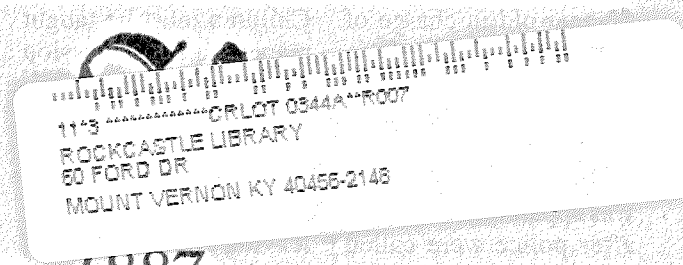


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Six COVID deaths

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department, there are now 350 positive cases confirmed in Rockcastle County, with 135 additional probable cases. There were 18 new cases reported Monday. The county remains at six COVID-related deaths. Of Rockcastle County residents, 0.028 percent of the population has tested positive for COVID-19.

Noel Night Market cancelled

The Noel Night Market, planned for December 1 has now been cancelled. The event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association, the Kiwanis Club and the City of Mount Vernon. The Tree Lighting ceremony, planned in conjunction with the Noel Night market, has also been cancelled.

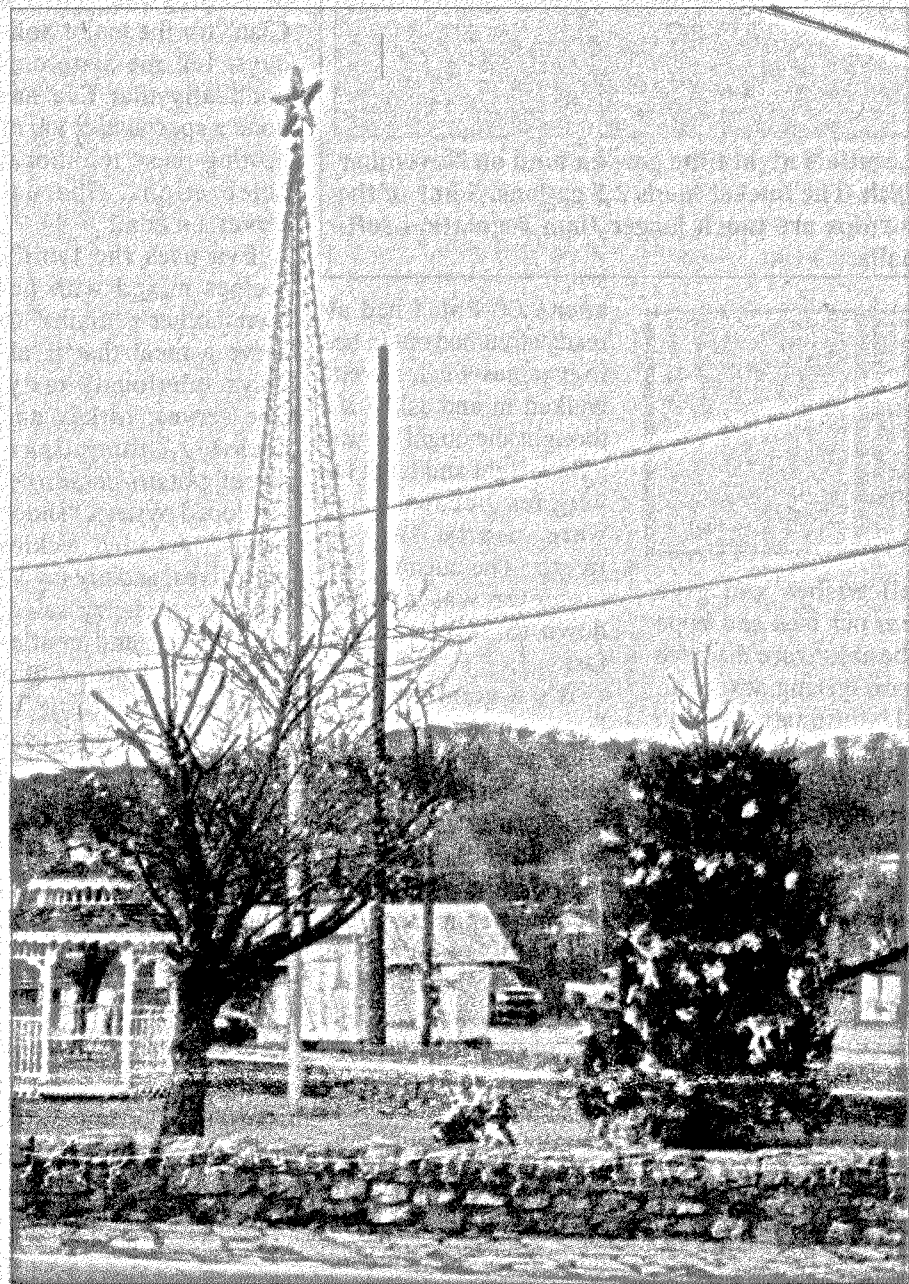
In-Person classes cancelled

By order of new mandates from Governor Andy Beshear, schools are once again closed to in-person classes throughout the state. Visit rockcastle.kyschools.us for more information.

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.

No Virginia, not this year



In 1897, *The New York Sun* told a little girl named Virginia that there is indeed a Santa Claus. This year, lights are hanging, the ribbons, bows adorn the tree and the tinsel is placed throughout Triangle Park. But there will be no tree lighting ceremony in Mount Vernon and in many towns, there will be no Santa Claus this year. The Noel Night Market event has also been cancelled. Due to government mandates related to the COVID-19 pandemic, most holiday events have been cancelled across the country as well as in Rockcastle County. Though the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade was still planned at press time, officials will be discussing the event further this week.

City council working on local water issues

Eighth officer coming soon

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Mount Vernon City Council met virtually again last week for the regular monthly meeting.

City Administrator Josh Bray informed the council that the city is experiencing slight dips in revenue from the water department but CARES Act funding will correct those issues.

Bray says most of the downturn in revenues is due to the city's decision to halt late penalties and cease all water shut-offs during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We should receive \$176,000 in CARES Act funding very soon," Bray said. "How we use that money is restricted but we can place it in a rainy day fund and

use it to help with lost water department revenues."

Councilman Clifford Mullins said the city will do "whatever it takes to keep the water flowing" for customers of Mount Vernon Waterworks. "If

we have to borrow from other funds or whatever it takes, we will do that," he said.

Bray fully agreed. "Most definitely," said Bray. "Keeping the water

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Christmas events are now cancelled

By: Mike French
Editor

The country, the state and Rockcastle County have been plagued with cancellations after government mandates due to COVID-19. And now, yet more events in Mount Vernon have been cancelled.

Officials had fought to maintain plans for the

Noel Night Market, in conjunction with the annual Mount Vernon tree lighting ceremony, but due to Governor Andy Beshear's latest mandates, these events too have been cancelled.

The tree lighting ceremony will not be held this year and Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant said

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Two years later

Alcohol sales tax used for positive local programs

By: Mike French
Editor

In the 2018 general election, some were strongly and openly against the sale of alcohol in the City of Mount Vernon and those residents still are, including many local officials. But at least officials have found a way to help slightly ease the worries of those against the sale of alcohol.

Two years later, several "good things" have come from the legal sale of alcohol, according to officials. In the 2018 elec-

tion the measure passed by only 79 votes in Mount Vernon.

Once the measure passed, City Administrator Josh Bray, who was appointed Mount Vernon's Alcohol Administrator as required by the state, and RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook immediately took to the halls of Frankfort in a successful effort to allow the city to charge a 5 percent regulatory fee on alcohol sales. This tax would help cover the expense involved with the

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Beshear forces closures again

By: Mike French
Editor

As if it comes as a surprise to anyone, school plans and schedules have changed once again this week.

The latest change came last Wednesday when Governor Andy Beshear decided all Kentucky schools (public and private) should cease in-person classes again, even counties who were not a "red zone" county at the time.

After intense and emotional expressions from local school board members and Superintendent Carrie Ballinger, at this

month's regular board meeting, in-person classes were resumed last week to avoid students falling farther behind than such restrictions and mandates have already caused.

Local officials agreed that students need to be in school and that educating the children of Rockcastle County was worth some level of risk. However Beshear revealed new rules and regulations last week basically forbidding in-person classes in Kentucky schools.

Beshear also forced bars and restaurants to

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KSP to increase patrols during Thanksgiving

By: Mike French
Editor

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) plans to increase patrols during the Thanksgiving season this year.

According to a KSP news release, Thanksgiving weekend is among the heaviest traveled weekends of the year. In 2019 there were five fatal crashes and 1,253 collisions during the holiday travel period in Kentucky.

Patrols will pay special attention to seat belts and speeding but will also focus on impaired driving.

Officials expect to combine the Click It or Ticket program with Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort) beginning November 26 to November 29 at midnight.

Governor Andy Beshear has asked the public to limit travel in general, but if you must drive, to buckle up and watch your speed.

KSP spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory says KSP will utilize federal overtime funding to increase the number of troopers on the roadway this holiday season.

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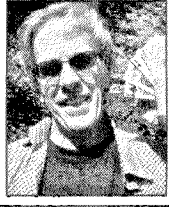
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Wow, how times have changed.

I did a story once about a family that had left their 12-year-old in charge of their other children for a bit. Unfortunately, one of the younger ones escaped and was found walking on a roadway. The family was apparently in turmoil after police were called and they were arrested.

I had to do the story. That was my job. It's a public record and the general public needs to be aware of what can happen. So, I did my job.

But the truth is, when I was 12 years old I was alone every day. Kids who were 12 actually ran the household in many cases back then. The mother would show up occasionally to make sure things were going okay, but by the time a kid was 12 they were pretty much on their own.

When my mother was 12-years-old, she actually helped support their whole family by baby sitting and entire housefull of kids. It was her job, as it was the first job of most every 12-year-old in those days.

Mom's brother would drive her to this family's home, drop her off to watch all the kids, and pick her up a week later. Her income helped feed the family.

By the time my dad was 10, he hardly even saw his mother or father anymore, except on weekends.

When I was 12, I was not only alone every day, I drove the car on occasion and took the trash off.

I know in today's world most people apparently think it is a terrible thing to give a 12-year-old any responsibility but (my opinion) that attitude is why we have 30-year-olds who think the world owes them something.

It's why we have jails full of 18-year-olds who thought there would be no consequences to their actions.

It's why we have a country filled with youth who do not respect authority.

It's why we have a record number of 25-year-olds still living off their parent's.

Personally, I think it is very near child abuse to NOT give a 12-year-old some responsibility or to teach them that there are consequences to their actions. Maybe not leave them alone but at least give them some responsibility.

