

## Five COVID deaths

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, as of Tuesday, November 10, there were 306 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 117 additional probable cases. The county remains at five COVID-related deaths with four of those through the Bordhead Rehabilitation and Care Center. Reports indicate cases at the center have dropped drastically to only one new case this week.

## Still no in-person classes

Rockcastle County Schools is not holding in-person classes again this week due to the "Red Zone" classification from the Cumberland Valley Health Department. Officials will announce tonight, Thursday, November 12, about plans for in-person classes next week. Check [rockcastle.kyschools.us](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us) for updates.

## Fiscal Court meeting

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court meeting was held Tuesday, November 10 at 4 p.m. See next week's issue of the *Signal* for details.

## Stolen commercial vehicle located in Livingston area

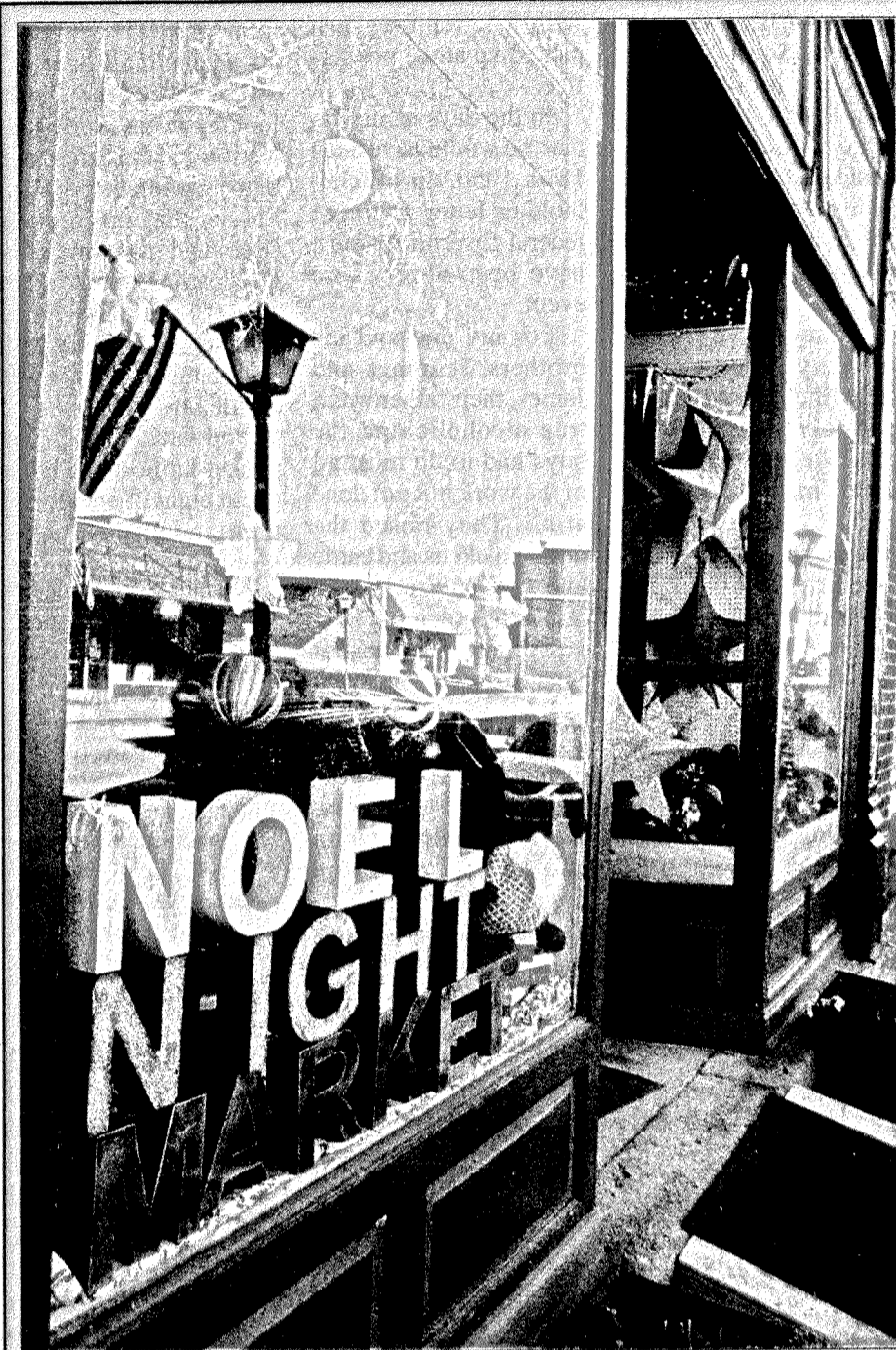
By: Mike French  
Editor

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer Steven Douglas located a vehicle, stolen from the Garrard County Road Department last week, in Rockcastle County.

According to the report from KSP Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Officer Douglas was asked to attempt to help locate the stolen vehicle by the Lancaster Police Department.

On Thursday, November 5, while patrolling US25, Douglas located the stolen commercial vehicle in Livingston.

The report says the 2016 Ford F550 was discovered



The Rockcastle Arts Association is among the first to decorate their storefront for the Christmas holiday. The decoration also helps remind everyone of the Noel Night Market which is planned for Tuesday, December 1 from 5-9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Arts Association as well as the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

## Commissioners discuss many issues

By: Mike French  
Editor

Newly-elected Brodhead City Commissioner Teddy Rose, who will be sworn in to office in January

## RCIDA optimistic of county's future

— Discusses local projects

By: Mike French  
Editor

Listening to the members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development

Authority (RCIDA), one would feel extreme confidence in the economic future of the county as discussions focus around the planned Farmer's Market building, the incoming Chapin factory, expected growth of Microfoodery, growth of Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, a possible gas line coming to the county, north end development, new Dollar General stores, the new Marathon station at Livingston and a long list of companies interested in locating in the area.

"I am extremely pleased with all the positive stuff going on here in Rockcastle County even in these trying times," said Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

The regular monthly meeting of the RCIDA started Tuesday morning with a budget and financial statement reports.

Corey Craig, Chairman of the board, said the financial statement shows

being operated by 25-year-old Terry L. Hawley of Lancaster.

An investigation indicates the vehicle had been stolen in the early morning hours from the road department and then used to also steal a trailer, a skid steer and other construction equipment later the same day from PECCO, Inc. of Nicholasville.

Hawley was arrested at the scene without incident and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with receiving stolen property.

Officer Douglas is continuing the investigation. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer Eric Stallworth assisted at the scene.

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## Police say local man killed his stepmother

By: Mike French  
Editor

Rockcastle County has experienced its second murder in six weeks.

According to a uniform citation from the Kentucky State Police, George Henshaw III, 42, of 394 Potter Road in Rockcastle County has been arrested for the murder of his stepmother Lois Henshaw, 60, also of 394 Potter Road.

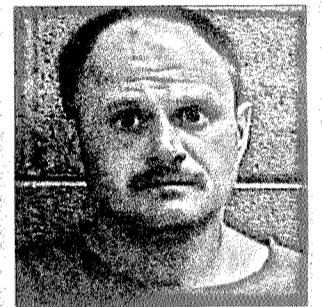
The report says police received a call from 911 that there was a female on Potter Road who had suffered a gunshot wound around 7:30 Monday evening.

Upon arrival at the

scene, KSP Detective Ryan Loudermilk located Lois Henshaw lying on the floor of her residence after an apparent assault. She was pronounced dead at the scene by the Rockcastle County Coroner.

George Henshaw was then separated from two unknown persons present

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George Henshaw

## Local incident rate remains in the "Red Zone"

By: Mike French  
Editor

Arguments, disagreements and discussions about the growth or decline of COVID-19 has been on the lips of most

politicians for months.

Estimates from politicians as well as health professions have ranged from "it's going away now," to "we could lose millions."

However, locally, cases of the virus grew recently causing the City of Mount Vernon to reclose City Hall, as well as forcing in-person classes to be cancelled in the local school system.

Rockcastle has seen five total deaths related to the virus while there are over 420 total cases reported in the county.

Though the incident rate dropped from over 37 to 33.37 this week, the

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Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger looks at the honorary high school diploma awarded to 95-year-old Flossie Christine Harper McKinney after a ceremony last week. McKinney wrote the popular book *The Harpers of Pongo Ridge* and was named Mount Vernon Mayor for the day after receiving the honorary diploma. Mrs. McKinney is a native of the Livingston area of the county and has resided in West Chester, Ohio for a number of years.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Communist dictator Joseph Stalin is reportedly credited with saying some version of "Those who vote decide nothing. Those who count the vote decide everything" And that may be true to a large extent in our recent Presidential election.

If just half of the accusations of voter tampering are true, the race should not be certified until they are properly investigated, not just recounted but audited.

At one point, President Trump was 700,000+ votes ahead in Pennsylvania, only to see the counting suspended on election night and thousand upon thousands of ballots suddenly appear for Democrat Joe Biden.

I don't want to sound like a sore loser but I also do not want to see my country descent into a

third world banana republic.

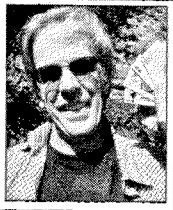
The Dominion voting machines used in over half the states were not encrypted making them subject to back door hacking. One 18 year veteran poll worker in Fulton County, GA noted a discrepancy in vote totals when Biden's total suddenly went up 20,000 votes while the President's went down by a thousand. He notified the election board but, he said, there has been no follow up to his inquiry.

There are sworn affidavits of votes being hauled into vote centers in boxes by vehicles belonging to the Biden/Harris ticket, ballots cast for President Trump being destroyed, certified Republican poll workers be-

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



I agreed to my better half that I will not discuss the election in my column this week. So all I will say is, I'm looking for Apophis in 2068 with Yarkovsky acceleration considered.

Now, on to a better subject.

