

## Six COVID deaths

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there are now 320 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 134 additional probable cases. The county now has six COVID-related deaths with five of those reported from the Brodhead Rehabilitation and Care Center. Last week's Covid-related death was a 93-year-old female at the center.

## In-Person classes resume

Since Rockcastle County was lowered to an "Orange" rating by health department officials, in-person classes have been resumed in the local school system. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger says she will remain in daily contact with all involved to make future decisions concerning in-person classes. Check [rockcastle.kyschools.us](http://rockcastle.kyschools.us) for updates.

## Free meal

The VFW will be providing a free Thanksgiving meal Saturday, November 28 for all veterans, current military, first responders and family members. The meal will be at 4 p.m. at 32 Mount Zion Road in Mount Vernon past the boat dock at Lake Linville.

## Noel Night Market

The Noel Night Market is planned for Tuesday, December 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association, the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. Everyone is invited to attend the free event.

## Rockcastle bounces between orange and red zones

Closings and cancellations have become a part of life in Kentucky, since COVID-19 first struck the state in March. Governments buildings and



Clay and Sawyer Nelson, sons of Andrew and Tricia Beth Nelson, waved their flags as first responders led the Veterans' Day Parade through the streets of Mount Vernon last Wednesday. The parade took place of the annual celebration held each year at Rockcastle Middle School. Despite the weather, many Veterans took part in the parade. In the bottom photo, Kinsley Smith, RCMS sixth grader, rides along with her grandfather and Veteran, Roger Smith.



## Veterans' Day Parade huge success

In a time when countless events are being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

officials in Rockcastle County were determined to hold a Veteran's Day Parade and make it as safe as possible last week. So, The Rockcastle

County School system partnered with the City of Mount Vernon to make that happen and,

(See "Vet" on A8)

## School board member resigns with only one remaining meeting

School Board member Jeff VanHook submitted his immediate resignation at last week's regular monthly meeting.

VanHook did not run for the seat in the recent election and the seat will be filled by board member-elect Angela Parsons Woods who ran unopposed for the Division 2 seat. Though VanHook had

only one more regular meeting before his term expired, he said his resignation was required by law since he sold his home and no longer lives within the district 2 borders. "According to KRS statutes, one has to live inside their district to legally have a seat on the school board," he said.

VanHook is also Executive Director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development

Authority. Chairman Angela Mink said the board will not have to fill his seat since it would take 60 days to follow the appointment guidelines and Woods will take the seat before that time anyway.

Though Superintendent Carrie Ballinger read VanHook's letter of resignation aloud to the board, VanHook spoke after-

(See "Resign" on A8)

## Kentucky students fall behind School Board members each express concern

By: Mike French Editor

To say it was an emotional meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education last week may be an understatement. On two separate occasions, different subjects during the abnormally long regular monthly meeting, brought some to visible tears.

After an entertaining presentation from the Mount Vernon Elementary School and then another from representa-

tives of the GEAR-UP Program, the meeting started with the signing of a proclamation designating November 16-20 as Family Engagement Week. The proclamation supports and encourages family engagement with each child's education, growth and development.

*"The most cataclysmic thing to ever happen to education is this virus."*

—Marcus Reppert

Then, during the regular course of the meeting, board member Anna Stevens Goff expressed strong concern that Rock-

(See "School" on A5)

## Heather Lovy faces thirteen charges

By: Mike French Editor

Heather Rae Lovy, 26, of Oldham County faces 13 charges, following her arrest in Rockcastle County on Sunday, November 15.

According to an arrest citation, police were called to Hayes Market on Highway 461 where a woman was apparently unresponsive.

Upon arrival, Mount

Vernon Police Officer Dylan Hale found the driver of a vehicle unsteady and with slurred speech. Hale called EMS since the driver seemed unable to communicate or stand, the report says.

EMS workers administered 2 Narcan to the driver who then began to realize where she was.

The citation says the driver then claimed she

(See "Charges" on A8)

## County signing final Chapin agreements

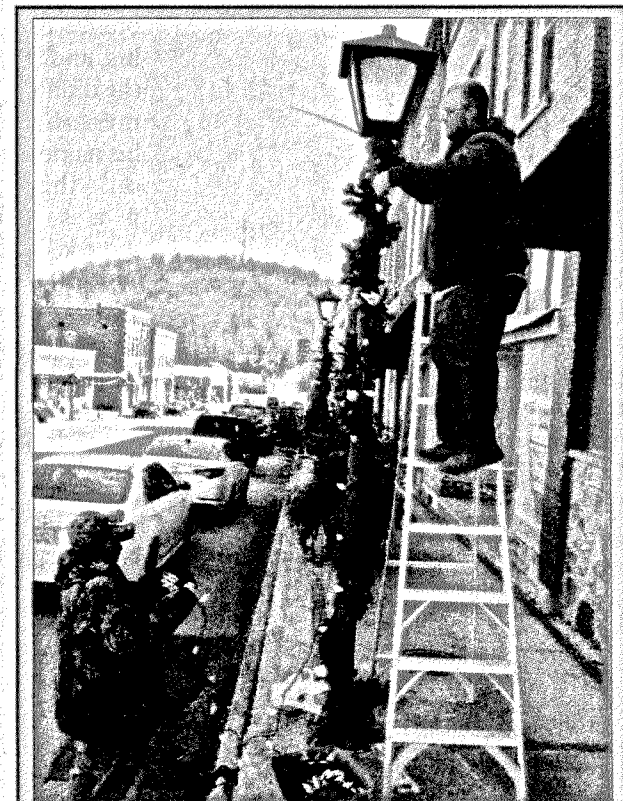
—Budget looking better

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court started their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening with a closed session. Once the meeting was back in open session, the court voted to give both Rockcastle County

Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook the authority to negotiate and sign the final agreements between the county and the new Chapin Plastics, Inc.

(See "Chapin" on A8)



Mount Vernon Water Superintendent Frank Baker and city employee Jordon Bales placed Christmas decorations this week. Donations from the Rockcastle Garden Club will also help adorn city streets through the holidays.

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

As you reach a certain age, unless you are very, very luck genetically or have lived an exceptionally well ordered life (read correct food and exercise), you may encounter some health issues as you age. That has happened to me but, I'm happy to say, still nothing excessively worrying on the scene, as yet.

One of the good things about feeling under the weather occasionally is having five daughters who care enough about their old mom to decide that, at this point, she needs some help with day-to-day living.

That help, thus far, has taken the route of bringing in delicious meals and spending several hours each weekend taking turns cleaning the homestead (one with the additional help of granddaughter Alaina).

I really appreciate the cleaning effort. When you live alone, with just a few pets, you really don't get excited if the dishes pile up in the sink and the vacuum doesn't get taken from its resting spot real often. It's only when these situations get corrected that you realize that life can actually be much more enjoyable/comfortable if there are not dishes piled in the sink and the vacuum is put to good use.

Anyway I do appreciate their efforts and wanted them to know that publicly.

I have really been down in spirit lately, and if you read this column at all you'll realize why immediately.

I firmly believe that there were serious shenanigans afoot with our presidential election which resulted in the cur-

rent outcome and I also feel that said shenanigans are a threat to this country's survival as a republic.

I fear that the two-tier system of justice that we seemingly have going on will extend to a "don't rock the boat" attitude by those in power that could do something about this farce of an election simply ignoring facts of fraud.

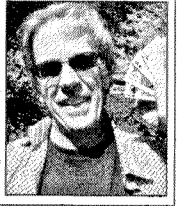
Doesn't it bother anyone that six states called a quit to counting votes election night and, in all those states, with President Trump substantially ahead at the time. But, early Wednesday morning our President had fallen substantially behind when thousands of votes (130,000 at one point in Pennsylvania) were cast for Joe Biden with none for President Trump.

I think this has been planned by the Democrat Party for months hence

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was always a week-long job and I enjoyed every moment of it. Of course, at the time, I didn't know how much I enjoyed it and would someday wish for those days again, but I never really got tired of it even in the moment.

It was the Thanksgiving celebration.

My aunt Mary Ruth hosted the family Easter celebration every year. We all gathered at her house to feast and hunt eggs and play on her farm. There must have been 20 of us kids dash- ing to the yard searching for that elusive "Prize Egg."

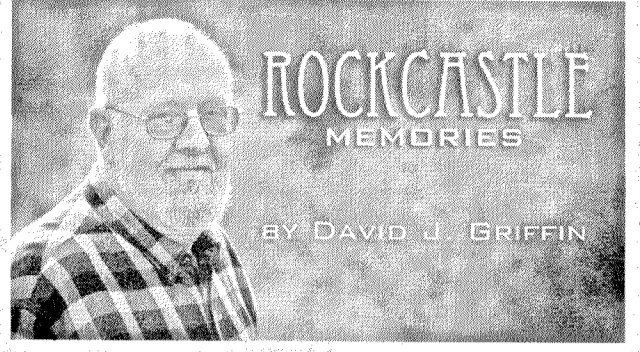
In those days, people didn't believe in "participation awards." If you won, you won. If you didn't, you tried again next year. I was not "damaged" or "psychologically affected" from that. Instead, I was taught real

life and the truth about the world rather than fantasy expectations

Aunt Edna Mae sometimes hosted our Halloween festivities and everyone in the family dressed as something. I was taught we are all the same behind the masks.