Children are not born with a work ethic or moral values or the knowledge that there are consequences to their ac-

tions or with the knowledge that other people matter and they are not the center of the world. Children must be taught respect and compassion and personal responsibility. It's the only way they will ever know those things.

I'm not advocating leaving your 12-year-old alone, but I am saying we sure used to.

There may not have been as many pervs back then, but I bet there were. We just didn't hear about it as much.

Anyway, here's hoping the next generation knows right from wrong and knows there are consequences to their choices. But I do hope it is parents that teach them those lessons before the judicial system has to.

T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



As Thanksgiving Approaches
Dear Journal

This year as Thanksgiving approaches, it will bring about an entirely new scenario that we know nothing about or ever expected. It will be the first Thanksgiving that COVID will play a part in the plans. Just a moment ago when I typed the date on this column, I remembered that this is the date that JFK was assassinated in 1963. It has been fifty-seven years ago. Oh my, how the world has changed since then. It was a day that reminds me of today. It was overcast with rain expected and not so very cold. In a few days I remember watching the funeral on TV.

I don't remember Thanksgiving that year or even if we celebrated it or not. I was raised a devout Democrat and our family was probably still in mourning and thought it rude and in poor taste.

As I was saying, Thanksgiving is almost here and will bring for some at least, a new twist in planning. As for Stanley and me, we aren't planning to go anywhere or entertain at our house. We've never had a Thanksgiving like this. None of my family plan to be entertaining or will be going anywhere due to the COVID. Most of us are at high risk and out of respect and caution, we all feel that it is for the best that we all stay home this year.

That morning, I will call all of them and send

Points East

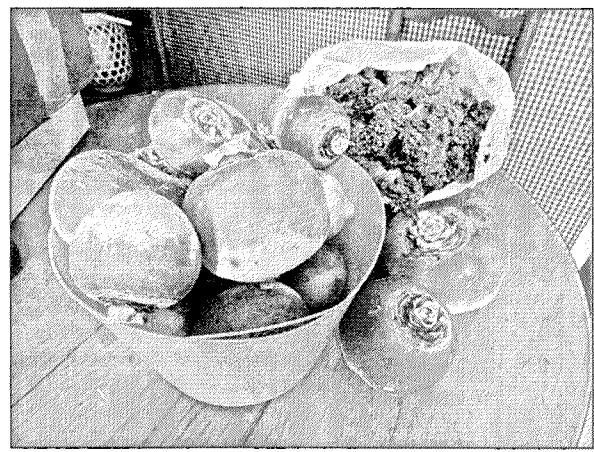
By Ike Adams



If I had caught myself going to the garden, 3 hours after dark, on a night when the temperature was supposed to drop into the low 20s, nobody would have been the least

bit surprised. I love turnips and mustard greens so much that I'll try to save them from a hard freeze if I'm able.

However, on Tuesday, November 18, just



Loretta's night time garden haul on November 18th. The bucket holds 2.5 gallons. Some of the turnips are much larger than regulation softballs.

after 9:00 PM, I had already stretched out in bed in pajamas when Loretta walked in and asked if I thought she ought to grab a flash light and fetch the veggies because they were nearly sure to freeze. The outside thermometer was already down to 34 and falling fast.

It's a good 40 yards from our front porch steps to the greens and turnip patch and 20 of those yards are covered with old corn stalks, dead tomato vines and weeds that are over her head, not to mention that it was pitch black dark.

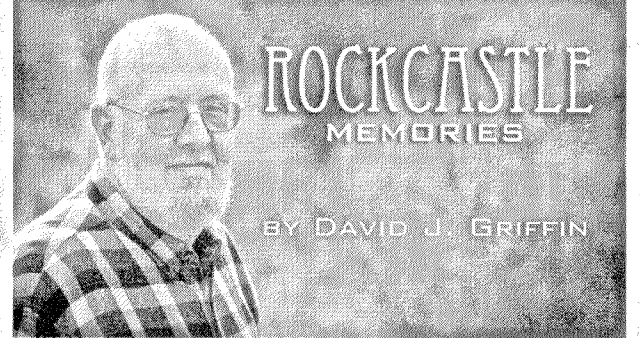
We had already had both greens and turnips for a couple of meals and that's usually enough to satisfy my wife for the

well wishes and give them our best and hope to be able to see them for Thanksgiving next year.

Unfortunately, death has visited the Cook family in Ohio and my Oxendine family in North Carolina. This past week and Thanksgiving will be very painful for them. There are so many other families that I personally know of that are really suffering right now. It makes you thankful that your situation is as well as it is even if it

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Half Runner Green Beans

Last week, brother Al and I decided that we should cancel our regular Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations because of the Covid-19 virus. Believe me, this was a decision that was not made lightly.

Since my mother (Bee) and my grandparents passed away, my sister-in-law (Eva), has assumed the responsibility of feeding the "Griffin Clan" for the major holidays. Let me state emphatically that Eva has done a spectacular job of hosting these traditional celebrations. She deserves a medal!

Eva uses the family recipes mixed with her own mother's "fixins" to serve a meal that is always fabulously tasty. She serves: turkey and dressing, dumplings, sweet potato casserole, scalloped oysters, "shuck beans," assorted pickles and olives, and my favorite, frozen cherry salad. Now ladies and gentlemen, that is a meal fit for a king - something to look forward to for a year in advance.

I am sure that each of you has a favorite dish for special occasions. I certainly do. Out of all the dishes listed above, my most favorite is some form of half-runner green beans.

When I was a boy, my grandparents grew enough half-runners to last us all year. As a family, we picked them,

snapped them, and then Mommie Katie cooked them to death.

Mommie Katie would get up early on Sunday mornings and put on a huge pot of these wonderful beans. When we got home from church, she would turn up the beans while she fried chicken, baked home-made cornbread, and sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. We could hardly wait as the aroma of such a scrumptious meal wafted through the house.

Bee and Mommie Katie made sure that they dried enough of Pop's half-runners to make "shuck beans" to last until the next season. We were never out of half-runners. I suspect that they also canned 75-100 quart jars of these beans each year. I can remember one complete wall of our cellar filled with quart jars of half-runners.

When Bee cooked a pot of half-runners, we had them for dinner until they were gone. I believe each time they were reheated, they tasted even better.

My wife and I are planning a down-sized Thanksgiving dinner for ourselves since we cannot visit our family. Our menu includes baked country ham, Bee's cornbread, sweet potato casserole, Kat's corn pudding, dumplings from Cracker Barrel, and shuck beans.

One of our wonderful neighbors from Furnace

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“T.J.s”

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isn't the best. It could be so very much worse.

I plan to cook a big meal, anyway. It is not possible to cook a small Thanksgiving meal. I plan on turkey, homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, fried sweet potatoes, corn casserole, my mom's apple salad, deviled eggs, and for dessert my homemade sugar free pumpkin custard pie and eggnog. After it is all ready we plan to share our meal with my brother, Don, and wife, Carolyn, a shut-in family or two in

our neighborhood and two close friends in Mount Vernon. We will deliver it with only a brief greeting at their door and be gone to the next stop. I'm looking forward to getting back home and eating with Stanley.

“Memories”

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Mountain in Powell County, Donna Gabbard, stopped by our new home in Mt. Sterling a few months ago. She handed us a large bag of “shuck beans” that she dried last summer. We are so thank-

ful that she remembered us. That was a wonderful house warming gift. She would never take payment for her beans.

Thanksgiving is going to be a little strange this year but, like many others, we will make the best of it and declare our thanks for all of the blessings that we do have. The best that I can wish for you is that your Thanksgiving will include a taste of your favorites.

(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.)

“Points East”

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garden season. If I want any more I usually get them myself. I could not have made a trip to the garden, even in broad daylight, if my life had depended on it because this cancer treatment has me pretty much whipped.

Then, before I knew what was going on, I heard our hand-pulled garden wagon going through the yard and I stumbled to the door to see my wife, in her hooded, red, ankle length overcoat, holding the flash light in one hand and pulling the wagon with the other as she stubbornly headed to the garden. If we hadn't just been talking about going to the garden, I would have called 911. Even then I didn't feel plumb certain that I was not witnessing an apparition.

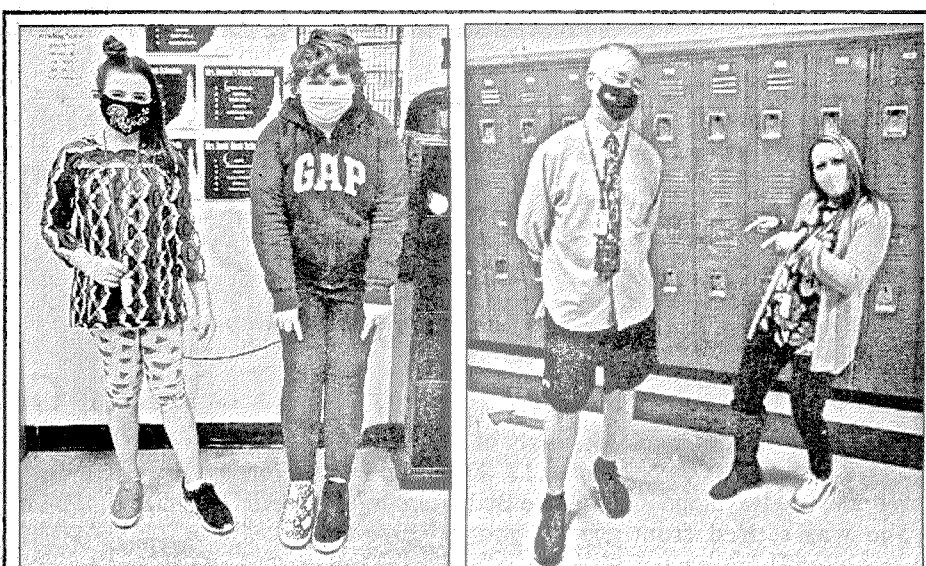
About 15 minutes later, she gleefully rushed back in doors dragging what I'm guessing was over a half bushel sack of easily the largest turnips I've ever seen grow. A few of them were double the size of regulation softballs and several others were at least as large as softballs. I'm guessing the sack weighed over 30 pounds. It was more than I could lift to the counter top but she managed to do so rather easily. This was followed by a feed sack crammed full of curly mustard.

I still have no idea what we are going to do with all this stuff but I'd be willing to bet that it all gets parceled out. We've had 2 more meals from this haul and I can tell you that previous hard frosts hadn't hurt the way they tasted, but that's not the end of this story.