For the life of me, I can't begin to fathom how it must have felt for so many young men across the country to be suddenly jerked away from their home, sent 3,000 miles over an ocean, handed a weapon and told that he is about to be shot at by people who hate him.

I can't help but envision a 17 year-old boy working in the field with his father and his brothers, trying to help feed the family.

Hoeing the weeds out of the garden with his shirt off on a hot summer day and being within yards of everyone he knows and loves and then

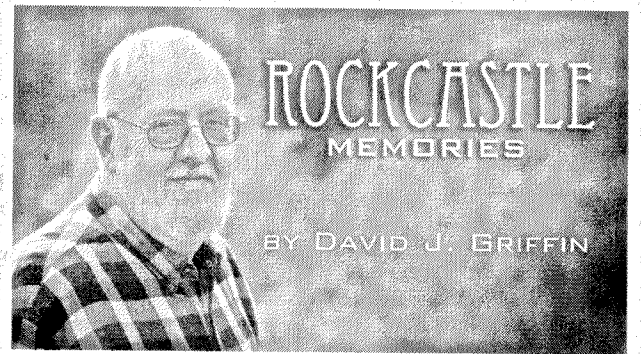
maybe, some neighbor must have run to him with a letter they just picked up at the post office.

In the days of my father, he would have been 18 in 1950, an official-looking letter from the federal government must have been a very rare event.

For my dad and his brothers, Jennings and James, their father was a true alcoholic and the boys had to do most all of the work if it got done at all. They raised the hogs, chickens and cattle and tended the garden and tobacco crops. Harvest time was the busiest time of year.

I have heard my dad complain most about having to miss school because he had to work on the farm. Without him and his brothers, the crops didn't get harvested and the animals didn't get fed.

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### Pop's Black Scar

Last weekend I was looking at my knife collection and ran across one of my grandfather's (Pop) knives that my mother (Bee) had given me after his death. I could never forget that knife. I watched Pop whittle with it from the time that I was a little boy.

Pop gave me my first pocket knife when I was about eight of age. It was then and there that he

carefully explained how to properly use it and how to be extremely safe with a knife of any kind.

Then he taught me to whittle. He took a piece of cedar and demonstrated how to hold the knife properly, emphasizing that "You must always cut away from yourself, not toward your body."

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### "Come Little Leaves"

Dear Journal,

Last Sunday afternoon stands out in my mind as one of the most perfect days that I can remember...weather-wise in any case. It was a picturesque fall day, the kind that is written about in the pages of novels or in seen in the movies.

It was sunny without a cloud in the sky. The wind wasn't constant but came in gentle gusts blowing the few remaining leaves from the big maple trees that grow in our front yard. It was a shower of yellow and gold. Then those leaves blended with the already fallen leaves and they all went blowing along the ground to their various destinations wherever that may be to spend the cold winter ahead. There is a crepe myrtle tree at the driveway entrance that had a unique color all together different than anything I

had ever seen before. It was a blend of persimmon, cranberry, and butternut squash. It looked beautiful and may have tasted pretty good, too.

I sat at our living room window for a long time and beheld this beautiful sight, letting my mind wander where it would, daydreaming of many thoughts, past and present. Finally my mind wandered to when I was just a little girl back at home in London.

Quite often, especially after supper on cold wintery nights in the living room or hot summer evenings on the front porch, when our family would gather around, and the conversation would lull, Mom or someone would all of a sudden start reciting a favorite poem, not to interrupt the conversation at hand. The TV was

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



I never thought I'd ever be saying this in November, but the high temperature on this Sunday, November 8, 2020, was pushing 78 degrees and we are expecting more of the same on Monday and Tuesday. Since moving into my long johns a week ago today, I have been way hotter than I really wanted to be for most of last week and I am really looking forward to getting back to some weather that better fits my clothes.

Now it's Monday afternoon because some health issues put a rapid halt to getting a column out on Sunday and, at this writing, there is no guarantee that I'll have a column finished in time for the newspaper's absolute deadline. The thermometer on our front porch is showing 85 and I'm thinking that can't be right. On the other hand, our air conditioner is going full blast and 10 minutes, already wet with sweat, was all I could handle outside before dashing back indoors to cool off.

Of course the long johns contributed mightily to the rapid sweat because I don't have the energy to do much in the way of physical exertion. In any event, even though the WKYT weather report is still a couple of hours away, I feel certain that Chris Baily is going to be gleefully reporting that we've just had some record breaking high temperatures for November 9.

In the meantime, I'm scheduled to have a hormone injection on Thursday that is supposed to boost my energy as well as enhance my prostate and daily bone cancer treatments. I can't recall ever looking forward to a doctor visit as much as I am this one.

The cancer treatment started out with the same hormone shot that was supposed to lessen the normal side effects of the chemo. After 90 days,

coming up this week, I get another hormone shot and the cancer treatment side effects are supposed to be leveled off. This next shot is supposed to give a bit more energy as opposed to dragging me down the way the last 90 days have gone. In the meantime I have read

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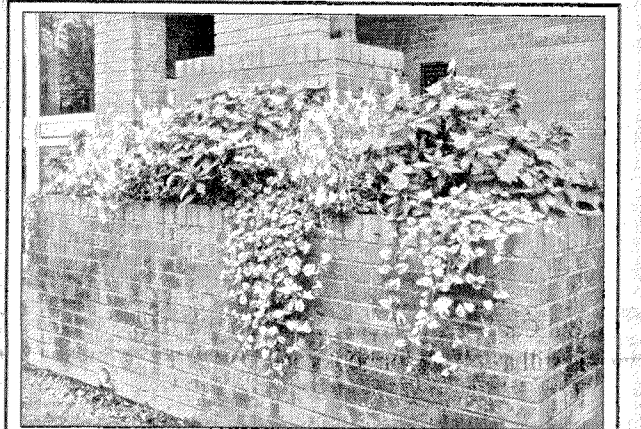
## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Beautiful flowers...

Dear Editor,

I wondered if we could give a shout-out and a thank you to Ms. Nancy Mullins for the beautiful flowers welcoming the community to the Mt. Vernon Post Office. It is very much appreciated!

Thank you, John Abney



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**“ramblings”**

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ing refused the right to monitor the counting, particularly in Pennsylvania, a direct violation of their election laws, and several thousand people rising from the dead, requesting a ballot and then voting (10,000 in Michigan), along with several voters participating in the election over a hundred years of age.

One counting center in Detroit, MI even went so far, after denying Republican monitors the right to watch the count, as to board up the glass in their building with plywood so no one could see them inside counting.

Before the counting stopped, President Trump was ahead 57% to 41.8% in Pennsylvania, 53.1% to 45.6% in Georgia, 54% to 44.4% in Michigan, 50.1% to Biden's 48.7% in North Carolina and 51.7% to 46.8% in Wisconsin.

How is it that Florida, a state with the third highest population in the country, in a close vote count there, somehow managed to call a winner by 11 p.m. EST?

Anyway, there should be no hurry to call the election. It took 37 days to declare a winner in 2000 in Florida which decided the presidency between George W. Bush and Al Gore. Of course the press was very tolerant of this since it was the Democrat that was behind in the vote count. They also applauded Stacy Abrams when she refused to concede defeat, to this day, in her race for governor of Georgia.

Republicans, except for Lindsey Graham, and finally Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have been very quiet in their support of their President and it is disappointing.

We need to once again have confidence in the integrity of our election

We also need for our U.S. Senators, far left Alexandria Ocasio Cortez for one, to quit calling for lists to be made of Trump sycophants, it's not American.

It's also not American to elect a President who has known business ties to Communist China because that will influence him in his dealings with

them. I hope there are recounts/audits of the election done in several of these states and done quickly. Of course, if the outcome were to change, we would then be in a fight for our life with the rioting, burning, looting Democrats. I personally think that when those swing states suspended counting it was because they knew that our President was heading for an insurmountable lead and they had to get the time to “manufacture” enough votes to overcome these leads. When the job is that big, there are bound to be major mistakes made and I only hope that our President's team is sharp enough to catch them.

*Fox News* has come out a big loser in this election with their immediate declaration of some states for Biden and their refusal of calling a state for President Trump even when he has a commanding lead. I have decided that I won't be watching them anymore. When Chris Wallace did such a terrible job of moderating the first debate that did it for me, ending a many year association.

Reportedly, some of Bidens early intended action if he takes office include: rejoining the Paris Accord climate agreement, reinstating DACA, rejoining the W.H.O. and repealing Trump's admin travel ban, along with a nationwide mandated mask law. And we cannot forget Comma-la's support of allowing transgender women to compete in women's sports, effectively destroying that sport for actual females. Oh, and there's her “mandated” buy back of all guns in this country.

One good thing to come out of this election, thus far, is that the House of Representative's number of Democrat representatives retracted, even while Speaker Nancy Pelosi was telling the American people that Democrats won a “mandate” in this election. The numbers are so low that it is questionable if Pelosi will even be able to hold onto her speakership.

I think we have a long way to go before this election is resolved. But, one thing is already clear, this will go down as one of the darkest days in our country.

**“Aces”**

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I can't even imagine the day they received their draft notice and was given a specific time to “report” to some office in a town they didn't know existed.

Dad had to ride a train for three days and I would think that each mile must have seemed like another world away from his Red Lick farm.

Then, once finally there, he was stuck in barracks with countless total strangers from all across the country.

After being trained to kill other human beings and being taught how to survive messy, bloody wounds, and conditioned until his muscles ached and burned and learning to obey every command of a stranger, he was then placed on a boat and sent thousands of miles across the waves.

The most water he had seen to that point was Old Man White's fishing pond where he caught Bluegill to help feed the family. The Pacific must have been more than

overwhelming.

Before he knew it, the kid that was holding a hoe out in the sun in his father's garden, was suddenly holding a rifle in a muddy foxhole. His brothers couldn't help and his mom's supper would not be on the table that night.