My Grandmother hosted the family Christmas dinner every year. Each member of the family opened their private presents at home under their own tree, but then we all got presents for every member of the huge

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### Favorite Drives

When my November edition of Southern Living magazine arrived, I took a glance at the contents page and was delighted to find that the Travel and Culture section had a story about scenic drives.

When I turned to that segment of the magazine, I discovered that three of the five featured road trips were ones which my wife and I have visited on numerous occasions:

Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, and the Red River Gorge Scenic Byway.

My first experience with two of the drives began in the spring of 1961, when my friend, Bud Cox, and I drove to Manassas, Virginia, to visit my brother (Al) and his family. Because we were on Spring Break from high school, we opted to take the leisurely drive to make our trip last

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



Last Friday, noonish, I was sitting on the front porch, soaking up the last warm day we're apt to see for awhile, when Loretta stepped outside to bring me a cup of just-brewed coffee. I'm lucky she didn't spill half of it in my lap because she was no sooner put the door than she began exclaiming, "Look, look, look at that beautiful hawk in the garden!"

The garden, at least

what little is left of it, is only a few feet directly beside the left side of the porch and by the few seconds it took me to spot the bird, it was ready to take flight. Suffice to say that my wife has no future career as a wildlife stalker. A pet cat would have taken flight at all the commotion she was making.

In the meantime, I was wondering where the peregrine falcon had come from and what was it doing in my late cabbage plants? (The cabbage plants are something else that have no

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*We Give Thanks...*

In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Gunner, a Hero of WWII

Dear Journal, This morning was a cool, rainy Sunday morning and I was in no hurry to get out of bed. I finally managed

to get up and sat on the side of the bed and reached to the night stand to get my tablet. As I woke up,



I scrolled through Facebook. I don't get on it as much as I did, so I needed to catch up on things. The very first thing I saw was that my first cousin, Linda, in North Carolina had died

yesterday. So sad.

I scrolled a little farther and saw a post that really got my attention. It was a post that a man named Ian Brown had posted in remembrance of his uncle (he didn't mention his name) on this past week's Veterans Day.

The first thing that caught my eye was a rather scruffy looking mixed breed dog. He looked like he was mostly a Jack Russell.

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## “ramblings”

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their universal mail-in ballots efforts. The only thing that caused something of a problem for them was that President Trump was winning so heavily that they had to come up with more bogus votes than they originally thought they would have to and this required them shutting down the counting in these swing states to give them time to come up with their thousands upon thousands of bogus ballots.

I think that election machines furnished by Dominion were built for just such an outcome. I think there is significant proof of voter fraud (illegals and the dead besides just plain old ballot box stuffing) in these states particularly but do I think that we will see a just outcome for our President and our country? No, I do not. I think that with the support of 99% of the media, the tech industry and big business (who love Democrats for their pro position on illegal immigration which helps them have a constant supply of cheap labor) that the lie will be allowed to stand and we will all be worse off for it.

We may even be “worse off” enough that our country will cease to be that “shining city upon a hill” President Reagan talked about in his farewell speech in 1989.

I am bereft. I am saddened that there is even the hint of improprieties in our national election. It sickens me when I think of the lives that have been lost by our soldiers who have fought for our country because they assumed

that we would always be a country of law and order for everyone and the best example of exceptionalism in the world.

Call me a sore loser, call it sour grapes, call it whatever you want but deep down, each and everyone who participated in this farce knows the damage they have done to our country and they are still rejoicing in it.

## “Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

family and took those to Grandma's house.

Luckily, all of mom's 11 brothers and sisters and all their children knew why we were there. I was taught it wasn't for the presents.

Then, at Thanksgiving, it was our home that hosted those same family members.

For the full week before Thanksgiving, mom was cooking the stuff that would last till Thanksgiving Day and changing all the tablecloths and curtains to look seasonal.

The two days before Thanksgiving, mom never sat down. I felt sorry for her because she worked like a farm mule but the truth is, she loved every minute of it.

I see her heart breaking every time she stands in front of a stove wishing she could still cook such feasts..

Our home was filled with people and dishes covered every flat surface. Typically, in those days, the men gathered up in one area of the house and the women gathered in another, while us kids were outside playing.

Yes, kids used to run and jump and climb trees and get dirty and cold and explore life. We experi-

enced fellowship, made friends, learned lessons, got bruises and learned to heal from life's misfortunes.

The only time we were sitting on the couch, with our face buried in a device ignoring our family, was when the device was a humidifier and we had a cold. Of course in those days, when it was flu season, we didn't lock our doors and hide in the basement.

Holidays were about family in those days. We were so thankful for our freedom, our liberty, our family, our home, our jobs and the things that most people seem to take for granted anymore.

Mom can't host such family events anymore but it wouldn't be the same even if she could. Of course grandma and grandpa are gone and most of mom's brothers and sisters and dad is gone as well.

Myself and Dora gather at mom's with my kids and their other halves and my grandchildren now. We all bring what we can and we still laugh and sing and play and our house is filled with thanks givings.

But I was blessed to live in a time when family holidays gave us all one more big reason for joy. Old fashioned joy.

That kind of joy of knowing there is a house filled with people who all love each other. Some of them I only saw two or three times a year but there was no gap in our love for each other. It was like we had just seen them yesterday.

Those were days filled with fellowship and prayer with respect for everyone, honor for those older and adoration for those younger. No one in the house was rich and no one was poor. No one was better or worse, above or below anyone else.

It was life as we knew it. I was taught thankfulness comes from the heart, not the lips.

Because we grew up with it, we will always have it. And those memories are yet one more of the countless things I have to be thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## “Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

longer and to allow us to see the amazing wildlife in the area. Bud and I talked about that trip for the next 50 plus years.

My wife and I have driven on the Blue Ridge Parkway several times. On at least two occasions, we even planned our vacation travels around the parkway.

Since we are addicted to scenic views of nature and wildlife watching, my wife and I love the slow-paced 45 mph speed limit. It is also especially helpful because we take lots of photographs, and the Parkway offers frequent and extraordinarily easy pull-offs that make this possible.

We have spent a couple of our vacations visiting Skyline Drive, which is a 105 mile road that runs the entire length of the National Park Service's Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. It is hard to beat for viewing fall foliage.

The speed limit along Skyline Drive is 35 mph, giving the visitor a leisurely view of the National Park. Deer, black bear, and turkeys are often seen crossing the

highway in the Park. I have taken photos of a black bear on a couple of occasions in the area.

Southern Living's article about the Red River Gorge began this way: “If outdoor adventure is what you're after, the Red River Gorge Scenic Byway has it at every turn.” The 16-mile drive passes through the Daniel Boone National Forest in Powell County.

Before we moved to Mt. Sterling in November of 2019, we lived in an A-frame house on top of Furnace Mountain in Powell County. Our house was only eight miles from the entrance to the Red River Gorge. We often drove through the gorge as we enjoyed the amazing views, the trails, the awesome trees in the fall, and an occasional glimpse of wild-life.

When we had our friends visit from other parts of the state, we often took them on a drive through the gorge. Combined with the mountaintop view from our back deck, they often likened it to a visit to the Smokies.

I have enjoyed taking road trips since I acquired my driver's license in March of 1960. But no matter how many I have experienced, I often still find myself up for a leisurely drive through the rolling hills and mountains of Kentucky—it may not be a road trip, but it will do for the time being.

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

## “T.J.s”

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He was white with a brown spot on his back and two spots covering each side of his face, ears and base of his tail. He had ears that stood up and then drooped down a bit in the front and had hair that was about an inch long. Altogether, he was just a very cute little dog. Some soldiers had raised him while being deployed on the front lines in Germany during WWII. They cared for Gunner the best they could considering the conditions. They fed him of their rations and he slept under an anti-aircraft gun that Ian Brown's uncle used in service.

When Gunner was about eighteen months old he began aiding his family, the soldiers. He would get up and listen

quietly, almost as if he had been trained. He could just sense a danger in the air. If he didn't growl, all was safe. If he began to growl, the German fighter planes would soon be seen in the skies above. He was known to be 100% accurate. Gunner could hear the German planes coming before any instrumentation the Allied forces had, if they even had any at that time. He alerted this family to the swiftly approaching danger and his outfit no doubt warned other soldiers in the area. This little dog saved the lives of an untold number of soldiers and aided in the victory of WWII. Ian wanted to save this unique bit of his family's history before it faded away. He thought it was a tale worth remembering and so do I.

The day came when the Allied Forces won the war and it was time for Ian's uncle to come back home to America. Guess what. He brought little Gunner home with him and the uncle and little Gunner spent their days together from then on in peace and happiness with the front lines and the German planes only a distant memory.

