3

Notice is hereby given that Debra Bullock, 188 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Elijah Lunsford on the 18th day of May, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debra Bullock or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O., Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Nov. 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. 17x3

Notice is hereby given that Andrew L. Lovell, 675 Frosty Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Deborah Diane Bustle on the 4th day of

May, 2020. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Andrew L. Lovell or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before November 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 15x3

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

Notice: Brandon Baker gives notice that any personal property of previous residents remaining on his real property located on Scenic View Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY beyond June 1, 2020 will be considered abandoned and disposed of at his discretion.

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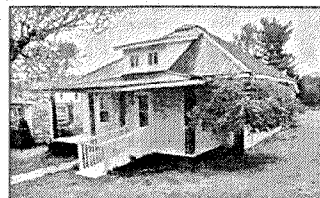
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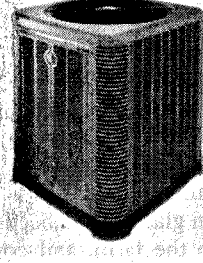


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Kentucky soldier's heroism subject of KET documentary

As Americans honor patriotic sacrifice on Memorial Day, KET will premiere the story of a Kentucky soldier who repeatedly put his life on the line for his country — but wasn't fully honored for it until 73 years later.

From Honor to Medal: The Story of Garlin M. Conner, airing at 8/7 p.m. ET/CT Monday, May 25, tells the story of one of the most decorated soldiers of World War II — who received the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, only after a 20-year campaign by his widow and friends.

Their campaign ended June 26, 2018, at the White House, when President Trump presented the medal to Pauline Conner, who still lives on their small farm near Albany, just down the road from their son Paul. She said in a speech at the Pentagon the next day, "This is what Murl would want me to say: God bless these United States of America."

Murl Conner served more than two years in the Third Infantry Division, suffering many wounds and earning four Silver Stars. On Jan. 25, 1945, he volunteered to be a forward observer for artillery that was needed to stop a German attack — an attack that came so close he finally called in artillery on his own position, offering his life for his country.

Conner survived that day in a ditch in the French province of Alsace, and came home to a Kentucky farm with no electricity or running water. He had a family, gave them a good life, and was a leader of his fellow farmers and veterans. He suffered in body and mind from his Army service, but said very, very little about it.

Only after Conner died in 1998 was his story told — first by a rank stranger who became his greatest advocate and inspired others to join his campaign to get Conner the Medal of Honor. Led by a neighbor who wouldn't take no for an answer, they struggled for 20 years to break through Army bureaucracy, losing at every turn — but remaining inspired by Murl Conner's battlefield examples of determination and resolve.

In the end, in an amazing turn of events, they

won. And now their story is being told, along with the story of Lt. Conner, who now may be the most decorated American soldier of World War II.

"He was a combination of Kit Carson and Davy Crockett," says Walton Haddix of Albany, who took up the campaign begun by Richard Chilton, a Green Beret veteran from Genoa City, Wisconsin. He met Conner and learned his story while researching the service of his uncle, who died at Anzio under Conner's command.

"He cared about his men more than anybody I ever knew," Chilton says. "If you want to save your life, go out with Murl. Don't go out with anybody else."

The documentary was produced by Lexington filmmaker Jeff Hoagland and the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. Al Cross, the executive producer and Institute director, says "I grew up in Albany and knew Murl Conner, but like almost everyone else in town, I had no idea of his war record, and when my brother David said I should do this documentary, I immediately agreed."

The one-hour documentary was sponsored by private donors and the Veterans Trust Fund of the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs, a state agency that assisted the Conner team's legal efforts at the direction of then-Commissioner Heather French Henry, whose cause was veterans when she was Miss America.

She says in the documentary, "Just to know that you are part of this great mission that has lasted so long, and that you could at some point in your future, tell your kids, tell your grandkids, that once upon a time you were part of this fight."

A trailer and a "teaser" for the documentary are online at honortomedal.us, along with information

about Murl Conner and some of the major players in the effort to get him the Medal of Honor.

"Forest"

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are any changes.

These projected opening dates may vary depending on circumstances, and it may be necessary to not open or to close areas again if conditions change. Most boat launches, trails and the general forest area, have remained open to hiking, biking, boating, dispersed camping, hunting, fishing, etc. "Closing any site for any reason is not one we take lightly, but protecting our visitors and employees remains our highest priority. We are approaching re-opening with safety in mind," said Daniel Boone National Forest Supervisor Dan Olsen. "We are looking forward to seeing our recreation sites being enjoyed by the people from the communities we serve."

Although not accepting in-person visits, offices remain open and operational. Visitors are encouraged to contact their local Forest Service office for general information or assistance in obtaining maps and passes.

The Daniel Boone National Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please review current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with local and state guidelines for social distancing and cloth face coverings.

