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Veterans honored rain or shine at RCMS ceremony

**By: Mike French
Editor**
Even in bad weather, officials at RCMS made certain local veterans

were honored in more ways than one on Friday, November 11th, Veterans Day. The heavy rain

forced the cancellation of marching and walking as well as floats and displays in the Veterans Day parade.

In the pouring rain, local veterans rode down West Main Street in cars and trucks, waving and smiling at

those who braved the rain to stand along the roadside honoring, saluting and thanking each of them.

them." The parade participants then returned to the waiting crowd at Rockcastle County Middle School where the veterans were ushered into the building by students holding umbrellas for each vet, for the Annual Veterans Day Luncheon celebra-

(See "Vets" on A5)



Local Veterans filled the RCMS Cafeteria during the Veterans Day celebration at the school last Friday. The annual parade was shortened due to heavy rain so the students marched around the cafeteria carrying handmade signs that honored the Veterans.

One citizen, standing at attention along the roadside during the parade, said, "They withstood a lot worse conditions than this to keep me free. I can stand a little rain to appreciate

County workers to see 5% increase in salary soon

**By: Mike French
Editor**

A five percent raise is coming to all county employees.

The final word during, last week's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, came as a unanimous "yes" vote in unison from all magistrates after Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook asked the court to provide the raise "across the board." The subject was not on the agenda and was the last item discussed before a motion to adjourn. Magistrates kept voicing support for the motion as they were standing up to leave the meeting.

Employees of the 911 center had been to more than one court meeting, asking for a raise, and Holbrook had explained that the fiscal court had to wait until they found out the exact cost for insurance premiums before the court would know if money is available for a raise. It had been quite the multi-month discussion but Holbrook had refused to advocate a raise to any county employees unless every employee under the fiscal court umbrella received the same raise.

However, Holbrook said he had to wait until he knew how much money would be avail-

able. "We received the (health) insurance premium numbers last week and now we can provide an extra 5% for employees," said Holbrook.

(See "Raise" on A5)

Two votes decide mayor's race

**By: Mike French
Editor**

If anyone doubted that their vote matters, the midterm general elections should have proven to Rockcastle County voters that each vote makes a huge difference. In fact, if just one vote in the race for mayor of Mount Vernon had been cast for the other candidate, the race would have ended in a tie.

Tim Roberts, won the race for Mount Vernon Mayor defeating Clifford

Mullins by only two votes, 290 to 288. Roberts is expected to be sworn in as mayor in January by incumbent Mayor Mike Bryant who stepped down from public office.

Mullins lost his seat on the city council as well since he could not run for both offices.

The Mount Vernon City Council will now consist of top vote-getter

on the ballot was Wayne Bullock with 360 votes, Shelley Raines Lewis with 326 and James Bowman got 322. Write-In candidate Lonetta

(See "Votes" on A5)

Rockcastle totals accurate

Others in question

There was some confusion after the recent midterm general election in the country, the state and in Rockcastle County, according to election officials and the county clerk's office.

Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen said there was a glitch in the

counting system in the state and statewide reporting did not match the county results for quite some time. "The glitch was on the state's side," said Allen. "Our numbers were correct."

(See "Totals" on A5)

Thirteen indicted in Rockcastle

13 people were named in 11 indictments returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday, October 28th.

Named in the indictments and their offense/s were:

Elana N. Vanwinkle, 24 of Lake Cumberland Road, Mt. Vernon, Johnathan R. Brown, 20

of Dahlia Lane, Mt. Vernon and Chris L. Hughes, 44, of Orlando were all named in a joint five count indictment

All three were charged with the offense of falsely uttering/passing a state lottery ticket...with intent to defraud.

Vanwinkle and Brown were also indicted on two

counts of unlawful transacting with a minor and obtaining property from IGA of a value greater than \$1,000.

Hughes was also indicted for the offense of theft by deception by unlawfully obtaining property from IGA of a value less than \$1,000.

Vanwinkle's and

Brown's bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property (c/p) and Hughes's at \$5,000 unsecured;

Charles Casey Abney, 30, of Renfro Valley was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fourth offense.

His bond was set at (See "Indict" on A5)

Burn ban in effect

Wildfires rampant in Kentucky and county

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Wildfires in Kentucky are considered rampant by some local firefighters now as the Kentucky Division of Forestry is on the scene of 40 forest fires raging in the state. One of those is in Rockcastle County.

But local firefighters are working just as hard, in the past few weeks, since the area has been plagued with forest fires across the county. Beginning in October, wildfires were being reported several times per week and the fires are still burning or smoldering in many cases as new fires call firefighters away from

existing battles.

The largest wildfire in the county, near Cut Gap,

was battled for days by local firefighters until the division of Forestry ar-

rived on the scene. But many other such fires are keeping local depart-

ments busy daily while federal firefighters are

(See "Fires" on A5)



This wildfire on US-25 behind the CAP property is one of several that local firefighters have battled in the past several weeks. Officials ask everyone to obey the current burn ban or face fines.

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 24 new cases of COVID reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days.

Christmas Child

The First Baptist Church will not be a drop-off location for shoe boxes this year.

Bible Baptist Church at 100 Higher Ground (off US-25) in Mount Vernon will be the drop-off location.

For more information call Nell McNew at 606-308-5914

Kenna's Kitchen

The 22nd annual Kenna's Kitchen will be Tuesday, November 22. For more information, to volunteer or register for a meal delivery, contact Regina Hull-Brown at 606-256-5173

Thanksgiving dinner

The annual City of Livingston Thanksgiving Dinner is planned for Saturday, November 19 from noon to 3 p.m. in the old Livingston school cafeteria. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish if you can. Turkey, ham and dressing will be provided.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Not to put too fine a point on it, but it appears that half of our country is pro-inflation, pro-violent crime and pro-killing babies up to birth. Either that or Democrats were up to their old shenanigans of counting, re-counting and counting again (all while more ballots magically appear) until they get the results they want.

I'm not really all that surprised that the predicted "Red Wave" for Republicans did not materialize because, all along, I figured that Democrats (who have done so much to further the well being of the middle class in this country since taking the presidency, the senate and the house in January of 2021) would figure out something, via the ballot box.

I know that some of you get tired of hearing me rant and rave about stolen elections but it's obvious that we either have very quirky voters or there is some creative vote counting going on -- especially in Arizona.

In Arizona, Republicans beat Democrats in House races by 6%, taking six of nine seats, flipping two along the way and took 16 of 28 Senate seats. They also won the State Treasurer's office and the winner, by the way, outperformed gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake 1,299,047 to 1,185,584 votes. That's some serious vote splitting.

Also, another tidbit, on election day, 83% of the voters were registered Republicans, while 17% were Democrats (Democrats like to vote early and often) but, evidently, 33% of those Republicans

voted for Democrat Katie Hobbs since the vote count, just from election day, was split 50/50 between the two gubernatorial candidates. Republicans also outvoted Democrats by millions in the election.

Oh, and I failed to mention that Hobbs is the current Secretary of State, the office that oversaw the election, an election plagued with many, many problems on election day, mainly in heavily Republican precincts. Then, of course, there was the fact that the counting was not completed until a week following the election. This in a state with 7,000,000 population while Texas, with 30,000,000 and Florida with 21,000,000 residents, had their election numbers early on election night.

In the case of Blake Masters, who was challenging incumbent Democrat Senator Mark Kelly, the difference in funds available to Masters was huge. He had \$9.7M to spend on the race (\$1M from his personal funds) while Kelly spent over \$81.8M (no personal funds involved).

That fact, in part, can be laid at our very own

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Typically, I wake up at 5 a.m. The bedroom is at about 40 degrees but I have quilts stacked high and I am good and toasty in a feather bed.

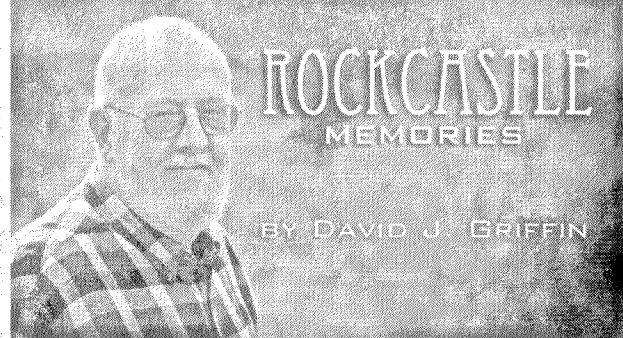
I dread getting out from under the covers and it has to be done as quickly as I can. I reach for a match on the night stand and light the coal oil lantern, put on my shoes beside the bed, wrap a smaller blanket around myself and head down the very narrow steps that lead to the living room. The living room is the only room with heat.