People he never knew were wearing the same uniform and screaming at him while those wearing other uniforms were doing everything in their power to kill him.

His brother Jennings was blown apart by a grenade on another hill and his sadness must have been something that no spoken word could possibly describe.

Yet, even with all this pain, fear, confusion, loneliness, sadness, misery and sorrow, hidden inside him, I grew up watching him stand tall and proud every time he saluted the American flag.

My dad served his country with honor and pride and would defend his nation till the day he passed away in November of 2011.

Situations similar to this have happened to over 17 million people in America over the years.

And these people are all around us. We see them every day. We pass them on the sidewalk, in the grocery aisle, at the gas pumps and in nursing homes.

We play on our iPhones, complain because it is too hot outside, argue with those we love and have no clue what life could be like if not for that man or woman who just held the door open for us at WalMart.

Yesterday, November 11th, was Veteran's Day and though I am not trained nor am I worthy to do so, I stand at attention to each of you.

Though it may not appear so in modern society, there are still those of us who bow at your sacrifice and offer our humble appreciation.

May God bless you and we will help pray that all you fought for was not in vain.

**“Points East”**

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well over a hundred articles written by oncologists at such places as Harvard and Yale Medical Schools, Mayo Clinic, and a few dozen other places that ought to know what they are talking about.

I am cautiously optimistic that I will not be

wanting a wheel chair for Christmas even though I have already put a lot of miles on two hurry canes. I keep one in the car just in case I forget to take my house cane with me when we go out.

Over the last 10 years I have spent a lot of time worrying about Parkinson's Disease and actually making light about the ways it has affected me. I accepted, early on, that “Mr. P” was incurable and that “one day at a time” was the best way to cope with him. The long term physical and neurological deterioration of Parkinson's have accumulated so slowly that I have to look back for 6 to 12 months at a time to tell the difference between stuff I could do then compared to what I can do now.

This bout with cancer started last October and the downhill slide has been like a bobsled ride where the longer I stay on the sleigh, the steeper the hill gets and the faster the thing keeps going. It has literally been months since I've even thought about Mr. Parkinson.

And while I certainly don't recommend it, I can almost guarantee that if you have been overly concerned about politics, get cancer. That will take your mind off who did or didn't win the election.

**“T.J.s”**

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never turned on. They grew up in an era where poetry was taught in school or learned in self study. It seemed that everyone knew a few poems by heart. It was always noted that my great grandpa Henry Price knew a vast amount of poetry that he could recite. He knew great lengthy poems by heart. Even my grandma, Evelyn Price Norton, knew several lengthy poems when she was well into her eighties.

When I was older and Mom was terminally ill and confined to her bed, I would get a book of verse and read her poetry from time to time. “Maud Muller” and “The Children's Hour” were two favorites and just for humor, “When Father Carves the Duck”. She taught me poetry as a child and had me recite it to her every so often.

One poem that she taught me when I was about five years old came to mind on this Sunday afternoon, The

title is “Come Little Leaves” by George Cooper (1838-1927) “Come little leaves”, said the wind one day, “come over the hills with me and play, put on your dresses of red and gold, summer is gone and the days grow cold...” Good memories right there.

**“Memories”**

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To reinforce his instructions, Pop proceeded to pull up his pant leg, revealing a solid black scar that was located just above his right knee cap. He explained, “I was whittling one time, and I cut the wood toward my knee and it slipped. The blade cut a huge gash out of my leg, and it began to bleed.”

Pop further described to me how he stopped the bleeding: “I ran into the kitchen, grabbed a handful of soot from the stove, and packed the wound with the black coal soot.” (Believe it or not, this was not an uncommon practice.)

Pop described how his father had told him about using soot for healing properties and to stop minor bleeding. Evidently, the soot worked, but Pop's scar was black. Pop said that soot was very good to use on small cuts, but it did leave a black scar.

It was a day that remains in my memory. Pop and I used our knives that day to whittle, and I never forgot his useful rules to whittle safely. Maybe it was that black scar that kept me in remembrance of the rules, because it made an impression on me. I did not want to have to control any bleeding—and certainly not with any black coal soot.

Pop taught me so many things as I was growing up and making my way into manhood. He taught me to drive a car, shoot a gun, mow a yard, and to whittle. He was my mentor and many times my hero. And his lessons served me well. I've handled pocket knives all of my life—but I never had to control any bleeding. And I am free of black scars.

(You can reach me at themnman@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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**Health Department Holiday Hours**  
 The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day. We will also be closed November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Poinsettia Fundraiser**  
**Now through November 13th:** Poinsettia State Fundraiser. All proceeds go to support Hospice Care Plus's care for patients and families. Order online at hospicecareplus.org, at facebook.com/hospiceCP, or by phone during business hours to 859-986-1500. Four varieties available. Orders will be available for pickup or delivery the first week of December.

**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**  
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# Obituaries

## James Michael Smith

James Michael Smith, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at his home.

He was born March 9, 1960 in Mt. Vernon, the son of Anna Lee Durham Smith and the late James O. Smith.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon and enjoyed coaching his sons, daughters and nephews in baseball and basketball.

Mike was a farmer and was retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

On July 12, 1984, he was united in marriage to Rhonda Lucille Roark.

Besides his mother and wife, survivors include his children: Victoria Lee Smith of Lexington and Krystal Ann, Jesse Whitley, Charles Michael and James Bryce all of Mt. Vernon; his sisters, Vickie Arnold and Sherry (Bobby) Webb, both of Mt. Vernon and a host of nieces, nephews and good friends.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Matt and Maggie House Durham and his paternal grandparents, James Whitley Smith and Lou Rimmel Smith.

Services were conducted Friday, October 30 at Marvin Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead with Bro. Shannon Franklin and Bro. Luther Allen officiating.

Pallbearers and special friends were: Bobby Webb, Mike Alcorn, Mike Burdette, Herman Smith, Robby Lay, Paul Nicely, Paul Rice, Jerry Dick, Neil Sluder, David Dees, Ronnie Roark, Matthew Sowder, Blake Arnold and his sons, Jesse, Charles and Bryce.

Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

## Sheila Ruth Little Warren

Sheila Ruth Little Warren, 70, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born on November 26, 1949 in Richmond, IN, the daughter of the late Roy and Mary Grace McNally Little. She was a retired seamstress, and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors are: her children, Shawn, Angela and Allan, Thomas and Joann, Marquetta and Mike, and Todd and Jodi; one brother, Jim Little; 17 grandchildren, Dana and Tito, Deidra and Tony, Megan and Eddy, Dwight and Iesha, Jerrica, Beverlae, Nathan and Analicia, Tanya and Andrew, JR, Victoria and Eli, Devin, Jeff and Iesha, Sara, Josh, Phillip, Will, Zoey, and Emily; and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary in 1972.

A celebration of life service will be at a later date. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com).

## Jesse Sherman Collins

Jesse Sherman Collins, 72, of London, died Friday, November 6, 2020 at Corbin Health & Rehabilitation Center in Corbin. He was born in Rockcastle County on May 10, 1948, the son of George and Irene Sowder Collins. He was a member of Pine Hill Holiness Church.

He is survived by: three brothers and a sister, Raymond and Magdalene Collins, Clifford and Patricia Collins, and Donnie and Carol Collins, all of Pine Hill, and Pauline and Ronald Warf of Mareburg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Eugene Collins and a sister, Joyce Ann Jones.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, November 9, 2020 in Collins Family Cemetery on Piney Branch by Bros. Allen Hensley and George Baker. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

## Card of Thanks

James Smith, Jr.

The family of James Smith, Jr. wants to say Thank You to all their family, friends and neighbors for all the calls, food, cards, gifts, flowers and love shown us during the loss of our beloved "Pap Jr."

Thank you Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church for all the love and food sent and support received during our most sorrowful time.

Dr. Karen Saylor for the care given to James during his illness and to the ICU nurses at Rockcastle Regional Hospital for the wonderful care shown to our "Pap Jr." Thank you all so much.

To Marvin and Judy Owens for the outstanding job you all did and the love and kindness you all showed us. Thank you all so much!

To Bro. Clyde Miller for the great job you did preaching the funeral. Thank you so much!

To all the pallbearers also for all you did: Josh Smith, Jamason Smith, Jimmy Smith, Ronnie Smith, Scott Miller and Ben Kirby.

His wife, Bernice and sons, Danny Smith, Ricky Smith and Roger Smith, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

## Debra Carol Debord

Debra Carol (McMillan) Debord, 64, wife of Mike, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born August 9, 1956 in Georgetown, to the late Benjamin Franklin McMillan, Jr. and Wanda Burton Murphy. She married Mike Debord on March 6, 1991. She was a waitress, a member of First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon, and enjoyed reading.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Mike Debord; her children, Donnie (Jennifer) Hall, Jr. of Georgetown, Debra Darlene Lewis of Williamstown, Lavina Debord of Mt. Vernon, Travis Debord of Mt. Vernon, and stepson, Michael (Lisa) Debord of Mableton, GA; one son-in-law, Cromer Smith, Jr.; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Edward McMillan of Richmond; one half-brother, Frank Murphy of Florida; one sister, Elizabeth McMillan of Latonia; and one half-sister, Melinda Dennison of Morristown, TN; and her mother, Wanda Burton Murphy.

She was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Franklin McMillan, Jr. and her daughter, Sabrina Smith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon with Bruce Ross and Shannon Franklin officiating.