For up-to-date information and the projected opening schedule on the Daniel Boone National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf/ or the forest Facebook page at www.facebook.com/danielboonenf/ or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/DanielBooneNF.

Daniel Boone CAA accepting applications for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), new Spring enrollment period added in response to COVID-19 Crisis

Expanded eligibility requirements make home energy assistance program available to more qualified residents across Clay County applications accepted through June 30, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Daniel Boone CAA is now taking applications for an added spring open enrollment period for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2020, or until designated funds are depleted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has put many families under unprecedented stress. They should not have to worry about how they will keep their lights on and cook for their children," said Roger McCann, executive director of Community Action Kentucky. "That is why this new Spring LIHEAP couldn't come at a better time. It will help take some of that stress off. When it is combined with other Community Action services, LIHEAP will really help families and communities in their efforts to recover and rebuild."

The program, which is designed to help low-income households offset home energy costs, has increased income eligibility requirements to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The benefit amount awarded is based on an individual's income and primary fuel type. Benefits are paid directly to the primary fuel vendor in the form of a voucher.

Each year, the 23 Community Action agencies provide home energy assistance to over 100,000 Kentucky families through LIHEAP. Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties. Qualified applicants are encouraged to contact their local Daniel Boone CAA outreach office for specific applications instructions.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application:

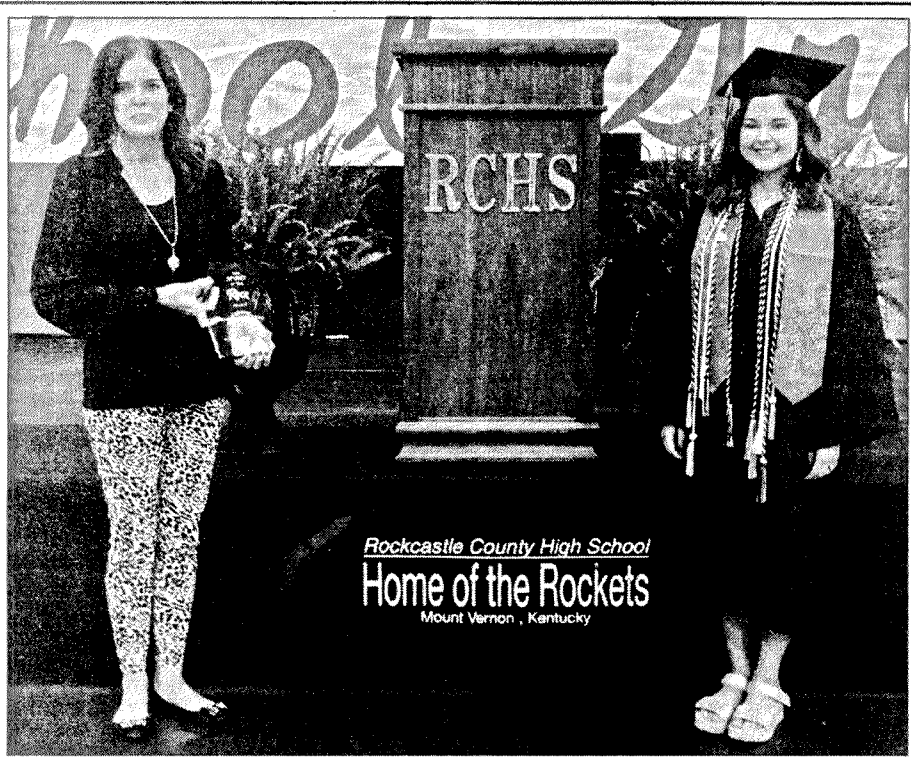
- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
- Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program.
- The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and electric bill.

Daniel Boone CAA administers LIHEAP in partnership with Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Daniel Boone CAA website at DanielBooneCAA.org

ELIGIBILITY:
1) Household income must be at or below the following, relative to household size:

Household Size	Gross Mo. Income	Household Size	Gross Mo. Income
1	\$1,595	5	\$3,835
2	\$2,155	6	\$4,395
3	\$2,715	7	\$4,955
4	\$3,275	8	\$5,515

2) Must be responsible for home energy costs or pay energy costs as an undesignated portion of rent
3) Must not have in excess of \$2,000 in liquid resources, or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is age 60 or older, 80 or disabled except for households where a member has an illness, which requires liquid resources to be accessed for medical and living expenses, the amount may be \$4,000.
COVID-19 POLICIES: To maintain social distancing guidelines, Community Action Agencies utilizes various means completing applications, including electronically, by mail, over the phone.
Please contact your local DBCAA agency at 606-256-6315.