By the time I get there, grandpa is sitting in his favorite old rocking chair in front of the fireplace and a roaring fire is popping and cracking. Grandpa has his Maxwell House coffee can by his side and, as the chair gently rocked, he would occasionally squirt tobacco juice into the can about three feet away. Most of the time, the spit would hit the can with a "ding" but it sometimes left a tiny trail of spit down his chin, across the chair arm and over to the can. It was never a lot that dripped onto the floor but, after all these years, a path had

become worn where grandma wiped it up every day.

The fire is both warming and lighting the room. When the fire is that large, it has to be watched. Occasionally, a chunk of wood will fall onto the living room floor. Sometimes a loud pop within the fire will cause a red ember to shoot across the room and we would have to

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Love of Automobiles
I have always had a love for automobiles. When I was ten years old, my grandfather Eugene Stokes (the man I admired most in the world) decided it was time for me to learn to drive. He would take his 1954 Chevrolet Bel-Air out on a country road in Rockcastle County

and, with me sitting closely by his side, he would let me steer. He told me to watch everything, including the rear-view mirrors, and to keep the steering wheel as steady as possible. After a couple of years of instruction, he moved to the passenger side and let me drive.

Of course, this was a manual shift automobile, and I was taught to shift very carefully so that the passengers would not feel the car jerk. By the time I was 14, he was allowing me to drive the car by myself on gravel roads on our farm and occasionally up to a little country store to fetch groceries. This training was, as you might expect, very exciting to a teenager, and I looked forward to his instructions concerning the family car.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Story of Emmett Till

Dear Journal,
About a week ago, Stanley had business in Richmond and I went along to just get out of the house. We end up and had lunch and a movie. We had been wanting to see a new movie that recently

came out called, "Till". It is a true story that is based on the abduction, torture and murder of a child, a fourteen-year old boy. It all was based on a complete lie. The little boy's name was Emmett Till who was on

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coach Parrett made a difference...

Dear Editor,
It warmed my heart when I read last week's

article about Coach Preston Parrett's family and his tremendous successes at both the old Livingston High and RCHS.

When my parents came to Rockcastle County in 1955 with what many probably described as a passel of preschoolers, they were immediately impressed by the little town's many well groomed yards with flowers, but even more impressed by the greetings from the people they met.

Because we were at the very edge of three different school districts of Hazel Green, Livingston, and East Bernstadt (their buses

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Aces

(Continued from A2) stomp it out immediately. I would sit on the floor in front of the crackling fire and wake up with the heat on my face.

I didn't have to ask where grandma was. She was in the same place she always was...the kitchen with her apron tied tight.

Garner Ted Armstrong was playing on the little, square, white radio too loud but I could still hear pots and pan clanking.

After a while grandma would call me to the kitchen to take the round, steel plate off the top of the cookstove and add a chunk of wood.

Soon, she would call for grandpa and we would sit at the kitchen table that he had made out of an old Oak tree and

barn planks years ago. There was always a lot more than I could eat and everytime I ate at grandma's house I was almost sick afterwards because she wouldn't let me stop until I had cleaned my plate. "Starving people in the world," she would say.

We would wait for the percolator to finish making coffee and somehow she could tell from the sound that it was ready to drink. Eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, country ham, homemade jams and jellies, oats, and usually stuff I didn't recognize. They were poor, but they always had way too much food to eat.

With a belly so full I couldn't breathe, I would head outside in the snow to the outhouse to answer nature's call and then

head back to the warm spot in front of the fire while Grandma heated a huge tub of water so that I could wash the sleep out of my eyes and wet my face. I brushed my teeth but I had to spit out the back door off the porch. Then Grandpa stared at the fire and gently rocked while grandma cleaned the kitchen and started the noon meal. I stayed with my grandparents a lot in my youth.

That was a typical morning in 1968 and I remember it like it was yesterday.

This morning I awoke at 5 a.m.(some things never change). But the room was warm and comfortable and the coffee pot had already turned itself on and had a hot pot of fresh coffee waiting.

The 65-inch smart tv was on and I drank my coffee watching FOX News telling me about things that grandma and grandpa would have never believed. I touched a switch and the entire room lit up and every room was the same, comfortable temperature. After we were awake enough, a three-minute trip up the street and Hardee's provided our biscuits and gravy. It was good but not like grandma's. The bathroom this morning was warm and right beside the bedroom and hot water was there as soon as I turned a knob.

There is not much the same anymore as it was then. As far as I can recall, everything was harder and took a lot longer in those days. Of course there was no electric bill or water or sewer bill, or cable tv bill, or phone bill either.

No one had to pay for health insurance in those days. Doctors would fix you up for a good meal and a good hen.

As I sit at my desk, with my hot coffee by my laptop and my morning cigarette between my fingers. I notice there isn't much around me that I would have even recognized in those days.

Everything in life seems different now. I doubt grandma would know what anything in this room is for except the chair I am sitting in. It was hers in 1968.

All I do and all I see and all I touch is a different world now. Sometimes I miss the simple life. I wonder where it went. Maybe I will ask Alexa.

T.J.'s

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a summer vacation from Chicago visiting his aunt, uncle and cousins in a rural area of Mississippi. The time was late August of 1955. It was a time of racial unrest in the South, especially. The area had only advanced to a small degree

from Civil War times.

I have seen movies in theaters/drive-ins, on the TV, and on DVDs all of my life. I've seen classic movies and ones that should have never been released. I can truthfully say that I've never seen one like this. It is a movie that will go deep into your soul and disturb you in a way that you probably never have been disturbed before. I know I broke down in tears at least three times and I think Stanley was crying at least a time or so. If you can watch this movie without being overwhelmed with emotion you are just made from solid rock. When I say I broke down in tears, I mean like being at the funeral of a family member.

Mamie Till, Emmitt's mother was exceptionally educated and had a very good job in Chicago. Emmitt's father had been killed in service in WWII, so Mamie raised her only child as a single mother. He was a "dream child", the kind of a child all parents can only dream they had. He was very well-behaved and very responsible. Against her better judgment, she reluctantly allowed him to go to Mississippi. She warned him about the overall attitude towards Blacks in the south and told him to "make yourself small" there. In other words, be humble, don't draw attention, and don't give anyone a reason to hurt him.

Things went well for several days until he and his cousins, only children themselves, went to Bryant's Store. It was a typical rural general store of the south. Emmitt went inside to buy some bubble gum and there was a terrible misunderstanding between him and the store owner's wife, Carolyn. She, as it turned out, told lie on top of lie against Emmitt. (She gave a testimony later in the movie which I'm sure was word for word of the actual testimony) Emmitt whistled at her because he was nervous and when he got nervous he stuttered. If he could whistle a time or so it seemed to calm him, so he did. (I had researched this material long before seeing the movie as I had intended to write a book about this from Emmitt's point of view.)

In a night or two Carolyn's husband and his brother-in-law along with two Black men they had forced into going with them to the aunt and uncles house with them arriving in the middle of the night, forced their way into the house and abducted Emmitt, who was half-dressed, at gunpoint. They took him to an old shed where they proceeded to torture him. According to records, they bashed in his skull

with an ax from ear to ear, gouged out one eye leaving it half way down his cheek, mutilated his genitals, and severely beat him. When they were through, he was bound with barbed wire and thrown into the river.

Mamie wanted her son found, thinking that he was only abducted. Once his body was discovered, she fainted, overcome with grief at the news. After seeing what had happened to her son, she decided she wanted him brought home to Chicago and insisted on an open casket funeral so people could see what had been done to her son. By this time his body reeked with what she referred to as "the stench of hate", I believe.

There was a mock trial held in Mississippi and, of course, the murderers and liars walked free. Mamie attended under heavy security. In years to come, Look magazine got an interview with the murderers and gave them \$4,000 to tell their story. They admitted to the murder. Carolyn, the lying storekeeper, has been on the run since 1955 hiding here and there for her safety. The last report said that she is somewhere in Kentucky. She recanted her story of the events of that day in the store several years ago.

I seemed to have felt the gambit of emotions that Mamie felt and it has left me a changed woman after seeing this

movie. I never really realized that depth of prejudice and hatred toward another person could be so real and overpowering.

Letters

(Continued from A2) turned here) - we were put into Livingston school, and Momma and Daddy were amazed not only with the cleanliness of the buildings but with the very high quality of the teachers.

In fact, years later, a superintendent's wife told me that, somehow, Livingston seemed to have always attracted the best teachers in the county.