Condolences may be made at: [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Helen Marie McGuire

Helen Marie (York) McGuire, 78, of Crab Orchard, died Monday, November 9, 2020 at her home. She was born April 24, 1942 in Garrard County, to the late Sam and Betty (Creech) York. She was married to the late Less McGuire and together they had three daughters, Phyllis, Vickie and Melissa. She helped her husband farm as well as having worked at Cowdens, Park Seal and 36 years at Dresser Industries. She was a member of the Valley Baptist Church, where

she enjoyed the fellowship and working with the food ministry. She most of all enjoyed being with her family and friends and always told people she loved them.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her three daughters, Phyllis (Rodger) Linville of Copper Creek, Vickie (Jerry) Petrey of Crab Orchard and Melissa (Adam Fitzpatrick) of Crab Orchard; five grandchildren, Katie (David) Meece, Josh (Macci) Linville, Blake, Riley and Noah Fitzpatrick; two brothers, Willie B. York and Robert "Bud" York; and one sister, Marilyn Short.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: a sister, Emma Jane Mosley; and five brothers, Leonard, Hugh, Oscar, Gilbert and Paul York.

Pallbearers are: Josh Linville, Blake Fitzpatrick, Kenny and Trevor Creech, David Meece and Anthony Noel.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Greg Lakes, Bro. Jeff Drapper and Phillip Schreyer officiating. Burial will be in Wilmot Chapel Cemetery.

## Tommie Wendell Lane

Tommie Wendell Lane, 48, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at his residence. He was born February 13, 1972 in Dillon, SC, to Tony W. Lane and the late Betty Sue (Gaddy) Lane. He was a well-known Pipefitter/Supervisor for 28 years. After moving to Kentucky in January, he became a dispatcher for KLCC Trucking. T-Bone was loved by many. He was of the Holiness Faith and attended Pine Hill Holiness Church. He enjoyed fishing and sports, but most of all spending time with his children. T-Bone LOVED those Cowboys.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Keith Lane of Brodhead, Jamie (Jessica) Lane of Florence, SC, Wendell Lane of Latta, SC, and Charley Jo Lane of Latta, SC; one grandchild, Chandler Lane of Florence, SC; his father, Tony (Kathy) Lane of Crab Orchard; one sister, Dawn (Kenny) Collins; two nephews, Blaine (Tawana) Collins of Brodhead and Austin (Paige) Collins of London; one great niece, Makena Jade Collins, known by Uncle Tony as "Clown"; as well as a host of aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Sue Lane and infant brother, Tony Keith Lane.

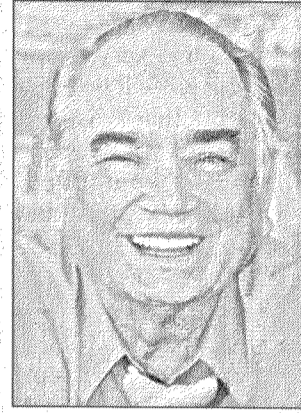
Funeral services were held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Cooper Funeral Home in Dillon, SC. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: K.C. Odom, Dwayne Odom, Blaine Collins, Austin Collins, Andrew Rewis, Keith Lane, Jamie Lane, and Matt Cox.

Condolences may be made at: [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Billy Ray Brumett

Billy Ray Brumett, 75, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born February 17, 1945 in Brodhead, to



the late James C. and Marlie (Hopkins) Brumett. He married Connie J. Herrin on February 3, 1968. He was a machinist, a member of the UAW, was of the Baptist Faith, and enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, and gardening.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Angela R. Brumett of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers, Effie Brumett, Ronnie Brumett and Bobby Brumett; four sisters, Pearly (Kenneth) Lawson, Ruby Jewel (Charles) Bryant, Carolyn (Donnie) Woodall and Sharon (Roger) Bray; one sister-in-law, Bonnie Brumett; his honorary nephew and care giver, Jarrod Poynter; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Connie Brumett; one brother, James Brumett, Jr.; and one special nephew, Stanley Hoskins.

Services were held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Randal Adams and Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in James Brumett Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at: [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Poet's Corner

### Unscheduled Expressions

We often utter moving words  
Reflecting great devotion  
When deeply overcome  
with grief  
And uncontrolled emotions  
For one we loved has gone  
from us;  
Someone so very dear,  
But why do we not share  
these words  
And fill the heart with  
cheer  
Of those still here and  
waiting  
We're sure they'd love to  
hear!  
This thought has just occurred  
to us,  
Tho' it's no special season,  
No special year or special  
day,  
Or any other reason  
Except to say "We love  
you Mom!  
And wanted you to know  
And hope our heartfelt  
gratitude  
These words will somehow  
show!"  
We'd like to write a song  
of praise  
With words so sweet and  
true,  
In tribute to all Mothers  
And especially to you!  
We'd like to tell the whole  
wide world  
How precious Mothers are,  
And how the Lord has favored  
us  
With the dearest one, by  
far...  
But we're not good at writing  
songs,  
Don't claim to be a poet,  
Just had this special feeling  
And wanted you to know  
it!  
Love you Mom,  
Kathy Payne, Mike and  
Robby McFerron

### The Reason for Autumn

By: Flossie C. McKinney ©

If I could stop Father Time  
in His flight  
I'm sure I would stop Him  
right here  
And keep forever mid-autumn,  
The loveliest time of the  
year!  
God must have made autumn  
especially  
To strengthen our faith in  
His might  
By painting the earth with  
His magic,  
A breathtaking wonderful  
sight!  
Earth artists, with talent  
and training,  
Their paintings can never  
compare  
With the enchanting  
beauty of autumn  
That nature created with  
care!  
Their art work is merely a  
copy  
Of the Master's expression  
of love  
And autumn is given as  
proof to the world  
That He's still in His mansion  
above!

## New deadline

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

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is now accepting applications for a

## District Operations Manager

This position for that of a District Operations Manager will be required to: perform management functions such as administrative duties; including Annual Budget and Annual Plan of Work, Promote Conservation Education throughout Rockcastle County; Administer State Cost Share, County Ag Investment Program, Dead Animal Burial Program, Soil Test Program.

Applicants must be proficient in following programs: Microsoft Office (including Word, Publisher, Excel and Outlook) and Quicken/QuickBooks.

Applicants must be skilled in using internet, social media, communicating with public, interact with Local, State and Federal Agencies.

Interested applicants must complete application obtained by contacting the office at address provided below, submit a resume, preferred high school or college transcript.

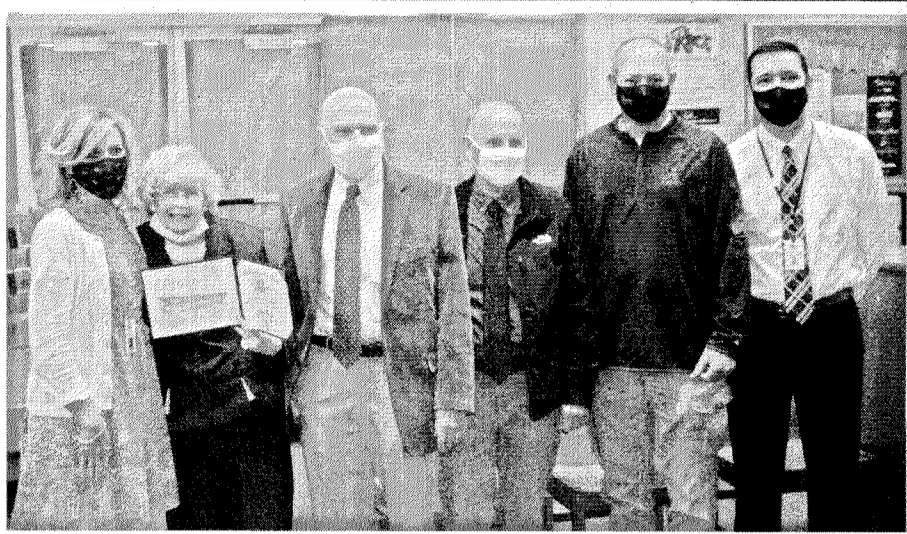
Please pick up application at:  
USDA Service Center

Rockcastle County Conservation District  
153 Advocate Lane • Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

By contacting Sandy L. Whitaker at (606) 256-2525 ext. 3 or by email at [sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net](mailto:sandy.whitaker@ky.nacdnet.net).

Applications will be accepted through November 12, 2020 at 4 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Shown from left behind the masks are, Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, Flossie Christine Harper McKinney, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, State Representative R. Travis Brenda and Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert. The 95-year-old McKinney received her honorary high school diploma and was named Mayor for a day in appreciation of her work over the years promoting the Rockcastle County area. Her book, *The Harpers of Pongo Ridge*, was used in a recent film.

## “Murder”

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in the home and placed in a police cruiser.

After Loudermilk conducted a walk-through of the residence to secure the scene, he mirandized Henshaw.

According to the citation, Henshaw told Loudermilk he had been angry at his stepmother so he “walked into the kitchen area, picked up a pistol and fired and struck Lois Henshaw, killing her.”

The KSP report says an investigation indicates the two had been involved in an ongoing verbal altercation.

The stepson then exited the home to a nearby area and “threw the gun as hard as he could.” It is not clear if the gun has been found by police.

The citation says a rifle and ammo was also located in the living area of the home.

Henshaw was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with murder, tampering with evidence and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Loudermilk was assisted at the scene by KSP Post 11 personnel, the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office, Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle County Coroner’s office.

Henshaw is already listed on the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry, after a conviction for aggravated sexual battery on a nine-year-old in Virginia.

Henshaw is being held on a \$1 million cash bond.

## “Red”

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county is still listed in the “Red Zone” by the Cumberland Valley District Health Department (CVDHD). Any rating over 25 is considered the range that requires extra precautions.

As the person with hands-on information from hospitals as well as other health departments locally, Christ Green, Director of the CVDHD says she does not expect the virus to get better soon.

“In Kentucky we are seeing case totals that are breaking records every week,” she said. “I do not expect to see an over all decline in cases within the next month.”

If this hold true, some officials expect in-person classes to remain closed until 2021. However, Rockcastle School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger makes that direct decision on a weekly basis using more than one source.