According to Wikipedia, there is a similar story about a dog but this dog is black and white. This dog's name is Gunnar and was an Australian Kelpie. He also detected planes and was trained by Percy Westcott. Gunnar served in the Royal Australian Air Force 1942-1945. He worked defending northern Australia from Japanese aircraft. To see more about Gunnar go to Wikipedia.

## “Points East”

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future unless you count them as green manure but my buddy, Ralph King, brought them to me in early October and my brother, Andy, felt obligated to stick them in the garden. And, hey, it is still 2020 so you never what will happen to them.)

The only thing I know for sure is that, for a scant few seconds, I was staring down a peregrine falcon. It would be difficult to miss identify one in broad daylight when it was standing fewer than 20 feet away and didn't seem to be in any particular hurry to leave. Our yard is infested with voles and/or moles and I suspect the falcon had found an easy meal. I'd be willing to build it a perch if it

wanted to take up residence.

I know that there are nesting peregrines some 20 miles away on Herrington Lake and I've been told that they are frequently sighted much closer by on Silver Creek and several other, nearby, larger bodies of water.

It's also not uncommon to spot other birds of prey off their perch. We have seen bald eagles on numerous occasions. Three years ago we had an osprey hanging around for a couple of weeks and we still see it every now and then. Red tail hawks are with us nearly every day and a friendly Cooper's hawk often lights on the roof of Loretta's she shed located on the opposite side of the garden. I hear both barred and great horned owls' talking to one another nearly every night, within 200 yards, or closer, to the house, but the falcon was a rather pleasant surprise.

It's a very common sight to spot one sort of raptor or another perched on a dead sycamore limb directly in front of or right beside our house. We also see one or another varieties of hawks utilizing the same habitat nearly every time we make a daylight trip to Berea, Richmond or Berea.

This is a tad off the subject, but I'd like to know why the sycamores are dying in our neck of the wood and whether other folks in other places are experiencing the same phenomena? It seems to be a rather slow death that starts in the topmost branches and works its way down.

One larger sycamore beside our house is nearly completely dead now and its demise has been 20 years in the making. Two others that tower upwards of 100 feet tall, directly in front of the house, have been noticeably dying for the 3 or 4 years to the point that their top 20 feet have already become leafless skeletons.


Without trying very hard, I counted 26 sycamores on a 7 mile stretch alongside highway 21, between Paint and Berea that were in various stages of death and decay. A couple of them are so tall and the limbs so large that they are rapidly becoming dangers to the traveling public.

If anybody knows what's going on with the sycamores, please let me know, not that I can do anything about it. I'm reasonably sure this one can't be blamed on Covid 19.

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**Health Department Holiday Hours**  
 Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 25-27, 2020 (beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the 25th) in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.  
**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.

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# Obituaries



## Charley Lamb

Charley Lamb, 85, of Old State Road, Mt. Vernon, has been lovingly reunited with his parents, his beloved wife, Lois (Mason) Lamb, of 57 years, and their infant son after peacefully passing on November 12, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 30, 1935 to the late Lafey Scott and Ida Mae (Kidwell) Lamb. He married Lois (Mason) Lamb on June 26, 1963.

He was a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County. He was a child of God and a member of Roundstone Baptist Church. He served his country in the United States Army and was also a former employee of the Rockcastle County Road Department. He was a farmer, farmhand, handyman, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a true friend. He was a very honest, hardworking man who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by: his children, Betty Jean Lamb Brinegar, Ronnie Jay (Susan) Lamb and Donnie Ray Lamb, all of Mt. Vernon, Sheila Lynn Lamb Alexander (Herbert Shanks) of Richmond and Charles Steven (Snake) (Fannie) Lamb of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren, Larry Travis (Jennifer) Smith of Richmond, Sgt. Alicia Nicole Lamb of Georgetown, Latoya Lamb (Michael Collins) of Mt. Vernon, Brandon (Stephanie) Lamb of Berea, Danielle Alexander of Richmond, Deanna Alexander of Richmond, Savannah Lamb of Mt. Vernon and Steven Lamb of Mt. Vernon; eight great grandchildren, Jordan, MJ, Kaliee, Kayden, Kendall, Landon, Branson, and Oaklee; siblings, JT Lamb of Berea, Dora Faye Lamb Smith of Mt. Vernon, and Wilma Jean Lamb Moody of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Betty Lois Mason Lamb, and infant son, Phillip Joe; his parents, Lafey Scott, and Ida Mae (Kidwell) Lamb; a brother, Albert Forester Lamb; sisters, Julia Melissa Lamb and Elvena Lamb Powers; and dear friend, Bruce Fraley, all with whom he will be reunited.

His final resting place is in Wynn Cemetery, Conway, with a graveside service held Saturday, November 14, 2020 with Jamie Hamilton officiating.

Casketbearers were: his sons, Donnie, Snake, and Ronnie; grandson, Steven Lamb; nephew, Lafey Smith; and family friend, Jeff Carpenter. Honorary casketbearers were: JT Lamb, Scott Lamb, Vester Maples, Bruce Fraley Jr. and Ernie Eugene Mason.

Obituary provided by the family.

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## New deadline

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

### Expectations

#### What Do We Expect From God?

In this world of unaccountability, Christians often think somehow they should be able to live under the canopy of Christianity, that is the security of God, without having any expectations upon them. In other words, God pour out your bountiful blessings upon me. It leads to the attitude that somehow God owes us and that we are entitled to all that He has to offer.

In all other relationships, there are expectations from both parties. For example, in marriage we want faithfulness, loyalty. In the family, we want respect for and from each other. In business, we want honesty, dependability, reliability but somehow we have gotten the ideal when it comes to God that we should have great expectations of Him and He should not expect anything from us. I would like to point out a few scriptures that teach otherwise:

*Exodus Chapter 14* Moses had to expect God to save them when he parted the Red Sea or he wouldn't have led the children of Israel across the floor of the sea. Point is it's okay to expect great things of God when you're acting on His instructions and He will deliver you. Folks, that takes faith.

*Deuteronomy Chapter 28:2* And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, IF thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy GOD.

*28:15* But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy GOD, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee.

It takes faith in God and no one else, in *Genesis 22* Abraham followed God's instructions in offering up Isaac. In *Daniel 3* Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not fall down and worship Nebuchadnezzar's gold image. They put their faith in God, not in themselves and not in Nebuchadnezzar and in *verses 25-26*, once again, God delivers His servants.

In *John 10:10* Christ says I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. In *John 14:15* He says if you love me keep my commandments. If we put our faith in God, He'll exceed expectations!

**New Times for Services due to COVID 19**  
Sunday Morning: 9:30 Worship Service and again at 11:30

No Sunday Night Service  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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## Marietta (Gatliff) Jones

Marietta (Gatliff) Jones 70, of Brodhead, died Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born May



17, 1950 in Berea to the late Delbert and Dorothy (Ramsey) Gatliff. She married Billy Jones on March 20, 1970 and from that union came three children, Angela, Toni, and Steven. She was a factory seamstress for 39 years, was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 50 years, Bill Jones of Brodhead, her children, Angela (Scott) Mullins of Stanford, Toni (Marty) Evans of Mt. Vernon, and Steven (Alice) Jones of Quail; grandchildren, Matthew Smith, Jessica (Josh) Lowery, Zachary Bledsoe, Marissa Jones, Kasie Mullins and Israel Mullins; two great grandsons, Brenton Layne Bledsoe and Cason Zachary Bledsoe; and two brothers, Barry (Lavada) Gatliff of Mt. Vernon, and Benny (Joyce) Gatliff of Franklin, OH.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: two infant twin brothers, Floyd and Roy; and one sister, Teresa Gatliff.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at:  
www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

## David John Purcell

David John Purcell, 85, a resident at Thomson-Hood Veterans Home, entered eternal rest Friday, November 6, 2020 while hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Lexington. He was born in the Plato community of Pulaski County December

6, 1934, the son of the late John and Evelyn (Bullock) Purcell. He was a Veteran who served in the Air Force receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1957. He then studied and graduated from Western Kentucky University. He was a member of Burnett's Chapel Methodist Church. He and his wife, the late Alene Norton Purcell, enjoyed their church and shared a love of gospel and bluegrass music.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Alene Norton Purcell, who he married January 27, 1961; and his daughter, Melinda (Dan) Hunter.

Survivors include: his daughter, Melanie (Brett) Williams of Raleigh, NC; a brother, Donald (Louanna) Purcell of Somerset; grandchildren, Spencer Williams and Ramsey Williams, Hannah (Bill) Semones and Collin Hunter; and great grandchildren, Quinn and Scout Semones.

Burial service was held at the gravesite in Skaggs Creek Cemetery in Rockcastle County on Saturday November 14, 2020.

Pulaski Funeral Home was entrusted with funeral arrangements.