About 10:00 PM we were both in bed, Loretta facebooking with her iphone and me engrossed in a Kindle novel, when she suddenly sat straight up, reached over and tapped me on the arm. “I just remembered, there's a head of cabbage out there that I was going to go back and get,” she said. Do you reckon it'll freeze?”

I told her not to worry about it but she lay there for another 15 minutes and did just that. Before I realized what was going on, she had jumped out of bed, dashed into the kitchen and grabbed a butcher knife. Still in pajamas, she had pulled on her garden boots and put the overcoat back on.

She promptly returned with a head of cabbage about the size and shape of a football that had been sliced in half around the middle and proudly brought it back to the bedroom for my inspection. Said cabbage would never have won any ribbons at a county fair but I expect it will taste just fine at our Thanksgiving Dinner.



Students and staff at RCMS participated in Mismatch Day on Tuesday, November 17th during Red Ribbon Week. The theme was “Don't get mixed up with Drugs.” Drug Use Among Youth: Facts & Statistics are - 86% The percentage of teenagers that knows someone who smokes, drinks or uses drugs during the school day. 50% The percentage of teenagers who have misused a drug at least once in their lifetime. 43% The percentage of college students who use illicit drugs.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC BALLOT MAILING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COVID-19 INFORMATION

At this time, due to the COVID-19, Rockcastle Co. Service Center is conducting business by online or by phone. No customers shall be in the

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

NEXT COC MEETING
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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.

DBCAA Meeting
Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will hold a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, December 8th at the central office. The public is invited to take part. The meeting will be viewed thru Zoom in the conference room. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

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

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

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

American Legion Post News
The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Don Gabbard at 859-200-2204 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. ...Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 606-308-8226, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries

Inez Collins

Inez Collins, 85, of Berea, formerly of Mt. Vernon, went to be with Jesus on November 17, 2020. She was born to the late Raymond and Maggie Bethurum.

She was retired from Dresser after 31 1/2 years of service. She was a dedicated Christian of the Holiness faith, a Sunday School teacher at Town Hill Holiness Church. In her free time, she enjoyed her church, her family, cooking, shopping, and traveling. She always put the Lord first in her life, a great example she left for us all. She loved everyone she met and always found laughter in each day.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by: her first husband, Raymond Lopez; second husband, Preston S. Collins; a daughter, Lisa R. Lopez Hasty; a grandson, Jeffrey C. Argerbright; a brother, Charles Bethurum; and two sisters, Marie Robinson and Leana Smith.

She leaves behind: two sons, Roger (Phyllis) Lopez of Crab Orchard and Steven (Ruth) Collins of Lewisburg, TN; three daughters, Rose (Allen) Hensley of Mt. Vernon, Donna (Fred) Brewer of Brodhead, and Becky Northern of Mt. Vernon; 20 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; and one brother, McKinley (Lana) Arnold of Flagstaff, AZ.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2020 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Allen Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. Visitation will be Friday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Mike Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Tim Argerbright, Jerry Hensley, Kevin Hensley, Jason Northern, and Jonathan Northern.

Per state mandate, facial coverings and social distancing will be required.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com



Willie Gaye French

Willie Gaye (Denton) French, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, November 16, 2020 at her residence. She was born December 9, 1934 in Bristol, VA, to the late Daniel and Hattie Ethel (Cross) Denton. She married Robert French on June 30, 1956 and from that union came three children, Judy, Carol, and Sandra. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church, enjoyed gardening, working in her flowers, and sewing, but most of all, she loved cooking for and spending time with her family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 64 years, Robert French; three daughters, Judy French Jones of Mt. Vernon, Nancy Carol (Butch) Brinkman of Batesville, IN and Sandra French (Dale) Whitaker of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Jessica Jones (Jason) Lucas, Jordan (Whitney) Whitaker and Hannah Whitaker; two great grandchildren, Landon Robinson and Brad Lucas; and two sisters, Nancy Barker Pope, and Charlotte Montgomery.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her siblings, Ralph, Carson, Dewey, Frank, Robert, John, Earl, Tom, Mandy, Florence, and Maggie Denton, Rose Hagaman, Bonnie Bathis, Mattalee Crosswhite, Ackie Rosenbalm, Minnie Jane Reese, Martha Kidd Cross, and Linda Shafer.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 20, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Randal and Scott Adams officiating. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jordan Whitaker, Landon Robinson, Jason Lucas, Mike Montgomery, Travis Montgomery, and Manual Rosenbalm.

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Charles Dean Carmack

Charles Dean Carmack, 63, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Select Specialty Hospital in Danville. He was born in Berea on November 11, 1957, the son of Coy, Jr. and Helen Bishop Carmack. He retired as a machinist where he manufactured injection molding equipment.

He is survived by: two brothers and a sister, Dale Carmack, Danny Carmack, and Yvonne Carmack, all of Mt. Vernon; five nieces, Stephanie Hines, Cheyenne Haste, Jasmine Johnson, Hope Sturgill, and Jennifer Durham; and a nephew, Kellen Carmack.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Matt Haste. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Bobby Brummett

Bobby Brummett, 64, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at his residence. He was born November 5, 1956 in Stanford, a son of the late James C. Brummett and Marlie Hopkins Brummett. He was a member of Mt. Zion Church of Christ and he enjoyed breaking Tennessee Walking Horses and gardening. He had been a concrete construction worker.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Kimberly Burchard and Kenny of Soddy Daisy, TN, Robert L. Brummett, Jr. of Lancaster, Josh Brummett of Somerset, Adam Brummett of Frankfort, Dustin Brummett of Broughtontown, and Brently Brummett of Lancaster; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers, Effie Brummett of Brodhead and Ronnie Brummett and Tracy of Brodhead; sisters, Pearly Lawson and Kenneth of Indiana, Ruby Jewel Bryant and Charles of Brodhead, Carolyn Woodall and Donnie of Brodhead, and Sharon Bray and Roger of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, James Brummett, Jr., and Billy Ray Brummett.

Graveside services will be held Friday, November 27, 2020. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. until funeral services at 2 p.m.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Gearldine Richards

Gearldine Richards, 73, of Mt. Vernon, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born December 10, 1946 in Breathitt County to the late Fred and Eva Bryant.

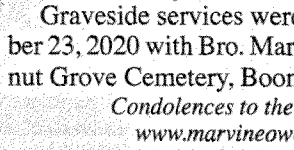
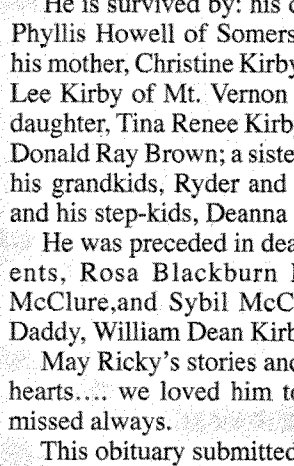
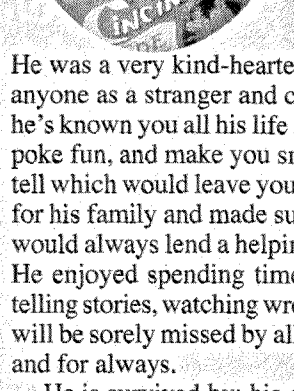
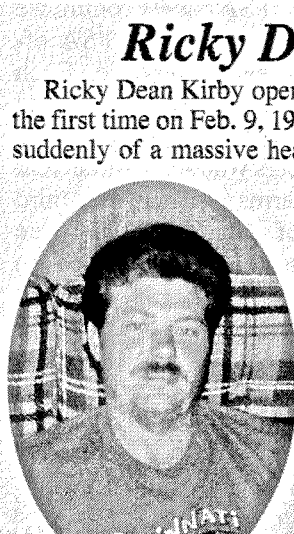
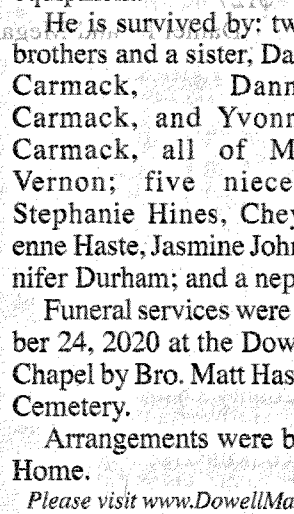
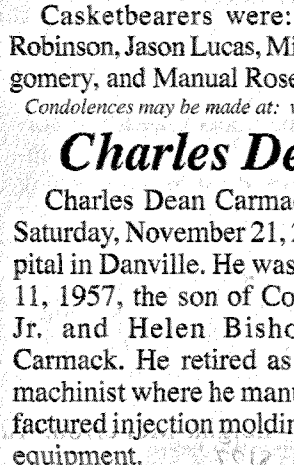
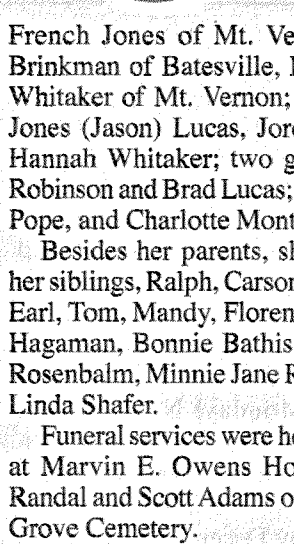
She was married 46 years to the late Kelly Richards of Mt. Vernon, and had five children, Dola (Vince) Gustin, Lavon (Jeff) Jett, Robert (Melinda) Monk, Greg Richards, and Amy (Jeff) Navarre. She was employed at Hardees of Mt. Vernon where she enjoyed her job and the friends she made. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed listening to gospel music and watching WJLC.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children and her sisters and brothers, Marie (Roy) Jackson of Winchester; Freddy (George) Hayes of Wolf County, Edith (Dick) Wilkerson of Ohio, Lonnie (Joan) Bryant, Orville (Pearl) Bryant, Estil Bryant and Eddie Bryant, all of Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren, Josh (Tiffany) Cromer, Blake (Lisa) Powell, Tina Chesteen, Madison, Tyler and MaKensey Navarre, Matt Gustin and Kaleigh Richards and great grandchildren, Peyton, Charli, Calli, Lincoln and Blakeley. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Kelly Richards; her father and mother, Fred and Eva Bryant; her sisters, Sadie Mae Thorpe and Christine Bolin; and one brother, Charles Bryant.

Service were held Monday, November 23, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Leonard Donald Bishop

Leonard Donald Bishop, 88, of Brodhead, died Saturday, November 21, 2020. After months of failing health, he died peacefully within his home in Brodhead with his beloved wife Dorothy and family by his side.

He was born February 6, 1932 in Brodhead to George Grant Bishop and Pauline Ellen Brummett Bishop. As a boy, he helped his parents in their grocery store and on the farm. He worked in construction and sold and delivered produce.