While Ballinger says it is true that she will not recommend in-person

classes start until the incident rate is below 25, she uses more than one source to make that decision.

“We look at multiple sources to determine the incident rate and we use all that information to make the final decision,” Ballinger said. “We will remain cautious and keep safety as our first thought, but we know the best place for students is in a class room.”

Ballinger says as long as she feels it is safe for students, faculty, staff and parents, she will recommend in-person classes resume. But not until it is safe. According to Green, it will not be safe for quite some time.

## “RCIDA”

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a \$752 surplus this month, slightly less than average.

“The reason that is slightly lower this month is that we had to pay for the survey of the Farmer’s Market site and we had the transformers turned on at the Plastic Factory to show the building to Chapin,” said Craig. “That electric bill went from the typical \$2,200 to \$5,931 this month.”

Executive Director Jeff VanHook talked to the board about several projects either underway or planned, as well as countless possible companies who may be interested in locating in the county.

The new Marathon station in Livingston has been held up slightly due to a state Certificate of Occupancy not being issued as of yet. VanHook said the business would already be open if not waiting for that approval. However, he said the owners are attempting to receive a temporary occupancy permit until the final approval is received. “We expect the Marathon to be open and fully operational in about three weeks,” said VanHook.

The director also told the board he believes the county will be able to acquire the additional \$75,000 needed to rebid the Farmer’s Market project. The project bids were higher than expected, partly due to COVID-related price hikes, according to VanHook, but rather than reduce the building to “less than what we really need” he believes he can get approval for the additional \$75,000 to build the structure as originally planned. “While we are building this structure to serve the entire community, we should do it right or not at all,” he said. “I expect that final approval for the additional funds very soon.”

VanHook also talked about the Delta natural gas line officials hope will come to the county eventually. VanHook talked about “several large companies” that would be “tremendous gas users that

have expressed interest in locating in our community. If that should happen like we expect, this would be another great benefit to Delta and give them even more reason to locate a gas line here,” he said.

Due to ongoing contract discussion and negotiations, officials could not name the companies interested in locating in the area.

VanHook also said he is excited about the Chapin company currently moving into the north Industrial Park. “They are making their presence known and working at the site,” said VanHook. “And they use local vendors for the work they need done there. I am very excited about the partnership we have with Chapin.”

Holbrook reported that the 2020 Census is now over and reports are being delivered in Washington. “Over all Kentucky’s response was 68.2 percent,” said Holbrook. “Rockcastle County’s response was 64.4. We will just wait to see how all this pans out now that the Census is over. We were listed at 17,056 (population) before. We will see.”

Holbrook also reported that cases of COVID-19 have dropped at the Brodhead Health and Rehabilitation Center. “I think they had one case this week and have a total of 57 active cases.

However, the residency at the center has dropped also. “They usually have about 100 residents but they are down to about 68 now,” Holbrook added.

The county over all has had well over 400 cases either confirmed or probable but officials with the Cumberland Valley District Health Department say they expect cases to continue to rise in the county.

Members of the RCIDA then entered closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

## Local students graduate

In what has been one of the most unprecedented years in history, there are still hardworking people achieving their goals, new doors of opportunity opening, and worthwhile reasons to celebrate.

In fact, right now, there are more than 1,100 reasons to celebrate - one for each student at University of the Cumberlands who earned a college degree this summer.

Local graduates include:

Laura Owens of Mount Vernon, who completed their Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Nursing.

Izak McQueary of Mount Vernon, who completed their Education Specialist in Education.

Marcie Johnson of Mount Vernon, who completed their Master of Science in Nursing in Nurse Practitioner.

## “Issues

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elected, was on vacation.

Current commissioner Dallas Todd, who was also defeated, attended the meeting as well.

Among the first order of business was the expected second reading of the “Golf Cart Ordinance.” However, Burton asked to table the second and final reading until all members were present.

The ordinance met with controversy since it requires anyone operating a golf cart or ATV on Brodhead city streets to make the vehicle “street legal” or face fines.

Burton said the ordinance was intended to protect citizens who wish to ride such vehicles on the street in the city. “Right now, anyone on a golf cart, or an ATV, can be pulled over by the state police or any officer and be fined,” said Burton. “But with this ordinance that can’t happen anymore.”

However, to be defined as an acceptable cart, the vehicle must be designed to operate at a speed not more than 35 miles per hour, carry not more than 6 people, have headlights, tail lights, stop lights, front and rear turn signals, reflectors on each side, have two mirrors, a parking brake, display a “slow moving vehicle” emblem in accordance with KRS 189.820, a seat belt for each sitting position, have a maximum gross weight of 2,500 pounds, have a maximum rated payload of 1,200 pounds, be issued a permit by the city, display a sticker or permit and be inspected by a certified inspector.

The ordinance also requires that such vehicles may only be used on roadways with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less and that such vehicles may not cross a roadway with a speed limit above 35. The operator must also have a valid driver’s license, and the vehicle may only be operated between sunrise and sunset. “We are a small town and we are trying to make it legal to use golf carts or ATVs if our citizens choose to do so,” said Burton. “We are trying to protect our citizens and make sure our people can ride their ATV to the store if they want.”

The inspection fee is expected to cost \$5

Burton, and Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell, also discussed upcoming funds to the city. “All the mitigation money has been approved,” said Bussell referring to the nearly \$600,000 applied for after flooding issues. “We are just waiting on the funds.” Burton also said there are funds coming to the city as part of the CARES Act as reimbursement for any expense the city suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have to have 10 percent match on the \$600,000 mitigation money,” said Burton. “We plan to store the CARES Act funds until the mitigation money is released and use those funds as our 10 percent match.”

Bussell cautioned that the mitigation funds will not completely fix the problems with flooding in Brodhead. “This money will not fix the problem,” he said. “It will go a long way towards helping but the only way to fix the flooding prob-

lems completely is for the state come in and build the roads (curbs, gutters and drainage) like it should be. They may do that. I can’t speak for them. Some of what we have was built in 1937 and sits on wood timbers that decay over time.”

In other discussion, Fire Chief John Dyehouse said the department is considering another t-shirt sale in an attempt to raise fund for the department that were lost after the cancellation of the Little World’s Fair in Brodhead. “Fortunately, we had a good year last year and that money is carrying over to this year,” said Dyehouse. “But we need to have some fundraising events to make up that lost revenue.”

Dyehouse also informed the commission that the Christmas Parade is still planned. “You can have a parade and practice social distancing. We are 100% planning to have the parade on the first Saturday in December.”

However, the time of the parade is not yet set. “I’m not going through that again,” he said. “First find out what time Mount Vernon is having their parade and then we will set the time of our parade.” Dyehouse was referring to the confusion and inability to attend both parades last year since the two events were scheduled too close together.

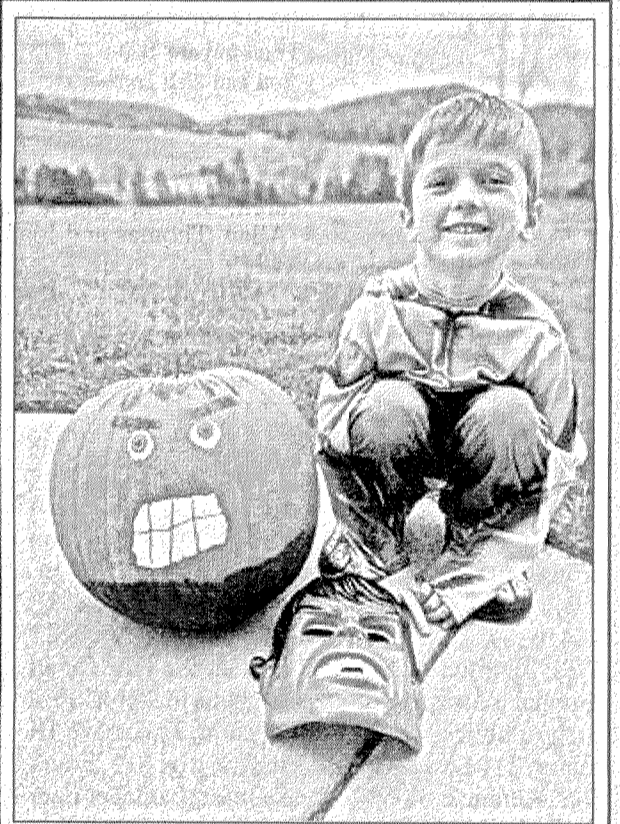
Before closing, Dyehouse informed the

commission that five of his fire department volunteers are quarantined for COVID-19. Dyehouse said one has tested positive and the other four are listed as probable. “This isn’t limiting our response in any way,” he said. “We are still operating as normal.” Police Chief Richard Reynolds said he is still searching for a police officer to replace Josh Foster who left the force recently. “I had some who wanted to wait till after the election to decide but now they aren’t interested in being police officers anymore,” he said.

The new Democrat administration elected last week has expressed plans to defund police forces and create new laws making a police officer’s job much more difficult and less attractive to new recruits. Many police officers across the nation have expressed their concern over a Joe Biden administration’s expected attitude towards police officers.

Reynold said he expects to begin holding interviews and hopes to find a new officer soon. The city is still accepting applications and/or resumes until further notice. “I have some good candidates but you just can’t find any who are certified who are interested after the election,” said Reynolds. “We will just have to train whomever we hire.”

Having no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.



Kason Williams, 5, of Brodhead Elementary School, won the Rockcastle County Extension Service Pumpkin Painting contest. Great job Kason.

## 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).

### The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

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

### Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

- Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
- Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
- Pongon (by Pongon Volunteer Fire Dept.)
- Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

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



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# Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda  
State Representative  
Veterans Day... Honoring  
Those Who Make Election  
Days Possible

I am certain that I am not the only one grateful to have the election almost entirely behind us and that Kentucky's next regular election will take place in 2022 — that means two more years before we have to see another television commercial, hear another radio ad, or receive another mail piece. I also want to extend my appreciation to the folks who made this election possible — the men and women who volunteered at our polls in order for the rest of us to cast our votes. They were courteous, professional, and worked hard to keep us safe.