### You Are Not Alone

Remember the words of Peter as he wrote to those who were enduring terrible afflictions. 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. The Heavenly Father does care for you, He has provided many things for us in our times of trouble. He knows you personally by name. John 10:3 To him the porter opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

When you pray to God, Jesus is able to call your name out to God and say to him, this is John Doe or Cathy Deer, or your name and they are going through some difficult times and they need your help. Our Father is so aware of you, that the very hairs of your head are numbered. Matthew 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. If God pays that close attention to us, to know the very number of hairs that are on our heads, can we doubt that God is with us at all times. We are not alone.

Not only does the Father know our names and the number of hairs on our head. He puts the tears in a bottle and writes them in His book, according to the Psalmist. Psalms 56:8 Thou tells my wanderings, put thou tears in a bottle, are they not in my book. Putting our tears in a bottle has reference to the ancient practice of bottling the tears of a mourner burying it with the deceased.

What David is asking God his to not forget his tears. This verse indicates the interest God has in the tears we shed in sorrows, grief and losses. When we ask God to remember our tears we must also remember, His promise about taking away all tears.

Revelations 21:4 God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. Remember you are not alone in your suffering, God wanted you and I to know, others are suffering along with us. This is the reason Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 10:13 But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

This verse puts forth the idea for us to trust in God and drawer nearer to Him when we are in trouble. No wonder Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

Thank you as always for reading this message, I pray God has blessed you with things you need, and you remembered to give God the thanks that He so richly deserves. (It is shocking that many men are more concerned with the weather, that they are facing God in judgement.) If you would like to call someone from the Church, you can reach us at these two numbers: Bro. Dale McNew- 859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104.

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### 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 Re-**

### covery 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 Brodhead Recovery-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.

## 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:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. The purchaser shall pay the 2020 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".
  10. 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**

## “School”

(Continued from front)

castle County students, and students throughout Kentucky, are falling behind. With an emotional expression of her views, Goff said she was speaking as a mother as much as a board member. "Our kids are so far behind. I mean way, way behind where they should be right now," she said. "I am so heavy hearted that my kids were 4.0 students and now they are this far behind."

She continued to say students may not be doing their work as expected under the new virtual system of education. "I started checking and my kids weren't doing anything. They were just learning nothing. And I am one of the mothers who checked on it and tries to keep up with their progress," she said. "We have to do something. I don't know what all the answers are, but something needs to change. It is very sad that our students have fallen behind this much. Our students are not getting the education they should be getting."

At the time of the meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th, Rockcastle County was still listed as a "Red Zone" county and, with rising COVID-19 cases, many expected that rating to remain intact for some time. State mandates all but require Kentucky schools to close to in-person classes with this rating. However, Rockcastle County was lowered to an "Orange Zone" two days later.

Not knowing that rating would be lowered, Goff's statement sparked an intense conversation among every board member and most department heads, each of whom expressed similar concerns.

Superintendent Carrie Ballinger answered questions and responded to comments during the conversation agreeing that students should be in a classroom. "There is no doubt that kids need to be in a classroom with a teacher," she said. "But we have no choice but to consider the personal safety of each student as well as the staff, faculty and parents. We have a responsibility to all of them to make wise decisions based on facts."

Board Chairman Angela Stallworth-Mink said officials may not be fully aware of the problems parents and students are having with the new system. "Let's face it," she said. "You guys are all central office. Parents and kids say things to us that they may not say to you. Parents come to us

with concerns they may not share with central office. I talk to mothers who are hurting. I mean they are really hurting and there is nothing they can do to help."

While Rockcastle County students are scoring better than students in many other counties, according to some, Ballinger hopes to get students caught up quickly. "All we can do is take into consideration all the health department recommendations, the state's recommendations, the mandates, the spread of the virus, the dangers involved and consider every possible angle and make the best decision for the safety of everyone," she said. "We have to consider so many factors before we make any decisions and we have to do the right thing for everyone. Sometimes that may not be popular or expected but we have no choice but to keep everyone's health and safety in mind."

Board member Jeff VanHook suggested he is ready for students to return to class in person. "There is danger involved in driving home tonight. It may be dangerous to sit here right now. Life is filled with danger and risks. But sometimes you have to accept some risks in life," he said.

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert agreed all students are not getting the proper education. "It is clear that some students are definitely struggling. We know that some students haven't done anything at all," he said. "We try our best to reach out to those students and contact the parents and keep everyone involved. There are some who take very well to this system. But truthfully, there are others who do not and yes, they are behind. The most cataclysmic thing to ever happen to education is this virus."

Director of Instruction Jason Coguer said students need relationships with teachers. "What we are missing here is the one-on-one relationship with teachers and fellow students. If any of us listed who we would thank for where we are today, we would list some of our teachers. Kids are not getting that," he said. "It takes two things to provide a good education -- keeping a student interested and keeping a student involved. Virtual learning does not provide either of those two things. The honest truth is, every teacher in the state is a first year teacher this year. We have no experienced educators because there is no one with experience at any of this. That, combined with no social contact, and it is a

difficult time for everyone. Students need a teacher to see, to speak to, to share with, to bond with, to work with and you just can't get that with virtual learning."

Several board members told sad stories that started with "I know one parent who..." but all of them ended with the student being left behind and not getting the education the board member believed they should.

VanHook and Mink both suggested the "facts and figures" provided by the state may not be accurate. "The numbers the state tell us may or may not be the whole story," said Mink. VanHook expanded saying "These incident rate numbers they (state officials) are using are based on things that don't apply to Rockcastle County's population," he said.

Ballinger listened to each story and each recommendation and before moving on to the next agenda item, made a final comment. "I believe it is our responsibility and our duty to look at all data and take every form of information possible into consideration. Not one person wants kids back in school more than I do. But the reality is we have to look at the health of the staff as well as the students and families of Rockcastle County," she said. "We have to make the wise decisions based on every aspect of health and education and everyone's well-being. It is all we can do."

Two days after the meeting, Rockcastle County was taken out of the "Red Zone" and placed in the "Orange Zone" lifting some of the Governor's and the Health Department's recommendations. On Thursday evening, Ballinger announced school would be back in session this week for in-person classes. By press time Tuesday, the rating was back to within 0.02 of the Red Zone rating again.

The meeting then moved on.

Finance Director Jenny Sweet provided the monthly financial statements and budget statements to the board. The 40-page Order of the Treasurer report listed detailed expenses in the school system but Sweet reaffirmed her transparency. "Look though all of it and if you have the slightest question on anything at all, for any reason at all at any time, please don't hesitate to ask," she said. "This goes for the entire budget and all expenditures and revenues. Ask..please ask. It is your job to ask questions and it is my job to answer them. Don't hesi-

tate." Ballinger also asked for board approval to change the wording of the Rocket Relaunch Program. She asked to change the word "will" to "may" in every instance in the program guide.

According to Ballinger, this will provide more flexibility to the school system and avoid possible misunderstandings in the future. "Rather than say we 'will' do something under certain conditions, we need to say we 'may' do that," she said. "It gives us more flexibility to study all factors involved instead of putting us in a corner."

As a last item for discussion, Ballinger announced that future meetings, beginning in December, will be broadcast live on social media. "There are a lot of questions people have that could be answered at our meetings. This will make it easier and safer for anyone who wants to attend a meeting to do so from home," she said.

The board then heard the Superintendent's Personnel Report. It is as follows:

**Full Time Classified Employees:**

Charity Johnson, Assistant Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Scott Adams, Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Matthew Brown, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at RCHS; Lisa Durham, Food Service Manager at BES; Angie Payne, School Based Mental Health Coordinator at RCMS.

**Resignations:**

Scott Adams, Assistant Academic Team Coach at RCMS; Jason VanZant, custodian at RCHS; Angela Hendrickson, Academic Team Coach at RCMS.

**Retirements:**

Marian Cable, Teacher at MVES.

## “Zone”

(Continued from front)

Conditions apply for each incident zone rating and that rating is based on a complex formula designed by health professionals.

The new ratings place an area or a community in either Green, Yellow, Orange or Red Zones.

Coincidentally, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Carrie Ballinger had created a system specifically for Rockcastle County, prior to the state's color system, that was nearly the same system. Unfortunately, this caused even more unavoidable confusion locally because the state's new four-color system was slightly different from Ballinger's three-color system. Hence, many local residents confused the two systems.

Since then Ballinger addressed this issue at a board meeting and abandoned her system locally to avoid more confusion.

Statewide, the "Green" rating is for counties with zero or one case daily per 100,000 people. Even in the Green rating, the state lists many restrictions and suggestions including masks, the cancelling of field trips and limiting visitors. Administrators and community leaders are asked to consider avoiding events or gatherings.

The "Yellow" rating is for counties with 1-10 new positive cases daily per 100,000 people. Those in the Orange Zones have the same restrictions as those in Yellow Zones with minor additions. However, those additions only suggest more awareness and encouragement of masks and social distancing and asks that officials consider restricting the number of student at one time in one place and to consider other steps to avoid spread.