Always held in the highest esteem by my parents (certainly over any other profession), their high regard for Coach Parrett and his wife along with all the others who taught there made them never doubt their decision of Livingston. From dedicated and generous teachers and staff who bought clothes, shoes, and even lunches for students in need of a hand up....well, these are the very rare and truly unsung heroes of a community.

Coach Parrett was certainly one of those who dedicated his career to bring out the best in his charges. These are the people who really make a difference.

Sincerely,
Buzz Carloftis

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Benefit and Remembrance Day

There will be a Benefit and Remembrance Day for the late Doug Kirby held at the Livingston School Gym on Saturday, November 19 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a bake sale, 50/50 Raffle, Cake Auction and live music. There is no charge to the event but donations will be appreciated.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members, those qualified to be members and family members. The post is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to close. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, the post hosts a Vet Help group for those veterans who are struggling. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander William B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882, Post Commander Glenda Botellos at 606-386-9360 or Service Office Micah Shuler 859-358-6606.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

American Legion Post News

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

DAR Meetings

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

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

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

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

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

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

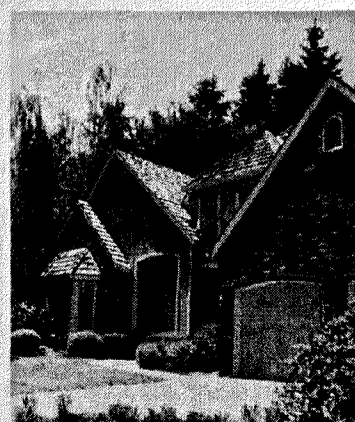
Bid Notice

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is now accepting bids for 2 - 3/4 Ton or 1 Ton, 4x4 pickup work edition truck in a Ford, Chevy, or GMC model. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Sealed Truck Bid" printed on the outside and arrive at the County Judge Executive's Office by 12 noon on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. All bids will be opened at the Fiscal Court Meeting in the 3rd floor conference room of the Rockcastle County Courthouse 205 East Main Street Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 at 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022. For questions please contact the County Judge's office at 606-256-2856.

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Obituaries

Linda Lou Hodge

Linda Lou Hodge, 67, of Mount Vernon, died Wednesday, November 9 at her home. She was the widow of Walter Ralph Hodge, who preceded her in death on May 8, 2001. Linda was born in Somerset on November 28, 1954. She was a daughter of the Late Swannie B. and Eliza Jane (Lowery) Cummins. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon having re-dedicated her life in 2010. The Lord was most important in her life, and she was such a loving and sweet person. She had a giving heart and she loved all of her friends and neighbors. She enjoyed going to the Senior Citizens and was the prayer leader at the center. Linda also enjoyed arts and crafts especially coloring.

Survivors include: her fiancé, Jesse Richmond of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Gloria Blevins of Broughtontown and Janice (Leon) Davidson of Mt. Vernon; brother, Michael Cummins of Mt. Vernon; and sister, Lizzie Cummins of Williamsburg.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph and Daniel Cummins

Funeral Services were held Monday, November 14, 2022 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with Bro. Jon Burdette officiating. Burial followed at Poplar Grove Cemetery in Willailla in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers were: Jesse Richmond, JR Steele, Russell Hodge, Michael Cummins, Devin Davidson, and Drew Davidson. Honorary pallbearers were Billy Hodge, and her special friends at the Senior Citizens Center.

Lois Aremina Philbeck

Lois Aremina (Lunsford) Philbeck, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, November 11, 2022, at St. Joseph Health London. She was born April 4, 1942 in Dayton, OH, to the late Frank and Ada Byrd Lunsford. She retired from Parker Seal Plant in Berea. Lois, among others, was instrumental in establishing the Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Center and Meals on Wheels Program. She was a lifelong Conservative Southern Democrat, a member of Northside Baptist Church, and enjoyed traveling, especially across the Southeastern United States. She married Ray Philbeck on October 8, 1960, and from that union came two sons, Charles and Ray.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her two sons, Charles Philbeck and Marry Lynn of Mt. Vernon, and Ray Todd of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Brady, Leslie, and Tommy Philbeck; six great grandchildren, Hayden, Taylor, Chase, Eli, Elenor, and Elaina; close family friend, Elijah Baker; as well as a host of family, friends, and neighbors.


Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two siblings, Lana Pannell and Larry Lunsford.

A graveside service was held Sunday, November 13, 2022 at Philbeck Cemetery with Bro Jerry Owens officiating.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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SUGAR'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



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Norman G. Barron

Norman G. Barron, 81, of Connersville, died Saturday, November 5, 2022. He was born June 30, 1941, to the late Grant and Nettie Bradley Barron in Mt. Vernon. On October 23, 1989, Norman married the love of his life Margaret Holbert Barron.

He was a career truck driver, and he took pride in taking care of his family. He was a longtime member of Glenwood Church of Christ. Norman loved the time he spent with his family and his dog Sammy. He enjoyed having a moment to relax while casting his fishing line. He was an avid bargain shopper, he loved to stop at yard sales. His favorite things to find included clocks, watches, and old tools that he could add to his collection. During the gardening season you could find Norman tending to his crops and later canning them for his family to enjoy.

He is survived by: his beloved wife of 32 years, Margaret; his children, Ronnie, Nancy, and Mike, all of Mt Vernon; his bonus children, Barbie Stanley of Dayton, OH and Kenny Curry of Avon IN; and his sister, Christine Odesa of Crawfordsville, IN.

His memory will be cherished forever by several grandchildren, great grandchildren and bonus grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; a son, James Edward Barron; a bonus daughter, Laura Faye Selby; sister, Mary McCown; brothers, William, Harold, and Earl Barron; and his beloved dachshund, Rowdy.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Urban Winkler Funeral Home located at 513 W 8th street, Connersville. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery.

To sign the online guestbook or to leave the family a personal message visit, www.urbanwinklerfuneralhome.com.

Thank you for your support

I am humbled by my victory and I am going to be committed to serving the entire community of Livingston, Ky. I will work for those who voted for me, for those who did not vote for me and for those who didn't vote at all. I am looking forward to giving the citizens their voices back. I encourage all citizens to attend commission meetings and I assure all citizens of Livingston, your words will be heard. I want to thank everyone who supported me during my campaign. My work to advance our city into the future has already begun.

Thank you—Mayor Elect Larry Davidson

Handle With Care

Many packages have these words stamped on them: "Handle With Care." These words also have an application to our souls. They too should be handled with care. The soul has a journey to make. (Eccl.12:7) Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. The soul is too precious to neglect its care. "Handle With Care." We do not want it delivered to the judgment battered and damaged.

1. "Handle With Care." Is proof the object is of value. The major reason we handle the soul with care; it is valuable. It is worth more than the world. (Matt.16:26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? It is worth so much; Jesus came into the world to save it. (Lk.19:10) For the Son of man has come to seek and save that which was lost. It is so precious that God gave his Son in the behalf of it. (John 3:16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life. It is so dear that Jesus is preparing a place in heaven for it. (John 14:2) In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

2. "Handle With Care." Indicates the object could be damaged or destroyed- true of the soul. The soul maybe lost because of sin. (Jon.8:21) Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. The majority will be lost. (Matt.7:21) 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.

3. In spite of the value of the soul, many people are indifferent toward it. A survey was taken just a few years ago, of personal values. It was published in "The Journal Psychology." From your experience what would you consider to be the most important things to you? The things you care about the most.

- 56% -stated-The economy.
 - 46% -stated-Family Life.
 - 25%- stated- Freedom.
 - 13%- stated-World peace.
 - 5% -stated-Religion.
 - 2% -stated- Being a Good Citizen.
4. The cold hard facts are that most people want material security more than they want God in their lives. Jesus taught us to seek that which is spiritual, and those material blessings will be added unto us. (Matt.6:33) Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

"WHAT ARE WE SEEKING FOR OUR SOUL?"
Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch articles to read on YouTube. Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to hear from you whether you agree or disagree, your suggestion is important to us. (REMEMBER GOD LOVE YOU). You can contact me:606-224-1480 or email me at ovabaker@windstream.net.

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Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Ernie Lee Payne

Ernie Lee Payne, son of the late Henry and Malvina Payne. Ernie was born in Mount Vernon, KY February 27, 1948. He lived in Washington State where he went home to be with his heavenly father on July 16, 2022.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Henry and Malvina Payne; his brothers and sisters, Linda Lou, Brenda Sue, Freddie Payne and Wilma D. Payne Spoonamore (Charles), Bill, Junior, Lizzie and Tommy Payne.