On Veteran's Day — November 11 — we pay respect to those men and women that have sacrificed of themselves in order for us to have the freedoms that we enjoy and cherish. Elected leaders may come and go, but the United States veteran stands always prepared to ensure this great experiment continues. The eleventh day of November is set aside every year as Veterans Day. It was established by Congress in 1938 to celebrate the brave men and women, past and present, who have served and continue to serve the United States of America.

It takes someone very special to be a veteran. When I think of the American soldier, I am reminded of the words of an unknown writer that really portray the two most important sacrifices made for us: "Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you; Jesus Christ and the American Soldier. One died for your soul; the other for your freedom."

Regardless of which branch of our Armed Services someone serves in, they must be prepared to put politics aside and defend all Americans. They recognize that the United States Con-

stitution is a sacred document that was signed with pen in ink by our founding fathers, but fought for with the blood of patriots. That is why we each need to reflect on what it is to be a soldier and what it means to sacrifice of yourself for the greater good. I think if more of us thought that way, we might not have the great divide that faces us in America today.

If you want to reflect on our veterans, there is no easier way to do that than to look at how we honor them across our state. In county seats and towns across the commonwealth, you will see monuments to their bravery. In communities like Nicholasville, Williamstown, and Hopkinsville you will find the graves of hundreds of our veterans, lined up as if standing in formation.

Of course, monuments also exist in town squares and reminders stand at our military installations. At the main entrance to Fort Knox, you will find an M48 Main Battle Tank, the first generation of its kind. Those tanks were once instruments of war and are now reminders that they were deployed in the name of peace throughout our world. Daniel Boone, who defended the colonies in the French and Indian War and later our frontier from the British in the American Revolution, stands guard at the Kentucky National Guard's Boone Center in Frankfort.

In John 15:13, we read, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Over the last months and years, our country has been divided along political lines. Let us take this time to come together and remember the sacrifices of our friends, most of which we never met.

I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me by e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.



## Let the Bible Speak

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

## Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, 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.

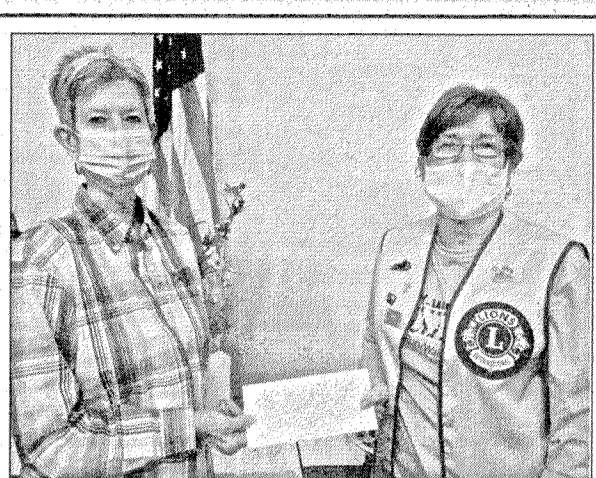
**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church,** 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van. **Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

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



The winner of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club raffle was Sondra Mullins. Presenting the Cumberland Falls Lodge certificate to Mrs. Mullins is Sandy Dowell, President of the Mt Vernon Lions. The Lions would like to thank all who supported this fund raiser. The Lions continue to support community activities as well as buying glasses for qualified individuals.

## Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 19-CI-00159

**Pennymac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff**  
**V.**

**Michael Berry, individually and as Administrator of the estate of Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Thonda Berry Sams aka Rhona Fay Berry Sams Defendant**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 12, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS AND 34/100 (\$117,972.34) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, November 20, 2020  
Beginning at the Hour of 10:45 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

77 Scenic View Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Map ID# 044-00-049.06

Being the same property conveyed to Perry R. Sams and Rhonda B. Sams, husband and wife, jointly, with remainder in fee simple to the survivor of thereof, from Benton Bullock and Theresa Bullock, husband and wife, by deed dated February 12, 1997 and recorded February 14, 1997 in Deed Book 164. Page 546, of the records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Perry R. Sams aka Perry Reed Sams died on January 9, 2018. Upon his death, all right, title and interest in the subject property became vested in Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Rhonda Fay Berry Sams by the right of survivorship clause. Rhonda B. Sams aka Rhonda Sams aka Rhonda Berry Sams aka Rhonda Fay Berry Sams died on January 8, 2019. Upon her death, all right, title and interest in the subject property became vested in her heirs at law.

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

- The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2020 local, county and state property taxes.
- Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
- Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".
- All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:  
Only bidders or parties of the civil action or the party's representative shall be present at the auction.  
All persons present at the sale shall remain 6 feet apart.  
All persons present at the sale shall be required to wear a mask.  
The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

## Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 19-CI-00170

**U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Reo Trust 2017-RPL1 Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Liz Whitaker aka Elizabeth Whitaker unknown spouse, if any, of Liz Whitaker aka Elizabeth Whitaker and Beneficial Loan Corporation of Kentucky Defendant**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 14, 2020 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND 68/100 (\$58,362.68) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, November 20, 2020  
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

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

Rural Route 1 Box 567, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Map ID# 024-00-041.01

Being the same property conveyed to Don Whitaker and Elizabeth Whitaker, by deed dated October 4, 1983, and being of record in Deed Book 121, Page 38, in the Office of the Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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

- The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
- The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- The purchaser shall pay the 2020 local, county and state property taxes.
- Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
- Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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John D. Ford  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court

## NOTICE

New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, d/b/a AT&T Mobility and Uniti Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company have filed an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") to construct a new wireless communications facility on a site located on Old U.S. Hwy 25, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (37° 21' 11.74" North latitude, 84° 19' 38.27" West longitude). You may contact the PSC for additional information concerning this matter at: Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to docket number 2020-00365 in any correspondence sent in connection with this matter.

## Strangers On The Earth

Hebrews 11:13-14 And confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek such a country. These people were always reminded the God they served was alive, that he was real and heard their prayers and also their desires to be with God, many times our earthly wealth our troubles and our sorrows causes us to forget, that we are just pilgrims, in search of that same place. Abraham was looking for a physical place on this earth and he never gave up his search for that land that God had promised him, because in Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them that draw back.

This is the reason we see these people's names written in this letter is because they kept the faith, no matter the circumstance, they continued to follow God, how many of us if God said. Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a strange place which he should receive for an inheritance, obeyed, and went out, not knowing whither he went. Abraham was a very wealthy man, he had a lot of land, cattle, sheep, but God said Abraham, I want you to go over here, a strange land that you know nothing about. Abraham didn't get mad at God, or even question God's reasoning, he kept the faith and went, if we had been in Abraham's shoes would we have given up everything and just left where we were at?

Jesus tells us, Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you. It seems in the world in general we have this all backwards, because it seems that most are seeking wealth and all the trimmings and very little time, do we spend seeking the kingdom of Heaven.

God has promised a land like no other not on this earth, this land is in Heaven, but are we really preparing to go there. When we spend 40 hours a week working, 56 hours a week sleeping, 16 hours a week eating, we have about 45 hours left and we act like it is a big deal to come to church for a couple hours on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, doesn't that seem a little strange to you, for those who are really seeking the kingdom of Heaven.

This is the reason Jesus said: Matthew 21 Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Let us all consider our faith, and if our faith does not move us to obey God first, then is it like Abraham's faith? Thank you for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and you always remember to give Him thanks. (The most appropriate yet costly prayer one can pray, is have thine own way Lord).

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the church, you can call us at these numbers - Bro Dale McNew: 859-582-4021 or Bro Ova Baker: 606-878-8104.

### • Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome  
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021  
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25



# Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

## COC BALLOT MAILING

Mount Vernon, Kentucky Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director CED, Warden Alexander, in Rockcastle County today announced that FSA began mailing ballots to eligible voters for the 2021 FSA county committee elections on Monday, November 2, 2020. Producers must return ballots to the Rockcastle County FSA office by December 7, 2020, to ensure that their vote is counted.

"County committee members play an important role in their communities and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA," said CED Alexander.

This year, local administrative area #3 (east is up for election and the candidates in this year's election are:

Brenda Parsons is nominated for Rockcastle County, to serve as a committee member. Brenda has produced Hay and Cattle for 30 years. Brenda Parsons is an active member of Rockcastle County Farmers Market, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Board, Rockcastle County District Conservation Board and the Rockcastle Co. Cattleman's Association.

FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three (3) to eleven (11) elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment

to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Approximately 1.9 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of November 14, 2020. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. FSA has modified the ballot, making it more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at the Rockcastle County FSA office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than December 4, 2020. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office January 1, 2021.

For more information, visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections). You may also contact the Rockcastle County FSA office at (606) 256-2525.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time; due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by on-line or by phone. No customers shall be in the building at any time. Any-

one wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call the following phone number (606) 256-2525. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at [farmers.gov/coronavirus](http://farmers.gov/coronavirus).

## NEXT COC MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 8:30 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

## Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.250%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 2.3750%

Limited Resource Loans= 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%

Emergency Loans=2.250%

Farm Storage Loans= 3

5 yrs. =0.125% 7 yrs. =0.250%, 10 yrs. =0.750%, 12 yrs. =0.875%, 15 yrs. =1.000%

Commodity Loans= 1.125%

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



At the KTCCA 6th grade and under cross-country state championships in Bourbon County on Saturday, RCMS 6th grader Maliyah Swinney had an awesome race, placing 9th in the first wave and 23rd overall out of 122 combined competitors with an outstanding 3,000-meter time of 13:36.3.

# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



## BUTTER BEAN SOUP

1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup diced cooked ham  
1 small onion, chopped  
2 small carrots, chopped  
2 celery stalks, chopped  
2 cans butter beans, undrained  
4 cups water  
Salt and pepper  
In a large saucepan, sauté the ham, onion, carrot and celery in oil until the onion is soft. Add water and beans to sautéed vegetables and ham. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until heated thoroughly.

## CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

4 medium potatoes, diced  
1 onion chopped, chopped  
1 can (14 ounce) whole kernel corn  
1 cup cooked chicken,

bite-sized pieces  
1 cup whole milk or cream  
4 tablespoons butter  
Salt and pepper  
1 tablespoon cornstarch, optional  
Place potatoes and onion in pan, cover with cold water and 1 teaspoon salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer gently 30 minutes or until potatoes are very tender. It's fine if the potatoes start breaking up. It just makes the soup a little thicker. Add the corn and chicken. Heat thoroughly. Add the milk or cream and butter; let butter melt. Season to taste and serve. If you want soup a little thicker, stir cornstarch into milk or cream before adding to potato mixture. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Then add butter and seasoning. NOTE: Canned chicken works well in this recipe.

## HERB VEGETABLE SOUP

To make this soup heartier, brown a pound of lean ground beef or use left over roast beef and add to soup. You can also use beef broth in place of the water.  
1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes  
1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained  
1 dash hot sauce, optional  
1 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/2 teaspoon fresh minced garlic  
1/2 teaspoon fresh sage  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon rosemary  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.



# Dialysis Clinic, Inc.

A Non-Profit Corporation

## WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS



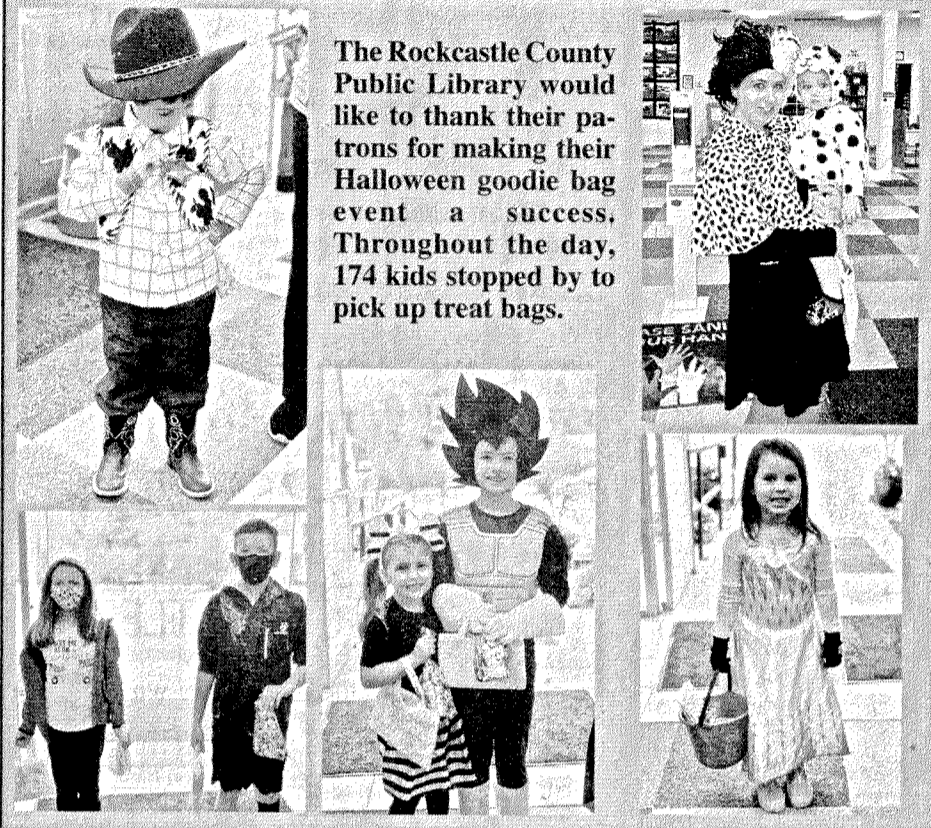
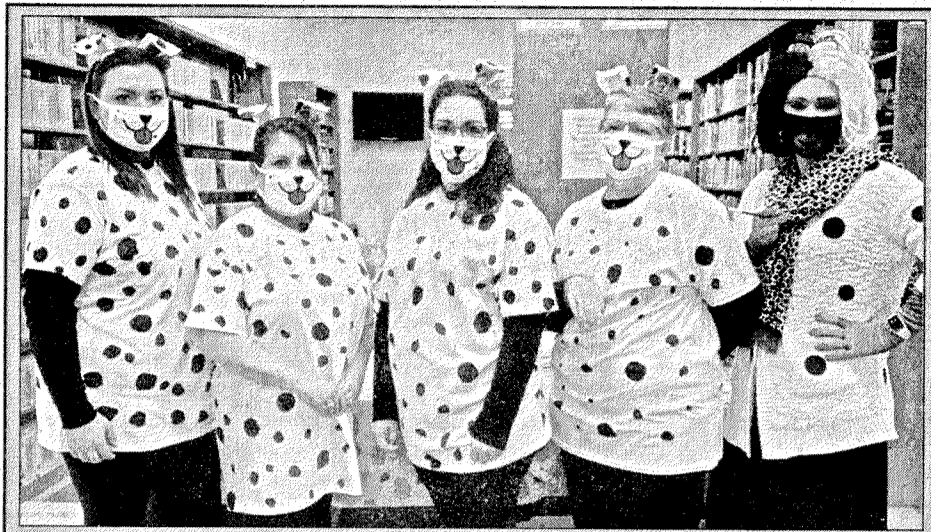
145 Newcomb Avenue Mount Vernon, KY 40456  
(Located inside Rockcastle Regional Hospital)

Call or visit our website for more information on the dialysis services we provide to the Rockcastle community.

[WWW.DCIINC.ORG](http://WWW.DCIINC.ORG)

Tel: (606) 392-4102





The Rockcastle County Public Library would like to thank their patrons for making their Halloween goodie bag event a success. Throughout the day, 174 kids stopped by to pick up treat bags.

## Winners declared after close general election

Rockcastle handles changes well

By: Mike French  
Editor

The 2020 general election was anything but typical since voters had two weeks to vote in person before election day and all voters had the option of absentee voting or voting on election day. Also, there were only four voting locations in Rockcastle County, which included every precinct and any voter could vote at any of the four location.

Due to the many changes this year, the country experienced confusing and delayed totals.

Nationally, the race for President of the United States was so close that it took officials nearly a week to declare a winner. But even after the national media declared Joe Biden the winner, questions still surround vote totals and the legality of some ballots.

However, in Rockcastle County, the election went as expected and

totals were released Tuesday evening with the exception of some mail-in ballots. A total of six ballots came after election day (that were post-marked by election day) but only two of those counted since they were received within the required three day period.

In Rockcastle County there are currently 12,835 registered voters and 7,814 of those cast their ballot during the election process this year for a voter turnout of 60.88 percent.

In Rockcastle, early voting was the most popular form of voting with 4,447 voters casting their ballot in person before election day. On election day, 1,735 cast their ballot and there were 1,632 voted absentee.

As for President of the United States, Donald Trump received 6,576 votes in Rockcastle County while Joe Biden received 1,133. Libertarian Jo Jorgensen received 56 votes, Independent Kayne West received 13 and Independent Brock Pierce received 3. There were 5 write-in votes.

United States Senator Mitch McConnell received 6,193 Rockcastle votes while past fighter pilot Amy McGrath received 1,224. Libertarian Brad Barron received 336 Rockcastle County votes. Statewide McConnell trounced McGrath 1,222,749 to McGrath's 793,729.

United States Repre-

sentative Harold "Hal" Rogers received 6,884 while Democrat Matthew Ryan Best received only 827 in Rockcastle. Statewide, Rogers had nearly 85 percent of the vote 250,660 to 46,993..

Mount Vernon's Josh Bray received 6,870 Rockcastle votes for State Representative 71st district. Bray, who is currently the Mount Vernon City Administrator, picked up 6,968 votes in Garrard County and 5,869 in Madison County for a total of 19,639 in his district. Bray ran unopposed but there were 180 illegal write-in votes cast in this race in Rockcastle County. Write-in votes are considered illegal votes and are not counted if the candidate named had not filed a letter of intent to accept the position.

Republican Andy Barr beat Josh Hicks 214,268 to 149,739.

Incumbent Leroy Lamb received 49 votes in his unopposed race for Livingston City Commission. There were five write-in votes for the seat. None of those had filed the Letter of Intent.

L. Dale Miller received 1,337 votes for constable in the 4th district along with 26 write-in votes.

Teresa Whitaker received 3,969 votes in Rockcastle County for Circuit Judge while her opponent Walter F. McGuire received 2,300 here.

## No change in Mount Vernon City Council

By: Mike French  
Editor

Candidates for the Mount Vernon City Council were all incumbents and the council will remain the same after January's swearing-in ceremonies.

Jamie Anderkin Bryant was the top vote-getter with 578. Bryant was followed by Sharon Saylor, 531 votes, Jackie Weaver 514, Clifford Mullins 506, Wayne Bullock with 497 and Shelly Raines Lewis with 486.

In the city council election, there were 3,123 votes cast in the race. Of those 1,697 were cast in early voting, 961 by absentee voting and only 483 in person on election day.

There was only one vote difference between Saylor and Weaver in early voting.

There were 11 write-in votes for the council but no letters of intent was filed with the Clerk's office for any of those candidates.

## Two new School Board members

By: Mike French  
Editor

Several races in Rockcastle County were watched closely during the 2020 general elections. Among those were candidates for the Rockcastle County School Board.

Two incumbent board members chose not to run for re-election and will step aside in 2021. Jeff VanHook, Division 2 board member, did not run and only Angela Parsons-Woods ran on the ballot to fill his position. Woods received 2,079 votes for the seat with 15 write-in votes.