Leonard and Dorothy Marie Cash were married July 20, 1957. From that union, they started a family. Together they had six children, Timothy Lynn, Mark Anthony, Peggy Sue, Pamela Marie, Leigh Ann, and an infant son who died at birth. Leonard was a hard worker and provided for his family.

Known to many as Red, he was a talker and loved to tell stories. He had a love for bicycles and flea markets. He knew how to wheel and deal to get a bargain. All the children in the neighborhood knew to go to Red's if they needed their bicycle fixed. He and Dorothy would travel to many places to go to flea markets. He could bring home a bicycle he bought for \$1, fix it up and resell it for sometimes over one hundred dollars.

Later on, as life settled down and things got slower, Leonard loved to spend time with his family. He would take his great grandchildren on golf cart rides or sit on the couch telling stories. He was very proud of his family.

Leonard was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Brodhead Baptist Church. He was baptized by Brother Luther Allen and they remained friends until his death. He enjoyed listening to sermons by Brother Ralph Baker.

Leonard was a strong, proud, and good man. He is loved and will be missed by many.

He is preceded in death by: his parents, George Grant Bishop and Pauline; brothers, Delbert and Elmer; sisters, Rosemary Wilson, Dessie Moberly, and Bonnie Bradley; and two sons, Timothy Lynn and an infant son who died at birth.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Dorothy Marie Cash Bishop of Brodhead; siblings, George Jr. Bishop of Brodhead, June Hutcherson of Frankfort, Beulah Broome of Louisville and Nina Cummins of Somerset; children, Mark Bishop (Audrey) of Mt. Vernon, Peggy Allen (Jerry) of Brodhead, Pamela Cash of Brodhead, and Leigh Ann VanWinkle (Ralph) of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren, Natasha Hubbard, Skyler Bradley, Quincy Allen, Ashley Reynolds, and Kayla Silcox; two step-grandchildren, Nicole and Dalton VanWinkle; 10 great grandchildren and one step-great grandchild; two sisters-in-law, Alma Jean Cable and Geraldine Cash; and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Luther Allen and Ralph Baker officiating. His final resting place will be at Providence Cemetery.

Obituary provided by the family.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Devert Lee Hamm

Devert Lee Hamm, 74, of Middletown, OH, died Thursday, November 19, 2020. He was born April 27, 1946 in Cincinnati, OH, a son of the late Devert Hamm and Dessie Livesay Hamm. He was previously a Tool maker, producing dental equipment. He found great joy in riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and his computers. On August 23, 1979 he was united in marriage to Carol Ann Hamm, and from that union came a son, Jerry Dale Hamm.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, Jerry Dale (Sandi) Hamm of Middletown, OH; grandchildren, Tiffany Nichole Hamm and J.D. Elwood Hamm; great grandchildren, Hailee Marie Rogers and Michael Rogers; sister, Lola Mae Mitchell of Virginia Beach, VA; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents and wife, Carol Ann Hamm, he was preceded in death by: three brothers, Robert, William, and Coy Hamm; and sister, Betty Jean Brock.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. George Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

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Janet Sue Burns

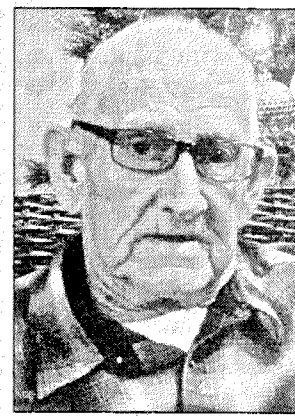
Janet Sue Burns, 73, of Lexington, died Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at the home of her daughter, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born at Scaffold Cane in Rockcastle County on December 30, 1946, the daughter of George William and Hazel Irene Miller.

She retired after 32 years as a housekeeper for Holiday Inn North in Lexington.

She is survived by: her daughters, Anita Carol Bowman and husband Donald, Tandra Louise Strange, and Jennifer Lynn Stamper, all of Lexington; two brothers, Floyd Miller and George Miller and wife Mae; two sisters, Louise Spencer and husband Sterling, and Marie Townsend and husband David; a sister-in-law, Faye Miller; four grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Reed, Nicholas Bolton and wife Mary, Jacob Clem, and Justin Chase Bowman; and eight great grandchildren, Emily, Cloe, Alyssa, Kiera, Nevaeh, Samantha, Jeffrey, Jr., and Cora. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Boyd "Pee Wee" Stamper; brothers, William, Jr., Larry, David, Gary, and Jerry Miller; a grandson, Johnny Ray Clem; and a sister-in-law, Kathy Miller.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, November 21, 2020 in Scaffold Cane Cemetery by Bro John Poe.

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



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Dora Faye Isaacs vs. Andrew Isaacs.
Barbara Blondin vs. Paul Blondin.
Marty Reagan vs. Cindy Lou Reagan.
Courtney Prater vs. Eric Prater. CI-00216

District Civil Suits

DNF Associates LLC vs. Elvin G. Pratt, complaint.
Commonwealth of

Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Eugene Coffey., 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Conopco, Inc., 2018 county property taxes due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex Rel William Landrum III vs. Conopco, Inc. 2018 county property taxes due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Elvin G. Pratt, money claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Paula Smith, money claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery

Asso., LLC vs. Taylor Cameron, money claimed due. C-00319

Deeds Recorded

Phillip and Trisha Doan, property on U.S. 25, to Larry and Tamarra Senters. Tax \$12.50

Carolyn Niceley, property on Hammond Fork Road, to Thelma and Gary Amburgey. Tax \$65
Mitchell and Jenni Weaver, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen E. and Kim D. Roth. Tax \$225.50

Brenda Hayes, property on Cardinal Hollow Road, to Jeremy S. Jones. Tax \$40

Frank E. Beaty, property south of Honey-suckle Lane, to Hailey M. and Jeffrey D. Stewart. Tax \$130

Stella Sparks, property in Cromer Lambert Subdv/Conway section, to Phillip and Charli Fox. Tax \$14

James C. and Lee Rash, property in Rockcastle County, to Richard Hitt. Tax \$7.50

Richard H. and Medeleine Gagliardi, property on KY 3274, to Ronald C. Eisenberger. Tax \$170

James Reynolds and Patricia Bradley, property on John Brown Rd., to Timothy C. and Tiffany Nicely. No tax

James Reynolds, property on Mullins Rd., to Timothy C. and Tiffany Nicely. No tax

Harold and Sandy Whitaker, property on Wabd Jones Road, to Jaclyn S. Bullock. Tax \$52

Caliber Home Loans, property on U.S. 25, to E&M Construction Services. Tax \$99

Martin and Jennifer Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to James M. and Juanita A. Chasteen. No tax

Douglas and Paula Abney, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Christopher S. and Jenise K. Abney. Tax \$169.50

Stephanie M. and Alfred Martinez Hernandez and Steven Emanuel Coffey, property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Clyde M. and Edith F. Powell. Tax \$24.50

Roy and Lula Scarborough, property on Maple Grove Road, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal A. Hampton. Tax \$10

Roy and Lula Scarborough, property in Rockcastle County, to Fred Hampton III and Racheal A. Hampton. Tax \$10

William M. and Hillary Whitaker, property on Wabd-Poplar Grove Road, to Harold and Sandy Whitaker. No tax

Susie Horn, property near Negro Creek Road, to Donovan Bishop. Tax \$12

Raymond and Kathleen Reynolds, property on Line Creek Road, to Darin and Angela Danette McKinney Playle. Tax \$275

Edna Jo Cook, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeremy Rex Davidson. Tax \$35

Randal and Cheryl Wallen, property on Green Pond Ridge, to Matthew Langenbacher. Tax \$60

Betty Lou Hartke, property in Rockcastle County, to Daniel and Megan Pingleton. Tax \$25

Dale and Gayle T. Scoggin, property in Rockcastle County, to Jamie L. and Kacey J. Nicely. Tax \$57.50

Mary K. Mitchell, property in Rockcastle County, to Jennifer Mitchell. Tax \$15

Judy K. Boswell, property on U.S. 25, to Susan Mitchell. Tax \$20

Andrew Justin and Bethany Taylor Gilbert, property on KY 617, to Leigha McFerron. Tax \$127

Daniel R. and Megan J. Pingleton, property in Hill View Subdv., to Ashley Nicole Johnson. Tax \$123

James Galloway, property on old Copper Creek Road, to Anna Marie Hays and John David Coty Laws. Tax \$99.50

Melanie and Marvin Daulton and Tommy and Lynn Baldwin, property on Water Tank Hill Road, to Crystal E. and Steven M. Jones and Margaret A. Jones. Tax \$38.50

Stacy D. Hall and

Michelle C. Hall, property on Copper Creek Road, to Eddie Wayne Simpson. Tax \$5

Frances Arleen and Ronald Myers and Anita Louise Scott, property in Rockcastle County, to Brenda D. Estes. Tax \$15

Joseph E. and Carolyn Pearson, property in Sunny Side Estates, to Jason A. Vincent. Tax \$125.

District Court

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Eddie Gilbert Vanwinkle: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 10 days in jail/costs merged.

Amanda Jean Blume: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus

costs.
Sherrie R. Combs: drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, \$25 fine; disorderly conduct, \$100 fine plus costs.

Aaron Deatherage: terroristic threatening, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Calvin Mitchell: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine plus costs.

Jeffery Mullins: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Marriage Licenses

Erica Danielle Blake Smith, 27, Somerset, homemaker and Kaunton Tyler Price, 24, Somerset, Hendrickson Mfg. 11/19/20

Organ donation, the priceless gift of life

As the holidays are approaching, communities are reminded of the season of giving. While family gatherings and gift exchanges may be from afar this year, organ transplant recipients and their families are incredibly thankful for the priceless gift of life.

This year, the Kentucky Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life (TFL) has emphasized the importance of educating Kentuckians on organ, tissue, and eye donation. Since January 2020, 464 people have received their gift of life thanks to generous organ donors. However, 1,000 Kentuckians still wait for their gift of life this holiday season.

Riley, a heart transplant recipient, and his family experienced the wait firsthand. While facing a devastating diagnosis, there was a glimpse of hope because of a stranger's generosity. Now, 14 years after his transplant, Riley will spend another holiday season thankful for the gift of life.

"Organ donation has given us the most precious gift — our son, Riley. We have watched him play, laugh, and grow over the years that we wouldn't have had if it weren't for his donor family making that important decision to donate their loved one's organs. We are forever grateful to our donor family and continue to cherish each and every moment we have with Riley," said Brandi Speck, Riley's mom.

2020 has introduced many unexpected chal-

lenges for all communities. With the rise in organ transplants during the coronavirus pandemic, the number of patients experiencing financial difficulties has drastically increased.

The Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund was started by TFL to assist transplant patients who have fallen into financial hardship because of mounting medical bills, medication costs, and hospital-travel expenses. Financial contributions directly aid transplant recipients whose only wish is to be good stewards of the most precious gift of all: life.

"This year we have all been affected by the pandemic in some way. Registering as an organ donor and contributing to the Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund are two fulfilling ways to give back this holiday season," Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Rockcastle County Circuit Court Clerk.

To join the TFL mission, you may join the Organ Donor Registry in the following ways:

- Online 24/7 at RegisterMe.org

- Driver's License Renewals: Check with your local Circuit Court Clerk and KYTC office to confirm renewal processes by visiting <https://bit.ly/driverlicenseky>.

- On your Apple iPhone, go to the Health App and toggle "organ donor"

Individuals may contribute to the Satterwhite Patient Assistance Fund by visiting <https://donatelife.org/> and selecting the 'Financial Contributions' tab.

Gallery of Short Stories

by Roland D. Mullins

with additional stories by Carrie Mullins and Callie (Mullins) Shaffer

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“Tax”

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legal sale of alcohol and to fulfill all government mandates and those expenses were sizable.

But now, the fees collected from that tax are being used for programs that nearly everyone supports, including programs aimed at avoiding alcoholism and drug abuse.

“No one knows the true and complete costs of alcohol sales in any community,” said Bray. “But we are using the proceeds from those sales to affect some positive change in our community.”

Those positive changes include the restart of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) program in the Rockcastle County school system and the hiring of the new School Resource Officer (SRO) inside the school system.

“We are using the money to implement a DARE Program in the school system to help fight addiction issues at an early age. The money will also be used to partner with the school system to hire an additional officer to be used as a school resource officer. This will help keep our kids safe in schools,” said Bray.

Not only is the school system benefiting from the revenues generated from the tax on alcohol sales, but so is the community as a whole. “We are also using the revenue to better equip our police department,” Bray said. “While other cities are defunding their police departments, we are using the alcohol regulatory money to better equip ours.”

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant is one of the officials who was against the sale of alcohol but said he is pleased that the new revenue funds are helping the city. “Since city voters approved alcohol sales, a number of businesses have begun providing the sales,” he said. “While the matter of going wet continues to be controversial, at least the sales tax revenue is staying in the city and not going to the state.”

Bryant said the money is being used wisely but there is still some controversy involved. “Those tax dollars are helping meet needs in the Mount Vernon Police Department and, from a financial perspective, both businesses and city government are benefiting from the city going wet. “Professionally, of course, I understand the business value. Personally, based on my beliefs and convictions, I did not and still do not support the city going wet. We were already doing well as a city and I think there was every indication we would continue to do well without adding alcohol sales. However, as mayor, I always try to work closely with all of our businesses.”

According to Bray, if the city’s expenses weren’t more than the revenue from the tax, the city would be forced to refund the excess fees to the State of Kentucky. Though Bray says no one can put an exact cost on how the sale of alcohol affects a community, he does not doubt that the cost is more than the revenues.

From July 1, 2019 to June 1, 2020, the city received \$77,839 in alcohol sales regulatory fees. This year, from July 1 to now, the city has already collected \$33,919. “We are on pace to collect well over \$110,000 in this fiscal year from the alcohol regulatory fee,” said Bray. “That money can do a lot of good for our community.”

The Rockcastle County school system will reimburse the City of Mount Vernon for the new officer’s salary for 175 days each year. But the city will remain fully responsible for all equipment and supplies and training the officer will need.

To date, only one liquor store has officially opened in the city limits but another is completed and ready to open near exit 59 once the State of Kentucky issues the Certificate of Occupancy, according to Bray.

The city has approved 16 licenses to sell alcohol but currently only 11 sell alcoholic beverages inside the city limits.

No stand alone bar or saloon has applied for a license in Mount Vernon though there is a bar and grill that serves food as well, Bray said.

“Close”

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halt all in-person service but promised to provide \$40 million to help such business owners for losses during the new closures.

However, no fund or programs were announced to make up for the loss in education that officials agree students will experience.

Moments after Beshear’s new mandates, Ballinger released a statement informing parents, students and staff that in-person instruction would cease again, beginning Monday, November 23.

Middle schools and high schools must remain closed to in-person classes until at least January 5. Elementary schools may return on December 7 if the county’s status is “orange” or lower at the time, though Rockcastle County was “orange” when the mandates came.

Beshear also admitted that a vaccine may be very near, though just four weeks ago he berated President Donald Trump for suggesting a vaccine was near as Beshear told Kentuckians that a vaccine that quickly “cannot possibly happen.”

Beshear also mandated that no families should celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday in groups larger than eight people.

“Cancel”

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a joint decision between the City of Mount Vernon and the Kiwanis Club was made in the interest of safety and the governor’s mandates.

Bryant said lights will be added to the tree and it will be lit, but there will be no formal ceremony.

As of Tuesday, the Christmas Parade was still planned for Saturday, December 5 at noon but Mayor Bryant said this too may change. See next week’s *Signal* for an updated report.

“City”

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flowing is top priority but that’s not an issue. The water plant is not in any danger of shutting down or imposing limits or anything like that. The water will keep flowing. It will

just be nice to have the funds to help the water department when those funds arrive.”

Bray also said he now expects to be able to see the start of construction of the new water basin by the first of December.

Bray, Mayor Mike Bryant and Water Superintendent Frank Baker, along with several other officials, have worked tirelessly attempting to correct the taste and odor in the Mount Vernon water system. But delays have caused the project to take much longer than many citizens and many officials have expected. “We have been trying to get these approvals for almost two years now,” Bray said. “But it looks like it is about to happen.”

Water experts, state officials and advisors from across the country have said the new basin will neutralize the taste of the algae in the local water system.

The council also approved the second reading of Ordinance 2020-4 annexing the property where the new Chapin

2021 Essay Scholarship deadline quickly approaching

The clock is ticking on the deadline to apply for the 2021 Jackson Energy Essay Scholarship. High school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or a trade program in the fall of 2021 are invited to apply for a \$2,000 scholarship by November 30, 2020.

Applicants, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy Cooperative member with their primary resident or business served by the cooperative. Jackson Energy will award eight \$2,000 scholarships.

To apply, submit a cover sheet and your essay of 1000-1500 words discussing the topic, “Due to the spread of COVID-19, the year 2020 brought unprecedented challenges that impacted everything from our world economy to our local rural communities. As you continue to plan for your future, how will the changes we have experi-

encing impact you moving forward? Also, what plans and provisions could be implemented for our local communities, businesses and schools to assist them in overcoming existing obstacles, turning their deficits into profits, staying successful moving forward - all while keeping everyone safe and healthy?”

The cover sheet must include: 1) student name, 2) high school, 3) full home address, 4) phone number, 5) email address, 6) name of person and relation on Jackson Energy account, and 7) Jackson Energy account number.

Essays submitted after the deadline, November 30, 2020, or not in accordance with the guidelines will not be considered.

Mail cover sheet and essay to Jackson Energy Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships, 115 Jackson Energy Lane, McKee, KY 40447, or email cover sheet and essay to scholarship@jacksonenergy.com.

school is in session.

Bray said the school system is not currently in compliance with SB-1 which requires the SRO. This noncompliance also limits school system funding. Bray said hiring a retired officer would save the city considerable funds.

In a detailed discussion, councilmember Shelley Lewis asked that the city not consider only retired officers. “This officer will be dealing with young kids and will have a lot of duties,” said Lewis. “I’m not saying retired officers are too old, I’m just saying they will have to deal with the kids and be very active.”

Mayor Bryant agreed that the officer should be “a viable, energetic officer with a passion for the job.” But said the city would save a “consider-

able amount of money” through retirement and insurance costs that are different when hiring a retired officer.

Mayor Bryant said the new officer would have to be an officer that students could “look up to and respect.”

The funds to provide the additional police officer will come from the Mount Vernon alcohol tax (see related story).

The memorandum passed unanimously.

Mayor Bryant thanked members of the council for their cooperation and willingness to participate in Zoom meetings. “We had hoped this wouldn’t last this long but with recent spikes it looks like we may be doing this for awhile.”

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17 at 6 p.m.

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Why is there so much division in our nation?
Why is there so much division in our state?
Why is there so much division in the religious realm?

It seems we are in a time when people are looking for things to be divided over in our nation, state and our religious beliefs. What causes division? Why can’t people live in harmony and work together for the greater good?

Our state motto is united we stand, divided we fall. What does that statement mean? Does it mean that there is strength in unity and numbers? Sure it does. So much more can be accomplished when people work together. When people don’t work together, it seems inevitable that they will be working against one another.

I was talking to a man just recently who was living in an adulterous relationship and I tried to explain to him how God felt about that. He took offense to that as if he felt like I was judging him and went on to say he really didn’t care what anybody thought about him or his situation. I told him I was just the messenger, but he should be concerned about God’s standards on any topic. I told him it didn’t matter what I thought because I am, too, in the flesh and have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that without Jesus Christ we all would be without hope.

And I realized that the reason people don’t agree is because they are usually living by different standards. For example, I am trying to live by God’s standards and he couldn’t relate to that because he was living by his own standard. Christ said in Matt. 5:37 *Let your yeas be yeas and nays be nays.* Just think of all the division that would be stopped if everyone lived by that simple rule. What about Matt. 7:12 the Golden Rule, *do unto other as you would have them do unto you.* Simple isn’t it? Matt. 22:37-39 *Jesus said love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, this is the first and great commandment. And the second is this love thy neighbour as thyself.* On these two hang all the law and the prophets. These are just a few examples, the Bible is full of them, but if you want to see why there is so much division, just read the word of God.

We all need to remember Satan is the real enemy. He loves division in our nation, in our state, and, most of all, in our churches. James 4:7 says *Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. V8 Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh unto you.*

Let us all draw nigh together as a God fearing nation and become one!!!

Please pray for our nation!!!

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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a day that families have gathered together for many years in our country, to give thanks and to count our blessings. President Abraham Lincoln changed Thanksgiving Day to the last Thursday in November in 1863. Congress made Thanksgiving Day a legal holiday in 1941.

Since this is the time our country has set aside to give thanks, we want to consider the idea of being thankful. What trait is actually more beautiful than thankfulness? What is more vile than ingratitude? The apostle Paul places the unthankful in the class as the covetous, traitors, and blasphemers. 2 Timothy 3:1-4 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, and it goes on and on. Did you notice the apostle put unthankful, with this list of ugly traits, how sad it is but it is true that this is the way that it is for many people in this great country of ours, they have lost their natural affection and love for God.