The "Orange" rating asks that administrators consider remote learning only and is applied to counties with 10-25 cases daily per 100,000 people. The wording of restrictions in the Orange rating is more aggressive and "suggests" that no groups gather unless necessary.

The "Red" rating is for communities with 25 or more cases per day per 100,000 people. None of the ratings forbid in-person classes but the wording avoids words like "consider" in the Red Zone. Officials locally (school board member Jeff VanHook for example) said the

Governor's "suggestions" may as well be mandates if he may withhold funding unless those "suggestions" are followed.

The Red rating "suggests" suspending in-person classes and the closure of government buildings unless essential. All school-related activities, including sports, are also cancelled in the Red Zones.

The color zone system was created in a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

As of Thursday, November 12, Rockcastle County was moved from the Red Zone to the Orange Zone and Ballinger and school board members decided to return to in-person classes this week. Ballinger suggests she intends to avoid halting in-person classes again unless the spread begins to put individual students or staff in direct danger.

Ballinger says she will continue to remain in contact with the health department and other officials to monitor the spread of COVID-19, but she feels "confident that we can work to mitigate this spread and keep our students safe."

Ballinger says there are no teachers who are positive for COVID-19 and only one bus driver is in quarantine. There are two students in quarantine and two students who tested positive. One of those students has not been in a school building this year and the other is in quarantine.

Rockcastle's rating as of Sunday, November 15 was 22.2. The highest rated Kentucky county is Elliot with 157.5. Allen County is the lowest with 16.1

The sudden Orange rating came as a relief to Ballinger since every board member and most department heads asked Ballinger to send students back to in-person classes at last week's regular monthly school board meeting.

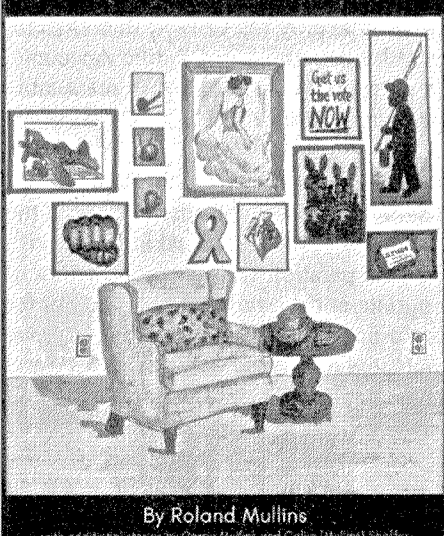
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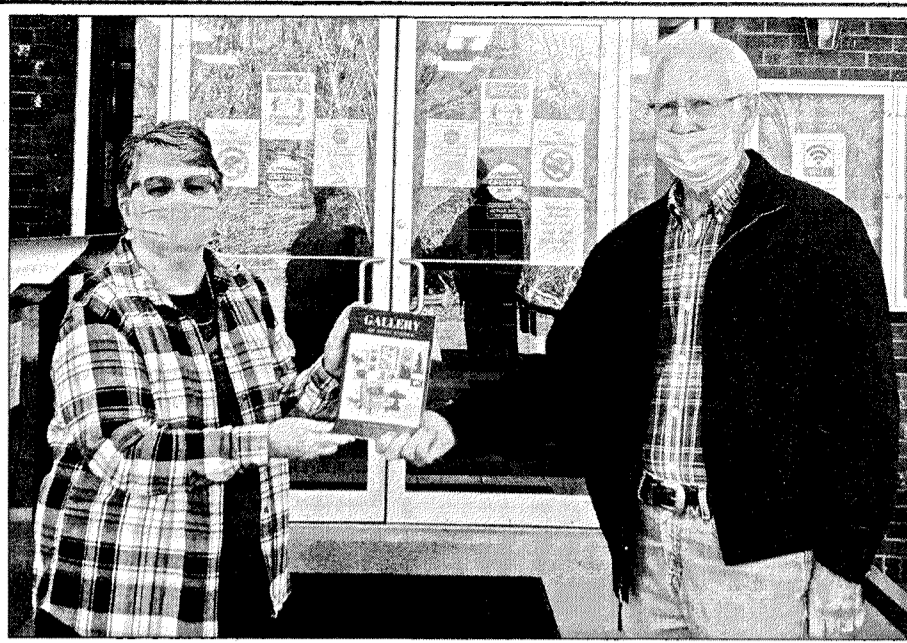
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Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger signed a declaration for GEAR UP Family Engagement Week for November 16-20. Pictured standing are from left: Cayci Mahaffey (Academic Interventionist), Eric Bullock (College and Career Navigator), Rebecca Isaacs (Program Manager), Kayla Bryant (Academic Interventionist), and Caitlin Callahan (College and Career Navigator).



Roland Mullins donated a copy of his newest book titled *Gallery of Short Stories* to the Rockcastle County Library. Pam Chaliff, Rockcastle County Librarian, is shown accepting the book.

## Remembrance Tree goes virtual

One of the community's most beloved, holiday traditions is the annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony, with hundreds participating each year for more than 25 years. The 2020 ceremony will be hosted live and virtually on Sunday, December 6, at 2 p.m.

The event will be live streamed on the Hospice Care Plus Facebook page. A Facebook account is not required to participate. To participate, request a memorial ornament at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or 859-986-1500, then visit [facebook.com/hospicecp](https://facebook.com/hospicecp) at 2 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Anyone can request a memorial ornament. There is no fee for ornaments, but a donation of any size is encouraged. Proceeds from the ceremony cover the cost of the ornaments and help fund all programs offered by Hospice Care Plus.

The Remembrance Tree ceremony gives the community a chance to remember loved ones during the holiday season by placing a personalized memorial ornament on a remembrance tree. Hospice Care Plus sponsors the event as part of its bereavement program, which provides grief support services to the community. Although this year's event must be virtual to comply with COVID guidelines, the program and purpose remain the same.

"We recognize that the holidays are a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones, even if the losses are not recent," says Hospice Care Plus CEO Scott Thompson. "I hope the Remembrance Tree tradition will allow

people to memorialize those loved ones and acknowledge and respect their absence."

Lisa Knicely, who leads Hospice's bereavement program, believes the COVID-19 pandemic may make grief during the holidays even more pronounced.

"A lot of people who've had a loss this year had to go through it without the typical supports. They may not have had the chance to mourn together with family and friends, or to participate in the rituals that help us have closure and say goodbye. It's possible that will make the holidays more challenging this year. The Remembrance Tree, as a ritual and a ceremony, can help."

Many families save and collect each Remembrance Tree ornament. The 2020 ornament is a round, transparent disk featuring a winter scene with a cardinal, and includes the saying, "I am always with you."

The live-streamed ceremony will begin with an opening prayer and holiday music and continue with the reading of memorial names. Hospice Care Plus staff will place memorial ornaments on the Remembrance Tree as the names are read. Guests who participate virtually are invited to use Facebook comments to type their loved one's name as it is read or to share a favorite memory.

Guests may claim their ornaments on one of four dates in December. The pick-up will take place outdoors, socially distanced, on Dec. 7 and 8, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Compassionate Care Center, and Dec. 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Hospice's Berea office.

For questions or more information, contact Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or [hospice@hospicecp.org](mailto:hospice@hospicecp.org).

Hospice Care Plus is Rockcastle County's non-profit provider of home hospice care, inpatient hospice care, the Compassionate Care Center, home palliative care, and bereavement support.

## New deadline

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



MIKE HARMON  
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Howell Holbrook, Jr., Rockcastle County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Shannon Franklin, Rockcastle County Sheriff  
Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

### Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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### Auditor's Responsibility

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An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### • Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2019 Fee Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter is being published by Auditor of Public Accounts on November 19, 2020 in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

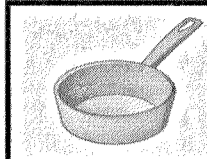
Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,  
Sheriff of Rockcastle County

**SLICE AND BAKE  
FRUITCAKE COOKIES**

These two recipes come from a friend of mine from Brodhead High School, Phyllis Shivel. We both remember good times at the skating rink. I graduated with one of her brothers. For the first recipe Phyllis writes: Regina, I use 1 cup of the mixed fruit, which usually has cherries in it. After I roll dough in a log, I roll one log in green sugar and one in red and chill. I put 1/2



**Mamaw's Kitchen**

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



of red or green cherry on top. (Red cherry with red sugared roll, green with green.)

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 and 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup each red and green candied cherries, chopped

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda. Gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Fold in raisins and cher-

ries. Shape dough into two 2-inch thick logs. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.

Preheat oven to 350°. Cut logs into 1/4-inch slices. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to

cool.

**MOCHA NUT BALLS**

- 1 cup butter softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 3/4 C all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans or walnuts
- Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 325°. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, cocoa, and coffee granules. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture and mix well. Stir in nuts. Roll into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes or until firm. Cool on pans for 1 to 2 minutes before removing to wire racks. Roll warm cookies in powdered sugar.

**CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a November 25, 2020, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2021.

**KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES**

**Residential Service - Rate RS**

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Infrastructure:	\$ 0.05886	\$ 0.06750
Variable:	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Total:	\$ 0.08963	\$ 0.09950

**Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy**

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh:		
Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.02683	\$ 0.03312
Off-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Off-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.05760	\$ 0.06512
On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.24465	\$ 0.18924
On-Peak Hours (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
On-Peak Hours (Total):	\$ 0.27542	\$ 0.22124

**Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand**

	Current	Proposed
Basic Service Charge per Day:	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure):	\$ 0.01276	\$ 0.01276
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable):	\$ 0.03077	\$ 0.03200
Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total):	\$ 0.04353	\$ 0.04476
Plus a Demand Charge per kW:		
Base Hours	\$ 3.44	\$ 4.01
Peak Hours	\$ 8.90	\$ 10.37

KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions and to add two optional rate schedules: General Time-of-Day Energy Service ("GTOD-Energy") and General Time-of-Day Demand Service ("GTOD-Demand"). KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 10.4%.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Residential	1,120	68,176,839	10.68	12.85	10.67
Residential Time-of-Day	1,184	19,427	10.68	12.08	10.69
General Service	1,689	26,734,943	10.68	26.91	10.68
<b>New Rate Schedule</b>					
All Electric School	25,276	1,453,830	10.68	285.86	10.68
Power Service	31,900	19,592,722	10.67	351.54	10.67
Time-of-Day Secondary	194,032	14,530,948	10.69	1,580.24	10.69
Time-of-Day Primary	1,288,759	26,942,083	10.68	8,786.08	10.68
Retail Transmission	6,852,624	8,787,145	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,490,867	3,514,118	10.69	292,843.20	10.69
Outdoor Lights	58	(129)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting Energy	3,373	18	0.01	0.02	0.01
Traffic Energy	150	2	0.00	0.00	0.00
PSA	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rider - CSR	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outdoor Sports Lighting - Pilot Program	6,800	(4,762)	(4.97)	(99.21)	(4.97)

The monthly residential electric bill increase due to the proposed electric base rates will be 10.67 percent, or approximately \$12.85, for a customer using 1,120 kWh of electricity (the average monthly consumption of a KU residential electric customer).

KU is also proposing an Economic Relief Surcredit Adjustment Clause, which will credit KU customers a total of \$11.9 million over twelve months when new rates go into effect from this proceeding. For the first twelve months of new rates following this proceeding, a \$0.00068 per kWh credit will be applied to all standard rate schedules.

KU is proposing to add an optional rider called Warranty Service for Customer-Owned Exterior Facilities. This rider permits firms that provide warranty service for the repair or replacement of customer-owned exterior electric facilities serving a KU customer's residence and connected to KU distribution facilities and that meet certain standards to use KU's billing services to obtain payment for subscribed warranty service.

KU is proposing a new net metering rate schedule, Rider NMS-2, and renaming its existing Rider NMS to be Rider NMS-1. Rider NMS-1 will serve eligible electric generating facilities as defined in KRS 278.465(2) for which customers have submitted an application for net metering service before the effective date of rates established in this proceeding. Rider NMS-2 will apply to all other net metering customers. KU is also proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.

KU is requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other associated relief to exchange all existing non-communicating electric meters in its service area with Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters.

KU proposes to eliminate certain Environmental Cost Recovery ("ECR") Projects from its ECR mechanism and monthly filings on a going-forward basis, which will result in rate base costs previously included for recovery in the ECR mechanism being recovered through base rates. The reduction in ECR mechanism revenues creates a corresponding increase in base rate revenues with no change in total revenues.

KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:

**Other Charges**

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Returned Payment Charge	\$3.00	\$3.50
Meter Test Charge	\$75.00	\$79.00
Meter Pulse Charge	\$24.00	\$21.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch	\$28.00	\$37.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch	New	\$0
Unauthorized Connection Charge - without meter replacement	\$70.00	\$45.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase standard meter replacement	\$90.00	\$66.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMR meter replacement	\$110.00	\$87.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for single-phase AMI meter replacement	\$174.00	\$149.00
Unauthorized Connection Charge - for three-phase meter replacement	\$177.00	\$154.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	New	\$39.00
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	New	\$15.00
Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.16	\$1.36
Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.99	\$0.92
EVSE - Networked Single Charger	\$132.09	\$132.09
EVSE - Networked Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$193.62
EVSE - Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$82.86
EVSE-R - Networked Single Charger	\$121.79	\$121.79
EVSE-R - Networked Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$173.02
EVSE-R Non-Networked Single Charger	New	\$30.86
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for First Two Hours	\$0.75	\$0.75
EVC-L2 - Charge per Hour for Every Hour After First Two Hours	\$1.00	\$1.00
EVC-FAST - Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
Excess Facilities - w/ no CIAC	1.16%	1.17%
Excess Facilities - w/ CIAC	0.47%	0.47%
TS - Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
TS - Seasonal	100%	100%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com.

A person may examine KU's application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky or at the other KU business offices, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2020-00349.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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## “Chapin”

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The deal will sell the building to the New York company who is already moving into the building. "This will be a very strong relationship between the county and Chapin," said VanHook. They have already hired about seven people at the plant and they are using all local vendors to get the building ready. They have a visible presence here already."

The company expects to eventually hire about 100 full time people at the new facility with an average pay of \$22 per hour, according to VanHook. However, that salary is an average pay for all levels of positions so most employees will start at less than that rate but still more than the state average, VanHook said.

"This is going to be a tremendous benefit to our county," said VanHook. "Not only will we have the occupational tax but also the property tax as well as the opportunity to recirculate local money and increase jobs. It's just a win/win for everyone."

Several officials present said they have been approached by local citizens wishing to apply for a job with the company. Officials say the company will have a website where anyone may submit an application or resume very soon.

The fiscal court then heard County Treasurer Joe Clontz ask for a motion to approve transfers from the general fund. But the transfers equaled much more than the figures shown available in the general fund. "How are we going to transfer more money from the general fund than it has available?" asked Magistrate Shannon Bishop.

Clontz explained that he is making deposits in the general fund that do not appear on the report yet. "We deposited well over \$400,000 in the general fund," he said. "\$141,000 is from the CARES Act reimbursement and another \$232,000 in property tax from the Sheriff's office." The court voted to transfer \$100,000 from the general fund to the jail and \$25,000 from the general fund to 911. Holbrook told the court the CARES Act provides nearly \$500,000 of available funds and he will be applying for the remaining funds this month. "We got the \$141,000 and I submitted the request for the other \$414,000 today (Tuesday, November 10)," he said.

Clontz said a lot of cities and counties have not applied for the funds so he expects announcements soon that even more money is available for those who have applied already.

When funds were low last month and concerns were expressed about making payroll and other bills, Clontz said then "We shouldn't panic just yet. Things will be okay. There are funds coming soon."

Clontz also said the COVID-19 pandemic has not caused the financial damage that many expected. "I really can't tell that COVID has caused that much damage to our finances," he said. "I see a little but not much. After CARES Act funding we are okay." The total deposits in the general fund since November 1 has been

\$473,565.

The court also heard from the new Livingston Chief of Police Bill Barrett who requested help purchasing a computer. "We are very under-policed in Livingston," he said. "There is a lot going on in Livingston that most people don't know anything about and I need to be able to do my job."

Barrett continued to express several needs but only requested help for the computer and gasoline right now. "If you want a police presence in Livingston, then I can help. I love my job but we are grossly underfunded. The funds I have for gas for one month is less than most departments have per day. I don't make arrests right now and can't patrol."

Barrett expressed his desire to provide a better police force for the town. "Can you imagine the worry every day that I face trying to do my job but not having the gas to do it?" he said. Barrett continued to describe funding shortfalls in his department while seeking any help the fiscal court could provide.

Barrett said the computer is \$1,600 and the City of Livingston could provide \$500 of that amount. "I will pay \$100 myself if the court can help with the rest," he said.

The court voted to provide \$1,000 towards the computer but Magistrate Mike McGuire said Barrett would have to approach the City of Livingston for a bigger gas allowance.

The court then discussed the Livingston Gym and Depot. Holbrook said a committee should be formed to oversee the Depot Building. "The Sheltoewe Trace is supposed to be paying rent down there but I can't find where they have paid anything since 2014," he said.

Bishop said he doesn't understand the purpose of the group's space in the Depot Building. "What does the Sheltoewe Trace do anyway?" asked Bishop. "I haven't ever seen them do anything," Holbrook said he isn't certain why the space is rented. "I know that's the name of the trace that goes through there but I really don't know the purpose of the office," Holbrook said. Bishop continued to ask if anyone knows what the Sheltoewe Trace or its employees or volunteers do in Livingston. No one answered but after a moment of waiting, Bishop said, "Well, they need to pay their rent."