He is survived by: his children, Paul (Debbie) Payne of Ohio, Sandy Payne (Metz) of Ohio, Crystal Payne Sandstrom of Washington, Gaberial (Jennifer) Payne of Georgia and Jacob Payne of Washington; brother and sisters, Doris Payne (Keith) Sowder of Mt. Vernon, KY, Tex (Juanita) Payne of Ohio, Margaret Payne, Jesse Payne and Chad Payne of Mount Vernon, KY. He has nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Sand Springs Church of Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Tom Stephens Cemetery.

Church News

Weekend Revival

Bro. Stacy Smith will be holding a Weekend Revival at The Little Country Church, 165 Jarber Rd., Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, November 19th and Sunday, November 20th at 6 p.m. Pastor Jack Weaver and congregation welcomes everyone.

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.

Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 21-CI-00095

J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. Plaintiff

V.

Unknown spouse, if any, of Marsha L. Wolfinbarger, unknown heirs, devisee or legatees, and their spouses, if any, of Marsha L. Wolfinbarger, unknown occupant, if any, Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Revenue, Inheritance Tax Division, Regency Finance Company, James Cottengim dba Madison Assets Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 8, 2022 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 98/100 (\$78,558.98) 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 18, 2022
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the west side of a 30 foot right-of-way that leads to the Flat Gap Road and being 30 feet north of the corner of James E. Miller and Willie Bishop; thence with said right-of-way N 35 degrees E 120 Feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction 100 feet to a point in the line of Hume Richardson and James Miller; thence in a southerly direction 120 feet to a point, being a new corner to Grantor; thence in an easterly direction 100 feet to the point of beginning, containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less.

Parcel #040-00-044.22
Property Address: 67 Crown Vetch Lane, Berea, KY 40403


Being the same property conveyed to Marsha L. Wolfinbarger, single, from Angela S; Merritt, single by Deed dated 07/24/2014, recorded 07/29/2014 in Book 248, Page 542, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records, and being known as 67 Crown Vetch Lane, Berea, KY 40403. Marsha L. Wolfinbarger died on November 23, 2020.

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

1. The real property shall be sold as a whole.
2. The 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.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of two point seven five percent (2.75%) 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.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2022 local, county and state property taxes.
5. 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.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. 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.
9. 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".

The sale shall occur outside on the Courthouse steps (main street entrance).

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court



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"Fires"

(Continued from front) in the Cut Gap area.

The Climax, Mount Vernon, Livingston, Brindle Ridge and Brodhead fire departments have been battling high winds and dry underbrush throughout the county as fires continue to be reported in wooded areas almost daily.

In October, a fire on Scaffold Cane near Burnt Ridge broke out damaging several acres and another fire on Green Pond Ridge destroyed another 10 acres. And, in November, there have been several other local fires. This past weekend alone, Climax, Brindle Ridge and Mount Vernon fire departments spent most of the day at a fire on US-25 behind the CAP property. Nearly 10 acres were burned before the flames were extinguished.

In the past few weeks, there have been forest fires on New Hope Tower Road, which also burned over at least 10 acres, a fire on Carter Ridge Road and another in the Sand Hill area as well as Smith Road in Brodhead which burned several acres.

The 2,000-acre fire on Cut Gap continues to smolder and firefighters have issued several smoke warnings throughout the county due to this fire and other fires in the area.

A map of Kentucky forest fires on the Kentucky Fire Weather and Avalanche website, shows wildfires stretched from the Tennessee line to Ohio almost exclusively along the Daniel Boone National Forest. Neighboring states do not show similar outbreaks but Kentucky has been near drought stages in the last few weeks of summer.

All local fire departments continue to issue warning against citizens burning anything outdoor and observing the Kentucky Burn Ban that is currently in effect.

All local fire departments are being taxed and are still searching for volunteers. Officials wish to remind citizens that volunteers receive free training and free gear. They also wish to remind motorists to take extra care to watch for firefighters and fire-related equipment along roadways, especially during fire season.

It is illegal to burn outdoor between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Though officials say fines and other penalties have been mostly ignored in the past, heavy penalties may be imposed on anyone who defies the current burn ban due to excessive wildfires and dry ground.

"Vets"

(Continued from front) tion.

School officials, staff and faculty joined the students to provide a luncheon and a ceremony to honor the veterans and guests in the appropriately decorated cafeteria that was covered in American Flags, veteran memorabilia, signs and displays honoring each veteran.

Since the parade was shortened due to heavy rain, tears of appreciation were seen around the room as students at RCMS marched around the school cafeteria, each carrying signs they had made honoring and thanking veterans for their service while "God Bless the USA" played over speakers.

Abby Hopkins provided the opening prayer and Jessica Willis welcomed everyone to the celebration. Sadee Payne provided the student welcome and the DAR Poster Contest winners were honored.

The RCMS Band performed for the large crowd just before the RCMS Choir sang for everyone present. Izak Gibbs provided the final thought for the event and offered a final "thank you" to every Veteran.

Veterans throughout the cafeteria were seen laughing, smiling and enjoying the ceremony while dozens shook their hands and offered a word of appreciation to each veteran.

"Votes"

(Continued from front) Daugherty got 56 votes, Michael VanWinkle got 52 votes and Gertha Mink 31. Rebecka Griffin was the only candidate to lose the race for a city council seat with 26 write-in votes.

In yet another close call, in the City of Livingston, incumbent Mayor Dwane King lost his bid for re-election to newcomer Larry Davidson by three votes, 35 to 32. In an interesting twist, Donna Durham, the third candidate for Mayor of Livingston received three votes.

In another unusual turn, two candidates for Livingston City Commission seats, received more votes than any candidate in the mayor's race. The Livingston City Commission will now consist of Davidson (Mayor and Commissioner), top vote-getter Clyde Carpenter with 43 votes, Leroy Lamb with 36 votes, Sandi Singleton with 34 votes and Troy Goforth with 31 votes.

Three candidates for Livingston City Commission did not receive enough votes to earn a seat. They were David Lee Mahaffey and incumbent Bonnie Reaves with 29 votes each and Sherri Goforth with 28 votes.

In the City of Brodhead, the results were predetermined since the candidate for mayor had no opposition and only four candidates ran for the four seats on the city commission. The newly-elected mayor is former commissioner Jerry Adams who received 197 votes for mayor. The four commissioners will include top vote-getter Bryanna Mullins with 177 votes, incumbent Harold Taylor with 168 votes, incumbent Brian Bullock with 157 votes and incumbent Teddy Rose with 154 votes.

In the Rockcastle County School Board three of the six seats were up for re-election and all three incumbents were unopposed. The three school board winners were Matt Chaliff, who was appointed to his seat in the fifth district last year, with 816 votes, Anna Stevens-Goff in district 3 with 594 votes and Angela Stallsworth-Mink in district 1 with 440 votes.

Rockcastle County also took part in some statewide elections and, in most cases, local voters agreed with the state totals. However, in the race for 28th District Judge, Dylan Gorski won handily over Benjamin "BJ" Hardy in Rockcastle but lost the election. In Rockcastle,

Gorski received 2,214 votes while Hardy received 1,537. However, Hardy won by a wider margin in Pulaski County to become the next District Judge.

Incumbent Senator Rand Paul dominated challenger Charles Booker in Rockcastle County with 4,020 to 761 votes. Paul won statewide by a margin of 911,587 votes to Booker's 563,676.

Rockcastle stuck with incumbent Representative Harold Rogers, who took 87% of the vote and went on to win the 5th Congressional District.

Incumbent District Judge Katie Slone also won Rockcastle and the rest of her district with over 80% of the vote.

Rockcastle voters did not agree with the statewide vote on Amendment 2 which would have forbidden the State of Kentucky to fund abortions. In Rockcastle the amendment passed easily 3,376 to 1,189, but it failed across the state and the amendment will not be included in the Kentucky Constitution. This means the state can adopt an amendment that would force state funding for abortions if legislatures so choose at a later date.

US Senator Brandon Storm told the Signal he believes the amendment was worded in such a way that voters may have been confused. "The amendment was worded poorly," he said. "If the wording had been easier to understand and less confusing to everyone, that vote may have turned out differently."

State Representative Josh Bray had no opposition but still received 4,198 votes in Rockcastle.

Several candidates had no opposition but received many votes. Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, running unopposed, received 4,307 votes and Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe got 4,247. County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen received 4,373 votes with no opposition. Jailer Nathan Carter got 4,216 votes and Dawn Carpenter received 4,123 votes for Coroner.

The five Rockcastle County Magistrates seats were also each unopposed. However, Magistrate Shannon Bishop in district 1 chose not to run for re-election and Lee Earl Adams took the seat in the May primary and received 892 votes in the general election. Other magistrate winners were William Denny in district 2 with 653 votes, Doug Prewitt in district 3 with 1,006 votes, Wendell Shane Thacker in district 4 with 793 votes and Michael McGuire in district 5 with 852 votes.