One of the saddest statements in the Bible is found in Luke 17:17 Jesus says where is the nine? These ten came to Jesus with the dreaded disease of leprosy and begged Jesus for help. Master have mercy on us, they cried. Jesus cleaned the ten of their leprosy as they went on their way but only one went back and thanked Jesus for being healed. They readily accepted the fact that they were healed but didn’t take time to say thank you. How sad but typical of this present generation that lives today.

God bestows so many blessings on us every day that we could never thank Him enough, even if we stayed on our knees all the time. His gifts to mankind cannot be counted. All He asks, is that we be thankful? Let us look at a few verses: Ephesians 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which you are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Gratitude is a beautiful trait and one that every Christian should strive to obtain and practice every day.

Folks how long has it been since you went to the Lord in prayer simply to say, Thank You Lord, for your many blessings. Most of our prayers are requests for things we want or need. The apostle Paul tells us to give thanks always to God for all things. The apostle Paul thanked God for whatever state he was in, he found something to be thankful for, he thanked God when he was hungry, he thanked God when he was supplied with goods, when I suffer need, I am still thankful.

There is no better way to give thanks to God than to live a life that glorifies Him. Thanks-living is thanksgiving. Heaven belongs to the grateful, and hell belongs to the ungrateful. Let us come before God with thanksgiving. Thank You for reading this article, I pray this week you have been blessed with the things you need and so much more and you give God the thanks.

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Church, you can reach us at the numbers listed below-Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104/Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021.

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POTATO AND BACON GRATIN

4 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
 1 small onion, thinly sliced
 5 baking potatoes
 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 and 1/2 cups shredded swiss cheese
 Heat oven 400°. Cook and stir bacon in large ovenproof skillet on medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet with slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet. Add



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



onions to reserved drippings; cook and stir 3 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove onions from skillet. Cut potatoes into 1/8-inch-thick slices, place in large bowl. Add Parmesan and oil; mix lightly. Arrange half the potatoes, in concentric circles, on bottom of skillet, overlapping edges as necessary to make even layer of potatoes, top with onions and half the

Swiss cheese. Repeat layer of potatoes. Top with bacon and remaining Swiss cheese. Bake 25 minutes or until potatoes are tender and cheese is melted.

PARMESAN POTATO ROUNDS

8 medium red potatoes, thinly sliced
 1 large onion, thinly sliced, separated into rings
 6 tablespoons butter, melted

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 Preheat oven to 450°. Grease 9 x 13 baking dish. Place half of potatoes in prepared pan. Top with onion and remaining potatoes. Drizzle with butter. Sprinkle with cheese, salt, and garlic powder. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until potatoes are

golden brown and tender.

CROCKPOT BACON CHEESE POTATOES

1/4 pound bacon, cooked and crumbed
 2 medium onions, thinly sliced
 4 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
 1 tablespoon salt
 1/2 pound cheddar cheese, shredded
 1 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup butter, sliced and cut into quarters
 Green onions (optional)
 Line crockpot with foil. Spray the foil with non-stick cooking spray. Layer half each of the bacon, onions, potatoes, and salt in the crockpot. Dot with half of butter. Repeat layer with remaining bacon, onions, potatoes, and salt. Cover with foil. Place lid on crock pot and cook on low for up to 6 hours (check at 4 hours – depending on your crock pot). Add cheese and green onions for the last 20 to 30 minutes of cook time and enjoy!

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
General Time-of-Day		New Rate Schedule			
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	5,852,624	8,787,141	10.68	36,613.09	10.68
Fluctuating Load Service	50,480,867	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.

Other Charges

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

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	1.18%	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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CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.

•••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies, Men

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

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

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

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

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

For those fallen behind on paying utilities Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund can help

There's help for Kentuckians who have fallen behind on paying for essential utilities. Titled the Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund, it is in place to assist hard-pressed citizens across the commonwealth ensure uninterrupted access to water, electric and more.

The fund can assist households with income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level that have suffered financially due to COVID-19, covering up to \$500 for past-due utility, water or wastewater bills. For a limited number of households, the fund can pay up to \$200 for past due electric or natural gas bills, up to two times. Kentuckians can apply at their local Community Action Agency: To locate your local office, call 800-456-3452 or visit <https://www.capky.org/>.

Community Action administers the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or

LIHEAP and is accustomed to assisting Kentuckians in paying their utility bills.

"I encourage all eligible Kentuckian's to access this program," said Eric Friedlander, secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. "The fund is available and offered as another resource to help get us through this pandemic together as Team Kentucky."

Applicants will need the following documentation:

Most current utility bill;

Proof of arrearage, payment plan or disconnect notice for utilities;

Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household, and;

Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.

By Max Phelps
Landscaping With the Nation's Favorite Nut, the Pecan

What do you think of when you hear the word "Pecan"? (Or as some of our friends to the south may say "pee-can".) Is it a basket of nuts at the roadside market? Is it Butter Pecan ice cream? Pecan pie? Maybe the thing there's only 3 or 4 of in a can of salted mixed nuts? How many of you think of a large shade tree?

From South Carolina to Texas you're apt to find some pecan trees in a yard, on the farm a piece away, or even along creeks and highway rights-of-way. From old Mexico to at least the southern shores of Lake Michigan, you can find wild pecan trees. There's variation in the species, and the varieties that grow well in Mississippi may not do well in Kentucky or North Carolina. But, there are indeed ancient trees in the wild in these states, and many others, especially along most of the Mississippi River.

As a possible yard tree, some make prettier trees than others. Disease free cultivars will look the best in the yard. And if you want nuts, you'll need a second tree nearby that is compatible for cross pollination. Pecan trees can grow sixty feet or more tall and wide so they need plenty of room. They're larger trees, but

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Charley Lamb

A special Thank You from the family of Mr. Charley Lamb to:

Hospice Care Plus, Pastor Jamie Hamilton, Joy Reynolds, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Pam's Flowers and Gifts, Roundstone Baptist Church, Maple Grove Baptist Church, The Little Country Church and family and friends for all your prayers, calls, visits, thoughts, food and gifts in honor of Mr. Charley Lamb.

We are blessed to have each and everyone of you in our lives.

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Yards to Paradise

not nearly so messy as black walnut trees. And they have a much lower concentration of juglone that can stunt or even kill some other things in the landscape compared to walnuts.

As the headline says, pecans are generally the favorite American nut. Sure there are almonds, English or Carpathian walnuts, black walnuts and hazelnuts, among others. But other than perhaps the hickory, or a hican (hickory x pecan), pecans make the best shade trees. I seldom see potted pecan trees for sale at garden centers, and never balled and burlapped. Bare root trees are available via mail order nurseries. But, you'll want to avoid planting a seed as it will take 10 or more years to bear nuts, and you don't know if they'll be tiny, taste poorly or if the tree will be a pretty and healthy one you'll be happy to have around.

Let's suppose you might be thinking about adding a pecan to the landscape. What tree should you buy? And what about the pollination?

Pecan trees have two traits that clearly distinguish them when they reach the age to bear nuts. Some have male catkins shedding pollen all over the place, but the female part of the plant is located towards the tips of the limbs and is not receptive to the pollen for a few days yet. Ah! But there's another type of pecan that has the female parts all ready for fertilization, but their pollen catkins aren't matured yet. These are called "protandrous" and

"protogynous" - or simply type I and type II. You'll have to figure this out if you expect a crop of nuts from your trees.

Let's list some of type I and some of type II that can be expected to be free of scab and other diseases and also will probably do well where most of my readers are living. Good looking trees that will crop well, too.

Hark, Major, Mandan, Amling, Giles, Pawnee, and Yates 68 are some recommended varieties of the Type I pecans. Some excellent options for Type II trees are Kiowa, Kanza, Lakota, Nicono (huge nut but not scab resistant), Colby, Witte, and Posey, the winter hardy tree that has quality small nuts and looks good in the yard.

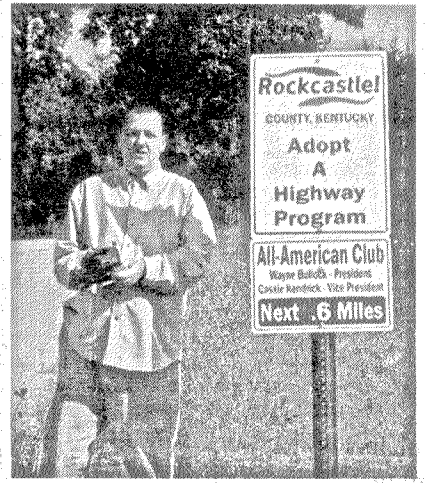
May other varieties are available, and some of them might be better where you are. I've tried to avoid listing those from the Gulf Coast or those that must have a regular spray schedule.

Grafted trees should bear nuts in three to seven years after planting. Trees have a long taproot, and the holes must be dug quite deep. If the soil is hard, heavy clay or thin and rocky, you may have to work on a much larger planting hole and fill it with improved soils. A large raised bed can also make a fine home for a new pecan tree in your yard; flowers, bulbs, day-lilies or ground covers can grow underneath in the bed.

Can you find room for a large pecan shade tree in your yard? I trust that some of you both can and will, for some of them look lovely and there's the possibility of 20, 50 or 100 pounds or more of high quality nuts every year from a mature tree. There's value in the nuts, and there's certainly value in a big tree that makes good shade.

The author is a landscaper. Visit www.rockcastles.net or call (859) 684-0642.

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Local authors publish new book with 13 short stories

By: Mike French
Editor

Sometimes in today's world, a person has a need to get their mind off of troubles. A need to forget about the pandemic and the seemingly endless political street fights of today can be overwhelming. So where does one go to get away? Problems are everywhere it seems.

There is no distance to travel farther than time itself and now, everyone has a chance to go back in time and get away from all we face.

Gallery of Short Stories will provide that escape.

The new book, written by Rockcastle County's own Roland D. Mullins, takes the reader to places that only memories can go. Back in time.

Mullins, a member of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, has now written four books including *The Laurel Spur*, *Aunt Beck* and *Grifon* and has seen success with each of them. But this time, the book also includes stories from two of his daughters, Carrie Mullins and Callie (Mullins) Shaffer, each authors in their own right.

Carrie, a lawyer and a writer, published her first book *Night Garden*, in 2015.

Callie, a pediatrician and an artist published *The Neighborwood Party* which is a children's picture book. Callie also designed the cover of her dad's newest publication.

The book, published by Old Seventy Creek Press with Rudy Thomas as the publisher, provides 13 captivating stories that each place the reader in a scene that engulfs their thoughts.

As one sits by the fire this winter and opens the cover to this new book, they will essentially disappear into a time and place when life was harder in many ways and better in as many more.