In further action, the court voted to repair the Livingston school gymnasium heating and air system for \$26,000, repair the jail roof for \$15,870, repair the CSEPP building for \$28,100 labor and \$14,227 materials, repair a county vehicle for \$4,141, pay auditors \$16,500 for the county audit and remove trees near the sheriff's office (across from the rear of the courthouse) for \$900.

Holbrook then read the new job descriptions for county employees aloud, listing each position's salary and raise schedules and provided those job descriptions to all magistrates.

## “Resign”

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wards in an emotional speech. "We need to try

to be the best school system we can be and strive for perfection," he said. "We will never be perfect but the more we strive for it, the closer we may come to it."

VanHook thanked the board and his constituents and said he feels Woods will be a "capable and caring, service-oriented individual" serving on the board in his seat.

Most members of the board took turns repeating their respect and admiration for VanHook, including Chairman Angela Mink who hasn't always agreed with the division 2 board member. "I don't always agree with Jeff. We see some things differently but I will say I have the utmost respect for him and his desire to put the kids first," she said. "I believe his top priority has always been to do whatever is best for our kids and he doesn't back down from that."

VanHook's letter of resignation listed 30 school employees, workers or staff who played a part in his desire and success as a school board member.

## “Charges”

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was Kayla Stewart and provided an ID and a Social Security Card that belonged to Stewart but the photo on the card didn't match the driver.

Officers located an ID for Heather Lovy that matched the driver and performed a background check on the name to discover she had an outstanding warrant from Jefferson County.

The citation says Lovy told EMS workers that she had "taken Xanax along with a lot of other drugs but could not remember what all she had taken."

When officers were



County Judge Executive, Howell Holbrook, signed a Proclamation with the Rockcastle County Health Department proclaiming Saturday, November 14th as Diabetes Awareness Day in Rockcastle County. The Proclamation urges all citizens to help fight Diabetes and its life-threatening complications by increasing awareness of the risk factors for Diabetes, making healthy lifestyle choices, and by providing care and treatment for those suffering with Diabetes. Pictured from left are: Heather McGuire, Dreama Parker, County Judge Executive Howell Holbrook, Melinda Osborne and Cristy Smith.

about to take Lovy to the hospital, the citation says she asked officer to get her purse. However, inside the car, police discovered a cap to a hypodermic syringe, ziplock baggies, methamphetamine (18.36 grams), a brown substance believed to be heroin, several pills including Suboxone, hydrocodone and Adipex, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, digital scales, a hand gun, a \$350 roll of cash and another \$305 roll of cash.

Lovy refused a blood test at the hospital and, once released, was taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with DUI, giving false identity, possession of heroin, trafficking in meth, possession of controlled substance 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree, prescriptions not in proper container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a hand gun by a convicted felon, theft of identity, possession of marijuana and being a persistent felony offender.

Lovy's bond was set at \$20,000 cash or property.

## “Vet”

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according to officials, the event was a huge success with 21 local veterans participating in the event held Wednesday, November 11th.

The typical annual Veteran's Day Celebration held at RCMS had grown in popularity as the somber event drew large crowds each year to honor Rockcastle County veterans and their families.

But that event was cancelled due to the close proximity of those in attendance and the parade served as a chance for local citizens to honor veterans without the increased COVID-19 risks officials said.

Though rain fell throughout the parade event, Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said he enjoyed the day. "Despite the rain, Wednesday's Veteran's Day Parade in Mount Vernon was a success," he said. "It was an honor for the City of Mount Vernon to be a co-sponsor with our local school

system for this year's recognition event. We do so appreciate all of our vets and all of those currently serving in our armed forces."

School officials, as well as city officials, lined the streets joining citizens who wished to honor veterans as they passed those applauding, along sidewalks through the city.

Some stood holding flags while others held banners in the rain, but all offered their appreciation to each veteran who participated in the event.

Rockcastle County Schools Superintendent Carrie Ballinger said she and the school system enjoyed the opportunity to honor those who have served as well as those serving now.

"The Veteran's Day Parade was a huge success and was just one small way that Rockcastle County Schools could show our appreciation for our nation's heroes," she said. "On Veteran's Day and every day, we honor their service."



## Rockcastle County Schools Holiday Break Meal Box

### Dear Rockcastle County Families,

Rockcastle County Schools will be out of session for the holidays from Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. However, we want to ensure Rockcastle County children still have access to food during this time, so we are offering a holiday break meal box for **ALL CHILDREN** in Rockcastle County. Each box will provide 10 shelf-stable breakfasts and 10 shelf-stables lunches including milk for each meal. Boxes will be delivered prior to December 21<sup>st</sup> (not everyone will receive their box on the same day).

**To participate in this program, families MUST REGISTER and give Rockcastle County Schools permission to share their mailing address with the vendor (Optimum Foods) by November 20, 2020.**

Your participation in this program is greatly appreciated. Food Services is dependent upon federal funding that is directly linked to the number of meals served. Your participation does not deprive other families in need, but ensures that we can continue to serve all families across the district. Thank you for supporting our program and allowing us to provide for your child(ren).

**Register at the link below by Friday, November 20th.**  
**[www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/holidaybox](http://www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/holidaybox)**



## Thressel Owens receives over 200 cards in honor of her 100th birthday

When Mrs. Thressel Irene Broyles Owens celebrated her 100th birthday in May of this year, the *Signal* ran a story signifying the date.

In that article, her daughter Mava June Owens Stamper asked that people help her mom celebrate the occasion by sending her a birthday card. Her niece in Arizona also put her picture on Facebook along with the same request.

"Because of the Coronavirus, we could not have her a big birthday bash. We hoped Mom would get 100 cards and were amazed at the fantastic response," Mrs. Stamper said. "We were amazed at the fantastic response when Mom received 205 birthday cards! The most she received in one day was 44."

"We want to take this time to thank everyone who took the time to send Mom a birthday card. A special thanks to those who sent money, a gift card, a small token gift or a note explaining who they were or how they knew of Mom's birthday," her daughter said.

Mrs. Owens said, "I have received cards from people I don't know and have never seen!" Two very special cards were from two men in a West Virginia prison. "I don't know how they knew of her birthday but the cards were beautifully hand drawn (think style of a tattoo artist). Mom's name was done in large script lettering, the number 100, and columns with twining vines, leaves and roses. One card had red roses, one had yellow. I was very impressed."

Mrs. Owens received cards from 16 states, Washington, DC and Canada.

On her birthday, Mrs. Owens, who lives on Spiro Road in the Wabd area, and 11 close family members celebrated with a meal and birthday cake. This included her only grandchild, Shawn Stamper; daughter, Mava; brother, Sherwin Broyles; sister Marie Broyles Frazier; a nephew; four nieces and two in-laws.

The day after her birthday, Mrs. Stamper and her son, Shawn, took Mrs. Owens to Pigeon Forge to

play Putt-Putt. This has become a summer tradition for the three over 25 years. The trio played one game. At the 18th hole Mrs. Owens was getting tired but was still smiling and had the energy to swing her club above her head (see accompanying picture). It was a beautiful special day.

"How many 100-year-old people are physically and mentally able to vote?" asked Mrs. Stamper. "My Dad, who died in 2014 at the age of 97, felt it was a citizen's civic duty to vote and he and Mom had voted in every election since their marriage in 1940. Mom was disappointed not to go to the polls to cast her vote in the 2020 general election but, since the COVID 19 cases had increased in the county, we felt it safer to vote absentee ballot. On the Friday before election day, I drove the three miles to her house to help her with her ballot. When I got there, she had the ballot on the able and had filled in the circles for the Republican candidates (as usual). I had her sign in the appropriate places and we sealed the envelopes. She previously had told me she did not want the ballot mailed. She went with me to drop her ballot off at the courthouse," Mrs. Stamper reported.

"My Mother is an amazing woman," Mrs. Stamper went on to say. "She has been a humble, hard working, Christian woman her whole life who believes in helping others. During the past couple of weeks, she has gathered items from her home to give to a family who lost everything in a house fire. She is an inspiration to me and others as well."

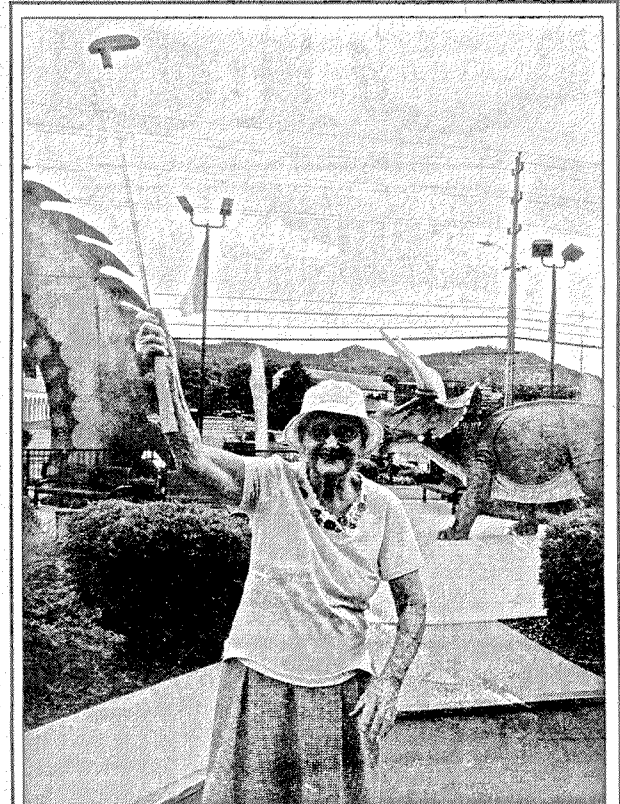
"This is a six month belated, but heartfelt thanks to all of you who sent Mom a birthday card to help her celebrate the big 100th Birthday," Mrs. Stamper said.