During this week's virtual graduation ceremonies at Rockcastle County High School, the Student Council presented the 2020 Spirit of the Rock Award to Mrs Barb Mullins. The Award is given each year to a staff member at RCHS who goes above and beyond to promote a positive culture and learning environment for our students. "Mrs Barb" is a vital member of the FRYSC office at RCHS and was the Council's partner in the creation of Free Student Hygiene Centers in the HS restrooms. Mrs Barb helped to secure community support for the materials needed to maintain this service for students and worked tirelessly with the Council members to keep the centers stocked. Senior Council member and Student Hygiene Center co-chair, Kylie Fain, presented the award during her graduation ceremony.

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative
2020 Session Results:
Agricultural Issues Addressed

Agriculture is as much a part of our state's legacy as the first pioneers who crossed the Cumberland Gap. We owe a considerable debt to our farms and the families who work them. Today, they work to meet market demands while COVID impacts everything from their ability to get summer help to the number of processors available to handle livestock and poultry. They must be flexible, they must be smart, and they must be creative.



When we look at agricultural policies, I try to remember the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, "You know, farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from a corn field." During the 2020 Regular Session, we did our best to craft laws with input from people who spend their time in those fields. I would like to share a few of them with you in this week's legislative update.

This session we continued our efforts to adapt state laws to best address the needs of our growing hemp industry. Issues continue to develop as the hemp market evolves, and we want to make sure state government does not prevent farmers and processors from success. This session we passed HB 236, which aligns state law with the Farm Bill passed in 2018 by Congress. This bill creates hemp-testing procedures and allows hemp producers and processors to transport hemp or hemp products. Kentucky is the first state in the nation to update our statutes to align with the federal program. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) anticipates that there were \$100 million in hemp sales last year, with approximately a thousand farmers and 200 companies engaged in hemp processing.

One of the most important bills passed was HB 59, which designates the Wednesday of National Farm Safety Week, the third week of September, as "Farmer Suicide Prevention Day." Rural mental health issues have received more and more attention. The desire to bring awareness and help for those dealing with emotional stress is growing. A variety of programs are being initiated at the local, state, and national levels to address the problems many rural Americans are encountering. My colleagues and I also took note of this vital issue. During the re-

cent session, \$500,000 was included in the shortened one-year budget plan to fund the Kentucky Rural Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Pilot Program. Farming, just like any other job, is difficult and stressful, which can leave people physically and mentally exhausted. We must provide more support and bring better awareness to the challenges that face the farming profession. This appropriation will help the state access federal grant money. The funding would go toward existing programs that provide counselors and resources to address rural mental health initiatives and promote awareness about farmer suicide prevention. Without farmers, we do not eat.

With a dramatic increase in the need for both small and large animal veterinarians expected over the next decade, we passed into law HB 214. This measure codifies the state's practice of purchasing slots at eligible veterinary schools through the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program, as well as creating a trust fund to pay for those slots. This bill is the product of a work group established in 2018 to study the state's future veterinary needs and the long-term practice of purchasing slots. The practice is designed to provide greater access for Kentucky residents to veterinary programs with the hope that a significant number of graduates will return to the state to help meet the need for veterinarians throughout the Commonwealth. Since none of our universities have a veterinary school, Kentuckians must attend an out-of-state university like Auburn or Tuskegee. Kentucky students who are awarded a seat then pay a reduced tuition rate at that institution, with the Commonwealth paying the difference. Not only does this help in agriculture, but it takes us one step closer to realizing our goal of increasing the number of degrees in health and sciences.

We also passed HB 238, legislation aimed at enabling a nationwide search to find the best-qualified candidate for our state veterinarian and deputy state veterinarian. These are incredibly important positions that oversee the health and welfare of our poultry, livestock, and agricultural industries and the KDA needs the ability to seek out the best possible candidates.

SB 94 removes the out-of-date requirements for the sale of gasoline containing up to 10 percent ethanol and replaces it with 15 percent. E-15, also marketed as Unleaded 88, has been available for years and is compatible with vehicles manufactured after 2001.

SB 184 amends the financial statement require-

ments that grain dealers and warehouse operators file with the KDA. This will ease unnecessary filing requirements that can increase the cost of doing business.

We continued the tradition of honoring our state's rich agricultural history by passing HR 26 which declared February 22-29, 2020 as Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week across the Commonwealth. While these resolutions are ceremonial, they do drive home how important organizations like the FFA are to our communities and way of life. Hundreds of Kentucky high school students participate in FFA, and they gain valuable experiences that prepare them for careers in agricultural science, business, and technology fields.

So many of our farmers have been impacted because of this pandemic. But the sun rises and sets on the work they do. We must continue to support and buy from our local farmers. I appreciate all of them who are working around the clock to provide for Kentucky families. We will continue to help you. I am glad to have been raised on the farm, and continue that farming tradition with my children.

Even though we are not in session now, I want to hear from you regarding concerns or ways I can assist you. I can be reached here at home or through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@LRC.KY.GOV.

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

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

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