Each story is set in its own world and takes the reader to a place and a time that no one wants to forget.

Though it started in Crooked Creek in Rockcastle, the book takes readers from woman's suffrage to conquering the wilderness and from Tennessee to Texas and each story gives the reader insight into a life that had an effect on today's world.

Those who live in or have been to Rockcastle County should find a way to open the pages of the new book. And those who haven't been in the area, would miss an irreplaceable experience if they don't visit the county through the

pages of this publication.

Currently, the book is available at Amazon and other online book sellers as well as drallie.net and www.oldseventycreek.com.

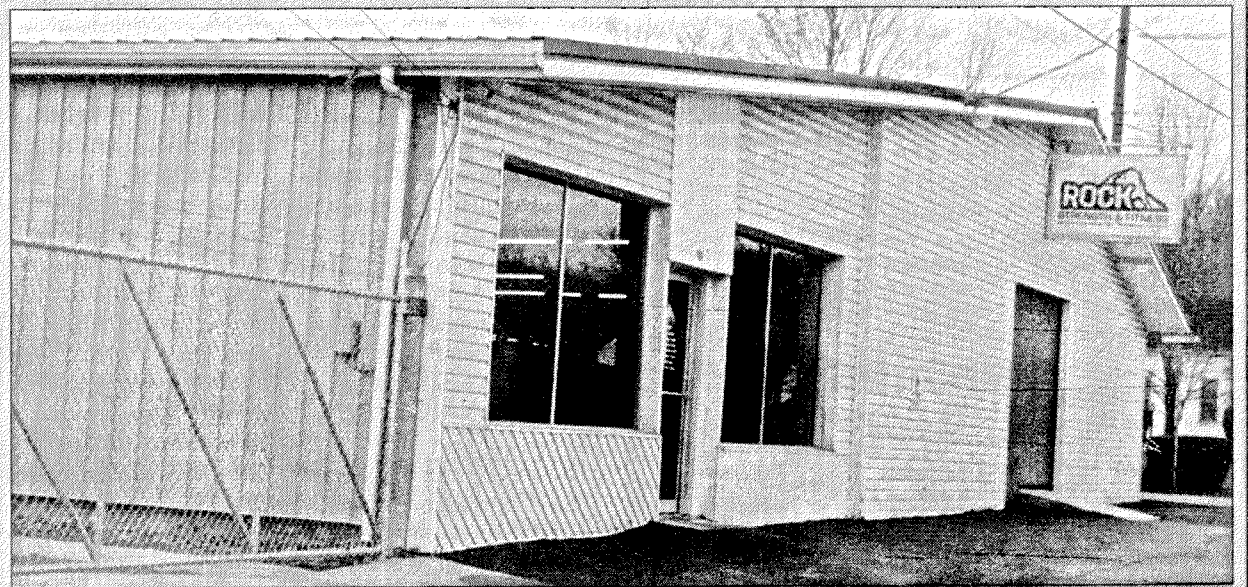
Anyone who enjoys short stories or history or life in general, should find a way to sit in a comfortable chair, near a warm fire, in a quiet place and go visit a place far away. A place you may have never been and yet, just around the corner.

By: Mike French
Editor

As COVID-19 cases continue to grow in Kentucky, there has been another cancellation due to the virus.

Livingston City Commissioners voted this month to cancel the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. "We really hated to do that," said Mayor Dwane King. "This is a big deal for us. Last year we had over 150 people come and eat Thanksgiving dinner with us. We

New gym opens



With some businesses closing and others slowing down, Mount Vernon is still seeing new businesses open in the area. This week, *Rock Strength and Fitness* will officially open their doors Friday, November 27th. The new gym, owned and operated by Chris and Matthew Miller, springs from the Iron Mafia training club. The Millers have become a well-known weight lifting family and located their new business in the old Jack's Hardware store at 160 Williams Street. The gym will be staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 to 1. A ribbon cutting ceremony is expected to take place after the COVID-19 pandemic has become less prevalent. Everyone is invited to visit the new gym or drop them a line for any questions you may have at rockstrength.fitness@gmail.com.

Livingston cancels Thanksgiving event

had nine turkeys and our community comes together at this event every year."

However, King said the Christmas Parade is still planned and there will be a chance for kids to sit on Santa's lap. "We can't just stop everything for our kids," he said. "We will be extremely careful and the kids and Santa will have to wear a mask, but we are going to go ahead with it."

Since King said so many will be disap-

pointed about the Thanksgiving Dinner, he is planning a similar event for Easter of 2021. "We may be able to have an Easter Dinner instead, and provide that community fellowship for everyone. It will just be a little later than usual," he said.

King expects to begin the search for three additional city commissioners immediately. Only one candidate, Leroy Lamb, ran for the office but state laws requires four commissioners.

Looking for Commissioners

King and Lamb say they will begin appointments after the first of the year.

A city commission and a city council are two very different forms of government, according to Kentucky statutes.

On a city commission, the mayor has equal powers with each commissioner and votes as a commissioner. To form a quorum in a city commission, there must be either two commissioners and the mayor, or three commissioners

present. However, with only one elected commissioner and the mayor, it is not clear how the City of Livingston will form a quorum to vote on the appointment of the remaining commissioners needed.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe is looking into statutes and exceptions that would provide an opportunity to add one commissioner, and then a quorum would exist to appoint the other two.

DAR promotes National Native American Heritage

The Rockcastle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution promotes the continued education of the history and culture of Native Americans as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

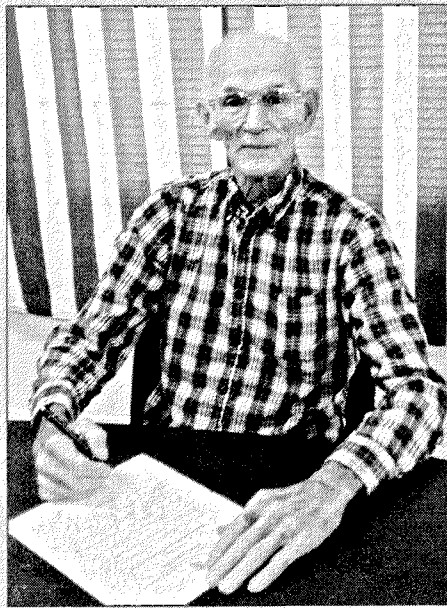
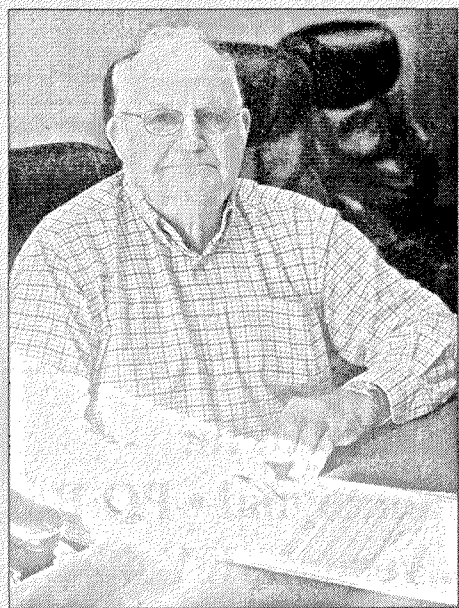
In August 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter, commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month. This was a landmark bill honoring America's tribal

people. This commemorative month aims to provide a platform for Native people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life.

The Mayors of Brodhead, Mt. Vernon, and Livingston all signed proclamations declaring the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month, in Rockcastle County and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



The Mayors of Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, and Livingston all signed proclamations declaring the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month in Rockcastle County. Pictured above from left: Jamie Bryant, Council Member; Mike Bryant, Mt. Vernon Mayor; Josh Bray, City Manager and 71st District State Representative-elect; and Jill Medley, Utility Clerk. Below left: Walter Cash, Brodhead Mayor. Below right: Dwane King, Livingston Mayor.



KSP hopes shoppers fill their carts "Beary" full

Its nearly Black Friday and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) hope shoppers will include a Trooper Teddy Bear on their Christmas list this year. The bears go on sale Thanksgiving night at 6 p.m. and will sell for \$15 through the holiday weekend. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Trooper Teddy Project, which provides teddy bears to children in traumatic situations such as a car crash, exposure to drugs, or domestic abuse cases which frequently result in the arrest of a parent.

KSP Spokesman Sergeant Billy Gregory says the Trooper Teddy Project is designed to develop trust between officers and children.

Often times, we are meeting these children on their worst day, says Gregory. Whether they are scared or nervous from the circumstance they are dealing with, the bear seems to immediately resonate with them. That connection builds trust and opens the door to communication between the child and the trooper. Gregory says the program does not utilize state dollars and relies solely on donations and the sale of bears to sustain it.

Annually, we host a bear sale on Black Friday and then again on Valen-

tines Day to raise money for the project, notes Gregory. We also accept general tax-exempt monetary donations to the project. We remain humbled by the public support for this project. Its absolutely heart-warming to see the way Kentuckians respond.

Trooper Teddy Bears will be sold for \$15 plus shipping during the promotion. Citizens have the option to pick it up their bear for free at KSP Headquarters in Frankfort or at any KSP Post.

For those interested in purchasing a bear or making a tax deductible contribution to the project, citizens should visit trooperteddy.square.site/s/shop or shop through Ebay at <https://www.ebay.com/itm/KSP-TROOPER-TEDDY-BEAR-/223858694990?hash=item341f049b4e:g=nu0AAOSw4iVfV7cl>.

The Trooper Teddy Bear Project came to life in December of 1989 after Kentucky First Lady Martha Wilkinson hosted a Gala fundraiser at Red Mile Racecourse earlier that summer. The black tie event raised the needed funds to purchase 2,000 Trooper Teddy Bears. The first allotment of bears included a personal note on each stuffed animal from First Lady Wilkerson.

New deadline

Due to changes at printing plant,

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Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

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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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Miscellaneous For Sale

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Notice is hereby given that George Henshaw, 394 Potter Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Lois Henshaw on the 19th ay of November, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said George Henshaw on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 44x3

Notice is hereby given that Luke Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 and Sherri Woodall Linville, 1020 Flat Gap Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Dustin Matthew Linville, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Luke Linville and/or Sherri Linville or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. on or before May 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. 44x3

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Notice is given that Christie Turner has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Seth Ian Barrett, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held December 16, 2020 at 11 a.m. Any exception to said settlement must be filed before that date. 44x1

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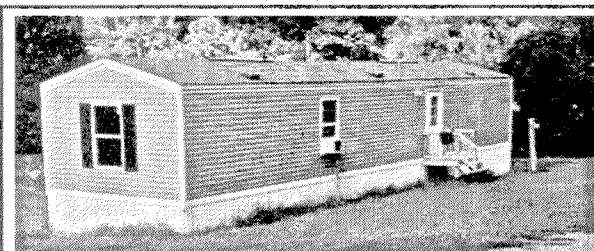
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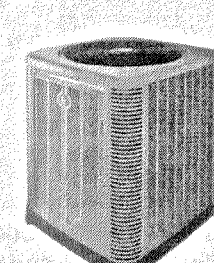
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Linda Durham



Cindy McCullough



Marian Cable



Denise Carpenter



Thana Connelley

MVES Academic List...