Kathy Robinson also ran unopposed for Property Value Administrator and received 4,285 votes.

Votes cast in the Rockcastle County Constable races (all unopposed) were Rodney Adams in district 1 with 799 votes, Steve Griffin in district 2 with 652 votes, Rick Brummett in district 3 with 966 votes, Donnie Cope in district 4 with 748 votes and Brian Wynn in district 5 with 834 votes.

In Rockcastle County, David Dalton won the race for Commonwealth Attorney with 3,909 votes and Jacqueline Caldwell won Court of Appeals Judge with 2,840 votes while James Lambert won an Appeals Judge

seat with 3,132 votes. Teresa Whittaker won the race for Circuit Judge with 3,096 votes and Eddy Montgomery won Circuit Judge with 3,070 votes. Marcus Vanover won the race for Family Court Judge with 2,967 votes.

"Raise"

(Continued from front) Magistrates jumped in favor of the idea without hesitation and voted for the raise unanimously. "I wish it was a lot more," said Magistrate Shannon Bishop. "We hear that inflation is 8% but I don't know where they are getting those numbers. They aren't getting them from anything I buy because everything I am buying is up 30%. But 5% is better than nothing I guess."

Magistrate Shane Thacker agreed. "It really should be more than that," he said. "But if that is the motion, I sure vote in favor of it."

The 5% raise would not affect those who work for the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department or the Rockcastle County Clerk's office but they will receive the raise as well, according to Sheriff Shannon Franklin and County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen.

Each of those departments operate on their own budget, according to Holbrook. "We provide funds to those two departments," he said. "We don't set the pay scale for either of them. Shannon (Franklin) and Danetta (Ford Allen) would have to give those employees raises out of their budget."

But all other departments are included in the original motion. "I wish we could have done it sooner and I wish we could have done more," said Holbrook. "But we had to know if the funds were there before we could commit to anything at all, and this is all that we had available. They deserve this and more but it's the best we can do right now."

Sheriff Franklin and County Clerk Allen both say they will submit an amendment to their budget, providing a 5% raise for their employees, as well. The court must approve the amended budgets before those raises take effect.

In other action, after an apparent heated exchange in closed session that some members of the court said very nearly "got out of hand," the court reentered open session and voted to stop paying RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook as a county employee and instead send the same amount to the RCIDA as program support. Under this system, the RCIDA Board will pay the director's salary and benefits from their own revenues. "We will simply take the money we were paying to Jeff and instead we will make the check out to the RCIDA and then they decide what to do with it," said Holbrook.

Magistrate Mike McGuire voted against the motion, sparking another lively exchange. However, the motion passed 4-1.

The court also accepted the RCIDA monthly report and agreed to provide \$1,184 to the Rockcastle County Development Board for program support.

Current Livingston Mayor Dwane King was present at the meeting seeking support for the

Christmas program. The court typically gives \$500 but Thacker made a motion to provide \$800 this year. The motion passed unanimously.

Magistrates asked King what is done with the \$1,000 per month paid to the city of Livingston, that is slated to be used to pay the single police officer there, when the officer is off work, as he apparently has been over the past month. King said the money is still in the account and has not been paid to officer Mikie Ashurst. McGuire said the court would like to have the money returned for the time that the officer does not work at all or works less than 20 hours. "If you are not using it to pay an officer, the court would like to get that money back," said McGuire. King said he was letting the money build up as a safety net for the police department in the account but would return it to the court if that is their preference. Magistrates agreed the money is slated for the officer's salary and should be returned if not paid to the officer.

Holbrook informed the court that he had received some estimates for upgrading the Brodhead ball fields. Up to \$25,000 had been allocated for the project months ago but Holbrook said this amount isn't going to accomplish anything. "We are going to have to discuss this further," he said. The estimate is currently well over \$100,000. Magistrates agreed to look more in depth into the project.

There was some discussion concerning the local animal shelter and magistrates who spoke on the matter agreed the shelter is currently running efficiently and properly.

County Treasurer Joseph Clontz asked to transfer \$150,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then transfer \$40,000 from the general fund to the 911 fund and \$100,000 from the general fund to the jail fund.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13 at 4 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

"Totals"

(Continued from front) Though Allen said the system is complex, it was her understanding that some reports from some state websites showed different results in Rockcastle County races than the Rockcastle County Clerk's office presented. "Some of the reports in the state showed Clifford Mullins winning even the next day," said Allen. "But Tim (Roberts) won. Our phones have rang off the hook with people saying the state is reporting different numbers and different winners in some races. We know. But they did not have complete numbers when their systems began reporting results. Then it wasn't updated when they got final numbers. The state was reporting inaccurate numbers."

According to the clerk's office, the voting totals, as reported last week in Rockcastle County, are correct.

According to Allen the equipment vendors who supply the machines

and software required certain methods of reporting at the state level and that method contributed to the cause of the inaccurate reporting.

Some states are reporting that election results may not be complete until after the holidays. Other states are reporting that ballots cast early cannot be counted yet due to voting machine failures.

Many experts had also predicted a "Red Wave" suggesting that conservatives might have picked up as many as 20 seats in the House. However, there was no unusual dominance by either party, according to national reports.

In Rockcastle County there are 12,814 registered voters. Of those, Allen reports 4,816 cast a ballot in the midterm elections for a 37.5% turnout. According to the clerk's office, 1,976 voters voted straight Republican and 181 cast ballots for the straight Democrat ticket. The clerk's office also reported that there were 209 absentee ballots cast and 1,213 voted early while 3,394 voted on Election Day.

"Indict"

(Continued from front) \$5,000 c/p;

Nathaneal W. Barnett, 22, of Tincher Drive, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine).

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

David A. Robbins, 35 of Bowling Ridge Road, Brodhead was indicted for the offense of bail jumping, first degree.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Murby Scott Scalf, 42, of Foggy Hollow Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine and Hydrocodone).

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

James M. Miller, 34, of Williams St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for receipt of a credit card and fraudulent use of a credit card.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Edward Lee Howard, 53, of East Bernstadt was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine and Buprenorphine).

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Derek D. McCown, 33, of Carter Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of theft by unlawful taking, possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine) and resisting arrest.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Adam Lee Anglin, 34, of Lexington was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine).

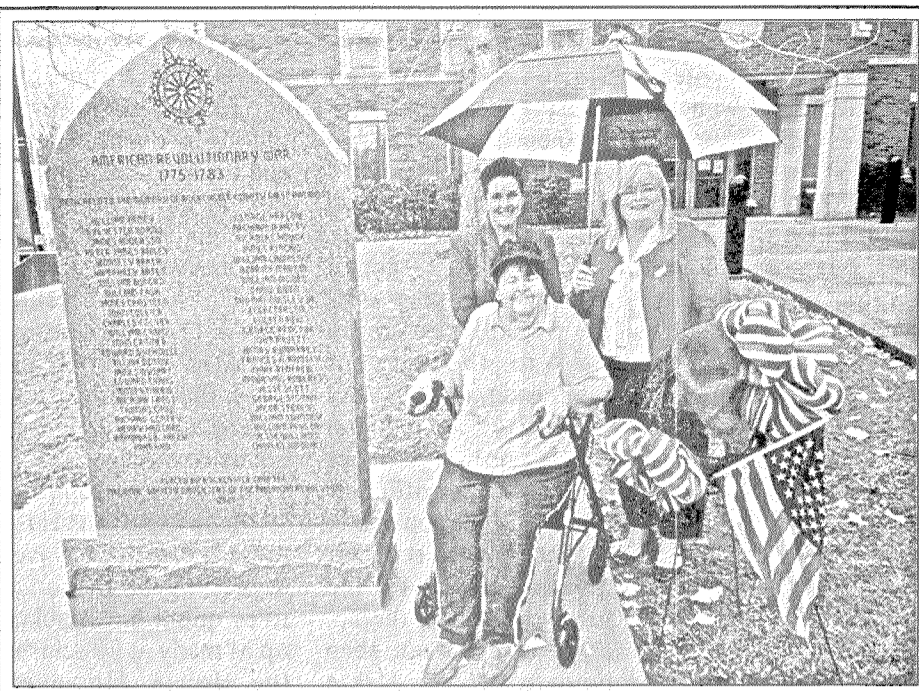
His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Charles J. Holtz, 44, of Louisville was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance (Methamphetamine).