"Now that cold weather is near and Mom won't be able to dig and pull weeds and deadhead her flowers, I expect to see her looking at all these birthday cards many times during the cold winter months ahead! Mom always says pulling weeds is what has kept

her going all these years. Again, thank you, thank you, thank you, for the 205 birthday cards." Mava June Owens Stamper



Mrs. Thressel Owens, of the Wabd area, is shown with the over 200 cards she received from around the country, and Canada, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.



The day after her 100th birthday, Mrs. Owens, her daughter, Mava June and grandson, Shawn made their annual summer trek to Pigeon Forge, TN to play putt-putt golf. After the round, Mrs. Owens still had the energy to wave her club to show her enjoyment of the game.

## Hannah Laswell receives DAR classroom grant

Ms. Hannah Laswell, an English/Language Arts teacher at Rockcastle Middle School is a recipient of the 2020 DAR sponsored Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom Grant. Fifty-one \$500 grants are awarded each year to classroom teachers impacting more than 10,000 students nationwide.

Since 2018, two \$500 grants are available for each state and the District of Columbia. Applicants must be a classroom teacher for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, must be endorsed by a local DAR chapter, and complete the grant award application.

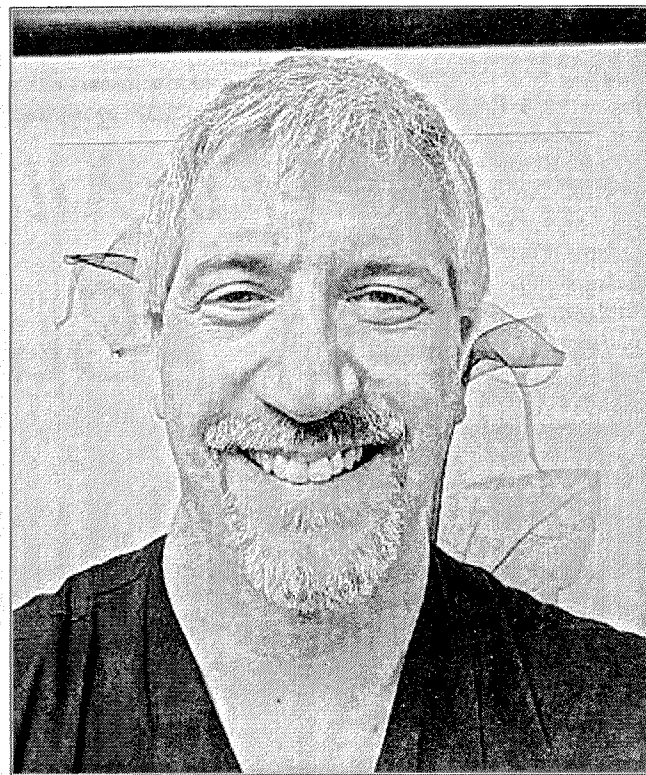
Proposed projects must directly benefit students in the classroom. Funds may be used for supplies and educational resources, but applicant must show how these items help to further the educational goals of the DAR.

Ms. Laswell received her grant based on her project of giving more reading opportunities to the gifted and above-grade-level readers by supplying e-readers for her classroom. With access to books unavailable in the school library, students could be challenged and grow in their reading comprehension.

This grant is a one-time award and recipients are not eligible to re-apply in future years. Application forms for 2021 will be available February 15 through April 1. Any classroom teacher wishing to apply please contact Rockcastle Chapter DAR at rockcastledar@gmail.com

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

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

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ing 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

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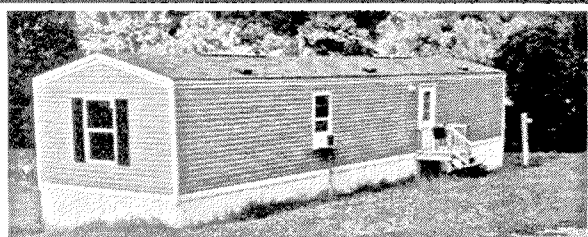
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## Circuit Civil Suits

Grace Lynn Erwin v. Johnny Erwin, Jr., petition for dissolution of marriage

Calvin Todd v. Heather N. Todd, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00212

## Deeds Recorded

Zandell D. and Sarah E. Hasty, property in Happy Acres Subvd., to Renita Joy Reynolds. Tax \$180

Duane and Betty Lewis, property on Walter Turner Road, to Laurentio Bubulici. Tax \$235

W.D. Shayne Broaddus, property in Rockcastle County, to Rosalyn Natasha Broaddus. No tax

Herman House, property in Rockcastle County, to Central Kentucky Collision Auto Care LLC. Tax \$60

Lester Miller, Jr. and Jennifer Robyn Miller, property on Sand Springs Rd., to James Robinson. Tax \$84

James Benton King, Jr. and Janie King, property in Rockcastle county, to James Benton King, Jr., Janie King and James Bryan King. No tax

Elmer and Mary Burdette, property on Clyde Halcomb Estate, to Carissa Stallsworth and Charles Stallsworth. Tax \$12.

Emily and Phillip Cromer, property on Brush Creek Road, to Venus Belcher. Tax \$30

Denvert Clinton and Jamie Doan, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Jerry Wayne and Cathy Anne Man. Tax \$105

Jonah Mikhael and Callie Ellen Shaffer, property on Sand Springs Road, to Jacobson David and Elizabeth Abigail Woodall. Tax \$30

Marjorie G. Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Romona and Steven Whittemore. No tax

Tyler and alson Peterson, property on Copper Creek Road, to Craig David Chambers. Tax \$185

Crystal and Robert Singleton, property in Miller Addition to Mt. Vernon, to Lloyd and Betty Cain. Tax \$27

Libby Burdette, property in Rockcastle County, to Rebecca Powell and Jeletta Johnson. No tax

Gary and Donna Hayes, property on Branch Road, to Zachary and Casey Hayes. Tax \$18

John R. and Edith Faye Barnett, property on East Fork Skaggs Road, to Jonathan and Amy Burdette. No tax

## District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management, Inc., v. Dakota Johnson, \$1,290 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Janet Simpson, 2018 county

property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Christopher Sprinkles, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Frankie Woodall, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tommie Woodall, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Candi Wright, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rocky C. Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Darrell Morgan, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Mark Edward Parsons, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Michelle Pittman, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Kenneth Reams, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tabitha Revel, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rita's Get n Go, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Brittany R. Roberts, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Rick Robinson, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Darrin Kelley, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Kentucky's Best Used Cars, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Crystal Lee King, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Mike Lear, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Willie Leecs, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Erin Louise Linville, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Justin Loudermilk, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Glenna McGuire, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Ashley Carpenter, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Lesley M. Alexander, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Charlet Alcorn, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Mary Etta Burke, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Deborah Collins, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jacob Cooper, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Kenneth Cromer, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Doris Cruz, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jonathan Foster, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tyree Gray, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Barbara Hayes, 2018 county property taxes due.

Heights Finance Corp v. Brandon L. Crew, \$774 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Samantha Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Jason Didelot, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tim King, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Thomas Dooley, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jerry McFerron, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Terry Morgan, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Sheila Morgan, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Travis Stewart, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Synchrony Bank v. Jamie Stevens, \$2,168 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit v. Loretta McGuire, \$717 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Tony Tatvitto, et al, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Mary Lou McNally, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Janet Adams Adkins, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Lesley M. Alexander, 2018 county property taxes

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jennifer Bright, 2018 county property taxes due.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Dan Coffey, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Tera A. Carter, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Aleda Eversole, 2018 county property taxes due.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. J.E. Kirby, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Zella Abney Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Cheryl Miller, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Lillian F. Preston, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Jesus Lozane Sanchez, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Elvin Wayne Singleton, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel Allen Williams, Jr., 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Danielle Boeska, 2018 county property taxes due.

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iam Landrum III v. Shonda Howson, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Teta Stinnett Chasteen, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Claudette Partin, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel ACC Tower Sub LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. GTP Towers II LLC, 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III v. Conopco, Inc., 2018 county property taxes due. C-00312

## 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 (\$17,972.34) 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:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. The purchaser shall pay the 2020 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".
  10. All sales shall be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 safety regulations set out by the Governor and Kentucky Supreme Court, including but not limited to the following:
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