Board member Susan Jordison also chose not to run for reelection in Division 5, but there were two candidates running to fill her open seat.

Larry B. Hammond, former Rockcastle County Superintendent, ran against John Matthew Chaliff to fill Jordison's seat. Hammond won the election in a close race 846 to 804 and will take office in January.

Misty Lakes had been appointed to her seat in Division 4 after Carrie Ballinger resigned to become Director of Student Services and later Superintendent. Lakes ran unopposed for the seat this election cycle and received 361 votes. Anna Goff and Angela Stallsworth-Mink's term expire in the next election cycle.

There are two meeting left this year with the existing school board members. New members will be sworn in in January of 2021

## Brodhead City Commission to see some big changes in 2021

Three new Commissioners to take office in January

By: Mike French  
Editor

The 2020 general election has been anything but a typical election and many have been surprised by some of the results.

Arguably, the biggest surprise in the local election, was the big changes to the Brodhead City Commission. Of the four incumbent candidates, only one was re-elected.

The top candidate in the race was Harold Taylor, who received 222 votes with Jerry Wayne Adams close behind at 211. Incumbent Brian Bullock placed third with 166 votes and the final elected commissioner, Teddy W. Rose, received 162 votes.

Incumbent Ricky Kirby ended election day only four votes short of the fourth place candidate with 158 votes. Incumbent John Denver Burton received 139 votes and incumbent Dallas Todd was the lowest vote-getter receiving 99 votes.

The current city commission has accomplished many changes in the city, including bringing back the city's police department, city park improvements, water and sewer plant improvements, adopting a nuisance ordinance, increased city revenue, along with several other larger city projects underway. The current com-

### Election note

According to Danetta Ford Allen, Rockcastle County Clerk, in any election a write-in vote is not officially counted if the candidate has not previously filed a Letter of Intent to Accept the position.

No one in Rockcastle County filed a Letter of Intent in any race, thereby disqualifying all write-in votes.

missioners have been working on a water retention system to avoid flooding and reducing pump station wear, as well as overseeing the alcohol administration ordinance.

Through the experience and watchful eye of Brodhead Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell, the city has also laid claim to several state and federal grants for city improvements, including nearly \$600,000 in mitigation money as well as CARES Act funding.

However, the commission has also seen its share of controversy as some residents strongly op-

posed recent annexation and a tax increase as well as the turnover inside the new police department. There has also been vocal opposition to the most recent "Golf Cart Ordinance" awaiting its second reading.

Vocal citizens attended more than one monthly meeting expressing their concern about annexation.

Still, replacing three of the four City Commissioners was not expected by many Brodhead officials.

The top four vote getters will take their seat as Brodhead City Commissioner in January of 2021.

## Students should learn about credit scores

Students should be familiar with credit scores, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Your credit score is a three-digit number that has a long-lasting effect on your buying power.

"It's important for young people to learn about financial concepts like credit scores early, before they make major financial decisions as adults," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "A good credit score can open doors, but a bad one can make all transactions or loans more difficult and expensive. That's why I'm fighting for better job and educational opportunities for all of our Kentucky students so they can start their adult lives on solid financial footing."

Although there are several scoring methods, the most widely accepted one comes from FICO. Your FICO score ranges from 300 to 850. These

items make up your FICO score:

- 35 percent is based on your payment history. Early payments will have a higher number than on-time payments, which will have a higher score than late payments.

- 30 percent is based on outstanding debt. This outstanding debt is how much you owe on car loans, mortgages, credit cards, etc. The number of credit cards you have and if those cards are near the maximum borrowing limit will hurt your score.

- 15 percent is based on the length of time you have had credit. The longer you have been borrowing money and paying it back in a timely manner, the better your score.

- 10 percent is based on new credit. If you have opened several new accounts, that will have a negative effect on your score. Also, the more inquiries on your credit report in a year, the lower

your score.

- 10 percent is based on the types of credit you currently have. It helps to have a mix of loan types. If you have a credit card, an installment loan will even out the credit.

KHEAA is the agency that administers the state's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos at itsmoney.kheaa.com and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery receipts.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write to KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

# Classifieds

## CLASSIFIED RATES

• Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word  
 • Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch  
**Deadline for Classifieds is 10 a.m. TUESDAY**

## For Rent

**Two Bedroom Trailer.** \$365 plus deposit. NO PETS. 758-8700 41x2  
**476 Tyree Street in Brodhead.** 3 bedroom trailer with additional rooms built on. Central AC. Outside storage buildings. NO PETS. Background check and income verification. \$350 rent/\$350 deposit. Cecil/Judy King 606-510-3759 or 606-510-3719. 41x2

**Two Bedroom Trailer.** Deposit required. No pets. 859-358-3560. 37xntf

**House and Trailer in Brodhead.** No pets. 758-4729. 33xntf

**Chism Drive Thru Storage.** 9 1/2 x 14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

**Trailers and house in Brodhead.** No pets. 758-8922. ntf

**Mt. Vernon Housing Authority** open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185.

**Accepting Applications** For 2 and 3 bedroom units at

Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

**For Rent**  
**Maple Street Storage of Brodhead**  
 606-308-2491

## Posted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Notice is hereby given that** Lonnie McGuire and Jean McGuire, 301 Houk Lane, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-executors w/will of the Estate of Gladys Chesnut on the 9th day of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lonnie and Jean McGuire or to Rowe Law Office, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 9, 2021. 42x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Betty Sue Long, 590 Ottawa Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Donald Lee Long on the 20th day of October, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Betty Sue Long or to Hon. John D. Ford, Coffey and Ford, OSC, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 21, 2021 at 11 a.m. 41x3

**Notice is given that** Any Holtkamp has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of Jerry Smith, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held December 21, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 42x1

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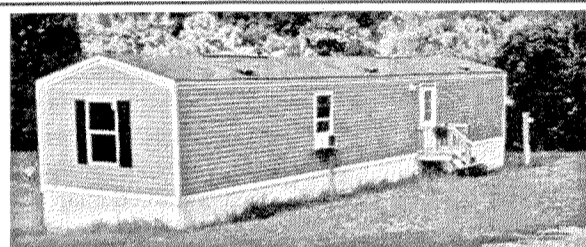
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## Deeds Recorded

Renita Joy Reynolds, property in Countryside Estates Subdv., to Andrew C. and Tricia B. Nelson. Tax \$202.50

Anton K. and Kristi Flesher, property in Rockcastle County, to Elizabeth and Jonathon Engle. Tax \$72.

Matthew Shepherd and Brandi C. and John Baugh, property in Joseph Lambert Lot Division, to Carl David Benge and Latanya R. Hager. Tax \$40

Estate of James Dennis Thomas, property on KY 1787, to Roy Gene and Anita Todd. Tax \$135

William David Abney and Gwendolyn Flannery, property on Scaffold Cane-Conway Road, to Kenny and Penny Combs. Tax \$12

Kendra Mullins, property on waters of Copper Creek, to Scott A. Baird and Rebecca C. Bradley. Tax \$170

Virginia Lewis, property on waters of Rockcastle River, to Amber Kemp. Tax \$85

## Marriage Licenses

Carolyn Sue Hubbard, 52, Livingston, Hitachi and Jeffrey Dale King, 57, Crab Orchard, self-employed. 10/30/20

Emma Lee Donielle Miller, 19, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Richard Allen Skelly, 25, London, unemployed. 11/5/20

Alisha Kay Durbin, 29, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Matthew Wayne Bullock, 34, Mt. Vernon, forklift operator. 11/6/20

## Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Tuasha R. Flores.

Brittany Nicole Masten, et al v. Mickel Kalan McDaniel.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. James Bradley.

Angel Rochelle Thompson v. Tim Gillis Thompson.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Sabrina Campbell.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. v. Clyde Christopher Powell.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC dba Mr. Cooper v. Dakota B. Smith. CI-00210

## District Civil Suits

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC v. Byron Abney, money claimed due.

Valley View apartments, LTD v. Dora Isaacs, eviction notice.

Valley View apartments, MLTD v. Allen Pearson, eviction notice.

Valley View Apartments, LTD v. Stormi Oldridge, eviction notice.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Robert L. Abney, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Will-

iam Landrum III v. David Alcorn, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Kate Allen, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Steve Cameron, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Daisy Amanda Bussell, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Troy Bowles, et al, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Charles F. Ashcraft, et al, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. James Cox, et al, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Donovan G. Durham, et al, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Terri Durham, et al, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Donnie Doan, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Sarah E. Doyal, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Larry W. Clouse, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Christy M. Bartlett, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. C. Elliott, county property taxes due.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Melvin Gibbons, county property taxes due.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tabitha Revel, county property

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Renate Ryan, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Dawn Nicole Smith, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Ola Smith, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Artie Mae Stevens, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. USDA Rural Development, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. David Whisman, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. James Wilson, county property taxes due.

Jeff Green v. Christy Jo Bailey.

US Bank National Association v. Michelle M. Martin.

Midland Credit Management v. Jeremy Fleming.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. J.A.

Newcomb, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. J.A.M. Miller, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Ronald G. Warf, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Kim Renner, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Greg Renner, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tina Tyree, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Chock Radio Corporation, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tracey Michelle Slusher, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Scott Allan Mullins, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Della Mae Horn, county property

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Glessie Hubbard, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rodney William Thomas, county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Freddie Mason, county property taxes due.


Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jack Hammond, county property taxes due. C-00236

## District Court

Nov. 2-4, 2020  
**Hon. Kathryn G. Slone**  
**Editor's Note:** Due to the Kentucky Supreme Court's guideline of 10/29/20, as Rockcastle County is in the COVID-19 "Red" Zone, all cases scheduled to be heard on November 2 or November 4, 2020 have been rescheduled to January 4, 2021.

## New deadline

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