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p, and

Joseph W. Thacker, 58, of Somerset was indicted on two counts - possession of a controlled substance (Fentanyl and Methadone pills) and operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/o.



Rockcastle Chapter DAR laid a wreath at the American Revolutionary War Patriot Monument to honor the first Veterans of Rockcastle County. Pictured are: Natalie Taylor, Tonya Cook, and Karen Adams. Not pictured: Debbie Brown.

DAR Sponsored Veterans Day Poster Contest Winners



Natalie Taylor, DAR Service for Veterans Co-Chair, with 6th grade winners: Addie Payne-1st Place; Hailey Mize-2nd place; and Lacey Prewitt-3rd place.



Natalie Taylor, DAR Service for Veterans Co-Chair with 7th grade winners: Abby Miller-1st place; Carleigh Leyden-2nd Place; and Landon Navarre-3rd place.



Natalie Taylor, DAR Service for Veterans Co-Chair with 8th grade winners: Emma Brummett-1st place; Crystal Ordonez-2nd Place; and Chloe Barricks-Ketchum-3rd Place.

Rock N Run is Saturday

The 10th annual Renfro Rock 'N Run Half Marathon and 5K run/walk will be held this Saturday, Nov. 19.

The event, sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital, begins at 8 a.m. from the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center. Motorists traveling in the area, including Lake Linville Rd., Barnett Rd., Mt. Zion Rd. and Hummel Rd., are asked to use caution and be on the lookout for runners and walkers.

For more information about the event, please visit web address rockcastleregional.org.

Proceeds benefit the Christian Appalachian Project.



Rodney Weaver was the lucky winner of the beautiful quilt that was raffled in a fund raiser by the Mt Vernon Lions Club. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event. The Lions really appreciate the community support. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used in our community projects. Support your local Lions Club.

MVFD donates \$1,000 to Hope Fund

Since 1985, October has officially been recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in hopes of raising awareness of the disease, as well as the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and treatment. The color pink is recognized worldwide as a symbol of this cause.

Anyone who has experienced cancer personally, or has had a family member experience it, knows all too well the staggering financial, physical, and emotional burdens it imposes. To help ease some of the financial burden and worry, funds such as the Rockcastle Regional Hope Fund exist. Rockcastle Regional's Hope Fund is a cancer patient assistance fund that seeks to support those undergoing treatment, through financial means in ways such as gift cards for gas, overnight accommodation

costs, and food expenses during travel for treatment.

In an effort to raise awareness of this cause locally, Mount Vernon Fire Department designed and sold black t-shirts, with a pink logo, which included a simple "Because We Care" statement, as well as the well-recognized pink ribbon in the center of a fire depart-

ment Maltese cross. The sole purpose of the sale of these shirts was to raise funds to support a monetary donation to a local cancer related charity. The support received from the sale of the shirts was tremendous and because of that, a \$1,000 donation was made to the Rockcastle Regional Hope Fund on Friday, November 4, 2022.



Rockcastle Regional Oncology Services Line Manager Melissa Brock (right) is shown accepting a \$1,000 donation from Mount Vernon Fire Department Major Adam Bales.

Ready to live a tobacco free life?

If you would like to quit cigarettes, e-cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, or vaping, Rockcastle Regional Hospital can help!

Free in-person classes will begin: **Tuesday, November 22 • 4:30 p.m.**
Rockcastle Regional's Education Center
(Third floor Outpatient Services Center)

Registration is required. Please contact Morgan Bray at 606-256-7704 or m.bray@rhrcc.org.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Big Orchard RD (CR-1371)**, and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Big Orchard RD (CR-1371)** and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance at 2,430 ft. off Chestnut Grove Road

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of **Big Orchard RD (CR-1371)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: December 13, 2022
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

This the 8th day of November, 2022.

/s/ Howell Holbrook
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

/s/ Vickie Miller
Fiscal Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745)**, and;

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745)** and;

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:
To End County Maintenance at 1,130 ft. off Hwy. 1326 Old Brodhead Road

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of **Grayhawk Rd (CR-1745)** proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

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Memories

(Continued from A2)

Sometimes, dreams really do come true!

A few years ago, my wife and I were returning home from a visit to the Smokies, which included seeing a car show in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. On the way home, we were coming into Maryville, Tennessee, when – just out of the corner of my eye – I spotted a baby blue and white '54 Chevy. It was on a small dealer lot along the road, which also contained several other old cars. Immediately, I turned our Explorer around to go back for a better look.

There it was... a two-toned '54 Chevy 210 in Robin's Egg blue and white. This was also the car that I had used to take my driver's test when I turned sixteen. Furthermore, and maybe most importantly, it was the car that I drove on my first date in an automobile.

Even though the original '54 did not have the option of a V8 engine, this baby had been equipped with a new (in crate) Camaro 350-cubic-inch engine as well as a new Camaro rear end. It had automatic transmission and a dual-exhaust system. Converted to a 12-volt electrical system, with front disk brakes, it was air-conditioned, and the chrome trim had been fully restored. The paint job appeared in superb shape, as did the interior "tuck and roll" upholstery. It even had fender skirts like I had installed on my '58 Chevy which I owned in high school.

When we checked out the interior, we noticed new carpet, headliner, AM-FM radio with a CD player, and fully functional gauges. The car fit the bill with me. I had dreamed of owning a classic car for most of my adult life; what more appropriate vehicle could ever be found for me? I could hardly pull myself away from this vehicle. Finally, the salesman gave me one of his business cards, and we got back into our SUV to head on home. As you might guess, we purchased this classic, and the salesman delivered it to me in Kentucky.

I couldn't get over how the '54 sounded when you turned the key and heard the Chevrolet 350 cubic-inch V8 engine. When my grandfather (Pop) purchased his original Bel Air in 1954, the eight cylinder was not available. I was used to driving his car with a six-cylinder engine – and it

did not impress the driver because of its power. The new Delray had ample power to spare. The familiar sounds of yesterday returned when listening to the sweet reverberation of the exhaust system.

I drove my '54 to Joey's Muffler Shop in Stanton to have him check the underside of my ride. To my delight, Joey said, "In all of the years that I have been installing exhaust systems, I have never seen a 1950 automobile that was in this good shape. I could not find any rust or damage to the car." I cannot begin to tell you how elated this made me feel. He added, "Whoever restored this vehicle knew what they were doing."

While my car was in his shop, there were several "old timers" who stopped in to look it over. Each of them wanted to know where it came from and how I had acquired this unusual ride. I am rather certain that I was visually beaming with pride.

As a matter of fact, the entire car captured my heart – even with the roll-down windows. And I had forgotten how comfortable a big bench seat could be, plus the vehicle has such a substantial feel – there was no plastic in this baby! I was in love, and the way it made me feel to drive it is as close as I'll ever be to being a teenager again.

You can reach me at themtman1962@gmail.com or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments.

ramblings

(Continued from A2)

Mitch McConnell's doorstep since he controls which races the RNC funds and he chose not to invest in Masters in Arizona. Instead he diverted funds to other races, as in Alaska so he could make sure that GOP establishment darling Lisa Murkowski was re-elected, over the candidate being supported by the Alaskan Republican Party.

Masters was not the only race that McConnell gave the kiss of death to financially. But that was probably because he believed that Republican candidates were having a hard time because they were "mediocre candidates," as he said in August. Mediocre candidates to McConnell, I'm pretty sure, means candidates who, if elected, would not kowtow to Democrats as he has spent his entire career doing. His current approval

rating is 7% but that isn't deterring him from once again seeking the minority leadership position in the Senate.

One of the issues Democrats evidently felt would be a vote-getter with Millennials was the student loan forgiveness, up to \$10,000, executive order by Biden. They milked it for all it was worth and, it was only in the final moments of the election that an 8th Circuit Federal Appeals Court Judge blocked the program nationwide. House Speaker Pelosi had said, before Biden's action, that he did not have the authority to issue the loan forgiveness but he did it anyway because they knew it would have value for Democrat candidates.

One final thought on the election. Did you notice, as usual, that it's never Republican ballots that magically appear late in election counts -- it's always Democrat votes.

Things that make you go hmmm. TSA employees recently allowed a passenger on a flight with two boxcutters in their possession. Additional training is now being scheduled for said employees. Guess instructions on how to pour out all those lotion, shampoo and water bottles wasn't doing the trick.

Another brewing scandal involving Democrats concerns a recent bankruptcy declaration by Sam Bankman-Fried, CEO of FTX, a Cryptocurrency Ex-

change. The bankruptcy bilked investors for north of \$32B. The interesting side note is that Bankman-Fried pledged to spend \$1B in support of Democrat candidates in the November election. He hadn't quite made it, only managing \$40M in the 2022 election, the vast majority of which was given to Democrat candidates. In the 2020 election, he gave Biden's camp and other Democrat-aligned entities, \$5,700,000.