KINDERGARTEN

K. Asher
Lyla Bustle, Kholer Carpenter, Jason Doan, Charles Gray, Tucker Hasty, Kinley Hunt, Ryder Singleton.

Collins
Connor Barnett, Leighton Barron, Olivia Brown, Nolan Cecil, Addy Collins, BryAnna Hall, Mya Nunnery, Destiny Reynolds, Know Sexton-Lear, Jaxson Smith, Savannah Woodard.

Hunt
Tanner Brock Mason, Abriela Dominguez, Cooper Ford, Corte Jones, Everly King, Bonnie Price, Henry Rader, Ramsome Ray, Oliver Smith, Ellyannah Watson.

Rigsby
Saydee Barnes, Cooper Burkhart, Paislee Fugate, Thayer Haines, Penny Howard, Gabriel Hubbard, Brayden Hursey, Dawson Martin, Isabelle McGuire, Harper Parrett, Charlee Patterson, Liam Renner, Collin Smith, Liam Stewart, Diesel Teegardin, Emma Valentine.

Phillips
Lincoln Ennis, Haven Ledford, Cace McClure, Zakk McFerron, Allie Mullins, Mattaly Northern, Aubrey Smith.

FIRST GRADE
Bowman
Tucker Bowman, Josie Cruz, Aaron Eckert, Lilyann Green, Braxton Pearson, Arabella Smith,

Jazilynn Taylor.
Brown
Emma Anglin, Parker Anglin, Ryker Bullock, Lilith Cornelius, Bailey Cotton, Gavin Harrison, Dakota Higginbotham, Cadence McFerron, Kaitlyn Powell, Jacee Rhodus, Lynlee Shepherd, Grayson Vance, Lashay Wentzel.

Bryant
Ellarae Bradley, Izak Bullock, Aiden Dooley, Payton McClure, McKinzie McFerron, Gunner Mize, Adasynn Payne, Arianna Sizemore, Alayna Turner.

Isaacs
Raleigh Begley, Jasey Bowles, Michael Cuzick, Disney Downey, Ally Gray, Kinley Harris, Aleigha Hensley, Elissa McGuire, Ehtan Powell, Braydon Roark, Austyn Robinson, Xander Sattler, Hannah Taylor, Sofia Thomas.

Price
Cooper Brown, Grayson Carvalho, Kinley Collins, Kylex Durbin, Dante Edwards, Skylar Ennis, Kynidee Johnson, Aubree Kerr, Celine Layer, Zoey Pugh, Saniah Robinson, Lukas Stineback, Shooter Strunk, Kaylon Wentzel.

SECOND GRADE
J. Asher
Isaiah Barnes, Alex Bray, Addy McFerron, Maggie Medley, Jase Napier, Jasper Smith

Burton
Madison Carter, Brody DeBorde, Ella Ford, Ava Phillips, Sophia Poe, Tristan Potter, Reagan Tracy, Chase Wallin

Cowan
Gavin Chrisman, Kindle Howard, Colten Lear, DJ Martin, Allie Mullins, Kara Philbeck, Abigail Reynolds, Caleb Thompson, Braxton Watson.

McKinney
Christopher Brasher, Xavier Gay, Charlotte Marlow, Brannon Northern, Emma Reynolds, Jordyn Rhodus, Jay Santo, Hanna Whicker.

A Taylor
Trinilyn Barnett, Audrey Caldwell, Waylon Cowan, Jace Doan, Ashton Fleming, Zane Gilbert, Kenzley Goebel, Gabriella Hammonds, Aubree Harris, Liam Mansfield, Bristol McClure, Airibella Taylor.

THIRD GRADE
Alexander
Sadie Adams, Wylie Akin, Lilyanna Asher, Casen Budette, Parker Cash, Ryli Harris, Kennedy Hopkins, Bryce Hunt, Titus McGuire, Abby Northern, Gracie Parker, Jacob Renner, Brylee Silcox.

Honor Roll
Tucker Carpenter, Kooper Sexton-Lear.

Anderson
Principal's List
Izabella McClure, Brodie Rumsey.

Honor Roll
Charles Ashcraft, Jakim Durbin, Kadan Jackson, Preston Kelley,

Hailey Kirby, Charlie Laws, Devin Means, Abigail Northern, Theodore Riggs, Addison Smith, Jacklynn Wentzel
Bradley
Principal's List
Trapper Bray, Colten Johnson, Caeli McFerron, Maleigha McFerron, Chloe Mullins, Chase Prewitt, Spencer Woods

Honor Roll
Landon Carvalho, Kylie Dees, Marcas Jones-Njie, Michael Martin, Gabby Milburn, Hunter Patterson, Camden Richards-Powell.

Cameron
Principal's List
Carlie Davidson, Damian Day, Elijah Sizemore.

Honor Roll
Aniyah Barnett, Xzavier Bond, Lillian Bowman, Aubrey Clontz, Jace Hembree, Katie Renner, Noah Stallsworth.

McClure
Principal's List
Nikolas Couch, William "Henry" Joyner, Allison King, Bryson Miller, Peyton Powell, Noah Rader, Dawsynn Santo, Dessie Thomason, Breylan York.

Honor Roll
Aubree Winkler.

White
Principal's List
Gavin Lovett, Ayden Nolan, Jasper Reynolds, Beckham Smith, Brooke York.

Honor Roll
Lacey Mize.

FOURTH GRADE

Martin
Principal's List
Dillon Bradley, Eyan Bussell, Aryanna Group, Sophia Lovell, AJ Martin, Corinne Messenger, Josiah Rodriguez, Elizabeth Santo, Coleson Shepherd, Aubrey Thompson, Sophia Thornton.

Honor Roll
Logan Collins, Mary Ann Cope, Karleigh Isaacs.

Reams
Principal's List
Karleigh Allen, Mary Blackburn, Kaleigh Carpenter, Bella Cox, Tyson Johnson, Emma King, Grace Lambert, Hunter Newcomb, Sophiea Owens, Lila Rigsby, Zaydon Scalf, Caleb Smith, Xavier Stallsworth, Kevin Valle.

Honor Roll
Levi Adams, Teagean Bond, James Dobbs, Zeik Mullins, Regina Terry.

Rose
Principal's List
Sawyer Cash, Matthew "Stormy" Jones, Sophia Lewis, Addie Payne, Sydney Tracy, Annagrace Wentzel.

Honor Roll
Esme Alcorn, Landon Alexander, Brynna Davis, Ava Deatherage, Jamie Fleming, Colson Hensley, Dakota Higgins, Connor Peek, Chrislynn Sprinkles, Baily Thompkins, Braxton Winkler.

H. Shepherd
Principal's List
Darius Bubulici, Levi Bullock, Kynlee Calico, Jaxon Cromer, Madison Hasty, Hailey Mize, Patience Rohrer, Macensie Strunk, Payton Troxell.

Honor Roll
Christopher Barron.

FIFTH GRADE
Albright
Principal's List
Derrick Arthur, Hayden Hopkins, Mia Waldron, Silas Tankersley.

Honor Roll
Kyle Ashcraft, Gaviel Carvalho, Azlyn Howard, Brayden Isaacs, Abigail Miller, Madelynn Parsons, Chase Sandusky, Shalyn Shackelford

Coguer
Principal's List
Rayne Bennett, Alexia Burkhart, Gregory Trey Cundiff, Sarah Davis, Sophia Pendery, Zackary Renner, Landyn Shepherd, Brayden Smith, Caleb Thomas, Brady Valentine, Katie Valle

Honor Roll
Adreona Doughlas, Emma Hensley, Leland Hughes.

Mason
Principal's List
Davin Barnes.
Honor Roll
Jayden Burton, Addisyn Fox, Jerry Miller, Landon Paquette, Jalie Peterson, Zoe Phelps, Addison Saylor, Madison Williams.

J. Shepherd
Principal's List
Zane Bullock, Caylee Cash, Clay Cash, Conner Ford, Ethan Phillips, Calvin Rader, Clara Shaffer, Baylee Taylor.
Honor Roll
Katie Adams, Brooklyn Doan, Kaiya Njie, Aidann Lear.

Witches hour



Fourth Grade faculty and staff dressed as Witches from Roald Dahl's book. Pictured are: Joyce Lear, Heather Shepherd, Kandace Rose, Lyndsey Reams and Michelle Martin.

Red Ribbon Week



As part of Red Ribbon Week at MVES, Brandy Alexander's 3rd grade class was one of the many classes that wore silly socks. The theme was "Sock it to Drugs!"

Save the turkey



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Mt. Vernon Message

MVES staff & students celebrated World Kindness Day virtually this year! Students were sent kindness calendars, songs, writing prompts, and digital children literature books to inspire acts of kindness into their day! In these unprecedented times we really wanted to spread this message that kindness matters and encourage others to do the same!

As part of Red Ribbon Week, we wore silly socks on Thursday. The theme was "Sock it to Drugs!"

On Friday, we dressed up as our favorite storybook character and had a parade. The theme was, "Too Smart To Start!"

Fourth Grade faculty and staff dressed as Witches from Roald Dahl's book:

Mrs. Kara Brown's preschool classes participated in Red Ribbon Week Activities.

There will be NO turkeys for Thanksgiving!

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The retirees were: Marian Cable, Teacher, 27 years; Denise Carpenter, Instructional Assistant, 27 years; Thana Connelley, Teacher, 28 years; Linda Durham, Instructional Assistant, 35 years; and Cindy McCullough, Teacher/Counselor, 27 years.

Kenna's Kitchen plans are underway! To make donations and or get more information about our Annual Kenna's Kitchen, please contact MVES FRC Coordinator, Regina Hull-Brown at 606-392-1876.

MVES Literacy Team will be having a Drive-Through event on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 5-6 pm. We will be handing out goodie bags and an age-appropriate book to any children who attends. Santa will be there waving to the children as they go through the line to receive their book and goodies. We will also have Santa's Mailbox set up if you would like to drop a letter off. We are asking that everyone follow COVID-19 guidelines and stay in their vehicle. We will hand your items to you as you drive through. Books and bags while supplies last.