One of the more interesting aspects of this fiasco is that Ukraine is a big investor in the Exchange - with American taxpayer dollars sent to them over the last two decades, maybe? It is speculated that maybe those funds were washed and cycled back to Democrats as campaign donations. Regardless, it is time for an indepth audit and investigation of just exactly where our over \$60B investment in Ukraine, this year alone, has gone.

Bankman's-Fried's net worth on November 8, 2022 was \$15,600,000,000. His estimated net worth on November 11, 2022 was \$0.

Oh, and don't forget, the Biden installation is extending the Covid 19 "public health emergency" until April of 2023 despite his statement on national TV a month or so ago, that "the pandemic is over." It's obviously just too hard for Democrats to give up that power.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

USDA Reminds Rockcastle County Farmers and Ranchers to Vote in Rockcastle County Committee Election

December 5 is the Last Day to Return Ballots

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has started mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Rockcastle County FSA office or postmarked by Dec. 5, 2022.

FSA county committee members provide valuable knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs," said Warden Alexander Rockcastle, county executive director for Rockcastle County. Please take a few minutes to review your ballot and make your selection prior to the Dec. 5 deadline.

Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year for a certain Local Administrative Area (LAA). Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2022. Rockcastle County committee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

The nominee up for election in LAA 1, which includes The western section of Rockcastle County bound by Pulaski, Lincoln, and Garrard County. Highway Boundaries are Hwy 70, Hwy 150, I-75 and Little Hurricane Rd in Rockcastle County is Billy McKinney.

Billy Ray McKinney is nominated in LAA #1, Rockcastle County, to serve as COC Member for a 3-year term beginning January 1 2023.

Billy Ray McKinney is a long time resident of LAA #1 and has produced hay and cattle in the Ottawa community for over 50 years.

Billy Ray McKinney is not an active member of any agricultural organizations: however, he has served his community in many other roles. Billy is an established business owner in the county operating McKinney's Tire Service for many years. He also served as a magistrate in the county only recently retiring from that position.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may

not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, for county committee elections, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, are eligible to vote.

Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office.

Visit fsa.usda.gov/elections for more information. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Committee Meeting Date: December 7th 2022 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 4.375%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct = 4.500%

Limited Resource Loans = 5.000%

Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment = 1.500%

Emergency Loans = 3.750%

Farm Storage Loans:

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5 yrs. = 4.125%

7 yrs. = 4.000%

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12 yrs. = 3.875%

Commodity Loans = 5.250%

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



APPLE BUTTER SPICE CAKE

1/2 cup shortening
1 cup granulated sugar
3 eggs
1 cup apple butter
2 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup buttermilk
Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and lightly flour 9 x 13 pan. Cream together shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beat until light and fluffy. Stir in apple butter. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add mixture to apple butter mixture alternately with buttermilk. Turn batter into cake prepared pan. Bake 30 to 40 minutes. After cake has cooled for at least 10 minutes, spread additional apple butter on top if desired.

APPLE BUTTER PIE


1/2 cup apple butter
2 large eggs
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups whole milk
1 deep 9-inch pie crust, not baked
Preheat oven to 350°. Place unbaked pie crust onto a cookie sheet. Using a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs until frothy. Beat in the sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, and apple butter until combined. Whisk in the milk until combined. Carefully pour the mixture into the pie crust. Place into the oven and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until the center is set. Allow the pie to cool completely on the counter before putting it in the fridge overnight. Top with whipped cream and dashes of cinnamon.

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HOMEMADE APPLE BUTTER

6 and 1/2 pounds apples
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 and 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Peel, core, and slice apples. Place in a slow cooker. Add the sugars, cinnamon, salt, and vanilla to the crockpot. Mix well. Cook on low for about 10 hours. Stir every couple of hours. The apple butter should be thick and dark brown. If desired, use a blender to puree the apple butter until smooth. Cover and refrigerate for up to two weeks or freeze in small containers.

Attention Non-Profit Groups or Organizations



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

Rockcastle County Solid Waste \$100.00 Per Mile Roadside Litter Clean-Up Program!

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

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

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

Missing/Stolen Dog "Lucy"



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DAR service to Veterans



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DAR Service to Veterans Co-Chairs, Kathy Bobo and Natalie Taylor arranged to have the Veterans who are residents at Rockcastle Health and Rehab to have breakfast at Limestone Grill and were presented certificates and pins. They were then taken to participate in the Veteran's Parade.

RCHS leads the way

FFA Appharvest container may hold farming's future

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) has done exactly what organizers would hope such organizations would do around the country. They have lived up to their name and actually made a difference, finding ways to help the future for the farmers of America.

When members of the club heard the name "Appharvest" and discovered what the organization does to help solve countless issues for farmers in the future in America, they immediately got the Rockcastle County School Board, the state of Kentucky, farmers and others involved and brought the idea to RCHS.

Appharvest is an organization that helps FFA clubs and other organizations grow leaf vegetables, without the need of sunlight, or rain or any good weather at all. In fact, the growing of leaf lettuce at RCHS has exploded into enough lettuce to feed school lunches this year and have some left for other schools, if they choose. And the best part of the plan is that the weather plays no part in the success.

"It has been remarkable to watch this program evolve and see the innovation as these students have met the challenge to feed the country

for years to come with high-tech systems and modern ideas," said Rodney Atkins, of Governor Andy Beshear's office.

The grand opening of the Appharvest Food Container Launch was held last Wednesday at the school where dignitaries from across the state spoke about the local accomplishment. "This is proving for ourselves and inspiring our entire state in fields of technology that wouldn't have even been thought of just 10 years ago," said Superintendent Carrie Ballinger.

After RCHS students and FAA leaders contacted Appharvest, the organization agreed to locate the container at the local school and FFA members have since continued to grow lettuce, and it grew very well. In fact, the lettuce is now being served in the school lunch program as it is at other school districts with the program. "I was impressed with this idea the moment I first saw it," said Principal J.D. Bussell. "These students are creating a pathway for a career in technology farming even if they have never seen a farm."

The container, located near the rear parking lot of the school, includes a moisture system and lighting system that is not dependent upon the weather and can provide

(See "FFA" on B4)

Local commission meetings held

The Cities of Brodhead and Livingston held their regular monthly City Commission meetings Monday of this week.

In Brodhead, the newly elected Commissioner Bryanna Mullins, daughter of Brodhead City Clerk Becky Bussell, attended the meeting.

After agreeing to pay the monthly bills, commissioners set the Brodhead annual Christmas Parade to coincide with the Mount Vernon activities so that citizens may attend the Brodhead

parade and still make it to the Noel Night Market and Mount Vernon parade.

The Brodhead Christmas Parade will begin at 2 p.m. with line-up starting at 1:00.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The Livingston City Commission meeting lasted only 7 minutes with commissioners agreeing to pay all monthly bills.

Commissioners also welcomed everyone to the annual Thanksgiving meal Saturday from noon

to 3 p.m. Those in Livingston who cannot attend but would like a free Thanksgiving dinner

Headed to State Championship RCHS Cheerleaders take regional win

By: Mike French
Editor

"It's not about the title, it's about feeling proud and I am so stinking proud of these Rockets." These were the words of jubilation from RCHS

Head Cheerleading Coach Joanie Lake after her RCHS Cheerleaders were named Regional Champions.

The 23 cheerleaders at Rockcastle County High

(See "Cheer" on B4)

Pongo firefighters teaching youth about fire preparedness

By: Mike French
Editor

Over 50 local children learned a lot about fire safety last week after a trip through the Pongo Fire Safety Trailer.

Volunteers from the

Pongo Fire Department are always on the job but even when off duty the firefighters and Chief Tony Bullock are looking for ways to teach citizens and children about fire safety and precautions

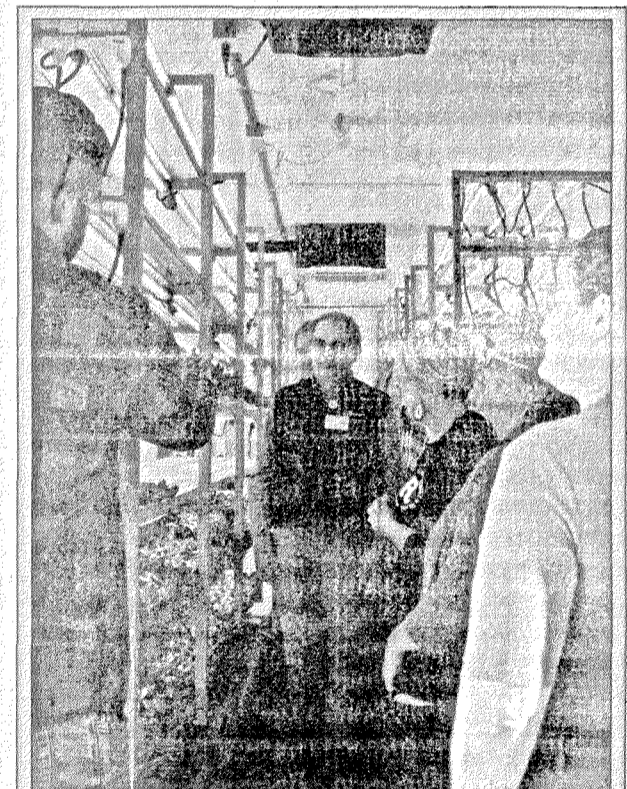
that could save a home or a life.

So when the Pulaski County Fire Department bought a brand new Fire Safety Trailer for their department to teach such lessons, volunteers at the

Pongo Fire Department in Rockcastle County gladly took their old trailer off their hands and started their own fire safety training protocol. "Pulaski County donated their old trailer to Pongo but it needed a lot of work," said Chief Bullock. "We are thankful for the trailer but there was a lot of repairs that needed taken care of. Luckily, Randy McClure is one of our volunteers. We took the trailer to his house and we worked on it until it was ready."

Of course, there was some expense for materials involved but the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court helped by purchasing the materials while Pongo volunteers provided the labor. Soon the rolling lesson was complete and, last week, volunteers provided local children at the Child Development Center with fire safety lessons that could easily save a life.

(See "Pongo" on B4)



School Board members joined visitors and city, county and state officials who toured the Appharvest container last week at the Grand Opening of the high tech growing system at RCHS. FFA members and farmers agree the process of growing vegetables that are not dependent upon weather could be important for the future of farming.

Noel Night Market planned

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle Arts Association will once again host the 4th Annual Noel Night Market in downtown Mount Vernon. The event is planned for Saturday, December 3 from 4 to 10 p.m. The Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting ceremony has become one of the more popular events in the city each

year.

The parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. with line-up beginning at 3 p.m.

As usual there will be arts and crafts vendors and display throughout Main Street and local businesses will have vendor booths as well. An ice skating rink is planned and food trucks will be on hand for the free event.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.



Children listened closely as Pongo firefighters explained how to protect themselves during a fire at home and how to plan ahead at the Pongo Fire Trailer at the Children's Learning Center.

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Notice is hereby given that Sherry G. Hansel, 60 Parsons St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Edith Elaine Hansel on the 14th day of November 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Sherry G. Hansel or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

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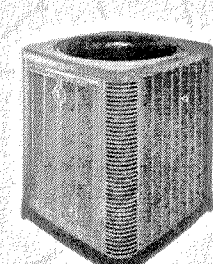
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“FFA”

(Continued from B1) food in the future without the cooperation of weather. "This is the future of farming and these students are making eastern Kentucky the place that all other places want to be," said Atkins.

Dignitaries present at the grand opening included Tamra Wilson of Rep. Hal Roger's office; Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.; RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook; Senator Brandon Storm; Dr. Clint Hayes, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Somerset Community College; Alesa Johnson, Chief of Community and Workforce at Somerset Community College; Amy Samples; Deveney Redwine; Daniel Armstrong; Eric Killian and Derrick Hurst of Appharvest, and many others, including the JROTC.

The event, emceed by Emma Ballinger and Dylan Thompson, explained the process and the success of the program and the event ended with a tour of the Appharvest container.

"We could not be more proud of our students, our school, our staff and the support of everyone involved," said Ballinger.

“Pongo”

(Continued from B1) including their own, according to Bullock.

The trailer is set up to emulate a typical two-story home and volunteers talk to the children about planning ahead in the event of a fire. "We show them how to plan two means of escape in case one is blocked," said Bullock. "Seeing it first hand and being right there in the middle of it, can help teach them to remain calm and prepared should a real fire break out in their home."

The children learned to stay low away from smoke and how to climb down a ladder safely should the need arise.

The trailer can also be filled with smoke, via a fog machine, so that the children will know how things look differently in a smoke-filled house, officials said.

The trailer is available for use by other fire departments as well, Bullock added. "We have no schools in our district but we have contacted all the other local departments and let them know they can borrow the trailer for schools, or we will bring it to any school they wish and provide the training for the kids if they want," said Bullock. "The trailer can be very informative and help a child be prepared. We just want to help kids be ready in the event of a fire in their home."

There are currently 19 firefighters at the Pongo Fire Department and, as are all departments, they are taking applications from anyone who may be interested in becoming a firefighter.

Hall of Fame inductees



Those inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame last week are (from left) Jim Caldwell (family of Pete Goble), Micah and Marie Yandell (Family of Paul Yandell), Marty Brown, Carly Pearce, Tee Dee Young, Norah Lee Allen and Tommy White.

“Cheer”

(Continued from B1) School took the top spot in the Regional Finals at KHSAA Regional Competition at Tates Creek High School recently. "They so deserved this and we are all so excited for them. They worked hard and they earned it," said Lake.

Lake, and assistant coach Vee Anderson, said

they were aware that the team was exceptional but couldn't be happier with the top spot. "We knew how good they are," said Lake. "But we are very pleased with the win and we are all so excited."

Lake has been the head cheerleading coach at RCHS for six years and is now in her seventh year. All together, Lake has been coaching for 10

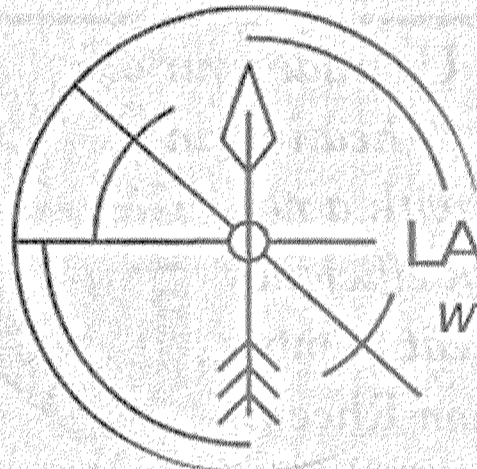
years and she brought that experience to RCHS to help prepare them for the competition.

This is the first time, since 2006, the team has won the region and will travel to the state competition at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester on Friday, December 9th state competition. The team will also travel to the national

competition in February in Florida.

"In the state contest, I expect we will show well," said Lake. "We are shooting for the top five. Of course, a win would be fine and we will go for it. But to be the best in the region and (possibly) one of the top five teams in the state, that is something to be very proud of."

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ACROSS

- Not quite vertical
- Memorable Texas mission
- Basic college degrees
- Hot chocolate
- Rice cooked in broth (Var.)
- "... of the ___ of Aquarius"
- Apply maximum effort
- Claret-yielding area
- Put emphasis on
- Knockoffs
- Paparazzi gear
- Pizza units
- Jungle vines
- Gilbert and Sullivan emperor
- Breeds or varieties
- Canary relative
- One for the off-road
- Doctor's charge
- Washington Monument
- Neither this ___ that
- Drug approver
- One's north and one's south
- Leave speechless
- Acupuncture item
- Bermuda wear
- "And ___ off!"
- Psychiatrist, for one
- Indian queen (Var.)
- Miami daily newspaper
- "Addams Family" cousin
- Placate
- "Mountain" or "rocket" finish
- Spanish snacks
- Keyboard instrument
- Like the Sahara
- "Hello" singer
- River to the Missouri

DOWN

- Play subdivision
- Rocky peak
- In need of salting
- Makes less tense
- Hindu religious writing
- Altar locales
- Ad-___ (improvises)
- Guinness and others
- Pas' mates
- Maneuver around, in war
- Hoondocks
- Act the yes-man
- "The Cat in the Hat" author
- Blocks of history
- First ___ kit
- Jumping-off point?
- Needed medical assistance
- Utilize a journal
- Snow sliders
- Free-for-all
- It gives peepers color
- Bear's order, on Wall Street
- Praises loudly
- Arp collaborator Max
- 28-Across production
- Be an omen of
- Joins metal, in a way
- CBS logo
- Click, as the fingers
- Attention-getting shout
- Attempted, as this puzzle?
- Fan's opposite
- Got out of bed
- Ballyhoo
- And others, for short
- X-ray dose
- Ottoman ruler
- Mattress problem
- 180 deg. from WSW

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